## A NEW LITURGY No 2: "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

- Sheet Music -

(1) Bless

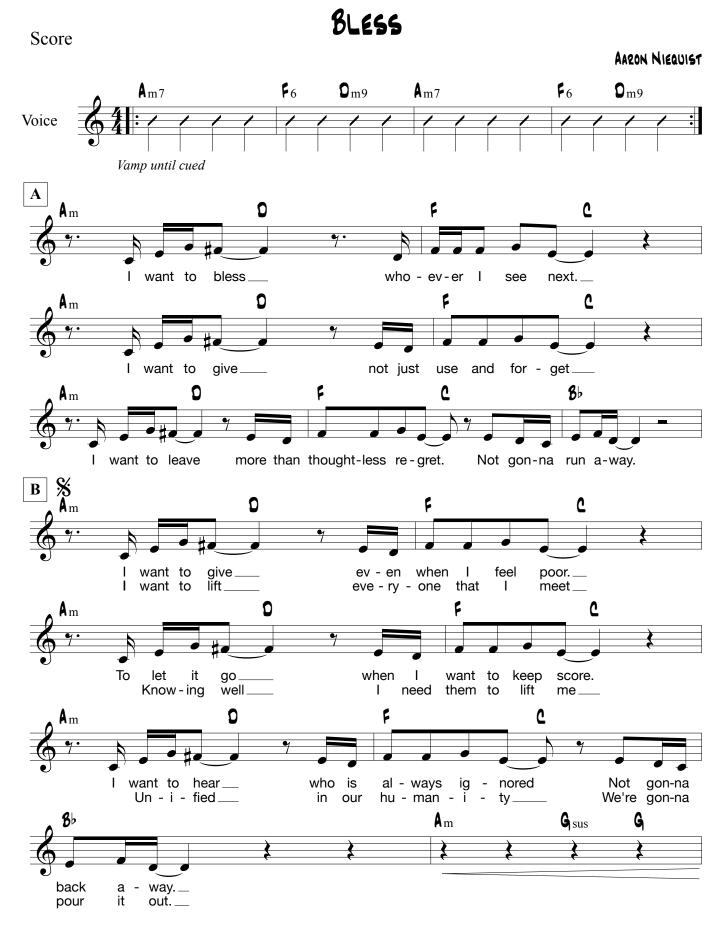
(2) Blessed to Be a Blessing

(3) Changed to Bring Change

(4) Response / St Francis Reading

(5) Love Can Change the World

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## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING spoken word

Sharon Irving

<u>Leader</u>: Like a stone commanding every edge to sharpen, calling every neophyte to plentiful verve and every outcast to a personified priesthood of believers. Hear the cry for freedom, for holy imagination! For an outline without lines and separation from generation to generation, those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

## Congregation: God create in us a holy imagination.

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<u>Leader</u>: May we seek to live one accord - moving along in unison like instruments of a great concert under the direction of a Concert Master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of every son and daughter.

## Congregation: We are connected to a larger story.

Leader: We are blessed to blessing. Dispensing good to others.

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<u>Leader</u>: And we have been loved extravagantly so we could be extenders of extravagant love.

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[1] piano and swells	Am	Am	F	C/E	
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[2] add bass	Am	Am	F	C/E	
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[3] piano and drums	Am		F		
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[4] add bass and swells	Am	F		С	G
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[5] add drum groove	Am	F		С	G
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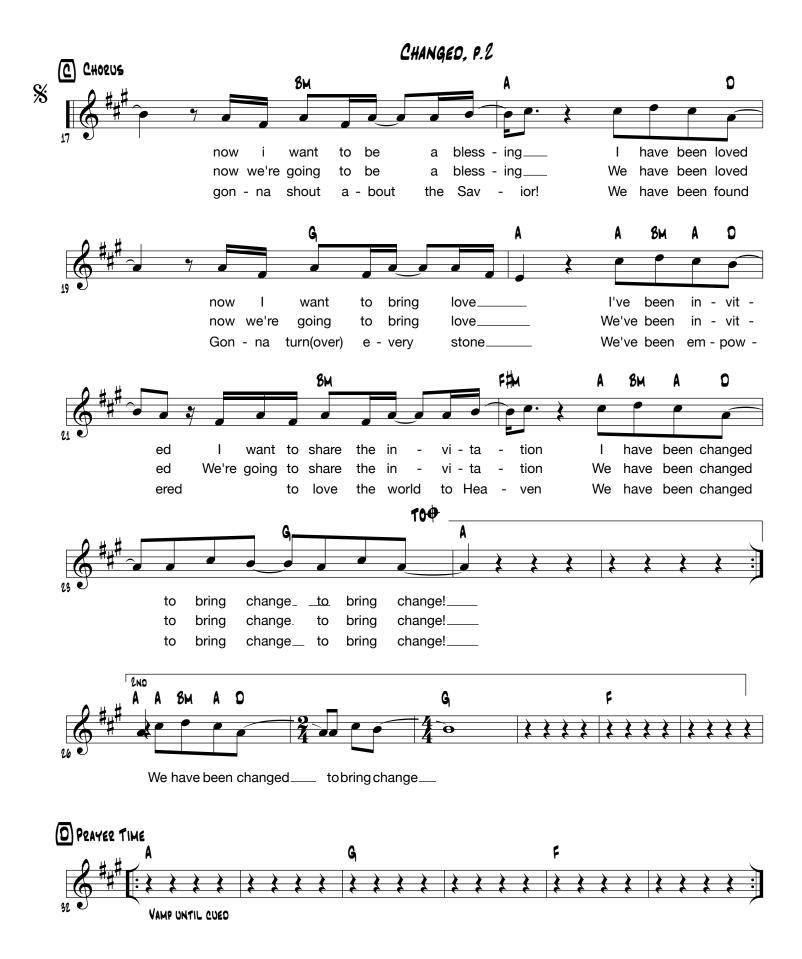
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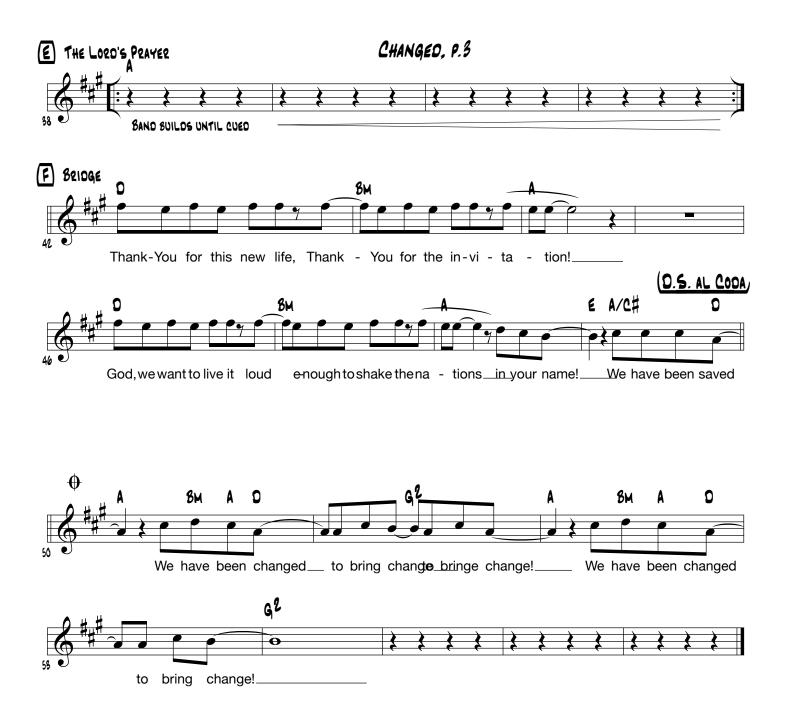
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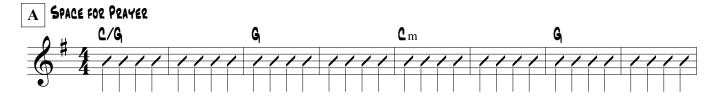


