

# WELCOME TO SELAH

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the season of light,  
the season after The epiphany.

It s really good to have you here.

Come in Hang out. For the next two hours nothing else  
matters just you, us and God.



# The Carnival Season

# The season after the Epiphany...

“epiphany” meaning “to shine forth” or “to make known; to show.”



...so In the season of light, we hear the invitation clearer than ever

Come and See... -Jesus

We are a community of seekers trying live 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.

(CLOSE YOUR EYES, AND BREATHE 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*, our God-made-known, is here  
*God shines forth in our world and delights 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.*  
*God is here to be seen.*

*Together:*

Waken us O Lord, our God.  
Stir our eyes to see your glory  
Stir our ears to hear your story  
Stir our heart to know your stay.  
Stir our will to walk in your Way.



*The Versicle: Letting God have the first word this evening.*

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!

Matthew 5:14-16





STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC...

WHAT IS IT YOU NEED TO STEP OUT OF SO YOU CAN BE FULLY PRESENT?  
WHAT IS IT YOU NEED TO STEP TOWARDS?  
WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM GOD THIS EVENING?



Step out of the traffic  
And take a long loving look at God

Be still and be here.

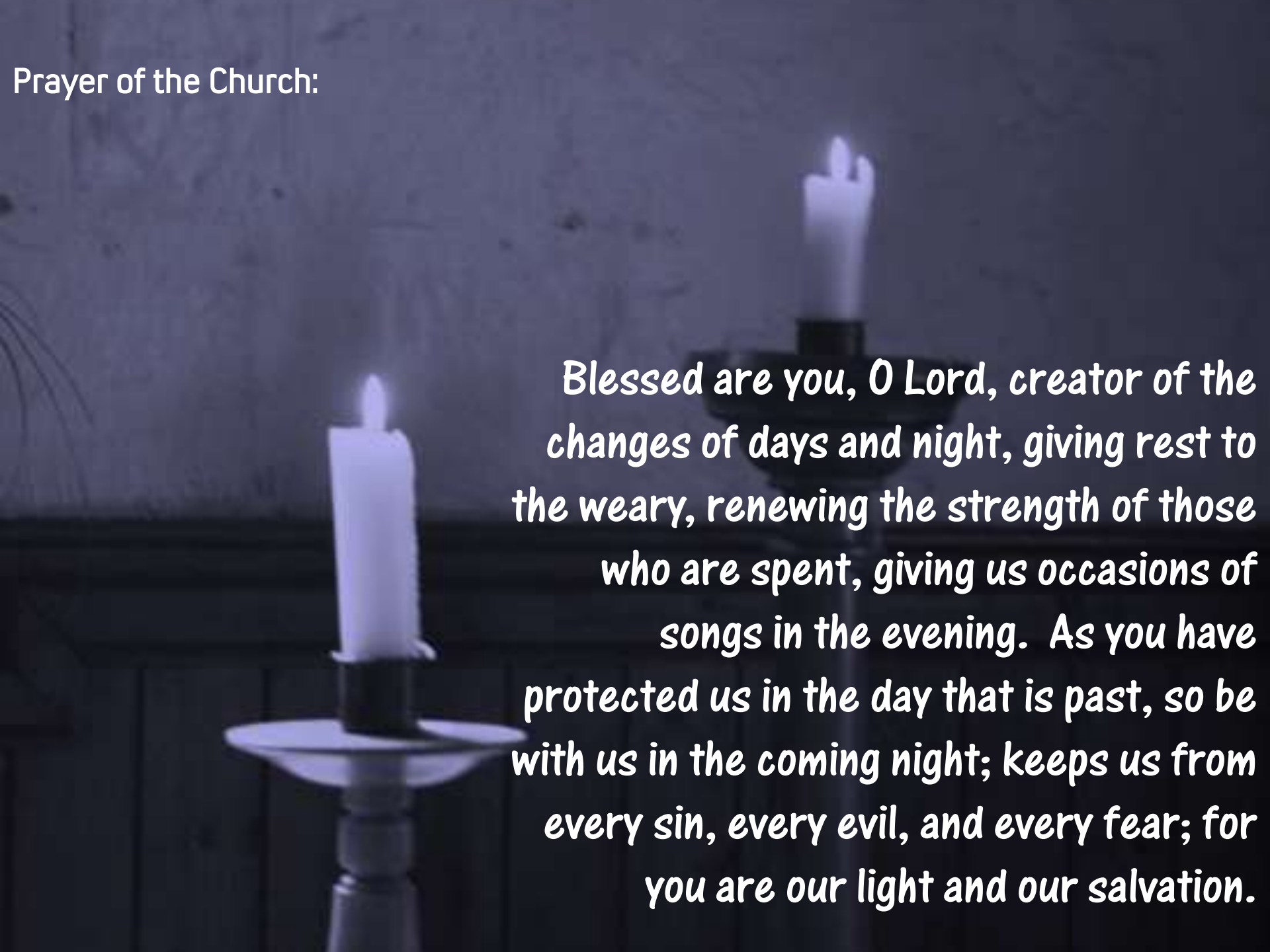
Be still and be with each other

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.

We give thanks to God:

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.

And we give thanks  
for each other:



**LET'S EAT...**



# *the Searching*

Hear God's invitation to seek, to search, to look, to see, to listen, to reason, to know  
To find and to be found, because

*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).*

*Keep your eyes open for GOD, watch for his works;  
be alert for signs of his presence.*

*Remember the world of wonders he has made,  
his miracles, and the verdicts he's rendered*

*Seek the Lord and his strength;  
Seek his presence continually.*

*We seek you O God, our God. Be known to us in our searching.*

**Psalm 105:4 (ESV & Message)**







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

# **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord  
God of power  
Of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are  
Full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord**

# 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

I will love and adore Him

And I will bow down before Him

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## Girls:

