



Welcome
to
Se*lah!
סלה

We're so glad you've come.
So come on in, sit down, relax,
make yourself at home,
play a game, grab a drink,
meet someone new, start to breathe s l o w e r.

Life lived *with* God



in this world.


Invitatory:

God is here in this place.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Come and See... -jesus

A scenic landscape photograph showing three hikers on a green, grassy hill overlooking a large body of water (a bay or fjord) at sunset. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, and the water reflects the light. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains. The hikers are in the foreground, looking out over the landscape. One hiker is wearing a red jacket and a hat, another is wearing a green jacket, and the third is wearing a red jacket. They are all looking towards the water.

open our eyes lord, *and we shall see your wonder.*
open our ears lord, *and we shall hear your laughter.*
open our mouths lord, *and we shall tell your story.*
open our hands lord, *and we shall receive your love.*
open our lives lord, *and we shall show your joy.*



All:
*O Lord God, Creator of all
Open my eyes to beauty
Open my mind to wonder
Open my ears to others.
Open my heart to you
Open my life to adventure.*

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

*Se*lah*

Come and See what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

-from Psalm 66



Whether for the first time or the hundredth, whether are in middle school, high school, home school or out of school, I invite you to *Step out of the traffic*.

For the next two hours, just stop. Cease striving. Cease doing.
Just be. Just be here. For the next two hours nothing else matters,
Just you.
Just God.
Just us.

For the next two hours let's remember what is real and what matters.
God is real. You matter. We matter.



So, take this holy pause.
Close your eyes again and breathe.

