Greeting & Welcome

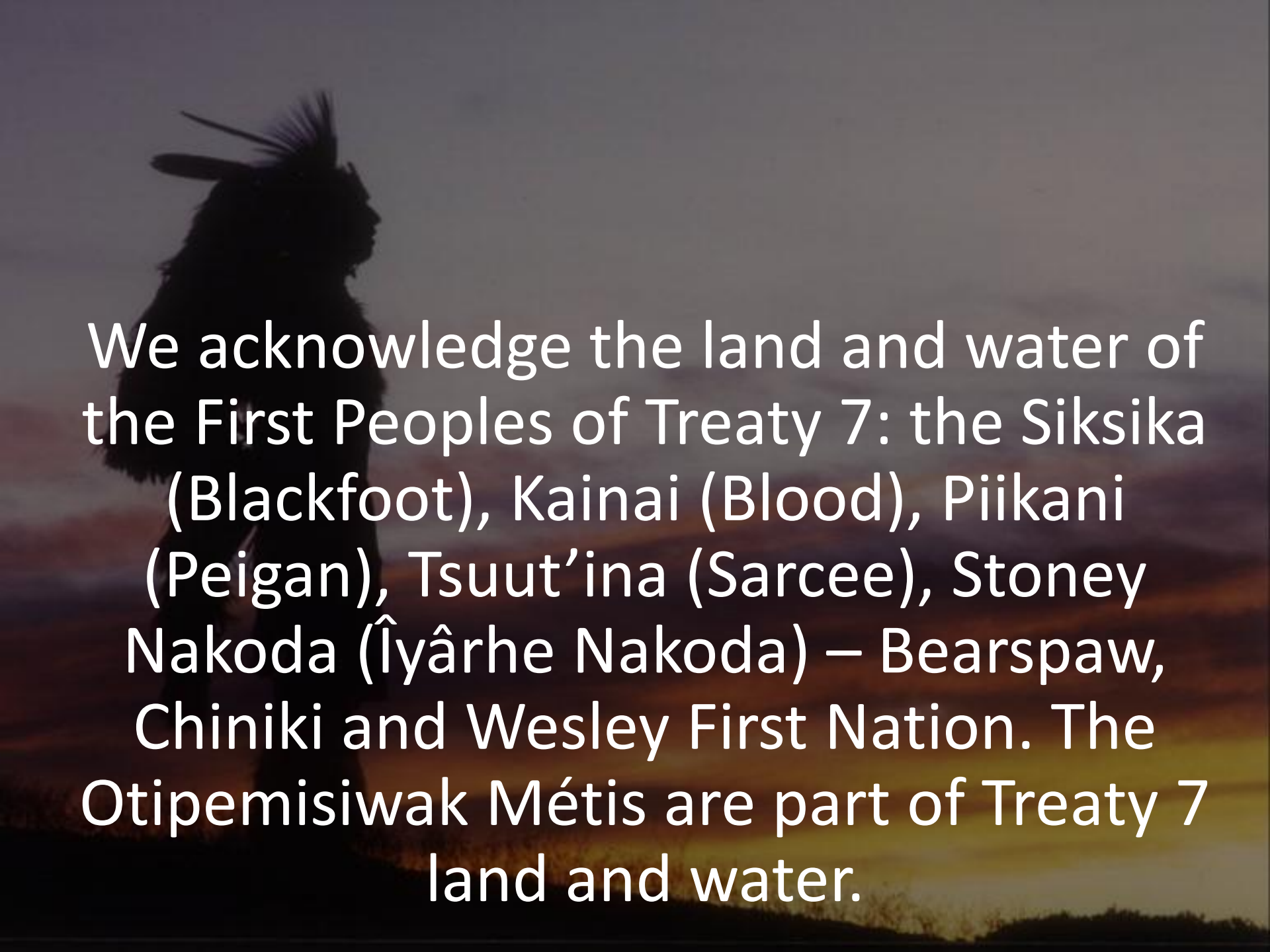
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements




We acknowledge the land and water of the First Peoples of Treaty 7: the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Tsuut’ina (Sarcee), Stoney Nakoda (Îyârhe Nakoda) – Bearspaw, Chiniki and Wesley First Nation. The Otipemisiwak Métis are part of Treaty 7 land and water.

