

Pulpit Announcements
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

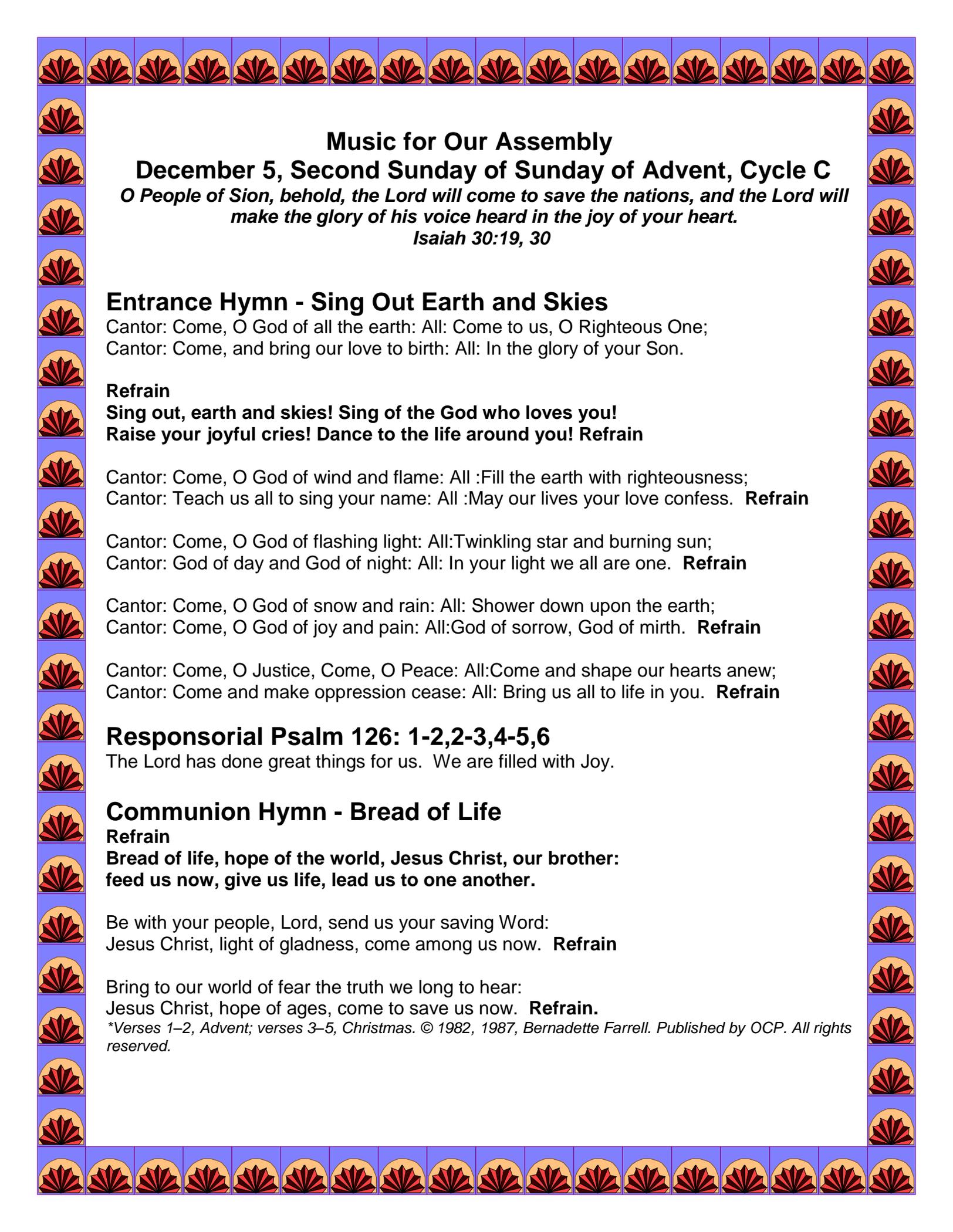
Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent,

Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- St. Matthias needs Christmas Angels to serve as Hospitality Ministers for the Christmas and New Year's at all Masses. Additionally, we are in need of projectionists for the church and for the cafeteria live-streamed Christmas Eve Masses at 2 and 4pm. The link to sign up is on page 7 pf the bulletin.
- This coming Wednesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:30 pm.
- Please remember to bring items next weekend at all Masses for the SMYLE Blessings Bags for the homeless served by Unity Square in New Brunswick. Items needed are listed on page 9 of the bulletin. And if you are age 12 to 18, SMYLE needs YOU to help prepare the bags on Sunday, Dec 12th from 4-5:30pm in the school cafeteria. No sign-up is needed.
- A special collection for the *Religious Retirement Fund* is planned for next weekend at all Masses. Retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served parishes, retreat centers, hospitals and schools will benefit from your generous giving. Most have ministered throughout their lives with little pay. Let's all help to care for these aging religious members.
- The children's nativity this year will once again be pre-recorded and virtual. The Nativity Story will be a compilation of the narrated accounts by children in the parish. To see last year's video and the link and deadline for submission this year, see page 7 of the bulletin.
- Finally, our parish Giving Tree is once again online this year. Please purchase and ship gifts directly to the organizations by December 20th. **NO PACKAGES ARE BEING COLLECTED HERE AT THE CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE.** Gift card purchases dropped in the collection baskets here in church should be clearly marked "Giving Tree" and the deadline for their collection is December 12th. See page 10 of the bulletin for more information.

Advent is a season of Christian "roadwork." John the Baptist tells us to fill our potholes, straighten our roads, smooth out our paths, FIX whatever is an obstacle to make way for the coming of Christ. As we begin this liturgy, what roadwork is needed in us to prepare the way?



Music for Our Assembly

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O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Isaiah 30:19, 30

Entrance Hymn - Sing Out Earth and Skies

Cantor: Come, O God of all the earth: All: Come to us, O Righteous One;

Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth: All: In the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!

Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you! Refrain

Cantor: Come, O God of wind and flame: All :Fill the earth with righteousness;

Cantor: Teach us all to sing your name: All :May our lives your love confess. **Refrain**

Cantor: Come, O God of flashing light: All:Twinkling star and burning sun;

Cantor: God of day and God of night: All: In your light we all are one. **Refrain**

Cantor: Come, O God of snow and rain: All: Shower down upon the earth;

Cantor: Come, O God of joy and pain: All:God of sorrow, God of mirth. **Refrain**

Cantor: Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace: All:Come and shape our hearts anew;

Cantor: Come and make oppression cease: All: Bring us all to life in you. **Refrain**

Responsorial Psalm 126: 1-2,2-3,4-5,6

The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with Joy.

Communion Hymn - Bread of Life

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother:

feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

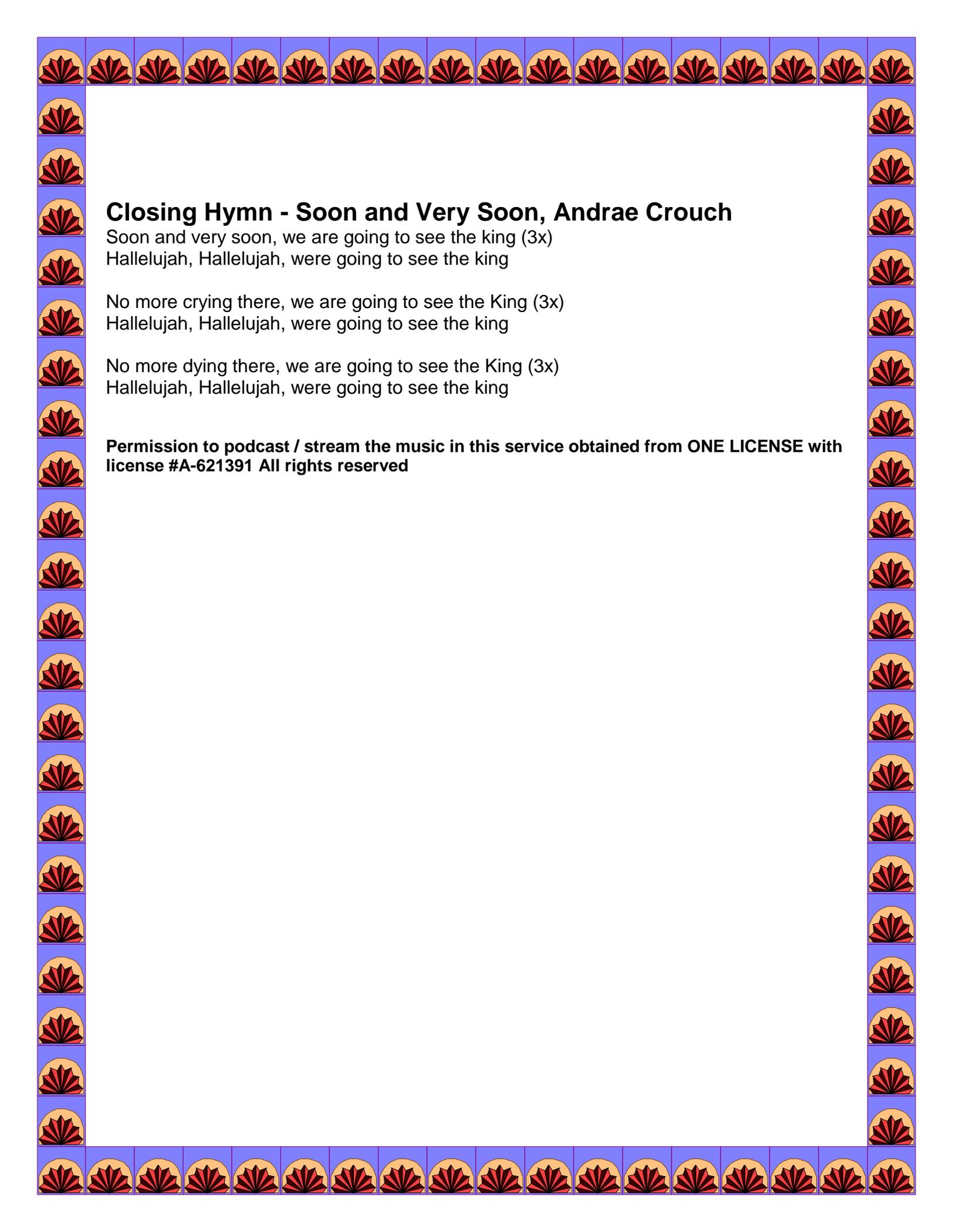
Be with your people, Lord, send us your saving Word:

Jesus Christ, light of gladness, come among us now. **Refrain**

Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear:

Jesus Christ, hope of ages, come to save us now. **Refrain.**

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Closing Hymn - Soon and Very Soon, Andrae Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the king (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, were going to see the king

No more crying there, we are going to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, were going to see the king

No more dying there, we are going to see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, were going to see the king

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PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

