

Litanies and Reflections based on Bible Themes

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James 1:18 - Call to Worship (2006)

The world is hard
Our losses real
Our grief tangible
Our fear palpable
Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

The world is heavy
Our anxiety clawing
Our confusion large
Our responsibility tenuous
Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

The world is mystery
Our faith rooting
Our hope kindling
Our love blossoming
Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of your call.

James 2 - Call to Worship (1997)

Come to hear the Word.
Come to do the Word.
Come to experience Comfort.
Come to experience Challenge.
Come to find Cost.
Come to find Joy.
Come to find Humanity.
Come to find Community.
Come to find Church.
Come to find God.

James 5 - Call to Worship

Are any among you suffering?
Then let us pray.
Are any cheerful?
Then let us sing songs of praise.
Are any among you sick?
Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.
The prayer of faith will save us
And God will lift us up.

1 John 4:7 - 1994

From God comes the wonder of creation.
We will worship God the Creator.
From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.
We will worship God our Redeemer.
From God comes the strength to face the new day.
We worship God our Sustainer.

1 John 4:7 - Litany - 1994

God calls us to a ministry of love.
Beloved, let us love one another.
We are called to love our parents and our children, our friends and our neighbors.
Love is from God.
We are called to love the neighbor that hurt our feelings,
the parent who was cruel, and the co-worker who is selfish.
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
We are called to love even the people we cannot see...in Chicago's tenements, in Bosnia's war, in South Africa's elections.
Those who love God Must love their sisters and brothers also.
May we accept God's call to this mysterious ministry.
Amen.

Revelation 1:4 (2003)

We come diffidently
weighed down by the excesses and the sorrows of the past.
*Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.*

We come hopefully
knowing that the presence of God will not be limited
by our human constructs.
*Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.*

We come thankfully
discovering abundance born not of possession but of the heart.
*Grace to you and peace,
from the God who is and who was
and who is to come.*