



Efm – begins Thursday, September 10th, 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Weekly small group seminar, includes prayer, study of scripture and theological reflection. Join us!

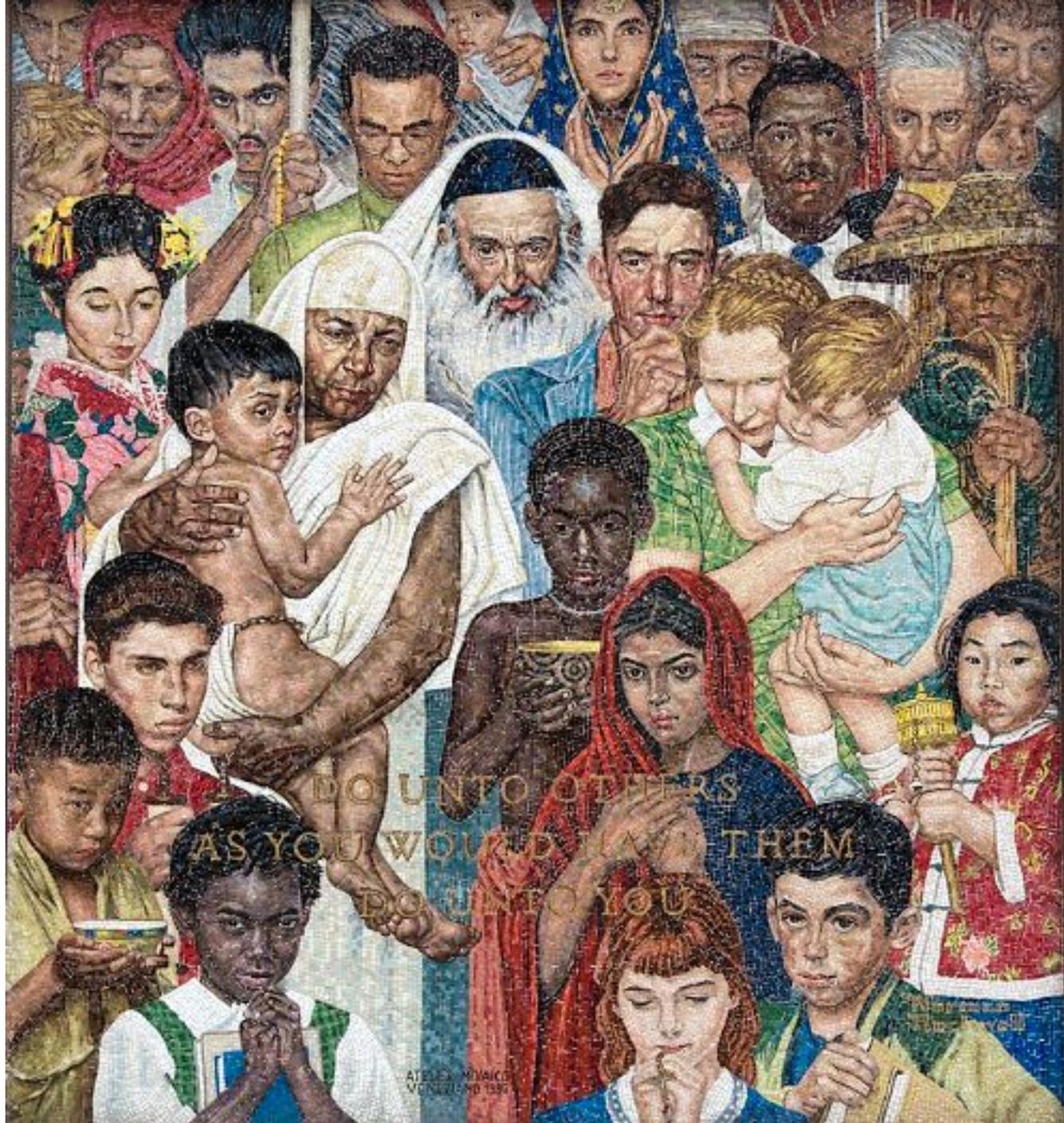
Speak to Tim Smart and Tyson Rosberg, Efm Mentors