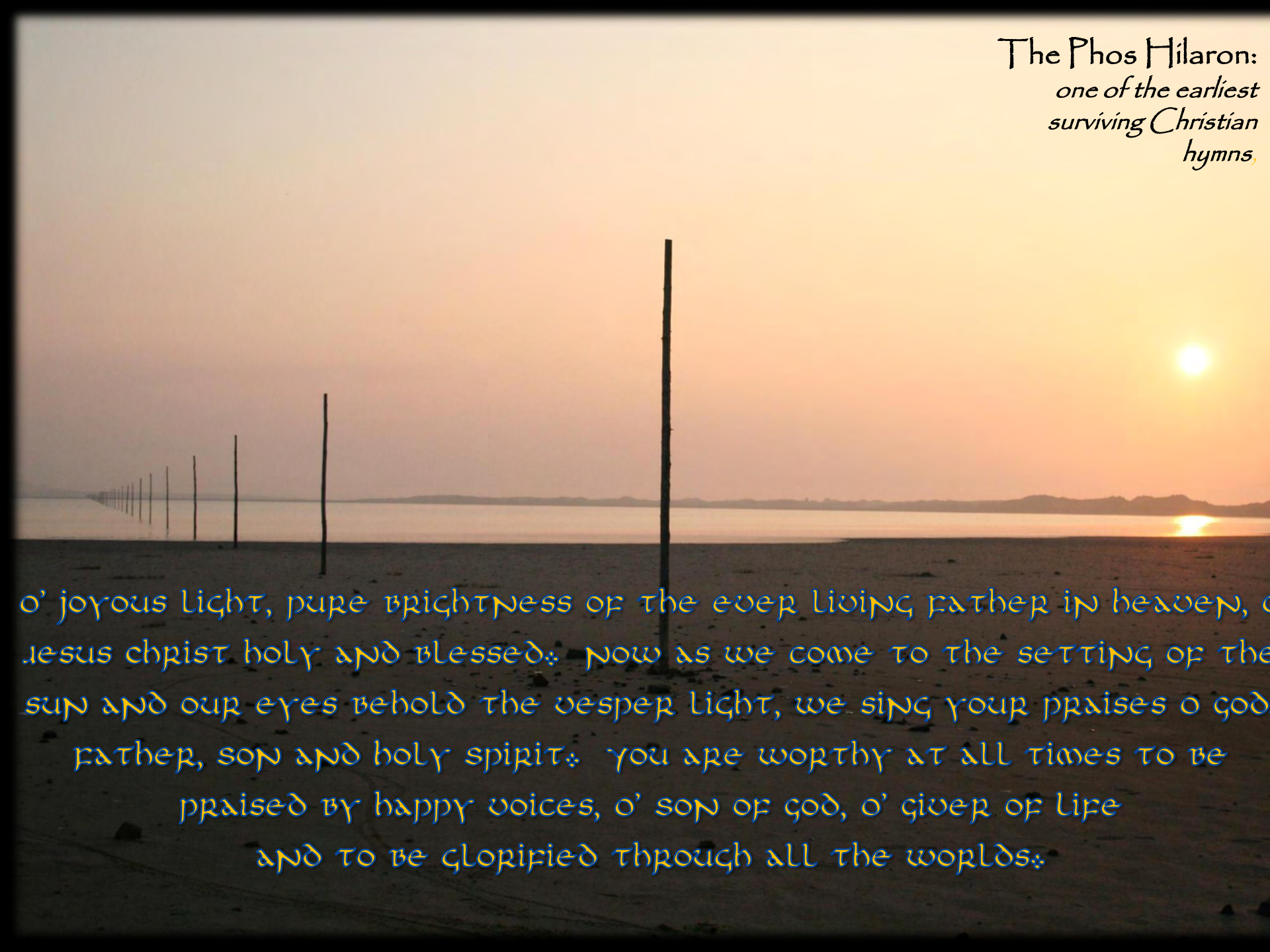


BE STILL and KNOW GOD IS HERE.
Be still and know GOD...



THE LIGHTING
OF THE
CANDLES

The Phos Hilaron:
*one of the earliest
surviving Christian
hymns.*

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. In the foreground, a series of vertical posts, possibly part of a fence or a pier, are silhouetted against the light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

o' joyous light, pure brightness of the ever living father in heaven, o
jesus christ holy and blessed. now as we come to the setting of the
sun and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises o god
father, son and holy spirit. you are worthy at all times to be
praised by happy voices, o' son of god, o' giver of life
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Being thankful



Let's Eat!



The Searching



*For God wishes to be seen and he wishes to be sought
and he wishes to be expected and he wishes to be trusted.*

-Julian of Norwich

The Holy One, our God, is in our midst.

Come let us seek Him

Come let Him find us.



Who is it that we seek? *We seek the Lord our God.*

Open our eyes Lord, so that we might see you.

Open our ears Lord, so that we might hear you.

Open our minds, so that we might learn your Way.

Open our hearts, so that we might know you.

Open our hands, so that we might receive you.

Open our lives, so that we might reveal you.

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME.
COME AND DWELL WITHIN US. COME AND DWELL AROUND US.
COME AND MAKE THE ORDINARY HOLY AND THE HOLY ORDINARY.
COMFORT US, STRENGTHEN US, COUNSEL US, CALM US, REVIVE US.
O GOD, BE FOUND BY US.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT,
COME.

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Face To Face

Oh Lord, how I love to sing your praises.

Oh Lord, how I love to dance for you

Oh Lord, you have captured my affection



Forever, I will sing of your love.

Forever, I will give to you my life.

Forever, I will worship you.

A person is shown from behind, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored streaked pattern, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The colors transition from dark blue at the top, through orange and red, to yellow, green, and light blue at the bottom. The person is silhouetted against this bright background.

And when I think of what you've done

It makes me shout for joy!

And when I think of what's to come



Living forever in your presence

Face to face, with my magnificent obsession

A swirling, golden-orange flame or smoke ring against a black background. The fire is bright and intense, with a central core of white and yellow light. The flames are thick and billowing, creating a sense of motion and energy. The overall effect is dramatic and fiery.

Forever, forever I will be with you

Oh oh, la la la la.....

Forever, forever I will be with you

YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)

YOU ARE HOLY (YOU ARE HOLY)

YOU ARE MIGHTY (YOU ARE MIGHTY)

YOU ARE WORTHY (YOU ARE WORTHY)

WORTHY OF PRAISE (WORTHY OF PRAISE)

I WILL FOLLOW

(I WILL FOLLOW)

I WILL LISTEN

(I WILL LISTEN)

I WILL LOVE YOU

(I WILL LOVE YOU)

ALL OF MY DAYS

(ALL OF MY DAYS)

Guys:

I WILL SING TO
AND WORSHIP

THE KING WHO IS
WORTHY

Girls:

