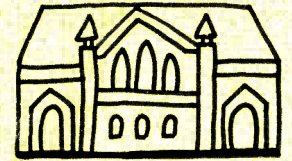


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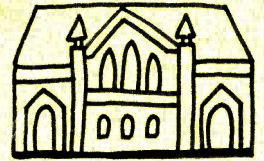


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Today 23th Sept 2021 the service is led by
Philip Wells, full-time pastor/Elder
Subject – Christ and his mature church –
2. Jesus, his and service

*Being currently in a location with a high virus infection rate, we ask you to retain
face-coverings while moving within the building and while singing.*

This evening – 19:00 at church – further discussion on the
morning’s teaching + zoom “overspill”
Wednesday 15th September church prayer meeting



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Prayer – with Lord's prayer

Song: Wonderful merciful Saviour

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Song - O how good it is

Talk – Jesus – his people – service Mark 10:35-45

Song: Servant King

Closing prayer

Hear the call of the kingdom

1. Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the king; let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in his unfailing grace.

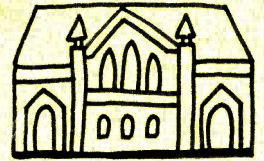
2. Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ; walking justly before him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.

***King of heaven, we will answer the call,
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.***

**3. Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion, in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.**

King of heaven,...

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The Lord's prayer



Our Father in heaven

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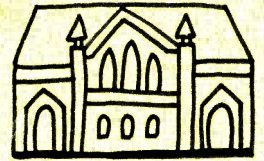
Your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for
ever and ever. Amen.



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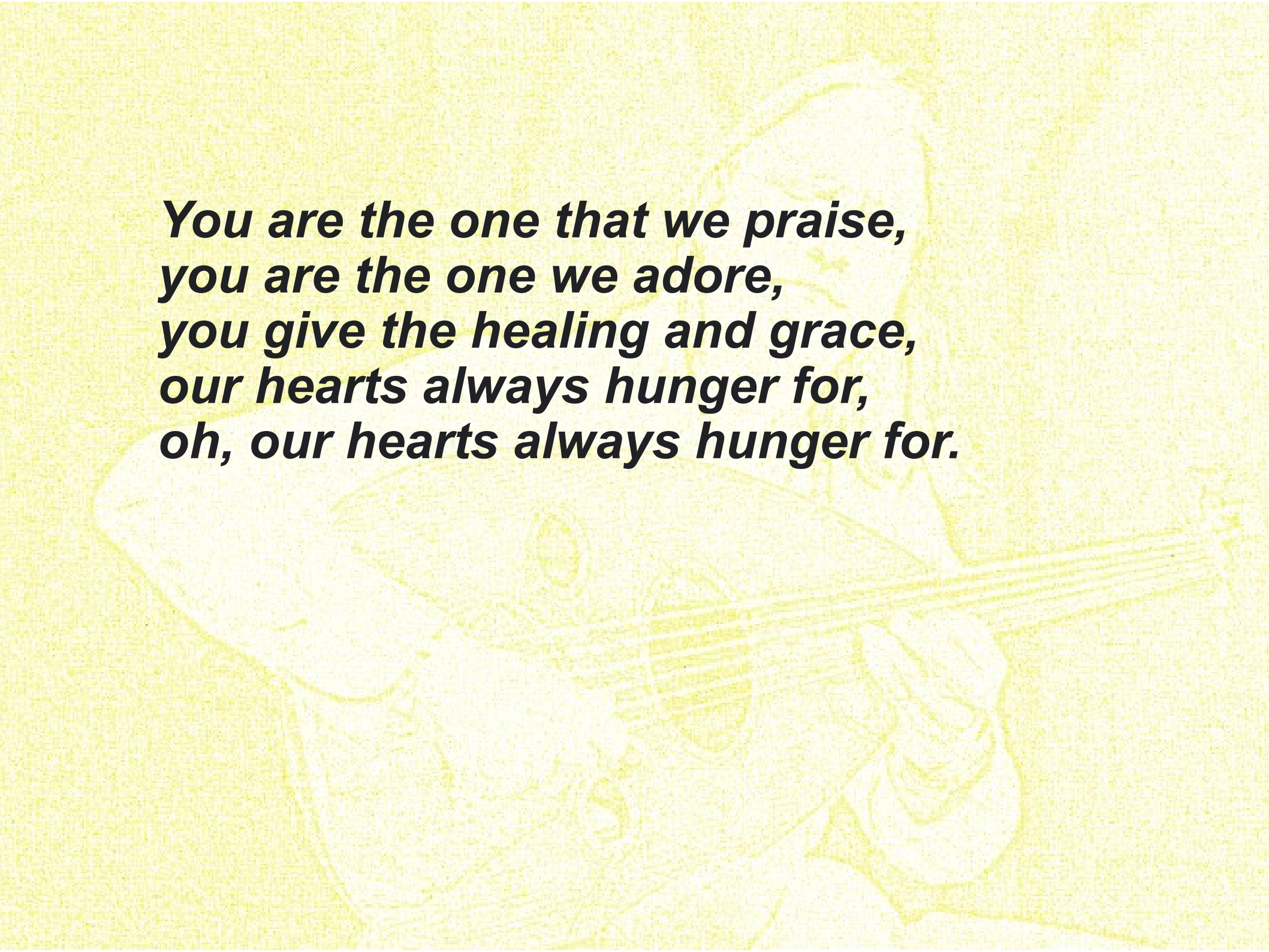
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**Wonderful, merciful saviour
precious redeemer and friend
who would've thought that a lamb could
rescue the souls of men,
oh, you rescue the souls of men.**

