

Almighty God, from a world of hurry and care,
 we come seeking your presence. As you brought
 out of captivity the children of Israel and gave
 sight to those who were blind, so make us to
 know your presence among us now and open
 our eyes that we may see with eyes of faith.

Welcome to this gathering of God's
 people for worship. His goodness
 and grace challenge us to offer praise
 that is sincere and heartfelt. Raise your
 voices in praise and thanksgiving for
 God's goodness and mercy -

Almighty ²⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰ God, all time is your time.
Our lives stand in the appointment of your
will. Our harvests are dependent on your faithful
providence. The order of our days is only
certain because you remain steadfast. O Great
God of seedtime and harvest, of creation and
of destiny, in the morning you send us forth,
and in the evening you are our sustenance
and hope. We acknowledge you as Lord of
our lives today.

Your mighty hand, O God, remains Maj-
estic in power. Oh the greatness of your
might you have thrown down all those
who have opposed you. Your burning
judgment will consume every evil thing
like stubble. There is no God like you, Maj-
estic ~~and~~ in holiness, awesome in glory,
wreaking wonders. And your unending love
continues to lead the people you have re-
deemed. It is your love that has called them
to this sanctuary. Now pour, O God, upon us the
consoling grace and purifying power of your Holy
Spirit. Bless your Church today and make it
grow into the stature and fullness of our Father.