

Gathering and Going: Our Calling in the Power of the Spirit

But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes
on you; and you
will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

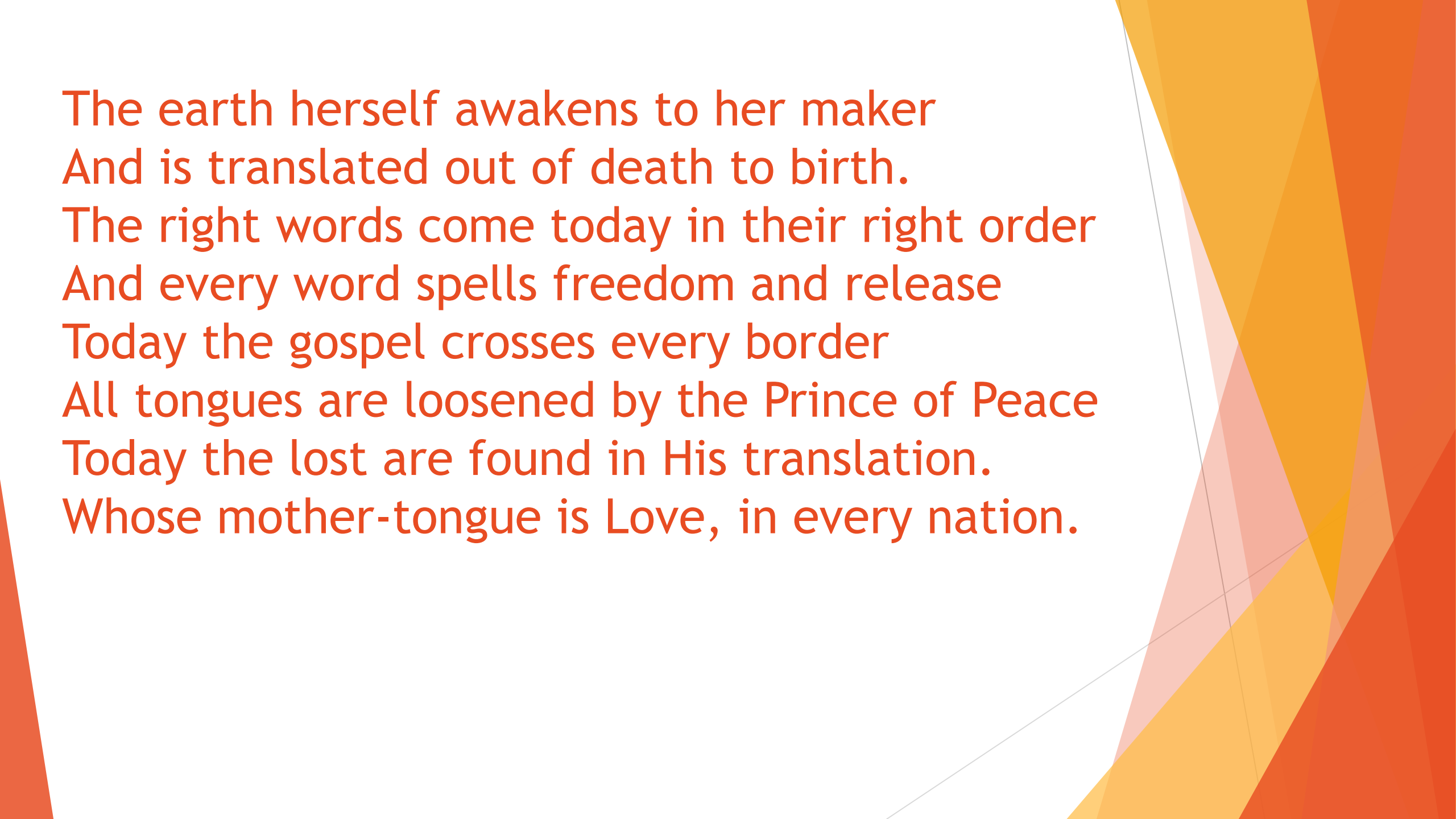


Pentecost:

Our Mother-Tongue is Love

by Malcolm Guite, from *Sounding the Seasons*

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.



The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

God calls his people to follow Christ,
and forms us into a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
to declare the wonderful deeds of him
who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
The whole People of God
witness to God's Kingdom
through the way we live, our vocation.

