

Liturgy – 26th Weekend in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2023 at 5pm, Light of Christ ECC

Responses of the people are in **bold**

Many Christian faith traditions engage September as the Season of Creation in their liturgies. With that in mind, this liturgy is adapted from Seasons of Creation worship resources found at <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/>

Opening Song: #741 All Are Welcome

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Tune: TWO OAKS, ♭ 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation,
and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Blessing of the Peace Pals:

Teri: God of Creation, we ask that you join our blessing with yours upon these Peace Pals which will be taken to the border for children in the process of immigration. Thank you for drawing our attention to these precious ones. May our blessing travel with these Peace Pal dolls and bless those who will receive them. Infuse these crocheted and knitted ones with Your Shalom and peace. May the work of our creative hands inspire the children's creativity in play. May Your light shine through them, and be a beacon of hope for all of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Penitential Rite

Teri: Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

God, You parted waters making a new way for your people, Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ, You walked on water and calmed the storm, Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Spirit of God, You breath blowing over the waters touches us. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life and love eternal. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life.

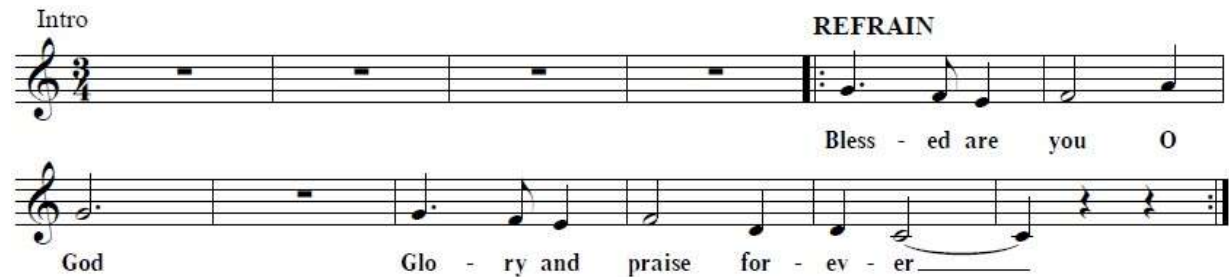
Together now we say. **Amen**

(Let us grab our holy noisemakers, as we sing our glory to God)

