

We light a light In the name of God who creates life In the name of the Savior who loves life In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life

Musical Reflection ~ Drawn to You by Audrey Assad

"My prayer for all of them is that they will be one.... Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me." ~ John 17:21, 23

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts.

Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection. O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being, because our being is in your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious.

~ written by Thomas Merton

*Musical Reflection* ~ *<u>The Gift; Joep Beving, Where's My Love; SYML, Beloved; Gavin Luke,</u> <i>The Mission/How Great Thou Art; The Piano Guys.* 

Please turn over......

Holy Trinity, outgoing and sending –
Send us in your name and in your image.
Grow in us your delight in otherness, difference, and variety.
Inspire in us your unity of loving purpose.
Instill in us your joy in receiving and giving.
Build between us relationships that practice peace.
And because we and our world are bent and broken, wounded and willful, trapped in captivities sinned against and sinning,
Build between us the longing to forgive and be forgiven.
Instill in us the strength to hear truth spoken in love;
Inspire in us the determination to stay in covenant with you, and with each other.
And grow in us courage to risk reaching out in love to the enemy and the stranger.
Through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. Amen.

~ written by Brian Wren

Closing Musical Reflection ~ <u>It is Well by Kristene DiMarco</u>

Song playlist on Spotify <u>"Contemplative Heart"</u> by Ninabeth Metcalf