

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Pentecost 22
Love

Sing-a-long with the Trailblazers

ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD

CHORUS

**ARE YOU WALKING? ARE YOU TALKING?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?
ARE YOU TRAVELLING IN HIS LIGHT,
EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?**

WOULD YOU LEND A HELPING HAND
TO SOME POOR SINNER MAN?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?
WOULD YOU STOP AND TRY TO SAVE ON
YOUR JOURNEY TO THE GRAVE?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?

CHORUS

IF YOUR HEART SAID "TESTIFY" WOULD
THE WORLD HEAR YOUR REPLY?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?
WOULD YOU SHOUT HIS HOLY NAME,
OR BOW YOUR HEAD IN SHAME?
ARE YOU WALKING AND A-TALKING FOR THE LORD?

CHORUS x 2

BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

IT'S LONG BEEN ON MY MIND, YOU KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME
I'LL TRY TO FIND A WAY THAT I CAN MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND
THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU AND JUST HOW MUCH I NEED YOU
TO BE THERE WHERE I CAN TALK TO YOU WHEN THERE'S NO ONE ELSE AROUND

CHORUS

**BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE
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SOMEONE FAR FROM HARBOUR YOU MAY GUIDE ACROSS THE BAR
BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE**

JUST ABOVE ARE CLOUDED SKIES THAT YOU MAY HELP TO CLEAR
LET NOT NARROW SELF YOUR WAY DEBAR
THO' INTO ONE HEART ALONE MAY FALL YOUR SONG OF CHEER
BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

CHORUS

HERE FOR ALL YOUR TALENTS YOU MAY SURELY FIND A NEED
HERE REFLECT THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR
EVEN FROM YOUR HUMBLE HAND THE BREAD OF LIFE MAY FEED
BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

CHORUS x 2

**BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE
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WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME

CHORUS

**WHOSOEVER WILL, WHOSOEVER WILL
SEND THE PROCLAMATION OVER VALE AND HILL
'TIS A LOVING FATHER CALLS THE WAND'RER HOME
WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME**

WHOSOEVER COMETH NEED NOT DELAY
NOW THE DOOR IS OPEN, ENTER WHILE YOU MAY
JESUS IS THE TRUE, THE ONLY LIVING WAY
WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME

CHORUS

WHOSOEVER WILL, THE PROMISE IS SECURE
WHOSOEVER WILL, FOREVER MUST ENDURE
WHOSOEVER WILL, 'TIS LIFE FOREVER MORE
WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME

CHORUS x 2

Call for Awareness

Loosely based on Psalm 90 by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Awake my body, awake my soul!

**The Holy One is my dwelling place,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

God satisfies our needs with steadfast love,
prospering the work of our hands.

Awake my sacred being.

Song

We Are Pilgrims **VU595**

Candle Lighting

A Time of Centring

Take this moment to centre yourself deeply in the love of God
and prepare yourself for an encounter with the Holy.

Begin with your breath.

Feel the air pass your nostrils and glide down your throat to fill your lungs.

Drop you diaphragm and let your belly and back expand.

Notice the rhythm of your breathing, and the spaces between you breath.

The air you breathe is sacred for it is the breath of God.

Your body is sacred for it manifests the Holy One in substance and form.

Be aware of your body and how you are sitting.

Let your hands fall open and your feet feel grounded.

Ask of God what you need at this moment and give space for the response.

Take some time to reflect on your relationship with God,
the world, your sacred centre.

Honour your connection to God's creation.

Offer something of yourself.

Be open to receiving God's gift to you this day.

Now, return to your body.

Imagine there is a light the softly glows from your heart,
through your limbs and head,
and radiates out into the world, connecting with people,
animals, fish and birds, with water, soil and even rock,
and give thanks to God for the experience of life.

Song

When I Needed A Neighbour **VU600**

Scripture

Matthew 22.34-46 New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.

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34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:
 42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”
 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
 44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’
 45 “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”
 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Another Voice

by John O'Donohue from Anam Cara

It is precisely in awakening and exploring this rich and opaque inner landscape that the anam-àra experience illuminates the mystery and kindness of the divine. The anam-àra is God's gift.

Friendship is the nature of God. The Christian concept of god as Trinity is the most sublime articulation of otherness and intimacy, an eternal interflow of friendship. This perspective discloses the beautiful fulfillment of our immortal longing in the words of Jesus, who said, Behold, I call you friends. Jesus, as the son of God, is the first Other in the universe; he is the prism of all difference.

He is the secret anam-àra of every individual. In friendship with him, we enter the tender beauty and affection of the Trinity. In the embrace of this eternal friendship, we dare to be free. There is a beautiful Trinitarian motif running through Celtic spirituality.

This little invocation captures this:

The Sacred Three

My fortress be

Encircling me

Come and be round

My hearth and my home.

Consequently, love is anything but sentimental. In fact, it is the most real and creative form of human presence. Love is the threshold where divine and human presence ebb and flow into each other.

Song

When A Poor One **VU702**

Reflection

Love

Offering Time

Musical Reflection

As A Parent Holds A Child *performed by The Trailblazers*

Prayers of The People

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Sacred bond of friend and stranger,
we are connected through your love and meaning;
in the faces we see, the hands we hold,
the voices we hear, the moments we experience.
Some moments bring laughter and smiles and some bring grief and tears.
Some people are happy in the crowd and others are lonely and lost.
We search our hearts, Holy One, and offer ourselves as we are today.

Silence

We search our minds, Sacred Creator, and think of the needs of our planet;
the waters, the soil, the air we all breathe,
the sun and its rays, the moon and its pull.

Silence

We search our soul, O Ground of all Being,
and reflect on the needs of all living things:
the plants and animals, bird, fish and insects,
all our siblings who share in the abundance of the planet.

Silence

We search our lives, Sacred Companion,
and send our best thoughts to those we know and those we do not know
who need a bit of our care and concern.

Prayer Circle

Free prayers for those who need our prayers

Alan, Angela, April, Barbara, Dan, David, Deb, Dot, Elisabeta, Ericka, George, Johanna,
Karen, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Loidi, Maria, Marg, Mark, Michelle, Monique, Nancy, Paul, Paulusi,
Rona, Ronda, Rudy, Russell, Sandy, Sarah, Shannon, Shawn, Valerie & Zachary.

And search us, God, and dwell with us throughout the week to come.

The Lord's Prayer (A Paraphrase) VU916

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

Song

Spirit Open My Heart **MV79**

Blessing

by Rev. Darryl Macdonald

Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolded by those who come before us.
Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolding through those who are around us.
Find the blessing of love in the gift of life
unfolding through what is yet unknown to us.
**God's sacred presence is abundant within our soul;
gracing us with new beginnings,
loving us in every moment and encounter of life.**

Music To Send Us On Our Way

Till We Meet Again *performed by The Trailblazers*