Mass of Welcoming Glory and Praise in C

MJS
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Fr. Teri Harroun

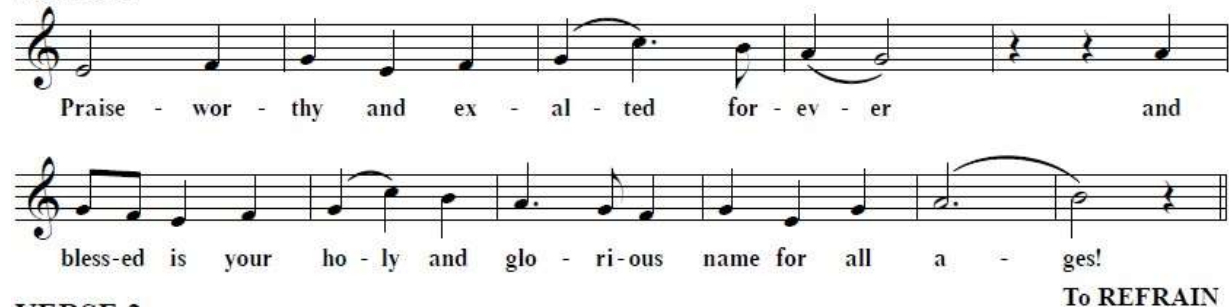
Intro



REFRAIN

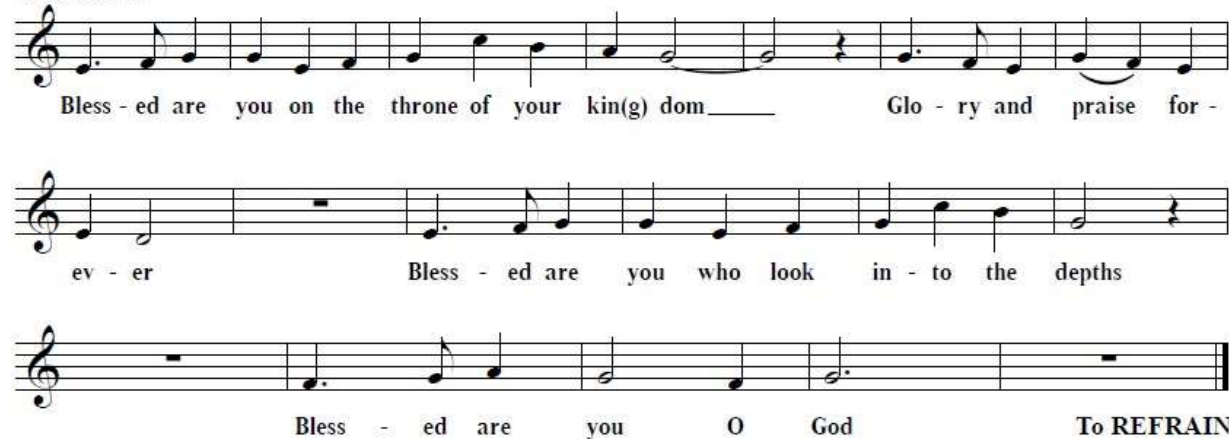
Bless - ed are you O
God
Glo - ry and praise for - ev - er

VERSE 1



Praise - wor - thy and ex - al - ted for - ev - er and
bless - ed is your ho - ly and glo - ri - ous name for all a - ges!
To REFRAIN

VERSE 2



Bless - ed are you on the throne of your kin(g) dom _____ Glo - ry and praise for -
ev - er Bless - ed are you who look in - to the depths
Bless - ed are you O God To REFRAIN

Opening Prayer

Teri: Let us pray....God, we come into your presence today, to worship you in the sanctuary of the earth. We invite our Sister Waters of the Ocean to join us in worship, along with the deep currents of the sea and the ocean reefs; the mountain peaks on the ocean floor. WE invite the icebergs that break off from the North Pole, and the calm waters of the equator. May all

ocean life join our songs of praise. The ocean may seem far away, but in You, our God, we are all one. May we remember the mist of her blessing on our skin, and may we live lives that bless our Sister Waters as well. In the name of the Incarnation, our brother Jesus the Christ we pray: **Amen.**

First Reading: Rachel

Rachel : Our First Reading is from the prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28, 23, 29-32)

"You say, 'God's ways are unjust!' Hear now, O House of Israel: Is My way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?"

"If a righteous person turns away from what is right and does wrong, they will die for it. Because of their error, they will die. If a wicked person abandons the wrong they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. None of their offenses will be remembered. Having considered and renounced all previous offenses, they will most certainly live; they shall not die.

Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?

Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of God is not just.' Are My ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

"Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways," declares God. "Repent! Turn away from all your offenses. Then evil will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed. Get a new heart and a new spirit. Why die? Why choose death? I, your God, take no pleasure in the death of anyone! Turn back to Me, then, and live!

This has been a reading from Ezekiel. .

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: # 26 To You, O Lord

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Refrain



Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

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Second Reading: Rachel

Our Second Reading is from the Letter of James (2:14-19, 25-26).

What good is it, beloved, if you say you have faith but do not follow it up with action? Can that faith save you? If someone is in need of clothes or lacks enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well, keep warm, and eat your fill," without giving them these bare necessities, what good is that? In the same way, faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead.

But someone might say, "You have faith, and I have good deeds." Show me your faith apart from your good deeds, and I by my acts of goodness, will show you my faith. You believe that God is one – good! But even the demons believe that, - and shudder.

Remember Rahab, the prostitute. Was she not justified by her deeds when she welcomed the messengers into her home, and showed them a safe

road to leave by? For just as the body without breath is dead, so faith without good deeds is also dead.