**Counsellor, comforter, keeper
spirit we long to embrace
you offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost our way,
oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.**

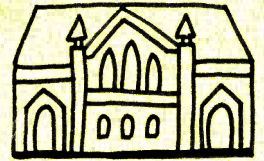


***You are the one that we praise,
you are the one we adore,
you give the healing and grace,
our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.***

**Almighty, infinite Father
faithfully loving your own,
here in our weakness you find us
falling before your throne,
oh, we're falling before your throne.**

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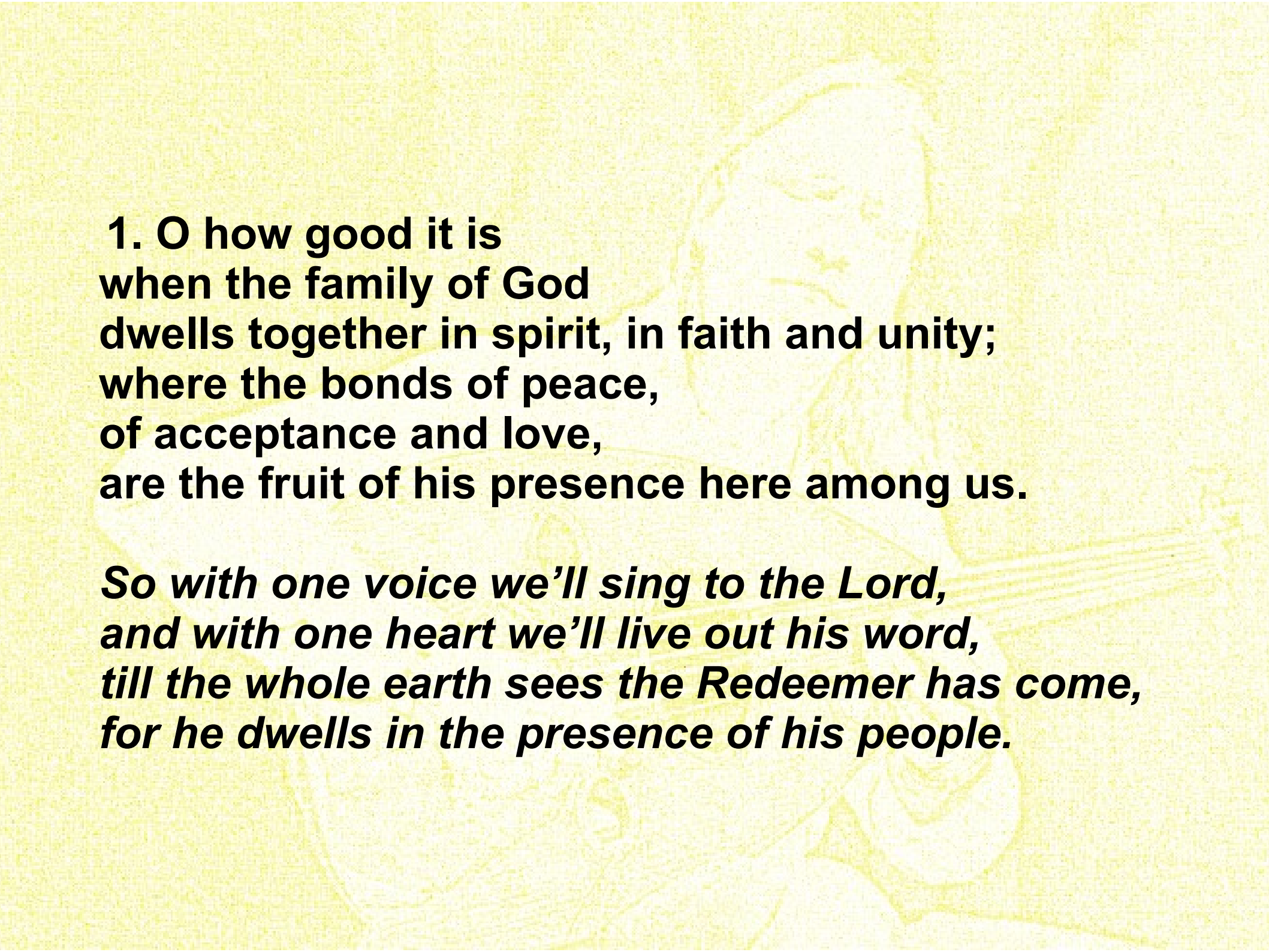
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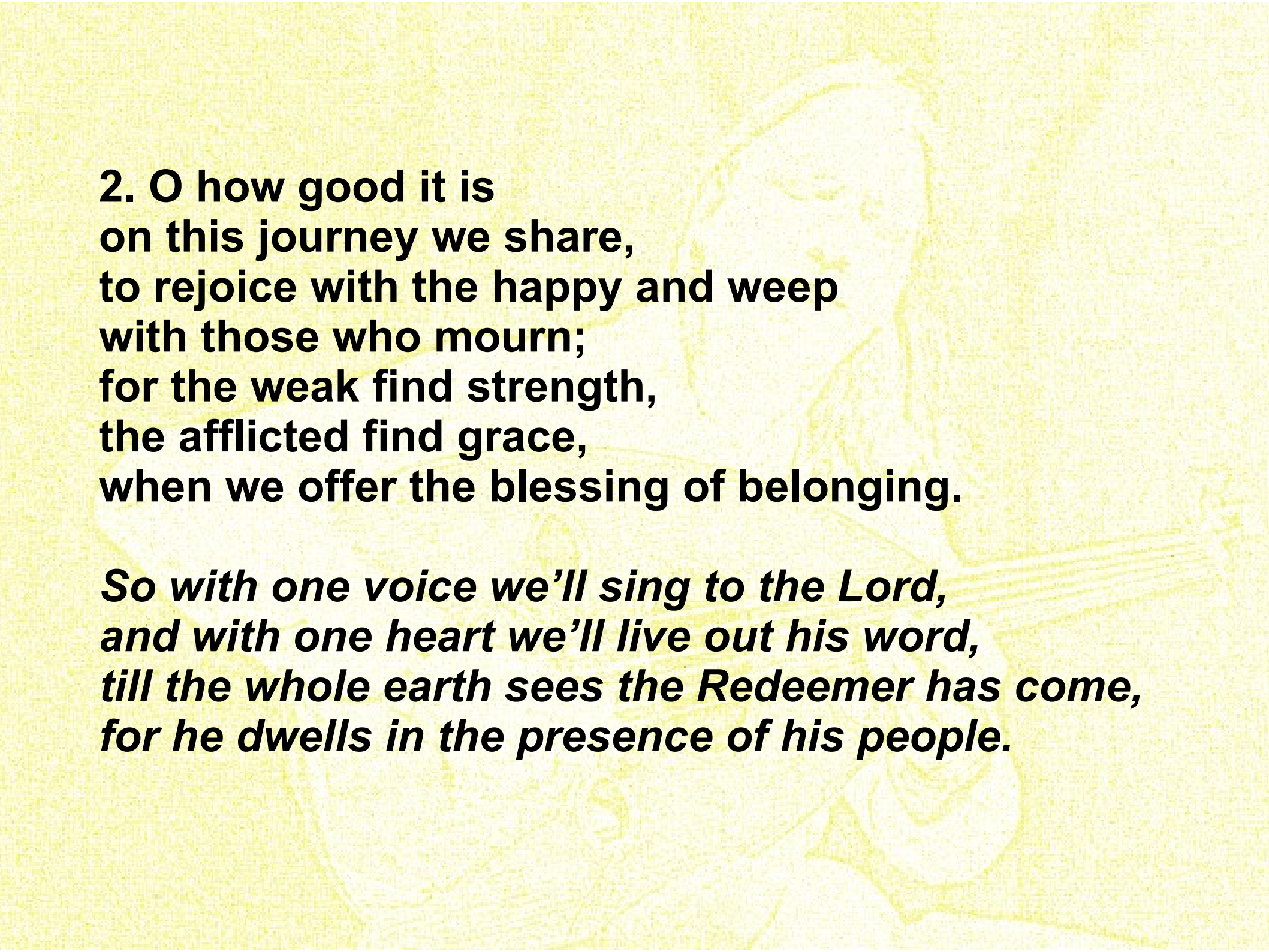
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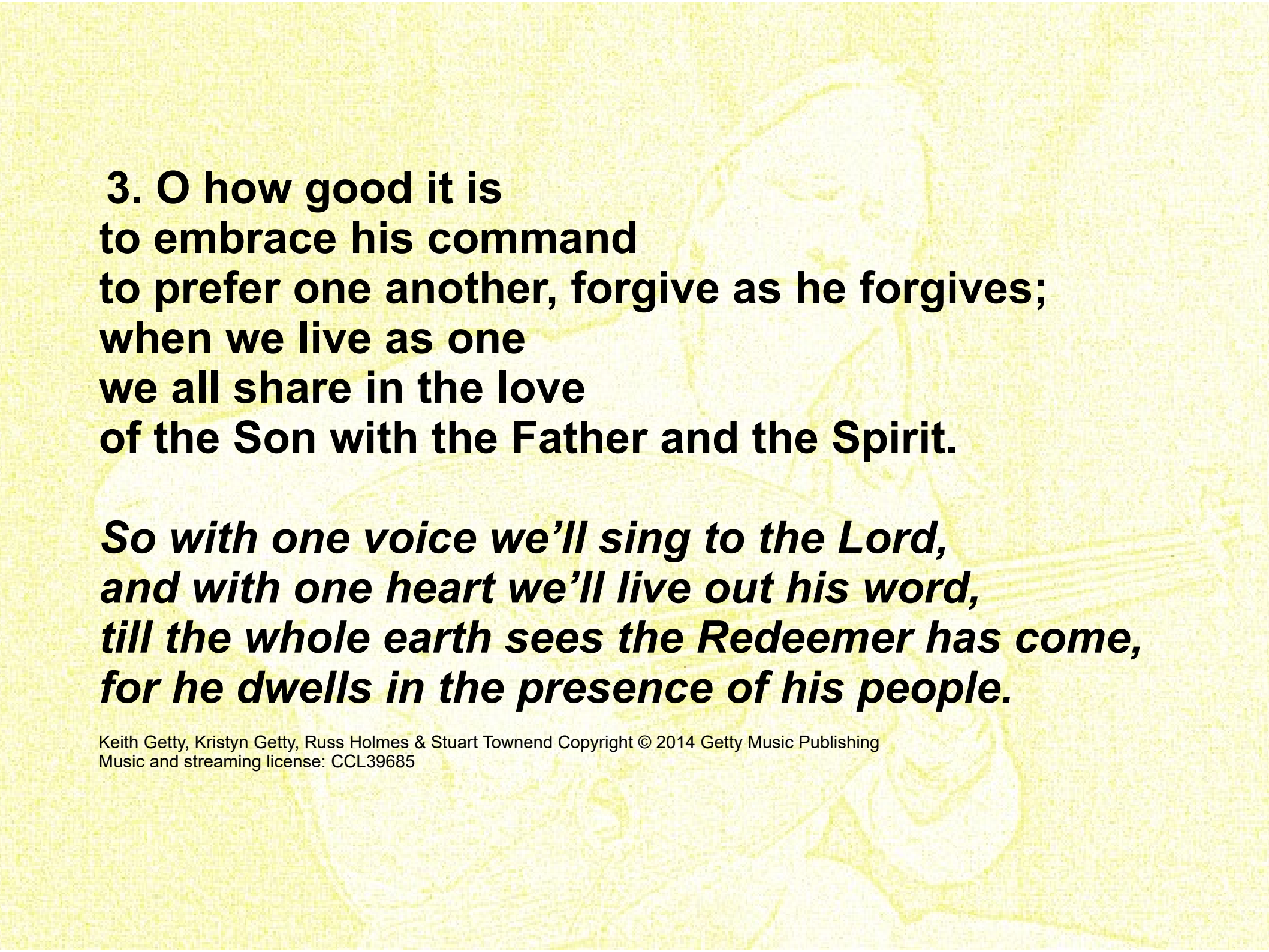
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when the family of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love,
are the fruit of his presence here among us.**

