

Weekly Grace, sitting a while with St. Francis

“Beware embracing poverty
while keeping the purse of your opinion”

“O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek...
to be understood as to understand”

Flood

Rain, rain on my face, it hasn't stopped raining for days
My world is a flood, slowly I become one with the mud

Chorus:

But if I can't swim after forty days
and my mind is crushed by the thrashing waves
Lift me up so high that I cannot fall
Lift me, Oh Lord
Lift me up - when I'm falling
Lift me up - I'm weak and I'm dying
Lift me up - I need you to hold me
Lift me up - Keep me from drowning again

Downpour on my soul
Splashing in the ocean, I'm losing control
Dark sky all around
I can't feel my feet touching the ground

Calm the storms that drench my eyes
Dry the streams still flowing
Casting down all present sin
And guilt that's overflowing

Announcements:

Wednesday morning breakfast, gentlemen!
Wednesday evening study, The Good Creation!
Ash Wednesday, Lenten Kickoff, Feb. 17th!
Tentatively, Congregational Lunch/Meeting on Feb. 21st!

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Welcome!

Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.

- ~ Opening Prayer
- ~ I'll Fly Away
- ~ Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord
- ~ He Reigns
- ~ Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 12:12-20, page 786
- ~ Civil Discourse
- ~ You Have Redeemed My Soul
- ~ Sharing the Bread & Cup
- ~ Prayers of the People
- ~ Weekly Grace
- ~ Flood
- ~ Closing Blessing

I'll Fly Away

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus:

I'll fly away oh glory
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away

Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up!
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy!

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed, rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers, filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus:

It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

Scripture Reading from 1 Corinthians 12, pg. 786

Civil Discourse Wrap Up... *it's a spiritual thing.*

What's going to hold together a diverse body described in 1 Corinthians 12, if not **love**. The context of our passage is one of spiritual gifts that leads into an all too familiar wedding scripture, 1 Corinthians 13.

Let's frame civil discourse in terms of love...

- † Patience... asking questions, listening, quick to listen
- † Kindness... not leaping to judgments or labels
- † Not Envious... looking to the interests of the other
- † Not Boasting or Proud... non-competitive discourse
- † Not Dishonoring... valuing the other
- † Not Self-Seeking... Philippians 2, Humility
- † Not Easily Angered... James 1
- † No Record of Wrongs... some new territory for us!?
- † Truth Seeking... against all other pulls
- † Protects, Trusts, Hopes, Perseveres... all the opposite of the competitive, injuring, discourse that seeks to dominate, win, overrule, and self-promote.
- † Never Fails.

You Have Redeemed My Soul

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death

I was a hungry child, a dried up river
I was a burned out forest
And no one could do anything for me
But You put food in my body, and water in my dry bed
And to my blackened branches
You brought the springtime green of new life
And nothing is impossible for You...

Welcome to the Table

Prayers of the People