Gathering
At the sound of the bell, the people gather around the edges of the spiral.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Bishop  There is one Body and one Spirit;
People  There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop  One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People  One God and Father of all.
Bishop  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Bishop  Let us pray.

O merciful Creator,
your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature:
Make us always thankful for your loving providence;
and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give,
may be faithful stewards of your good gifts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of Water

The Walker presents the water and places it in the center of the spiral.
The Bishop then blesses the water in the center of the spiral, first saying:

Bishop  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Bishop  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Bishop  We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
       Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
       Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage
       in Egypt into the land of promise.
       In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
       and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Cosmic Walk

The first walker takes their place at the center of the spiral, ready to start walking when the first reader begins. Each subsequent walker and reader will synchronize, meaning sometimes the reader will have to wait for a walker to finish, or at times the next walker will have to wait for the previous reader to finish.

Bell/Gong

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Bell

Reader: Fourteen billion years ago, from that place that was no-place, from that time that was no-time, God calls forth the cosmos in a silent blaze of inconceivable brilliance. It contains all the light, energy, and potential for everything that will ever come to be.

Bell

Reader: Eight and a half billion years later, our Grandmother Star becomes a supernova. She gives up her life in an explosion that gives rise to our Star, what we call the Sun. The sun and a great disk of matter emerge — all the members of our solar system.

Bell
Reader: For the three hundred million years,
    Earth sweeps up solar system debris, swelling in size.
    Some of the outer layers of the molten Earth splash out into orbit,
    creating the moon.

    Bell

Reader: Over the next six hundred million years,
    as Earth's surface quiets and cools,
    an atmosphere begins to form.
    The first rains fall upon the Earth.

    Bell

Reader: Four billion years ago,
    oceans are born and bring forth the wonder of life – simple cells.
    Earth comes alive.

    Bell

Reader: Five hundred million years ago,
    the first animals and plants move out of the waters onto the dry land,
    separating themselves from the creatures that remained in the waters of the oceans.

    Bell

Reader: Four hundred twenty-five million years ago,
    plants develop wood cells and learn to stand upright,
    stretching towards the sun,
    first living along the shores of oceans and rivers,
    and then covering the earth.

    Bell

Reader: Three hundred million years ago,
    continents converge and ancestral mountains are uplifted.
    Landmasses are locked within a single land mass.

    Bell

Reader: Two hundred and ten million years ago,
    the continents shift, crack, and drift apart.
    Separate oceans are formed.
    Creation on earth expands and moves apart.

    Bell

Reader: Two hundred million years ago,
    the rocks of this peninsula begin their 150-million-year dance
    which creates these headlands and the beautiful cliffs below us.

    Bell

Reader: Six hundred and fifty thousand years ago,
    the plates that form the San Andreas fault began their dance.
    Shifting and sliding, squeezing and stretching, slipping and spreading
they created this bay.

Bell

Reader: One hundred and forty thousand years ago,
modern Homo Sapiens emerge in the unfolding life process.
Through humans, the universe realizes its capacity for conscious self-awareness.

Bell

Reader: Twenty-six hundred years ago,
the stories that would later become the oldest part of the Bible
are first written down by people seeking God.

Bell

Reader: Two thousand years ago,
a woman named Mary gives birth to a child,
Jesus, called Emmanuel, “God with us.”
His struggle to embody, teach, and share God's love inspires followers
who later became known as Christians.

Bell

Reader: Four hundred and forty-one years ago,
Sir Francis Drake and the crew of the Golden Hinde
celebrate their arrival to this new world
with the first Anglican worship service
on the north American continent on this coast.

Bell

Reader: One hundred and seventy-two years ago,
gold is discovered in California.
Human greed and selfishness begin to damage the creation we were given.
The poisons from the mining process continue to pollute the San Francisco Bay.

Bell

Reader: One hundred and sixty-eight years ago,
the port of Oakland becomes the first major shipping port on the west coast.
We dredge the waters, removing plants and wildlife,
we pave the coastline and erect cranes,
covering God’s creation with monuments to consumerism.

Bell

Reader: One hundred and twenty-three years ago,
Battery Godfrey is built.
Into the sacred land we carve platforms,
we cover God's creation with concrete and steel,
on the battery we place instruments of war.

Bell

Reader: Eighty-eight Years Ago,
astronomers observe the expansion of the Universe.
Humans learn we live on the outskirts of a continually developing universe.

