

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

**LEADER:** We pray together in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?”

...The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying,

**“Is the LORD in our midst or not?”**

*Exodus 17:3, 7, emphasis added*

I command you:  
be strong and steadfast!  
Do not fear nor be  
dismayed, for **the LORD,**  
**your God, is with you**  
**wherever you go.**

*Joshua 1:9, emphasis added*

**LEADER: Is the Lord in our midst, or not?**

**ALL: The Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

For you we are slain all the day long,  
considered only as sheep to be  
slaughtered.

Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord?  
Rise up! Do not reject us forever!  
**Why do you hide your face;**  
why forget our pain and misery?

*Psalm 44:23-25, emphasis added*

...we even boast of our afflictions,  
knowing that affliction produces  
endurance,  
and endurance, proven character,  
and proven character, hope,  
and hope does not disappoint,  
because **the love of God has been  
poured out into our hearts through  
the holy Spirit** that has been given  
to us.

*Romans 5:1-5, emphasis added*

**LEADER: Why do you hide your face?**

**ALL: The love of God has been poured out into our  
hearts through the holy Spirit.**

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

*"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"*

which means,

**"My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?"**

*Matthew 27:45-46, emphasis added.*

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, ***I am with you always***, until the end of the age."

*Matthew 28:17-20, emphasis added.*

**LEADER: My God, why have you forsaken us?**

**ALL: I am with you always, until the end of the age.**

**LEADER:** I am not alone. You are not alone.

**ALL: WE ARE NOT ALONE.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE  
SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS  
IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVERY  
SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END.  
AMEN.**