

WELCOME TO SE*LAH



Come in, sit down, hang out, breathe. Take refuge in this ark, in this space, in this time... we have so much going on — so much to do; so much coming and going, so let's rest here if only for a little while... We're really glad you came.

Come and See...

-Jesus



Living life *with* God *in* this world



INVITATORY

The invitation to:

Come

Enter

Be

Hear

See.

Know.

A close-up photograph of a scarecrow. The scarecrow has a round, white face with two small black eyes, a triangular orange nose, and a simple smile. It wears a textured red hat and has long, light-colored straw hair. Its body is made of burlap, and it has a colorful, patterned fabric scarf. The background is a field of corn stalks with dried, brown leaves.

God is here in this place.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.



*All that I am, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*All that I do, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I work for,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I hope for,
I place into your hands.



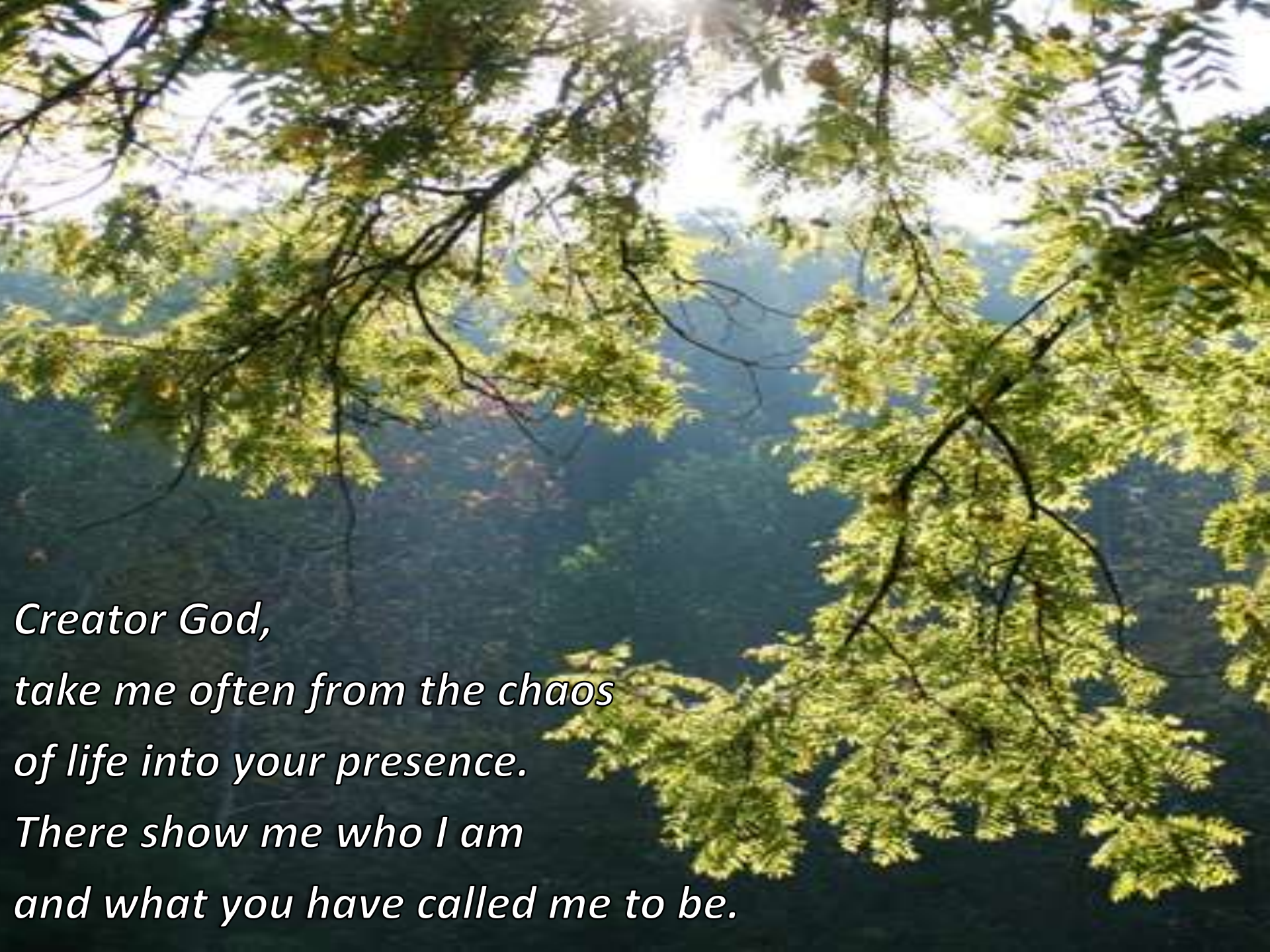
*The troubles that weary me,
I place into your hands.