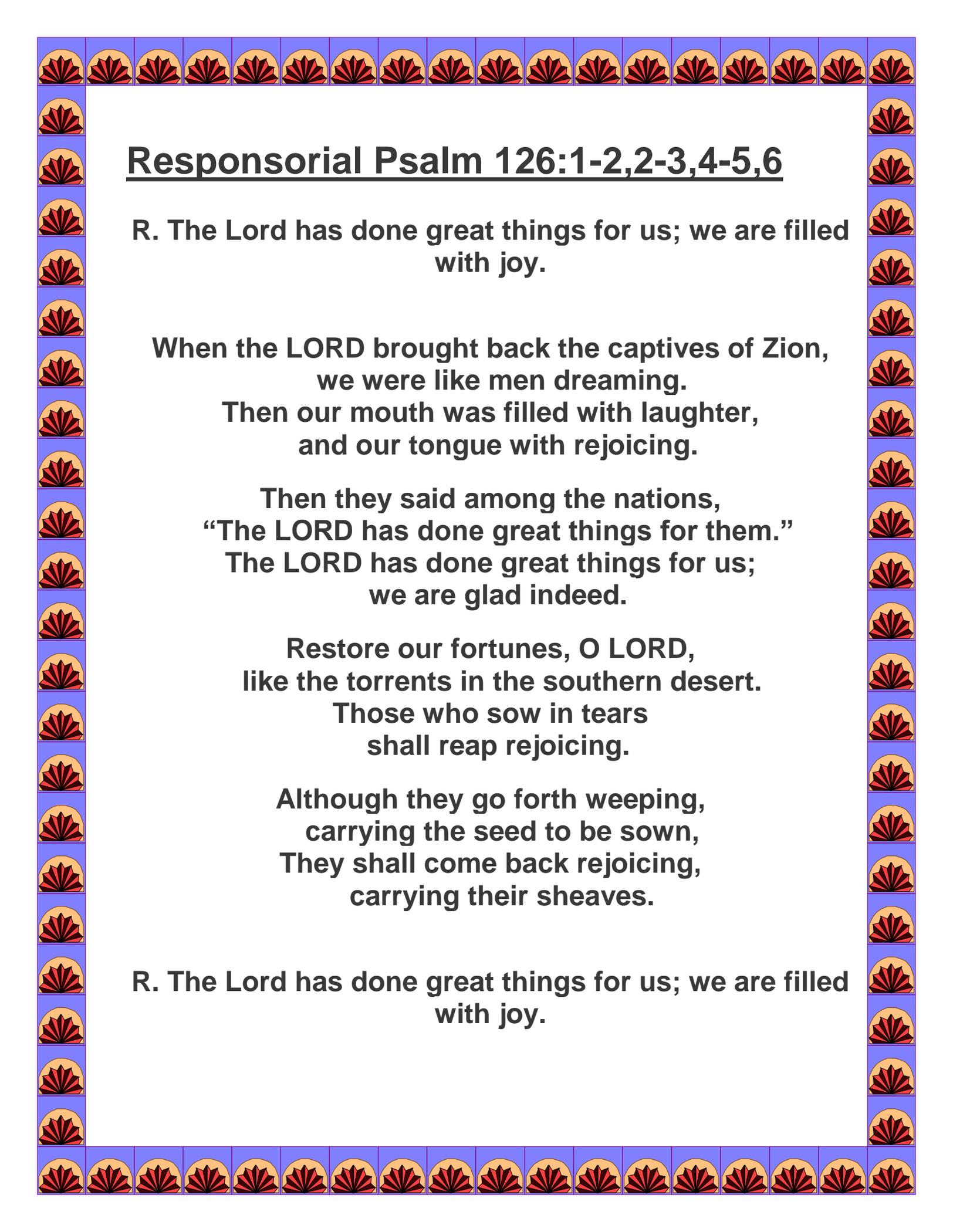
Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God...

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Responsorial Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled
with joy.**