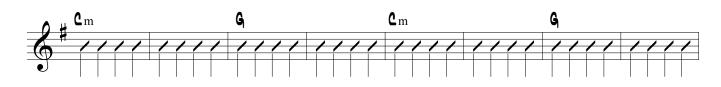


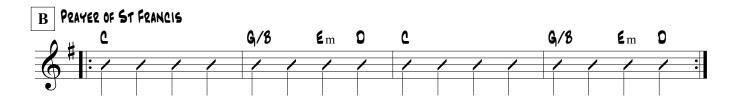


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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi / Bless

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; and where there is sadness, joy.

#### Bless

Aaron Niequist

I want to bless - whoever I see next I want to give - not just use and forget I want to leave - more than thoughtless regret Not gonna run away

I want to give - even when I feel poor To let it go - when I want to keep score I want to hear - who is always ignored Not gonna back away

I'm only a part of the story But wholly a part of the story So I'll take my part in the story Get out of myself Get over myself Get lost in the story of somebody else

> 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. Amen

I want to lift - everyone that I meet Knowing well - I need them to lift me Unified - in our humanity We're gonna pour it out I'm only a part of the story But wholly a part of the story So I'll take my part in the story Get out of myself Get over myself Get out of my fear Give all of myself Get lost in the story of somebody else

Prayer of intention. (Genesis 12:1-3. 2 Corinthians 5:16-19. Corinthians 9:8-12)

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## Changed

Aaron Niequist

In Jesus' name I've been changed, I've been filled, I've been found, I've been freed, I've been saved!

In Jesus' blood I've been loved, I've been cleansed, And redeemed, and released, rearranged

But how can I show You that I'm grateful? You've been so generous to me. How can I worship more than singing? And live out Redemption's melody.

I have been blessed – now I want to be a blessing I have been loved – now I want to bring love I've been invited – I want to share the invitation I have been changed – to bring change, to bring change

In Jesus' name we are changed, we are called, We are chosen, adopted, and named!

In Jesus' blood we are loved, we are healed, We're forgiven and free of our shame!

We want to show You that we're thankful Flooding Your world with hope and peace Help us to worship more than singing Giving Redemption hands and feet

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Four Prayers: Neighbor / Family / Enemy / World

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed is your name Your Kingdom come, Your will be done On Earth as it is in Heaven Your Kingdom come, Your will be done On Earth as it is in Heaven On Earth as it is in Heaven (Matt 6:9-10)

Thank You for this new life, thank You for the invitation! God, we want to live it loud enough to shake the nations – in Your name!

We have been saved – we're going to shout about the Savior We have been found – we're going to turn over every stone We've been empowered – to love the world to Heaven We have been changed – to bring change, to bring change We have been changed – to bring change, to bring change We have been changed – to bring change, to bring change

Prayer of consecration. (space)

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; and where there is sadness, joy.

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## Love Can Change the World

Aaron Niequist

But Love – Love can change the world Oh do we still believe that Love – Love can change the world Oh do we still believe in Love – Love God is Love, our God is Love and Love can change the world Bridges are more beautiful than bombs are Bridges are more beautiful than bombs

An open hand is stronger than a fist is An open hand is stronger than a fist

But Love – Love can change the world Oh do we still believe that Love – Love can change the world Oh do we still believe in Love – Love God is Love, our God is Love and Love can change the world

May we never stop this dreaming Of a better world May we never stop believing In the impossible

(Women: God is love)

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