

Diocese of Dunedin

Synod 2019

*this is my prayer, that your love may
overflow more and more with knowledge
and full insight*

(Phil. 1.9)

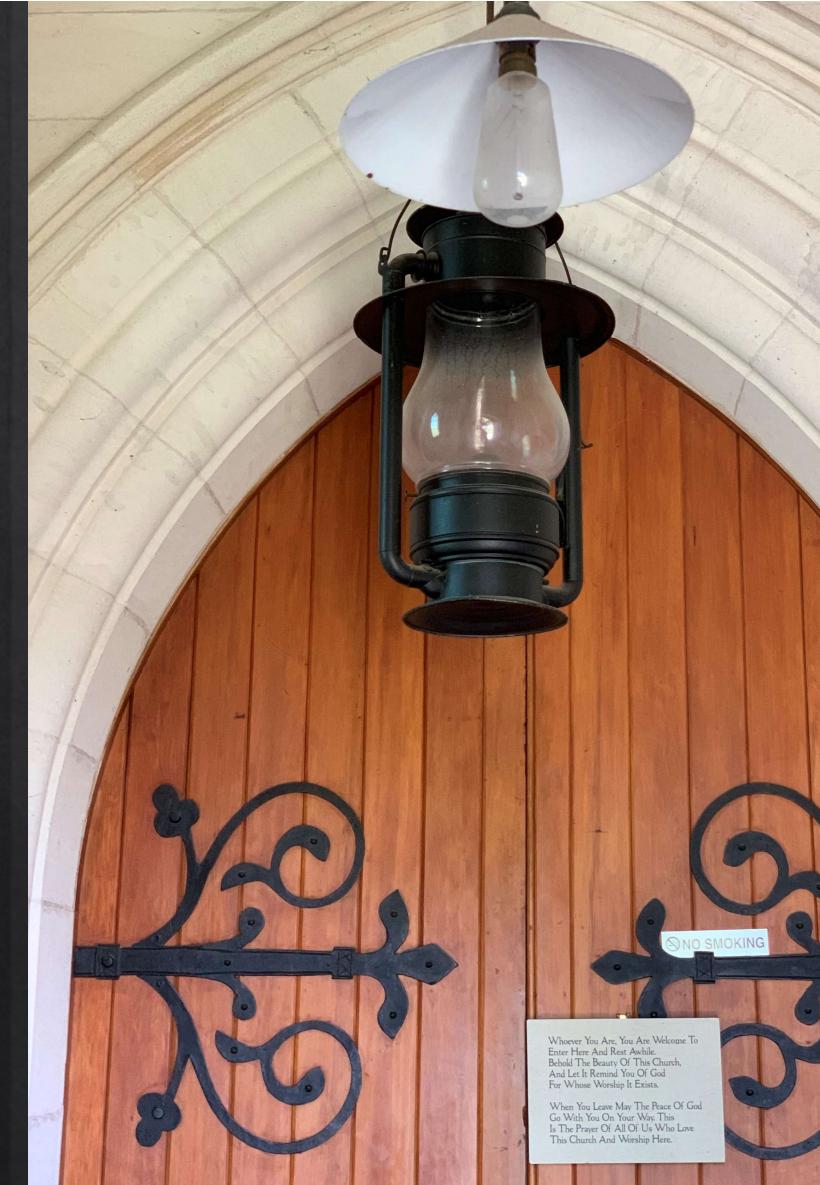


Saturday: Morning Office

in shortened form

**In the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Life-giver.**

**God has caused light
to shine in our hearts
To give us light in the knowledge
of the glory of God
in the face of Christ.**





