GATHERING, CENTRING, AND INVOCATION

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Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

English:

- Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome.
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome.

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- O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
- O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; has stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
 and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

When I Needed a Neighbour

NEIGHBOUR Irregular

- When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?When I needed a neighbour, were you there?And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
- I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
 were you there?
 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
 I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
- When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
 When I needed a healer, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
- Wherever you travel I'll be there,
 I'll be there,
 wherever you travel I'll be there.
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 I'll be there.