Prayer for the World and Global Sisterhood

National Catholic Sisters Week
International Women’s Day
Saturday, March 8, 2014
St. Catherine University, St. Paul Campus
Prelude Music

Something New (Novotka)

We Are Called (Haas), verse 1

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless.

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as we live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957
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INTRODUCTORY

Call to Prayer

Gathering Song  

*All Are Welcome* (Haugen)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
   all can safely live,  
   children tell How hearts learn to follow
   give.  
   faith and vault of grace;  
   sym - bol of God’s grace;

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
   words are strong and true,  
   dare to seek To dream God’s reign a new.  
   sym - bol of God’s grace;  
   vealed in time and space;  
   vealed in time and space;

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
   water, wine and wheat:  
   holy ground, Where peace and justice meet.  
   known.  
   known.  
   known.  

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
   yond the wood and stone  
   serve and teach, And live the Word meet.  
   Word.  
   Word.  
   Word.  

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
   songs and visions heard  
   taught and claimed As words within the new.  
   new.  
   new.  
   new.  

   Their  
   Children tell How hearts learn to follow  
   give.  
   faith and vault of grace;  
   sym - bol of God’s grace;  
   vealed in time and space;  
   im - age of God’s face;  
   faith and songs of grace,
Opening Prayer

Holy Heart of the Universe, All-loving God of abundance,
 you call us to dream, to imagine, to yield to your grace,
 moving us from within to become more.¹

We thank you for gathering us on this holy,
 International Women’s day, to honor women who
 inspire, encourage and challenge us; in particular,
 we give you thanks for Catholic women religious
 who live the gospel of love among us. Their
 character, courage and commitment call us to more.

Through the stories and commitments we share here
 may we take fuller and deeper part in the New that you are doing
 in our world, our Earth community, and our church:
 that all may be One in the power of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus and the power of your Holy Spirit–
All: Amen
WORD

Readings
Teilhard de Chardin
Acts 2.1–4 Spirit*
John 13.33–35*
Maya Angelou*
John 20.15–18
Teilhard de Chardin*

Refrain
*God is where love is, for love is of God
Diós es amor y amor es de Diós
(sung after 2nd, 4th, and final reading)

Silent contemplative prayer (five minutes)

Song
I Say “Yes,” Lord / Digo “Sí,” Señor (Peña), verse 1

Conversation
What does the world need most now?
Song

The Summons (Bell), verses 1, 3, 5

1. Will you come and follow me If I but
2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but
3. Will you let the blind see If I but
4. Will you love the ‘you’ you hide If I but
5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don’t know
Will you care for and never be the same?
call your name? Will you set the cruel and kind And never be the same?
call your name? Will you quell the prisoners free And never be the same?
call my name. Let me turn and fear inside And never be the same?
call your name. Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do
Will you use the faith you’ve found To re-
In your company I’ll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life attract or scare? Will you let me
such as this unseen, And admit to
shape the world a round, Through my sight and
love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.
PRAYER FOR THE EARTH COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Intercessions

Reader 1: From the primordial flaring forth, everything has been, is, and will be forever in relationship. That all peoples will know that they, and all creation, are one in love, care and responsibility for Each Other we pray:
All: Although we barely know how, we love. We are in communion.

Reader 2: Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? That faith traditions throughout the world continue efforts for a world of right relationships, and that peacemaking will prevail on Earth today, we pray:
All: Although we barely know how, we love. We are in communion.

Reader 3: Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,’ and all that he told her.
That women and girls across the world continue to stand together for opportunity and justice for all peoples; and, that the influence of women’s lives in community for the sake of the gospel continue to entice, invite and empower Catholic religious life, we pray:
All: Although we barely know how, we love. We are in communion.

All: Litany naming women who have made a difference for good in the world, past or present.
All: Although we barely know how, we love. We are in communion.

Greeting of Peace Among All Present
SENDING EACH OTHER FORTH

Prayer of Blessing
Gracious, All-loving God,
We thank you and bless you for the grace you have given us in each other here today. We thank you for the life, the loves, and the commitments we share.
May we go from here, strengthened by our learning, our sharing, our imagining, and the solidarity we experience.
May we be your grace, your love, your welcoming and life-giving presence with all we meet.
We ask this through the power of Your Spirit of love,
All: Amen

Song  We Are Called  (Haugen), verse 3

Sources:
1Judy Cannato, Field of Compassion, p.180
3Acts of Chapter 2013, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
4Mary Oliver, "A Summer Day" from New and Selected Works, 1992

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