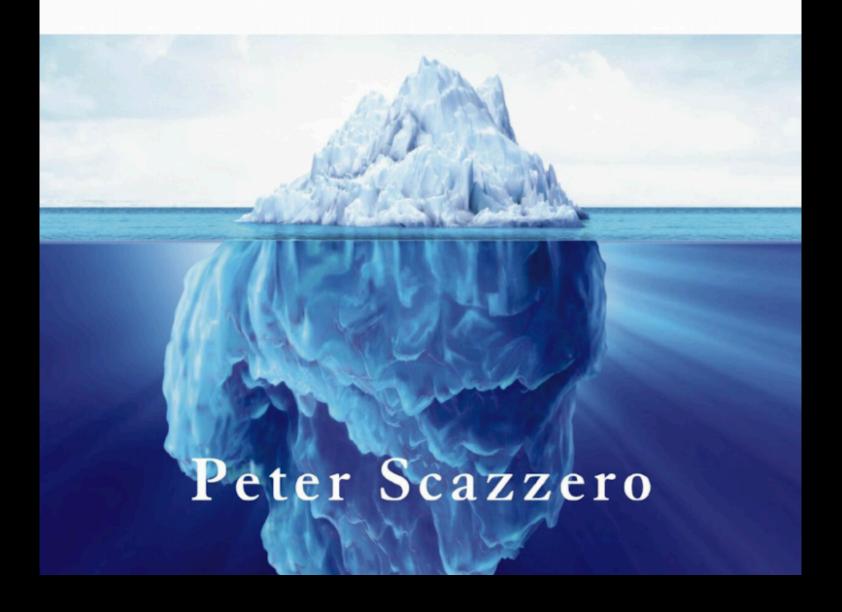




Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

UPDATED EDITION

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE to be SPIRITUALLY MATURE
WHILE REMAINING EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE



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3. Going Back in order to Go Forward

Genesis 50:15

"What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

Genesis 50:16-17a

¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'

Genesis 50:17b-18

Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."

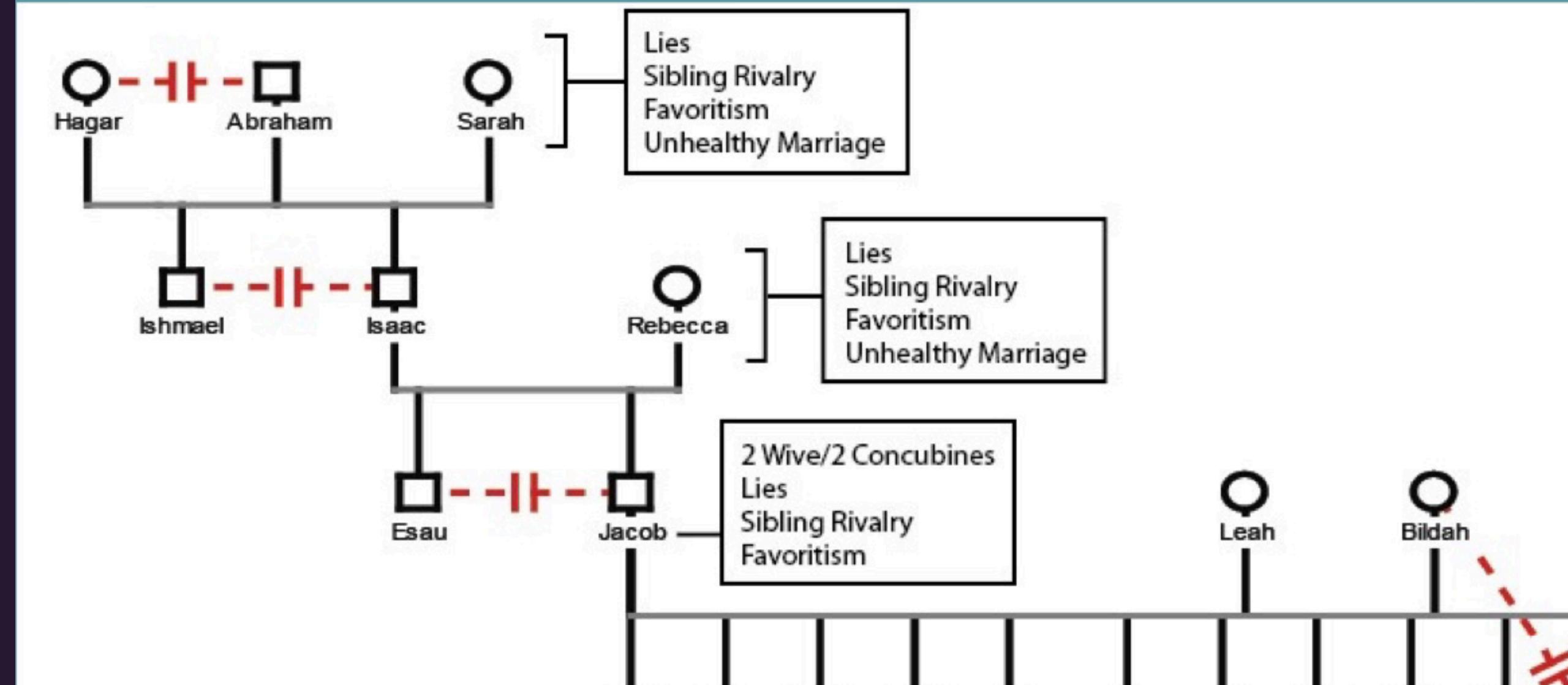
Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

