

Blessed Be the God of Israel

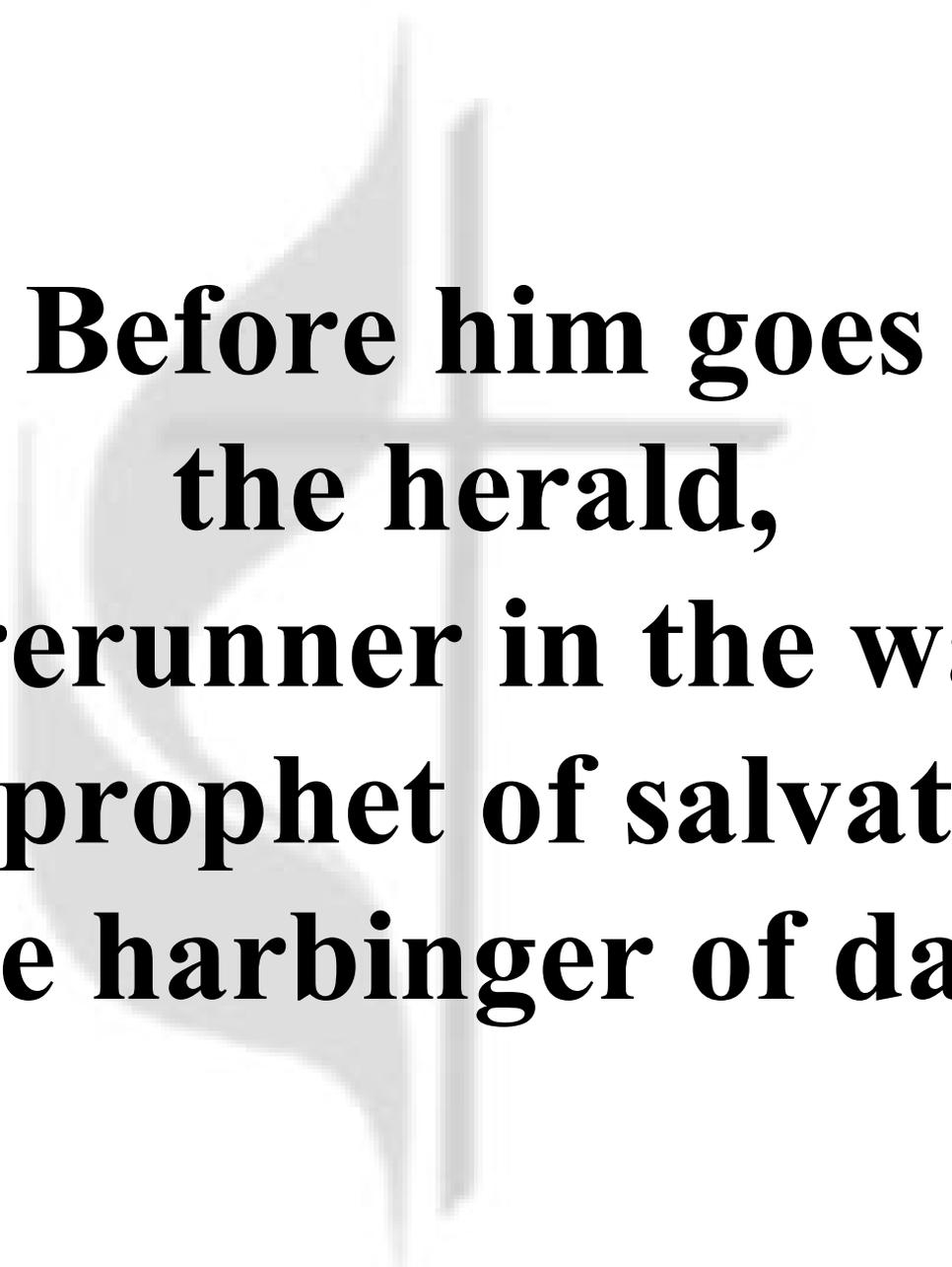
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**1. Blessed be the
God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us,
and grants us liberty.**

