

„On Beauty“

From the Islamic tradition, Hafiz writes:

How did the rose
Ever open its heart
And give to this world
all its beauty?

It felt the encouragement of light
Against its Being.
Otherwise, we all remain
too frightened.



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Gathering Music
Our Great Band

Greeting and Announcements
Rev. Ken Heintzelman



The Gathering of Spirits With Song

No Matter Who

R.P. Miller

Chorus

**No matter who, No matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life
You're welcome, welcome here in this place.**

**No matter who, No matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.**

For we are family, meant to be,
Purposed for eternity.
Born in love, from above God's community.

Chorus

And in diversity, unity,
Harmony for all to see.
Justice and equality, God's community.

Chorus

Together we will sing, worship bring
Hands and hearts out stretched to all
Jesus praise, hearts ablaze, Listen to God's call.

Chorus

The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us
Listen to our Savior's call. Welcome home, Welcome in,
The table's set for all.

Chorus

Gather Us In

by Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place a new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty.
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever.
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

4. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is yours,
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

The Feeding of Spirits With A Word About Life

Sharing the Table of Inclusion, Justice and Spirituality

- Sans: Sharing bread and wine was a common practice of hospitality in the time of Jesus. People gathered for the sacred moment of the meal when bread was broken and the cup blessed.
- Liana: Let it remind us of the story of our ancestors' faith and hope. Let it remind us that the same God that led them through the Red Sea, the desert, and the crucifixion is the God that leads us now. Sharing bread and cup reminded them of the hope that was given to them, and the blessing they received. We are told in our tradition: Jesus took the bread and wine and gave an additional blessing of faith for the future day.
- Sans: People of faith and conscience through the generations have embraced this event as a central sacrament of the Faith. It is one of our substantial symbols of a life-enhancing presence, giving us the courage to bring a different spirit to the world.

Liana: This table sets before us the symbols of life.

All: We give thanks to God for our life and the courage we are given to live it.

Liana: We are here given this sacrament to enhance and enrich our life.

All: We will receive it with thanksgiving and faith.

Liana: Whoever we are, wherever we are on life's journey, we are surrounded by the Good Presence.

All: May the Good Presence change our way of being in the world.

Liana: We acknowledge with gratitude for our life and the many gifts of life.

All: Again and again, we want our life and our gratitude to be good and generous.

(Pause)

Sans: Here in this sacred place, we are lifted into the awesome mystery of life.

All: And we reach out to all that is good.

Sans: Here in this sacred place we give words to our inner sense of gratitude and hope.

All: We acknowledge with gratitude for all that has been given; in hope for all that yet will be.

Sans: And so we take these gifts of bread and cup, such ordinary things of life, to lift us into the eternal mystery of God's acceptance and grace.



Liana: We now give to this bread and wine
a profound meaning and significance,
that they will bring to each one of us the renewed
awareness of the Presence of the Good Spirit of God;
and the renewed strengthening of our faith,
that the ways of Jesus will keep alive the courage
to be people of a New Way,
helping to build a better world.

Silence

Sans: May the Good Spirit of God accept us and renew our
faith as we receive this sacrament.

All This is our hope.

Liana: May the Good Spirit of God accept us and encourage us
to be carriers of goodwill.

All: This is our prayer.

Sans: May the Good Spirit of God accept us and give
new strength to all our living.

All: This is the blessing we seek.

Communion

***Please come forward because all are welcome. All of our
bread is gluten-free bread. Our offering for the communion
baskets is dedicated to our Facilities Improvement Fund.
Servers will also serve people in the pews who are not
comfortably able to come forward.***

Servers

***Patricia Standtal Clark
Reta Rainwater***

***Peg Heintzelman
Karen Dristas***

Communion Music

Draw the Circle Wide

by Ruth C. Duck and Jim Strehdee

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

God the still-point of the circle,
Round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever
In God's gracious arms.

Chorus

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small,
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call.

Chorus

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open ev'ry door.

Chorus

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

Centering Prayer

Teaching Moment

The person who recognizes the limits of the world through a contradicting truth, the limits of their own self through a contradicting will, is the one who confesses they belong to this contradiction and undertakes to base their life on it.

This person has faith.

Rudolph Bultmann

The Sharing of Spirits **Through Our Gifts and Celebrations**

Celebrations and Celebration Song

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Now we too can live anew, Alellu, Alellu!
Live in Love need all we do. Alelluia!

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Giving Thanks with Our Offerings

Offering and Offertory

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

Let the Praise Go 'Round

by William Boyce

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

Words for Mission

One: May God the star maker cradle and circle us.
May God the storyteller beckon and encourage us.
May God the life changer challenge all and cherish all. May we walk in the light of God's love and laughter all the moments of our nights and days.

All: Amen. May it be so.

One: These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

Create A World

by Janet Allyn

1. Create a world, then celebrate!
Create a world, then celebrate!
Create a world, then celebrate!
For you were created in the image of God.

2. Create a world by what you think...
3. Create a world by what you feel...
4. Create a world by what you do...
5. Create a world by what you love...
6. Create a world, then celebrate...

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