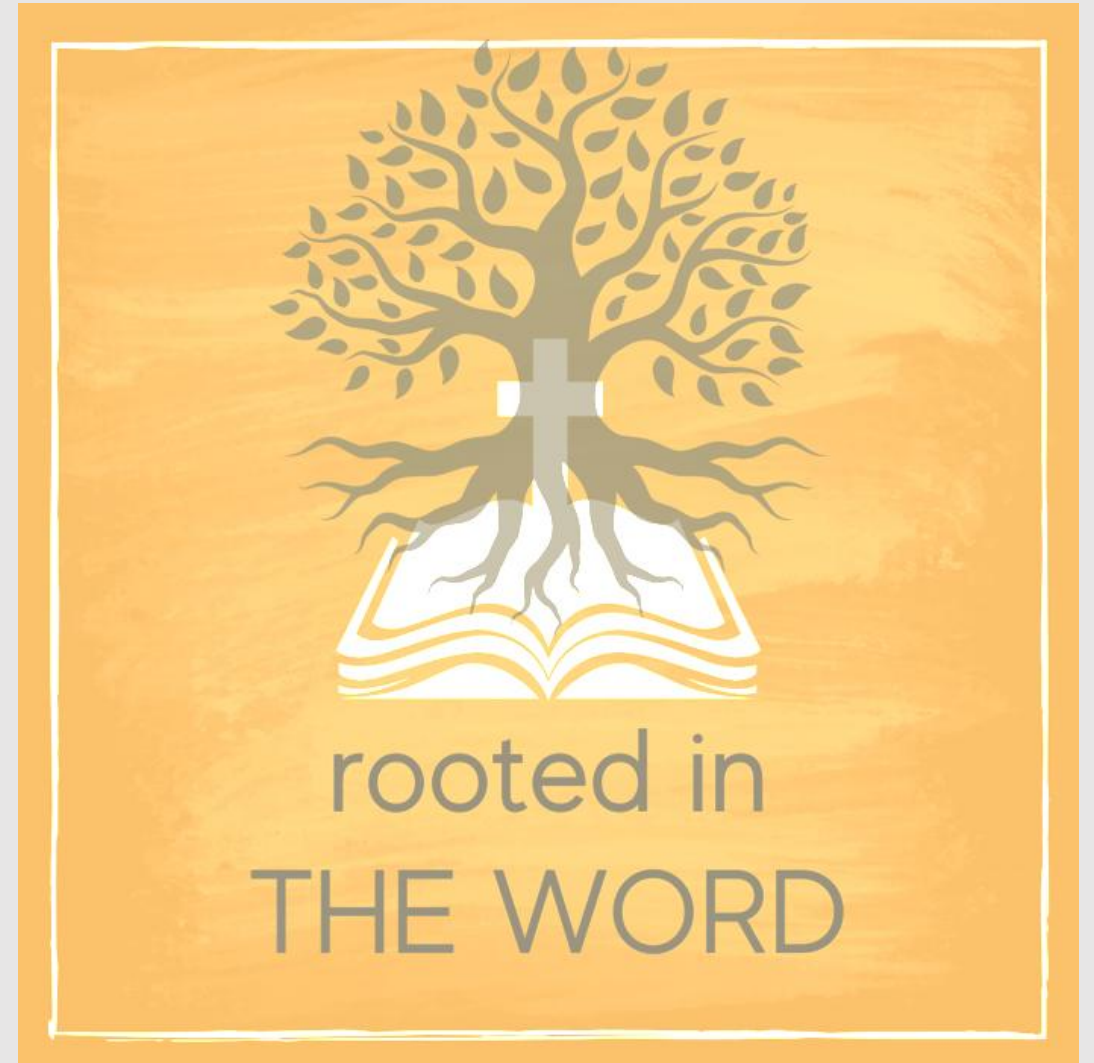


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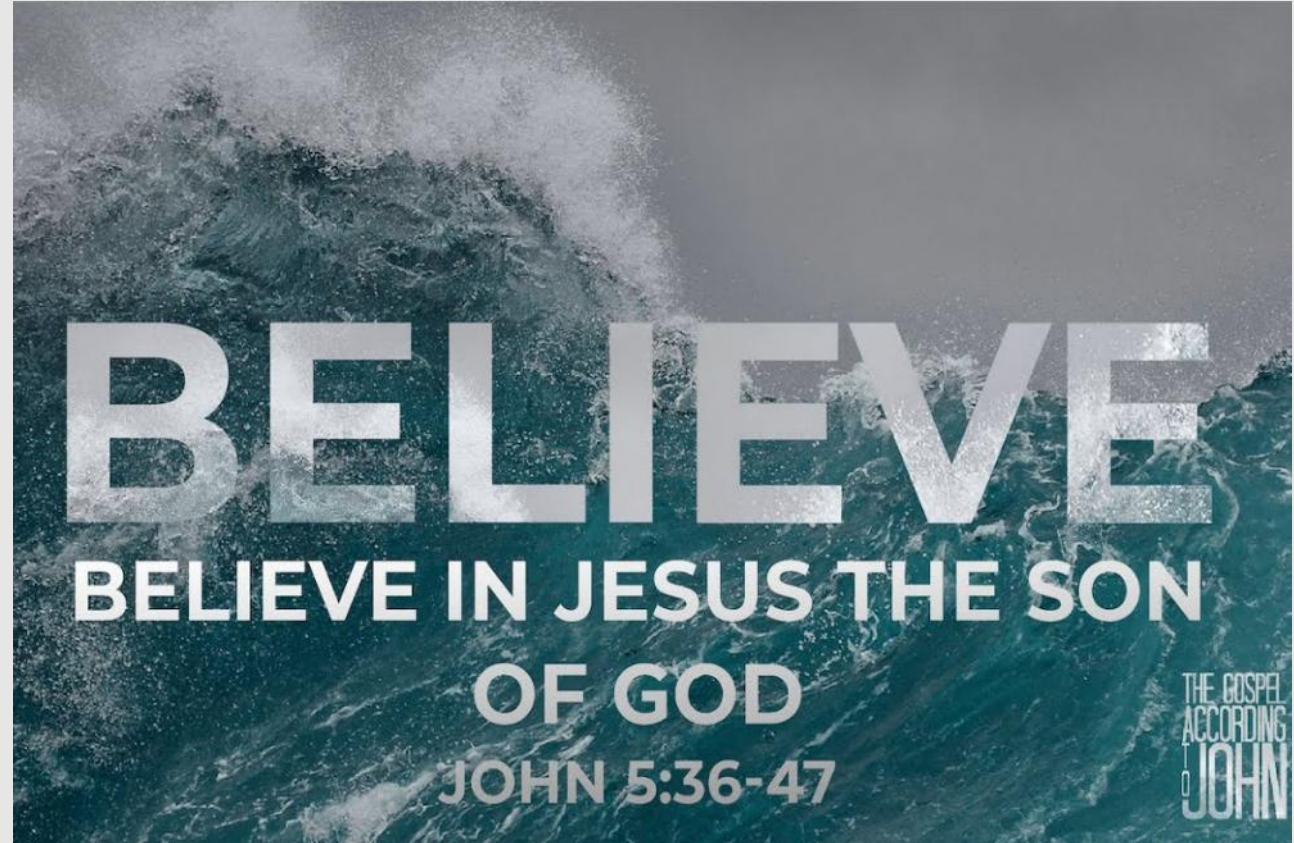
Christ Church with St Mary's
Service of Holy Communion