Our Highest Calling:
To live in communion with
Christ,
to glorify God
and *enjoy* Him forever

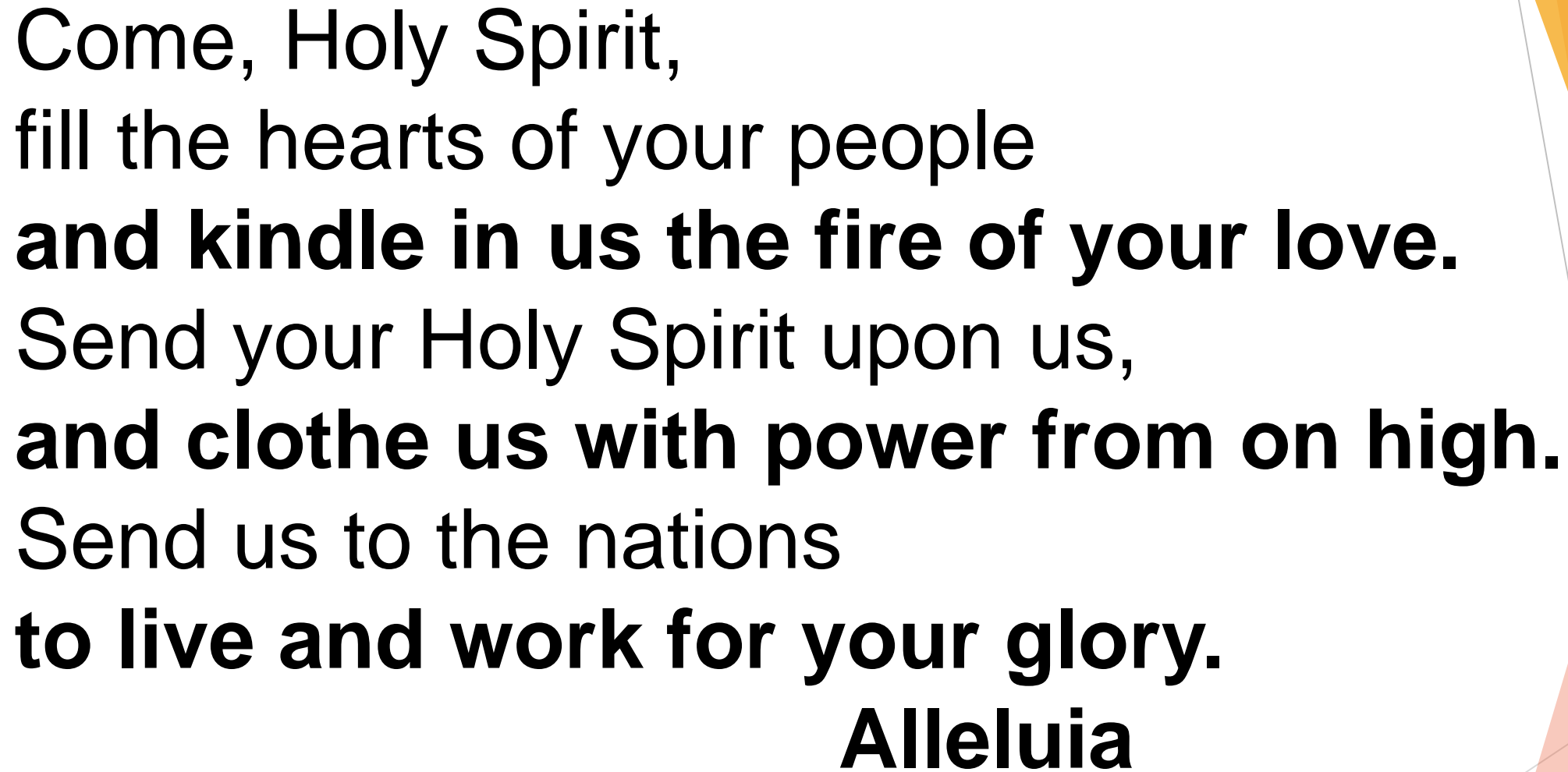


Our Common Calling:

To Obey the commands of Scripture,
Telling the Good News of Jesus' Kingdom,
Teaching and Making Disciples of all nations,
Loving and Serving those in need,
Transforming unjust structures, confronting
violence and Making peace,
Caring for Creation and the whole world.

