

Monday & Wednesday **Midday** Worship

Bishop's Leadership Conference

Diocese of Olympia

Gathering Song: *Sing A New Church / Come Thou Fount*

Text: Delores Dufner, Robert Robinson, 1735-1790. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth.

Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.

**Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.**

Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.
**Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.**

Draw together at one table,
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free
**Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.**

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
**Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

Call to Worship (Leader)

From "A Service of Welcome," in Iona Abbey Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications.

Creator of the world, eternal God:

We have come from many places for a little while.

Redeemer of humanity, God with us:

We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.

Spirit of unity, go-between God:

We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.

So here, in this place, let us take time together.

For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.

In your name, Three-in-one God, Pattern of community, Amen.

The Collect

The Book of Occasional Services

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God the Creator and ruler of all things, your reign grows like a mustard seed into abundant life: Bless those who plant and tend the new life of your Church, that it may become a place of welcome, a refuge of healing, a school for souls, and a life-giving spring; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Thanks be to God.

Silence & Stillness

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Book of Occasional Services

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

Hear us, O Christ.

O Holy God, you raise up among us laborers for your harvest, sending us out as sowers of your Gospel and caretakers of new life: Bless us in our work of planting and tending your Church across the Globe; equip us for service, enliven us with your joy, and help us remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. **Amen.**

Closing Song: *I Shall Not Be Moved*

African American Spiritual

Glory hallelujah I shall not be moved
Anchored in Jehovah I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved

In his love abiding I shall not be moved
And in him confiding I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved

I shall not be I shall not be moved
I shall not be I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved

Though all hell assail me I shall not be moved
Jesus will not fail me I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved

Though the tempest rages I shall not be moved
On the rock of ages I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.