

They Met to Read the Bible

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They met to read the Bi - ble, they ga - thered for a prayer,
 O God of love and jus - tice, we thank you for the nine.
 We grieve a wound - ed cul - ture where fear and ter - ror thrive,
 God, may we keep on sow - ing the seeds of jus - tice here,

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they wor - shiped God and shared with friends and wel - comed strang - ers there.
 They served in their com - mun - i - ties and made the world more kind.
 where some hate oth - ers for their race and guns are glor - i - fied.
 till guns are si - lent, peo - ple sing, and hope re - pla - ces fear.

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They went to church to speak of love, to cel - e - brate God's grace.
 They preached and sang and coached and taught, and cared for child - ren, too.
 We grieve for sons and daugh - ters lost, for grand - mas who are gone.
 May seeds of un - der - stand - ing grow and flour - ish all our days.

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O Lord, we trem - ble when we hear what hap - pened in that place.
 They blessed your church and blessed your world with gifts they used for you.
 O God, we cry with bro - ken hearts: this can't con - ti - nue on!
 May jus - tice, love and mer - cy be the ban - ner that we raise.