



# Palm Sunday

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# PRELUDE

Hosanna to the King - Gene Clarke



The page features decorative green foliage in the corners, including palm fronds and leafy branches. The main title is flanked by two golden laurel wreath icons.

# OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ you came to rule in our lives, not as a king, but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey. Enter into our hearts this day with your glory, that we may greet you with shouts of praise, through Christ, our Sovereign, and Savior. Amen.



# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

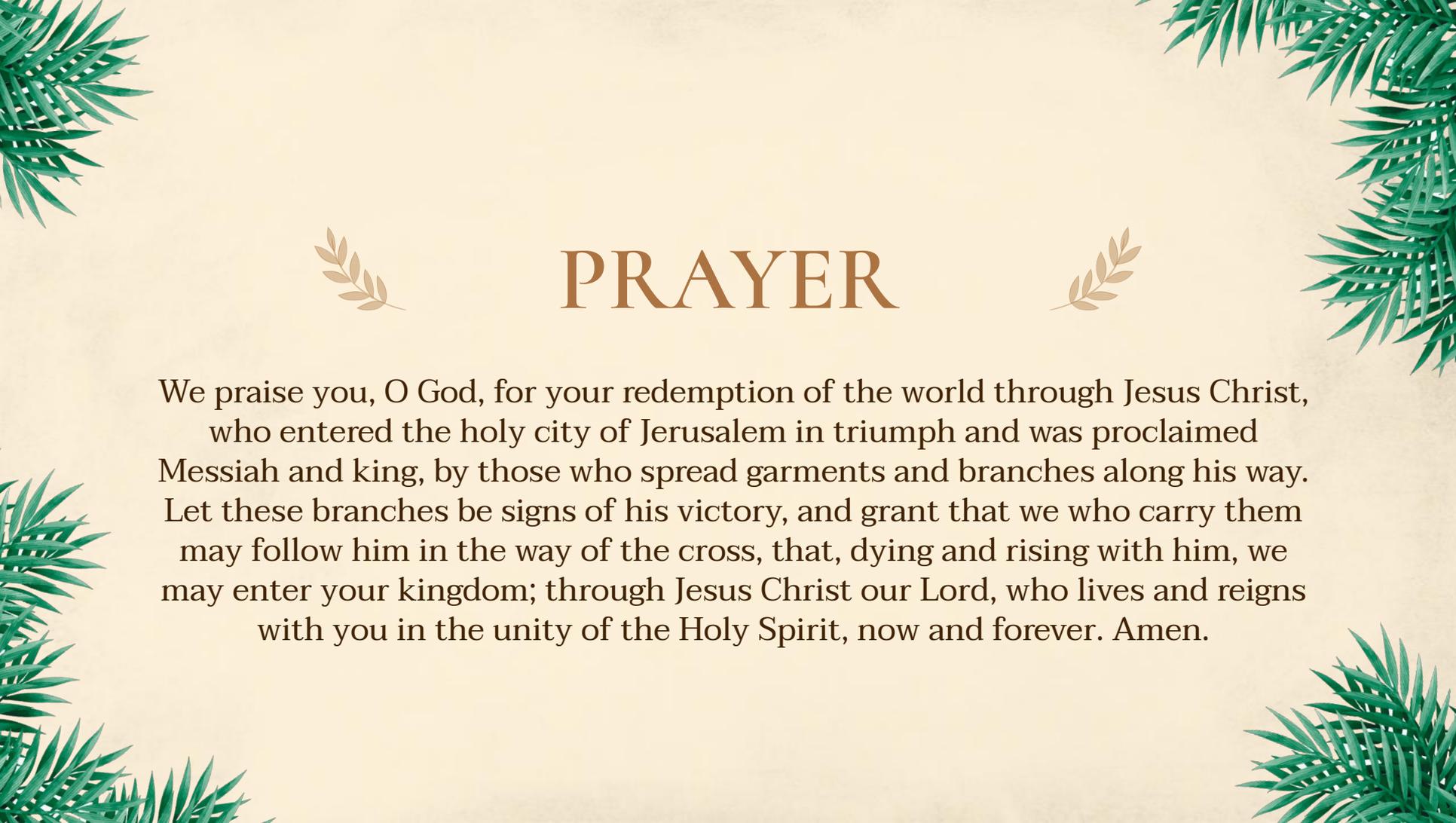
Lo, your King comes to you;

**Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Humble and riding on a donkey,

**On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**





# PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king, by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



# THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke 19: 28-40 how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.

