

HYMN LYRICS AND RESPONSIVE READING 2/25/24

#444, "This House" (Responsive Reading)

SL: This house is for the ingathering of nature and human nature.

Cong. It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble, an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.

SL: It is a house of freedom, guarding the dignity and worth of every person.

Cong.: It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring, both in times of security and danger, the full and undivided conflict of opinion.

SL: It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

Cong.: It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies and handiworks.

SL: It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

Cong.: This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor.

#360, "Here We Have Gathered"

Here we have gathered, gathered side
by side,
Circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
May all who speak here feel they have
been heard.
Sing now together this, our heart's own
song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and
great:
we of all ages, women, children,
men, infants and sages, sharing what we
can.
Sing now together this, our heart's own
song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own
song.

#318, "We Would Be One"

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
A nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that
meaning
Which binds our hearts and points us on our
way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater
service,
With love and justice, strive to make us free.

#1057, "Go Lifted Up"

Go lifted up, Love bless your way,
Moonlight, starlight guide your journey
Into peace and the brightness of day.