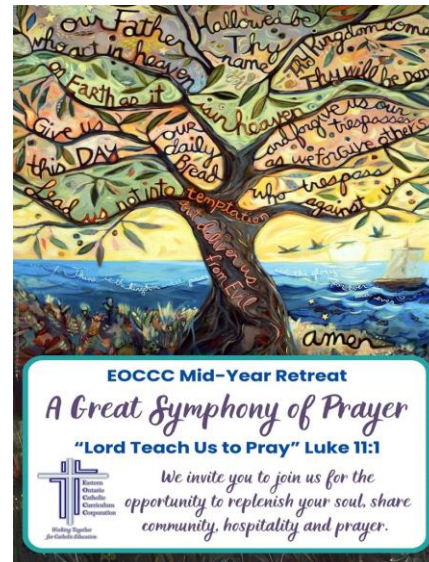
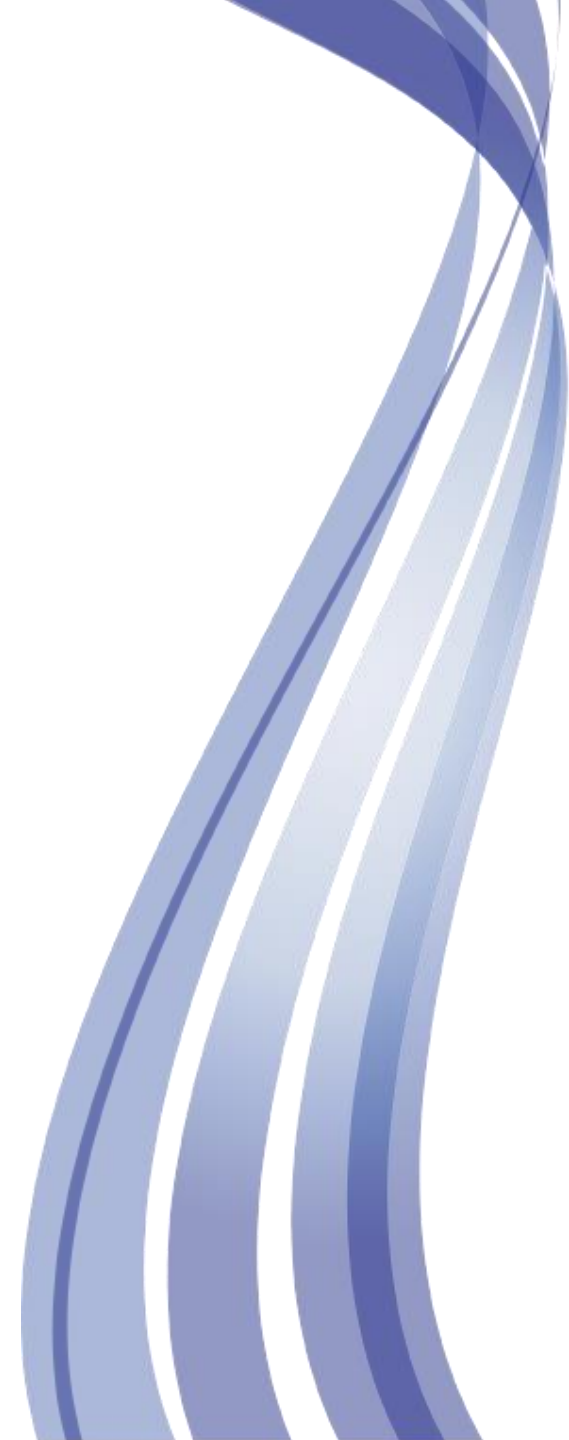
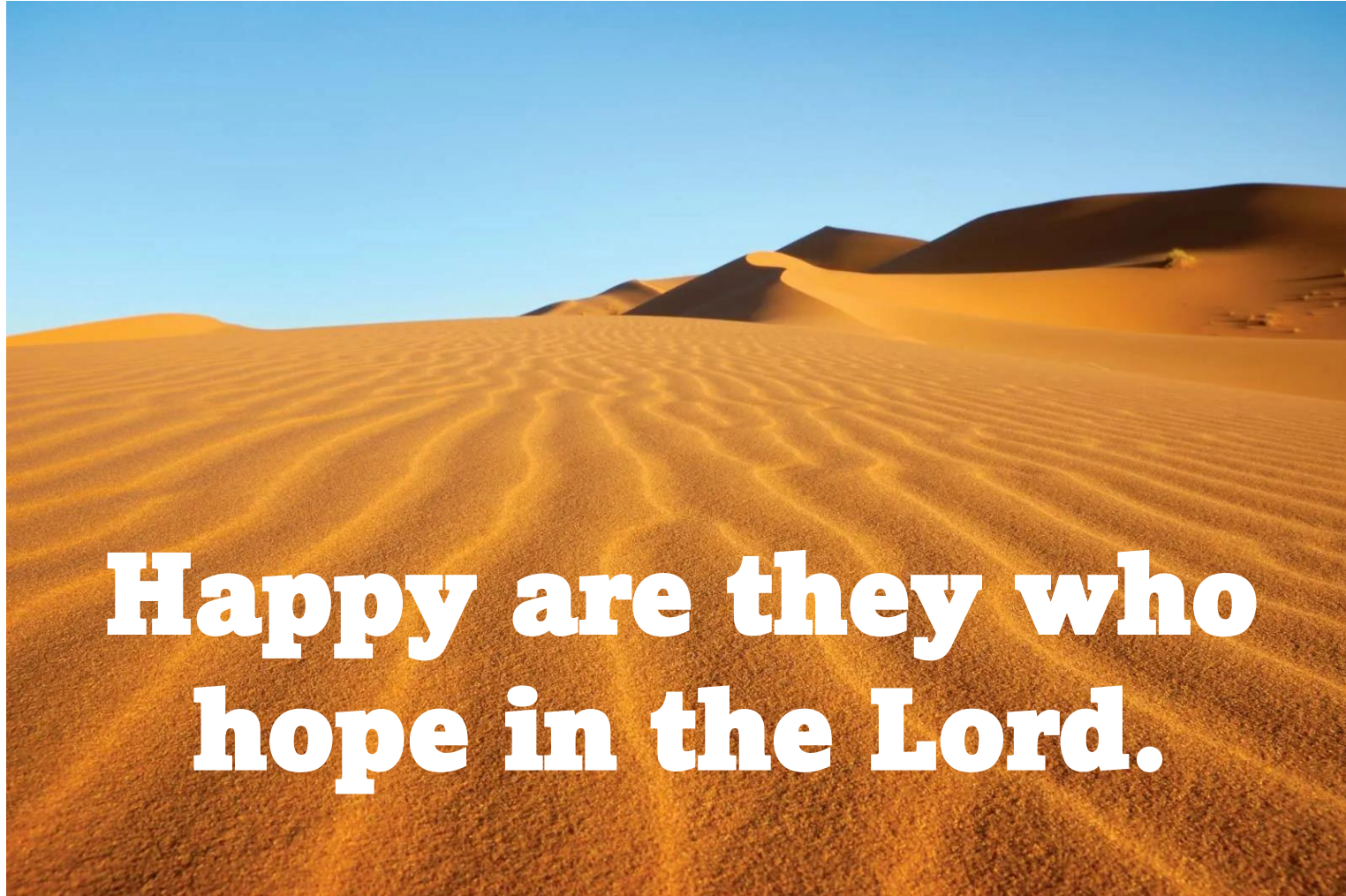


