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**The Feast of
Pentecost**



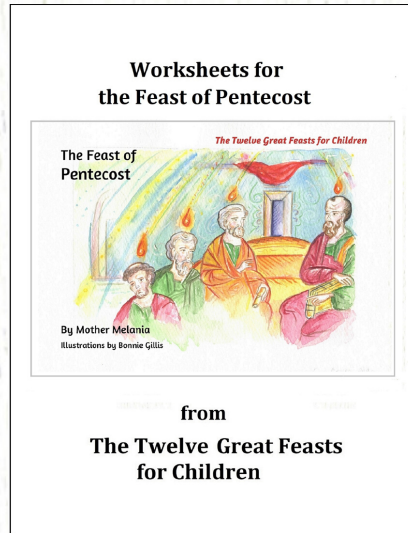
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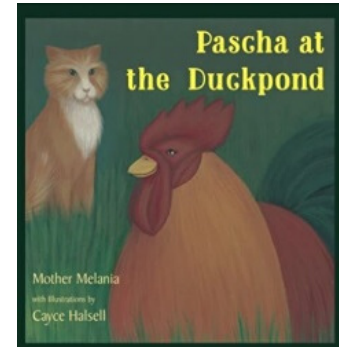
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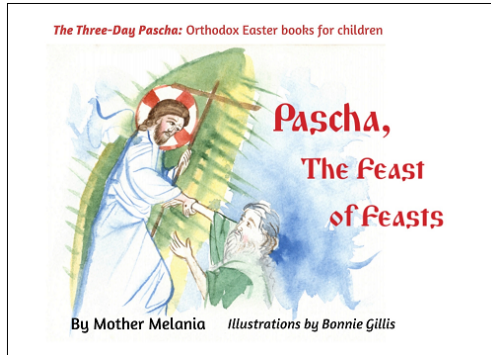
A whimsical look at how to prepare and how NOT to prepare for Pascha.



Pascha, the Feast of Feasts

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Be glad today! Be glad! Rejoice!
With all creation, lift your voice,
For Christ has died, but lives again –
Restoring life to fallen men.



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THE TWELVE GREAT FEASTS FOR CHILDREN series:

In the Orthodox Church Year, the Feast of Feasts, in a class by itself, is the Resurrection. After the Resurrection in importance come the twelve Great Feasts. These feasts are the Church's celebration of, and participation in, key events leading to our salvation. The Great Feasts are often separated into Feasts of the Lord and Feasts of the Theotokos.

Feasts of the Lord

Exaltation of the Cross

Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)

Theophany of Our Lord (Epiphany)

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Ascension of Our Lord

Pentecost

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feasts of the Theotokos

Nativity of the Theotokos

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Meeting of Our Lord*

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Annunciation

Dormition of the Theotokos

- The Meeting of Our Lord is also considered a Feast of the Lord

A final note - Theotokos, an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, means "birthgiver of God." Used since at least the third century, this title guards the truth that Mary's Son is not only fully human, but fully God.

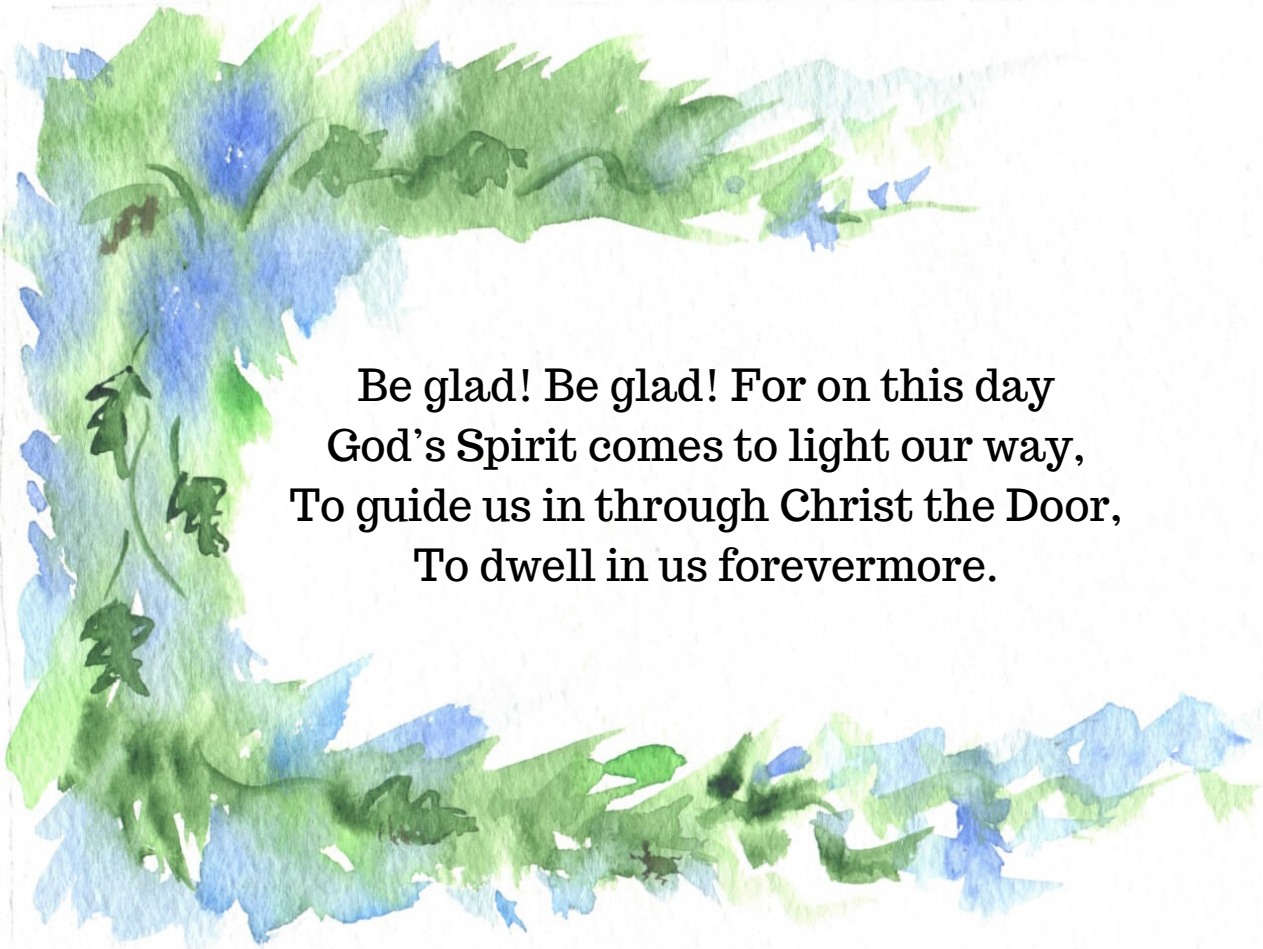
The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Pascha (Easter)



