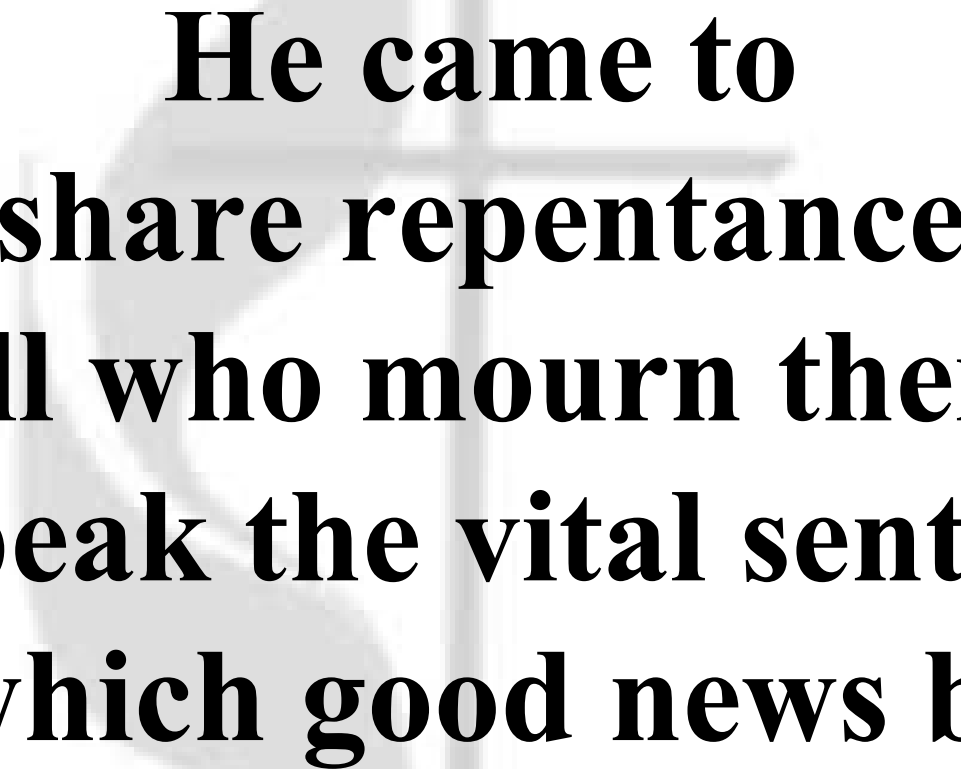


When Jesus Came to Jordan

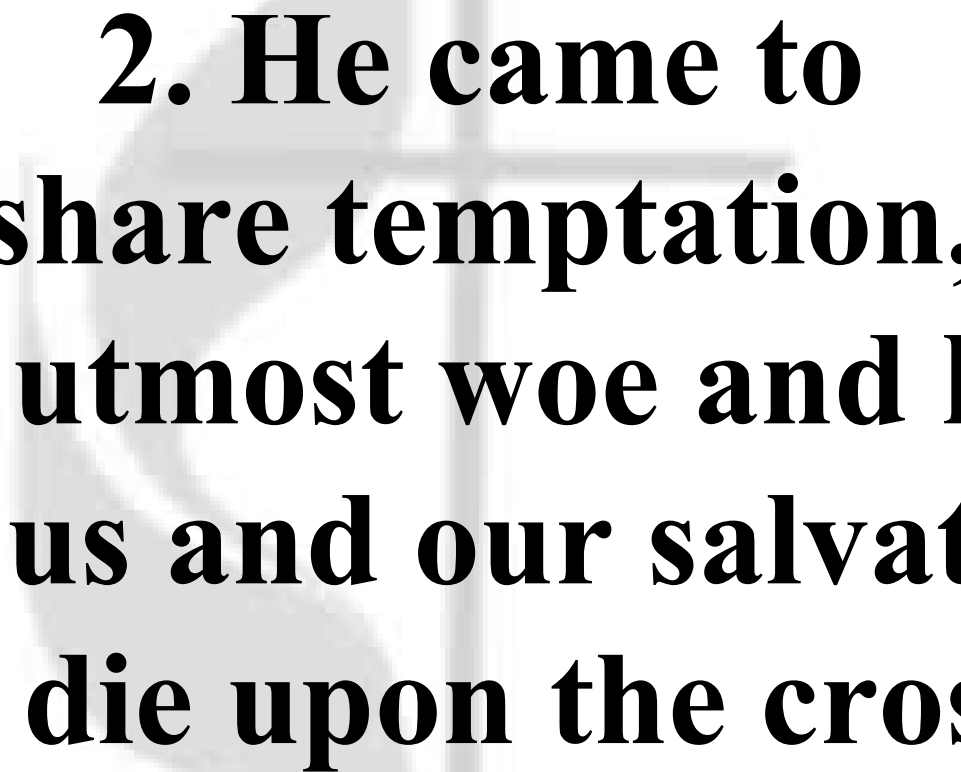
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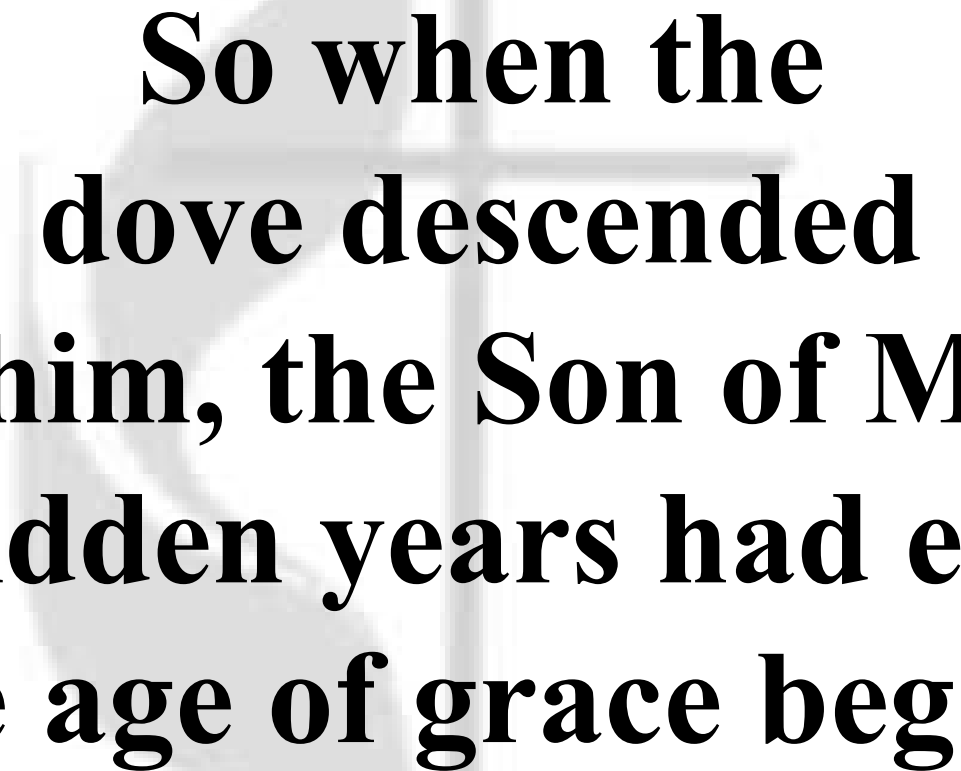
**1. When Jesus
came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.**



