



Burning Bowl Service, 12/31/23 - S O N G L Y R I C S

Witness Words and music by Daniel Nahmod

This day is a witness to my sacred purpose to all that I'm meant to be.

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Refrain:

Letting it in, letting it flow, Letting it go where it will go,

Letting the power of Your presence show the way

Letting it in, letting You know I'm letting You lead that I might follow;

Being a witness to Your presence every day.

This soul is a witness to my holy purpose to all that I'm born to be. *Repeat / Refrain*

This year is a witness to my rightful purpose to all that I've come to be. *Repeat / Refrain:*

I will bear witness to your love, I will bear witness to your love,

I will bear witness to your love for all my life. repeat

for all my life...

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INVITATION TO RELEASE

The forgiving love of the Christ now flows through my body, mind, and heart bringing healing and deep peace to me. A new healing, a new life, a new beginning happens in me now. Because I embody God's love, there is no individual or situation in my life that can keep good from me.

An Opening Words and music by Sarah Puig

Oh, give me an opening that I may see some light.

Oh, give me a softening that I may feel the warmth.

Oh, give me arms that open, that I may use them for embracing.

Oh, let me learn to love without ceasing, without restraint.

RELEASING PRAYER

Sweet Spirit, I do not know the way to healing, but I trust you do. I lay down my burdens and receive the love of God. I surrender to my sacred purpose.

And so it is. Amen.

As I Lay Down My Burdens Words and music by Erin McGaughan

As I lay down my burdens, my soul rises up 3x

Hallelu, hallelu

Deeper I Surrender Words and music by Ahria

Deeper and deeper, I surrender.
Deeper and deeper, I surrender to this love.

AFFIRMATION

I bless my life, and affirm the bountiful goodness in it. With gratitude, I bless all that comes to me, knowing God's ever-present goodness is within me at every moment. I dedicate the fullness of my being to embodying the Christ within. I go forth in joy to meet, accept, and to express my highest good, my sacred purpose.

All This Joy Words and music by John Denver

All this joy, all this sorrow, All this promise, all this pain
Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love
City of joy, city of sorrow, City of promise, city of pain
Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love
All this joy, all this sorrow, All this promise, all this pain
Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love
Such is spirit, such is love

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OFFERING BLESSING

Divine Love flowing through me blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give,
and all that I receive. We are blessed to know that Spirit is our source.
Thank you, Father-Mother God. Amen.

Break the Wine Glass Words and Music by Mark Shepard

Break the wine glass. Fall into the breath of the glass blower
Break the boundaries that used to keep you small
Break the silence. Fall into the breath of the sound
Break the patterns. Fall to your knees on the ground

Refrain:

And on the way you might notice a flower
Growing out of a crack in the sidewalk
and on the way you might notice the power
You have to walk your talk, to dance into your dreaming...

Walk the garden, Glimpse the world through the gardener's eyes
Has your heart hardened? Is there no room left for surprise?
Break it open. Scatter the seeds of surrender
Water them well; Do your best to protect the tender... *Refrain*

Your greatest weaknesses are also your greatest strengths
Your greatest failures may have been heaven sent
Will the wind break you or lift you up off of the ground?
Will the wind break you or merely bow you down? *Refrain 2X*

Break the wine glass. Fall into the breath of the glass blower...

The Turning Year Words by Jennifer Cutting, Melody by Mick Ryan, adapted by Jennifer Cutting

Oh, kind companions gathered here, all at the turning of the year,
The hour grows late, our hearts grow fond, in melody shall be our bond.
We live in hope, we pray for peace, we meet with joy the year's new lease,
The falling snow, the icy moonlight shining clear,
So let us sing, to welcome in, the turning year.

Now Yule is past, the old year fades; time heals all wounds, or so they say.
Though battle-scarred, we will prevail; we hold the pen that writes the tale.
Do not regret the flow of years; for there is naught that disappears;
Our every kindness written large, among the stars;
So let us sing, to welcome in the turning year.

The tallest trees, the barest boughs, the callow choir of earnest vows.
Whatever boon we ask of life, we ask it here, we ask it now.
So let us toast to absent friends; to those we've hurt, let's make amends;
And those we love, let's set them free, yet hold them near,
So let us sing, to welcome in, the turning year.

The minutes pass, the hour strikes, the mighty flares light up the night
Now let us raise a festive glass, that all we hope may come to pass.
I wish you joy, I wish you peace, I wish you health, but more than these
The power to know, just what to keep and what let go.
So let us sing, to welcome in, the turning year.
So let us sing, to welcome in, the turning year.