Blessed art Thou,
O Christ Our God
Thou hast revealed the
fishermen as most wise
By sending down upon them
the Holy Spirit
Through them Thou didst draw
the world into Thy net
O Lover of Man,
Glory to Thee!

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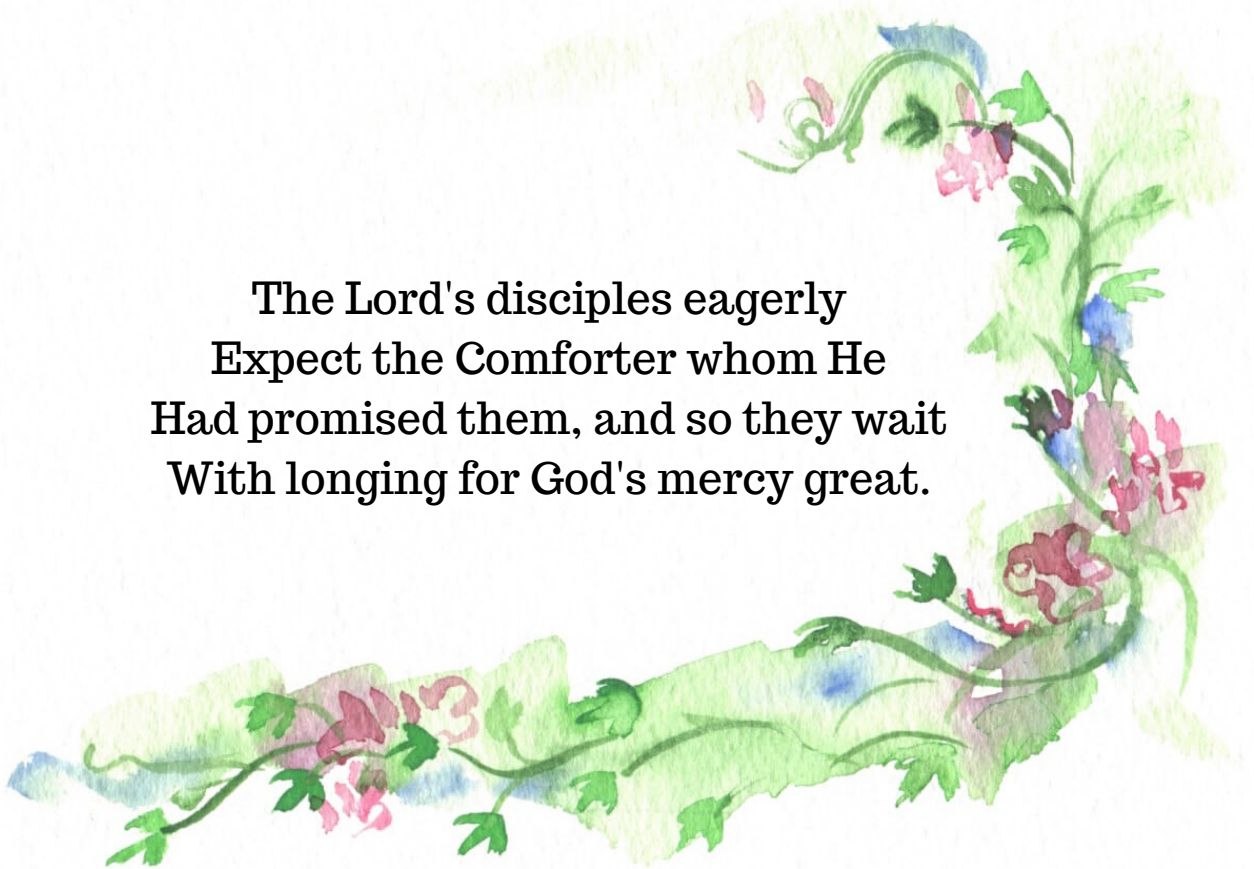
A watercolor illustration of a garden path. The path is formed by a series of blue flowers, possibly pansies, with green foliage and leaves on either side. The colors are soft and blended, creating a gentle, natural feel. The path leads from the bottom left towards the top right, curving slightly.

