

# **PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

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**Welcome** to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

# Sunday, February 2, 2025 • Presentation of Our Lord

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the bold print.

# **Gathering**

#### **INVOCATION**

En el nombre de Dios, Creador, Redentor y Sabiduría Santa. Amén.

In the name of God, Creator, 

⊕ Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

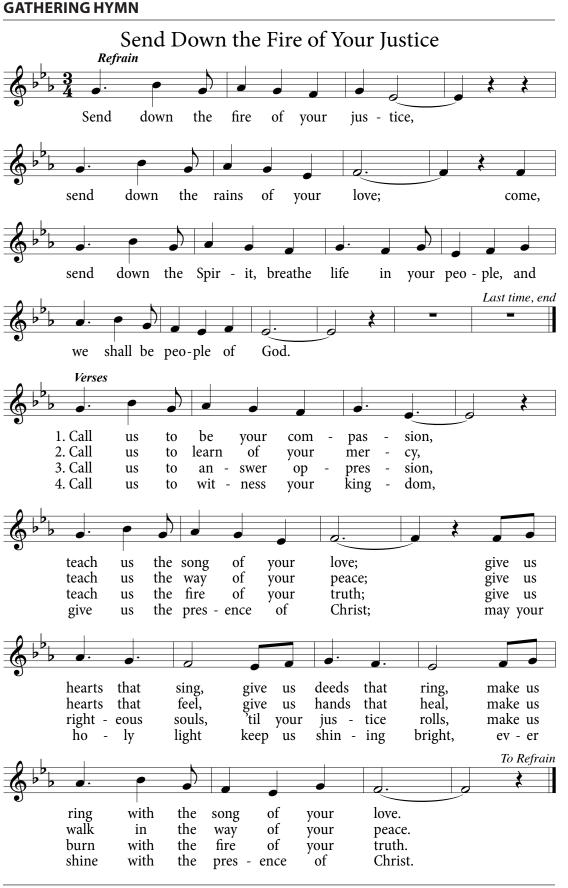
Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In  $\pm$  Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Marty Haugen composed "Send Down the Fire" in 1989. He is a prolific liturgical composer with many songs included in hymnals across the liturgical spectrum of North American hymnals and beyond. Several of Haugen's songs have been translated into other languages. He was raised in the American Lutheran Church and received a BA in psychology from Luther College and an MA in pastoral studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. A number of liturgical settings were prepared for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and more than 400 of his compositions have been published. He continues to compose and travel to speak and teach at worship events around the world.



#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

# Glory to God

CANTOR: Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to God's people, peace on earth.



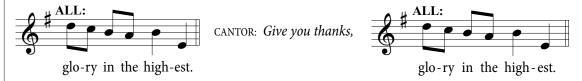
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo-ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: We worship you,

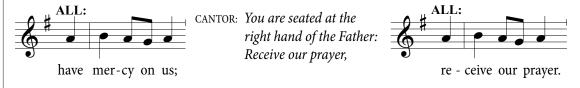


CANTOR: Praise you for your glory.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;





Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, *Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.* 



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to God's peo - ple, peace on earth.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

# Word

**READING** MALACHI 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi, the third chapter.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 84

A reading of Psalm 84.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

This reading concludes a larger section (2:17–3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendents of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

**READING** HEBREWS 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the second chapter.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

Jesus shared human

nature fully so that his

death might be for all

humans a liberation from slavery to death's power.

Here the writer uses the

*image of priestly service* 

in the temple as a way of

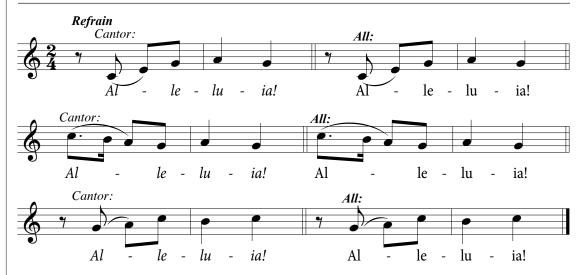
saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest

who offers his life on behalf

of his brothers and sisters.

describing the life and

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



CANTOR My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

ALL **Refrain** 

**HOLY GOSPEL** LUKE 2:22-40

This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed

to the world.

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo dos.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

The assembly is seated.

THE HOMILY PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

This hymn by Jan Struther was first published in Songs of Praise, London, 1931. It is organized like a collect—the church's "collecting" of petitions in a short form of prayer—with an address, a phrase that describes the attribute of God under consideration, and a petition related to it. The themes develop from God as Lord of hopefulness, eagerness, kindliness, and calm, and relate to our daily round of waking to sleeping. Struther's works include short stories, articles, five volumes of poems, 12 hymns she contributed to Songs of Praise, and the novel Mrs. Miniver, which was made into a movie. The tune SLANE is an Irish folk tune named for the hill where Patrick is reputed to have defied the king by lighting the new fire at the Easter Vigil. **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 765



#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.** 

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,

#### Receive our prayer.

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism. Teach us to honor Black history. Guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace, **Receive our prayer.** 

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all who long for affordable housing and secure, equitable employment. Sustain all who seek access to medical care for health and wellness of body, mind, and spirit, especially Amy, Andrea, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del, Jonathan, Jean, and Pat. God of grace,

## Receive our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

## Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,

#### Receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

#### Amen.

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*Y también contigo.*)

The assembly is seated.