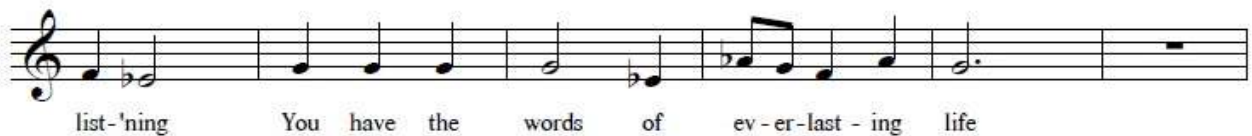
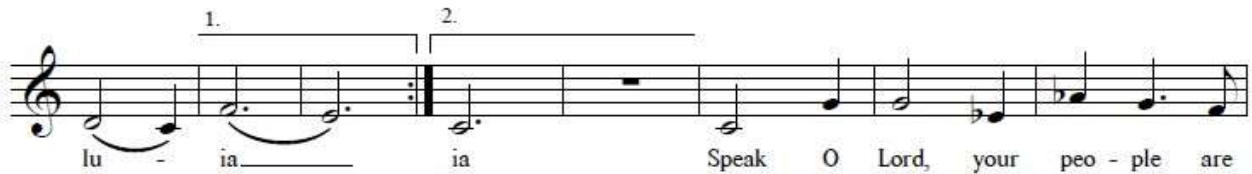
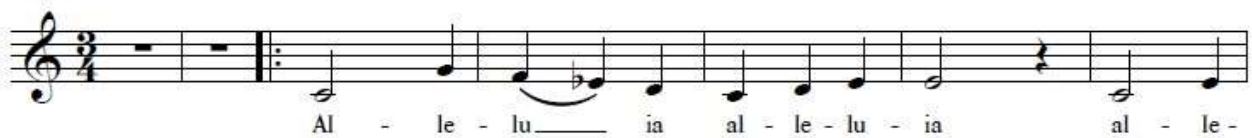
This has been a reading from the Letter of James.

Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro



Final REFRAIN



The Risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:28-32)

Glory to you, O God+

While Jesus was teaching in the Temple in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him and challenged his authority, to which Jesus responded:

“What is your opinion? A parent had two children of age, and going to the

first said, 'Child of mine, go and work in the vineyard today.' The eldest responded, 'I will not,' but afterwards had a change of heart, and went. The parent then went and said the same thing to the second, who answered, 'Certainly, I'm on my way,' but did not go."

"Which of the two did what the parent desired?"

They responded, "The first." Jesus said to them, "It is true; and I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the reign of God ahead of you. For John the Baptizer came to you, showing the right way to live, and you did not believe him; yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you did not have a change of heart and believe."

The Gospel according to Matthew. ***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily - Teri

Prayers of the People

Teri: I'd like to invite "Rachel " back to lead us in the prayers that have been prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Rachel : Our response today is: Creator God, inspire us. ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For all the people and places of the world that would benefit from our prayer, and the grace we can share soul to soul. We pray: ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For all church leaders, that they may guide us to deepen our gratitude for all of God's creative work in the world We pray: ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For the ocean, the rivers that lead to the ocean, and all the waters of the earth. May each droplet be clean and healthy for all who come in contact with this sacred mist. We pray: ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For those who are sick, (especially ____). May they know God's presence and receive all that they need. We pray: ***Creator God, inspire us.***

For those who have died, (especially _____). May they enjoy the Eternal Banquet of the Divine Host. We pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

Rachel : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **Creator God, inspire us.**

Rachel : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Teri: Collect (*adlib*)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: # 597 All That We Have

All That We Have

Refrain



All that we have and all that we of-fer Comes from a



heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and



give what we need, All done in his name.

Verses



1. Some would re - ly on their pow - er,
2. Some - times the road may be lone - some,
3. Some - times when trou - bles are man - y,



Oth - ers put trust in their gold.
Of - ten we may lose our way;
Life can seem emp - ty, it's true,



Some have on - ly their Sav - ior,
Take cour - age and al - ways re - mem - ber
But look at the life of the Mas - ter,



Whose faith - ful - ness nev - er grows old.
Love is - n't just for a day.
Who lov - ing - ly suf - fered for you.

