

*“Be still,  
and know  
that I am  
God.”*

*Ps. 46:10*

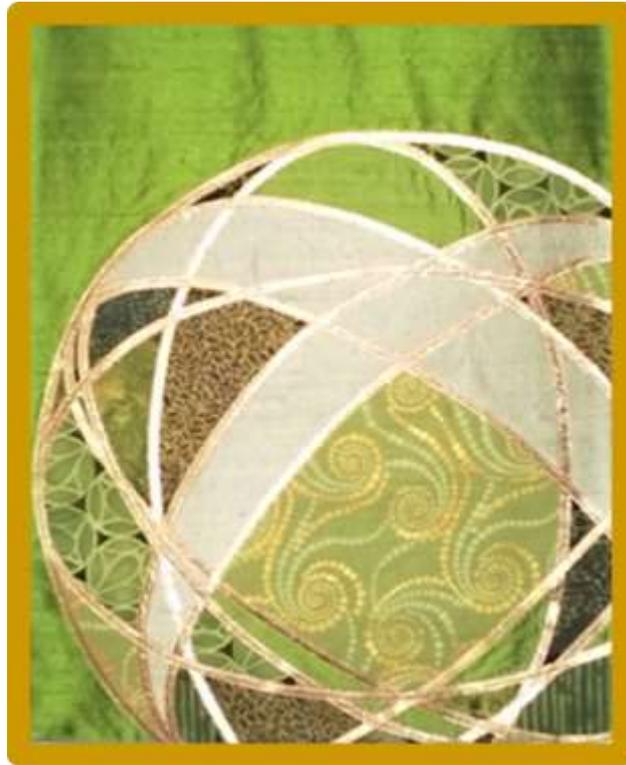




***Welcome to  
Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church***

***Sunday, August 28, 2022 9:00 am***

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# + GATHERING +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*



*Welcome*

# **Gather Us In**

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**1.**

**Here in this place  
the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space  
our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you  
in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in,  
the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in,  
the blind and the lame;  
call to us now,  
and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise  
at the sound of our name.**

**2.**

**We are the young,  
our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old  
who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung  
throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light  
to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in,  
the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in,  
the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart,  
so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage  
to enter the song.**

**4.**

**Not in the dark  
of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven,  
light years away-  
here in this place  
the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom,  
and now is the day.**

**Gather us in  
and hold us forever,  
gather us in  
and make us your own;  
gather us in,  
all peoples together,  
fire of love in  
our flesh and our bone.**

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

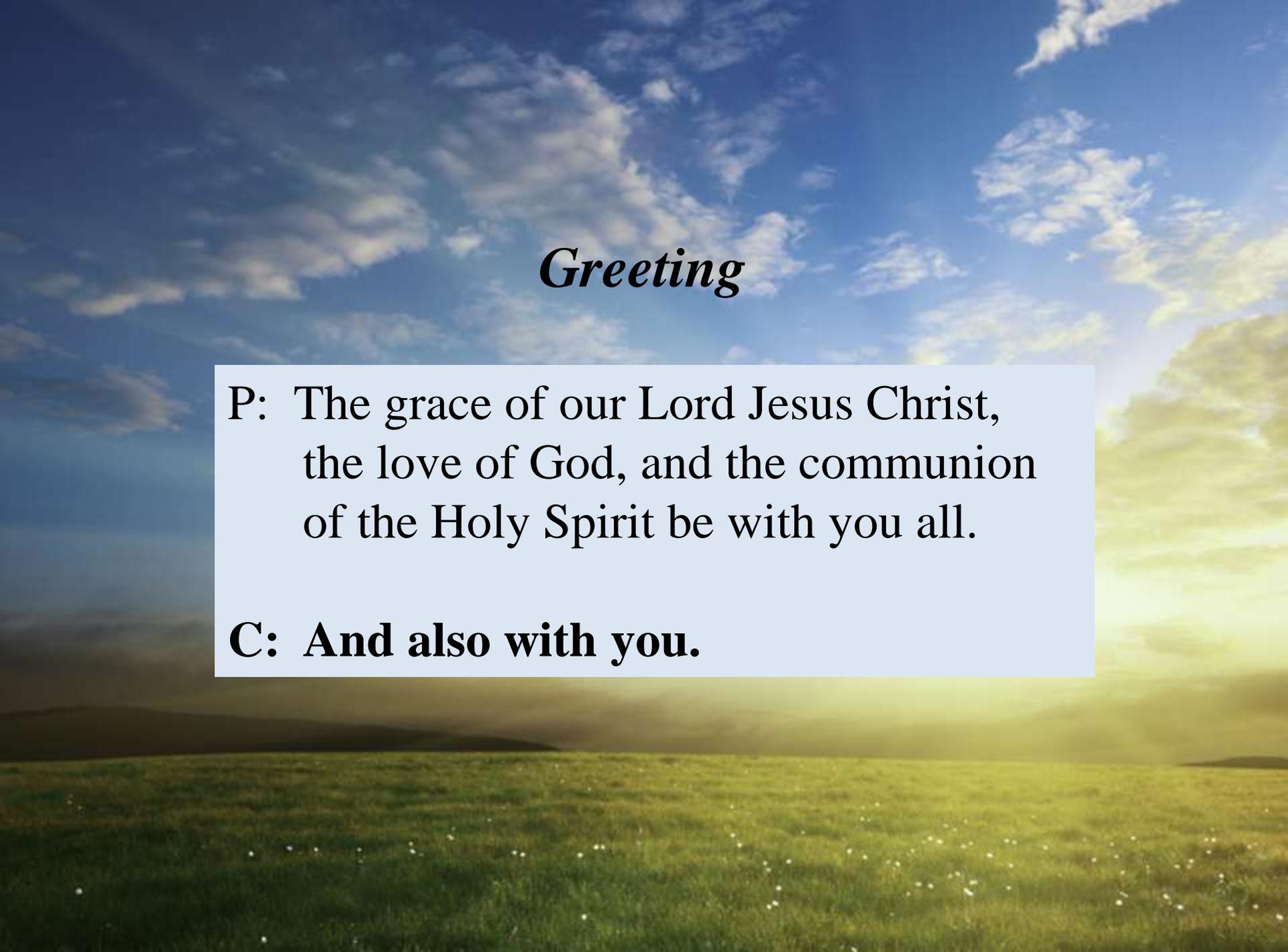
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

**P:** Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**



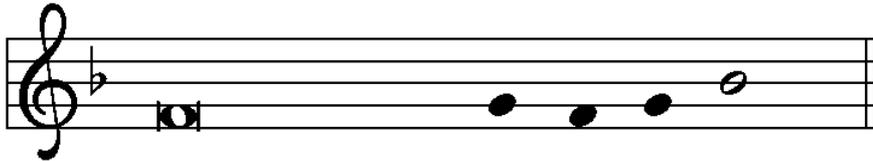
## *Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie

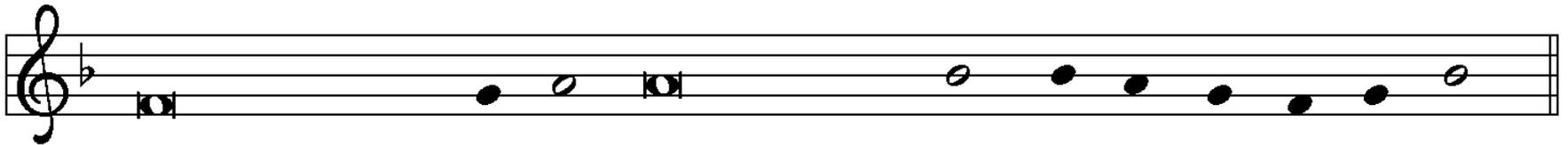
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



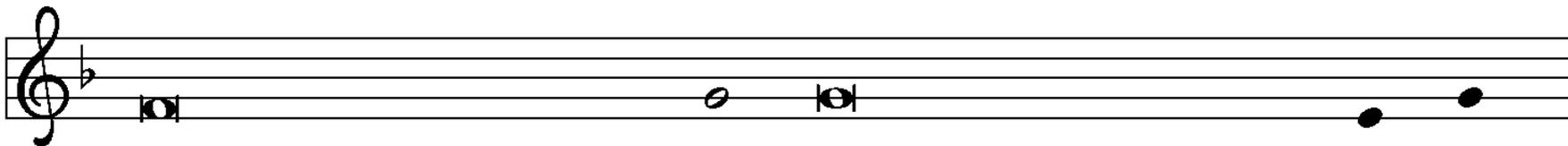
Lord, have mer - cy.



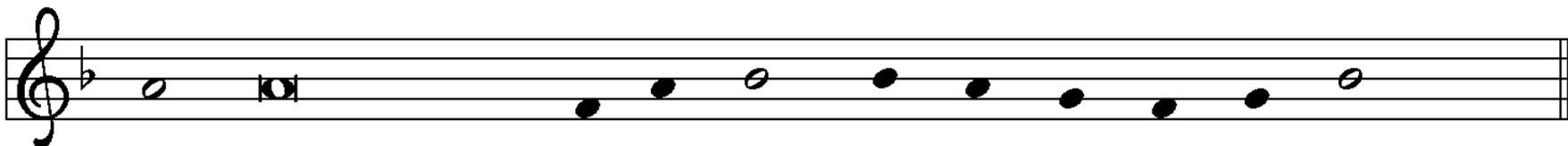
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



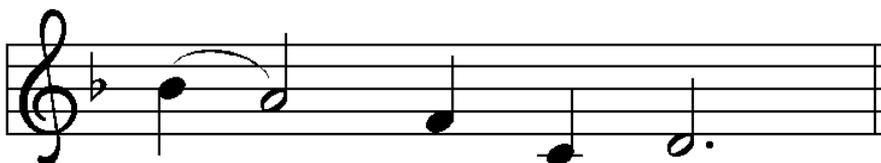
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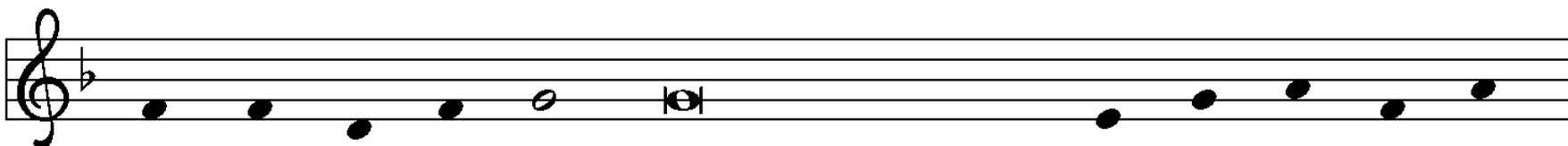
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



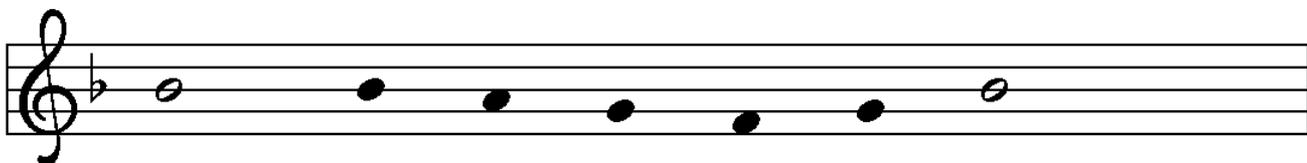
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



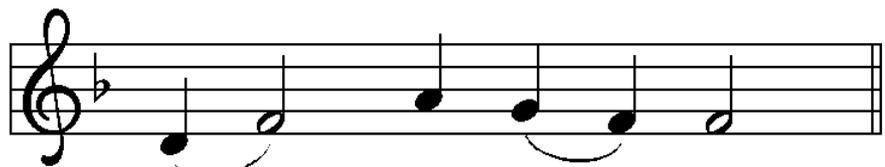
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



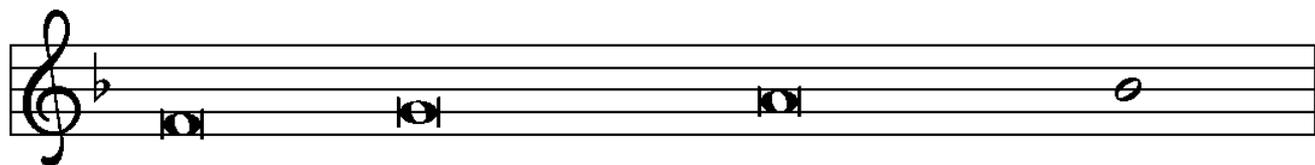
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