Theme: Rooted in The Word



We say together the words in **bold**

Welcome and Introduction



Grace, mercy and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you



Bible verse of the year 2024 - 2025

**‘For all who are
led by the
Spirit of God are
children of God’**

Romans 8 : 14

A Prayer for Growth

**God of mission
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers
in spiritual commitment to you
and in service to our Swindon community
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Preface – read by Rev. Norma McKemey

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation.

Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

Licensed Lay Minister – James Davies-Spratt

I, *James*, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.



**¹I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night
I, will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**



Chorus

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**



**2I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**



Chorus

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**



**3I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**



Chorus

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**





Offertory
and
thank you
prayer



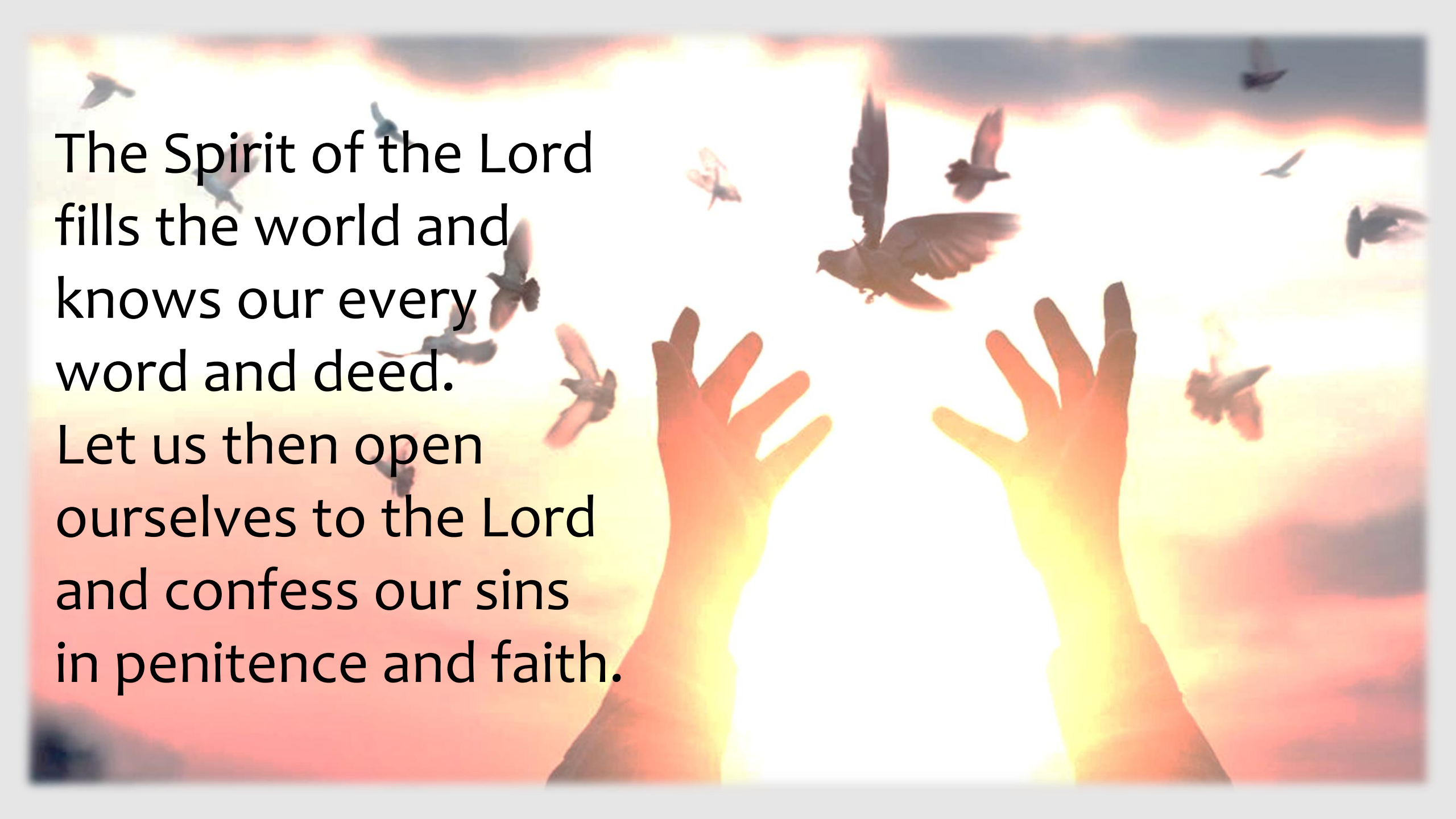
Children's Talk – 'The Bible is our lamp'



Prayer with the children

Together we say

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



The Spirit of the Lord
fills the world and
knows our every
word and deed.
Let us then open
ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong we have thought
and said and done and are mindful of all
that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and help us to live each
day in the light of Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins
and assure us of his
eternal love in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**



**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father
receive our prayer.**



**For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



The Collect Prayer for today

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

2 Timothy 3: 11b – 17

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



**¹Be thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me
save that thou art.
Thou my best thought
in the day and the night
waking or sleeping
thy presence my light.**