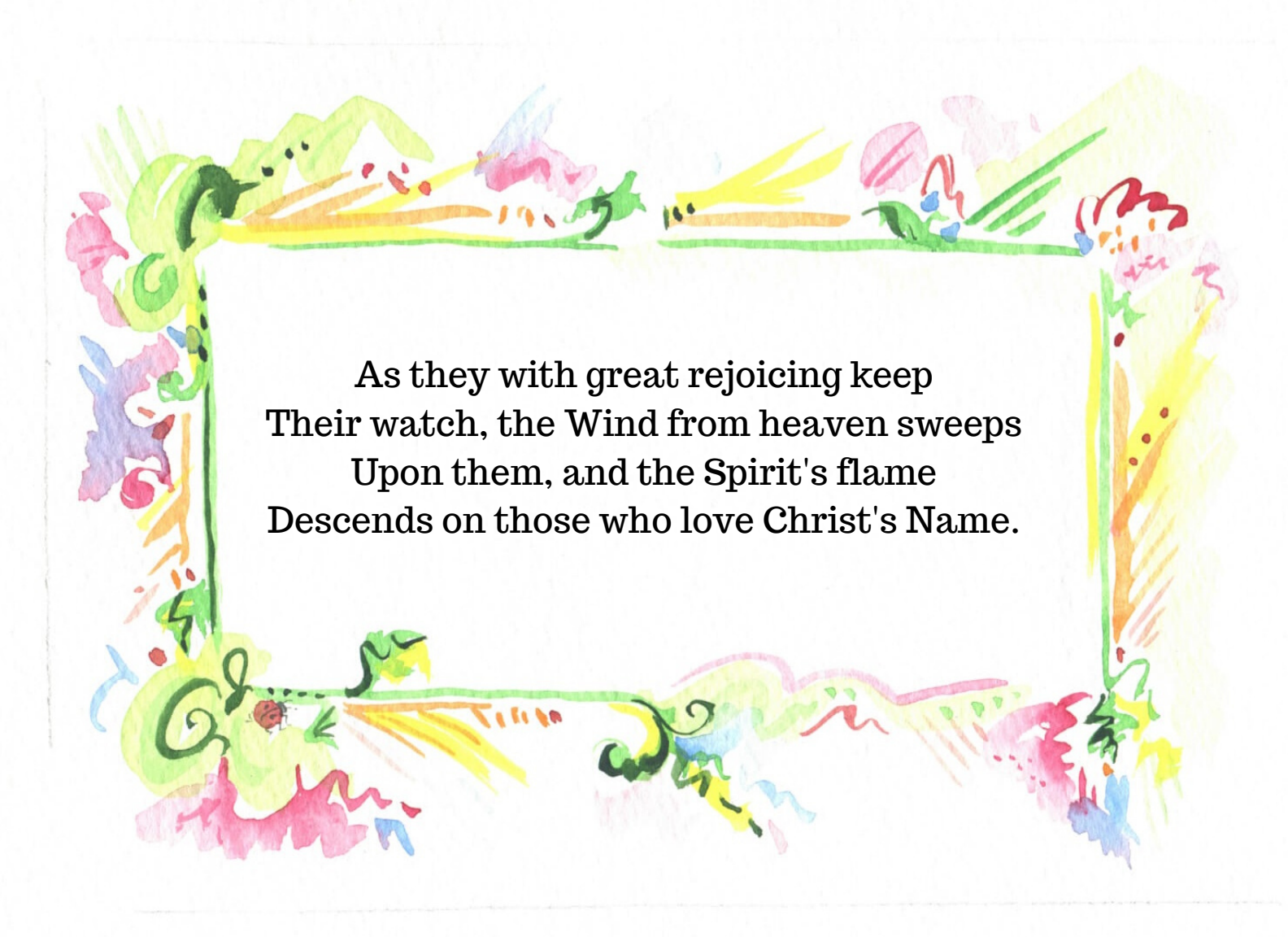
Be glad! Be glad! For on this day
God's Spirit comes to light our way,
To guide us in through Christ the Door,
To dwell in us forevermore.





