

The World is My Parish: Session 3

Opening prayer

Holy One, we hear your music in the roar of the sea,
In the song of a people,
In the quiet breeze rustling through the trees.

**We thank you God:
That you so love our world.**

Holy One, we sense your power in the flickering of fire,
In the yearning of our spirits,
In the dispelling of shadows.

**We thank you God:
That you so love our world.**

Holy One, we feel your caress in the gift of our humanity,
In our desire to be whole,
In the blessing of peace.

**We thank you God:
That you so love our world.**

Clare Amos

Two statements about mission:

- 'Mission is the overflow of our delight in God, because mission is the overflow of God's delight in being God.' (*John Piper*)
- 'Christian mission is offering the hospitality of the face of Christ.' (*David Ford*)

Rublev's icon



Closing prayer

Lord,
We are communities in communion
With you,
Our rainbow-loving,
Promise-keeping,
Creating Father God.

We are communities in communion
With your Son,
Our companioning brother,
Faithful friend,
God-with-us.

We are communities in communion
With your Spirit,
Our holy guide,
Inspiring peace,
Indwelling joy of God.

Bring us together
In trust and hope,
Remembering the marginalised we must represent,
The needy for whom we can speak,
The poor with whom we are included.

Bless our coming together
Open to see you,
Listening for love's whisper
Ready to be changed by you,
As you did yesterday and will do tomorrow,
For your Glory and your Kingdom.
Amen

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