"If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord has need of it." They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

"BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"





# FIRST RESPONSIVE READING



**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the people of God say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest!





# HYMN (GTG) # 197

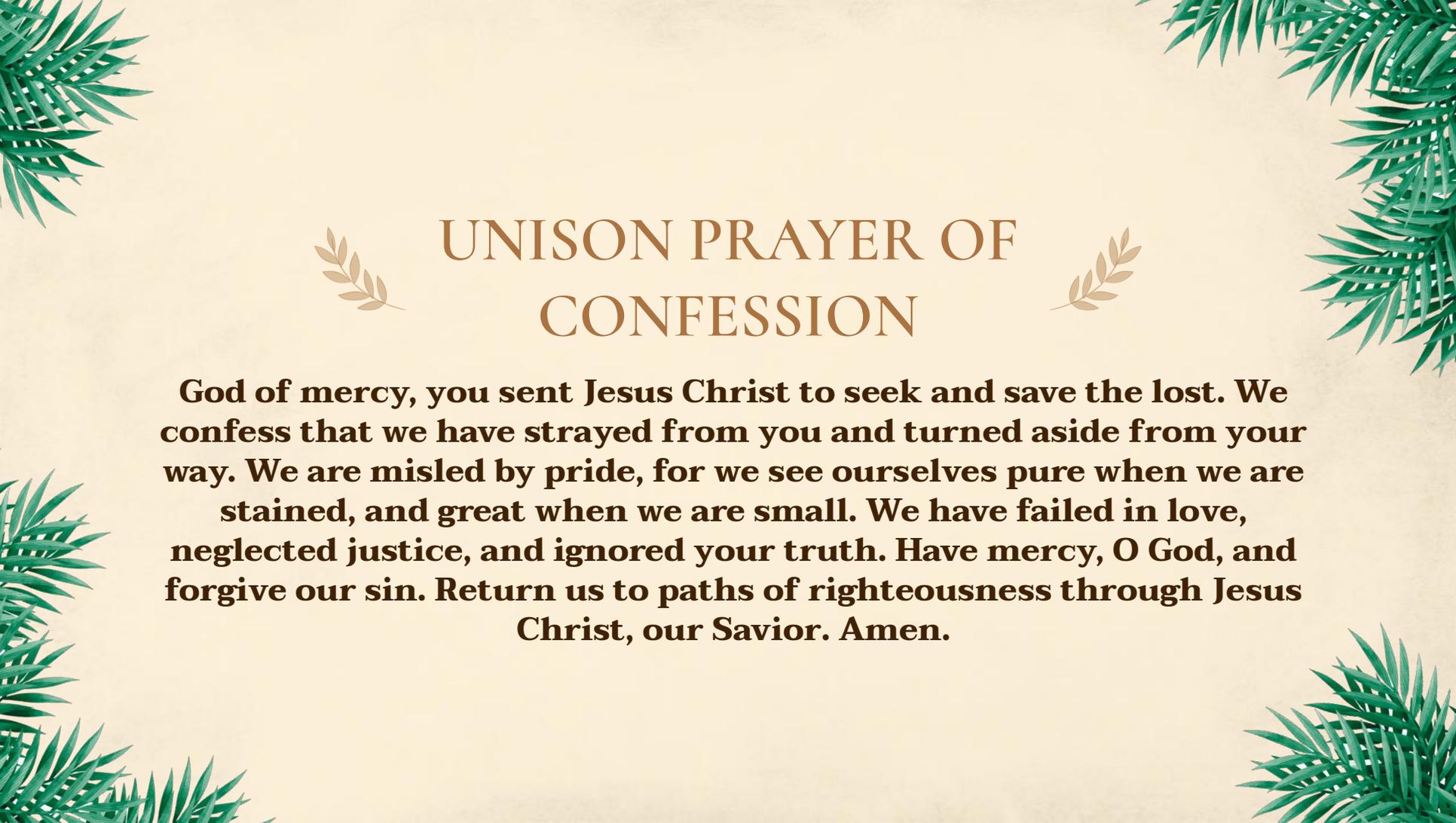
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna





# CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 50:8-9a



UNISON PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**



# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 2: 5-11



# PASSING THE PEACE



The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Meeting

Today, the pastor has called a short meeting to follow immediately after today's service. The purpose of the meeting is to wrap up the mission study.

## GOOD FRIDAY

This Friday, April 15 at 4:00 PM you are invited to observe Good Friday with the United Presbyterian Church Plainfield. The service will include a sacred concert.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, beginning at 10:30 AM, join the UPC family Easter Egg Hunt.

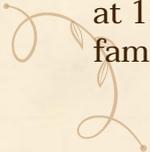


## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

This is a reminder that this Friday, is the deadline for submitting information for publication in the May newsletter.

## CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of today's service, please depart the sanctuary quietly.





# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION





## NARRATION

A few hours after celebrating the Passover with his twelve disciples, Judas, one of the 12 betrayed Christ by setting Him up to be arrested. With grateful hearts, let us prayerfully recall the events of the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. What follows is a dramatic reading of those events as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, chapters 22 and 23. Today's reading concludes with the crowd calling for Jesus' crucifixion.





# A DRAMATIC READING

Gospel of Luke, chapters 22 and 23





# THE MEDITATION

Agitation, Exultation, Accusations, and Execution



# CLOSING PRAYER

Psalm 31: 9-16

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes fail from sorrow, my soul and body as well.

**For my life is consumed with grief and my years with groaning; my iniquity has drained my strength, and my bones are wasting away.**

Among all my enemies I am a disgrace, and among my neighbors even more. I am dreaded by my friends— they flee when they see me on the street.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind. I am like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side. They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

**But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**

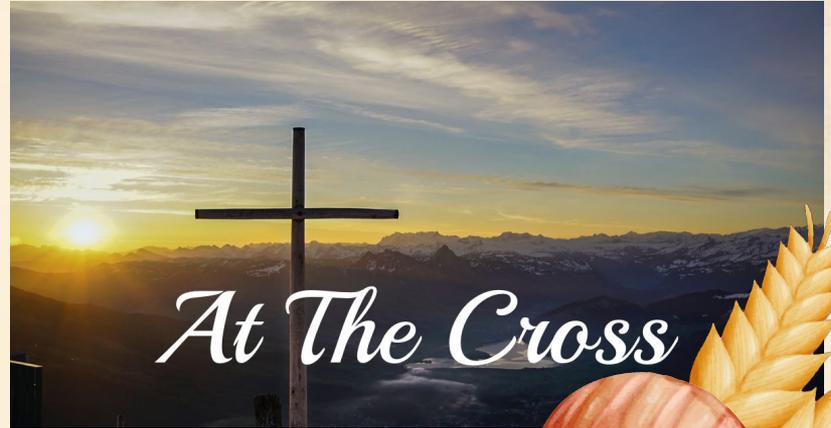
My times are in Your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