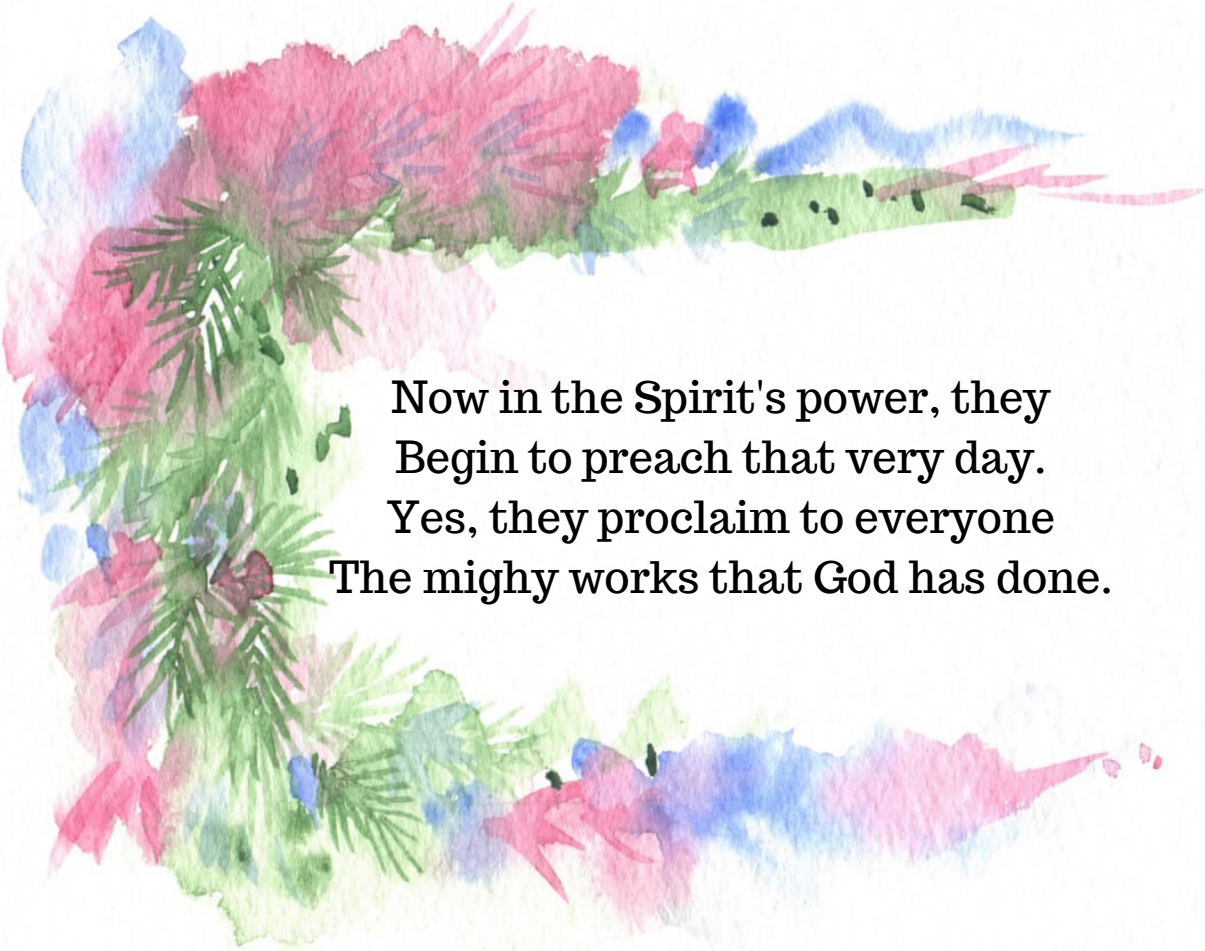
The Lord's disciples eagerly
Expect the Comforter whom He
Had promised them, and so they wait
With longing for God's mercy great.





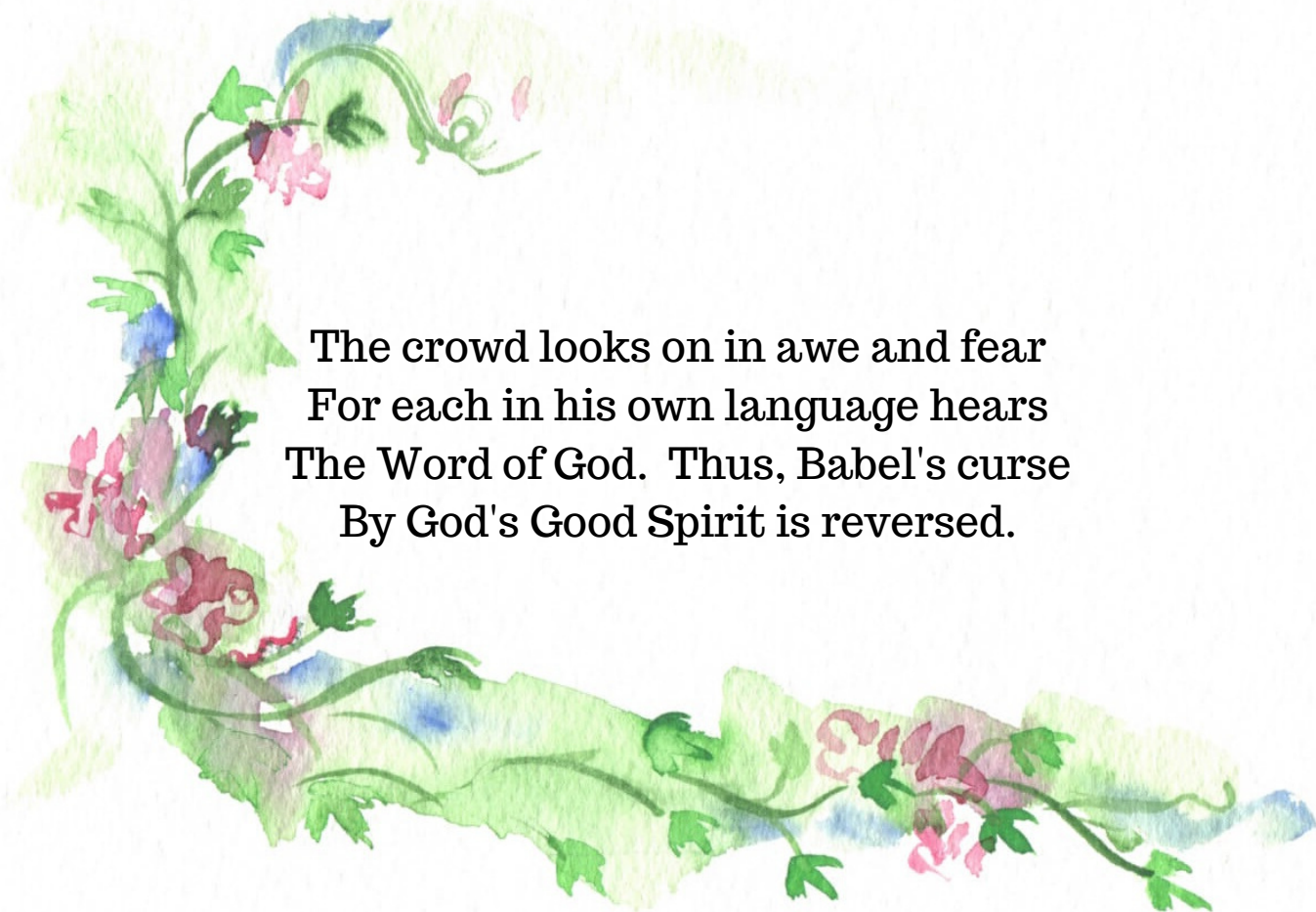
As they with great rejoicing keep
Their watch, the Wind from heaven sweeps
Upon them, and the Spirit's flame
Descends on those who love Christ's Name.



