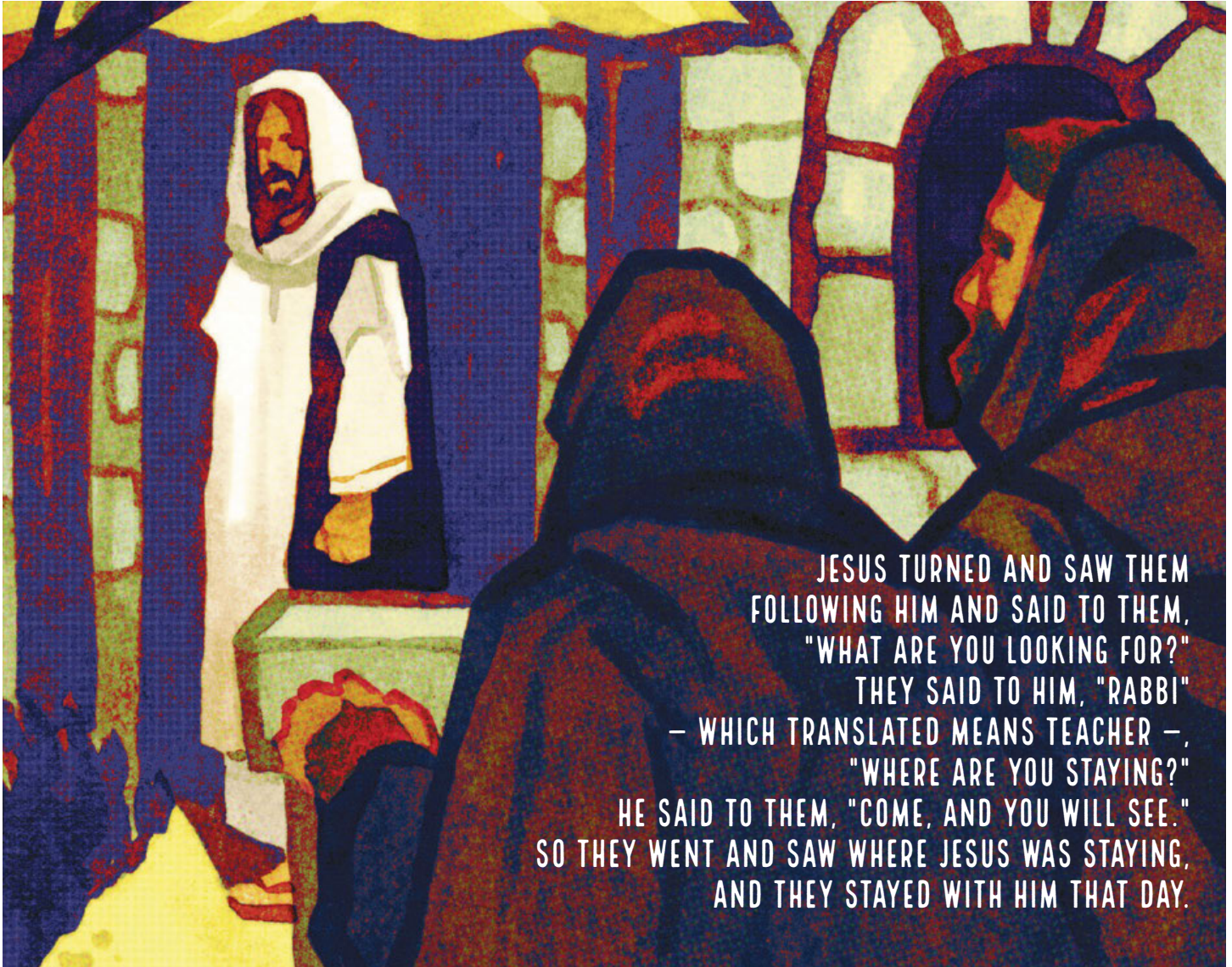


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JESUS TURNED AND SAW THEM FOLLOWING HIM AND SAID TO THEM, "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?" THEY SAID TO HIM, "RABBI" — WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS TEACHER —, "WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?" HE SAID TO THEM, "COME, AND YOU WILL SEE." SO THEY WENT AND SAW WHERE JESUS WAS STAYING, AND THEY STAYED WITH HIM THAT DAY.

