

Gathering Music

Gathering Prayer:

Give me eyes to see that You are the person in front of me who is hungry, gracious Lord.

When I fail to see my neighbor as myself, cure my blindness.

When I fail to hear Your voice when a friend is speaking from their brokenness, give me ears to hear.

When I can't feel empathy for the stranger who is afraid, kindle my heart to comfort. In all things, mold me to be more compassionate as a follower of Your ways.

Remind me again that in loving one another, we all find our way to You. Amen.

- The Rev. Becca Stevens

Reflective Reading:

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,
May your mind stay clear of all its names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough
to hear in the depths the laughter of God."

— John O'Donohue

Reflective Music:

Participatory Prayers:

As day moves to night, assist us O Holy One to a place of gratitude for that which has come forth within us this day...

Walk with us O Holy One as we move from day to night

As day moves to night, assist us O Holy One to a place of wonder to all that may be revealed this

night...

Walk with us O Holy One as we move from day to night

As day moves to night, assist O Holy One to a place of peace knowing our true rest only resides with you, this day, this night, and always..

Walk with O Holy One as we move from day to night

-Brian N. Prior

Sending Prayers:

Night is come; stars shine down
twinkling over field and town.
Now we stop here to pray:
"Thank you, God, for this day."
This one sleeps; this one wakes.
And each one comfort takes
from the Joy that surrounds
all Creation without bounds.
Day by day, year by year,
let us know You are near.
Night by night from above
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Go in the presence of God.

Go in the fullness of God.

Go in the reality of God.

Go in the love, grace, mercy, and truth of God.

Go with God made known in your life.

- Jamie Mackey