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.***



**2. O how good it is
on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy and weep
with those who mourn;
for the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.**

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
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**3. O how good it is
to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives;
when we live as one
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What is the church?

Where to you stand re. the church?

1. what is the church?

- What do we mean?
- e.g. community of - sinners - repented - faith in gospel - baptised - new life - new community

2. what is its importance?

- Cared for as body
- Union as bride

3. what is its description?

- Love (1 Cor 13 - the awkward passage)
- Sweet order

=> this is what church is ... we are church, are we truly being what we are?



Today – Jesus – his mature church, and service

Look at Mark 10:35-43

- 1. a prayer of faith and flesh*
- 2. the pre-condition of death of self*
- 3. a contrast with the Gentile lords*
- 4. principle of other-centred service*



1. a prayer of faith and flesh

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask ... Let one of us sit at your right and the other at the left in your glory" v.35-37

-faith ... because

– - they believed Jesus would have glory!

- flesh = self

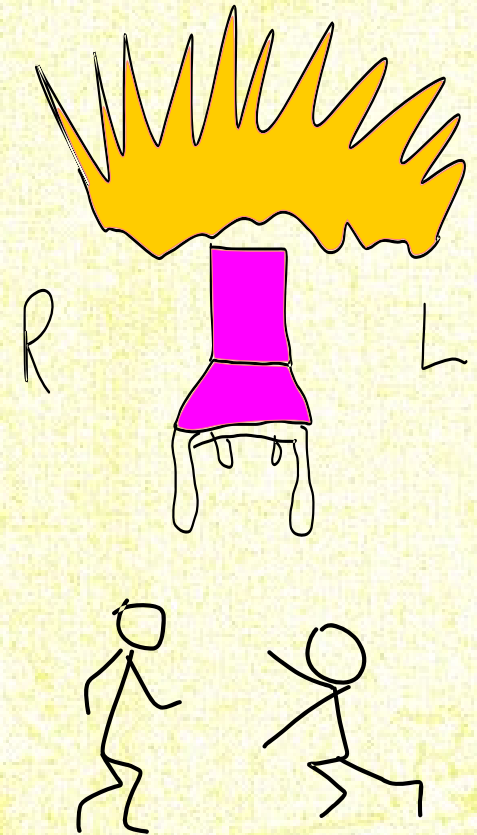
– They wanted Jesus to do their bidding (genie)

– They wanted glory

=> " you have not because you ask not ..

When you ask you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures" James 4:3

??? non-prayer ... unanswered prayer ... priorities ... motives

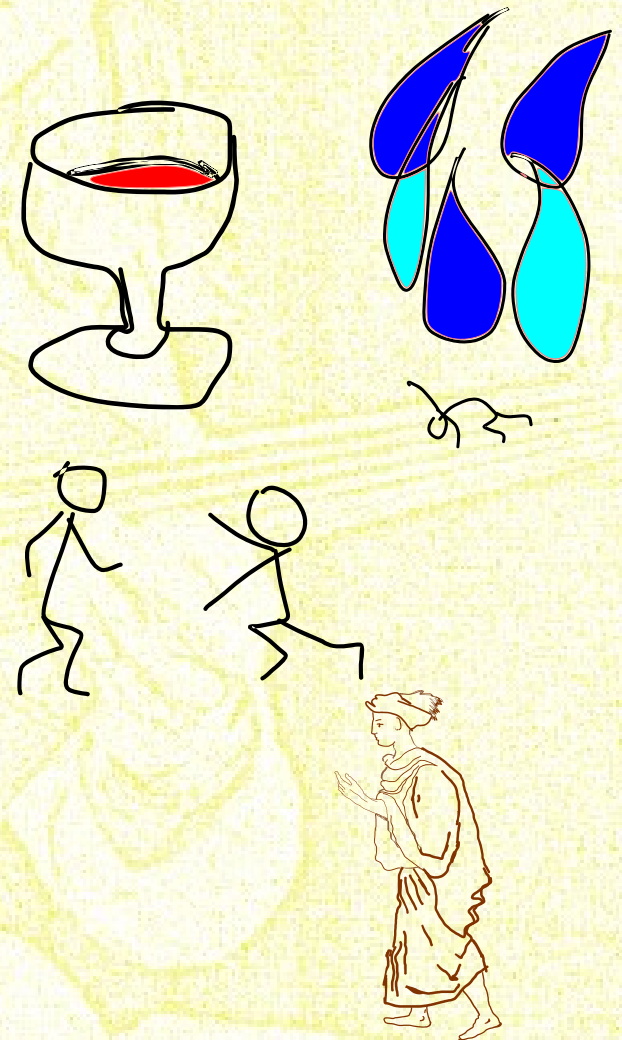


2. the pre-condition of death of self

v.38 "you don't know what you are asking ...Can you drink the cup I drink, and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with ..."

