

God of Hope.

You call us home from the exile of selfish oppression
to the freedom of justice, the balm of healing,
and the joy of sharing.

Make us strong to join You in Your holy kingdom work,
as friends of strangers, companions of those whom others shun,
and those whose hearts are broken.

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist,
through all such faithful ones You proclaim the unfolding of future joy
and renewed life.

Strengthen our hearts to believe Your advent promise
that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ,
where sorrow and sighing will be no more
and the journey of God's people will be joy.

Amen.