

Who Then Shall We Be?

A Contemplative Prayer for the World

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024*

Song of Welcome: "The Greater Glory of God" by Tony Alonso

Moving through the room, the dancers invite us into prayer.

Please light the table candles as you enter this time of contemplation.

SEASONS OF PRAYER AND LAMENTATION

Each Season will include prayer of lamentation, time for personal reflection led by the cellist and dancers, followed by the spoken response (below) and the sung refrain response

SEASON OF FALL: Lamentation on racism

SEASON OF WINTER: Lamentation on climate

SEASON OF SPRING: Lamentation on forced migration

SEASON OF SUMMER: Lamentation on polarization

Commitment as We Carry the Work Forward

Spoken Response:

We are one.

We acknowledge our responsibility to welcome the other,
to protect Mother Earth, and to support peoples on the move.

The past formed our roots and remains in our branches,
but we are not the past.

Dwelling in the silence of Presence, we look ahead towards the new
season of life that is forming, even while it is changing.

Within this cycle of transformation, we are one.

Sung Refrain Response:

Refrain: That all may have life, that all may be one,
that all we believe and all we become may be for the glory,
the greater glory. May be for the glory of God

CLOSING

Invitation to five minutes of silent reflection to write personal
commitments to continue the work begun

LCWR Call (All):

"As we embrace this direction, we remain filled with hope, inspired by
the radical call of the Gospel, and committed to discerning together the
leading of God's Spirit. Affirming LCWR's mission, we embrace our time
as holy, our leadership as gift and our challenges as blessing."

Closing Song: "The Greater Glory of God" by Tony Alonso

*Dancers will move through the room to invite us to move forward from
this space and carry the work into our lives.*

*Please extinguish your candles and take a scarf and candle with you as
a symbol of carrying forth the tree that takes root and bears fruit.*

*This gathering will be livestreamed and available as a recording for future use

THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD | Tony Alfonso

Through every generation you nourish and sustain
your people blessed and broken through every joy and pain.
You weave our many stories as one, though many parts
you shape us as one body within your Sacred Heart

REFRAIN: That all may have life, that all may be one,
that all we believe and all we become may be for the glory,
the greater glory. May be for the glory of God

You opened hearts to knowledge and fill our minds with grace,
reveal your sacred presence in every time and place.

You fill the earth with heaven, and earth sings back your praise
You love ignites our passions to set the world ablaze

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So lead us from this table and shape us as your own,
to give as you have given, to share the love you've shown
to work for peace and justice, to love you tenderly,
to walk forever humbly with you and all we see

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "That all may have life, that all may be one, that all we believe and all we become may be for the glory, the greater glory, may be for the glory of God." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

Text: Tony E. Alonso, b.1980

Tune: Tony E. Alonso, b.1980; arr. by Chris de Silva, b.1967

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