



*Refrain:*

*All*    **Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,**

**to our God, who will richly pardon.**

1    Seek the Lord while he may be found,    □

call upon him while he is near;

2    Let the wicked abandon their ways,    □

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

3    Return to the Lord, who will have mercy;    □

to our God, who will richly pardon.

4    ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts,    □

neither are your ways my ways,’ says the Lord.

5    ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth,    □

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

6    ‘As the rain and the snow come down from above,    □

and return not again but water the earth,

7    ‘Bringing forth life and giving growth,    □

seed for sowing and bread to eat,

8    ‘So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;    □

it will not return to me fruitless,

9    ‘But it will accomplish that which I purpose,    □

and succeed in the task I gave it.'

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

*All* **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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**to our God, who will richly pardon.**

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