



1 Come, let us return to the Lord □

who has torn us and will heal us.

2 God has stricken us □

and will bind up our wounds.

3 After two days, he will revive us, □

and on the third day will raise us up,

that we may live in his presence.

4 Let us strive to know the Lord; □

his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.

5 He will come to us like the showers, □

like the spring rains that water the earth.

6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? □

How shall I deal with you, O Judah?

7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist, □

like the dew that goes early away.

8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, □

and my judgement goes forth as the light.

9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, □

and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

*Hosea 6.1–6*

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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