A watercolor illustration of a tropical landscape. The scene features a bright sunset or sunrise with a sky transitioning from blue to pink and red. In the foreground, there are several palm trees with green fronds. The watercolor style is soft and blended, with some darker spots on the ground suggesting shadows or rocks. The overall mood is peaceful and vibrant.

Now in the Spirit's power, they
Begin to preach that very day.
Yes, they proclaim to everyone
The mighty works that God has done.



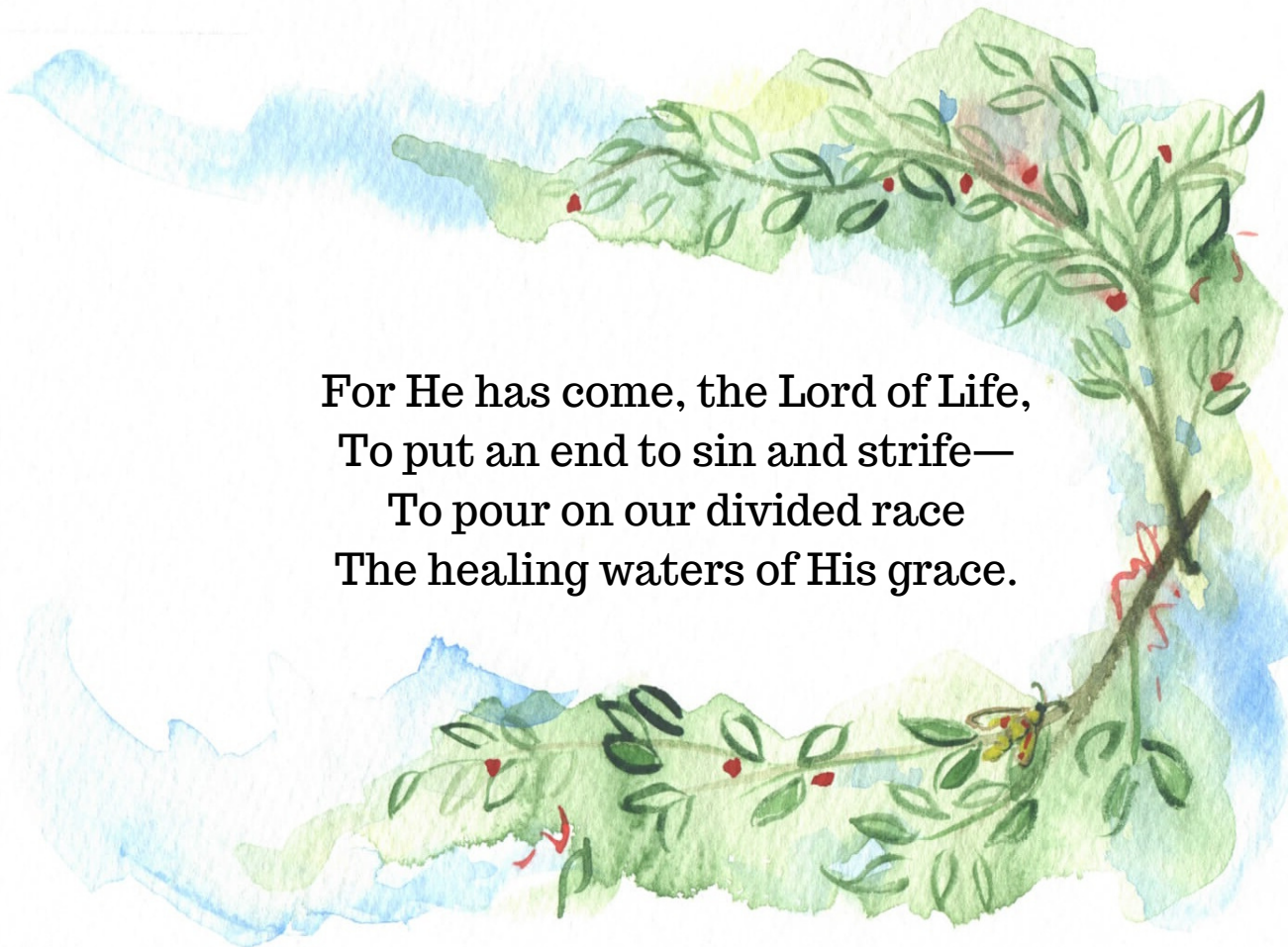


The crowd looks on in awe and fear
For each in his own language hears
The Word of God. Thus, Babel's curse
By God's Good Spirit is reversed.

