

## Centering Prayer

We keep coming back—to this place, and to all the places where we have found holiness before—because we need something, because we are not complete all by ourselves. Our lives, our loves, our work, our commitments—no matter how full or joyful or satisfying—can still empty us. Let us be conscious of our need, our brokenness, our separation from the center of ourselves and from one another. We are not yet all that we are called to be, or even what we hoped we might become.

In these moments of silence, I invite you to be still, so that your need for something deeper, something more, might rise to the surface and open—and be filled.

### And the Table Will Be Wide A Blessing for World Communion Sunday By Jan Richardson

And the table  
will be wide.  
And the welcome  
will be wide.  
And the arms  
will open wide  
to gather us in.  
And our hearts  
will open wide  
to receive.

And we will come  
as children who trust  
there is enough.  
And we will come  
unhindered and free.  
And our aching  
will be met  
with bread.  
And our sorrow  
will be met  
with wine.

And we will open our hands  
to the feast  
without shame.  
And we will turn  
toward each other  
without fear.  
And we will give up  
our appetite  
for despair.  
And we will taste  
and know  
of delight.

And we will become bread  
for a hungry world.  
And we will become drink  
for those who thirst.  
And the blessed  
will become the blessing.  
And everywhere  
will be the feast.