Pentecost 11
August 16th, 2020

Sunday Morning
from
The Eastern Townships

Wall of Praise
(mosaic after Norman Rockwell)

Thanks-giving Square, Dallas, TX



Land Acknowledgement

In this holy time and place,
we acknowledge with respect
that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories
of the Mohawk and Abanaki first peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us always
on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**



1 Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

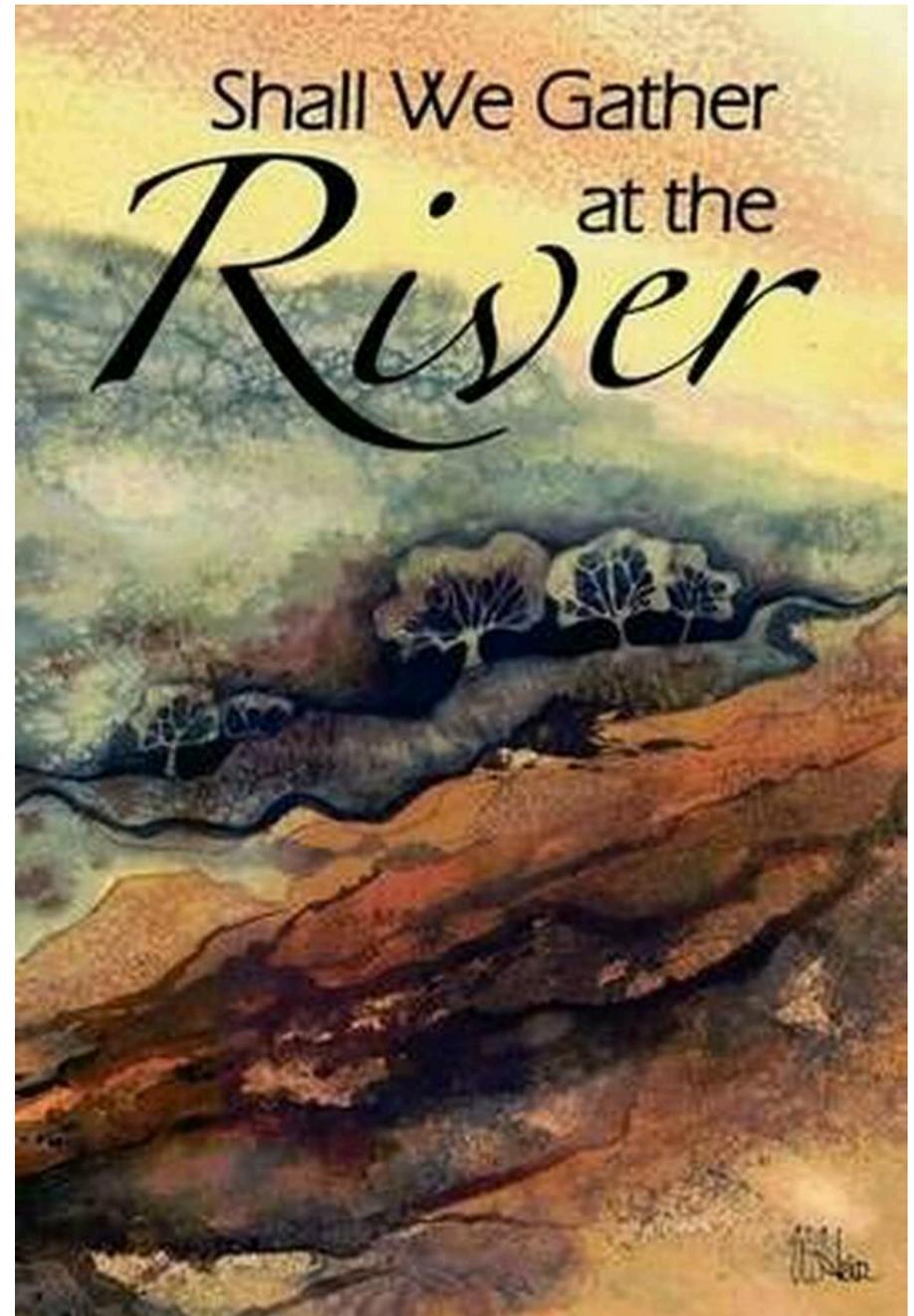
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Baptist Hymnal, 1991



Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we might delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon
and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth;
O Come let us Worship!



