

## REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Pia Moriarty

Remember the gospel,  
rejoice in its beauty,  
the gift of forgiveness that frees us anew.  
Find Christ in each other,  
find Christ in the stranger,  
lift up your compassion and go forth renewed.

Let Christ lead us forward,  
love grows as it's given.  
The path is before us: to serve and to care.

Remember to listen,  
the Spirit is speaking  
in all of creation God's presence is there.

To live in the gospel  
love kindness and mercy,  
ensure that each person lives in dignity.  
Let this be our mission,  
to meet one another  
in working for justice with true charity.

We answer, creating  
community, kinship  
to break through the angers that keep us apart.

Each person has beauty  
that calls us to mercy,  
to loving attention that touches the heart.

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What should be the mission of the Church in response to the Spirit moving in today's complicated world? Where's the bottom line, and when do we make it our own?

This hymn text looks to Pope Francis' Exhortation in 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium/ The Joy of the Gospel*. He quotes his predecessor, Paul IV: "No one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord." In social justice detail, Francis calls us to a new discovery of Christ Jesus, a real encounter with the Word in the world.

I know no other way to do this except through meeting other human faces. I have always found a special richness in working with refugees from Mexico, from Southeast Asia, and from Syria. I learn a new lived language of compassion alongside the "radical kinship" of formerly incarcerated and gang members who are building *Homeboy Industries* in Los Angeles. As a medical patient advocate, I find myself now moving forward into the Mystery with other elders in our interfaith retirement community, *Pilgrim Place*.

When you go forth after Mass, where will you go?

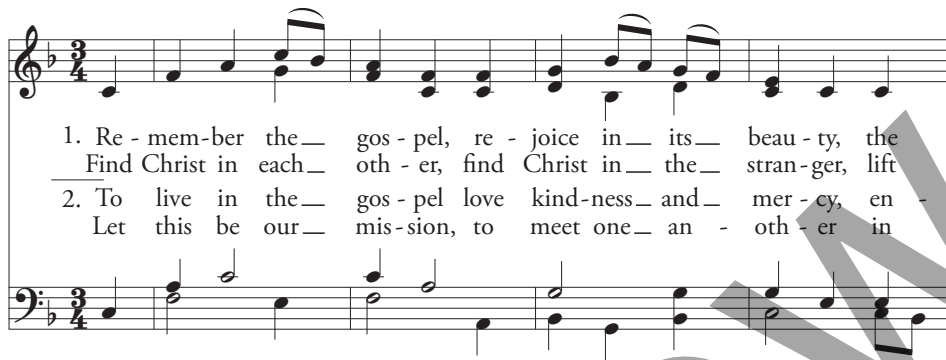
*Use:* Forgiveness, Love for Others, Mercy, Ministry/Mission, Sending Forth, Social Concern



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ASH GROVE



1. Re - mem - ber the gos - pel, re - joi - ce in its beau - ty, the  
Find Christ in each oth - er, find Christ in the stran - ger, lift  
2. To live in the gos - pel love kind - ness and mer - cy, en -  
Let this be our mis - sion, to meet one an - oth - er in



1. gift of for - give - ness that frees us a - new.  
up your com - pas - sion and go forth re - newed.  
2. sure that each per - son lives in dig - ni - ty.  
work - ing for jus - tice with true char - i - ty.



1. Let Christ lead us for - ward, love grows as it's  
2. We an - swer, cre - at - ing com - mu - ni - ty,



REMEMBER THE GOSPEL, cont. (2)

1. giv - en. The path is be - fore us: to  
2. kin - ship to break through the an - gers that

1. serve and to care. Re - mem - ber to lis - ten, the  
2. keep us a - part. Each per - son has beau - ty that

1. Spir - it is speak - ing in all of cre -  
2. calls us to mer - cy, to lov - ing at -

1. a - tion God's pres - ence is there.  
2. ten - tion that touch - es the heart.

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