"Yes"

- what is the nasty cup?
 - Of wrath and suffering
- what is the tidal wave (baptism)
 - God's wrath and anger?
- he is talking about his D**T*



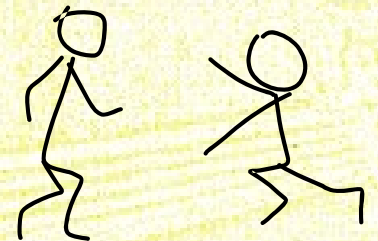
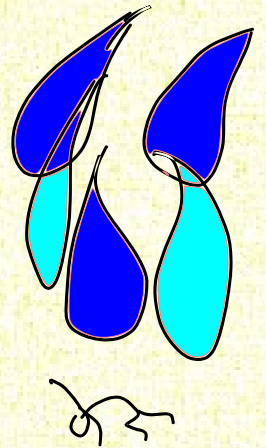
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Jesus's own death

To disciples ... are you up for that?

"Yes"

- Death to self
- "if anyone would come after me he must take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for me and the gospel will save it" Mark 8:34ff
- Death of "self"
- Self = I/me ... the world revolving around "me". "my problems" "my issues" "my well-being" "my comfort" "my rights" "my dignity", getting my own way, my employment, my right to a spouse, my right to a decent standard of living, my right to ease and comfort, my hobbies ...
- N.B. Jesus makes this a pre-condition of answering their prayer



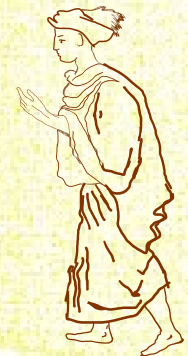
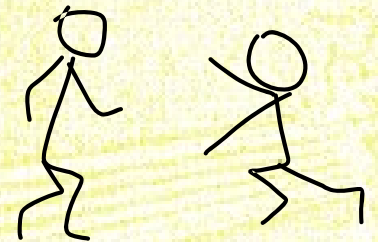
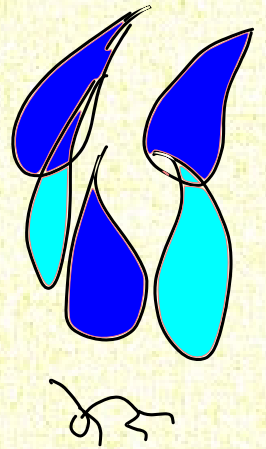
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- BUT ...
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- Death to self is a pre-condition, not an extra special merit!
- "right and left is not mine to give ... Father's prepared gift" v.40
- i.e. this death to self does not put anyone above anyone else ("look how much I've died to self" "look at all the things I've done for you Lord") ... it's the starting point for everyone
- ==> is this standard for us? Are we mortifying self every day ... looking at our motives and plans ... are we going forward in this? Or backwards?



3. a contrast with the Gentile lords

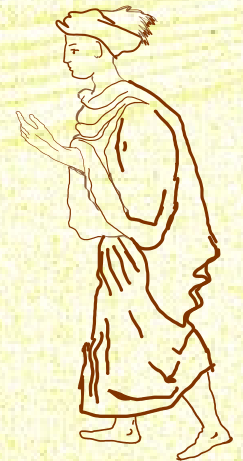
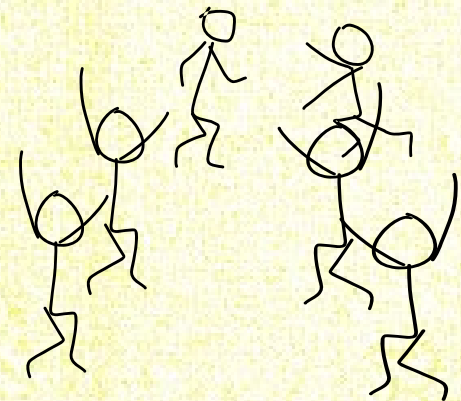
The other disciples are indignant.

It is not that they are humble and not interested in self-glory ... but they are just annoyed that they didn't think of it first.

Jesus: "rulers of Gentiles/nations Lord-it over them ... great-ones take authority ... Not so with you!"

N.B. we have equality, democracy ... it does not apply to us

- Lord is someone who ...
 - Does what he's told?
 - Doesn't have to do what he's told?
 - Abides by the rules?
 - Makes up their own rules?
- thinking within the church: "no one tells me what to do", "I make up my own rules", "no-one limits my freedom ..", "no one challenges me ..." submitting to one another ... yeah-right!



4. principle of other-centred service

But not so with you ...

Great/first among you ... your servant ...

- N.B. "you"
- This is worked out within a community
- To envisage living the Christian life as a lone, solo enterprise is simply disobedience. Don't expect the Lord to bless you
- To see the church as "them" to which I have no obligation or commitment - is insolence to the Lord Jesus



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- Which is most surprising?
- "servant (diakonos) ... slave (doulos)"
- "all"
- ... surely I can't be a slave in this sense ... that's extremely demeaning ... surely I can insist on making some reservations ... I will serve so far ... on so many hours ... but no further ... this will cost me ... everything ...
- ... surely I don't have to serve XYZ ...
- Apparently I do.