You are lord of lords

You are king of kings

You are mighty God

Lord of everything

You're Emmanuel

You're the great I am

You're the prince of peace

Who is the lamb

You're the living God

You're my saving grace

You will reign forever

You are ancient of days

You're the alpha, omega,

beginning and end

You're my savior, messiah,



**You are my prince of peace  
and I will live my life for you.**

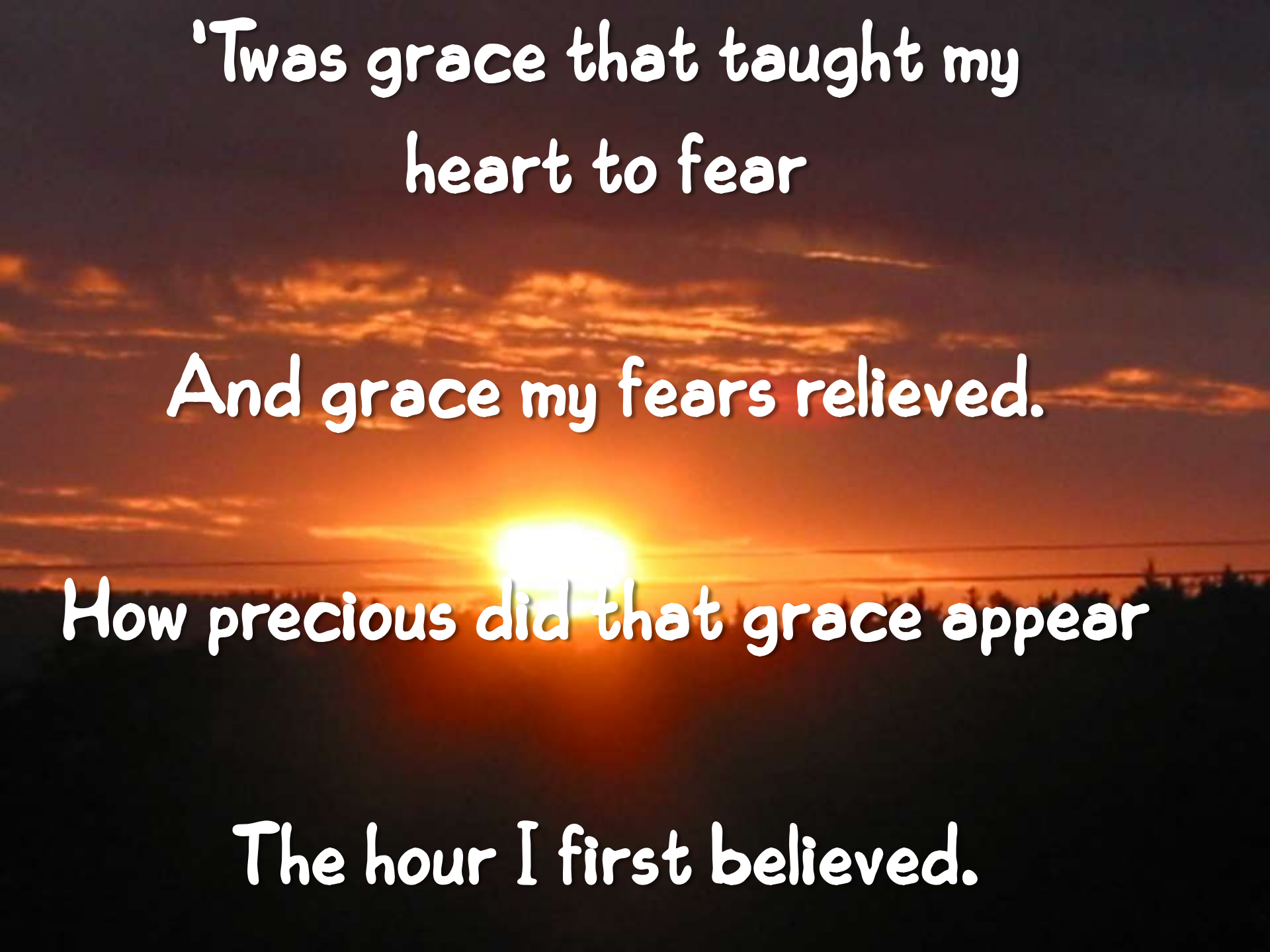


Amazing grace, how sweet  
the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm  
found.

Was blind, but now I see.



'Twas grace that taught my  
heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.



**(Men) Alleluia**

**(Women) Alleluia, Allelu**

**(Men) Alleluia**

**(Women) Alleluia, Allelu**

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**(Women) Alleluia, Alleluia**

**(Men) Alleluia**

Through many dangers,  
toils and snares

I have already come.

It's grace that brought me safe  
thus far

And grace will lead me home.

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A sunset over a body of water with mountains in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and water. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky.

**When we've been there ten thousand  
years**

**Bright shining as the sun,**

**We've no less days to sing God's praise**

**Than when we first begun.**

Peace be still.  
Peace be still.  
The storm rages.  
Peace be still.

## Remembering who are we and what are we about? *In lieu of a psalm*

- *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.
- And just like the knights, the pilgrims and disciples (of both truth and story), 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.