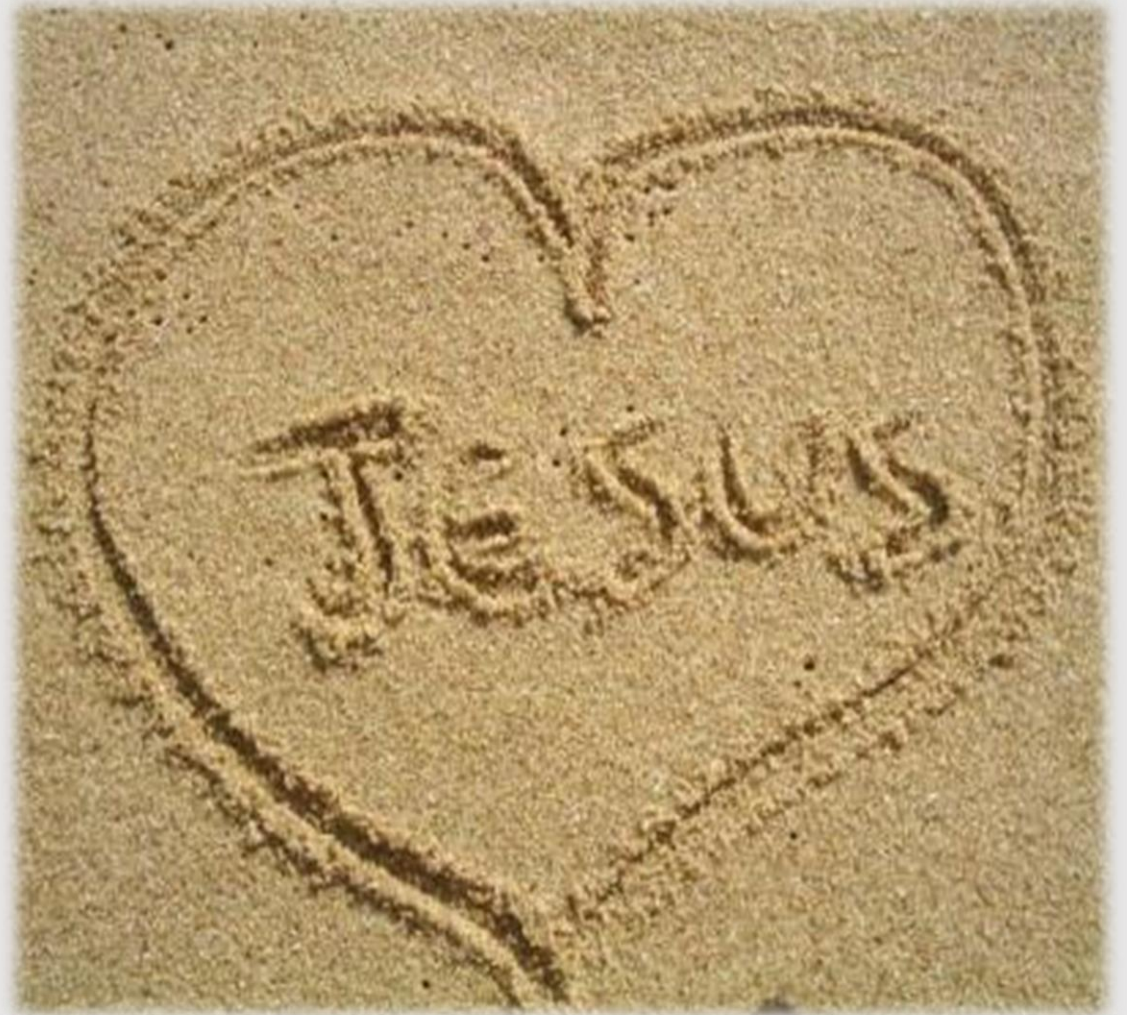
**2Be thou my wisdom
be thou my true word
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father
and I thy true heir
thou in me dwelling
and I in thy care.**



**³Be thou my breastplate
my sword for the fight
be thou my armour
and be thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter
and thou my high tow'r
raise thou me heavenward
O Pow'r of my pow'r.**



**⁴Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise
thou mine inheritance
through all my days.
Thou and thou only
the first in my heart
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