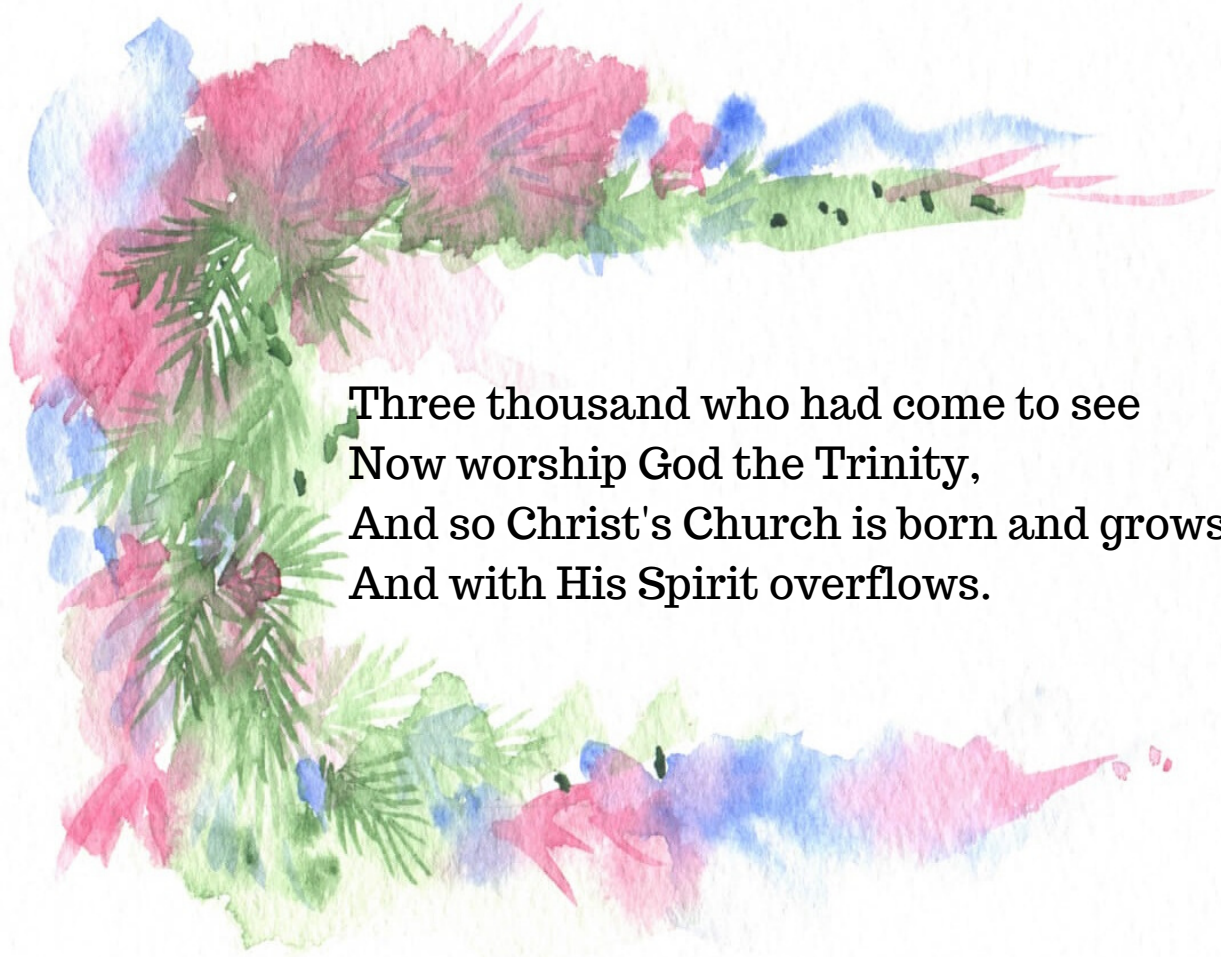




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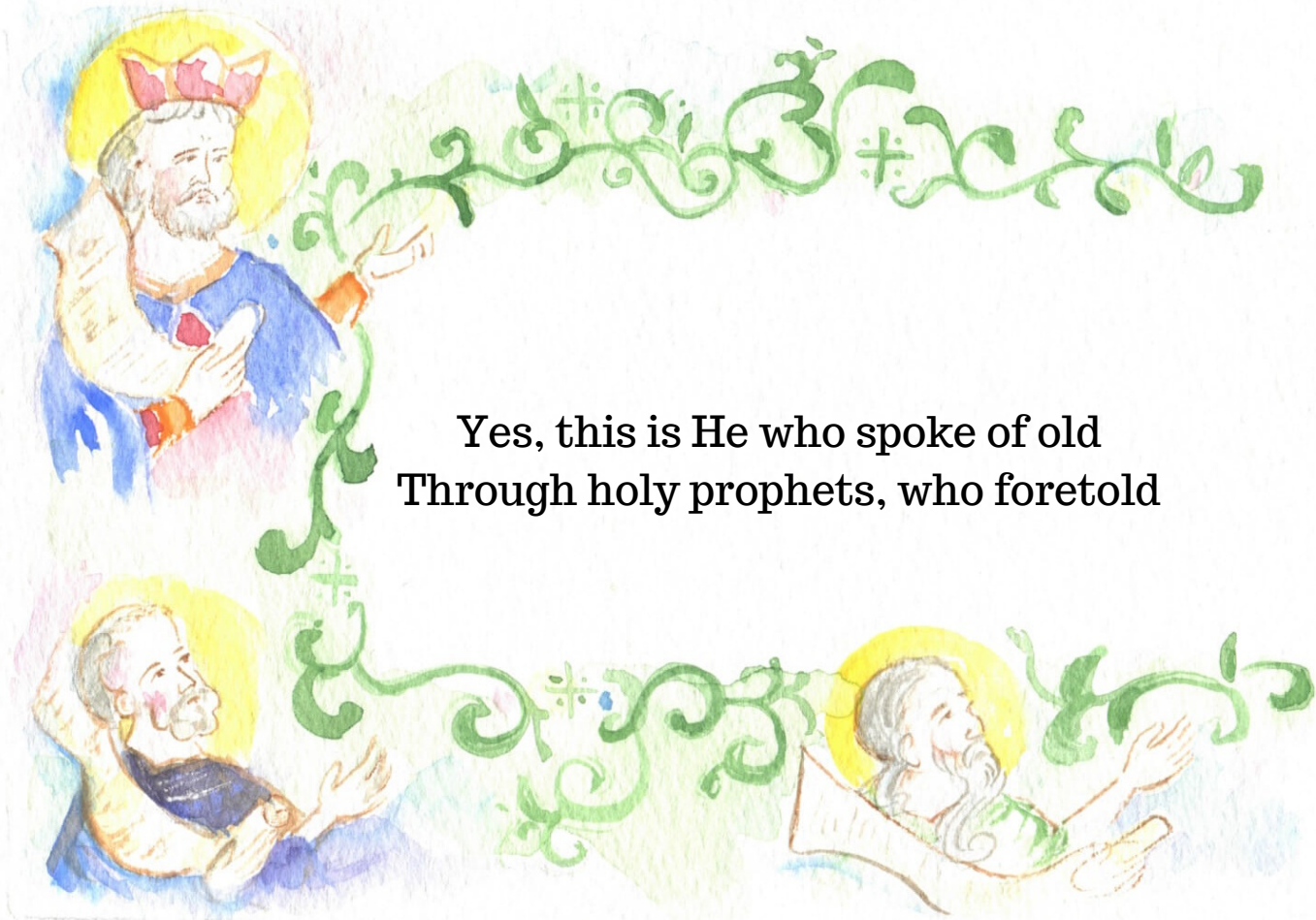
A watercolor illustration of a tree branch with green leaves and red berries, set against a background of blue and green washes. The branch is the central focus, with leaves and berries extending outwards. The background consists of soft, blended washes of light blue and light green, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

For He has come, the Lord of Life,
To put an end to sin and strife—
To pour on our divided race
The healing waters of His grace.

A watercolor illustration of a bouquet of flowers. The bouquet features large, vibrant pink and red flowers, smaller blue flowers, and green foliage with dark green leaves. The colors are soft and blended, with some areas showing more saturated tones. The flowers are arranged in a dense, rounded shape, with some stems and leaves extending outwards. The background is plain white, making the colors of the flowers stand out.

Three thousand who had come to see
Now worship God the Trinity,
And so Christ's Church is born and grows
And with His Spirit overflows.



