

Youth Ministry Sunday 2017
“Origins”

Territory Acknowledgment

Gathering of Community:

ONE: Lean in, and listen,
listen to these prayers;
listen to these stories;
be ready, ready to act on what you hear,
ready to act on what you see,
ready to act on what you have witnessed.

AWE Anglican Women’s Empowerment

Collect

**All: Holy God,
our origin is in you,
and our origin stories are many.
Your call may be terrifying and puzzling at times
we struggle to awaken ourselves to you and
your presence on this sacred journey and give thanks for
the grace and mercy we experience.
Amen.**

Confession

One: Don’t criticize.
Don’t analyze.
Don’t even try to sympathize.
Don’t say you understand because you don’t.
Just hold me in your arms for once.
And love me as I am.

Just as when I was a child,
before the world grew up on me.

Quoted in John Fischer, “Praise for the
Unrenowned” CCM October 1997 (Adapted)

Reading options

Acts 2:1-21 (Church / Family Origin)

Genesis 11: 1-9 (Humanity’s Origin)

Romans 8:14-17 (Personal Origin)

John 14: 8-17, 25-27 (Community Origin)

Genesis (Origin of Blessings)

John 1

Mark 7: 1-23 (Origin of Tradition & Ritual)

Inspired by **Luke 7:36-8:3** and Written by Kelly Ann Hall.

A benediction of love and grace.
Your faith has saved you; go in peace.
You are forgiven...

You,
who are raised with privilege,
never allowed to fail,
abusing the law while stepping upon others,
raping the unconscious
and leading them to believe
it was what they wanted all along.

You,
who've been making your own way
working hard, through all the wrong places.
Who's shortcomings have gone public,
been used against you,
and led you to detach,
isolate,
shut down.

You who withhold and hide,
you who roll over and play dead,
you who yell and raise fists,
you who rather not make waves...
perhaps you are awakening to your humanity after all.

To the idea that one greater would expose himself
with great love and affection
and an ever-widening circle of grace
welcoming you to me.

Come—even at your worst!—
tears patterning the ground,
a steady, deliberate percussive procession,
and reach for me.

Even as you stand before the eyes of those who unjustly condemn...
I will receive you, I will reunite you to Origin through me
love responding to love responding to love
an against-all-odds, right-fitted, all-for-one love!

Your faith has liberated you,
and my faith has restored you.
You are forgiven,
Go in peace.

Prayer before Communion

**All: I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

Brian Wren
A More Profound Alleluia

Prayer after Communion

A Prayer for Empowerment

**All: Empower me to be a bold participant,
rather than a timid saint in waiting,
in the difficult ordinariness of now;
to exercise the authority of honesty,
rather than to defer to power,
or deceive to get it;
to influence someone for justice,
rather than impress anyone for gain;
and, by grace, to find treasures
of joy, of friendship, of peace
hidden in the fields of the daily
you give me to plow. Amen.**

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