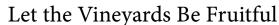
#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

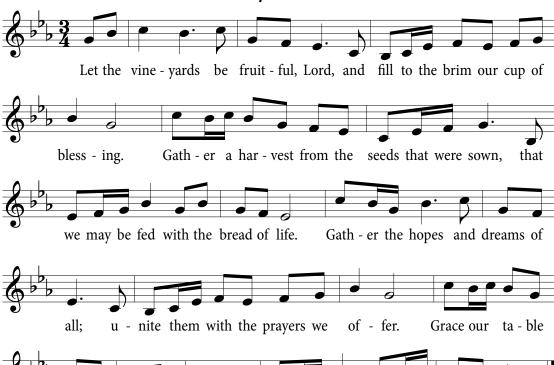
# Meal

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

#### PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

The assembly stands.





#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

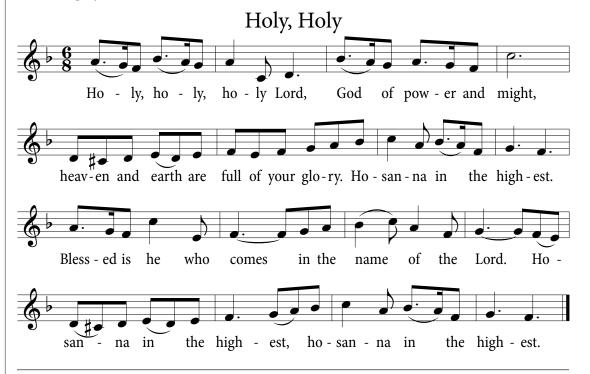
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

with your pres - ence,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

#### We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

#### We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

#### We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit ... Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

All are welcome at this meal.

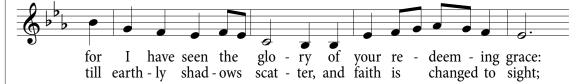
#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**ELW 313** 



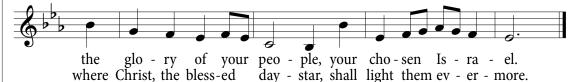


2. Then grant that I fol - low your gleam, O may glo - rious Light,





light lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



This paraphrase of the Nunc dimittis was written by Ernest Edwin Ryden in 1924. Ryden was a distinguished Lutheran clergyman and life-long student of hymns. He was pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut. He was a member of the Committee which created the Augustana Hymnal of 1925, in which this hymn was first published. NYLAND, named for a province in Finland, is a folk melody from Kuortane, South Ostrobothnia, Finland. In fact, the tune is also known as KUORTANE.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

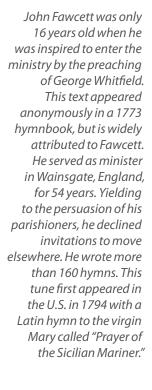
#### **SENDING BLESSING**

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre.

Almighty God, Creator, 

⊕ Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ELW 545





#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

# **ALL ARE WELCOME**



IN THIS PLACE

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH





#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WEEKLY eNEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the box above to subscribe and to read past issues.

# WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m.

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

#### KING'S KINDNESS AND JUST COMPASSION

**King's Kindness Food Pantry** continues to serve our hungry neighbors on Thursday afternoons. Shelf-stable foods and personal hygiene products are always needed. Leave them in the barrel in front of the office doors or in the shelves in the office hallway.

For **Just Compassion**, we continue to collect men's belts (any size) and new, packaged underwear. In addition, we collect quarters for their laundry days. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of Christ the King/Cristo Rey is February 2 after worship. This is a hybrid meeting (much like Sunday morning worship). Join us just before noon on the 2nd of February for this online/in-person meeting. The Zoom link is the same as Sunday morning worship.

#### **WILDFIRE RELIEF**

If you would like to financially assist those affected by the devastating Los Angeles wildfires you can donate through Lutheran World Relief by visiting lwr.org, or through any number of charities of your choosing. You might consider donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held here every Friday. Use the find-a-drive code **1TRTig** at redcrossblood.org. Pray for Los Angeles.

#### **BOOK OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY**

This study of the Acts of the Apostles meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 817 3971 264 Password 797928

#### **GIVING**

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through our thirdparty giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



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#### Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

#### Por lo tanto, recibios los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.



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