

Groundbreaking – Prayer

Reader 1: We praise you, O God, for the joy we find in the church; for communion with one another; for the sharing of bounty and of burden; for nurturing one generation to the next; for expressions of holiness made visible in our midst.

People: O God, lead us in your ways through this instrument of your church.

Reader 2: We give you thanks, O God, for the strength which has brought this day into being: the vision which came to dwell on this ground; the labourers of the past and who have prepared us for this time; the service of today's leaders who point the direction of tomorrow's church.

People: O God, make us ever mindful of each person's special contribution to the life of your church.

Reader 3: We stand in awe, O God, of the wondrous skills here applied: the encompassing eye of the planner, the tempered patience of crafter and engineer; the calloused hands of builders who labour for the common good.

People: O God, let no talent be overlooked in the building of your reign and let us never fail to acknowledge each offering made to your church.

Reader 4: We call to you O God, to cast your spirit among us this day. Let us be builders of a holy temple: a place where people may find peace in the face of turmoil, yet not a place where complacency finds a home. Let us be servants and visionaries both, planters and harvesters each, stewards of a living treasure.

People: O God, make the seeds we plant this day call forth a bounteous crop and let the fruit of that crop be our lives dedicated to you now and ever more. Amen.

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