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

## The Bible.

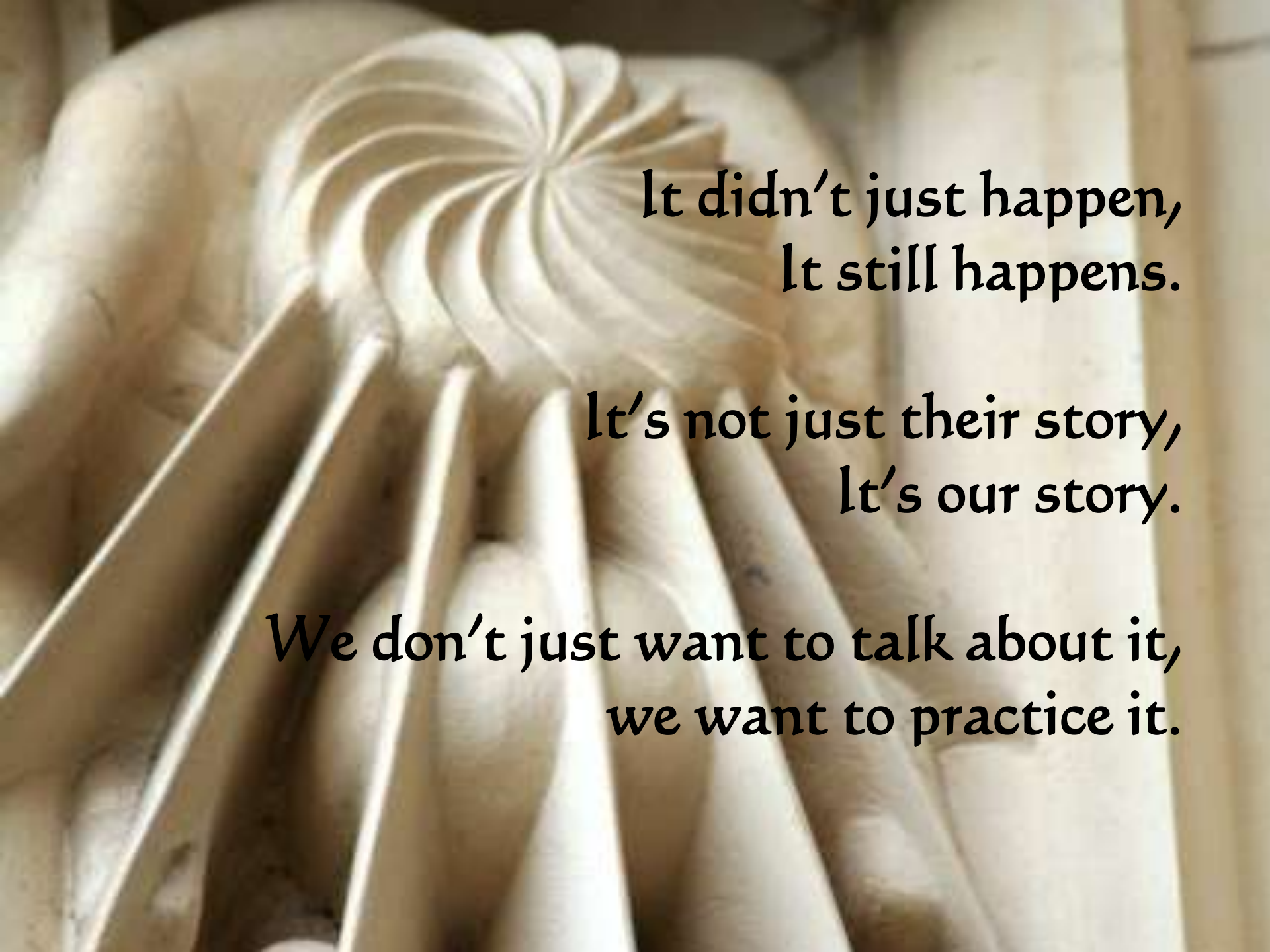
- The map of God's reality.
- A compass to help us through this world.
- Not a code of behavior, a list of do's and don'ts.
- They help us return to the created order.
- They point us to the way life was intended to be.
- The story contained within the scriptures help us
- To make sense of the story we live in today.

- **Grounded**
- **Communal**
- **Open Ended**
- **Alive**



The Bible as a meeting ground.





**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.**

A photograph of a stone archway leading to a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow through the arch. The water is visible in the distance, and the sky is a mix of orange and blue.

