

WELCOME TO SELAH

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the season of light, the season
after the epiphany.

It's really good to have you here. Thanks for coming.

The Carnival Season



The season after the Epiphany...

...not far behind the magi

...In the season of light, in the path of a new year still we hear,



Come and See... •-Jesus

Living life *with* God *in* this world

The Invitatory



The Lord be with you
And Also with you.

Christ has come.
Christ is here.

Light from Light,
True God from true God.

God revealed to us.
God present in our world.



LET US PRAY WITH ONE HEART AND ONE MIND THAT
THIS EVENING MAY BE
HOLY, GOOD AND PEACEFUL.

(A HOLY PAUSE).



So arise and shine for your Light has come.
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Wake up. Pay Attention. Christ, *our Theophany*, has come.
God shines forth in our world and smiles over us.

Wake up. Get up. Look around. Pay attention.
Let your eyes adjust to the light that is here.
God is revealed. God is made known.
God is manifest among us.

Together:

Waken us O Lord, our God.

Open our eyes to your glory
Open our ears to your story
Open our heart to your stay.
Open our will to your Way.

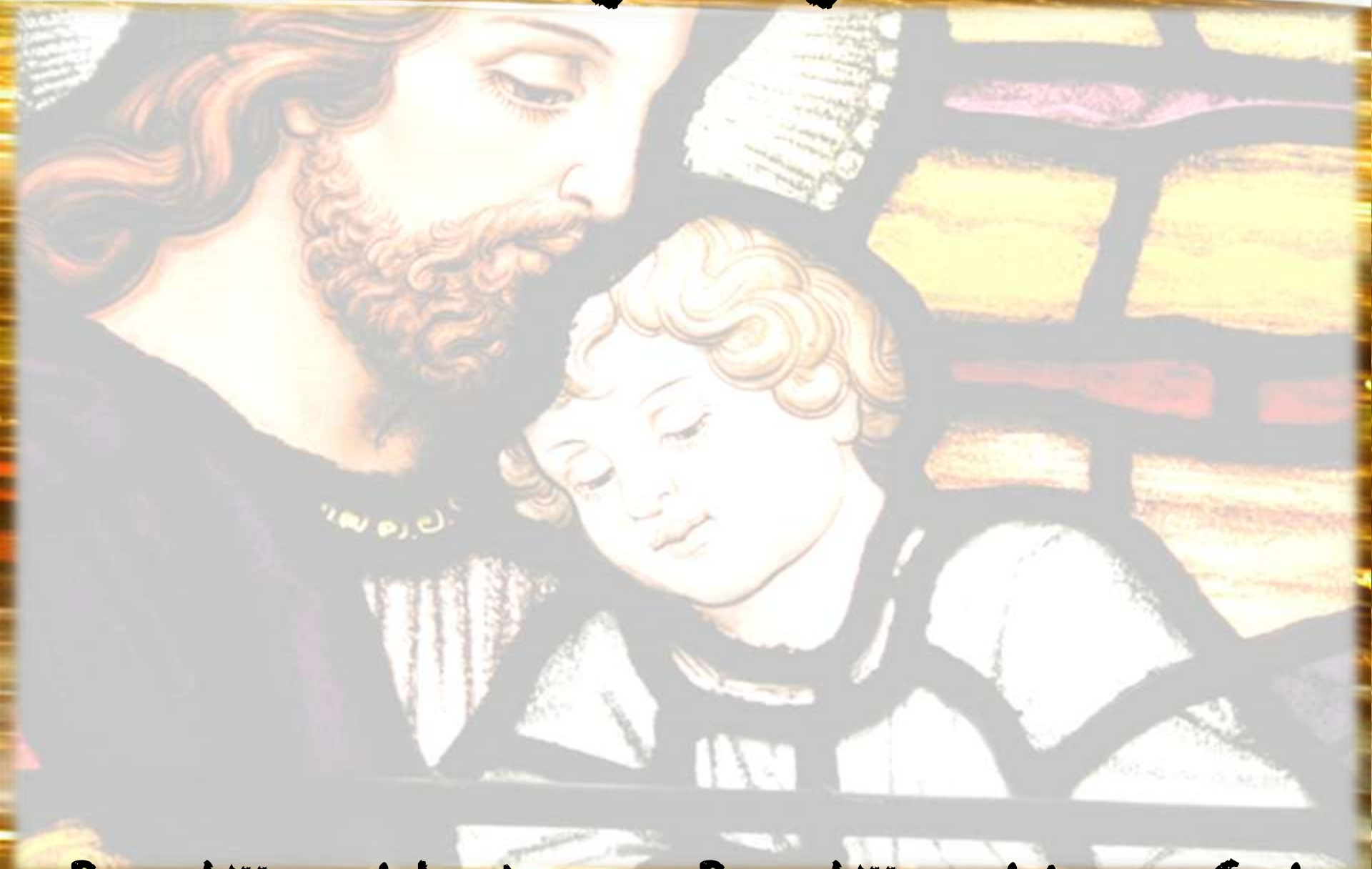


JESUS SAID, HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO PUT IT:
YOU'RE HERE TO BE LIGHT, BRINGING OUT THE
GOD-COLORS IN THE WORLD. GOD IS NOT A SECRET TO BE
KEPT. WE'RE GOING PUBLIC WITH THIS, AS PUBLIC
AS A CITY ON A HILL. IF I MAKE YOU LIGHT-BEARERS,
YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO HIDE YOU UNDER A BUCKET,
DO YOU? I'M PUTTING YOU ON A LIGHT STAND. NOW THAT
I'VE PUT YOU THERE ON A HILLTOP, ON A LIGHT STAND
-SHINE!

STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC...



And take a long loving look at God

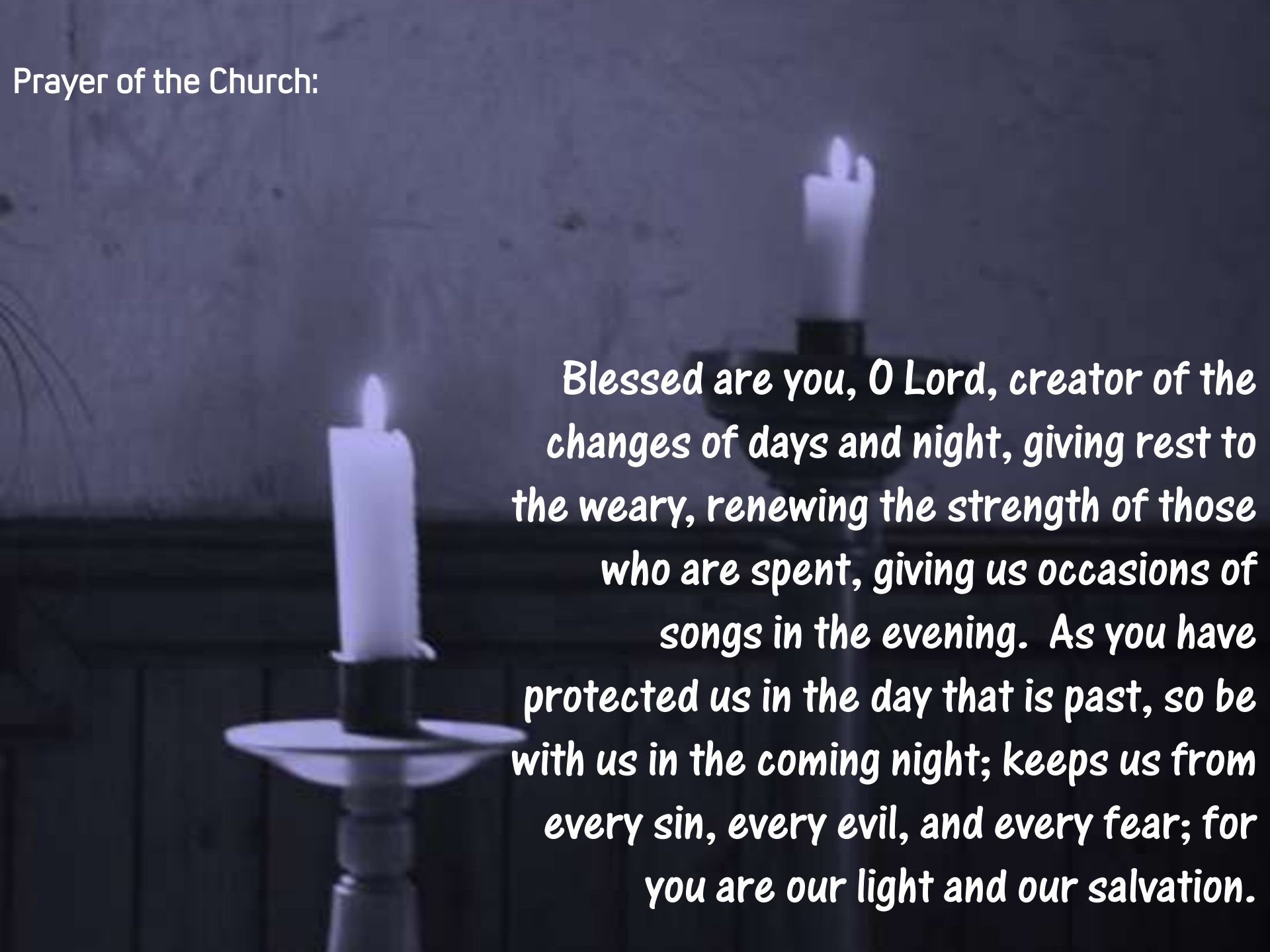


Be still and be here. Be still and know God.