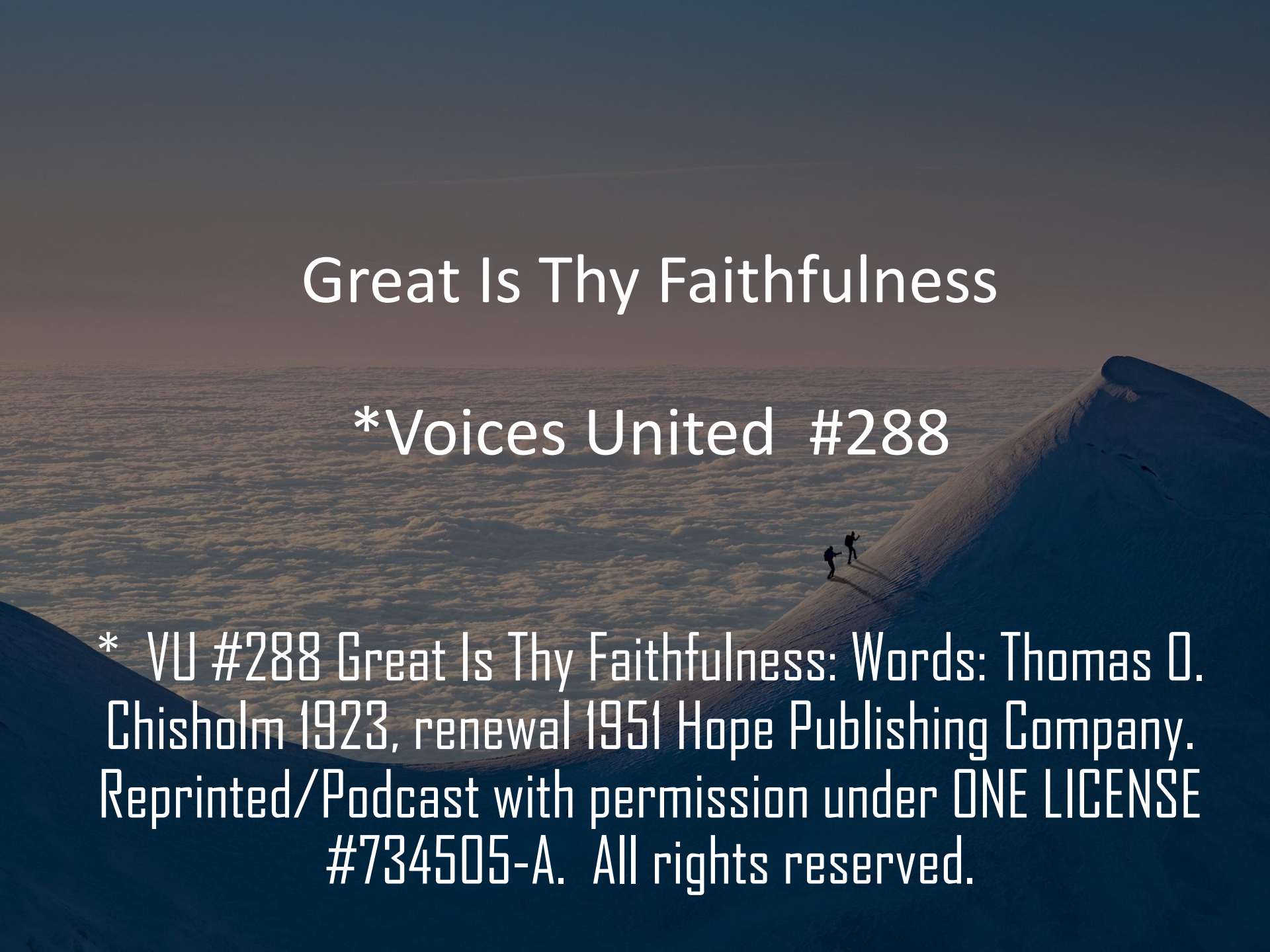


Lighting the Christ Candle

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Voices United #288



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Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime
and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
(LV)

Call to Worship

L: Like the peoples long ago, we are journeying in stages.

