

Prayer of Self Reflection:

O God, you have begun a good work in us, and you are faithful to complete it. And yet our pessimism about what *is* often overwhelms our optimism about what is to come.

Open our hearts, that we might trust in your gracious providence. Open our minds, that we might believe in your power. Open our eyes, that we might see the coming kingdom.

Forgive us for failures of imagination, vision, and hope.

Increase our faith.

Kenneth H. Carter Jr.

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Genesis 22: 1-14

Living Psalm 13,

A Prayer to Hurry Up Deliverance,
written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

Matthew 10:40-42

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Reflection: Who Is My Mother MV 178

Reflection:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Praise God from Who, All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Dedicating our Gifts: (All)

Spirit of God, when we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works in this world. When we tend to our neighbors who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world. When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as they help to build your Kingdom here on earth. May it be so.

Worship Ways

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

**Closing Hymn: O Canada VU 524

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: When You Walk from Here VU298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Danny Boy Traditional Irish Folk Melody

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