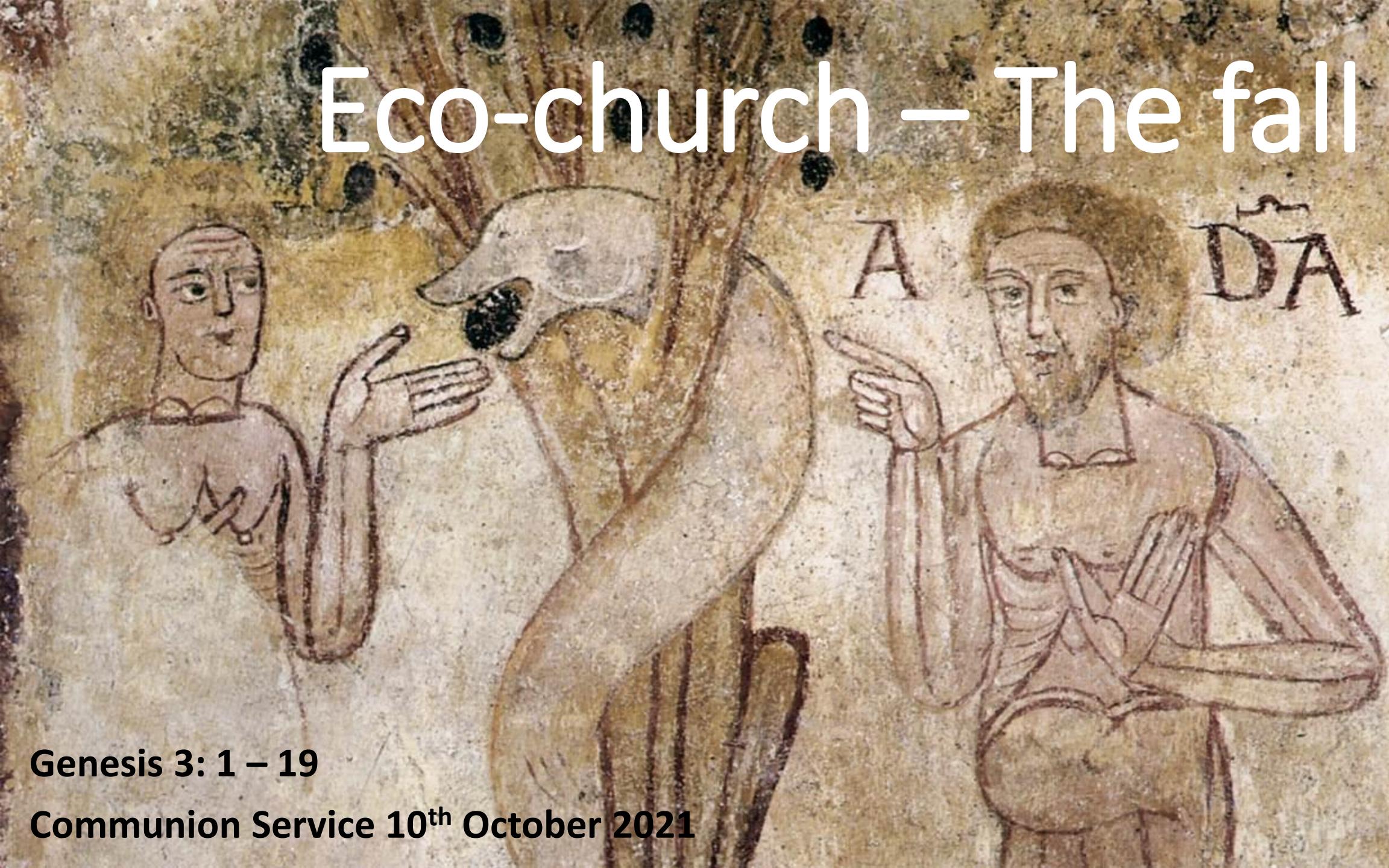


# Eco-church – The fall



Genesis 3: 1 – 19

Communion Service 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

# Welcome and notices

- Music group meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 19:30 @ church
- Stewards for Lightshow 31<sup>st</sup> October – see Mark

# Call to worship

We worship with Christians near  
and far,  
living and departed,  
old and young,  
rich and poor.

**God's Word of hope is for every  
one of us.**

**May it be a lamp to our feet and  
a light to our path.**

# There's a time



There's a time to laugh  
And a time to cry;  
There's a time to mourn  
And a time to shout for joy.  
There's a time to gather in  
And a time to give away;  
For a season we may sow in tears,  
Longing for the harvest day.