# Epiphany

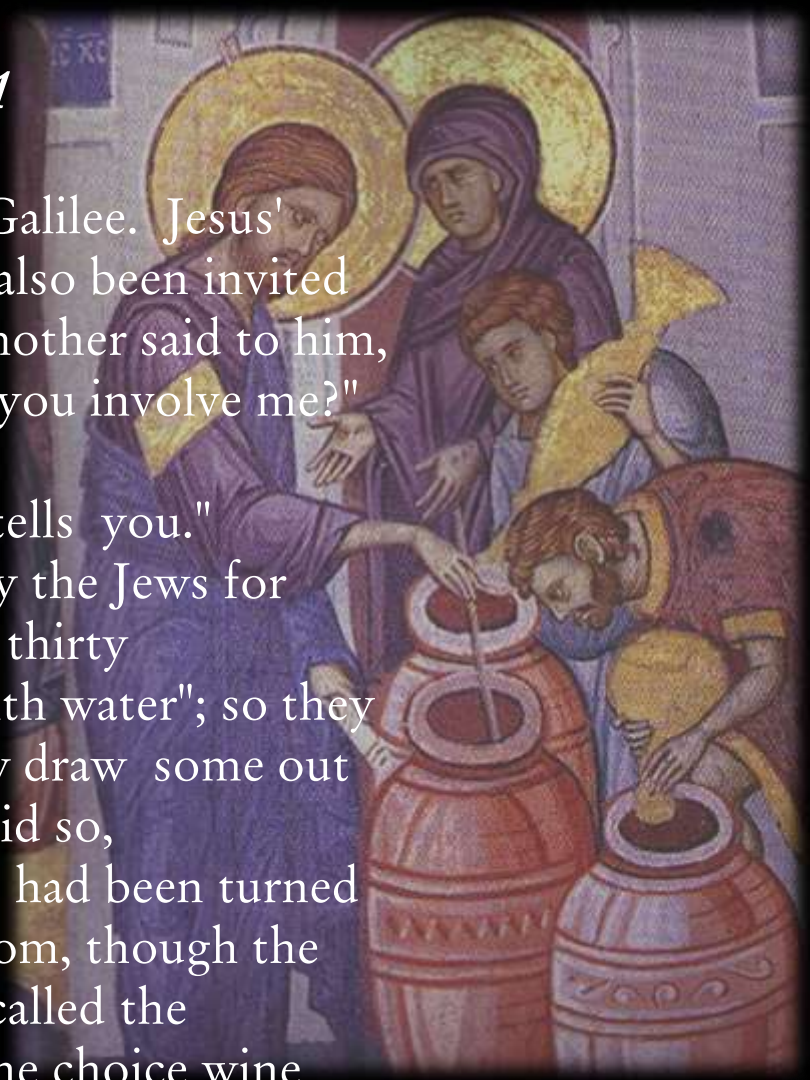
*“D-day”*

- *God made himself known*
- *Jesus was revealed as Messiah - as GOD.*
- *The master plan to claim back what had been lost and to restore what had been broken was put into action*
- *The ordinary is made holy.*

*From the Gospel of John, Chapter 2, verses 1-11*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.



# CONVERSATIONS

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*

To Ponder:

What water has been turned into wine this week?

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




# The Benediction:

The Season after the Epiphany:

The Season of Seeing

So together we pray:

O Lord extend our vision, our clearness of sight.  
Open our eyes to see beyond the obvious, to perceive  
that this is your world, You are in it, You invade it, You  
saturate it, You enfold it. It is encircled by you.  
Here we encounter you, Here we meet you, Here you  
come to us, Here your presence is revealed.



Go t o n i g h t ,  
R e m e m b e r i n g  
y o u a r e  
m a r k e d a n d s e a l e d  
a s  
C h r i s t ' s o w n  
F O r e v e r

# Benediction

May you go forth from here holding tight the hands with whom you share the way.

May you notice the miracles that still happen daily as God continues to restore life to as it should be.

May you find water turned to wine this week.

And may Christ the Son of God be visible in you and in every detail of your life so that you might be a light to the world!

This week, may you shine.

My friends, Shalom.

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.