Our Specific Callings:

We discern our specific callings by the continual indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and His voice as we Gather, often through the gifts of others, and as we Go Out to work in every area of society and in every nation.

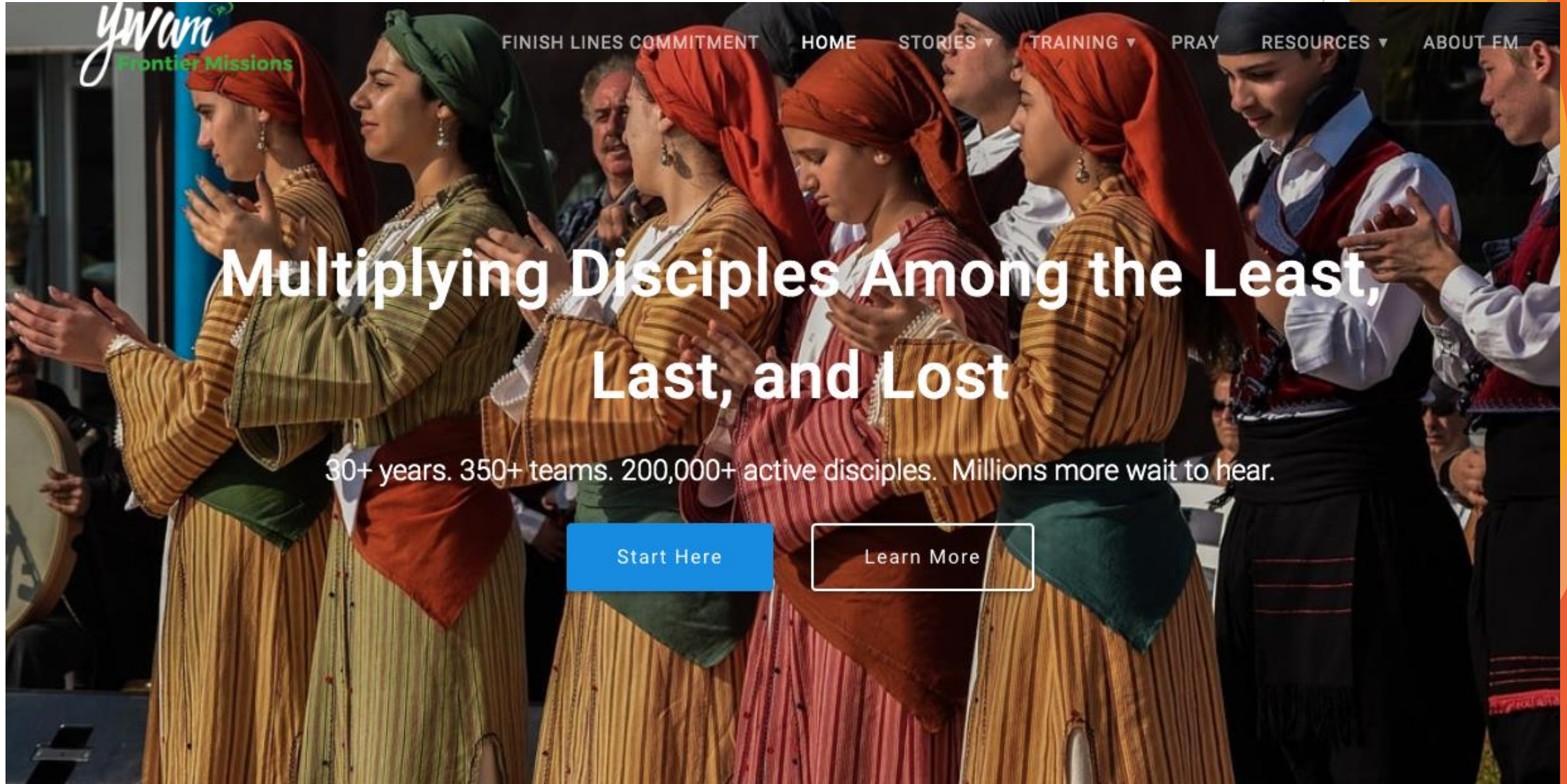


Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high.
Send us to the nations
to live and work for your glory.
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