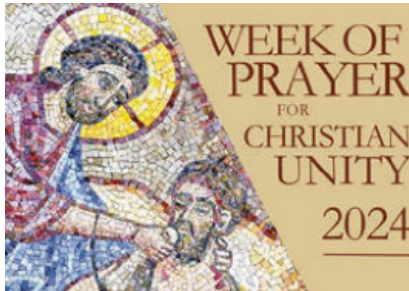
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Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day



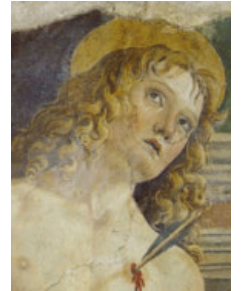
Jan. 17 - St. Anthony of Egypt



Jan. 18 - 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins



Jan. 19 - Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)



Jan. 20 - St. Sebastian: St. Fabian

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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024:

Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/
1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thur: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

(JAN 18-25)

*"You shall love the Lord your God...
and your neighbor as yourself."*

LUKE 10:27

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



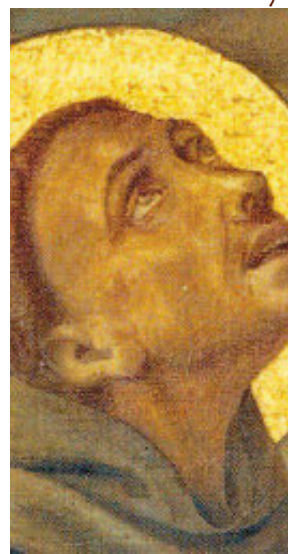
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Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy 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. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

*While this prayer has always
been attributed to St. Francis,
the author is actually unknown.
The prayer does wonderfully
represent the spirit of St. Francis
and the Franciscan Orders.*

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Women in Conversation



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE DATES!

—March 9th —May 11th
—July 20th —September 28th
—November 16th

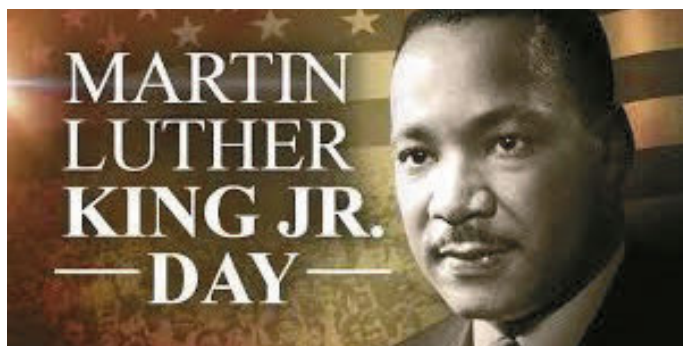
RCIA - Rite of Acceptance

This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, inquirers will declare their intention publicly to the Church and the Church accepts their intent to follow God's call to follow Christ. From this point on, they are called "catechumens". Though not yet baptized, catechumens are part of the household of Christ. - *Diocese of Sacramento*



2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE!

Pick up a 2024 calendar after any Mass in the front of the church, or stop by the Parish Center 9am-12pm M-F. Available while supply lasts.



Monday, Jan 15 - the Parish Center Office will be closed. Please join us for Mass at 10:00am in the church.

01/20/24 - NEXT SAT.



FRANCISCAN CROWN ROSARY

On the **third Saturday** of each month, 9-10am, we will pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary, followed by conversation and fellowship. In the Parish Center (across K Street from the church). **Please sign up by emailing Louis at louisvasquez123@hotmail.com.**

Five (5) Month Report to the Parish

July 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

Operational Income

Offeratory Collections	\$178,157.04
Sacramental Services	\$ 3,680.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 5,905.00
Building Fund	\$ 11,685.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 1,119.95
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 3,187.88
Parish Programs	\$ 195.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 4,929.32
Religious Education	\$ (1,500.00)
Other Receipts	\$ 9,511.32

Total Operational Income **\$216,880.51**

Operation Expenses

Salaries, Wages, and related expenses	\$ 90,834.24
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 298.32
Parish Programs	\$ 321.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ --
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 59,674.06
Parish Center-Office Supplies	\$ 4,738.66
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,947.82
Property & Liability Insurance and	
Property Taxes & Assessments	\$ 71,042.12
Religious Education	\$ --
Other Expenses	
Church Utilities	\$ 2,685.56
Church Supplies	\$ --
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 4,810.39
Rectory Utilities	\$ 2,298.46
Friary Utilities	\$ 2,425.26

Total Operational Expenses **\$247,075.89**

Net Income/Loss from Operations **\$ (30,195.38)**

Note: Beginning in 2024, this Financial Report will be published on a quarterly basis.



Church Pyx

Can anyone who borrowed a Church pyx return it? We have a number of them, and for the past few weeks there have not been any in the sacristy.