_Bell_

Reader: Forty-eight years ago,
human beings looked from outer space and saw the entirety of Earth,
creation becomes complex enough to witness its own integral beauty.

_Bell_

Reader: TODAY, the Story of the Universe is being told as our Sacred Story.
The Flaring Forth continues at this moment.
Today, all humans can know the story of our origin,
our shared story with all creation living in this sacred Universe.

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Bishop                  God be with you.
People                  And also with you.
Bishop                  Let us pray.
Creating and life-giving God,
you have placed us in communities of people
and in connection with all of life.
Help us to be aware of your presence in the natural world around us,
and to commit ourselves to caring for all of life
on this fragile earth, our island home.
Let us love and support one another
in the shared work of caring for the environment,
that others in generations to come may always see your handiwork
in the sky, land, and water.
In the name of the one through whom all things came into being,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

_Bell_

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Bishop                  The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters              I present these persons for Confirmation.
Bishop                  Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates              I do.
Bishop                  Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates              I do and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.
Bishop                  As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement
and as people who live the Way of Love,
we long to grow loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship
with God, each other and God’s Creation.
In this urgent moment, these people have come forward
to make a faithful pledge to protect and renew this good Earth
and all who call it home.
They have discerned commitments to specific actions,
and they trust that the body of Christ acting together
will always accomplish more than anyone could alone.

Pledge Group
As followers of Jesus and as lovers of God and of all that God has created,
we present ourselves and our Pledge for the Care of Creation to you.
We ask for God's blessing on our commitment to sustain and renew the earth
and all who call it home.

Bishop
Will you share your stories of love and concern for the Earth
and link with others who care about protecting the sacred web of life?

Pledge Group
We will.

Bishop
Will you stand with those most vulnerable to the harmful effects
of environmental degradation and climate change –
women, children, poor people and communities of color, refugees, migrants?

Pledge Group
We will.

Bishop
Will you change your habits and choices
in order to live more simply, humbly and gently on the Earth?

Pledge Group
We will.

Bishop
Will you who witness these promises
do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ,
pray for your companions on the Jesus Way,
and discover ways that you can also engage in new behaviors
that help the whole creation to flourish?

People
We will.

Bishop
Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Do you believe in God the Father?

People
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Bishop  Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People  I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, 
        the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, 
        the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Bishop  Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, 
        in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People  I will, with God's help.
Bishop  Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, 
        whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People  I will, with God's help.
Bishop  Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People  I will, with God's help.
Bishop  Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, 
        loving your neighbor as yourself?
People  I will, with God's help.
Bishop  Will you strive for justice and peace among all people 
        and respect the dignity of the Earth and of every human being?
People  I will, with God's help.
Bishop  Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Leader  Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader  Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Bishop  Almighty God, we thank you that by the death
and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself,
and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit
you have bound us to your service.
Renew in these your servants
the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism.
Send them forth in the power of that Spirit
to perform the service you set before them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit;
empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. Amen.

*or this*

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more,
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

**For Reception**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion.
God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

**For Reaffirmation**

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you,
direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

**For Care of Creation Pledge**

N., may the Holy Spirit, guide you to make right decisions,
not only for yourself but for the whole ecosystem
and show you the way to form more loving, liberating, life-giving relationship
with your Creator, with your neighbors and with the earth God made and loves. Amen.

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God,
in the beginning you made all things
and wove them together in interdependence and community.
You have called us to tend and care for your creation and all the life within it.
Give us wisdom, courage, reverence, strength, and delight in the ministry of Creation Care.
And let your loving hand ever be over these your servants;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with them;
and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word,
that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
We regather the people by ringing the bell.

The Holy Communion

Presider May God be with you
People And also with you
Presider Lift up your hearts
People We lift them up to God
Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator
People It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here on the edge of the Pacific Ocean where land and sea and sky are full of precious and fragile life. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, dolphins and sea otters, cougars and red tailed hawks, redwoods and Eucalyptus, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient song of praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus’ life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we may know Christ and be gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.
Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and elder, which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we say together in the language of our hearts

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To keep the community in the circle around the spiral, we suggest that the bread and the wine be passed person to person around the circle.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Comfort the afflicted. Be patient with all but make no peace with oppression. Love and serve all that is Holy, and the Blessing of God, the Source of Life, Incarnate Word, and Spirit of Love, be among you and remain with you today and always. Amen.
Deacon  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
        Alleluia.  Alleluia.

People  Thanks be to God.  Alleluia.  Alleluia.