**When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.**

**Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.**

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.**

**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.**

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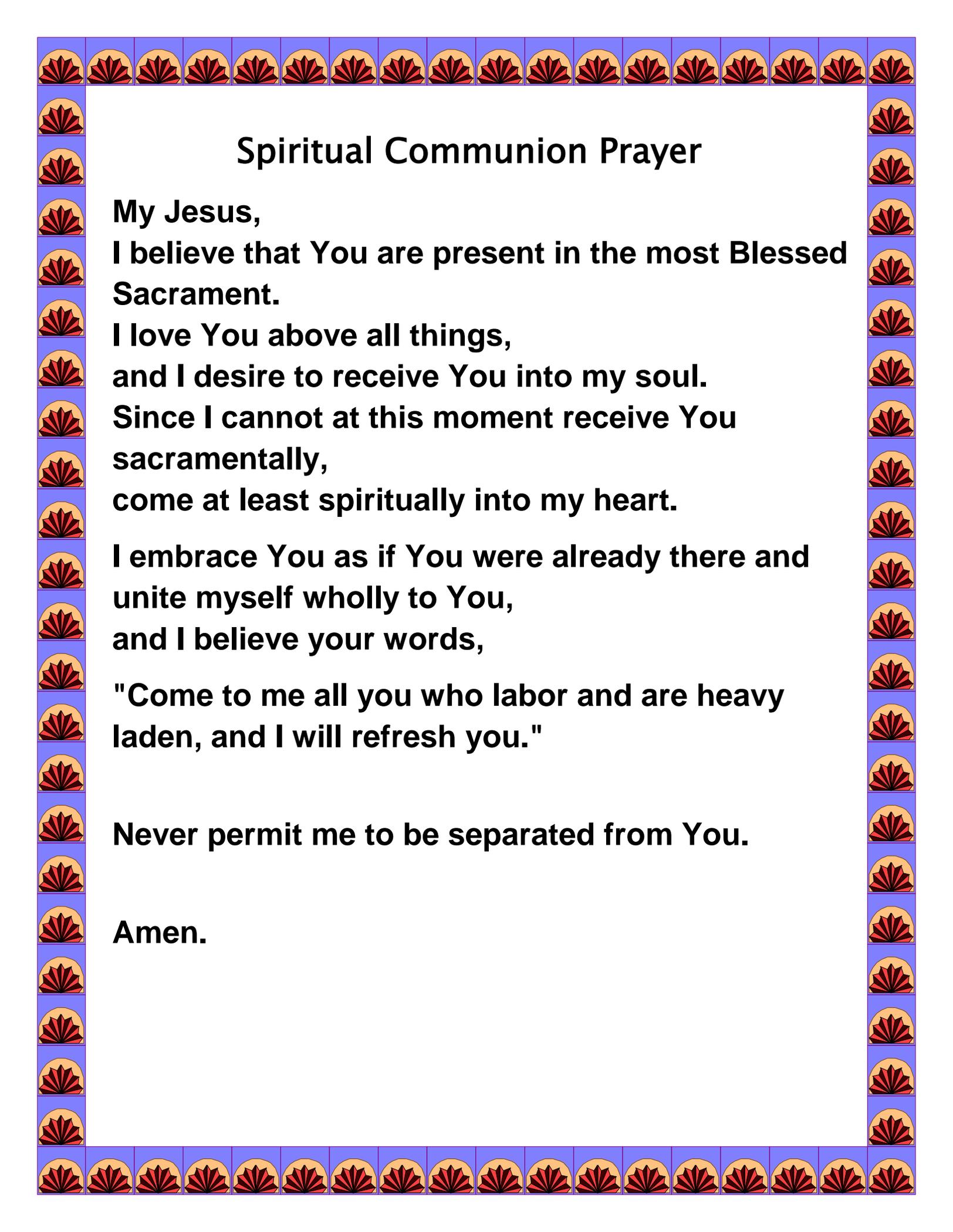
**Prayer of the Faithful
December 5, 2021**

Second Sunday of Advent

Our response: Lord of Wisdom, hear our prayer

- 1. For the Church, her leaders and members, especially this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...During this Advent season, give us the courage to proclaim Your word and to prepare Your way for all to see, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Guide them in smoothing the rough paths of injustice, prejudice, and inequality so that all people may enjoy the fullness of life, we pray...**
- 3. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit...Remove the obstacles in their journey to wellness and bless them with caregivers who will provide for their needs, we pray...**
- 4. For those who have died, especially Marion Horbert and Jill Gordon-Szabo...Welcome them into the communion of saints in heaven as You bring comfort to those who mourn their loss, we pray...**
- 5. For the silent intentions we all hold in our hearts...,we pray...**

PRIEST: THIS MASS IS BEING SAID FOR _____



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You,
and I believe your words,**

**"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you."**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.