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# **MORNING PRAYER**

Saturday in the Third Week of Easter

May 3, 2025 ✠ 8:30 AM

Marriott Melville Long Island

# OPENING

*The assembly stands.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

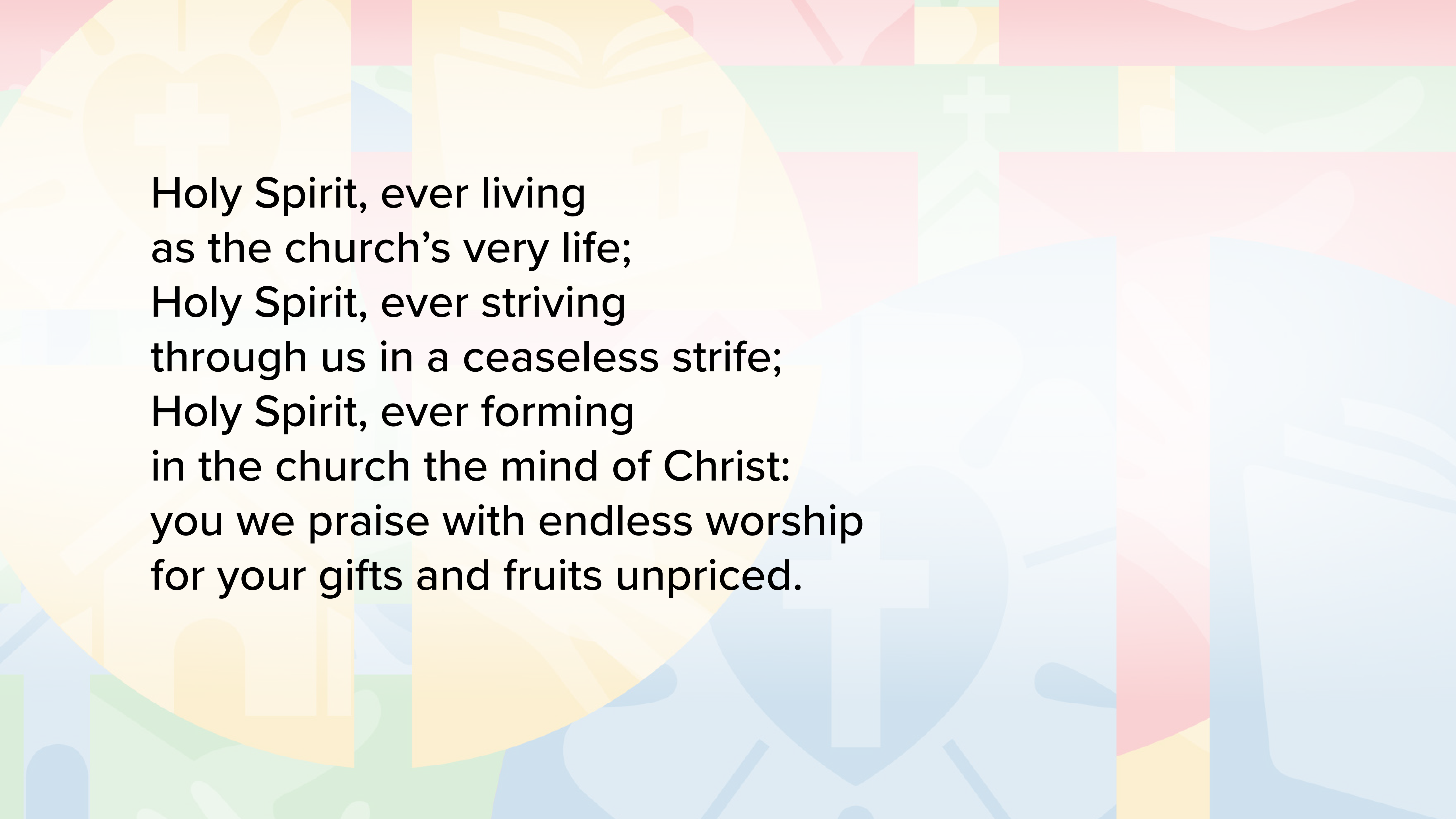
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
**that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

