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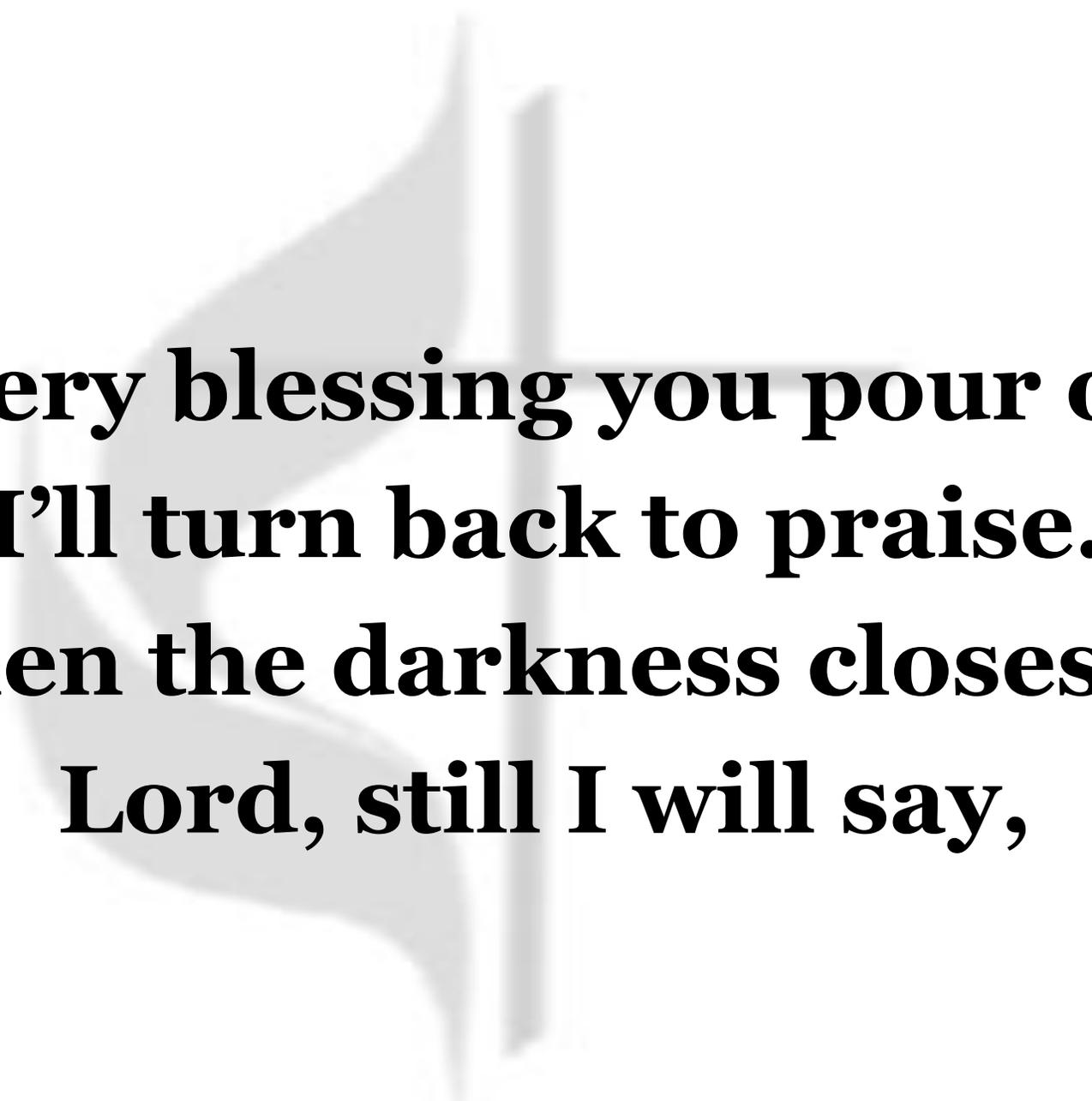
Blessed Be Your Name

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**1. Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of
abundance flow,
blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the
desert place,
though I walk through
the wilderness,
blessed be your name.**



**Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say,**

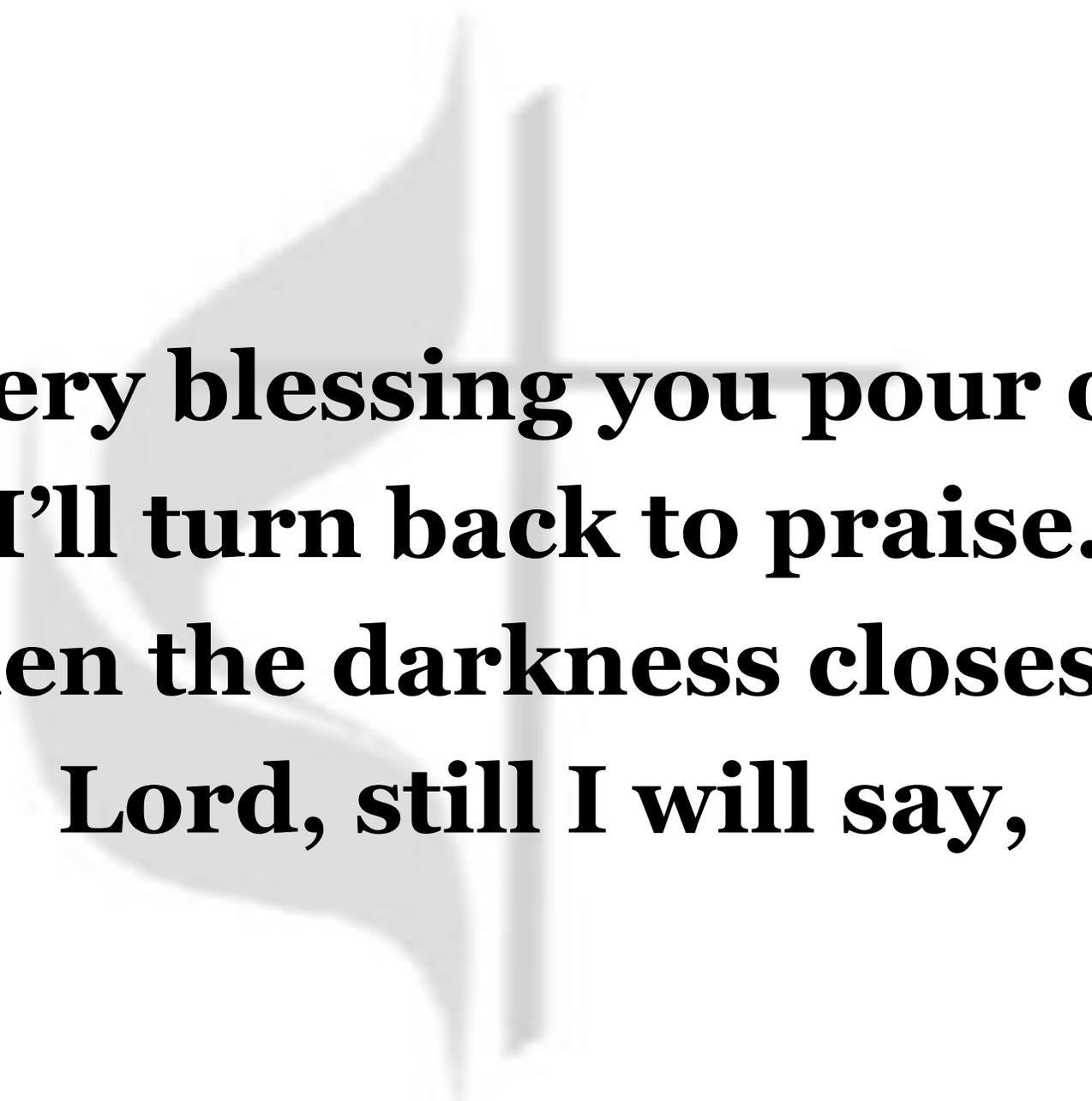
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**Blessed be the name of
the Lord,
blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be the name of
the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name!**

**2. Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining
down on me,
when the world's all as
it should be,
blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be your name
on the road marked
with suffering,
though there's pain in
the offering,
blessed be your name.**



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Bridge

**You give and take away,
you give and take away;
my heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be your name.”**

Refrain

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the Lord,
blessed be your name.**

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Words of Welcome



Gathering Words

God loves the field mouse.

**God loves the crows that take
flight when church bells ring.**

God loves the baby, cooing in the
back pew.