But it's always the time to worship You,  
And it's always the time  
To give our thanks to You.  
We will praise Your name,  
Jesus, faithful and true,  
'Cause it's always the time to worship You,  
Always the time.

There's a time for peace  
And a time for war;  
There's a time to rend  
And a time to mend what's torn.  
There's a time to fight for good  
And a time for love's embrace;  
For a season we may sacrifice  
For the sake of brighter days.

But it's always the time to worship You,  
And it's always the time  
To give our thanks to You.  
We will praise Your name,  
Jesus, faithful and true,  
'Cause it's always the time to worship You,  
Always the time.

There are many things in these  
troubled times that can fill us with  
distress,

But when our eyes are on You,  
Jesus,

Then our hearts remain at rest. X2



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# God, you have done great things



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God, you have done great things  
God, You give grace to the weak,  
And bless the broken-hearted  
with a song of praise to sing.  
You reached down and lifted us up,  
You came running, looking for us.  
And now there's nothing,  
and no one beyond Your love.

You're the overflow,  
You're the fountain of my heart,  
So let Your mercy rain,  
let Your mercy rain on us.

You're the faithful One  
when the world's falling apart.  
So let Your mercy rain,  
let Your mercy rain on us.

How deep, how wide,  
how long, how high  
Is Your love, is Your love.  
How deep, how wide,  
how long, how high  
Is Your love, is Your love, O God.

# Opening prayer

Lord speak to us

**That we may hear your Word.**

Move among us

**That we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers

**That we may learn to trust you.**

**Amen.**

# Confession

‘For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace’  
(Romans 3:23-24).

Let us pray to the Lord for  
forgiveness.

Forgive us, Father, that we are  
often more willing to accept  
forgiveness than to forgive;

# Assurance of pardon

The Lord is merciful and kind, full of compassion and love. Receive his pardon, that you may be cleansed from all your sins. Receive his peace, that you may serve the Lord with joy and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Offertory prayer

Abundant God, we offer you  
these gifts in gratitude for your  
steadfast guidance in our lives.

We pray that these resources will  
provide ministries to the

suffering, food to the hungry,  
hope to the poor, and a spiritual  
presence to the needy. In the  
name of the one who suffered for  
our sake, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

# Prayer for Sunday Club

# All my days

All my days I will sing this song of  
gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of  
delights;

For in my helplessness You heard  
my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down  
on my life.



I will trust in the cross of my  
Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never  
fails;



Of sins forgiven, of conscience  
cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life  
without end.

Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful  
Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.



Star of the Morning, glorious in  
holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's  
Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.



I long to be where the praise is  
never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory  
never fades;

Where countless worshippers will  
share one song,  
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honour  
the Lamb!



Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful  
Counsellor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.



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Star of the Morning, glorious in  
holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's  
Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.



# Genesis 3: 1 - 19

Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden”? ’

2 The woman said to the snake, ‘We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, “You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.”’

4 ‘You will not certainly die,’ the snake said to the woman. 5 ‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’ 10 He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.’



11 And he said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?’

12 The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’ 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The snake deceived me, and I ate.’

14 So the Lord God said to the snake, ‘Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'

16 To the woman he said, ‘I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.’

17 To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat from it,” ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through

painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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# Reflection







# 4 Reasons not to panic

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It's all Political

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Man has dominion

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God is in control

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Disasters preface the second coming

