

Gather Us In Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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Prayer Leader:
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rejoice in this harvest season



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: Anonymous

The equinox energy is available three days before, the day of and three days after the actual moment that both the northern and southern hemispheres receive the same amount of Sunlight and darkness. At that moment, day and night are equal. This year that moment is at 9:30 AM, Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

This is a time of balance, transformation, releasing and harvest. In autumn the animals begin their preparation for hibernation, the trees release their leaves, and the earth begins to draw life force energy deep within. This is a time to reflect on our own light as well as our shadows. When we allow the autumn seasonal energy to help us, it is easier to release the old, prepare for stillness of winter, and ultimately a vibrant renewal at the time of the spring equinox in March. In the process of releasing we also have the opportunity to let go of any energies that are not our own. Energies that are draining, rather than life giving, hold us back, and prevent us from fully realizing the truth of our being.



Reading: Edward Hays

Welcome, Autumn, arms full of summer's blessings,
carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting.
Come, enter my home with your golden wisdom;
be my guest and share my table.

Welcome, Old Wise One,
may I be your student in the school of gratitude.
Guide me in reflecting upon the summer now gone,
that I might give thanks for all the many gifts
that have enriched me in that season of growth.

I greet you, spirits of darkness
that dwell in the night and within me.
While you are frightening,
you are also a source of power;
may I not fear you
but learn to live in holy harmony with you;
you are not evil unless you dominate me.

Night within me, I welcome you as well;
may all your spirits that reside in me
live in harmony with the Spirit of the Holy.

Amen.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...