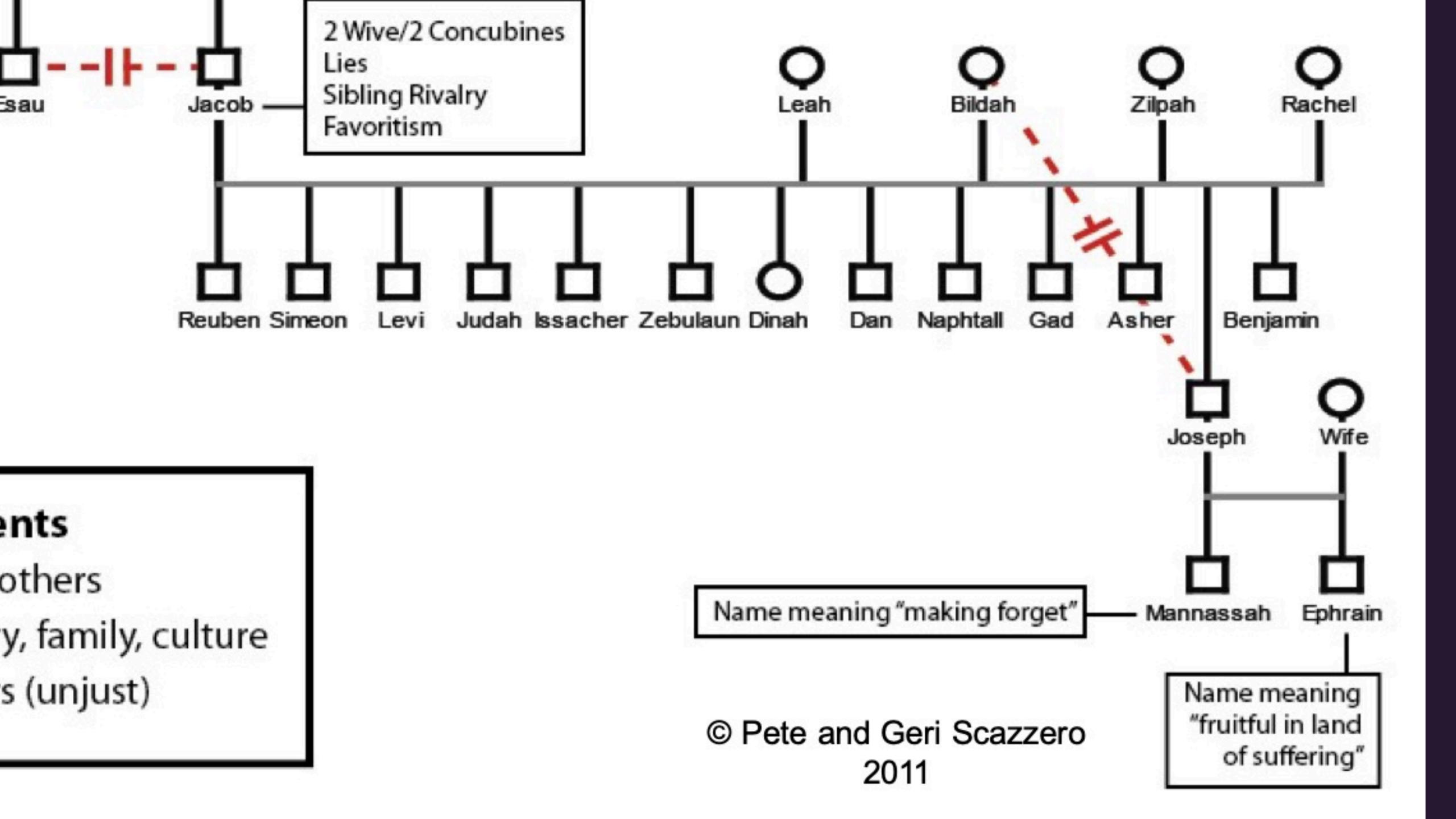
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¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

1. Recognize the Brokenness

Joseph's Genogram





Some of the Patterns in Joseph's family

- Lies
- Unhealthy marriages
- Favoritism
- Sibling Rivalry

- 1. Recognize the Brokenness
- 2. Break away from the pattern of sins

Joseph was able to break this chain of repeated sins by belonging to God's family.

To break a pattern, we need to realize there is a pattern

Break sinful patterns of our past in order to live the life of love that God intends.

- 1. Recognize the Brokenness
- 2. Break away from the pattern of sins
- 3. Forgive others and ourselves

Genesis 45:5

"now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God set me before you to preserve life."

Gen 45:15

Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Genesis 50:19-20

- ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
- ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

Genesis 50:21

²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

"You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to make a future out of it. God will waste nothing."

- Philip Brooks

Grant me courage; grant me wisdom to learn from the past but not be crippled by it. And may I, like Joseph, be a blessing to my earthly family, spiritual family, and the world at large.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

- from "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"

The Great Thanksgiving & Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

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.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

One: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray

All: 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.