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- First question: are you willing to offer yourself totally in his service?
- My plans ... my comfort ... he says leave it all to go to Afghanistan ...
- Unless you said yes to that question you have not even started the Christian life ...



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- Second question: do you want to grow into greatness as a Christian ... maturity ... Christ-like ness ... growing up in Christ
- Here is the secret of Christian greatness,
- Death to self, selfless unreserved service
- Let's re-dedicate ourselves to service to him... unreservedly. And express that in unreserved service to his people



Why?

1. a prayer of faith and flesh - do for us ...
2. the pre-condition of death of self - can you?
3. a contrast with the Gentile lords - no one tells them what to do
4. principle of other-centred service - servant of the others ...

Because that's exactly how our Saviour lived, that's exactly how his Spirit within us moves ...

"let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"

Jesus - laid aside being served, his glory, standard of living, comfort, rights, trouble-free life, his all

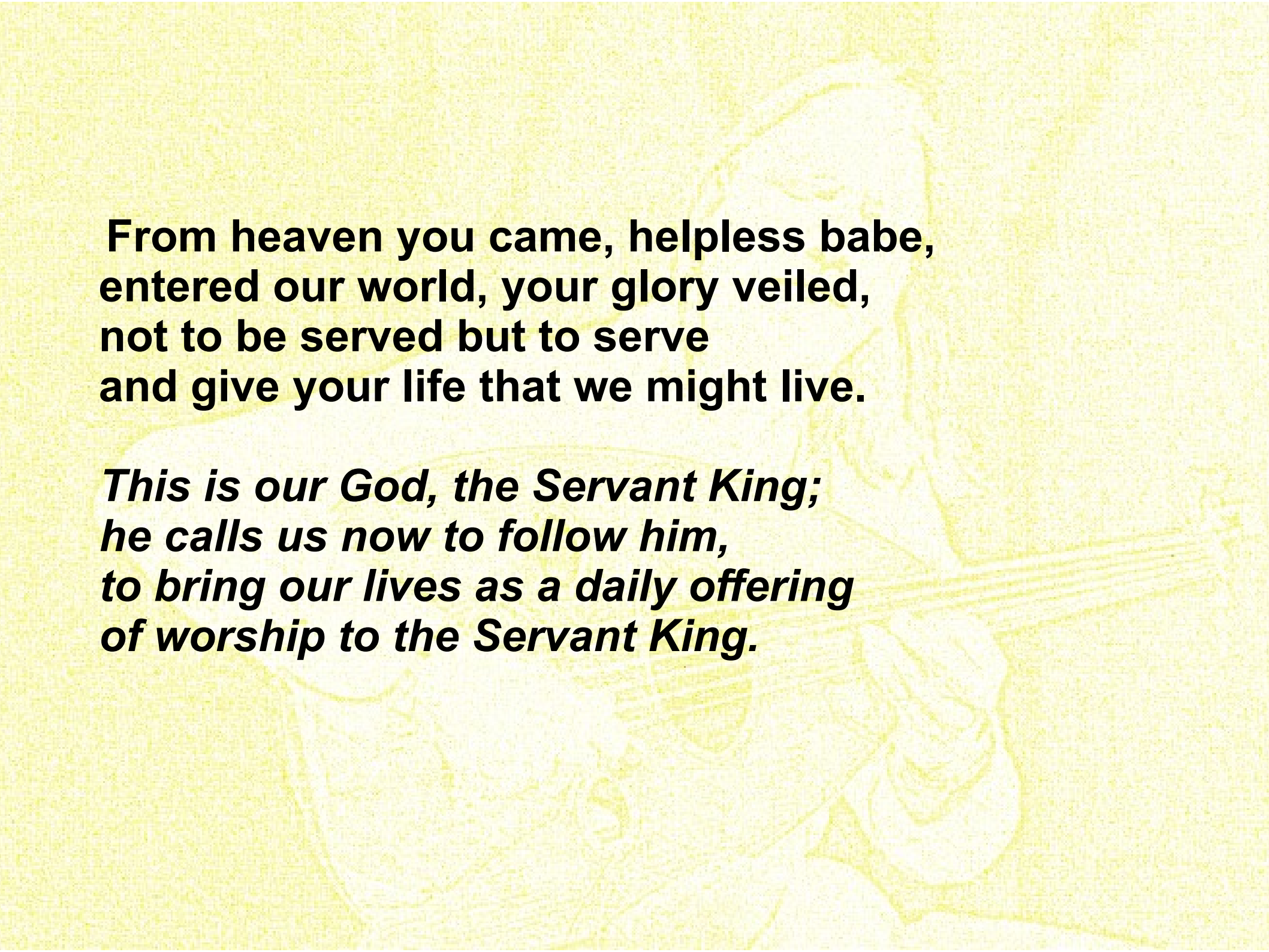
Jesus - embraced totality of death

Substitute "a ransom for many"

Jesus - Lord of all ... became servant of all

- This is a matter of amazing beauty and wonderful grace
- And the most searching probing of our hearts and lives!






