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**Sentence**

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. *Colossians 3: 14-15*

**Collect**

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Leader: We gather here, young and old, wise and questioning, fearful and joyful, full of doubt and full of hope. Let us put our trust in God, Christ-child and heavenly king, as we gather to worship, to learn and grow as God's people.

Leader: God of the old and the new,

**All: be with us.**

Leader : God of the past and the way ahead,

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Leader: God of need and of plenty,

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Leader: As the year turns,

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