



FINDING A STILL CENTRE

In the midst of our busy lives
A quiet place in the heart of our community
June 3rd, 2018

Marcus Borg in speaking of God as “a spiritual reality that interpenetrates the universe” says, “that God is the encompassing spirit, if you will, in whom everything that is lives.” Borg quotes Paul’s words in Acts 17:28 that God is the one “in whom we live and move and have our being.” He says, “Notice how the language works: we are in God, we live within God, we have our being within God, so that God is this encompassing spirit in whom everything that is lives.”

From, Days of Awe and Wonder, Marcus Borg p.179

The Passion of God: Christ's Prayer for All

Music on arrival: Concerto for Cello and Orchestra No. 6 in D. Arranged for guitar as Concerto in E, 2. Andante Cantabile. Luigi Boccherini

Opening Prayer: God’s Power Shown

Leader: Out of love comes celebration

All: And God’s kingdom is among us:

Where peace is the means for making us one.

Where truth does not stumble and justice is done

Leader: Out of change comes possibility

All: And God’s new creation is begun:

Promise of splendour and signal of worth,

Source of all goodness, renewing the earth

Leader: Out of freedom comes responsibility

All: And God calls us to discipleship:

In our compassion, making love known,

In our conviction, God’s power shown.

You did not choose me, I chose you.

This, then, is what I command you:

Love one another.



A grand surprise at sunset,
from our window!

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Lectio Divina: John 17: 20-23.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Centering Prayer and time of silence

Music for meditation: If (From The Diary of Anne Frank). Michael Nyman.

You are invited to chose a flower head and place it into the bowl of water, as a symbol of our unity which embraces our many differences.

Closing Prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, give us wisdom to recognise the connectedness we share with you and with those around us.

Bless our partnerships, that together we might grow in knowledge of you and the world and its people. Let kindness and co-operation flourish and bless us as we leave this place.

Amen

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Blessing

Thank you, god, for inviting me into your home, just as I am; help me to keep my door open too.

Amen

From, 'Words for Today 2013', Edited by Nicola Slee, p154.

*I offer you peace.
I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty.
I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from the Highest Source.
I salute that Source in you.
Let us work together for unity and love.*

— **Mahatma Gandhi**



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