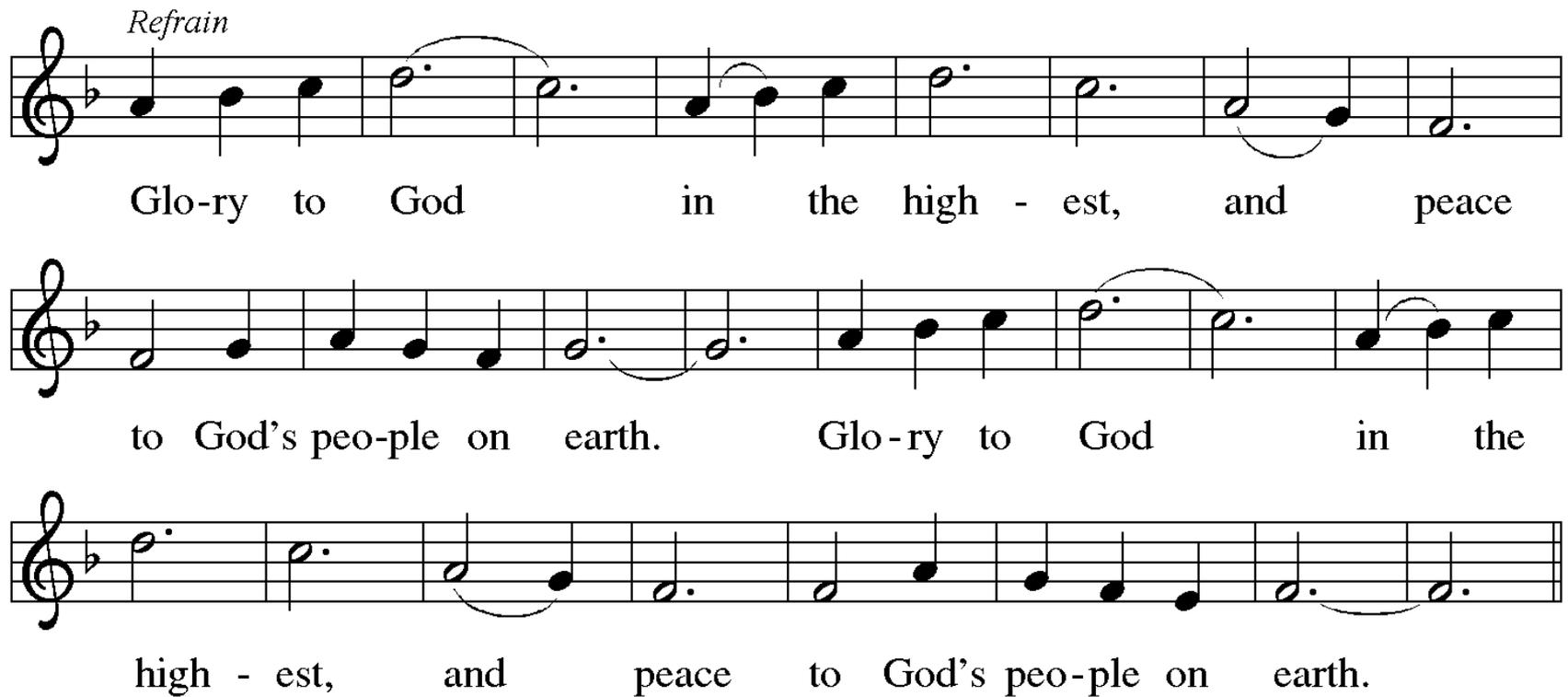


A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

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*Refrain*



The image shows three staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*

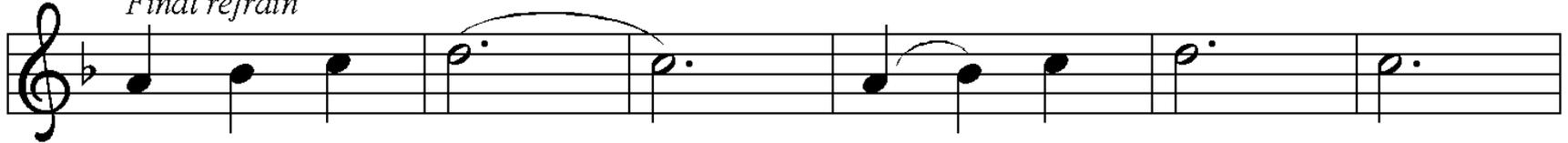


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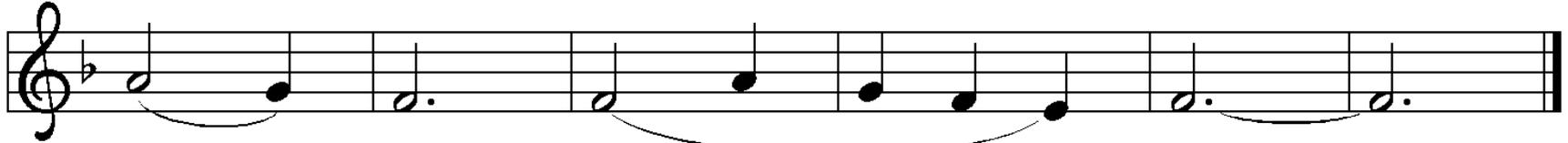


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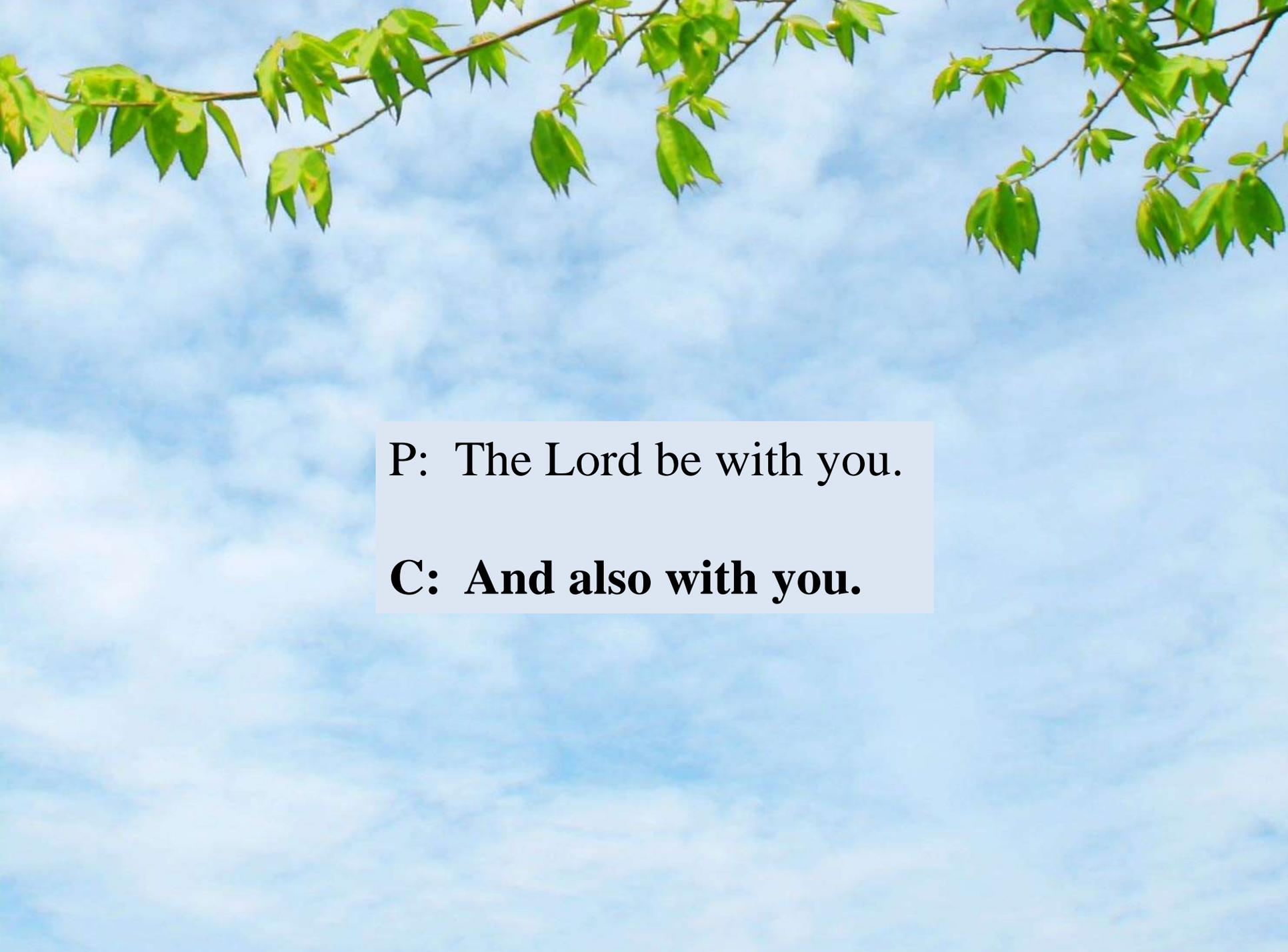
*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