The lighting of the candles



Prayer of the Church:

The image features two lit candles in holders against a dark, textured background. One candle is in the foreground on the left, and another is in the background on the right. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Blessed are you, O Lord, creator of the changes of days and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, giving us occasions of songs in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keeps us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and our salvation.

We are a thankful people.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.



LET'S EAT...

The Searching

God's invitation:

This is what the LORD says:
"Stand at the crossroads and
look; ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and
walk in it, and you will find rest for
your souls.

through the Prophet Jeremiah



**Finding
our
Rhythm
Again.**



For we have seen his star and we have come to worship him;
So following in the way of the wise men
We seek you O God, our God. Make your light known to us.



OPEN OUR EYES, O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT SEE YOUR BEAUTY

OPEN OUR EARS O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT HEAR YOUR CALL.

OPEN OUR MOUTHS O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT TELL YOUR WONDERS

OPEN OUR MINDS O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT TRUST IN YOUR WAY

OPEN OUR HEARTS O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT KNOW YOUR PRESENCE.

OPEN OUR LIVES O LORD
THAT WE MIGHT REVEAL YOUR GLORY



Prayer without words.
The Prayer of just being.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart

All else be nought to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night

Waking or sleeping my presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord

Thou my great father, thine own may I be

Thou in my dwelling and I one with thee.



High King of heaven when victory is won

May I reach heaven's joys, bright heavens Sun!

Heart of my heart, whatever befall

Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands

For the joy of the Lord is our strength

We bow down, and worship him now

How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing...

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, casting a reflection on the water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks and blues. A dark silhouette of a tree is visible on the right side of the frame.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

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A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb just above the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is a soft gradient of pink and purple. On the right side, the dark silhouette of a tree is visible against the lighter sky. The water in the foreground is calm, with gentle ripples.

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A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb just above the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is a soft gradient of pink, orange, and light blue. In the foreground, the water's surface is slightly rippled. On the right side, the dark silhouette of a tree is visible against the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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A serene sunset over a body of water with a sandy beach in the foreground and a tree on the right.

It's the rising up, all around

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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And together we sing...

Everyone sing....

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Psalm 37

1 Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
2 for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

3 Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

4 Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:

6 He will make your righteousness shine like the
dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday
sun.

7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for
him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

9 For evil men will be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit
the land.

23 If the LORD delights in a man's way,
he makes his steps firm;

24 though he stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

27 Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

28 For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
They will be protected forever,
but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

29 the righteous will inherit the land
and dwell in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous man utters
wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.

31 The law of his God is in his heart;
his feet do not slip.

34 Wait for the LORD
and keep his way.

The Practice: making it more than words we read.



A little song

Surely God is in this place
Holy Ground.
Surely God is in this place
Holy Ground



“Come let us reason together,” says the Lord.
-Isaiah 1:18

Theophany



Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."





I believe...

For I do not seek to understand that
I may believe, but I believe in order
to understand. For this believe that
unless I believe, I should not
understand.

~ St. Anselm of Canterbury



I believe...

And I believe what I believe is what
makes me what I am
I did not make it, no it is making me
It is the very truth of God and not
the invention of any man

-Rich Mullins.



**It didn't just happen,
It still happens.**

**It's not just their story,
It's our story.**

**We don't just want to talk about it,
we want to practice it.**

CONVERSATIONS

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*



**And we don't want to just talk about it but we want
*To work this out into the details of our everyday life.***

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a seashell. The shell is tilted, and a stream of clear water is pouring out from its opening. The background is a mix of blue and green, possibly representing water or a natural setting. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the hand and the shell.

I believe...

Water
Shells

Reminders that we are
"Marked and Sealed as Christ's own Forever."

Affirmation of Faith.

We believe O God, that you are
The Father of all People
The Father of all Power
The Father of all Peace.

Affirmation of Faith.

We believe O God, that you are

The Lord and giver of Longings

The Lord and giver of Love

The Lord and giver of Life.

Affirmation of Faith.

We believe O God, that you are

The Spirit of all Glory

The Spirit of all Goodness

The Spirit of all Grace.

We believe O God, that you are here and with us now.

Benediction

May Christ the Son of God be manifest in you and in every detail of your life so that you might be a light to the world! Go in peace.

SHALOM



Peace Be Unto You

Benediction

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
REVEAL WHO YOU ARE
SET THE WORLD RIGHT.
DO WHAT IS BEST
AS ABOVE SO BELOW.

KEEP US ALIVE WITH THREE SQUARE MEALS
KEEP US FORGIVEN WITH YOU
AND FORGIVING OTHERS.

KEEP US SAFE FROM OURSELVES AND THE DEVIL
YOU ARE IN CHARGE.

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

YOU ARE ABLAZE WITH BEAUTY. SO BE IT.