

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96:1-6; 11-12 (NRSV)

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: And this is the judgement, that the Light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than the light.

Many: God is Light, in whom is no darkness at all.

One: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be liberated through Him.

Many: Everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

All: Come, let us worship in Spirit and in Truth.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, how often have we meditated upon your steadfast love! Our speech has been reduced to silence by your measureless grace. Our reverence has been lifted to revelry by your boundless joy. If it is because of your love that we can serve, because of your grace that we can forgive, and because of your joy that we can rejoice, be present among us. And like the wind and sea, who obey your voice, we shall grow calm and yield to your power. AMEN.