Venite

Come, let us sing to God on high,
the Rock of our salvation praise;
come with thanksgiving to God's courts
and joyful psalms before Him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,
the heights and depths are in His hand;
God made the sea and it is His,
God's hands have molded the dry land.

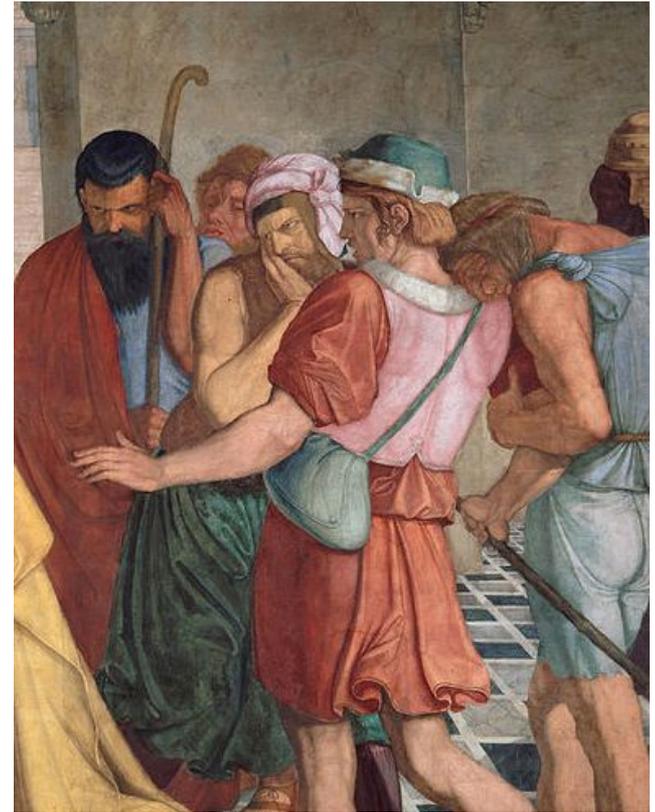
Let us bow down and worship God
who is our maker and our Lord;
we are God's people and His sheep;
today, then, hearken to God's Word.

"For for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand. Today if ye will hear His
"voice. Psalm 95:7



Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,



'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.'" Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.



**Joseph Welcomes his
Brothers**

Peter von Cornelius
Deutsche Akademie
Villa Massimo
Rome, Italy

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**Eternal God,
you are present with us throughout our lives,
even when others plot to do us harm.
May we learn to live together in unity,
that in all we do,
we may sing your praises
now and forever. Amen.**



Together -- Mural, City College, San Francisco,

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.





Our Father, we have wandered

and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now in exile dwelling,
we rise in fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust, to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us,
with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease,
Stretch out your hand of blessing,
in pardon and in peace.

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."





Christ and the Canaanite Woman
Limbourg Brothers, Musée Conde, Chantilly, France

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Sermon by the Rev. Linda Borden Taylor
Christ and the Canaanite Woman -- Limbourg Brothers, Musée Conde, Chantilly, France

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
God Almighty by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary,
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
'till as judge he comes again.