**Alleluia!**

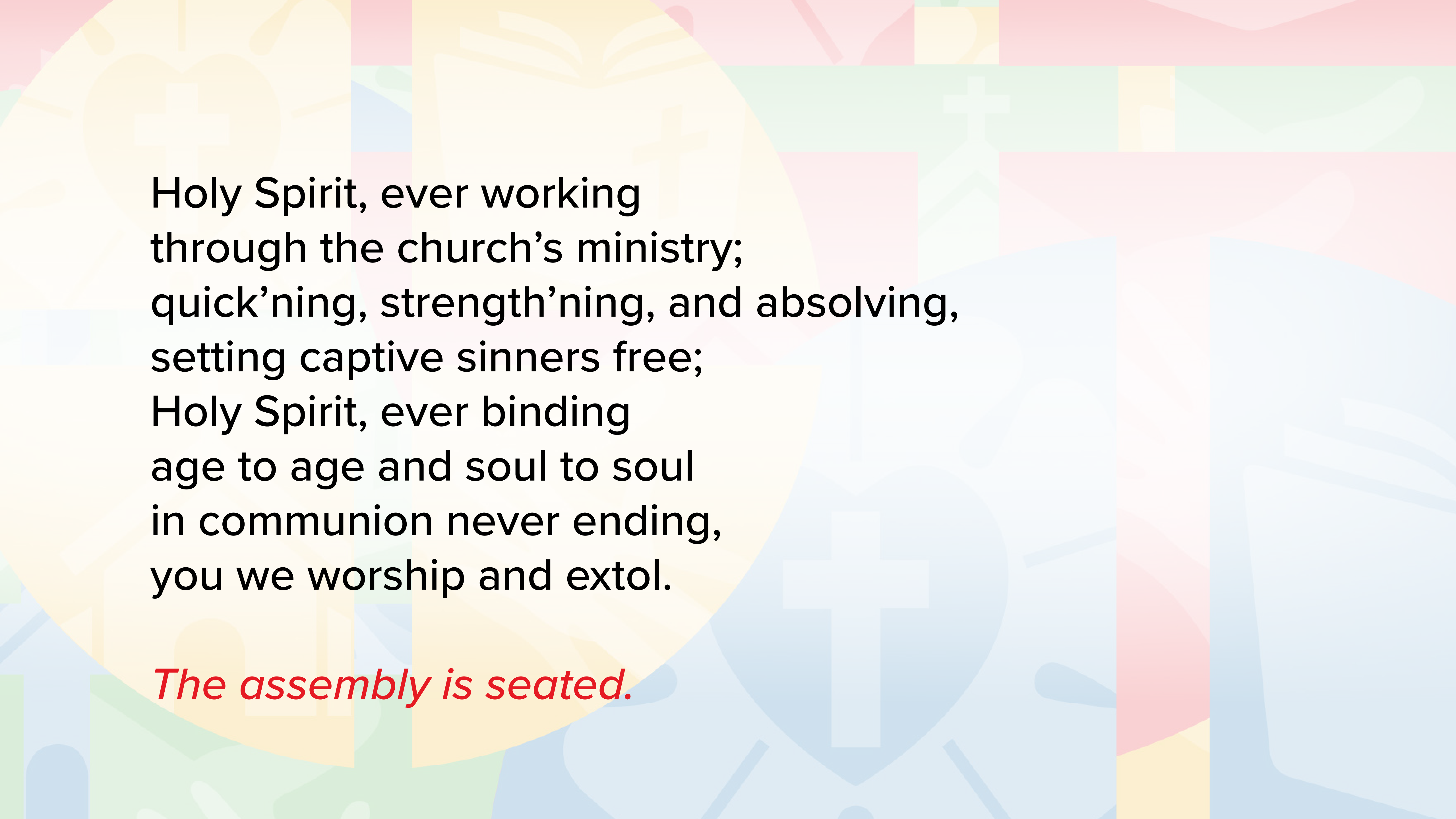
# HYMN

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.



Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.





Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **READING ✠ 1 KINGS 19:9B-13**

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”



*Silence for reflection.*

You have been born anew  
**through the living and abiding word of God.**

# PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God, you ask us, “What are you doing here?”

We come together to elect a bishop.  
Guide our discernment, build up your church;  
may we heed your call to us in these still moments.