**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King;
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**2. There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will, but yours,' he said.**

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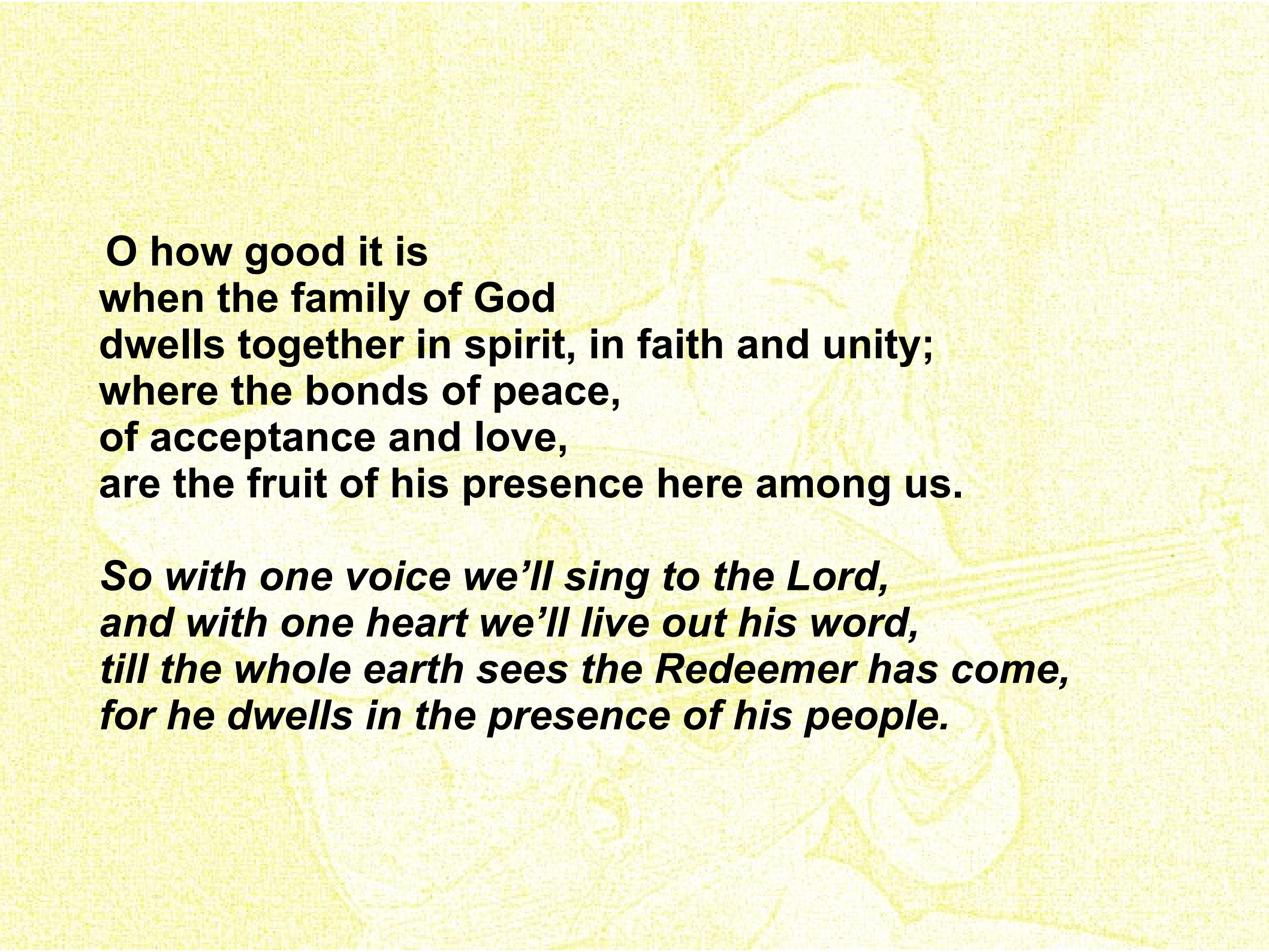


**3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.**

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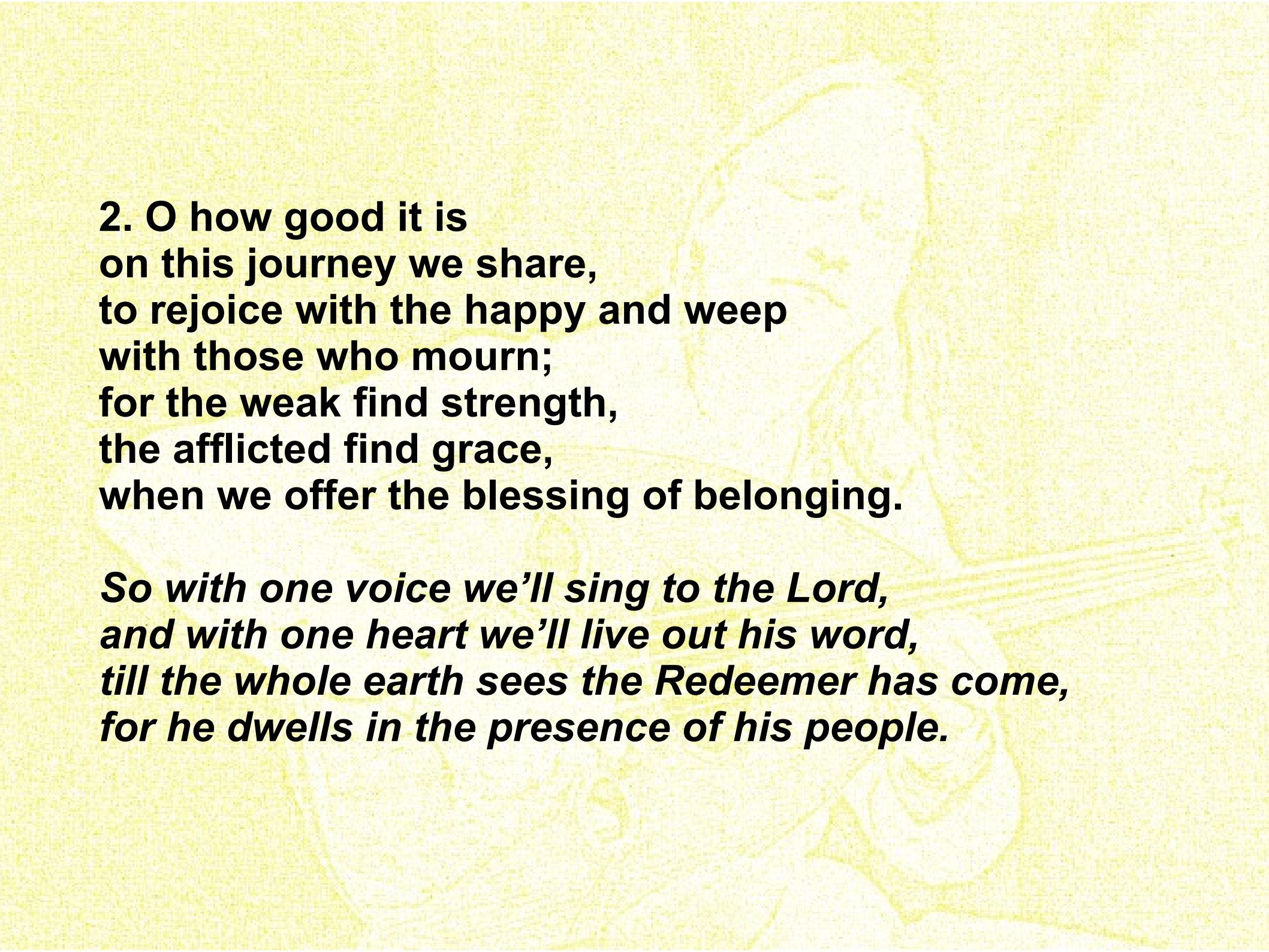
**4. So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