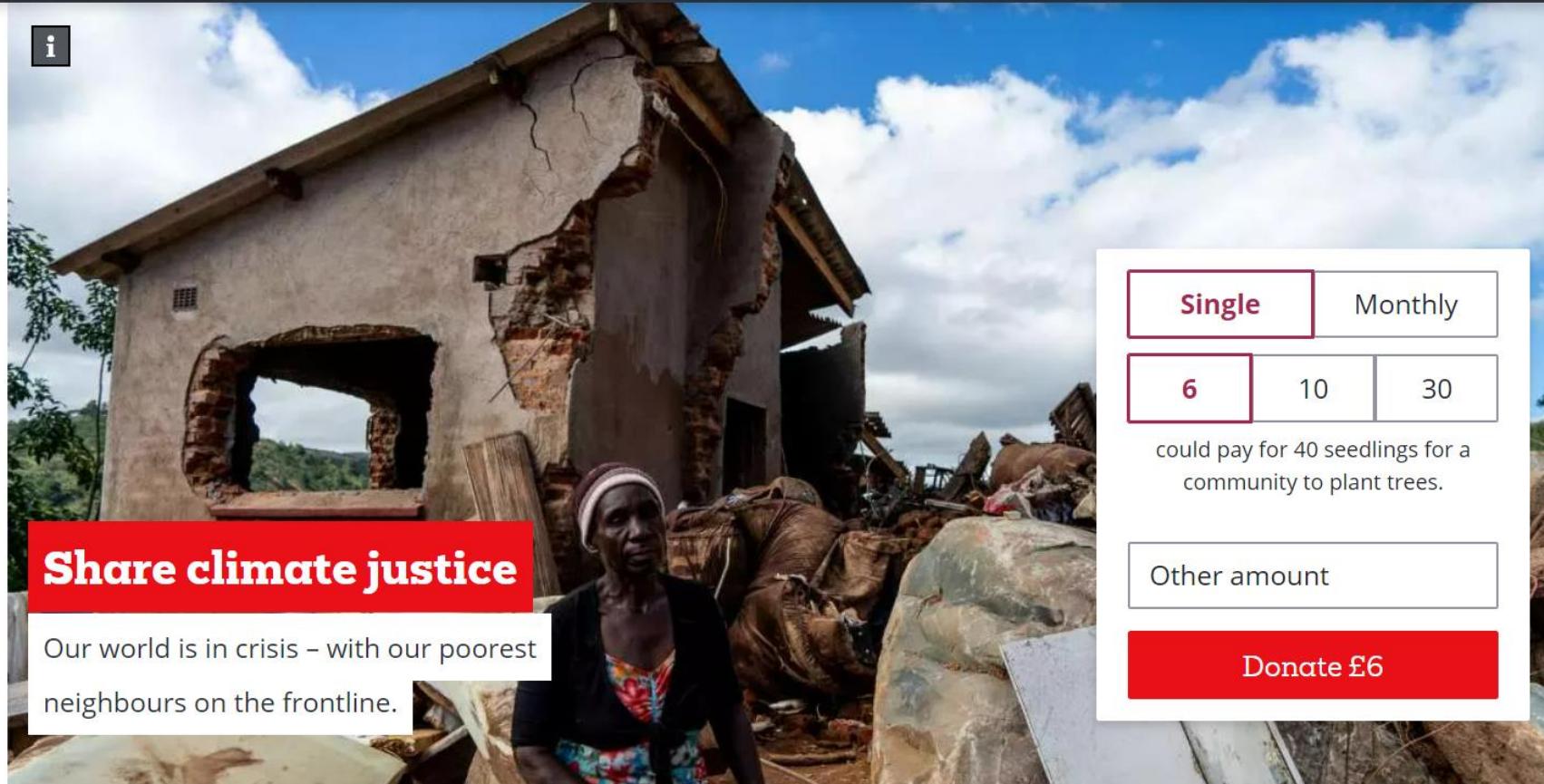
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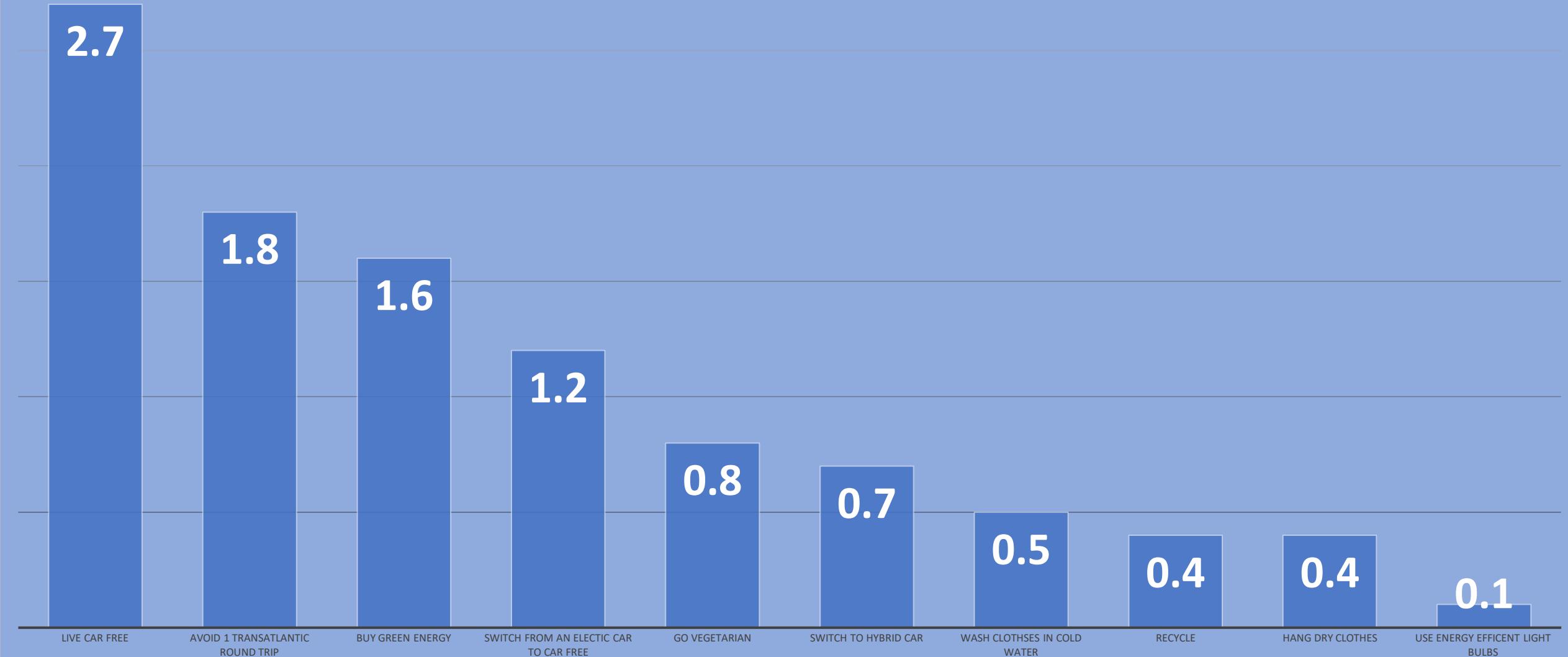