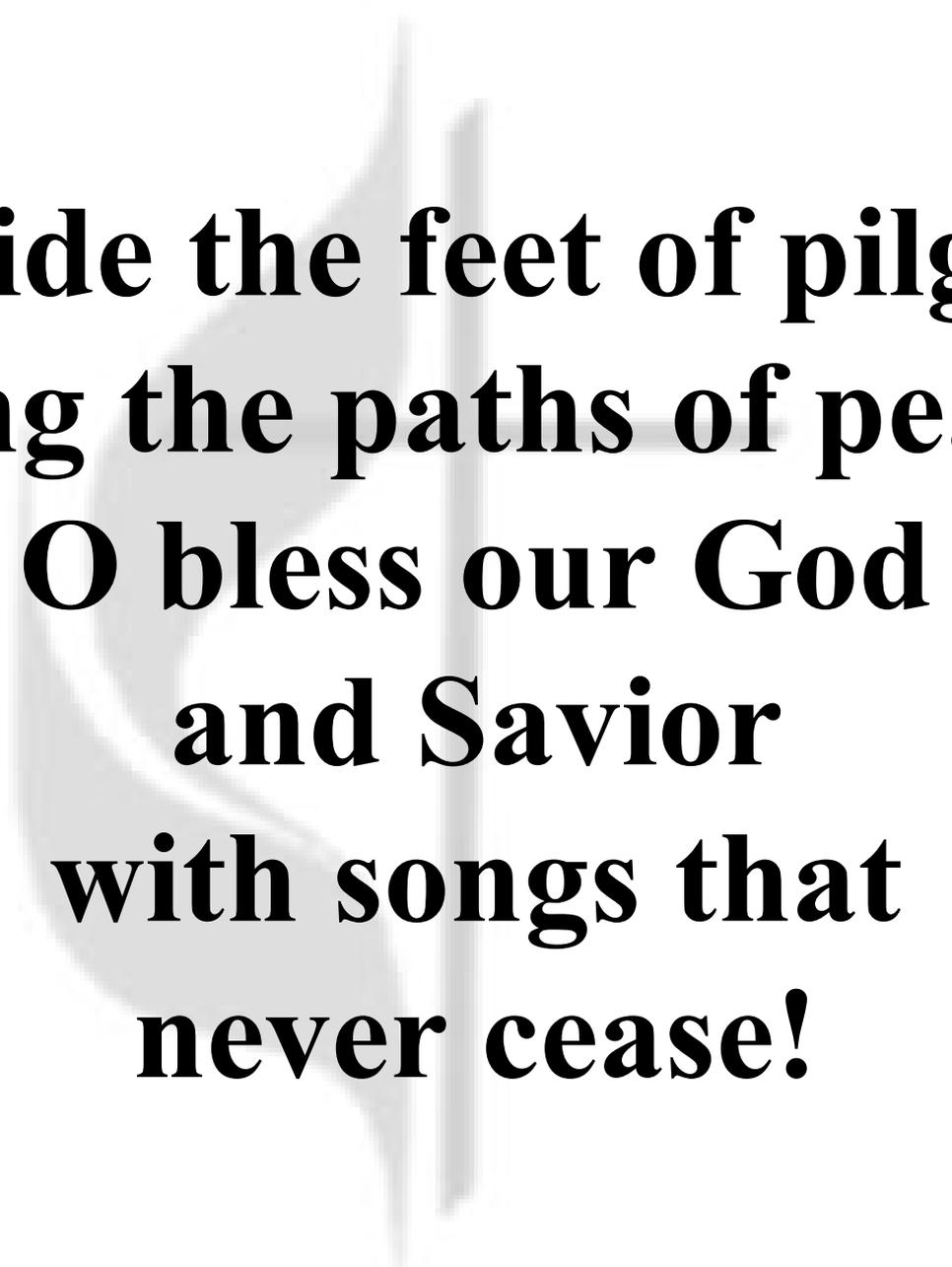
**The prophets
spoke of mercy,
of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill
the promise
to bring our people peace.**

**2. Now from the
house of David
a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.**



**Before him goes
the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the harbinger of day.**

**3. On prisoners
of darkness
the sun begins to rise,
the dawning
of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,**



**to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace;
O bless our God
and Savior
with songs that
never cease!**