



On Eagles' Wings

A Mission Education Service for 2003

We celebrate another year of learning, praying and serving with the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ by giving thanks for the way God sustains us with the strength and grace of an eagle.

JMA is part of our Church's concern that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy a life full of good things as God intends.

This year we have again raised well over half a million pounds and grants have been made to a Methodist Church School in Chile in its work with children with special educational needs, to the Maua hospital in Kenya for a new surgeon, to a group doing street theatre about HIV/AIDS in India and many more much needed projects.

Thank you for your support.

Opening responses

From different houses and streets,
Different ages and lives,
Gather us, O God.

With those we know well or a little,
With those we don't yet know at all,
Gather us, O God.

If we are a little weary
Or soaring on eagles' wings,
Gather us, O God.

To fire our imaginations,
To renew our strength,
Gather us, O God.

So we learn about you
And grow in your love,
Gather us, O God.





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Readings

Psalms 103 'He fills my life with good things, so that I stay young and strong like an eagle.'

Isaiah 40:18-end 'Those who trust in the Lord...will rise on wings like eagles.'

Exodus 19:1-8 'I carried you as an eagle carries her young on her wings.'

Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the three servants earning money while the king is away, by using their talents and abilities.

Something to think about

- If you were a colour, what colour would you be?
- If you were a piece of furniture, what would you be?
- If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

- If you were a building, what building would you be?
- If you were a song or a piece of music, what would you be?

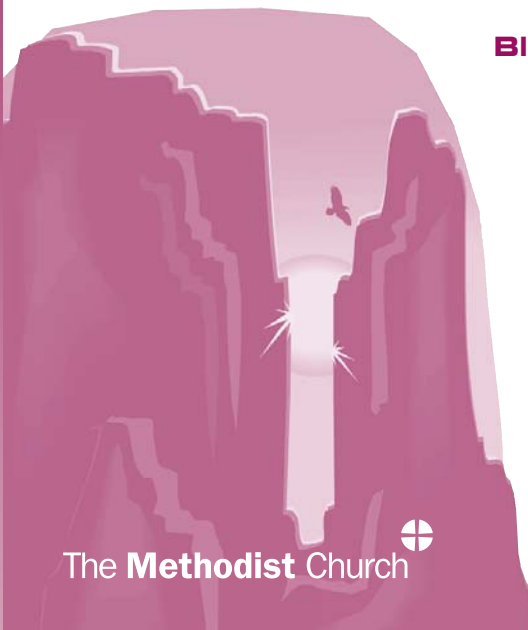
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Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,
 They shall rise up on wings as eagles,
 They shall run and not be weary,
 They shall walk and not faint:
 Help us Lord, help us Lord in your way.

- Those who learn from the poor shall renew their strength...
- Those who serve the suffering world shall renew their strength...
- Those who live the risen life shall renew their strength...

Blessing

- We ask the God who forgives us like a father,
God bless us.
- We ask the God who gathers us together like a mother,
God bless us.
- We ask the God who carries us high like an eagle,
God bless us



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