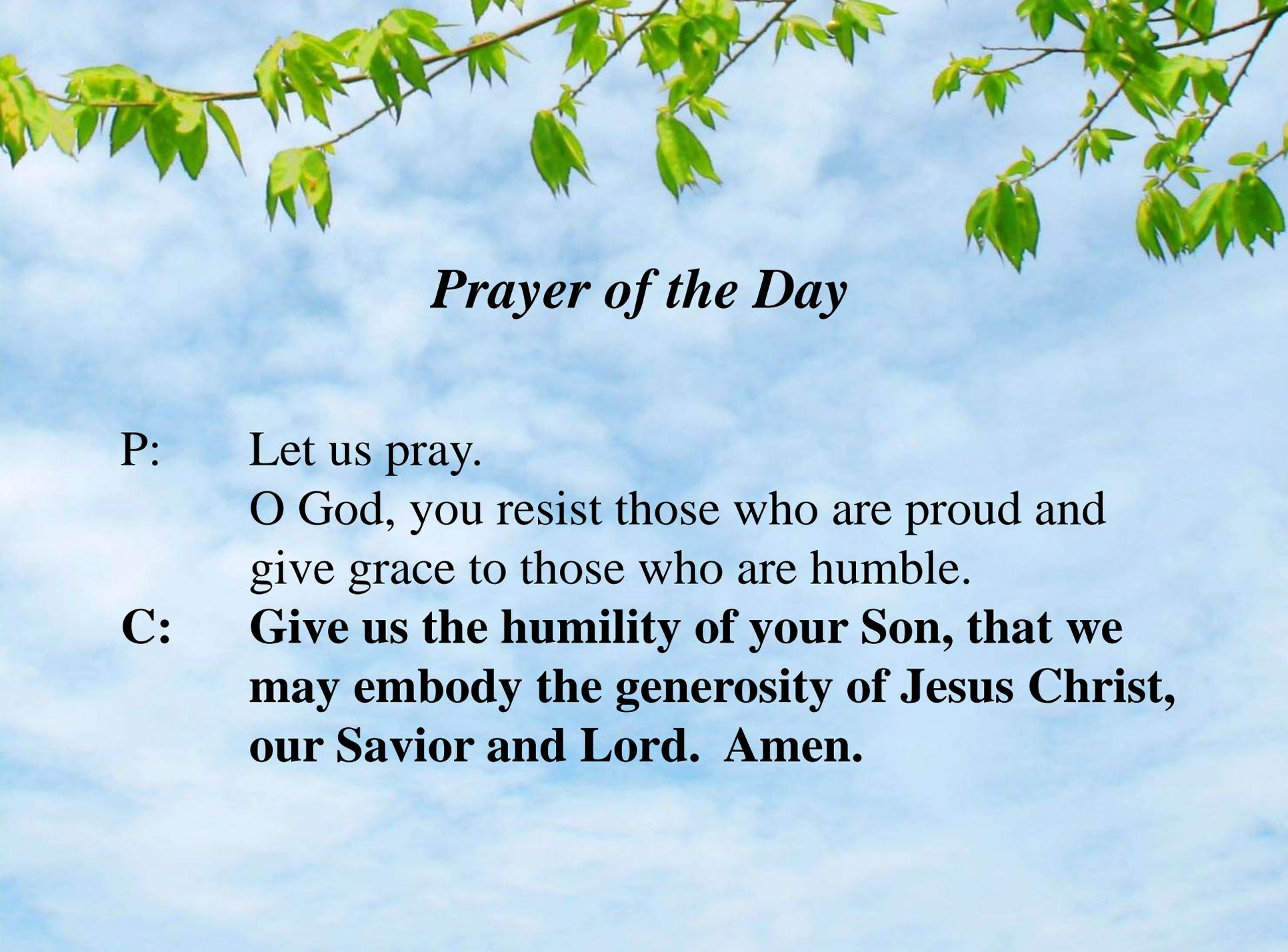


A - men, a - men.



P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

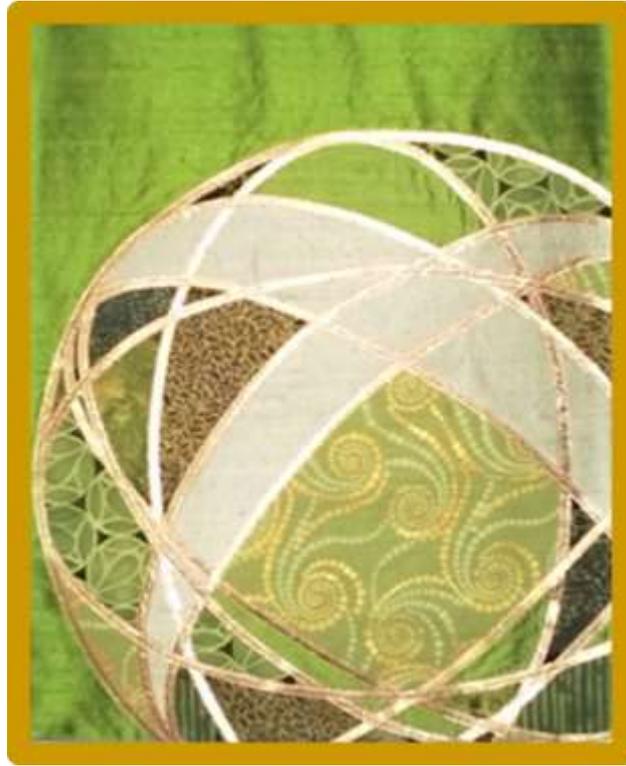


## *Prayer of the Day*

P: Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.