**He came to
share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**



**2. He came to
share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.**

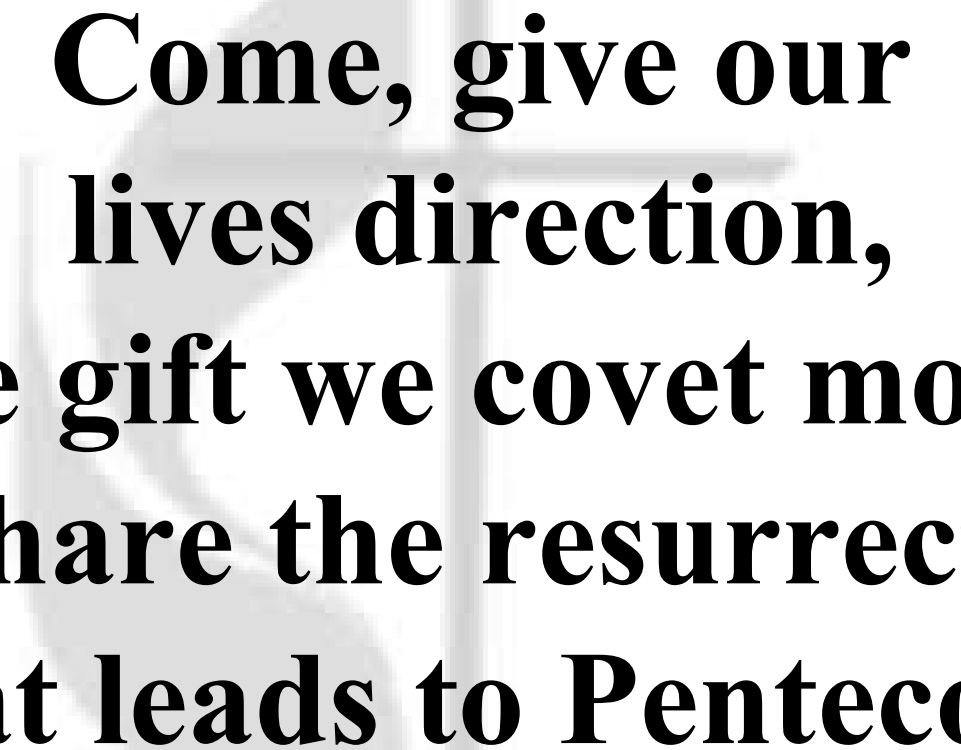


**So when the
dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**



**3. Come, Holy Spirit,
aid us**

**to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.**



**Come, give our
lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**