YOU ARE LORD OF
LORDS
YOU ARE KING OF
KINGS

YOU ARE MIGHTY GOD
LORD OF EVERYTHING



Guys:

I WILL LOVE AND
ADORE HIM

AND I WILL BOW
DOWN BEFORE
HIM

Girls:

YOU'RE EMMANUEL
YOU'RE THE GREAT I
AM

YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF
PEACE
WHO IS THE LAMB



Guys:

I WILL SING TO
AND WORSHIP

THE KING WHO IS
WORTHY

Girls:

YOU'RE THE LIVING
GOD
YOU'RE MY SAVING
GRACE

YOU WILL REIGN
FOREVER
YOU ARE ANCIENT OF
DAYS

Guys:

I WILL LOVE AND
ADORE HIM

AND I WILL BOW
DOWN BEFORE
HIM

Girls:

YOU'RE THE ALPHA,
OMEGA, BEGINNING
AND END

YOU'RE MY SAVIOR,
MESSIAH, REDEEMER,
AND FRIEND

The background is a stained glass window. The central focus is a large, stylized rose in shades of red and orange, set against a light blue background. The rose is surrounded by various geometric and organic shapes in shades of blue and green. In the lower portion of the window, a scene of a blue ocean with white-capped waves is visible. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional stained glass art.

YOU ARE MY PRINCE OF
PEACE

AND I WILL LIVE MY LIFE
FOR YOU,

Psalm 119



You're blessed when you stay on course,
walking steadily on the road revealed by God.
You're blessed when you follow his directions,
doing your best to find him.

That's right—you don't go off on your own;
you walk straight along the road he set.
You, God, prescribed the right way to live;
now you expect us to live it.

Oh, that my steps might be steady,
keeping to the course you set;

Then I'd never have any regrets
in comparing my life with your counsel.

I thank you for speaking straight from your heart;
I learn the pattern of your righteous ways.

I'm going to do what you tell me to do;
don't ever walk off and leave me.

Psalm 119



How can a young person live a clean life?
By carefully reading the map of your Word.

I'm single-minded in pursuit of you;
don't let me miss the road signs you've posted.
I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart
so I won't sin myself bankrupt.

Be blessed, God;
train me in your ways of wise living.

I'll transfer to my lips
all the counsel that comes from your mouth;
I delight far more in what you tell me about living
than in gathering a pile of riches.

I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you,

I attentively watch how you've done it.

I relish everything you've told me of life,

I won't forget a word of it.



