

## 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: One

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Is it getting better  
Or do you feel the same?  
Will it make it easier on you now?  
You got someone to blame  
You say one love, one life  
It's one need in the night  
Its one love, we get to share it  
Leaves you baby, if you don't care for it

Did I disappoint you?  
Or leave a bad taste in your mouth?  
You act like you never had love  
And you want me to go without  
Well it's too late, tonight  
To drag the past out into the light  
We're one, but we're not the same  
We get to carry each other  
Carry each other

One

Have you come here for forgiveness?  
Have you come to raise the dead?  
Have you come here to play Jesus?  
To the lepers in your head  
Well, did I ask too much, more than a lot?  
You gave me nothing, now it's all I got  
We're one, but we're not the same  
See we hurt each other, then we do it again  
You say love is a temple, love is a higher law

Love is a temple, love is a higher law  
You ask me of me to enter, but then you  
make me crawl And I can't keep holding on  
to what you got, 'cause all you got is hurt  
One love, One blood, One life  
You got to do what you should One life  
With each other Sisters and brothers One life  
But we're not the same  
We get to carry each other,  
carry each other One, one

## Reflection

### Song: **Imagine**

John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion, too  
Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace

You may say that I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will live as one

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

### Prayer of St. Francis

**L**ord, 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: You've Got a Friend

Carole King

When you're down and troubled  
And you need some love and care  
And nothing, nothing is going right  
Close your eyes and think of me  
And soon I will be there  
To brighten up even your darkest night

You just call out my name  
And you know wherever I am  
I'll come running, to see you again  
Winter, spring, summer or fall  
All you have to do is call  
And I'll be there  
You've got a friend

If the sky above you  
Grows dark and full of clouds  
And that old north wind begins to blow  
Keep your head together  
And call my name out loud  
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your  
door

You just call out my name  
And you know wherever I am  
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah,  
to see you again  
Winter, spring, summer or fall  
All you have to do is call  
And I'll be there, yes, I will

Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend  
When people can be so cold?  
They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you  
And take your soul if you let them, oh,  
but don't you let them

You just call out my name  
And you know wherever I am  
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah,  
to see you again Winter, spring, summer or fall  
All you have to do is call  
And I'll be there, yes, I will  
You've got a friend You've got a friend

## 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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