



**April 2, 2023**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Majesty" - J. Hayford*

Brenda Gardiner

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Show Us How to Love"*

HEARTS OPEN, MINDS AWAKE,  
CHANGE US NOW FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.  
LEAVE US NOT ALONE IN HATRED'S WAKE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

**-DEVOTIONAL-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Show Us How to Love"*

EYES OPENED, SHOCKED AWAKE,  
MUCH TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,  
DRAW US CLOSER IN OUR HEARTACHE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

**-PRAYER-**

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

We have often looked for love and acceptance,  
in the formulas, plans, and ideas that are most reliable,  
while too many times forgetting that your plans  
are always in our best interests, in humanity's best interest.

WE YEARN FOR LIVES THAT MATTER,  
WE DESIRE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THRIVE,  
WE WANT LESS REGRET.

So, God. We pray these words together.  
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS,  
OUR SOULS, OUR VISION  
TO THE WAYS OF LOVE CREATED BY YOU,  
EMBODIED IN JESUS,  
AND ALREADY MOVING IN US BY THE SPIRIT.  
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREED!  
AMEN!

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"*

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,  
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;  
TELL ME THE STORY SO PRECIOUS,  
SWEETER THAN EVER WAS HEARD.  
TELL HOW THE ANGELS, IN CHORUS,  
SANG AS THEY WELCOMED HIS BIRTH,  
"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!  
PEACE AND GOOD TIDINGS TO EARTH."

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,  
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;  
TELL ME THE STORY SO PRECIOUS,  
SWEETER THAN EVER WAS HEARD.

FASTING ALONE IN THE DESERT,  
TELL OF THE DAYS THAT ARE PAST;  
HOW FOR OUR SINS HE WAS TEMPTED,  
YET WAS TRIUMPHANT AT LAST.  
TELL OF THE YEARS OF HIS LABOR,  
TELL OF THE SORROW HE BORE;  
HE WAS DESPISED AND AFFLICTED,  
ROAMING, REJECTED, AND POOR.

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,  
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;  
TELL ME THE STORY MOST PRECIOUS,  
SWEETEST THAT EVER WAS HEARD.

TELL OF THE CROSS THAT HE CARRIED,  
HEAVY WITH ANGUISH AND PAIN;  
TELL OF THE GRAVE WHERE THEY LAID HIM,  
TELL HOW HE NOW LIVES AGAIN.  
LOVE IN THAT STORY SO TENDER,  
LOVE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE:

LET US DECLARE IT FOREVER,  
LOVE HAS BEEN GIVEN SO FREE!

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,  
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;  
TELL ME THE STORY MOST PRECIOUS,  
SWEETEST THAT EVER WAS HEARD.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Matthew 21: 1-11 (NRSV)

*When [Jesus and the disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

*The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.*

*The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

*When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Palms of Change"*

Kenny Bishop

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,  
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,  
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;  
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.  
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY  
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;  
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET  
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

**-COMMUNION-**

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*

Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" – arr. P. Keveren*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE MARCHING, WE ARE MARCHING,  
WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE MARCHING, WE ARE MARCHING,  
WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
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WE ARE SINGING, WE ARE SINGING,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE SINGING, WE ARE SINGING,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
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WE ARE DANCING, WE ARE DANCING,  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
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WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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