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OPENING OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY

HYMN

The assembly stands.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

HYMN

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.

HYMN

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

ASSEMBLY OPENING

As in one body we have many members,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
I am there among them.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

**Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
and for mutual upbuilding.**

PRAYER

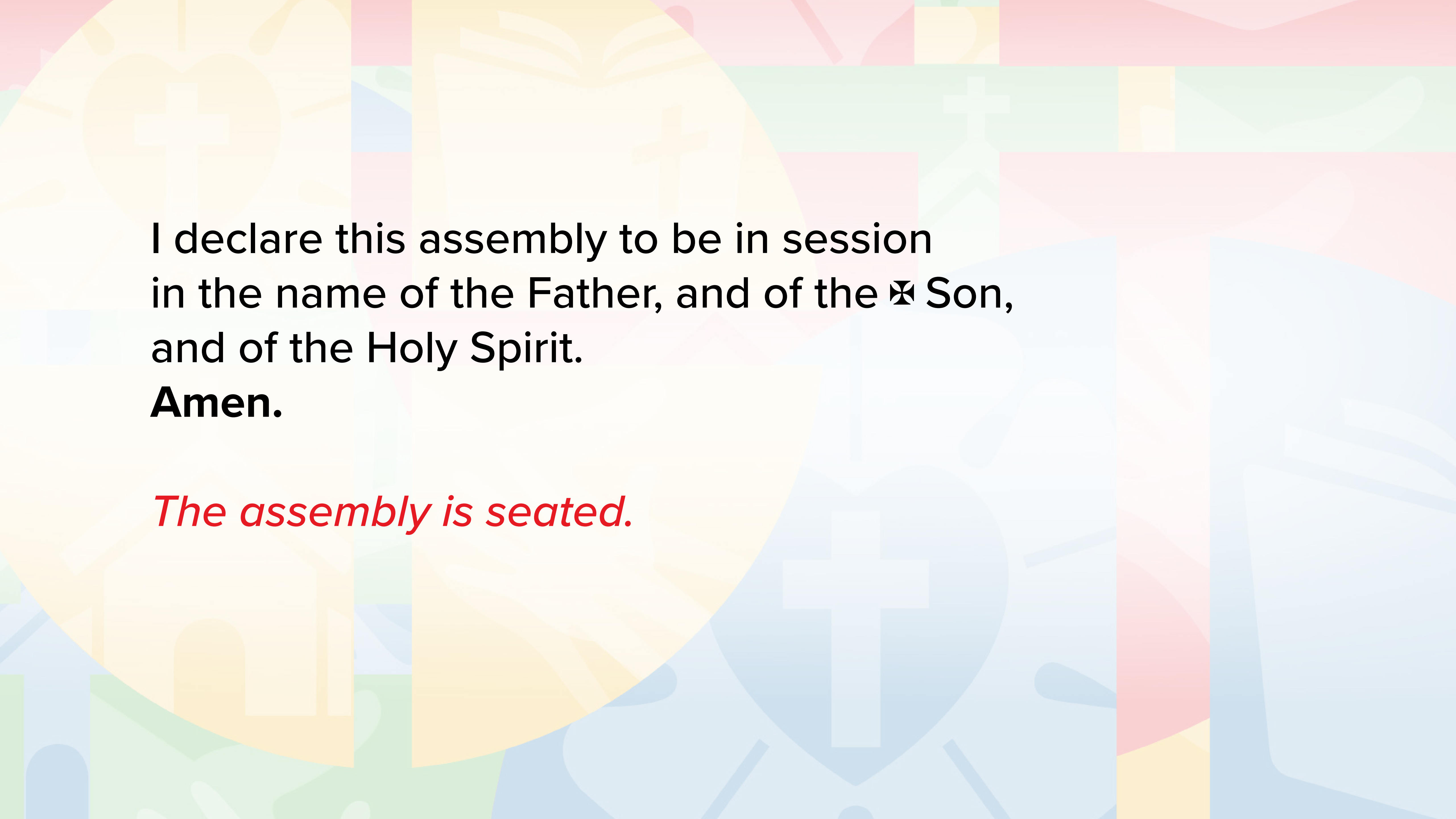
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, you open the hearts of your faithful people
by sending into us your Holy Spirit.

Direct us by the light of that Spirit,
that we may have a right judgement in all things
and rejoice at all times in your peace,
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The background is a colorful collage of religious symbols. It includes a large yellow sun-like shape with a white cross in the upper left, a large yellow open book with a white cross above it in the upper center, a green cross in the upper right, and a large blue cross in the lower right. The background is composed of various colored geometric shapes like rectangles and circles in shades of yellow, green, blue, and pink.

I declare this assembly to be in session
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.



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