**Prayer Service - Kenya November 2015 - Anna Maloney**

**Gathering Song**

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

**Psalm Psalm 150**

Praise God in his holy place,
sing praise in the mighty heavens.
Sing praise for God’s powerful deeds,
praise God’s surpassing greatness.

Sing praise with sound of trumpet,
sing praise with lute and harp.
Sing praise with timbrel and dance,
sing praise with strings and pipes.

Sing praise with resounding cymbals,
sing praise with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord. Alleluia!

**Reading**

**Hebrews 12,1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

***or***

**John 15,9-13**

Jesus said: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

**Song**

*Take, Oh Take Me as I am, Summon Out What I shall Be*

*Set Your Seal Upon My Heart and Live in Me*

We take some time now, to ponder on today’s experience and the journey so far. Perhaps the following questions may help to focus our minds:

What is God saying to me today?

And what am I going to do about it?

**Silence**

**Litany of praise**

With the prophets and all who have prepared your coming, Lord, we bless you.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

With the Virgin Mary, our soul magnifies the Lord.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

With the apostles and evangelists, Lord, we give you thanks.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

With the martyrs of the faith, Lord, we consecrate our lives to you.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

With all the holy witnesses to the Gospel, Lord, we worship you.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

With your entire Church, spread across the world, Lord, we sing your praises.
– Glory to you, O Lord.

We express our faith together, in the words Our Father taught us:

**Our Father…**

**Prayer**

God of all eternity, Saviour of every life, in the footsteps of the holy witnesses to Christ down through the ages, from the apostles and the Virgin Mary to those of today, enable us to dispose ourselves inwardly day by day to place our trust in the Mystery of the Faith.

***or***

Living God, we praise you for the multitudes of women, men, young people and children who, across the earth, are striving to be witnesses to peace, to trust and to reconciliation.

**Song**

*Oh Lord Hear My Prayer, When I Call, Answer Me*