

by Alyson Halpert

*Loosen, loosen baby you don't have to carry, the weight of the world in your muscles and bones
Let go, let go, let go.*

Offering Rev. Alex

Offertory Music **“Improvisation”** Patricia Leftridge

Reflection Amelia Zuver

Reflection **“The Seeds of Liberating Love”** Rev. Alex

Contemplation **“Who do you say that I am?”** Rev. Alex

“I am a Being of Love?”
by Beautiful Chorus

Closing Song **“Love Will Guide Us”** Patricia Leftridge
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**▲ Commission +
Benediction** **“This Prayer Is For You”** Rev. Alex
by Jess Reynolds

Yes, you. You, with your mud-caked dreams and thistle-studded heart. This clear water prayer is for you, that your path might wander by a stream to wash your feet in and a stretch of flat stone to sun them dry. I see you in the desert, burying your bare feet to blisters in the sharp sand until you fall to your knees with the hot weight of it all.

This bright wind prayer is for you, darling, that you might find branches to shade your face and one clean breath to fill your lungs. From the shore I cannot see your boat for the fog, but I hear you, hear the sea shanties you sing just to keep your heart beating. Beloved, I am singing too, a harmony above the waves that is nothing but a prayer for you. Under the wide, thundering sky, I will find you.

You, unsure if you believe in God, believe in anything but the tangled weeds in your garden and the stones under your shoes. Under the wide, thundering sky, I will tell you: You are proof enough of great Love in the world, no matter the weather. Yes, you.

Closing Words

***As we go forth, may we carry the flame of Love,
and Peace with Justice, until we meet again,
Blessed Be***

Postlude Patricia Leftridge