**God loves the child who rocks and
claps.**

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and
soft eyes.

**God loves the bumblebees and the
tabby cats.**

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854

**1. There's a wideness
in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness
in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.**

**2. There is welcome
for the sinner,
and more graces
for the good!
There is mercy
with the Savior;
there is healing in his
blood.**

**3. For the love of
God is broader
than the measure
of our mind;
and the heart
of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**4. If our love were
but more simple,
we should rest
upon God's word;
and our lives
would be illumined
by the presence of our
Lord.**



Good Shepherd in Ministry



Praising God with Our Gifts



God Is So Good

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures
here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

**Praise God, the source
of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Children's Time



Prayer of Understanding

**Holy One, sometimes the
simplest of your commands
are the hardest for us to hear.
You say, “Love your enemy.”
“Turn the other cheek.”**

“Care for the widow and the orphan.” And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today, as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is.

Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.



Scripture

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 O.T. 173

Matthew 19:13-15 N.T. 20



Message



Jesus Cares



Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—Prayer of Confession—

Family of Faith, every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love.

Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation. Friends, let us pray:

God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

**We confess, we have
hoarded our resources and
failed to care for our
neighbors.**

Jesus said, “Let the children come
to me, and do not stop them.”

We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways. Fortunately for all of us, God also said, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

— Words of Assurance —

By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

**May this good news change our lives!
Amen.**

—The Great Thanksgiving—

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection you gave
birth to your church, delivered us
from slavery to sin and death, and
made with us a new covenant by
water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
gathered here, and on these gifts of
bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and
blood of Christ, that we may be for
the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy
church, all honor and glory is yours,
almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

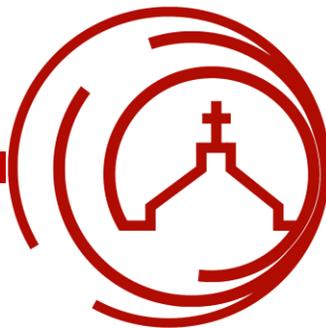
And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**



Holy Communion



Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of
Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love
and feels like a seat at the
table, so I believe in the good
news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the
world.**

**And even when my heart
aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of
reach, I remember the one
who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who
cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Jesus Loves Me

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WORDS: St. 1 Anna B. Warner, 1860; Sts. 2-3 David Rutherford McGuire

**1. Jesus loves me!
This I know,
for the Bible
tells me so.**



**Little ones
to him belong;
they are weak, but
he is strong.**

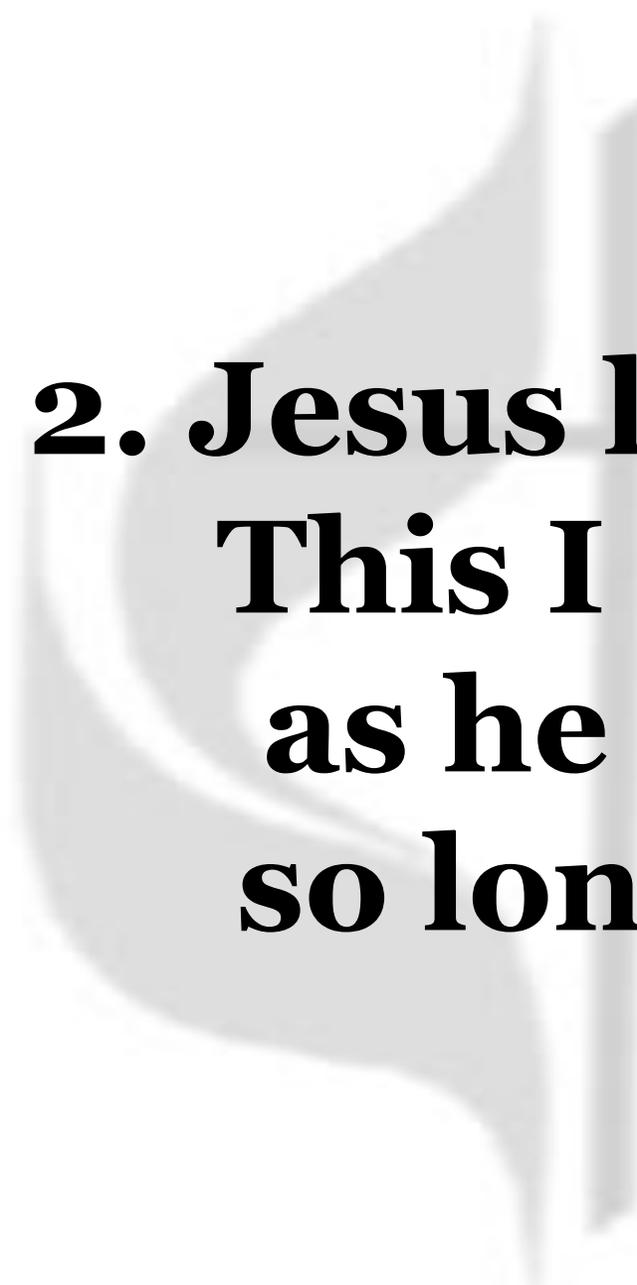
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Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.