We come together to give thanks for all you give us.

Especially we thank you—

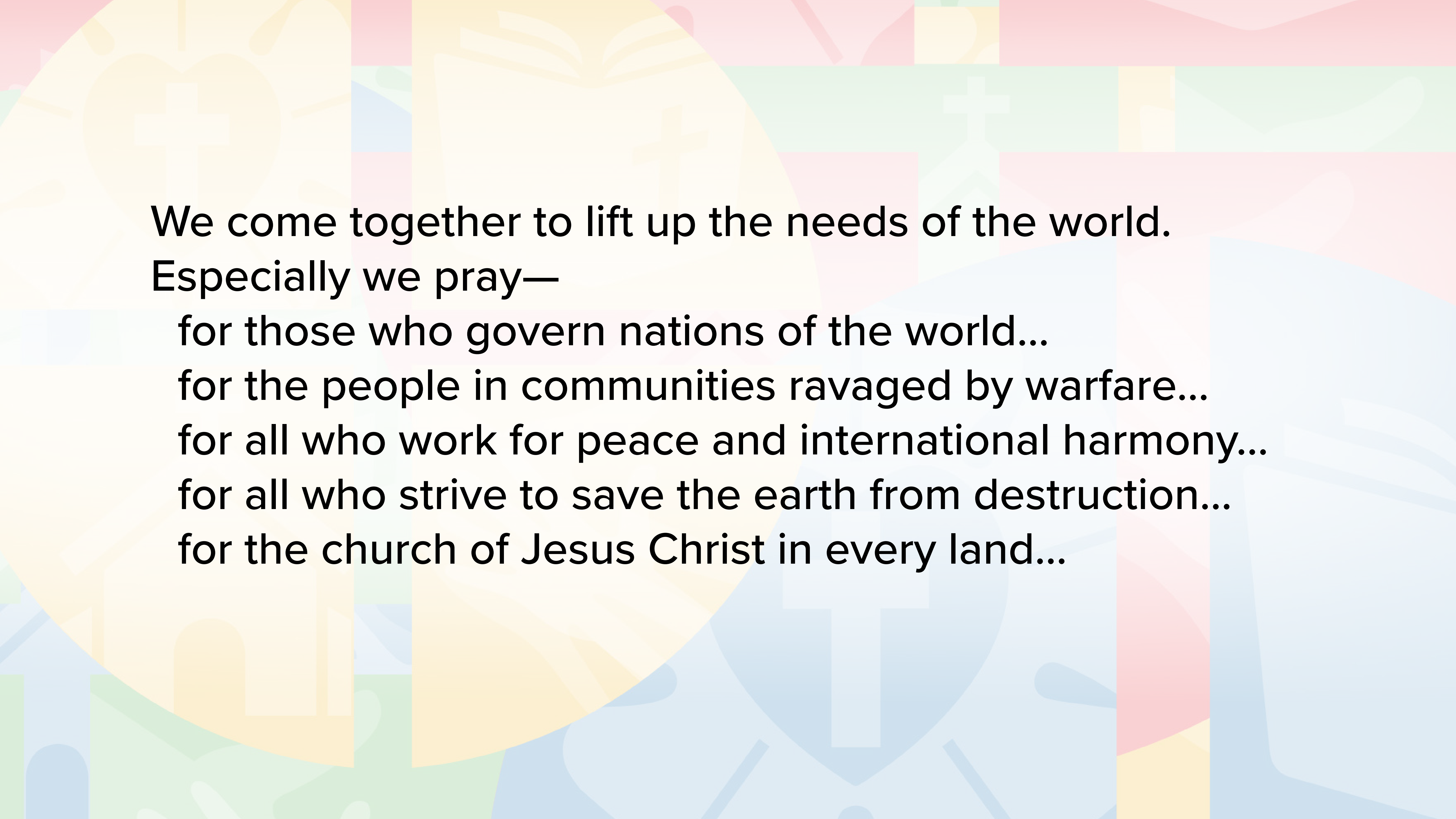
for the sustaining goodness of your creation...

for the new creation in Christ...

for the gifts of healing and forgiveness...