*The thoughts that disturb me,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I pray for,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I care for,
I place into your hands.





*Creator God,
take me often from the chaos
of life into your presence.
There show me who I am
and what you have called me to be.*

The Versicle: Letting God speak

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

-Jesus

Gospel of Matthew, 11:28-30



Our weekly call: *to Step out of the traffic....*



What are you stepping out of? What are you stepping into?
What is it you want from God this evening?



Offering to God what it is you ask for this evening,

For the next two hours, leave everything else behind and cease striving
Step out of the traffic and to remember and to look at God.

For the next two hours

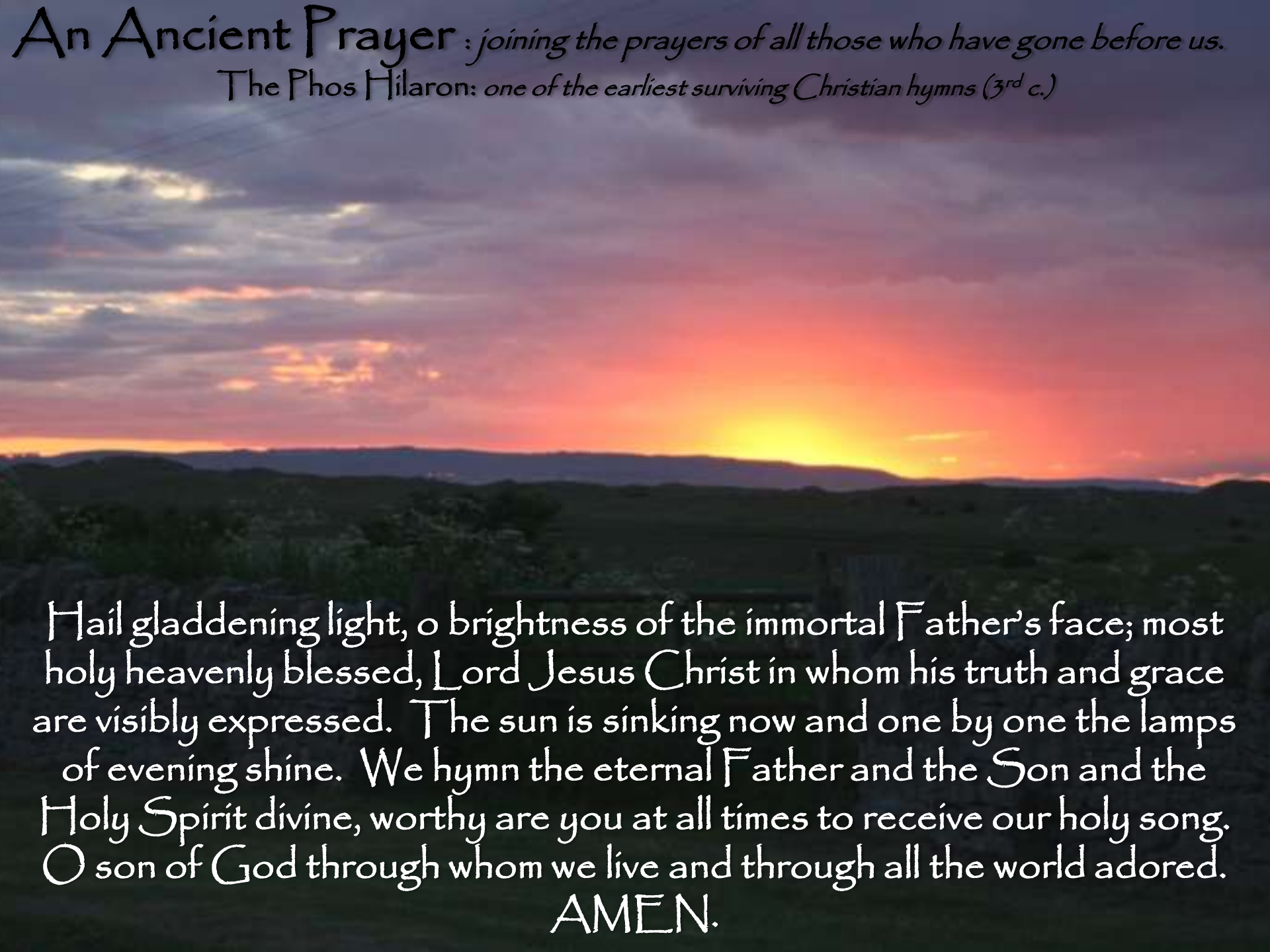
Be still and remember what really matters in this world.

