



**GATHERING SONG**

*For All the Faithful Women*

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**For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.**

**We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan  
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.  
Christ, keep our hearts attentive to truth that you declare,  
and strengthen us for service when work becomes our prayer.**

**All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!  
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,  
we sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Timeless One, you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

**MONOLOGUE**

*Martha*

**PRAYERS**

Let us pray. Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

- for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
- for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
- for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
- for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

- for those who govern nations of the world . . .
- for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .  
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .  
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

... **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; and 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.**

### **BLESSING**

The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community, the Comforter who holds us in the communion of saints, one God + bless you now and always. **Amen**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

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**REFRAIN: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead. REFRAIN**

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet. REFRAIN**

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell. REFRAIN**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe, joined together in Jesus, who is the Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

