

Hymn for the 11th Custody's Elective Chapter 2023

40 YEARS OF FIDELITY 4/4 KEY A

Tempo:80

Verse 1:

God our Father you went ahead of your people
S|- s₁ . s₁ d . d d . d | d . d s₁.s₁ l₁.,l₁ - |
T|- d . r m . m m . m | s . f m . r d .,d - |

For a period of forty years in the desert
S|- r . r d . d d . d | d . r d . t₁ d .,d - |
A|- l₁ . l₁ l₁ . l₁ l₁ . l₁ | s₁ . l₁ t₁ . s₁ s₁.,s₁- |
T|- f . f m . m m . m | m . f f . r m .,m - |

Preparing them for the reception
S|- s₁.s₁ d ., d - | r d . t₁ l₁.,l₁ - |
T|- d . r m ., m - | f m . r d .,d - |

Of the gift of the Promised Land
S|- r . r d - | d . r d . t d - |
A|- l₁ . l₁ l₁ - | s₁.l₁ t₁ . s₁ s₁- |
T|- f . f m - | m . f f . r m - |

In like manner you have moved ahead of us
S|- s₁ . s₁ d . d d . d | r . r d . t₁ l₁ - |
T|- d . r m . m m . m | f . f m . r d - |

Capuchin Brothers in Cameroon soil
S|- r . r d d . d | d . r d . t₁ d - |
A|- l₁.l₁ l₁ l₁ . l₁ | s₁ . l₁ s₁.s₁ s₁- |
T|- f . f m m . m | m . f m . r m - |

For forty years in view of a new era
S|- m . r d . d d . m | r . d d . t₁ d . l₁ - |
T|- s . f m . m m . s | f . m m . r m . d - |

An era of great intimacy with you
S|- f . m d . d d . m | r . d d . t₁ d - |
A|- r . d s₁.s₁ s₁.d | t₁.l₁l₁.s₁ s₁- |
T|- l . s f . f f . l | s . f m . r m - |

A

B

C

D



Chorus:

O O O O What a blessing; O O O O Praise to our God
S|m r d .,d-| d . r d . t₁ l₁.,l₁- |f m r .,r-| r . m r d .,d - |
A|d t₁.s₁ s₁ -|s₁.l₁ se l₁.,l₁- |r d . l₁ t₁ s₁| s₁.l₁ t₁ s₁ .,s₁- |
O God What a blessing; O God Praise to our God
T|x x . s s -| m . f m . r d .,d - |x s s . f . m | r . m f m .,m - |
O O O God What a blessx; a blessx O O O God Praise to our God
B|d s₁.d₁ d₁ -|d₁.r₁ m₁ f₁.,f₁- . l₁ |r₁.r₁ m₁.f₁ s₁.,s₁-| s₁ s₁ d₁ .,d₁-|

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Verse 2:

Redirect O God, our attentions,
Energies and our deepest aspirations
Towards you, and you alone
So that our service in Church and society
May always bear your marks,
You, an icon of missionary service

A

C

D

Verse 3:

By our living, by our acting
Bring your peace; console suffering humanity;
So that each passing year may become steps towards
Perfection which is our primary call.

A

D



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Verse 4:

For the missionary Friars of Lombardy
We praise you O God
For the Capuchin life they brought to us
We praise you O God
They have sown seeds, which you make grow
We praise you O God

A

Verse 5:

May we then live lives of witness
To inspire present and future generations
To serve you with deep reverence and simplicity
To lead all your creation to you O God

C

D

Verse 6:

May Saint Francis of Assisi
Watch over each friar in this custody
So that our consecration to you,
May find new strength in view of selfless witnessing

A

D

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