

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.*  
*(Titus 2:11)*

*Yes* In this world where God creates with deep  
beauty and profound mystery.  
In this world where so many yearn for  
God's healing and peace.  
In this world where some have thought God has forsaken us:

*Yes* Here, in this world, the grace of God has appeared.  
Not just in this world but for you.

*Yes* For you, weary from trying to meet the  
expectations of others.  
For you, worrying about an uncertain future.  
For you, wondering if you are worthy.

*Yes* For you, the grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation.  
Not just for you but for all.

*Yes* For all, salvation has come in the wonder of  
God in mercy bending low to meet us  
in our humanity.  
In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.  
In the power and promise  
of the gospel's proclamation,  
God's goodness and loving-kindness has appeared  
in the Savior Jesus.

So with angelic messengers and witnessing shepherds,  
we raise our voices:

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven  
and on earth peace among those  
whom he favors."*

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Presiding Bishop



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