

## ***Here in This Place*** 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 bone.

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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:

*Belonging: Remembering Ourselves Home*

Toko-pa Turner

"It may seem obvious, but two things are absolutely necessary to creating community over the long term: someone willing to take the lead and invite others to gather- and someone willing to answer that call.

It helps to remember that reaching out is actually an offering of generosity, the invitation which allows the other to contribute their gifts into our shortfall.

Answering the call is also a kind of generosity. Beyond receiving what the other is offering, it is also a way of giving relevance to their efforts. It says that no matter how busy or tired I might be, community with you is important to me. Ideally it isn't just one or two people doing the organizing, because at different times we all need to be held. But with enough calls made, and enough answers to those calls, the fabric of community is eventually woven."

## Reading:

*At the Table of the Lord*

David Angerman and Michael Barrett

At the table of the Lord, there is hope.  
At the table of the Lord, there is joy.

Come and take your place at the banquet of grace.  
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord, there is peace.  
At the table of the Lord, there is love.

And though many have come, there is still room for one.  
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord, there is rest for the weary.  
At the table of the Lord, there is strength for the soul.

At the table of the Lord, there is comfort and mercy,  
and the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

At the table of the Lord, there is life.  
At the table of the Lord, there is grace.

The meal is prepared.  
No cost has been spared.  
There is room at the table for you.

## Sharing...

**a word,**

**a phrase**

**a reflection**