P: Our lives unfold, not all at once but piece by piece.

L: Sometimes the forward movement is small. Sometimes we may feel we are being called to take enormous leaps in faith.

P: On all days of the journey, we can know that God is with us.

L: Thanks be to God, whom we gathered to worship today.
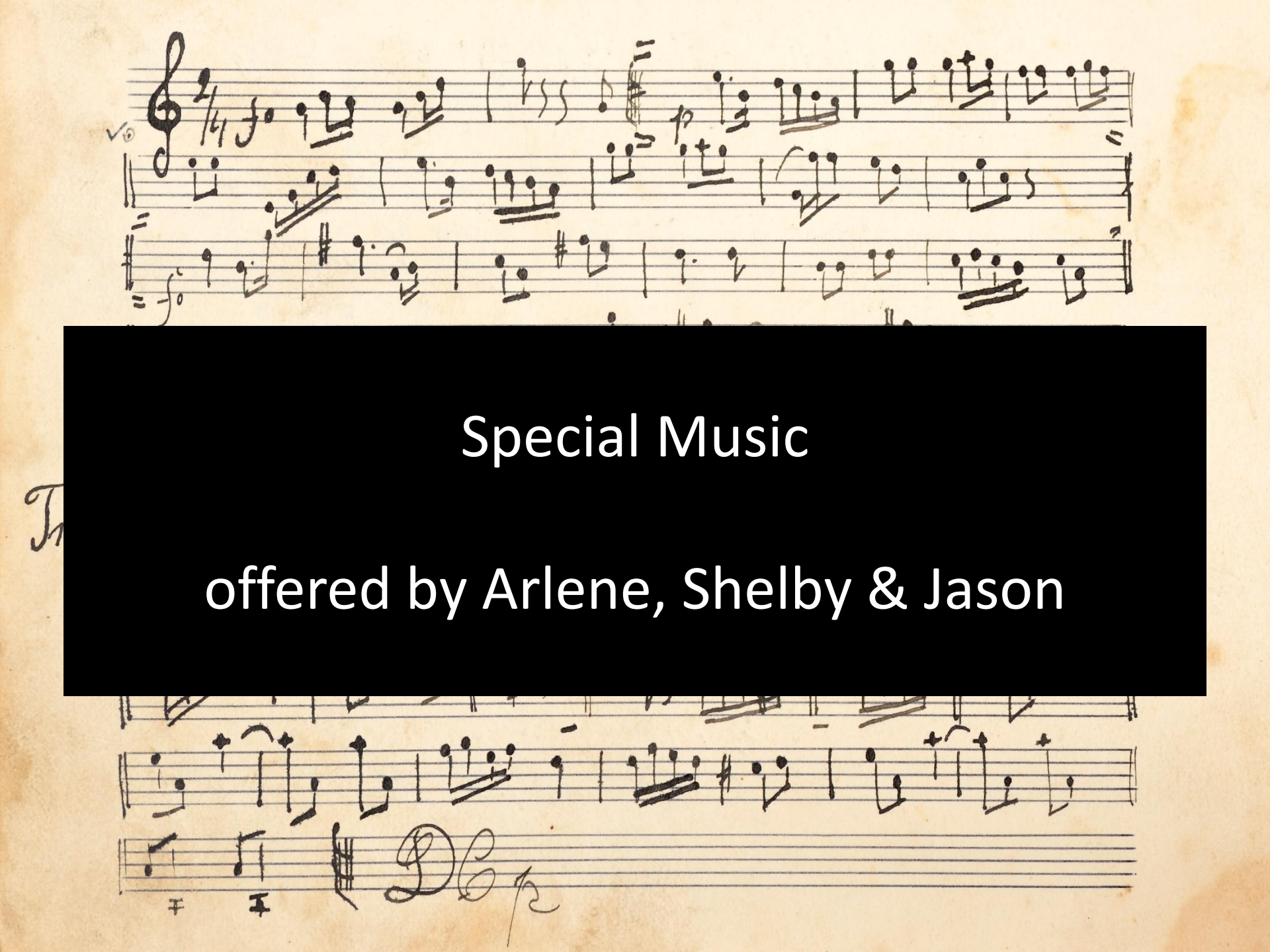
P: We give thanks to God on all days of our lives. Amen.