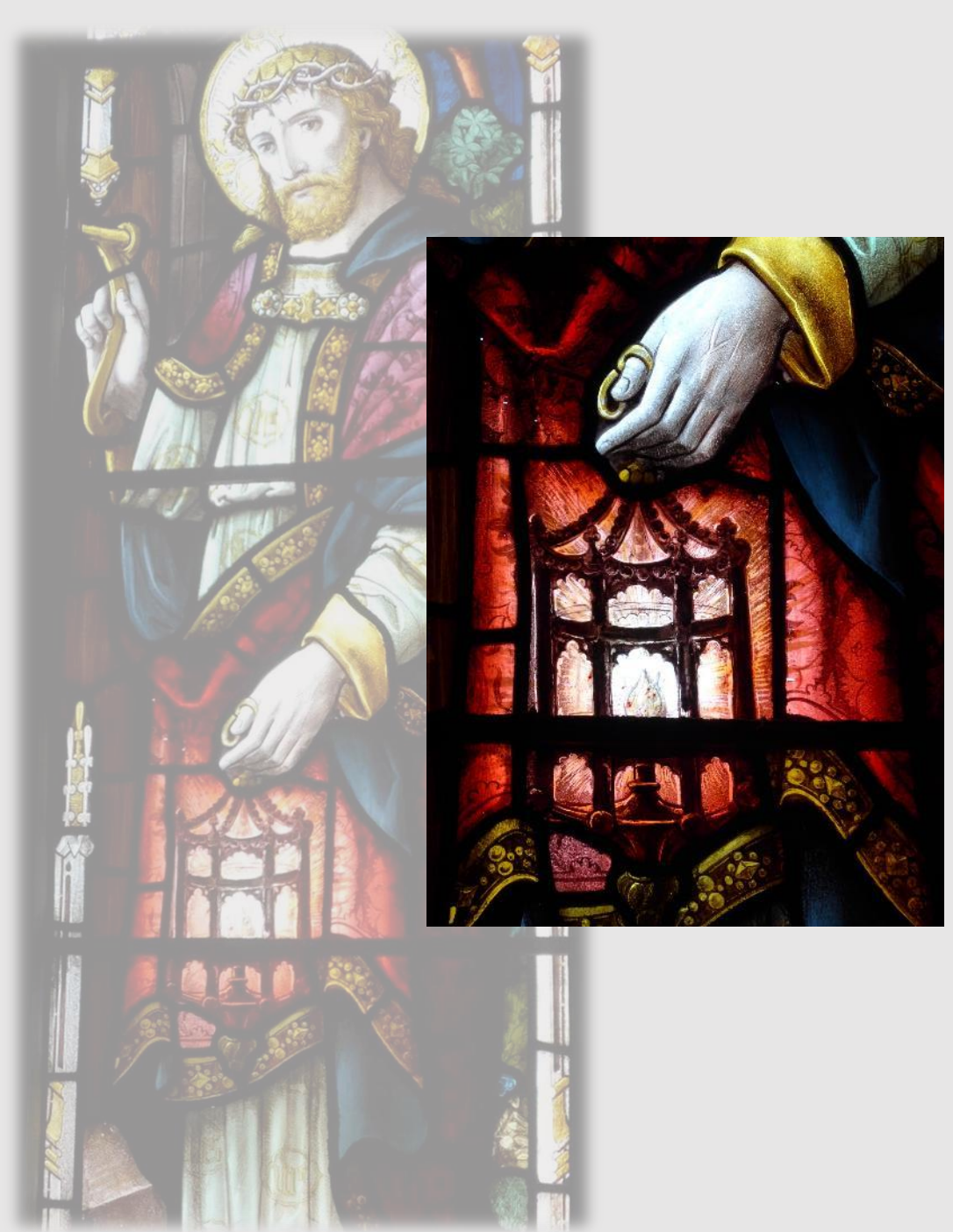


**5 High King of heaven
when battle is done
grant heaven's joy to me
O bright heav'n's sun.
Christ of my own heart
whatever befall
still be my vision
O Ruler of all.**



Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the Light of the
World, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me
will never walk in
darkness but will have
the light of life.

Alleluia



Hear the Gospel of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to.....
Glory to you O Lord

Luke 17 : 11 - 19

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ





Sermon : 'Stay rooted in The Word'

The Creed

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures
afterwards he appeared
to his followers and to all the apostles:
this we have received and this we believe.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father -

**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen



The Peace

We are all one
in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him
through faith
heirs of the promise
of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you
and also with you.



**1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**



**²Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**





**³Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**⁴Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will, and make it thine
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

It ain't much,
but it's all I got.

It's all I
ever wanted.



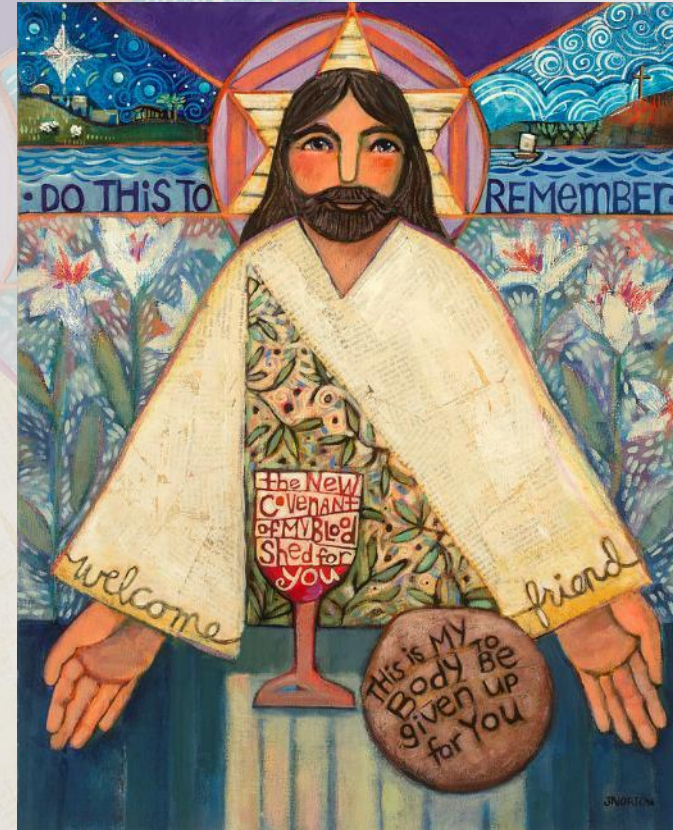
Wise and gracious God
you spread a table before us; nourish your people
with the word of life and the bread of heaven.
Amen



The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is indeed right
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise
holy Father, heavenly King
almighty and eternal God
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord.



And now we give you thanks because you
are the source of light and life
you made us in your image and called us to
new life in him.



Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

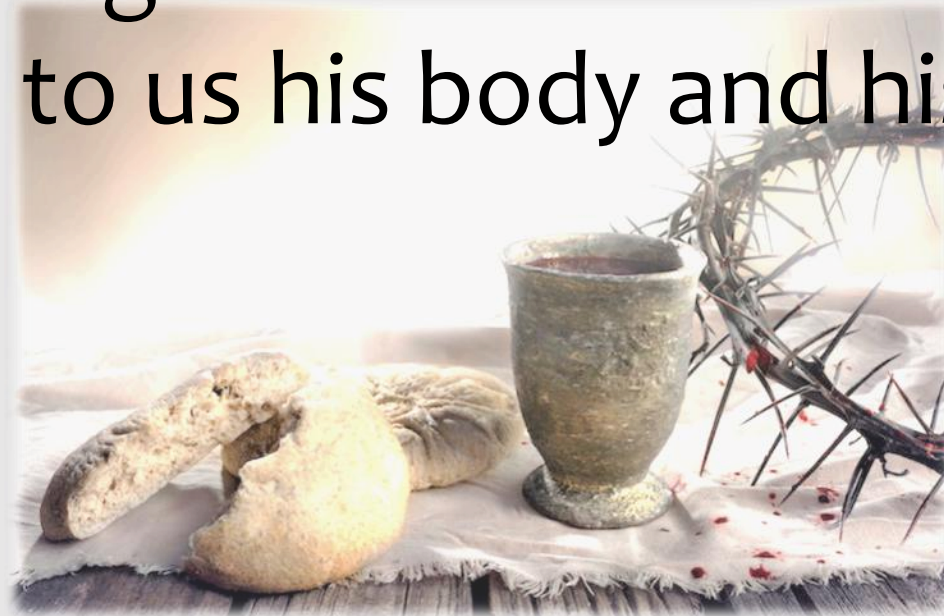


**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood.



who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you
do this in remembrance of me.



