

pray

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Leader: Gathered as a community of believers, let us listen to God, speaking to us in his Word today and always.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. . . .

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7,12–13

Leader: Like Saint Paul said, “The Church is one body but with many parts.” We are strong as a community of believers, on whom the Spirit has bestowed many gifts. Let us be mindful of the gifts we have received, and ask God that we might use them to serve the Lord and one another.

Reader 1: We are called to be faithful to God and those to whom we have committed ourselves.

Reader 2: To serve others by our words and actions.

Reader 3: To love all, without exception, and to do good.

All: May we bear the fruits of faithfulness, love, and goodness.

Reader 1: We are called to be compassionate and considerate.

Reader 2: To be gracious, gentle, and forgiving.

Reader 3: To be generous and selfless.

All: May we bear the fruits of kindness, gentleness, and generosity.

Reader 1: We are called to be aware of our emotions and desires and to use them wisely.

Reader 2: To honor and respect the gift of our bodies.

Reader 3: To show moderation in our behavior and conversations.

All: May we bear the fruits of self-control, chastity, and modesty.

Reader 1: We are called to endure lovingly the many situations we encounter in life.

Reader 2: To be peacemakers.

Reader 3: To share our joy with others.

All: May we bear the fruits of patience, peace, and joy.

Leader: Loving Father, thank you for all the gifts you have given us. May we be open to them and use them in service to you and all others.
Amen.