**C: Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



+ **WORD** +

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13**

*God, who has been faithful in leading Israel through the wilderness into a good land, calls upon the heavens to witness the incredible foolishness of a people who, under the flawed leadership of priests, rulers, and prophets, willingly abandon God's life-giving water for leaky cisterns.*

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob,  
and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus  
says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became  
worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup>They did not say, “Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?”

<sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, “Where is the LORD?”

Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the LORD,

and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,

<sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 81:1, 10-16

L: <sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.

C: <sup>10</sup>**“I am the LORD your God, who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt.**

**Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.

C: <sup>12</sup>**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of  
their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.**

L: <sup>13</sup>Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**C: <sup>14</sup>I would quickly subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.**

L: <sup>15</sup>Those who hate the LORD would cringe in  
fear, and their punishment would last forever.

**C: <sup>16</sup>But I would feed you with the finest wheat  
and satisfy you with honey from the rock.”**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

<sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# *Kids' Time*



# What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus?

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**What does it mean to follow Jesus?  
What does it mean to go his way?  
What does it mean to do what he wants me to,  
Every day?**

**I can love my neighbor, just as Jesus said.**

**I can help my brother, see that he is fed.**

**I can show my sister kindness and care.**

**I can show my friends  
that I know how to share.**

**What does it mean to follow Jesus?  
What does it mean to go his way?  
What does it mean to do what he wants me to,  
Every day?**

**I can say I'm sorry when I've done some wrong.  
I can sing his praises in both words and song.  
I'll be friends with others who aren't like me.  
They belong to Jesus: we all do, you see.**

**What does it mean to follow Jesus?  
What does it mean to go his way?  
What does it mean to do what he wants me to,  
Every day?**

# *Gospel Acclamation*

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel  
according to St. Luke,  
the fourteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

<sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

<sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him,  
“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not  
invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives  
or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in  
return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you  
give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed,  
because they cannot repay you, for you will be  
repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

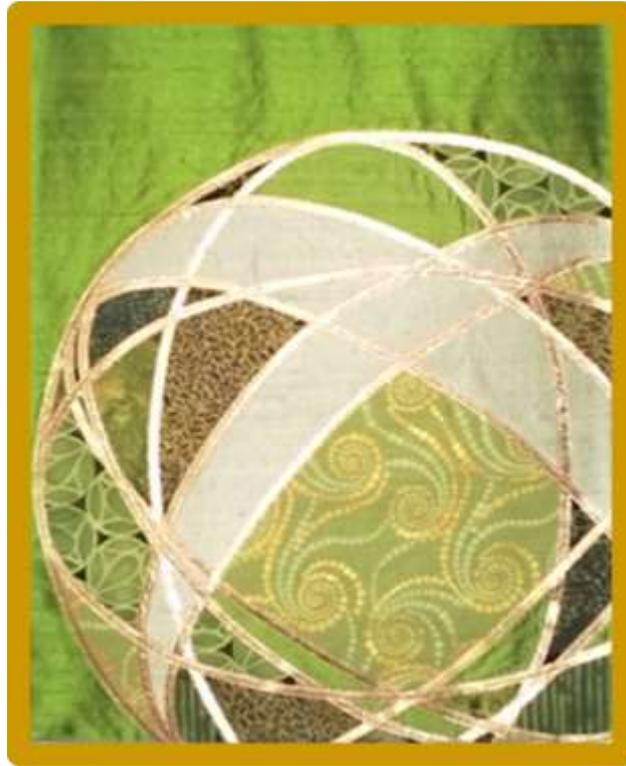
P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*“Remembering Who We Are”*





**+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +**

# **This Little Light Of Mine**

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- 1. This little light of mine,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
this little light of mine,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



**2.**

**Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



**3.**

**Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



## **A New Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

*Offering*



# Praise and Thanksgiving

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**3. Father, providing  
food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding  
teach us to share  
one with another,  
so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others  
may know your care.**

**4.**

**Then will your blessing  
reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing  
your gracious hand.**

**Where you are reigning,  
no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining  
showers the land.**

## *Offering Prayer*

- P:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
- C:** **Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**P:** Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**P:** Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

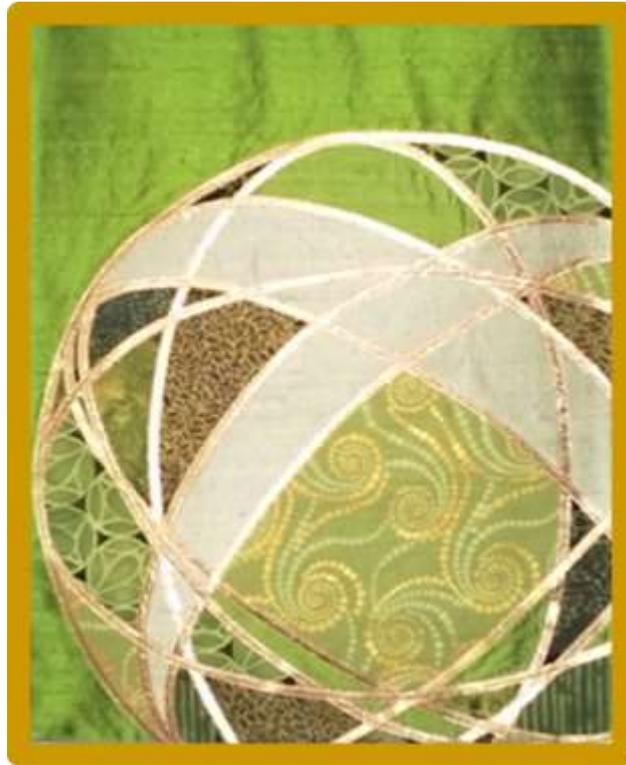
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# + **SENDING** +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## *Benediction*

**P:** The God of peace,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C:** **Amen.**



***Announcements***



# Wednesday School is back!

Classes start on Wednesday, September 14  
from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm.



There will be pre-registration  
on Sunday, September 11  
as well as on the first day  
of Wednesday School.

