

The Season of Easter



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“Love God, Serve Neighbor

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Annette Nolan

Prayer for Unity

L: God of all creation,
who called every being into life
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world,
we ask for your Spirit to unite us in our churches,
in our communities, and in our countries.

C: In silence we bring to you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

L: We ask for your Spirit to unite us
in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life
experienced in so many places in the world.

C: In silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

L: We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor,
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures
and faith communities with respect.

C: In silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

L: God of all creation,
in Christ, we have been reconciled to you and to one another.
By your Holy Spirit, empower us to live as ministers of reconciliation,
overcoming all our divisions and sharing your peace in all the earth.

C: Amen.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Lord Jesus, just as you prayed for your disciples so long ago
Pray for us,
Pray for our wellbeing,
Pray for our protection.
Pray for your joy to be made complete in us.
Pray for our spiritual growth.
Pray for your truth to be made complete in us.
In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Lord Jesus, we often do not know how to pray,
So pray for us,
Pray with us,
That we may be one with you,
One with each other, and
One in ministry to the world.
In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Lord Jesus, we lift our voices to you,
as we pray for all of our sisters and brothers.

We especially pray for:

- Augustin Aragon
- Lemont Bell
- Dallas Collins
- Deborah DuBose
- Linda Foley
- Eileen Folkerth
- Mary Jo Gouge
- Donnell Horton
- Nylah Howard
- Chris Jackson
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Teresa Ledford
- Amy Leonard
- Ray Matthews
- Hilda Mertz
- Justin Mertz
- Rick Messina
- Lucy Mullis
- Judy Murphy
- Leo Peeler
- Joan Reading
- Calvin Roberson
- Richard Schulz
- Spillars and Dunn families
- David Townsend
- Sam van Houston
- Herbert Watson
- Velia Watson
- Jenny Weems
- Beverly Williams
- Lewis Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name (*give time for community to pray*).

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Dent Goodyear, friend of Jennie Henderson

By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: We pray for all healthcare professionals and relief workers, especially those who find themselves on the frontlines to bring healing, comfort and care to all impacted by the coronavirus. We pray for the country of India as they are in the midst of an infection crisis that is overwhelming their medical system. Give nations of the world, especially those with resources, the spirit of cooperation as we continue to work toward global vaccination.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Lord Jesus, we join you in these prayers,
as we offer them to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us.
Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide.
We ask these things in your name.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Invitation to the Table

L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

C: Amen

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

**L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

C: Amen.



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**