"TREE OF LIFE, AWESOME MYSTERY seed that dies to rise in history, may we see ourselves in you." Loving Father, "Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come enflame our hearts anew."

You have chosen us to be here in this community of the Blessed Trinity; stir into flame your gift, that what we have received we may take, bless, break and give.

"TREE OF LIFE, AWESOME MYSTERY," teach us to HONOR THE PAST,

with blessed memory, as the roots of our beginnings were planted with hopeful trust, living sacrifice and the strength of vision. "Help us remember truth once spoken, with love passed on through act and word."

"TREE OF LIFE, AWESOME MYSTERY," strengthen us to

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with loving hands and open hearts. Let us hold and be held by one another, from generation to generation, so that we may hear the cry of the poor and the longing of "every person lost and broken;" let us embrace the vision of youth the innocence of children; the hope of families and the dreams of the forgotten. "Tree of Life, Awesome Mystery," "come inflame our hearts anew," inspire us with wisdom to Provide for the Future:

make us a new creation with eyes to see clearly and "hearts to live more nearly" the new life of the Gospel.

"Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath." Stir into flame the Spirit you have given; a Spirit that makes us "strong, loving and wise."

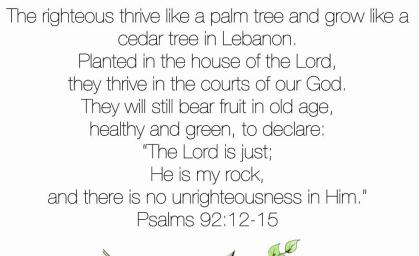
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Hear us and be with us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessed Trinity forever and ever.

AMEN.



Based on <u>Tree of Life. Awesome Mystery</u>, Marty Haugen; 2 Timothy 1:6









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