Leader       We now observe a moment of silence for all who have been injured and all who have have died while riding.  [Silence]
God of life:

All       Hear our prayer.  AMEN.

A blessing is offered for each bicycle and rider with the sprinkling of Holy Water.

Final Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall softly upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Blessing of Bicycles

Welcome

A Reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel  [1:1, 15b-22]

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them. As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl; and the four had the same form, their construction being something like a wheel within a wheel. When they moved, they moved in any of the four directions without veering as they moved. Their rims were tall and awesome, for the
rims of all four were full of eyes all round. When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When they moved, the others moved; when they stopped, the others stopped; and when they rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

Litany

Leader Let us pray

Present in a world groaning under the excesses of consumption, we acknowledge the goodness of human-powered transportation and give thanks for the simple beauty of the bicycle.

God of life:

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Present in a community sometimes disturbed by dark human emotions, we pray for the victims of road rage, and bike theft. And we ask for the strength to forgive mean people, and to be set free from the prisons of our own anger. God of life:

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Present in a world of work, we pray for those who build, repair and clean our bikes and those who rely on bicycles to earn their living. Bless those who choose to not drive to work and those for whom driving isn’t even an option. God of life:

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Present in a community of beautiful diversity, we ask your protection and blessing on all who ride: weekend warriors, athletes, homeless folks, students, children, eco-warriors, bike co-op anarchists, messengers, and all the others who take to the streets, bike paths, parks and mountains of our communities. Keep us safe as we ride.

God of life:

All Hear our prayer.