

# Come, Gracious God, Come

One: God of Grace, God of Glory, we call upon you, humbly asking that you be with us in our time of need;

*Many: Come down from the mountain top, O God, and show your presence among the people.*

One: Our world is broken, the earth cracked and shattered, and destruction lay all around. Our humanity is ruptured and relationships are torn asunder. We fail to recognize the face of our sister and brother and turn a blind eye to their suffering.

*Many: Come down from the mountain top, O God, and reveal your kindness and mercy.*

One: We live in a world where the few have so much and the many so little, where the basic needs of food, water, shelter and medicine are distributed to those who already have, instead of those in need.

*Many: Come down from the mountain top, O God, and demonstrate your compassion.*

One: In our world, the greedy and entitled use their positions to enrich themselves at the expense of others, corruption runs rampant, and power is employed by the wealthy to exploit and oppress.

*Many: Come down from the mountain top, O God, and impart your justice.*

One: Across the nations, violence is too often the means by which problems are addressed. Fist, gun and bomb are the tools of the trades that traffic in death and destruction.

*Many: Come down from the mountain top, O God, and share your peace.*

One: Come down from the mountain top, O God, incline your ear to our human condition.

*Many: Hear our prayer, O God, for we know with you all things **can** be made new.*

One: What is broken can be repaired, what is ruptured can be reconciled.

**All: Inspire us to be your agents of change, working for justice and mercy and bringing healing to a world that needs it. Amen.**

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