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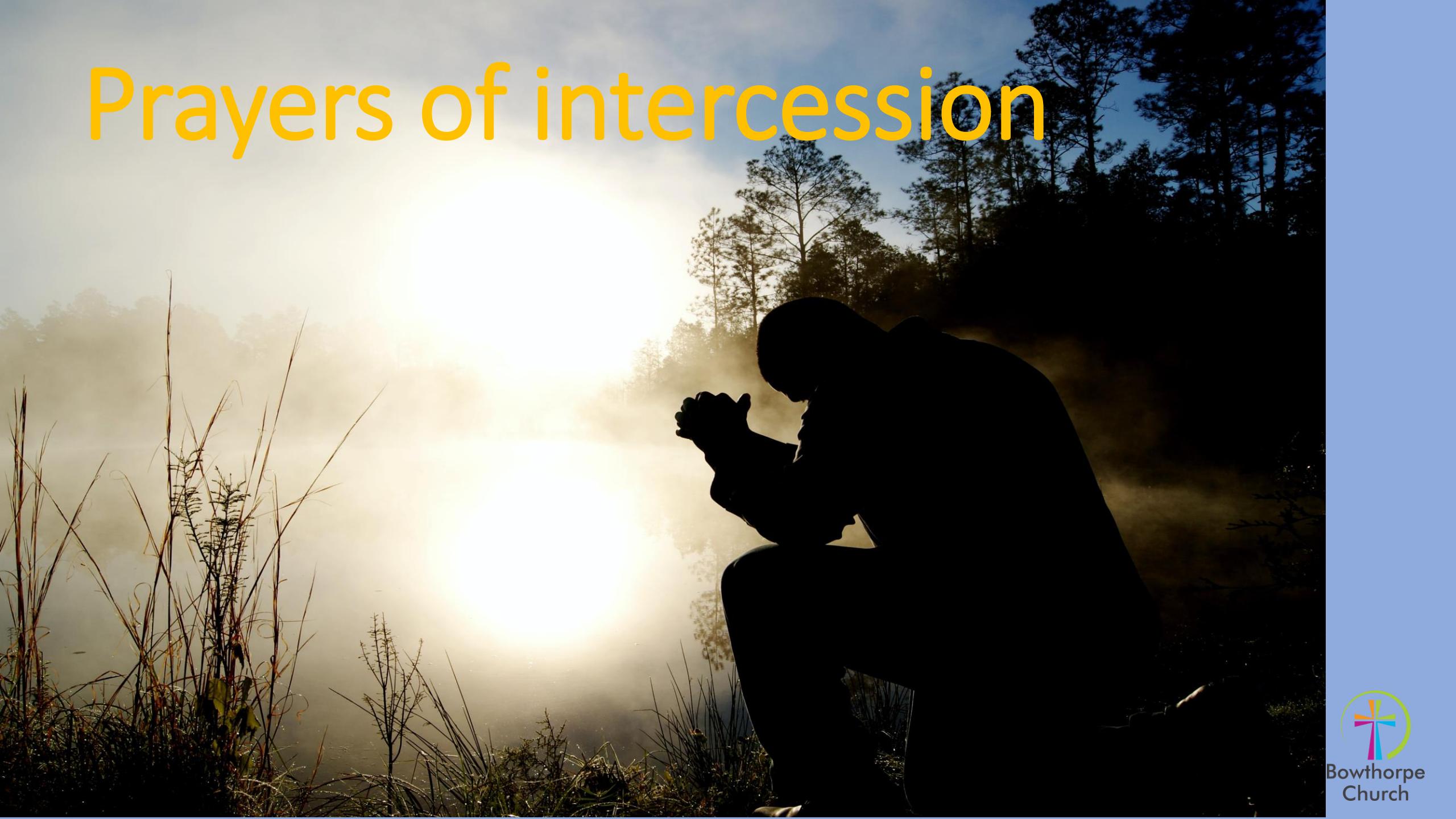