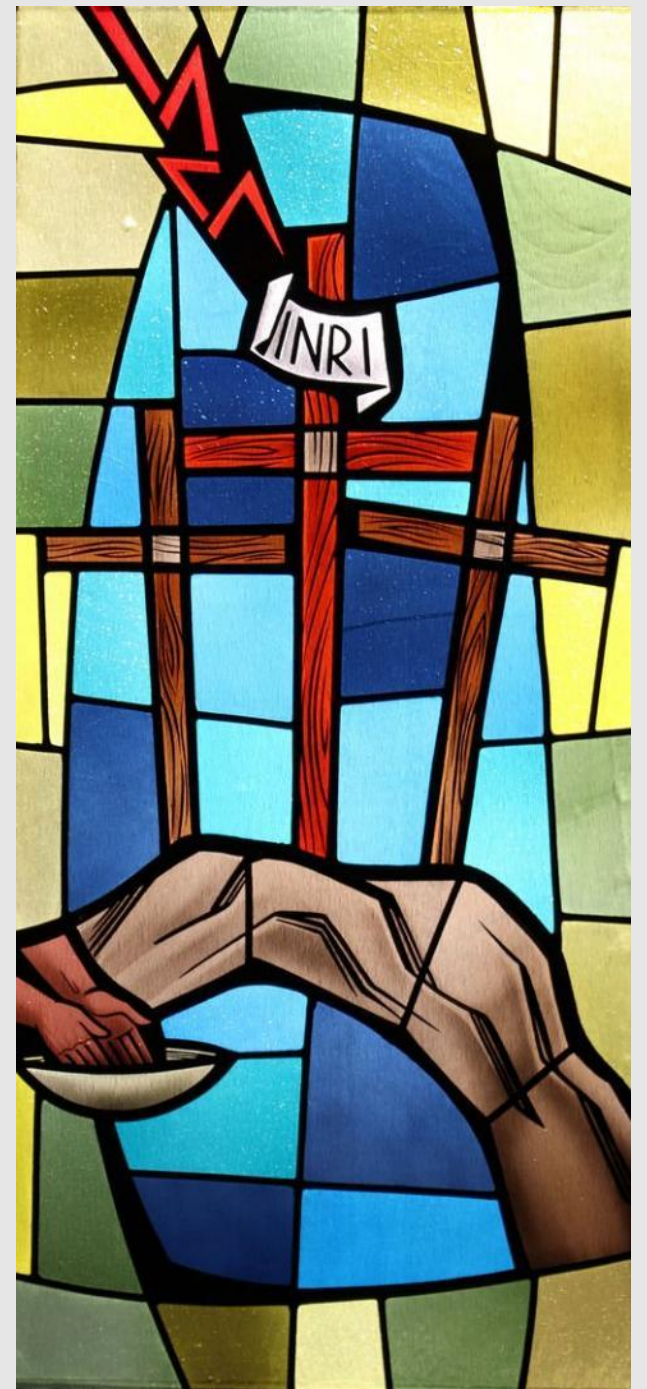
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension
we look for the coming of your
kingdom and with this bread and
this cup we make the memorial
of Christ your Son our Lord.

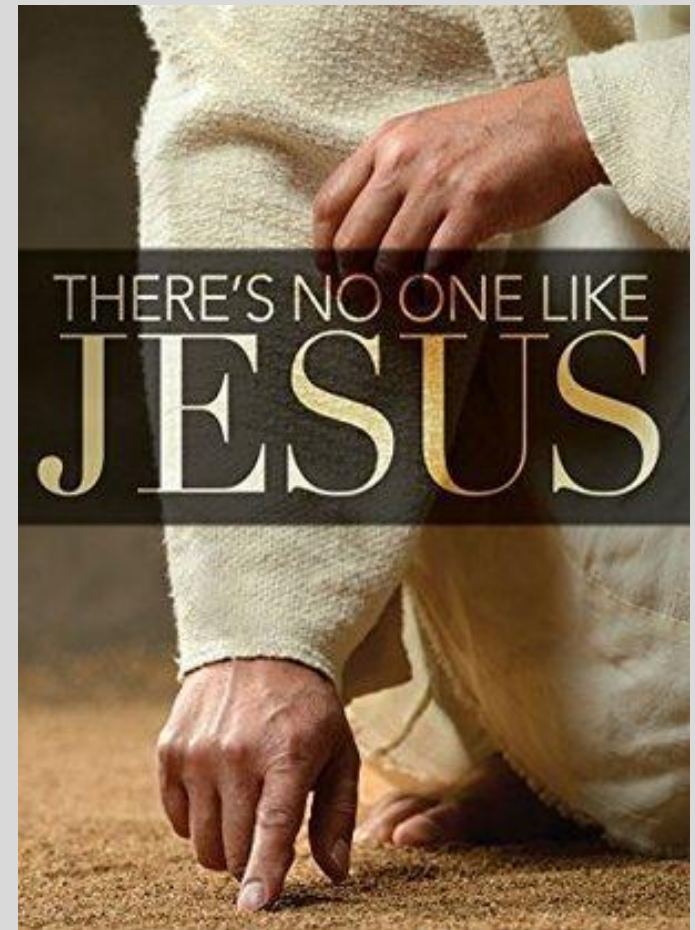


Great is the mystery of faith:



**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of
thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence
of your divine Majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the
body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him and with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven
we worship you, Father almighty
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Amen