O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me,**

**ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley
1707-1788 (*alt*)



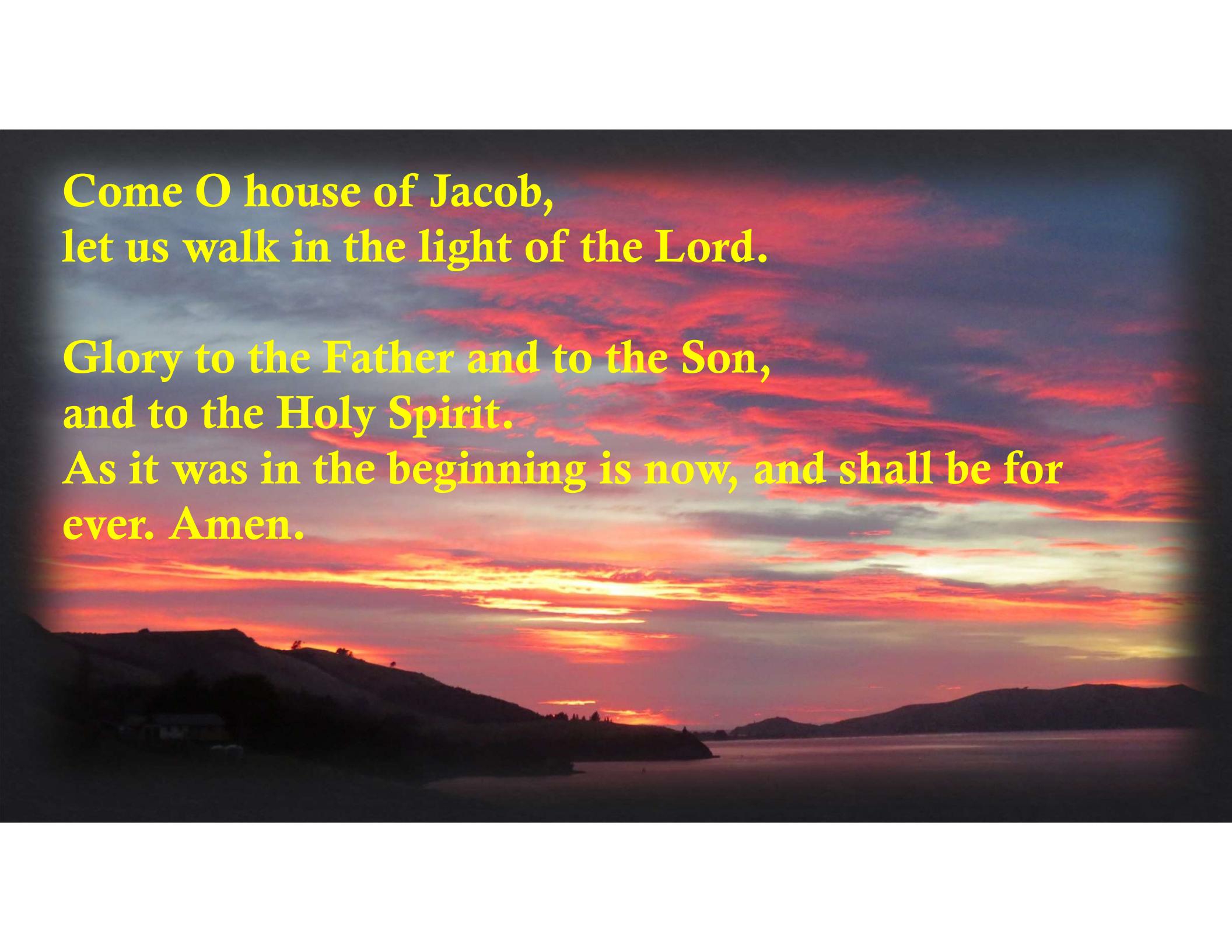
Please sit.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
will be established as the highest of the mountains.
It will be raised above the hills
and all nations will flock to it.
Many peoples will come and say
'Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that we may be taught the ways of the Lord,
and may walk in right paths.'

**From the mountain of the Lord shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
The Lord will judge between the nations
and settle disputes for many peoples.**

**They shall beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift sword against nation,
nor ever again prepare for war.**



The background of the image is a stunning sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant, warm colors of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning into cooler blues and purples at the top. Silhouettes of hills and landmasses are visible in the foreground and middle ground, with some small trees and buildings on the left side.

Come O house of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for
ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Nohopuku.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

Genesis 3.1-15

The serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”? The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’

But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loin-cloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’

The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’

Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’



The LORD God said to the serpent,
‘Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel.’

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Lord, May your word live in us.

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Pause to reflect



JOHN 12. 27-36a

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and yellow hues, transitioning into darker blues and purples at the top. A small white boat with a mast is positioned in the center-left of the frame, on the water's surface. In the background, a dark silhouette of hills or mountains is visible across the water. The foreground is dominated by the dark silhouettes of trees and bushes in the lower left and right corners.

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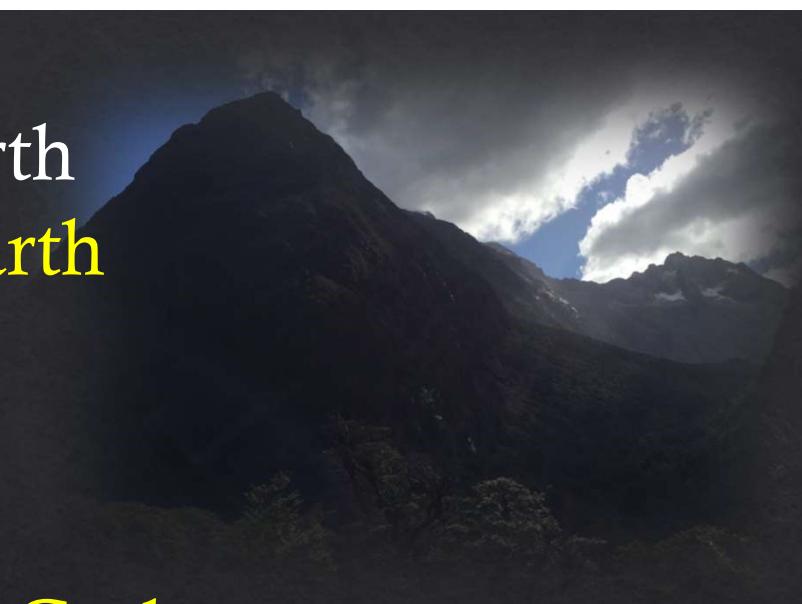
And bear much fruit to your glory.