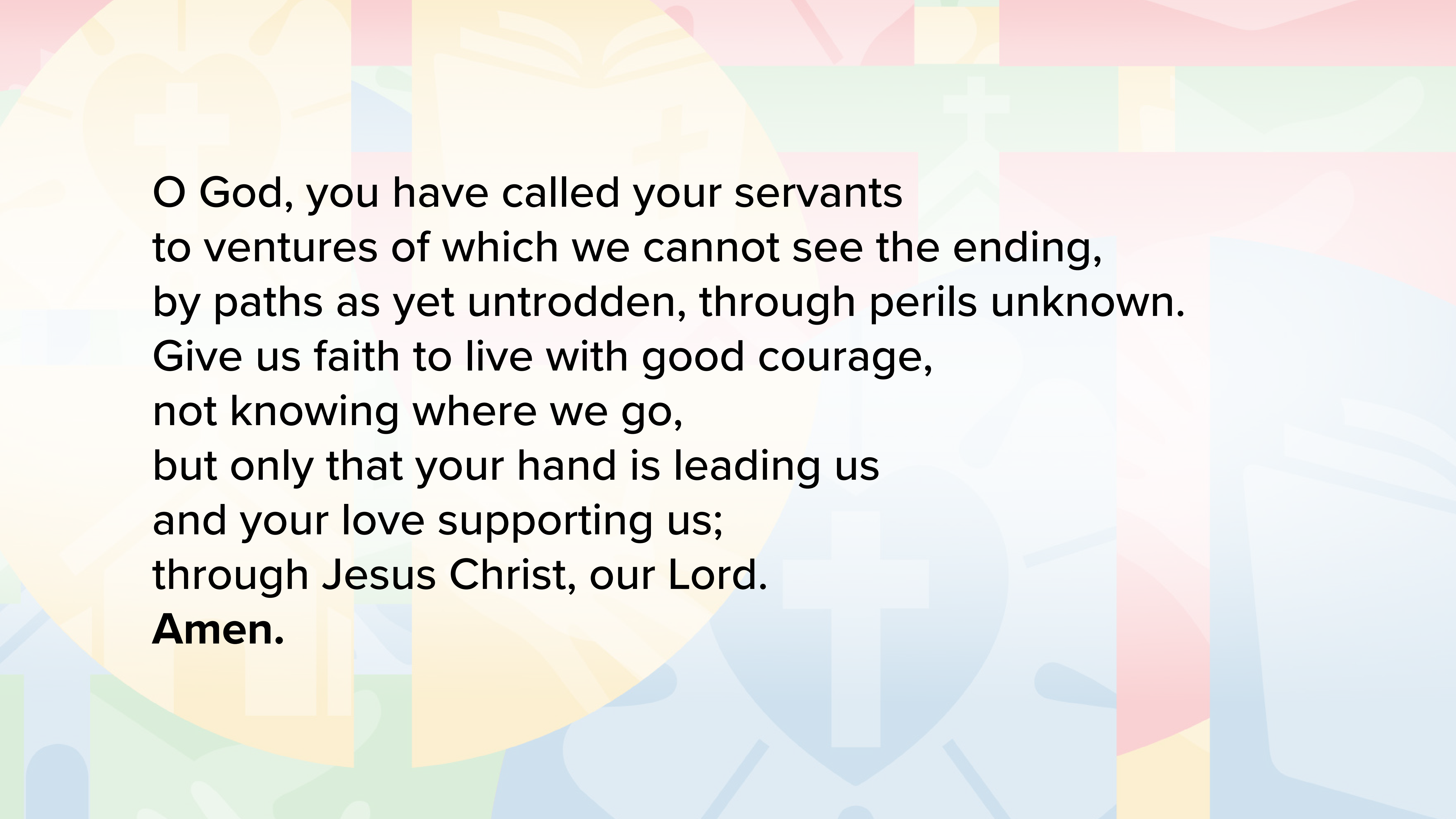
for the gifts of relationship with others...

for the communion of faith in your church...



We come together to lift up the needs of the world.  
Especially we pray—  
for those who govern nations of the world...  
for the people in communities ravaged by warfare...  
for all who work for peace and international harmony...  
for all who strive to save the earth from destruction...  
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land...





O God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to live with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and guide our footsteps.  
**Amen.**



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