

Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

2 As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3 As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

4 And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

5 Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹ “Now behold, I Myself am establishing My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the livestock, and every animal of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, every animal of the earth. ¹¹ I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be eliminated by the waters of a flood, nor shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations; ¹³ I have set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall serve as a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall come about, when I make a cloud appear over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the rainbow is in the cloud, then I will look at it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

[Refrain] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and ever more.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain]

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams [Refrain]

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.
[Refrain]

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. [Refrain]