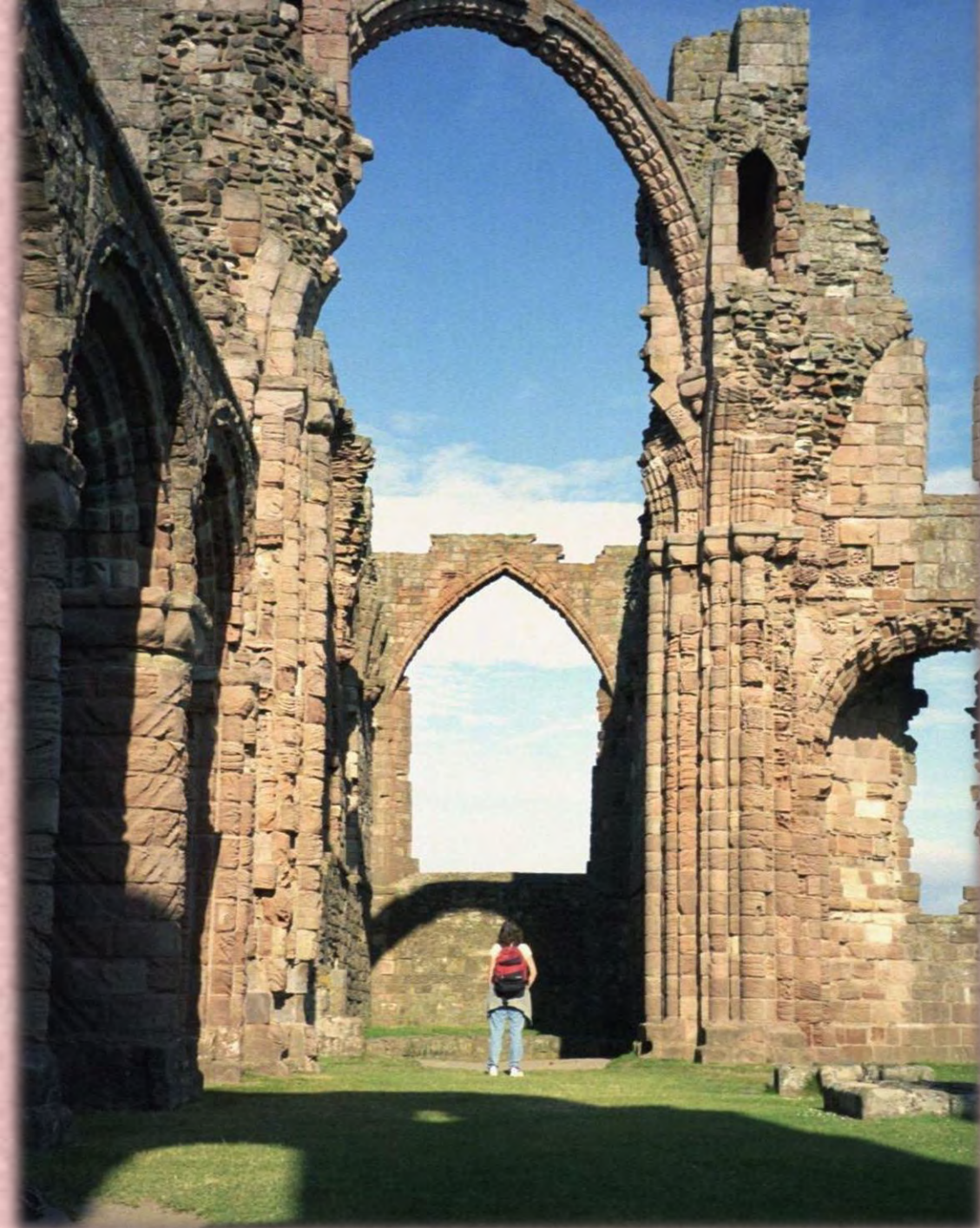
Behold Bless the Lord

Behold bless the Lord

All you servants of the Lord

Who stand by night,

In the house of the Lord



**Lift up your
hands**

In the sanctuary

**And bless the
Lord**

May the Lord

Bless you from Zion

He who made

Heaven and Earth

A photograph of a dimly lit, ancient stone sanctuary. The interior features a series of arches and pillars, creating a sense of depth and grandeur. Warm, glowing lights are placed throughout the space, casting a soft, golden light. The architecture is made of rough-hewn stone, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet reverence and historical significance.

Lift up your hands

In the sanctuary

And bless the Lord

Come let us reason together,
says the Lord.

