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TOGETHER WE HAVE HOPE !

“...giving thanks always and for everything in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.” Eph. 5:20

Leader: *In the name of our God who shares divinity with us, in the name of our God who shares humanity with us, in the name of our God who unsettles and inspires us let us give praise and thanks!*

All: *Now may every living being, young or old, living near or far, known to us or unknown, living departed or yet to be born, may every living being be full of bliss. St. Hilda Community*

Reading: *“Watch carefully then how you live not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always. And for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.” Eph. 5:15-20*

Reflection: *How are you called to grow closer to God? Does your spirit rejoice in Jesus Christ? What can you do to provide time and space to grow in relationship with Jesus? (Pause)*

All: **The Seeds of Your Kingdom**

Gracious God,

Send us back to the world with Your eyes rather than ours.
Help us to see not only the bad but the good,
not simply the ugly but the beautiful,
not just the worst but the best.

Help us to see around us the seeds of your kingdom,
and to nurture them lovingly until that day comes
when Your will is done, and you are all in all. Amen. Nick Fawcett, England