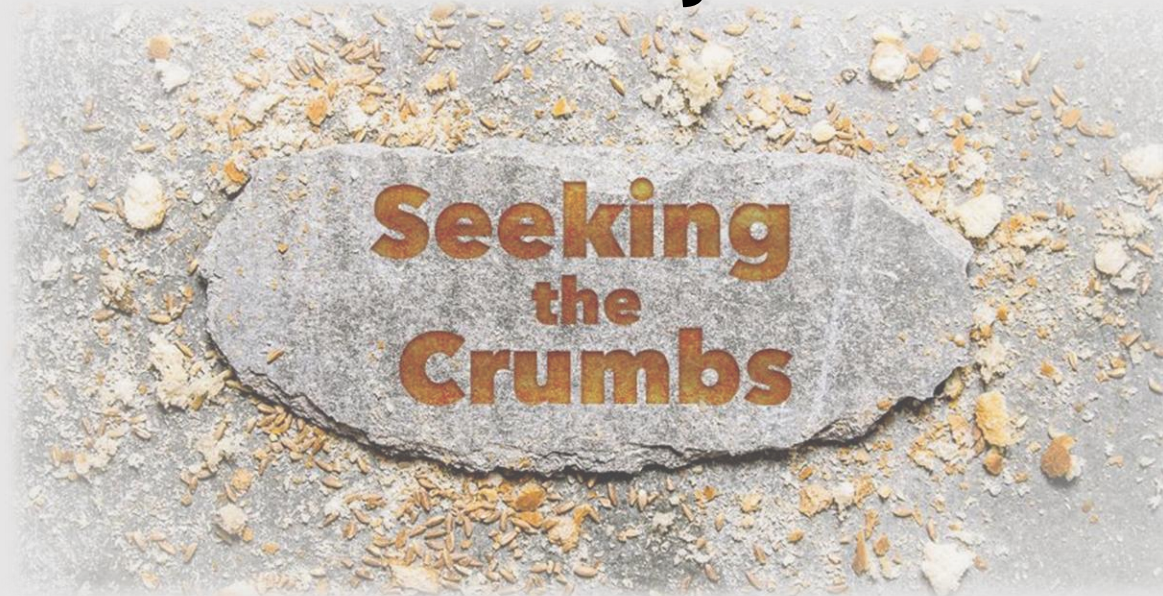
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**Most merciful Lord
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean
our hearts were unprepared
we were not fit even to eat the
crumbs under your table.**



**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son
that he may live in us and we in him
and that we, with the whole company of Christ
may sit and eat in your kingdom.**



We join together to sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins
have mercy on us.**

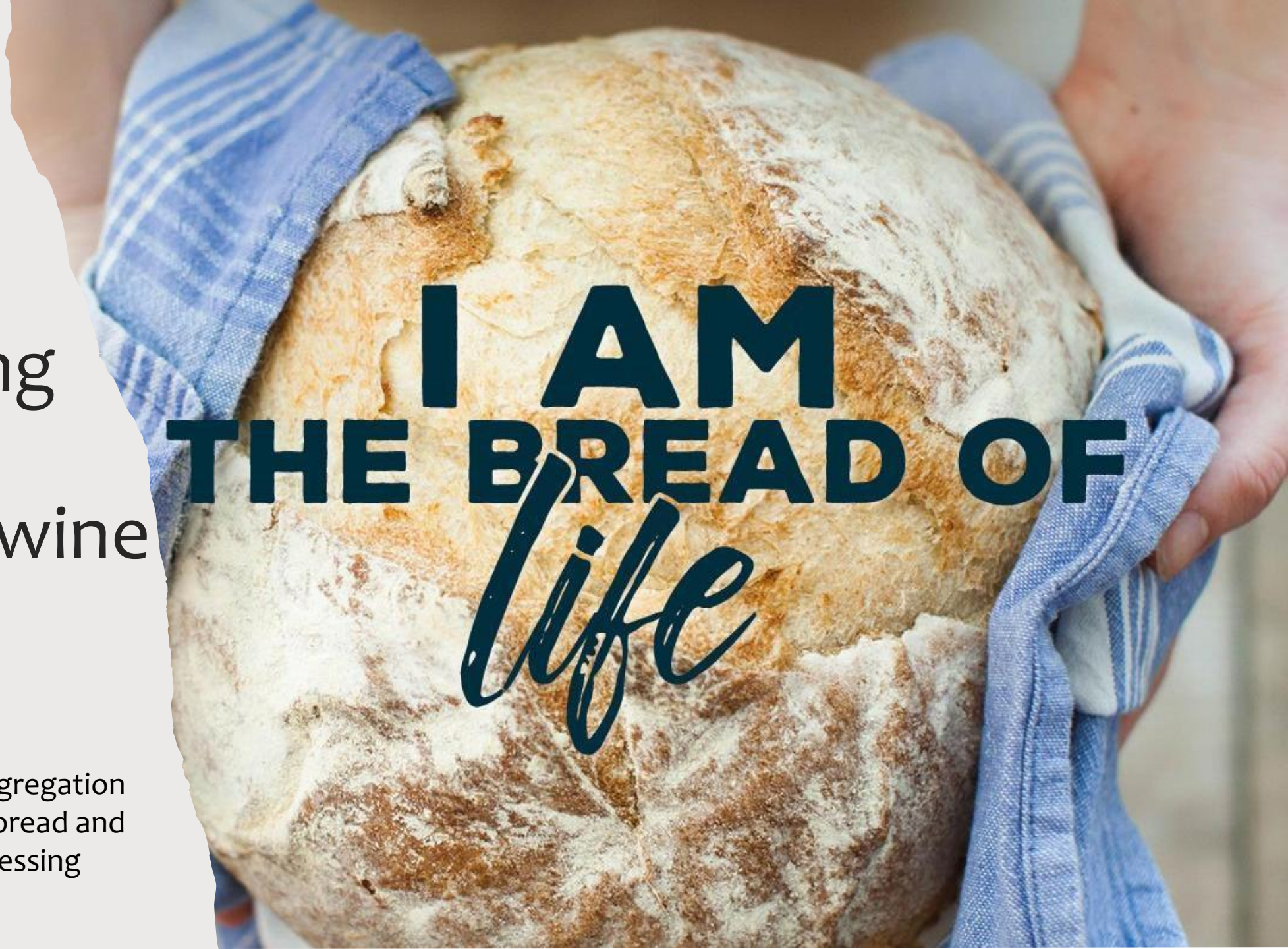
**Jesus, Redeemer of the world
give us your peace.**