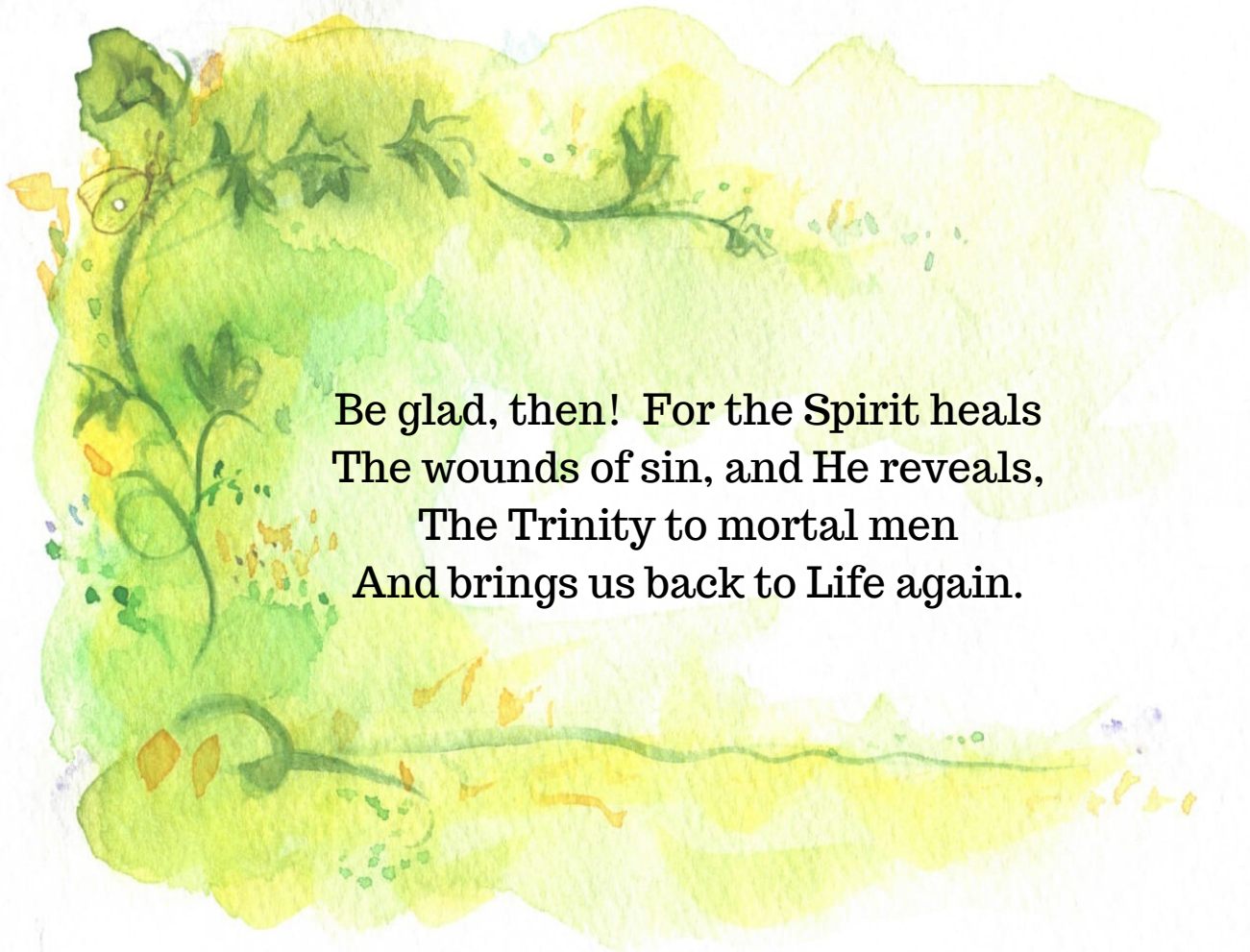


Yes, this is He who spoke of old
Through holy prophets, who foretold



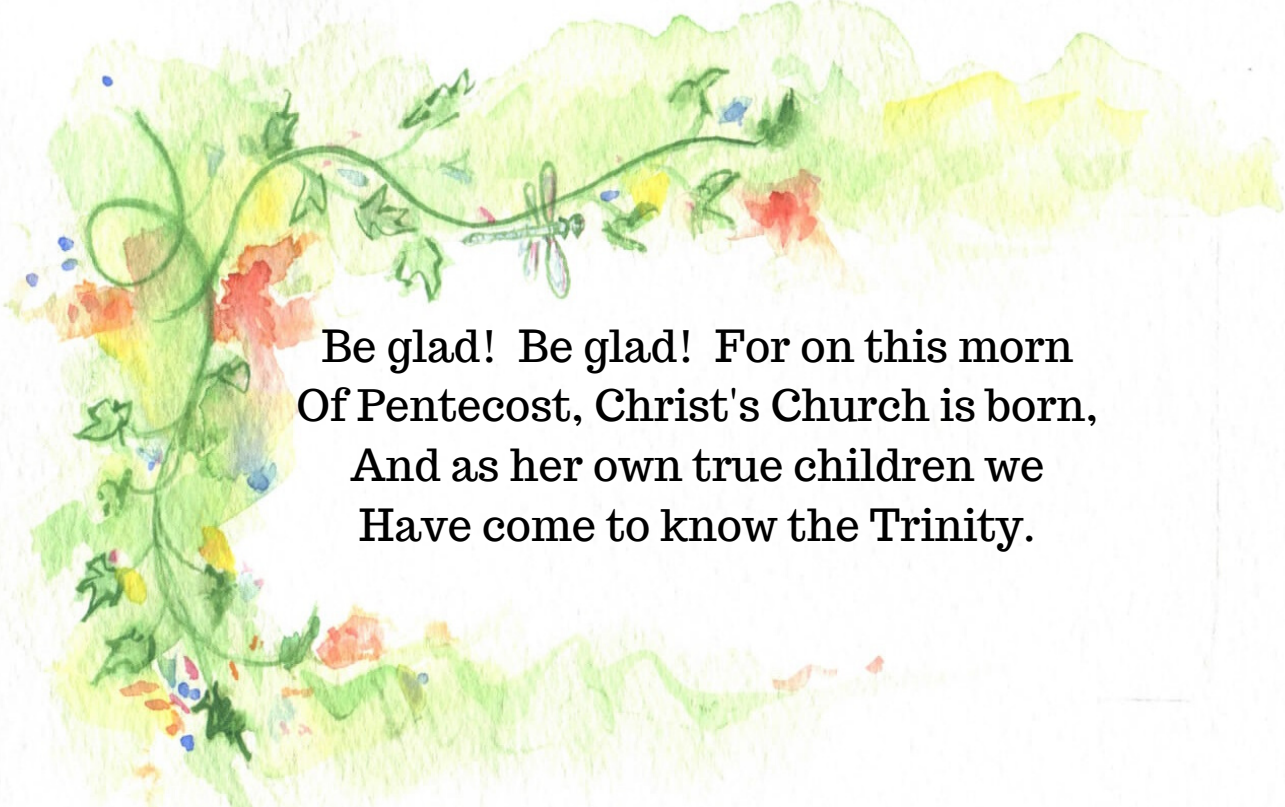
His coming—Heaven's Mighty King,
The Spirit, who renews all things.





Be glad, then! For the Spirit heals
The wounds of sin, and He reveals,
The Trinity to mortal men
And brings us back to Life again.

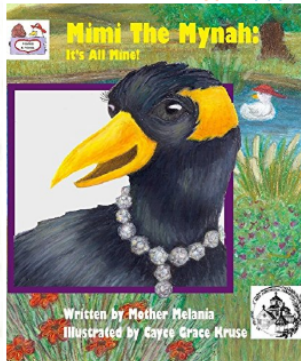


A watercolor illustration of a green vine with leaves and small flowers in red, yellow, and blue. A dragonfly is perched on the vine. The background is a soft, light green wash.

**Be glad! Be glad! For on this morn
Of Pentecost, Christ's Church is born,
And as her own true children we
Have come to know the Trinity.**



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