An online registration also  
is available.



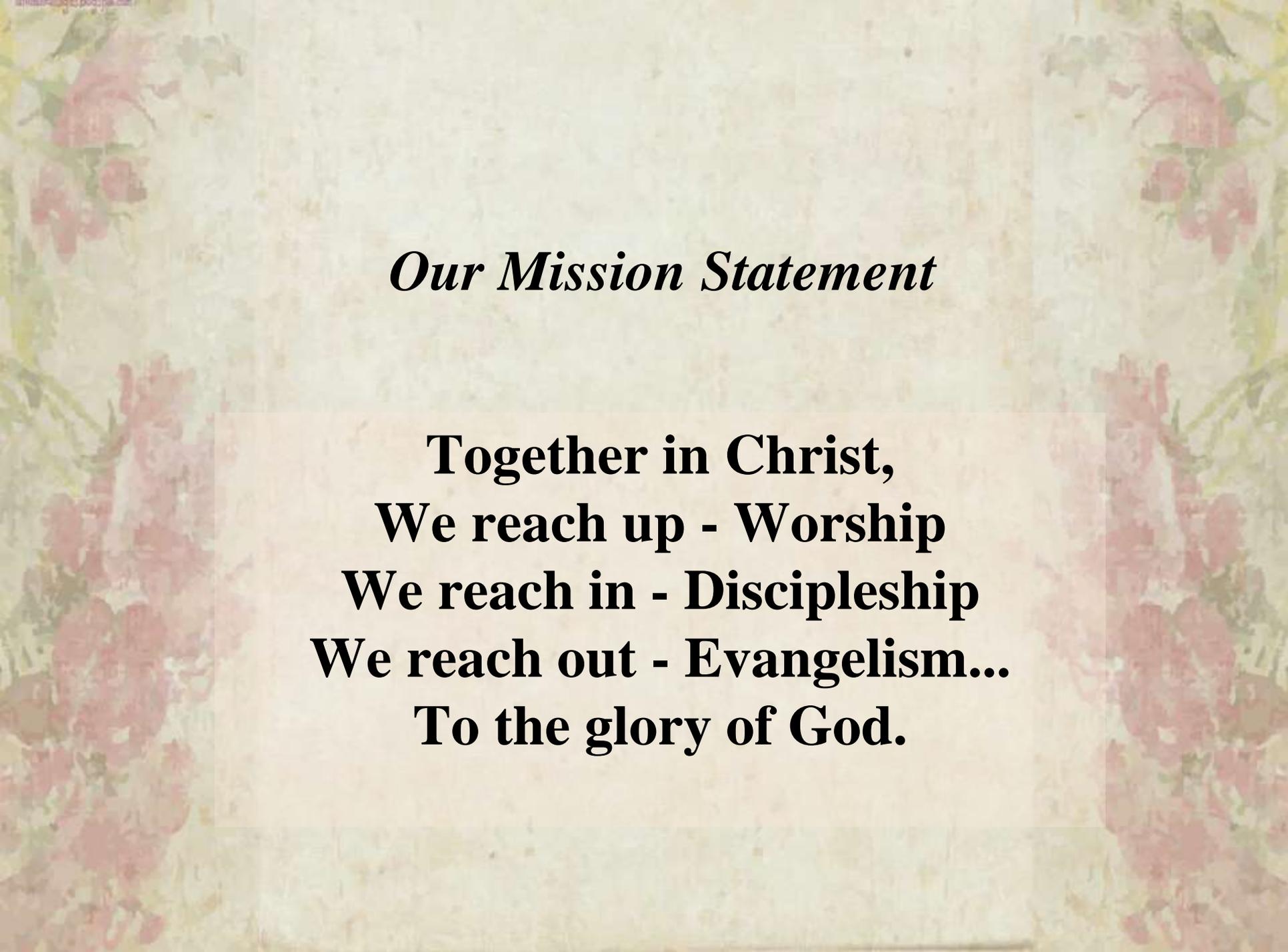
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



Sept. 11, 2022

**Get  
Ready!**



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*Our Mission Statement*

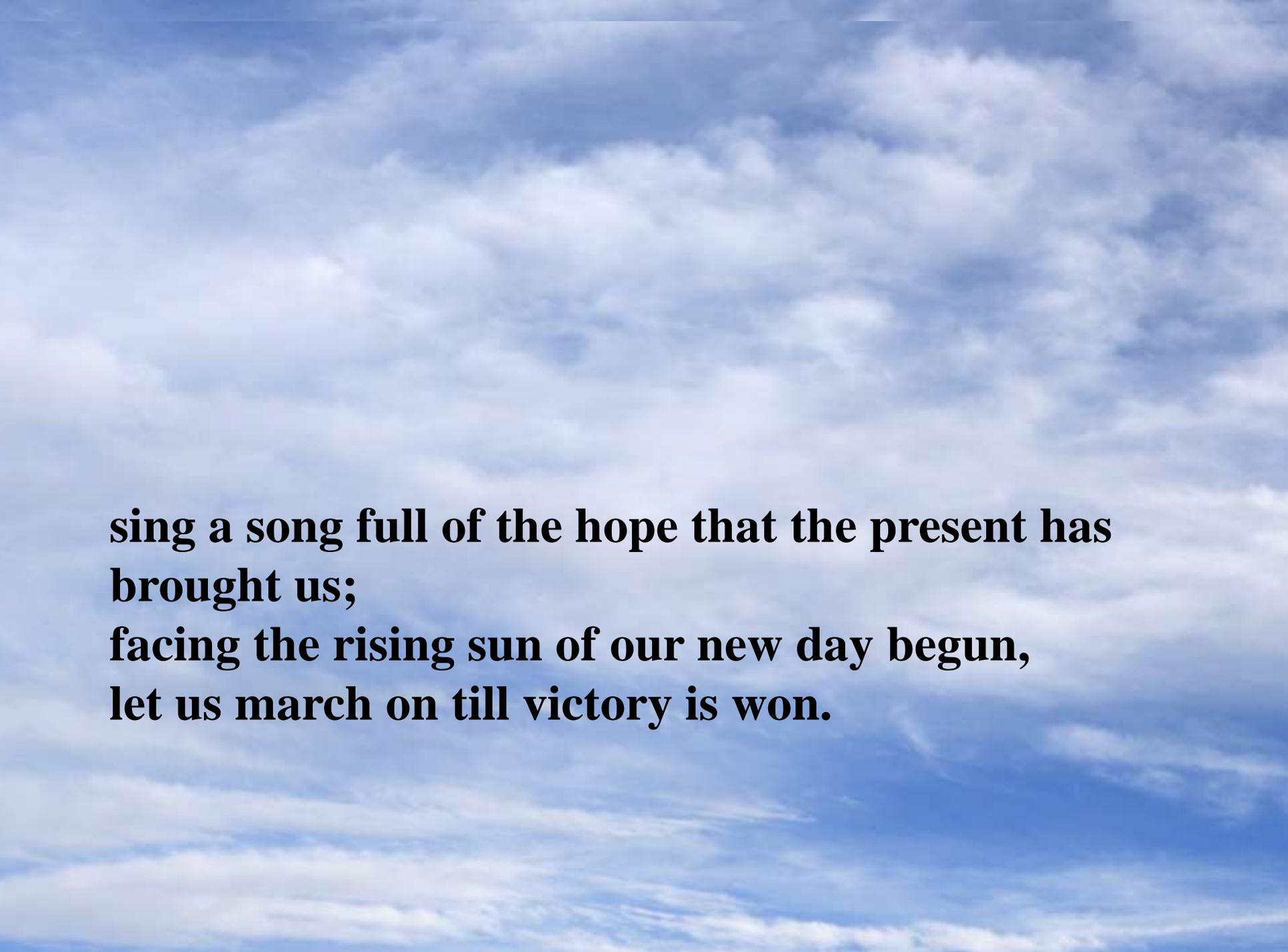
**Together in Christ,  
We reach up - Worship  
We reach in - Discipleship  
We reach out - Evangelism...  
To the glory of God.**

