

Where
The wild
God is

The Moderator Rev Simon Hansford invites us to prepare for Synod through prayer and reflection, both individually and with others, in congregations and presbyteries in the lead up to the event.



As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your Kingdom.
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

God of each and all of us,
We are gathered because of you,
to worship you;
to attend to your Word;
to open ourselves to your Spirit's movement;
to confess Jesus as Lord, over all aspects of our Church's life.
Bless, disturb, astonish and reform our Synod
for the task before us.

We are scattered across our Synod's breadth
by the whims of a virus;
Assemble us through our intent to serve you,
each other
and the world for which Christ died.

Keep us mindful in each session
of the task before us;
inspire us to be creative, courageous and hopeful.
For those who are daunted by technology,
or who miss the chance to gather physically,
may we discover new possibilities through this way of meeting.

Remind us to celebrate those
who are ministering across our community and our Church
and those who have served so faithfully.

Help us to pay attention
to those things we might let slip by too easily;
help us to give voice
to those who find speaking up somewhat daunting.

Lord Jesus, constitute, rule and renew us
in this Synod meeting
that we might hear your voice,
answer your call,
and witness to your presence in your world.

In, with and through Christ we pray. Amen.

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