

Gathering Music

Welcome

Breathing + Heartbeat drum

Prayer



from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

Song: Any Road

George Harrison

But I've been traveling on a boat and a plane
In a car on a bike with a bus and a train
Traveling there, traveling here
Everywhere in every gear

*But oh Lord we pay the price
With the spin of the wheel with the roll of the dice
Ah yeah you pay your fare
And if you don't know where you're going
Any road will take you there*

And I've been traveling through the dirt
and the grime
From the past to the future through
the space and the time
Traveling deep beneath the waves
In watery grottoes and mountainous caves

refrain

You may not know where you came from
May not know who you are
May not have even wondered
How you got this far

I've been traveling on a wing and a prayer
By the skin of my teeth, by the breadth
of a hair

Traveling where the four winds blow
With the sun on my face,
in the ice and the snow

But oooooe it's a game
Sometimes you're cool, sometimes you're lame
Ah yeah it's somewhere
And if you don't know where you're going
Any road will take you there

refrain

I keep traveling around the bend
There was no beginning, there is no end
It wasn't born and never dies
There are no edges, there is no sides

Oh yeah you just don't win
It's so far out, the way out is in
Bow to God and call him Sir
But if you don't know where you're going
Any road will take you there . . .

Reflection

Song: Into the Mystic

Van Morrison

We were borne before the wind
Also younger than the sun
Ere the bonnie boat was won
As we sailed into the mystic

Hark, now hear the sailors cry
Smell the sea and feel the sky
Let your soul and spirit fly
into the mystic

And when that foghorn blows
I will be coming home
And when the foghorn blows
I want to hear it

*I don't have to fear it
and I want to rock your gypsy soul
Just like way back in the days of old
And magnificently we will flow into the mystic*

When that fog horn blows
You know I will be coming home
And when that fog horn whistle blows
I got to hear it

refrain
Too late to stop now

Prayers *Response:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Song: The Weight

The Band

I pulled into Nazareth,
was feelin' about half past dead
I just need some place
where I can lay my head
"Hey, mister, can you tell me
where a man might find a bed?"
He just grinned and shook my hand,
"no" was all he said

*Take a load off, Fanny
Take a load for free
Take a load off, Fanny
And you put the load right on me*

I picked up my bag,
I went lookin' for a place to hide
When I saw Carmen and the Devil
walkin' side by side
I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on
let's go downtown"
She said, "I gotta go
but my friend can stick around"

refrain

Go down, Miss Moses,
there's nothin' you can say
It's just ol' Luke
and Luke's waitin' on the Judgment

"Well, Luke, my friend,
what about young Anna Lee?"
He said, "Do me a favor, son,
won't you stay and keep Anna Lee company?"

refrain

Crazy Chester followed me
and he caught me in the fog
He said, "I will fix your rack
if you'll take Jack, my dog"
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester,
you know I'm a peaceful man"
He said, "That's okay, boy,
won't you feed him when you can"

refrain

Catch a cannon ball
now to take me down the line
My bag is sinkin' low
and I do believe it's time
To get back to Miss Fanny,
you know she's the only one
Who sent me here
with her regards for everyone

refrain

Final prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the
suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing, The Peace, and Dinner



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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