-Isaiah 1:18



From the Gospel according to John

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

From the Gospel according to John

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

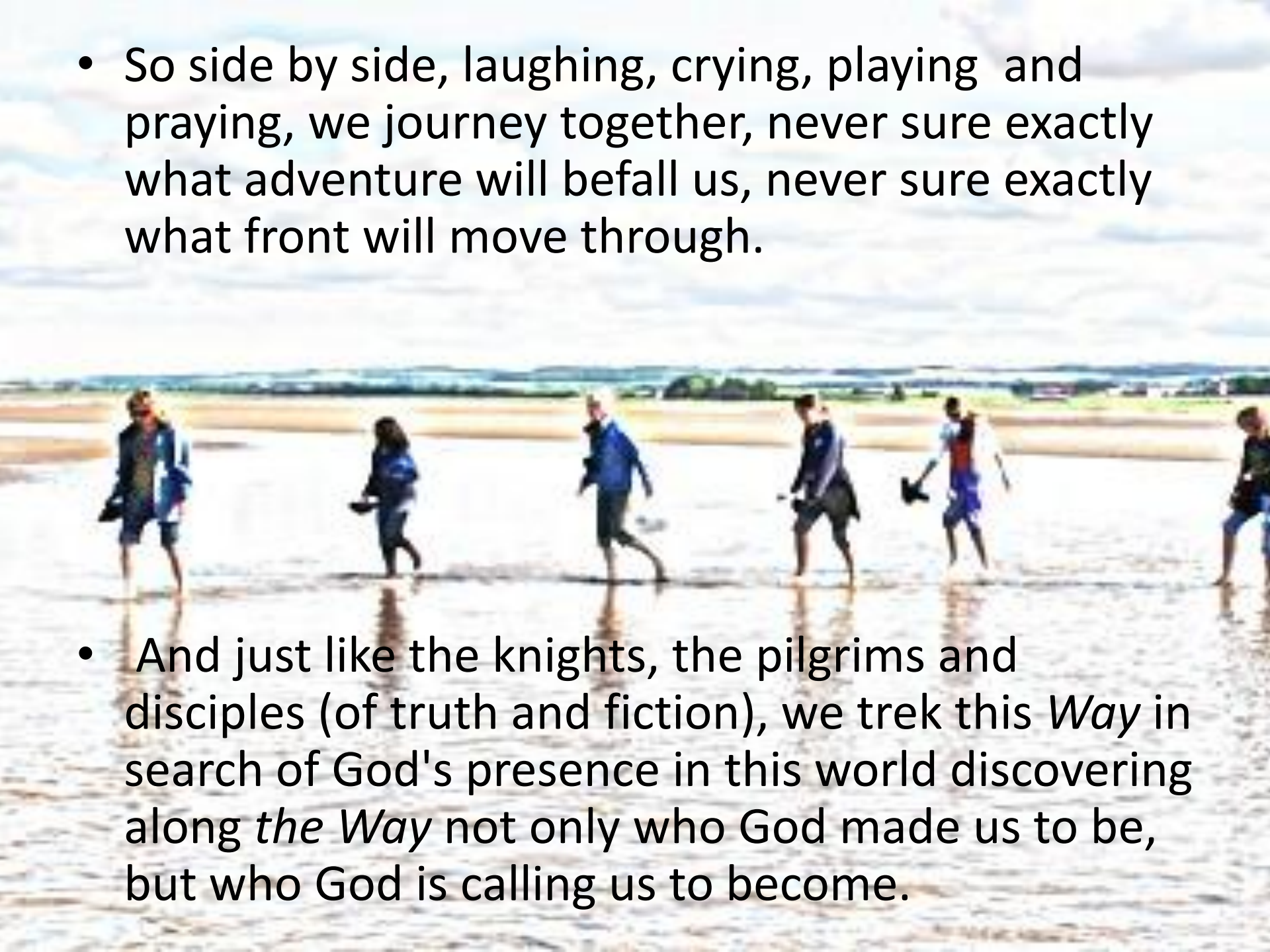


What are we doing here together?

What are we about?

- *being* a community of young people and adults who are trying to shape their lives around following Jesus.
- Together we aim not just simply to *go to church* but to actually *be the church*: participating in the hope that God brings to this world.
- And *together* we try to create a sanctuary in which to take refuge from the chaos of life allowing God to form us as *Followers of the Way*.
- Living a life *with God in* this world.

- So side by side, laughing, crying, playing and praying, we journey together, never sure exactly what adventure will befall us, never sure exactly what front will move through.

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- And just like the knights, the pilgrims and disciples (of truth and fiction), we trek this *Way* in search of God's presence in this world discovering along *the Way* not only who God made us to be, but who God is calling us to become.

The EARLY CHRISTIAN Age



Jerusalem in the early Christian age / how it may have looked
Lorenz



Conversations:

Is your foot in?



As I go I will not be bound by self-doubt or restricted by my weaknesses, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will not be limited by my strengths, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will see each struggle as a place of learning, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will not question the journey, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me.

As I go I will not refuse any destination, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will embrace all that crosses my way, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will open my heart to the good in all creation, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will hold close to the Word of God, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will welcome any companion who wishes to journey with me, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will never cease to pray, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will not be corrupted, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will not be tempted to predict outcomes, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will relish the surprises, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go I will take great risks, for:

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go, I will hold tight the hands with which I share this way

Jesus calls me and He is with me

As I go, I will live this life *with* God *in* this world

Jesus calls me and He is with me



The Benediction:

May the peace of the Lord Christ
be with you where ever He may
send you. May He guide you
through the wilderness and
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring your home rejoicing
once again into our doors.





**As it was,
As it is,
As it shall
be evermore**

**O God of
Grace,**

**O God in
Trinity.**