# **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

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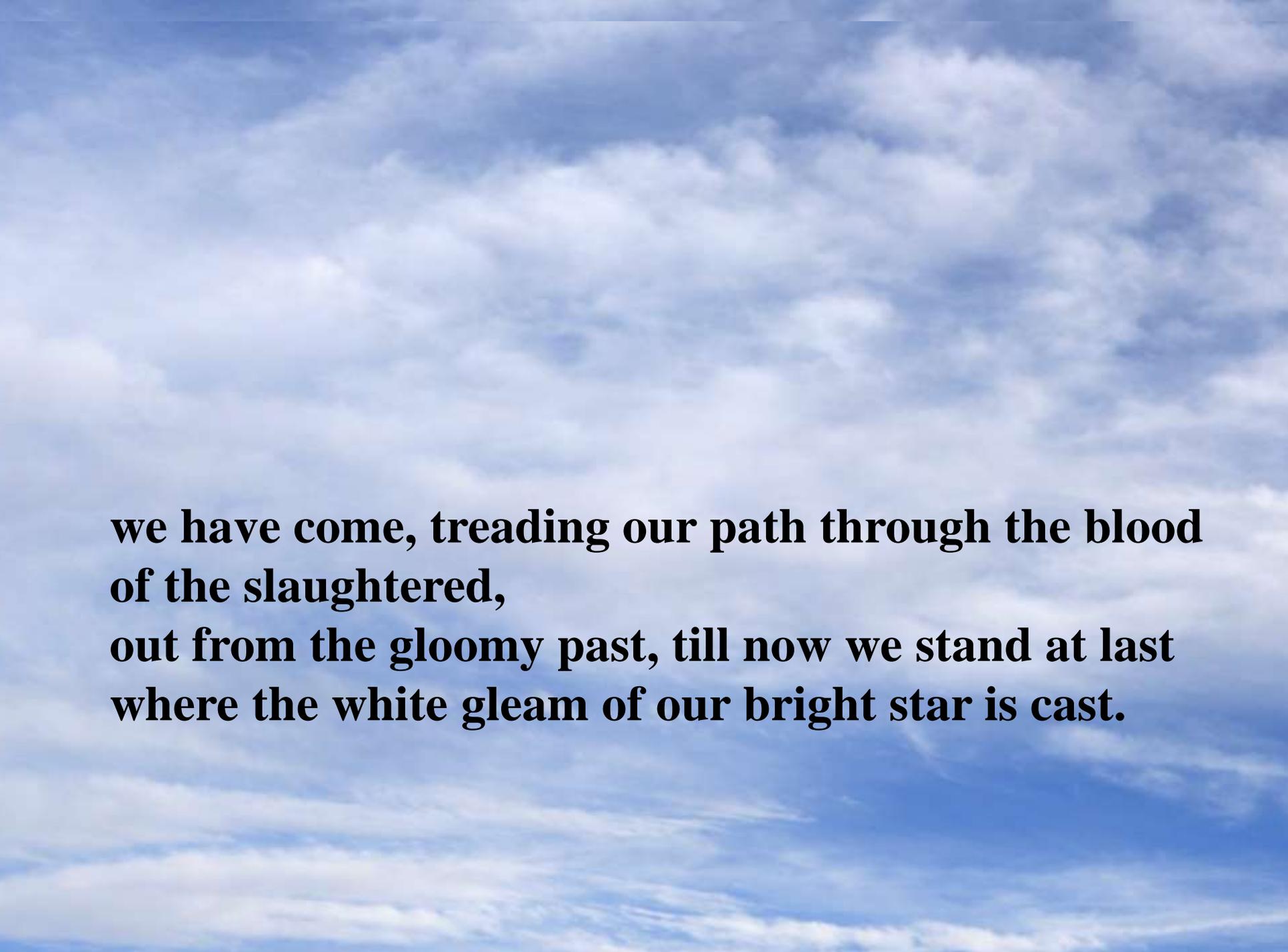
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- 1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
taught us;**