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# Prayers of intercession

A photograph showing a person from behind, kneeling in a field of tall grass. They are in a prayerful pose, with their hands clasped near their chest. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of either sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon. In the background, a dense forest of tall evergreen trees stands silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet contemplation and spiritual connection with nature.

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# Mercy



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I will kneel in the dust  
At the foot of the cross,  
Where mercy paid for me.  
Where the wrath I deserve,  
It is gone, it has passed.  
Your blood has hidden me.

Mercy, mercy, as endless as  
the sea.

I'll sing Your hallelujah for all  
eternity.

We will lift up the cup  
And the bread we will break,  
Remembering Your love.

We were fallen from grace,  
But You took on our shame  
And nailed it to a cross.

Mercy, mercy, as endless as  
the sea.

I'll sing Your hallelujah for all  
eternity.

Mercy, mercy, as endless as  
the sea.

I'll sing Your hallelujah for all  
eternity.

May I never lose the wonder,  
Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.

May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen.

May I never lose the wonder,

Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.  
May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen.  
(repeat x2)

I will kneel in the dust  
At the foot of the cross,  
Where mercy paid for me.

# The Peace

Peace, true peace with God is what our  
Saviour came to bring.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

# Holy Communion

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



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Lord our God, we give you thanks  
because for our salvation, your Son  
was obedient to death on a cross.  
The tree of shame was made the  
tree of glory; and where life was  
lost, there life has been restored

Therefore, the universe resounds  
with joy and with choirs of angels  
we sing for ever to your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



Lord, send your Spirit upon us and  
upon these gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break may be for  
us the Body of Christ, and the cup  
we share may be for us the Blood of  
Christ. May we and all who share

this food offer ourselves to live for  
you and be welcomed at your  
eternal feast where all creation  
worships you, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit.

Every time we eat this bread and  
drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke and gave it to them saying, ‘This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me’

After supper he took the cup and gave it to them saying, ‘This is the cup of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.’

# The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.**

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

**For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

# Breaking of Bread

Every time we eat this bread and  
drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**



# Receiving communion

The Body of Christ keep you in  
eternal life.

The Blood of Christ keep you in  
eternal life.

# Prayer after communion

As we have worshipped You in  
majesty,  
**make us ready to serve you.**

As we have listened to Your word,  
**make us ready to speak for you.**

As we walk the road to Calvary,  
**make us ready to live for you.**

**Amen.**



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# O Church arise

A dark, atmospheric photograph capturing the interior of a church during a service. The scene is dimly lit, with a single bright beam of light illuminating the upper portion of the image. In the foreground, several people are visible from behind, their arms raised in a gesture of worship or praise. The background is mostly in shadow, showing the dark shapes of pews and possibly a organ or piano. The overall mood is one of reverence and spiritual connection.

O Church, arise, and put your  
armour on;

Hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that  
they are strong

In the strength that God has given.



With shield of faith and belt of  
truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is  
Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive  
soul

But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the  
wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.



When faced with trials on every  
side

We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for  
which He died,  
An inheritance of nations.



Come see the cross,  
where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed  
beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the  
day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.



So Spirit, come, put strength in  
every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win  
the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.



As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for  
the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

# Closing prayer and blessing

May God the Father prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son walk beside you, the Spirit of  
Life direct your steps, the Three in One  
watch over you, on every road that you  
may follow. **Amen.**

And now may the blessing of God  
Almighty, Father Son and Holy  
Spirit, be with us and all those we  
love, all those we care for, and all  
those we pray for, this day and  
ever more, **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