2024 Mid-Year Retreat

Morning Liturgy: Thy Will Be Done



Psalm 1



The Story Behind the Song: Thy Will

Hillary Scott



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnziMMweJQY>

Opening Song: Thy Will

Hillary Scott



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAmh3yvmzXs>



Leader:

All Christian communities pray the Our Father – the prayer that Jesus taught us. Today we will reflect on this prayer with words and actions. Please stand.

Begin with your hands at your waist, extended out, with your palms up, praying to be open to all that God chooses to give us this day.

All: Our Father



Leader:

We raise our arms in a gesture of praise to God who is Father and creator, who made the entire universe and yet cares for each of us individually and knows us each by name ...

All: Who art in heaven



Leader:

God alone is holy and the name of God is hallowed sacred and should be kept holy in our thoughts and in our words (move hands into prayer pose) ...

All: Hallowed be thy name



Leader:

Extend your right arm, palm up, as if to say, “Let me do the work needed to build your kingdom so that it may come quickly and bring peace to the world” ...

All: Thy kingdom come



Leader:

Extend your left arm, as if to say, “I will accept all from you, no matter what you ask, if it is your will”

...

All: Thy will be done.



Leader:

Touch your fingertips together creating a circle with your arms. This is the earth that was created by God, the earth that is our home. Work to preserve it and pray for peace to encircle it ...

All: On earth



Leader:

Raise both hands in a gesture of praise and thankfulness to God ...

All: As it is in heaven



Leader:

Lower your hands and cup them together. There are many who will have nothing to eat this day and nothing to drink. There are children who will go to bed hungry this very day. And so we pray ...

All: Give us this day our daily bread



Leader:

We are reminded that we must remember to forgive ourselves of the guilt we feel when we have done wrong. This may be hard to do, but we must forgive ourselves before we can forgive anyone else. Gently strike your breast with your right fist, then cover it with your left as we pray ...

**All: And forgive us our
 trespasses**



Leader:

We must remember to forgive those who have done wrong to us, as Jesus himself would. Extend your arms in a crucifix pose.

All: As we forgive those who trespass against us



Leader:

Then cross your arms across your chest in the traditional sign for love, for if we have love in our lives and our hearts, we will not easily be led astray.

All: And lead us not into temptation



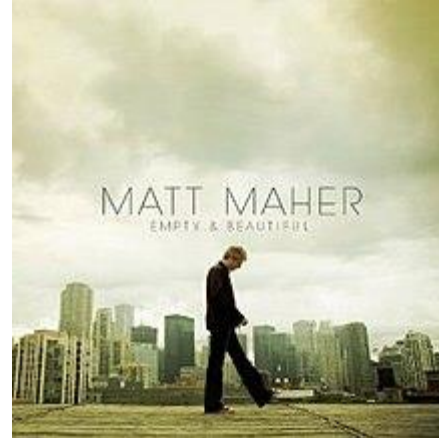
Leader:

Introduce yourself to the people around you. It is together that we can stand against evil and together we can work for justice in the world.

**All: But deliver us from evil.
 Amen.**

Closing Song: On Earth As It Is In Heaven

Matt Maher



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC2tMZ-jZ60>