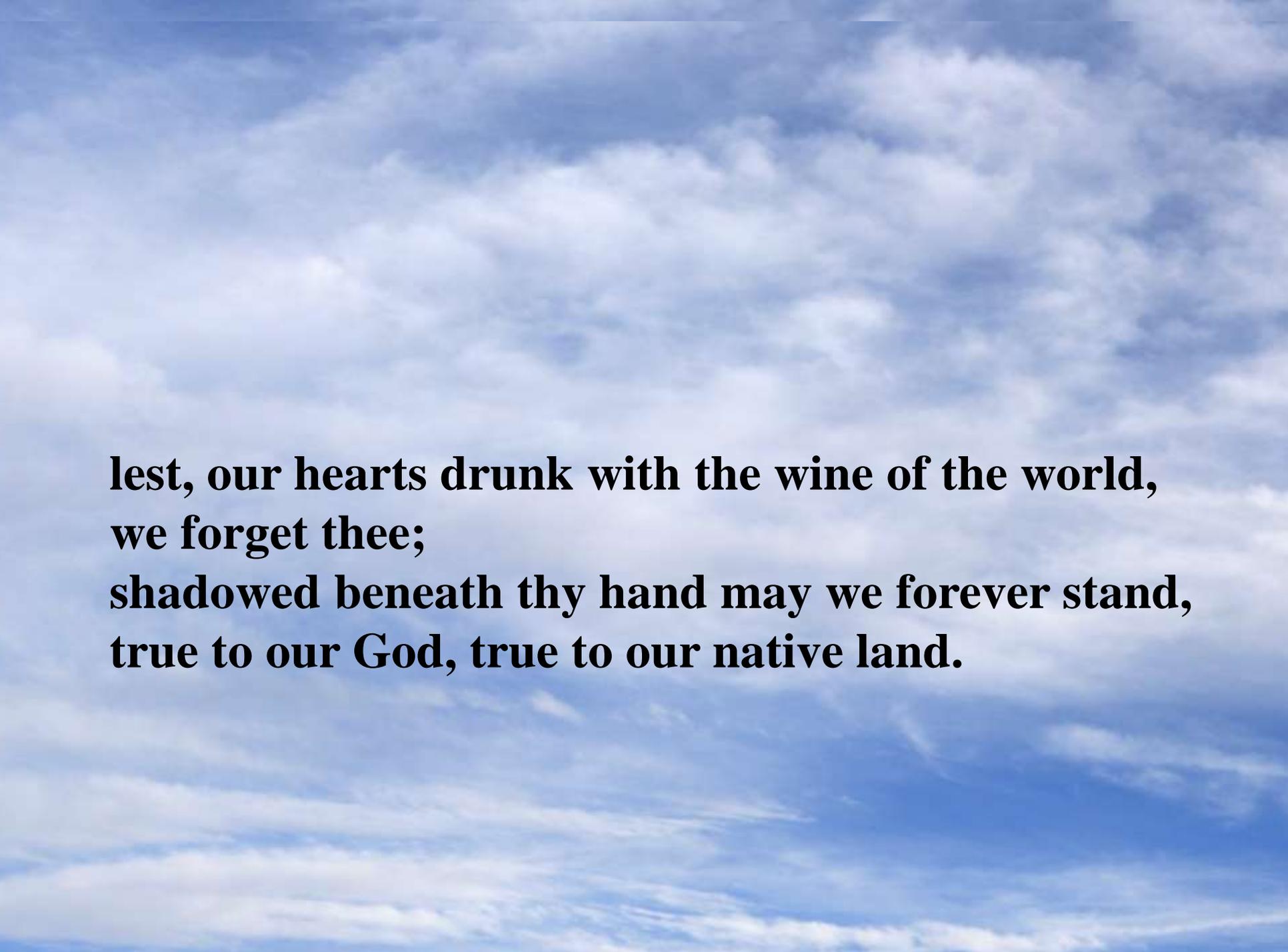
**sing a song full of the hope that the present has  
brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears  
has been watered;**

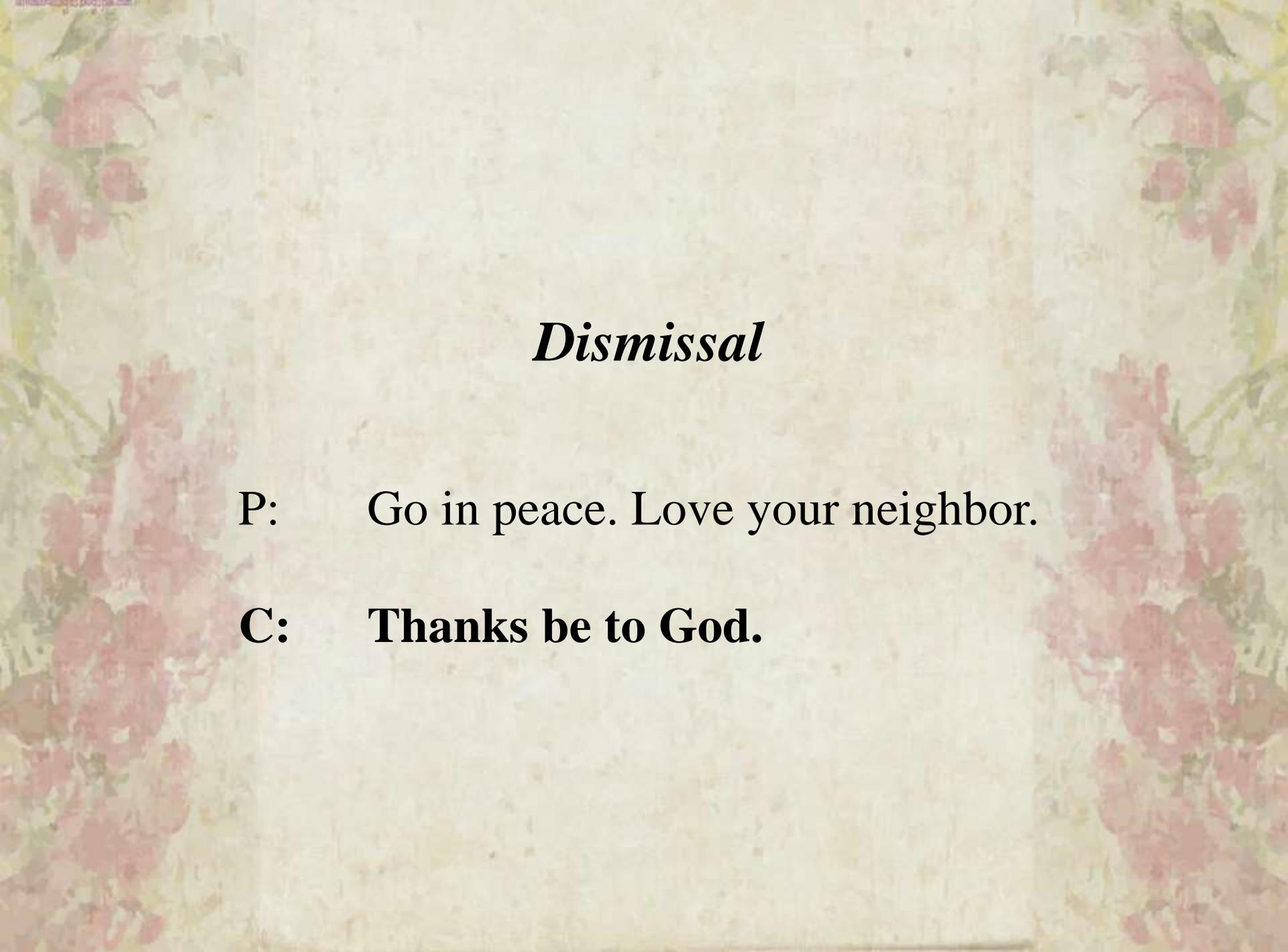


**we have come, treading our path through the blood  
of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met thee;**



**lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,  
we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**



*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us today!*

*May God  
Bless You!*

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