Just **BE STILL** and **KNOW GOD IS HERE.**

Just be still and know **GOD...**

the lighting
of the
candles



A sunset over a forested landscape with mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of purple, pink, and orange, with the sun setting on the horizon. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted forest.

An Ancient Prayer

: joining the prayers of all those who have gone before us.

The Phos Hilaron: *one of the earliest surviving Christian hymns (3rd c.)*

Hail gladdening light, o brightness of the immortal Father's face; most holy heavenly blessed, Lord Jesus Christ in whom his truth and grace are visibly expressed. The sun is sinking now and one by one the lamps of evening shine. We hymn the eternal Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit divine, worthy are you at all times to receive our holy song. O son of God through whom we live and through all the world adored.

AMEN.

We are a thankful people.



*As we gather around the Table we
remember and we are thankful.*

communion:

on this journey together.



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



*Let us hear the bells that ring to call us to seek our God.
We seek you O God, our God. Make your touch known to us.*

Finding a posture of seeking.

Open my eyes...

Release my mind...

Clear my ears...

Fill my mouth...

Stretch my hands...

Ground my body...

Stir my life...



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

YOU ARE MY PRINCE OF
PEACE



AND I WILL LIVE MY LIFE
FOR YOU,

BREATHE

**This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me**



**And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You**

**This is my daily
bread
This is my daily
bread
Your very word,
spoken to me**





**And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You**



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





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In the sanctuary

And bless the Lord

Psalm 139:

O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O LORD.
You hem me in—behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the
earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake,
I am still with you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting

The Prayer of Making it more than words on a page.

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 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.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

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 on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water's surface. The sky is a soft gradient of pink, orange, and light blue. In the foreground, the water's edge is visible, with gentle waves lapping at a sandy or pebbly shore. On the right side of the frame, the dark silhouette of a tree with dense foliage is visible against the lighter sky.

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



SO NOW WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE
KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

AND WE KNOW THAT TO LIFE
WITH GOD IN THIS WORLD IN
JESUS' WAY NOT ONLY BRINGS HIS
DREAMS MORE FULLY ALIVE BUT
LEAVES US "BLESSED:"

TOUCHED, HEALED, WHOLE & DELIVERED

So we pray...



Creator and Redeemer God,
Your Kingdom come
Your Way be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Your kingdom come
Your way be done
In us and in our lives.

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

In our community and in our church

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

Show us our part in
Your kingdom come
Your way be done

Set this world right. Set us right

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

The Parables of the Kingdom

Why Parables?

To know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven - Jesus

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

- The soil in which we sow (Matthew 13:1-23)
- Wheat and Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)
- A Mustard Seed (Matthew 13: 31:32)
- Yeast in bread (Matthew 13:33)
- Hidden treasure in a field (Matthew 13:44)
- A Pearl of great worth (Matthew 13:45-46)
- A fishing net dragged through the sea (Matthew 47-50)
- Three stewards (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Ten brides. (Matthew 25:1-13)

So what do we learn about
Life with God in this world?
About God's dreams for us and this world?

What do we learn about God?


What do learn about this world?

What encouragement do we hear?

What redirection do we hear?

Conversations

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*

An aerial photograph of a large group of people, approximately 30-40 individuals, sitting in a circle on a grassy lawn. They are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, jeans, and shorts. The group is diverse in age and appearance. The setting is outdoors, with a large, leafy tree on the left side of the frame and a path or driveway visible on the right. The lighting suggests it might be late afternoon or early evening, with some shadows cast on the grass.

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

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.



The Blessing

May you go forth from here, knowing that God has big dreams not only for you but that include you. May you remember that you hold the keys that help unlock God's dreams here on earth. May you find yourselves noticing the places where God's kingdom is alive in your life. And may you begin to live in such a way that you are blessed by God, touched, healed, whole and delivered.

SHALOM



Peace · Be · Unto · You