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Opening Prayer



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Special Music
offered by Arlene, Shelby & Jason



Story Time for all ages

Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary (X2)

*More Voices #18

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.
(LV)

Prayer of Confession



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L: Merciful God, we sometimes carry the burden of our mistakes and they weigh us down: the times when we failed to be empathetic listeners, when we hurt someone, when we've ignored your call to service in places that most needed it.
It is easier for us to hide away from our failings rather than to face them directly, even when we know that addressing them is what is needed. We come to You in our brokenness. We come to You heavy-laden. We come to You seeking forgiveness and healing waters in the dry places of our lives.

P: Free us, God! Liberate us! Save us from the pain of the things we've said or done that harm others and your Creation. Notice the love that resides in us and call it to grow so that we may live in your light and love. Amen.

How Deep the Peace

*More Voices #95



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How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.
(LV)

Words of Assurance

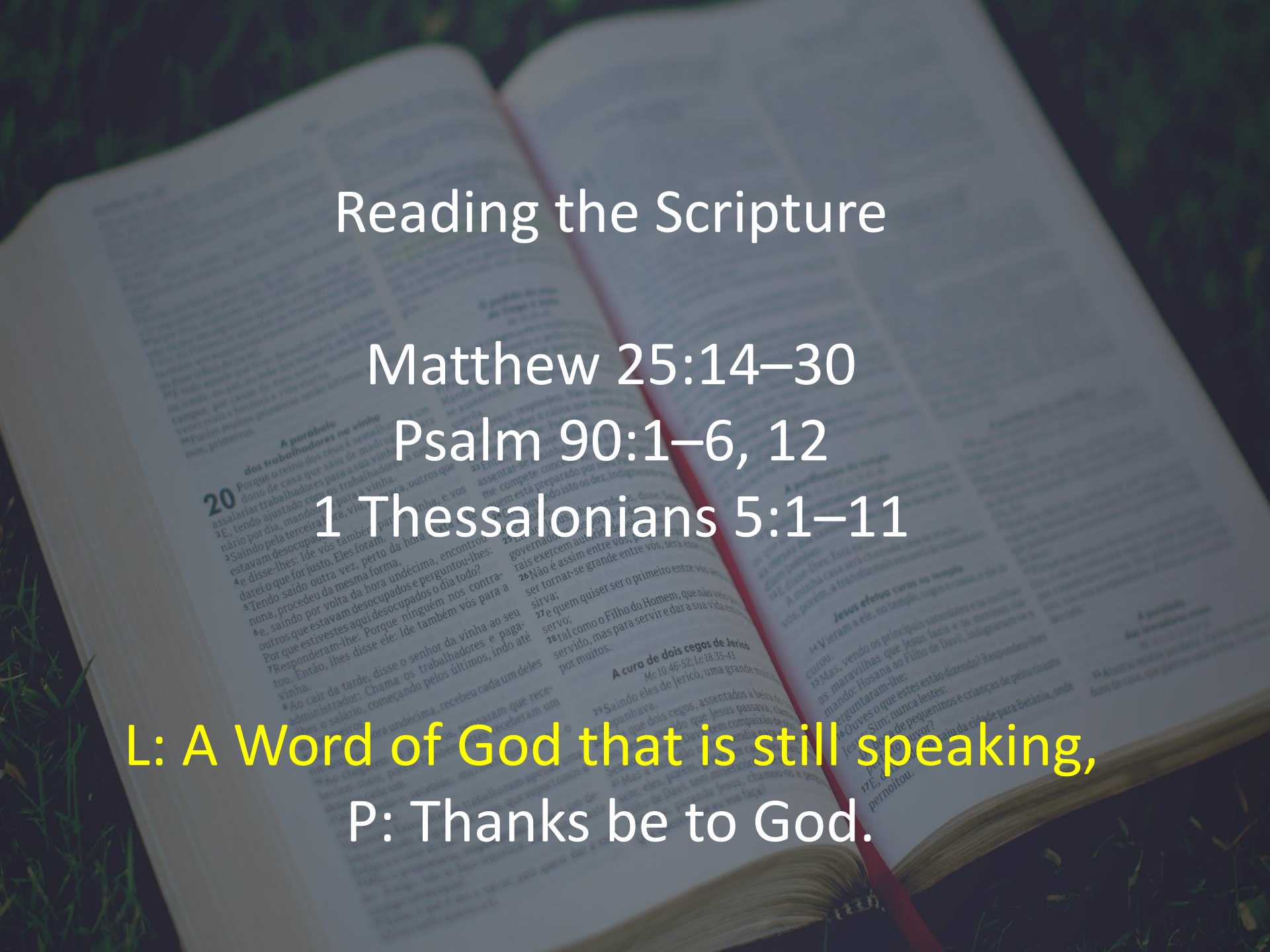


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Prayer of Illumination



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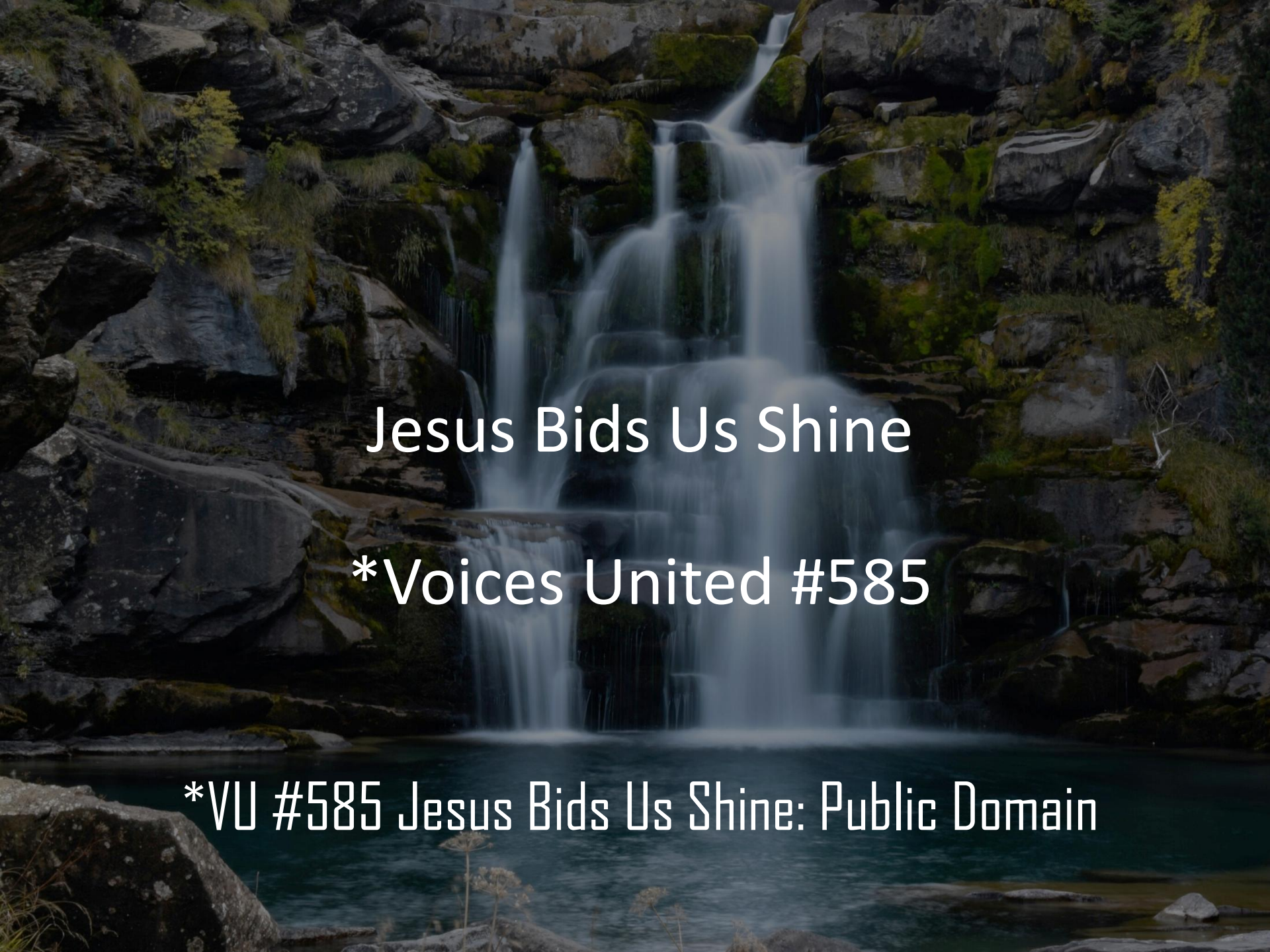
Reading the Scripture

