**Noonday Worship**

***I'll Just Say Yes*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ\_sMqDYWj8***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ_sMqDYWj8)

***Leader*** Draw us into your love, Christ Jesus :   
***All* and deliver us from fear.**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:   
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Meditation**

Many teachers have made the central, but often missed, point that unity is not the same as uniformity.Unity, in fact, is the reconciliation of differences, and those differences must first be maintained—and then overcome by the power of love! You must actually distinguish things and separate them before you can spiritually unite them, usually at cost to yourself (see Ephesians 2:14-16). If only we had made that simple clarification, so many problems—and overemphasized, separate identities—could have moved to a much higher level of love and service.

We must go back to the ultimate Christian source for our principle: the central doctrine of the Trinity itself. Yes, God is “One,” just as our Jewish roots taught Christianity (Deuteronomy 6:4), and yet the further, more subtle level is that this oneness is, in fact, the radical love union between threecompletely distinct “persons” of the Trinity. The three members of the Trinity are not uniform—but quite distinct—and yet onedin total outpouring! If we remain monotheists, we will try to impose a false oneness (uniformity) and never learn to love, honor, and respect diversity. Christianity must return to its Trinitarian foundations to fully rebuild itself from the bottom up.

God is otherness and diversity, a pluriformity. The basic problem of “the one and the many” is overcome in God’s very nature. God is a mystery of relationship,and the truest relationship is love. Infinite Love preserves unique truths, protecting boundaries while simultaneously bridging them. While these two tasks seem initially like opposites, and impossible to reconcile, oneing is God’s essential task and the goal of all authentic spirituality. - Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

***All Our Father…***

***Leader***Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world, who live and die in poverty and pain. Give them today, through our hands, their daily bread and through our understanding love, give peace and joy. **Amen**

Blessed are the poor,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of God.  
Blessed are the hungry,  
for they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they are the children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness and justice,  
for great is their reward.

***Leader***Come, Holy Spirit. We pray that your fruit would be in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

***Leader*** Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.  
***All***   **Through our lives and by our prayers: may your kingdom come!**