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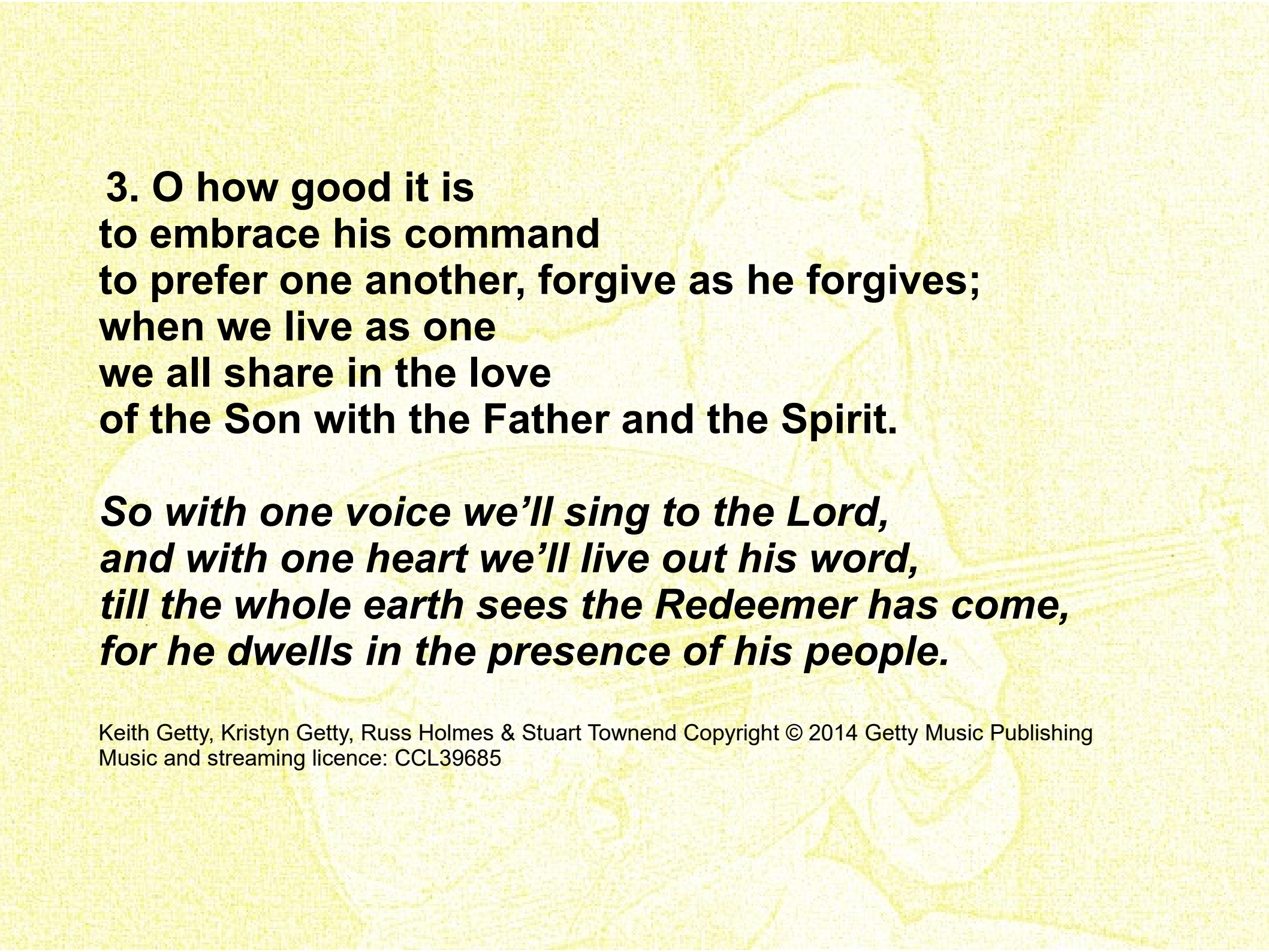
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