Matthew 25:14–30
Psalm 90:1–6, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.



Message


Jesus Bids Us Shine
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*VU #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine: Public Domain

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

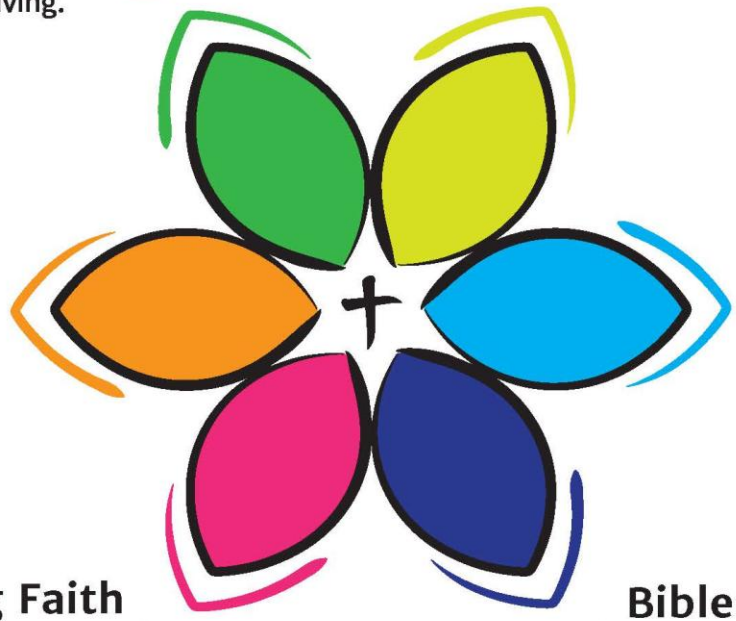
Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness
in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow;
so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
(LV)

The Offering Invitation



There are many ways to donate.
PAR, E-transfer (smoretreasurer@gmail.com) or placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Discipleship Flower – Key Spiritual Practices



Prayer

Spending time in God's presence; spoken, silent, moving, still, sharing and receiving.

Loving Service

Caring for the needs of those both within the church and outside the church; and seeking justice for all.

Generosity

Sharing freely from the talents, time and treasure that God has given us to help do God's mission.

Worship

Gathering in God's presence with others of faith to celebrate what God is doing.

Sharing Faith

Inviting people to come and experience God's love revealed in Jesus and in the church.

Bible Study

Learning what the core stories of our faith teach us about faithful living.

How can I make a difference? How can I change the world? How can I fulfill God's vision? I can give: time, resources, money, ability.