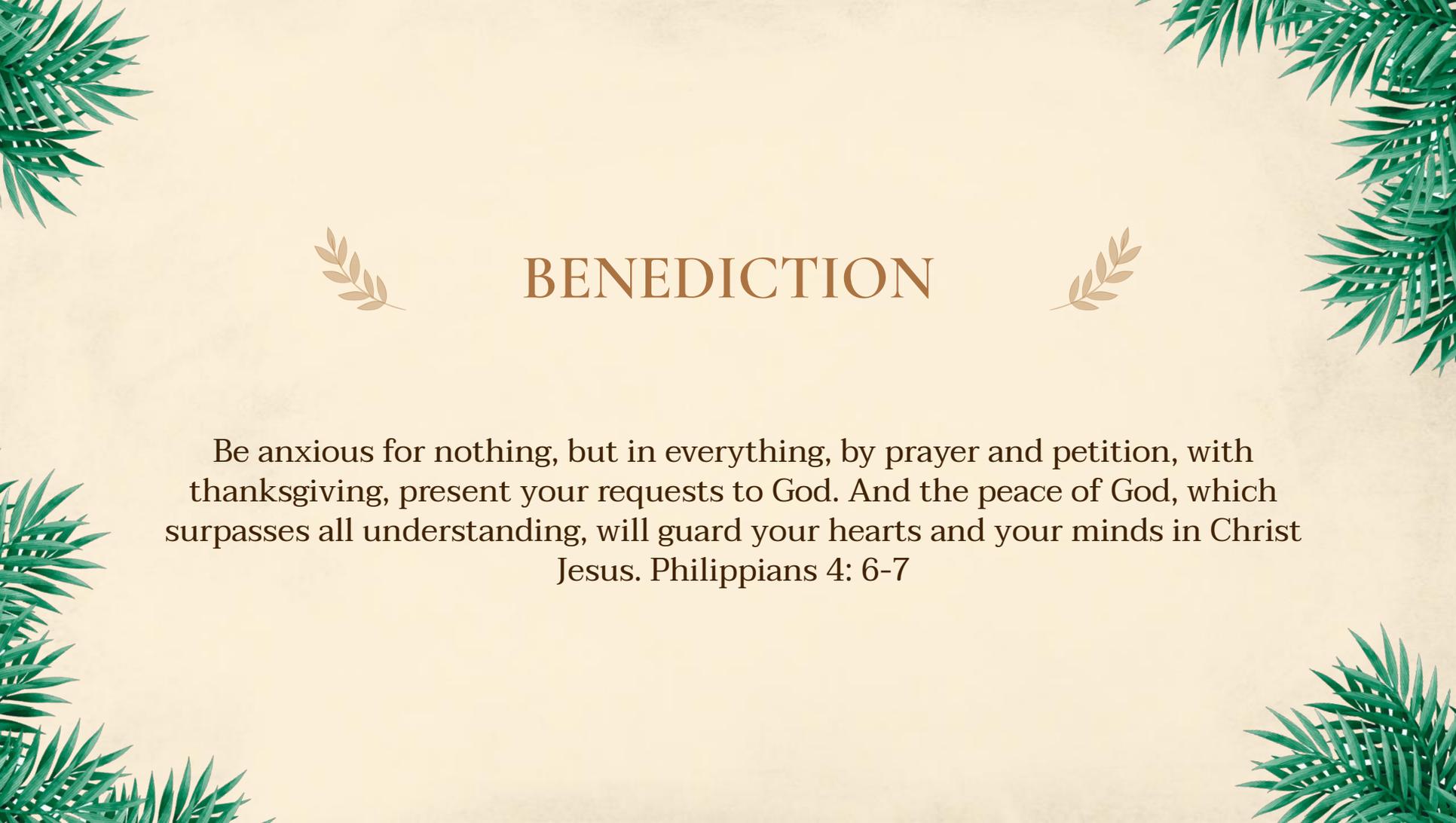
**Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me by Your loving devotion.**



# CLOSING HYMN

At the Cross (Vs. 1, 3, and 5)





# BENEDICTION

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7

# CONGREGATION AL RESPONSE

(GTG) # 601

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Amen

A musical score for a congregational response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a simple, repetitive melody with a final cadence.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Anon. Danish

