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Alpha and Omega

Lord, you tell us that you are the Alpha and the Omega.
You know what first we need, and what may be left to last.
I wonder then Lord what is in-between,
for if You are the First and the Last,
what turbulence or madness or mystery exists in-between?
Perhaps like us You are bursting with questions.

Indeed, have you not asked:

'Where are you?' (Gen 3:9)

'Where have you come and where are you going?' (Gen 16:8)

'What are you doing here?' (1 Kings 19:13)

'What or whom are you looking for?' (Jn 1: 38, 20:15)

'Whom shall I send?' (Isaiah 6:8)

Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega,
and in between You have your Creation beside you.
You guide and stir our spirits with questions about identity and mission.
And here in the turbulence or madness or mystery of decision and action,
You still our hearts with humility to test our faith and ask,
'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?' (Job 38:4)

And how You touch our spirit within when you enquire:

'What is this that you have done?' (Gen 3:13)

'Why are you afraid?' (Matt 8:26)

'Why did you doubt?' (Matt 14:31)

'Do you love me?' (Jn 21:16)

Your questions overwhelm our hearts.

Give us courage and confidence to search for your home, your Temple and Kingdom.

Bring us to your 'holy mountain,' to your 'house of prayer' (Isa 56:7).

Here may we sit and meditate with You upon your word

'for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea' (Isa 11:9).

We are of 'small account' (Job 40:4) and but 'dust' (Gen 3: 19) before You.

Give us Lord the grace of hope and 'patient endurance' (Rev 1:9) to respond,
'Here I am ... I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart' (Ps 40: 7-8).

For you are the Alpha and the Omega, and everything in-between is now and always new:

the days of providence, the journey of responsibility and ability,

the blessing of faith and salvation, and the consolation and joy to hear your voice.

In the name of the Father, of the Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

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