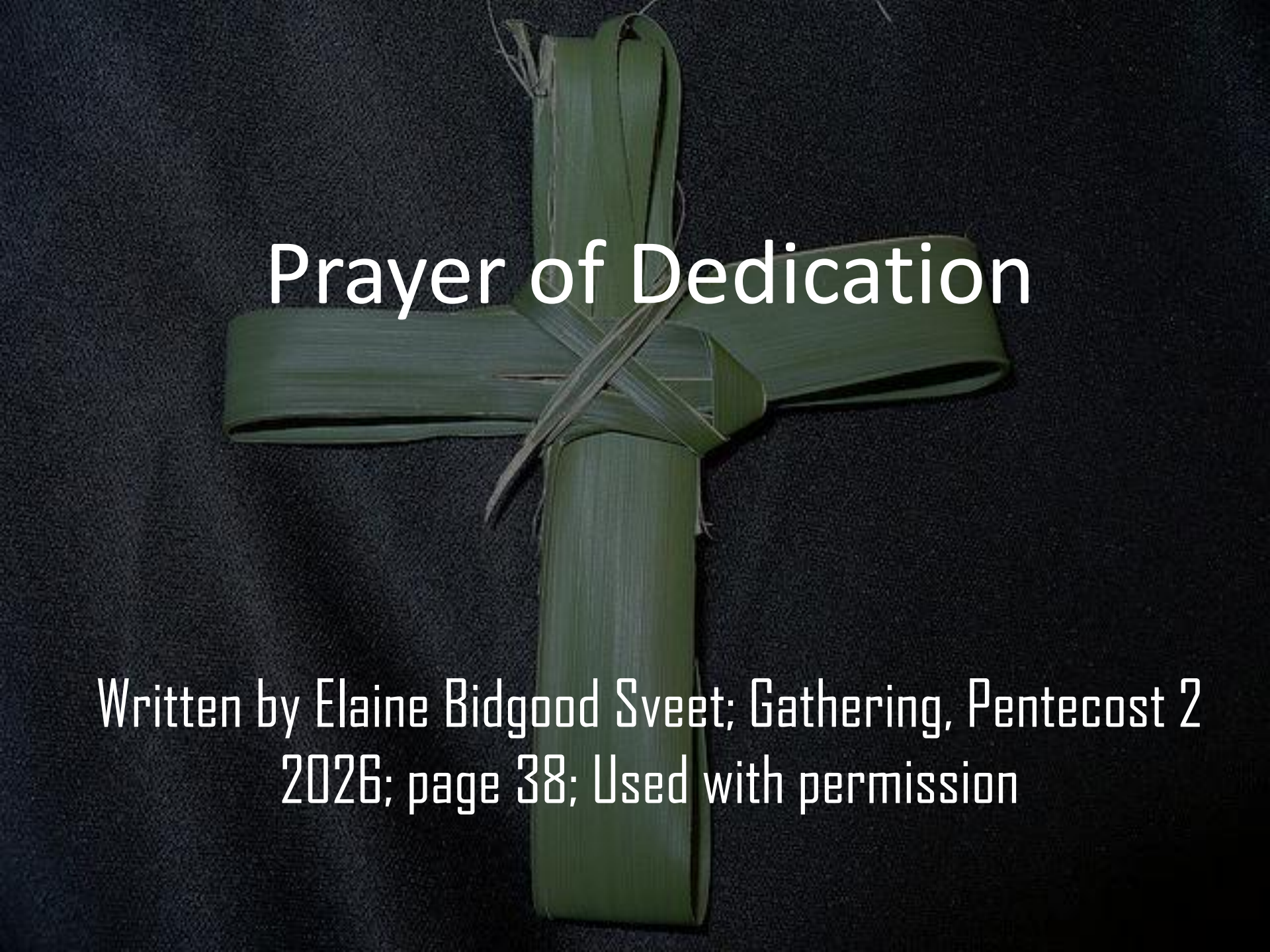
Sung Dedication

Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving

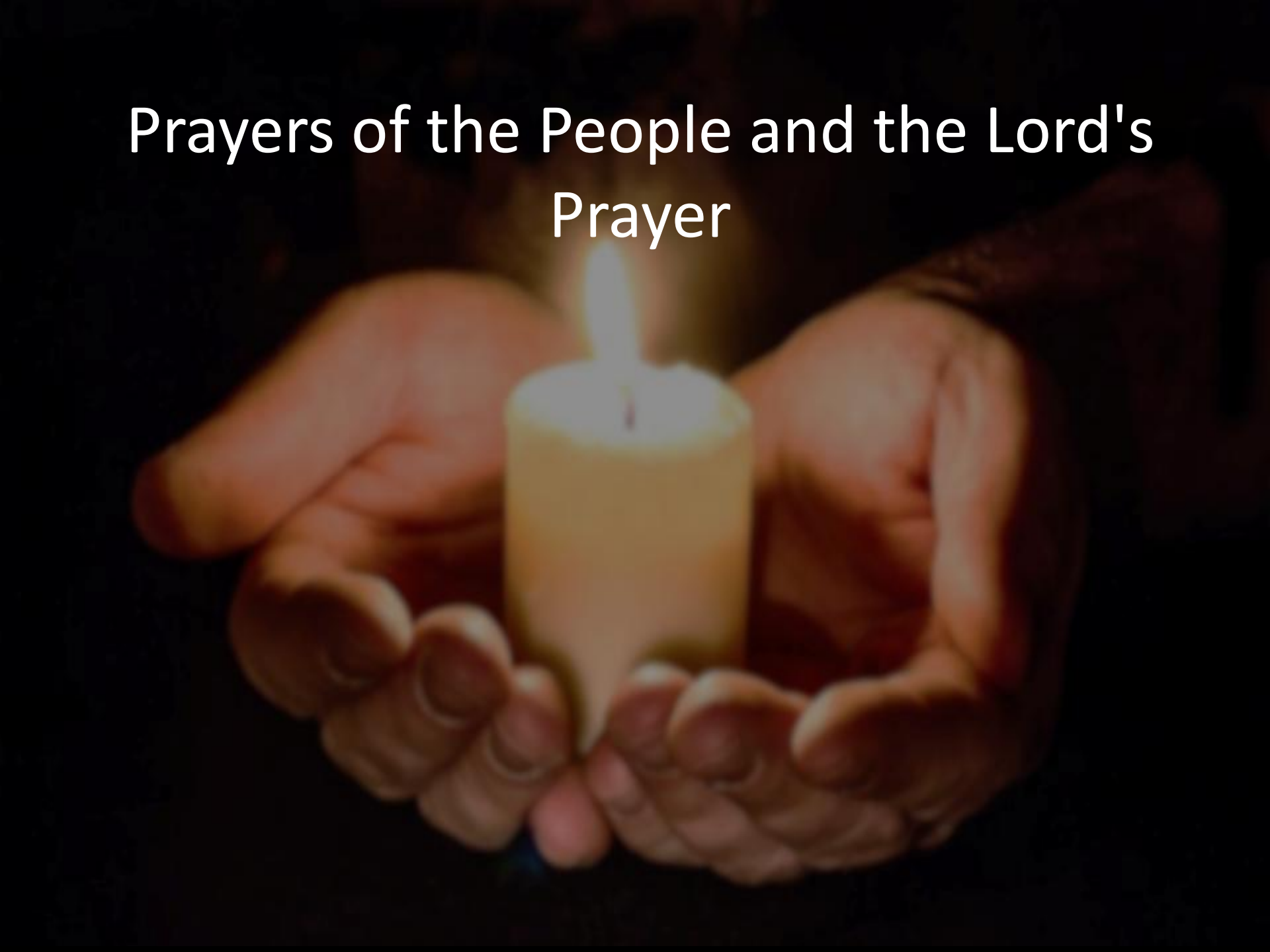
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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.
(LV)


Prayer of Dedication
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Prayers of the People and 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever, AMEN

Go to the World

* Voices United #420

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Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world!
Go into every place.
Go live the Word of
God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence
in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give
way to joyous day.
As servant Church,
you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(LV)

Commissioning



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Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen
(LV)



Sharing the Peace

L: MAY THE GOD OF PEACE GO WITH YOU.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.


Please join us for Coffee
and Fellowship in the
Library after the service!