Text: Gary Ault, b.1944
Tune: Gary Ault b.1944; acc. by Gary Daigle, b.1957, alt.
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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.
(After the offertory song finishes.)

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all.
And also with you.

Teri: Let us open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: Blessed are you, O holy God, Breath and Life of the world. It is right to celebrate and give you thanks. Your Word is the origination for all things to be: for space, stars and stardust to appear; for Earth to emerge from the deep; for life to be born of earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the

Spirit. You chose to be born among us, to become a part of the Earth, and as Incarnation to suffer, die, and be raised from death renewing all of creation with love. Your presence is the Living Breath with us today, the Christ deep among us, filling the earth including the land, the sea, and the air and the grain and grapes that we share with You, God, this day. Therefore, with the ancient voices of the forest, the wisdom songs of the air, and the deep vibrato from the depths of the sea, we proclaim Your presence among us as we sing:

Mass of Welcoming Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly One God of pow-er and
love hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is the
One who comes in the name of this Ho - ly One Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution:

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**
(bow)

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."**
(bow)

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Mass of Welcoming Rising You Revealed New Life

MJS
Text by
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Intro

Dy - ing You de - stroyed our death ris - ing You re -

vealed new life Oh — Je - sus you are here and yet to come.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It starts with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Teri: God of Imagination and Creator of diversity, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament.

We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishops Kae and Bishop Paul. May you grant them the grace they need each day to love and serve in your Name.

God of Love, we trust that our beloved ancestors now live in the fullness of your eternal embrace. Share with us the grace needed that we may dwell in the fullness of Your Love one day with all the saints, martyrs, friends, and others who have modeled Your Will throughout the world.

You are here with us now, O God. You are at these Tables with all your kin and You share with all in need. You share the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those who are broken, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears. May we who share in these gifts and grace, share Christ with one another and with all of Creation.

May we together praise and glorify You, through Jesus the Christ.

Teri: Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Mass of Welcoming
Amen

MJS

Intro

Amen men. Amen men.

Lord's Prayer:

Teri: Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

MJS

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1. Liv - ing God, You feed the world that hun - gers for
2. Liv - ing God, You quench the world that thir - sts for

1. 2.
You Your Love trans - forms us To Verse 3

3. Liv - ing God You bless the world cre - a - ted by You

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Teri: This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

(Invitation to Communion)

We are invited to these tables just as we are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Let us look for God in the breaking of this bread.

Communion Song: #835 Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Rory Cooney

Refrain

I my-self am the bread of life. You and I
are the bread of life, tak-en and blessed, bro-ken and
shared by Christ that the world might live. live.
That the world might live. That the world might live.

1-3 to Verses Final

Verses

1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak - er's
2. Here is God's king - dom giv - en to us as
3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto - ries — shared a -
1. love, and we who share it _____ know that we can be
2. food. This is our bod - y, _____ this _____ is our
3. loud, be - come a ban - quet, a shel - ter ___ for the
to Refrain

1. one:
2. blood: } a liv - ing sign of God in Christ.
3. world: }

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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray...God, by the healing power of Christ's Body and Blood, may we become healing agents for all the earth. In the name of Jesus our Brother we pray. **Amen**

Blessing of Bishop Kae:

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Ostinato Refrain

Melody:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Harmony:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Text: *Come Holy Spirit*; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978
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Teri: The Love of God continue to be with you all. **And also with you.**

Teri: Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing. May we be blessed deeply, like the ocean, by the Spirit of God; a blessing that heals our wounds and brings healing to all of the earth. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ.... **We are Light of Christ**

Let us go forth as such..... **Let us go forth as such**

Loving and serving God..... **Loving and serving God**

As we get to love and serve in God's world....**As we get to love and serve in God's world.**


And the people respond together, **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: # 640 Bring Forth the Kingdom

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses

Cantor:



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All: Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cantor: Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All:



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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