Thank You!



FRANCISFEST

APRIL 28, 2024

**Save the Dates:
Donation Days - February 10-11**

Before and after each mass in the church/school parking lot

THE FRANCISFEST COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW AND GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR OUR RETAIL BOOTHS AND AUCTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

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- Religious Icons
- Jewelry
- Home Décor/Furniture (small)
- Kitchen/Tableware/Table Linens
- Seasonal Décor
- Working Bicycles/Tricycles/Wagons
- Sports Equipment
- Board Games/Puzzles

Bake Sale

Contact Francine Freitas in advance to arrange your donation of fresh baked goodies on April 27 and 28: francine2b@comcast.net

Book Nook

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- Travel – Mystery – Gardening Spiritual – Religious
- Sci-fi – Music – Craft – Sports
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- (NO cookbooks or coffee table books)

Pathways for Justice – Seeds for Change

Contact Karen Shepard or Jane Potter regarding your donation of labeled plants to be collected closer to the event: karenshepard@pacbell.net or jlp102ster@gmail.com
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Pots/Planters

Wine Cellar

Seeking bottles/cases of wine with a minimum retail value of \$20/bottle or more

Complete a Donation Form to receive acknowledgment of your tax deductible gift.

Please contact **Marcia Rooney** at ribney@att.net or **Mike Falasco** at mikefalasco1@gmail.com to make arrangements to donate items at another time or with questions. WE ALSO SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 27 AND 28!

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The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
January 13-14, 2024

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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Rite of Acceptance (9:30)

We Praise You, God

Marty Haugen

We praise you, God. We praise you, God. We praise you, God and we bless you.

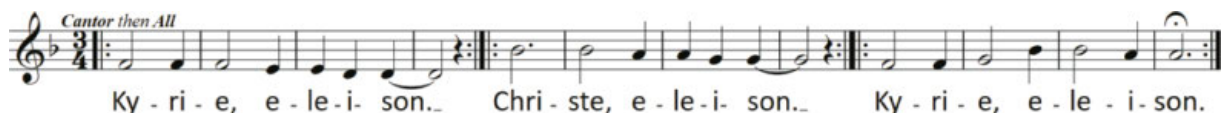
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Kyrie:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Cantor then All



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son... Chri - ste, e - le - i - son... Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Gloria:

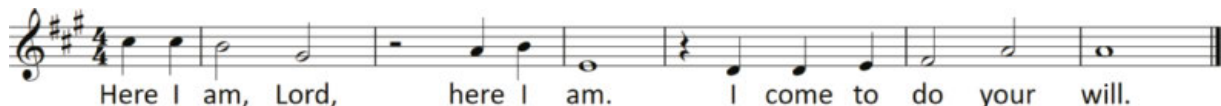
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

*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.
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, have mercy on us.
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, amen.*

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Psalms: Psalm 40: "Here I Am..."

Rory Cooney



Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia... Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia...

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The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dismissal of Catechumens (9:30):

Blessing of St. Clare

Cathy Tisel Nelson



May you al - ways be with God wher - ev - er you may be and may God be
with you al - ways. — May you al - ways be with God wher -
ev - er you may be and may God be with you al - ways.

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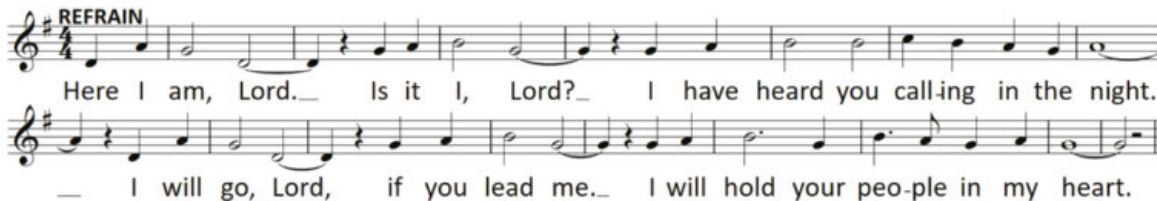
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from 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+

Preparation of Gifts :

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**



REFRAIN
Here I am, Lord. — Is it I, Lord? — I have heard you calling in the night.
— I will go, Lord, if you lead me. — I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Communion:

Behold the Lamb

Martin Willett

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for God's gift, thankful for God's love.

REFRAIN



Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and
all, all who dwell in God shall come to know God's glo-ry.

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share. **(Refrain)**

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives, nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace. **(Refrain)**

God of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson, James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Least our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath the hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

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