**2. Jesus loves me!
This I know,
as he loved
so long ago,**



**taking children
on his knee,
saying, “Let them
come to me.”**

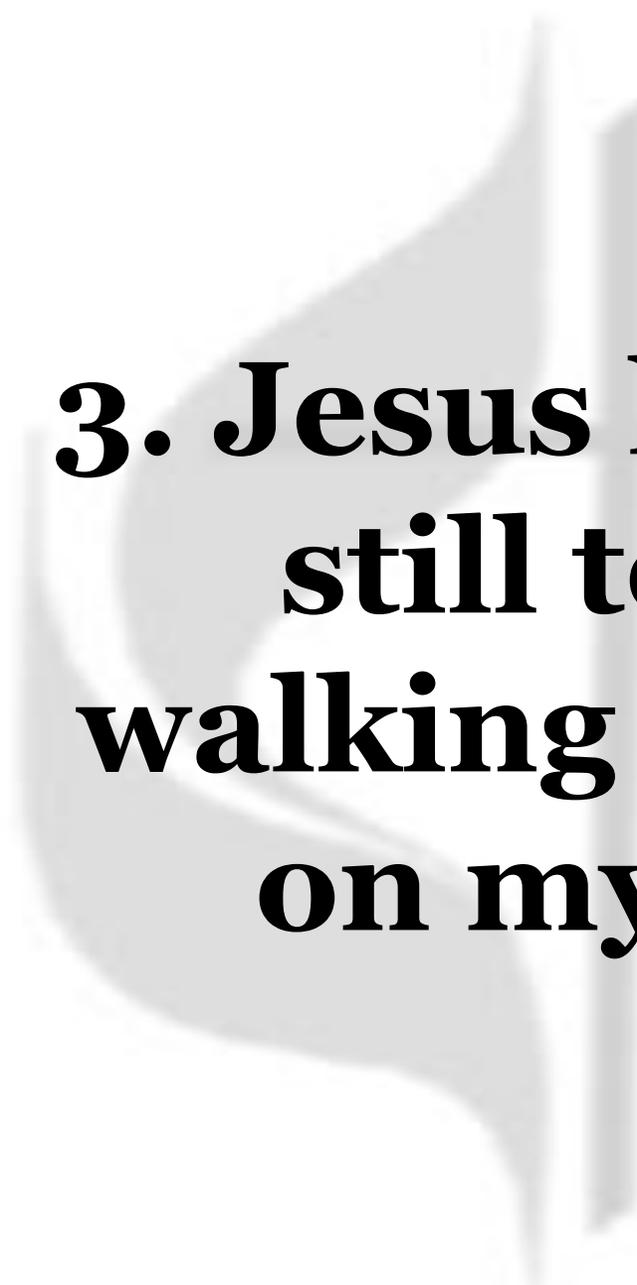
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Yes, Jesus loves me!

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The Bible tells me so.



**3. Jesus loves me
still today,
walking with me
on my way,**



**wanting as a
friend to give
light and love
to all who live.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

Benediction

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger,
speak with love.

When you meet fear,
speak with hope.

When you meet pain,
speak with gentleness.

But no matter what,
speak this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.

**It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that
transforms.**

The good news of the gospel is
alive in the world,

so go forth speaking.

For if you won't, then who will?

Thanks be to God

for this good, good news.



The Beauty of The Lord
(Gaines/Schram)



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