A pause for silent
prayer

I saw a new heaven and a new earth
for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away
and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the holy city Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city
for its temple was the Lord God,
the Almighty and the Lamb.





The city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it
for the glory of the Lord illuminates it
and the lamb is its light.
The throne of the lamb will be in the city
and the servants of God
shall worship before the throne.

They shall see God face to face
and bear the name of God
upon their foreheads.



**There shall be no more night
nor will they need the light of lamp or sun,
for the Lord God will give them light
and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

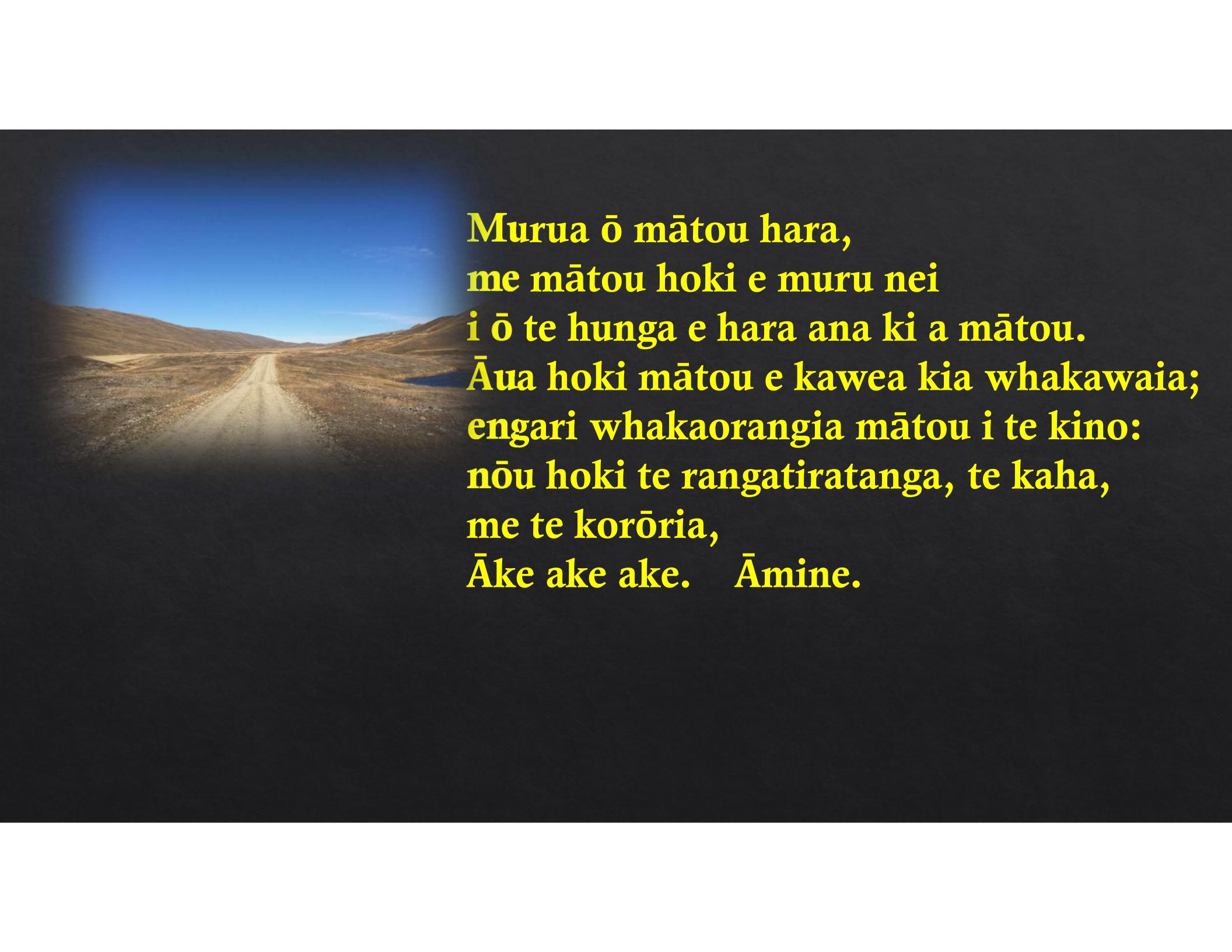
**To the One who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.**





Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou
Ariki,
ka īnoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a hilly, arid landscape under a clear blue sky.

**Murua ō mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

E te Atua tō mātou Kai-hanga,
ka tīaho te māramatanga me te ora,
i āu kupu kōrero,
ka tīmata āu mahi, ka mau te tīka me te aroha;
meatia kia ū tonu ki a mātou
tōu aroha i roto i tēnei huihuinga.
Whakakī ā mātou whakaaro
ā mātou mahi katoa,
e tōu Wairua Tapu.
Āmine.



O God,
the well-spring of life,
pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,
that refreshed by you,
we may live this day in steadfast reliance
on the strength you give;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the peace of God
which passes all understanding
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.



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