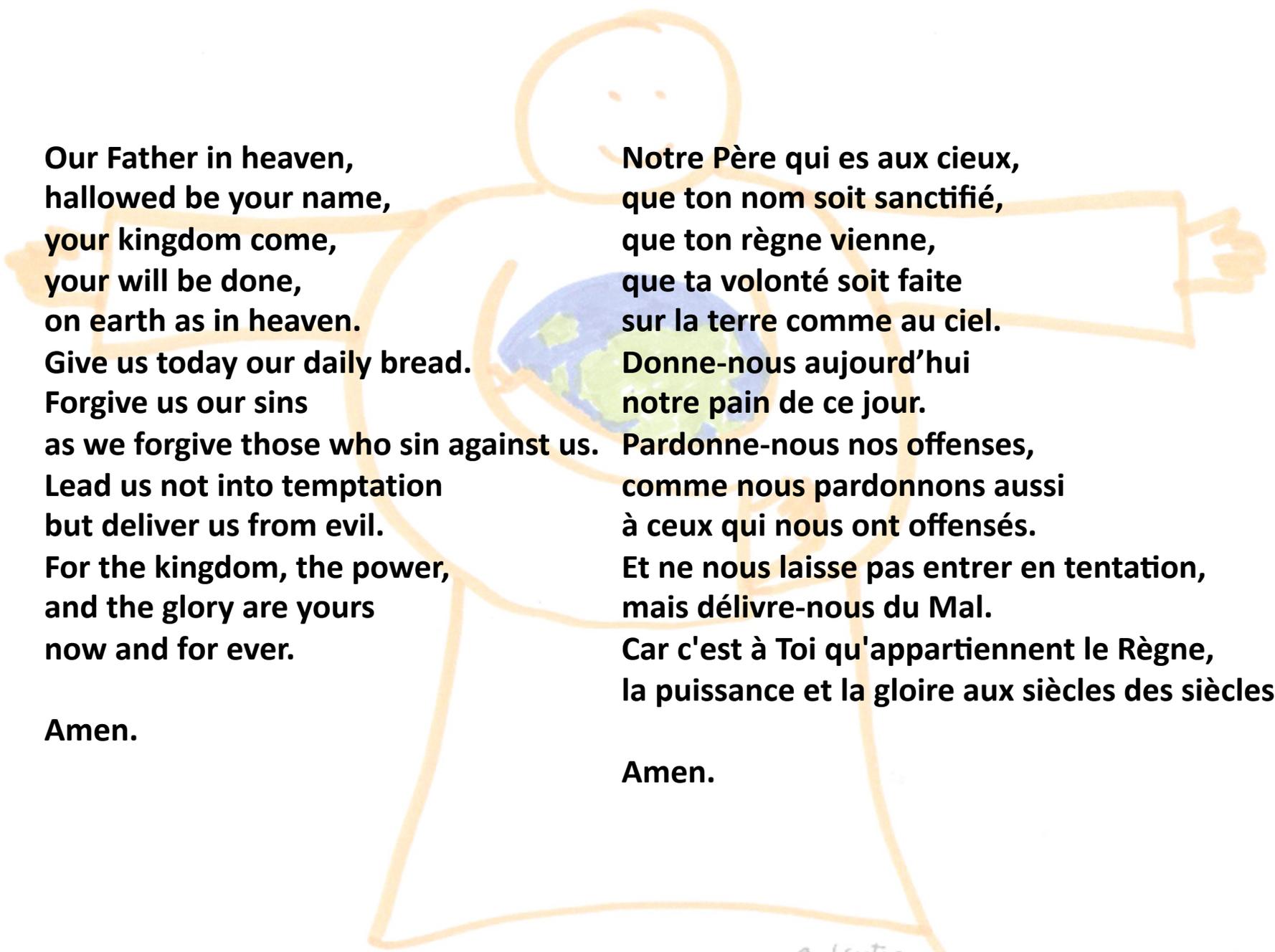
We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.



One
World
one
Love
one
Community





**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du Mal.
Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le Règne,
la puissance et la gloire aux siècles des siècles.**

Amen.

Our Collect

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,
you restore what is lost,
heal what is wounded,
and gather in those who have been rejected.
Give us the faith to speak as steadfastly
as did the Canaanite woman,
that the outcast may be welcomed
and all people may be blessed.
This we pray in Jesus' name
Amen.



Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being; guide and direct us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, we may never forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord/ **Thanks be to God!**

Singing songs of expectation,
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Trusting God we march together
Stepping fearless through the night.

2. One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

3. One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.



You Want Me To Be Quiet?

Women in the Bible



**Food for the Dogs:
Jesus and the
Canaanite Woman**