Receiving
the
bread and wine

I AM
THE BREAD OF
life

The members of the congregation
receive the communion bread and
wine or a prayer of blessing



Post Communion prayer

Lord, we pray
that your grace may always precede
and follow us and make us continually
to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

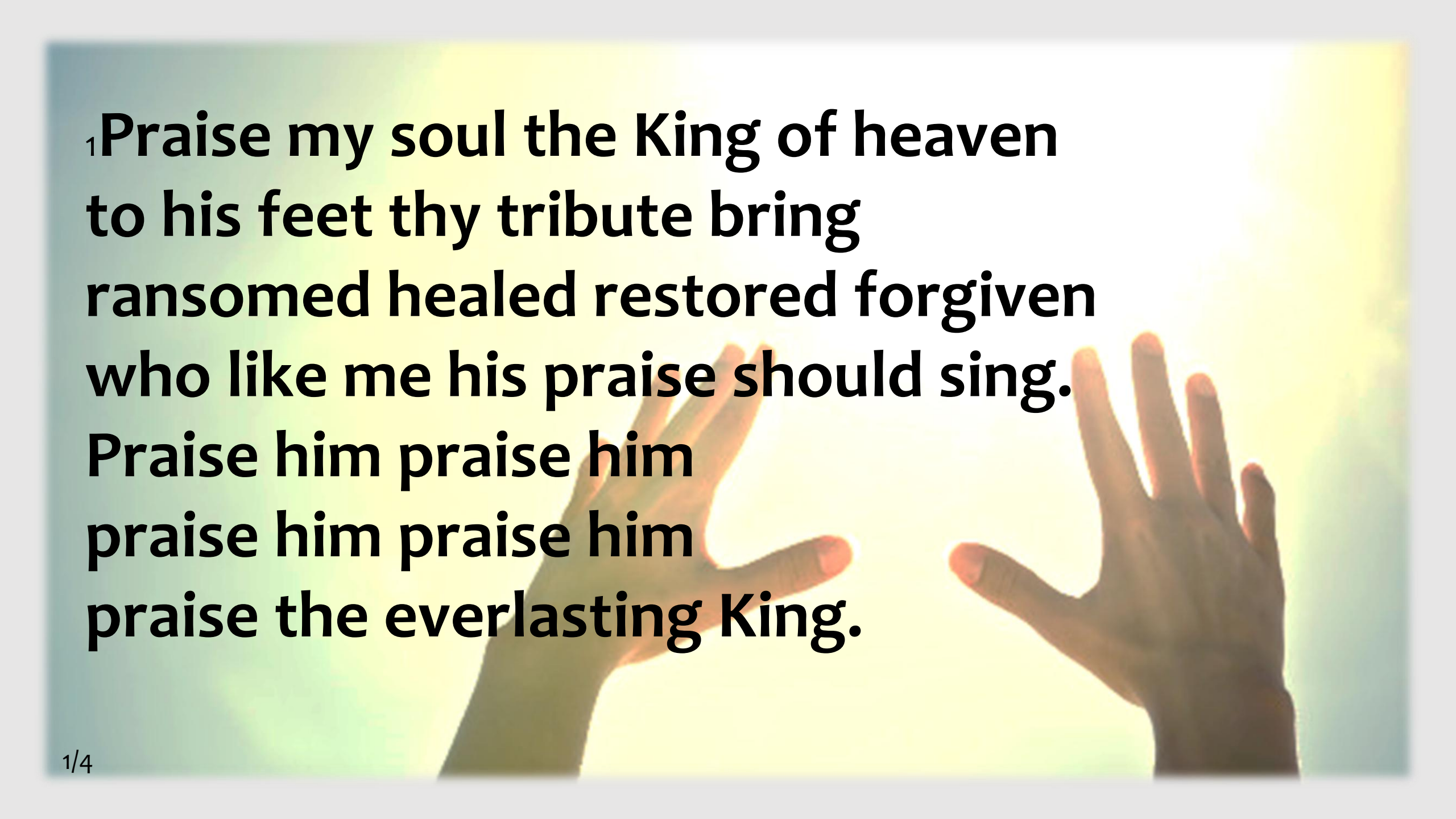
**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen



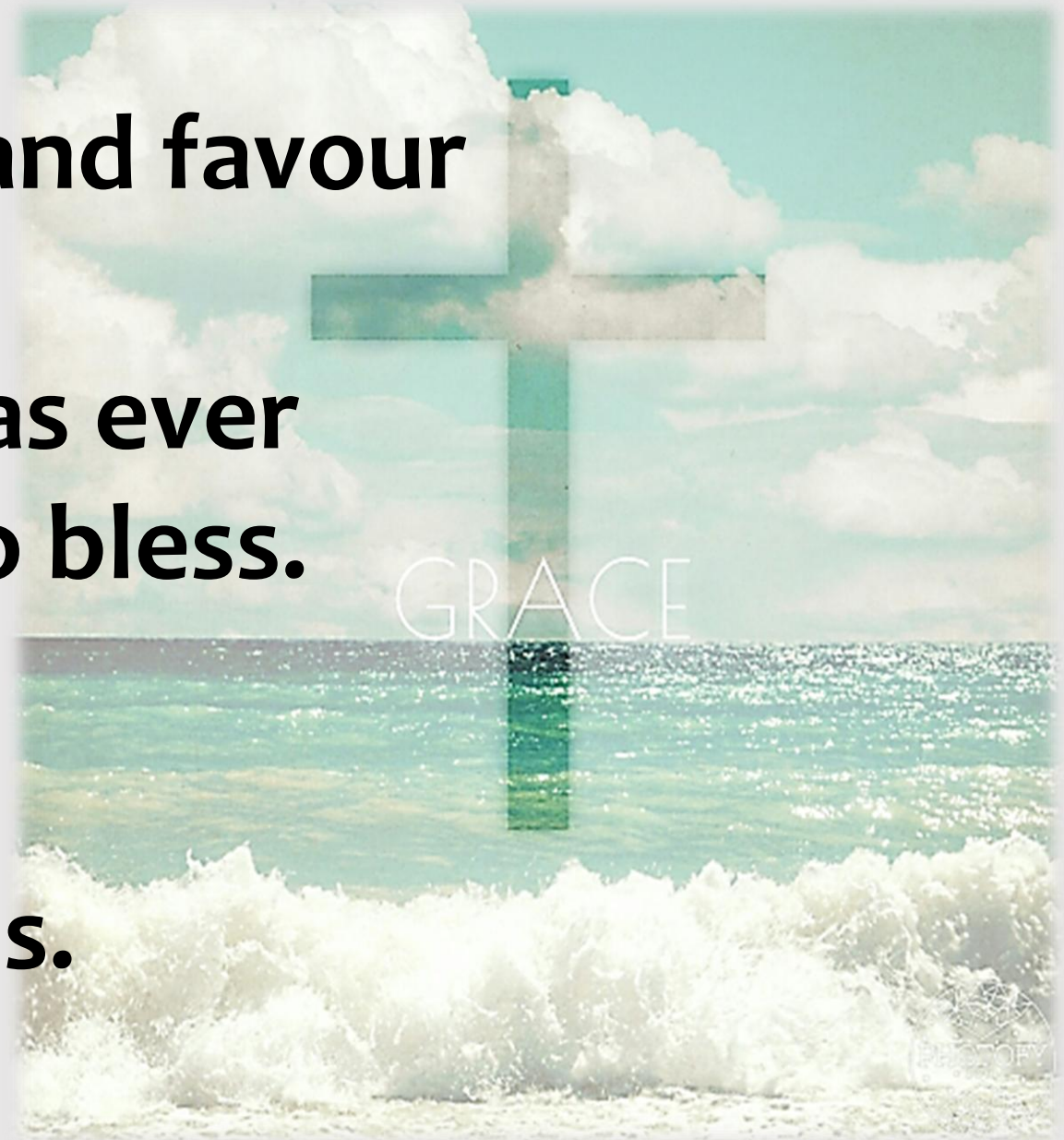
**God's Work
Our Hands**

Family News

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**¹Praise my soul the King of heaven
to his feet thy tribute bring
ransomed healed restored forgiven
who like me his praise should sing.
Praise him praise him
praise him praise him
praise the everlasting King.**

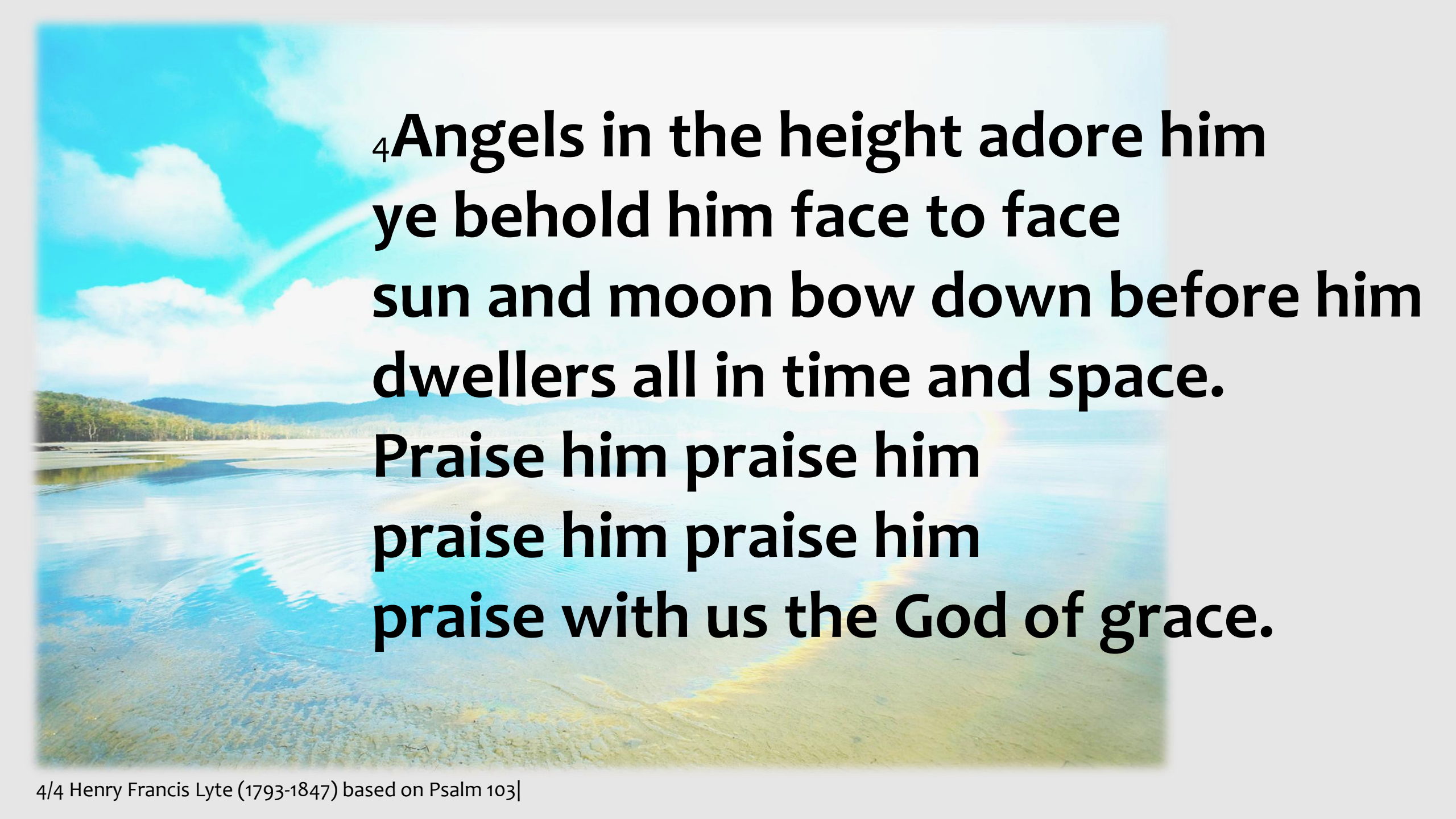
**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress
praise him still the same as ever
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him praise him
praise him praise him
glorious in his faithfulness.**



**3 Father-like he tends and spares us
well our feeble frame he knows
in his hands he gently bears us
rescues us from all our foes.**

**Praise him praise him
praise him praise him
widely as his mercy flows.**

mercy

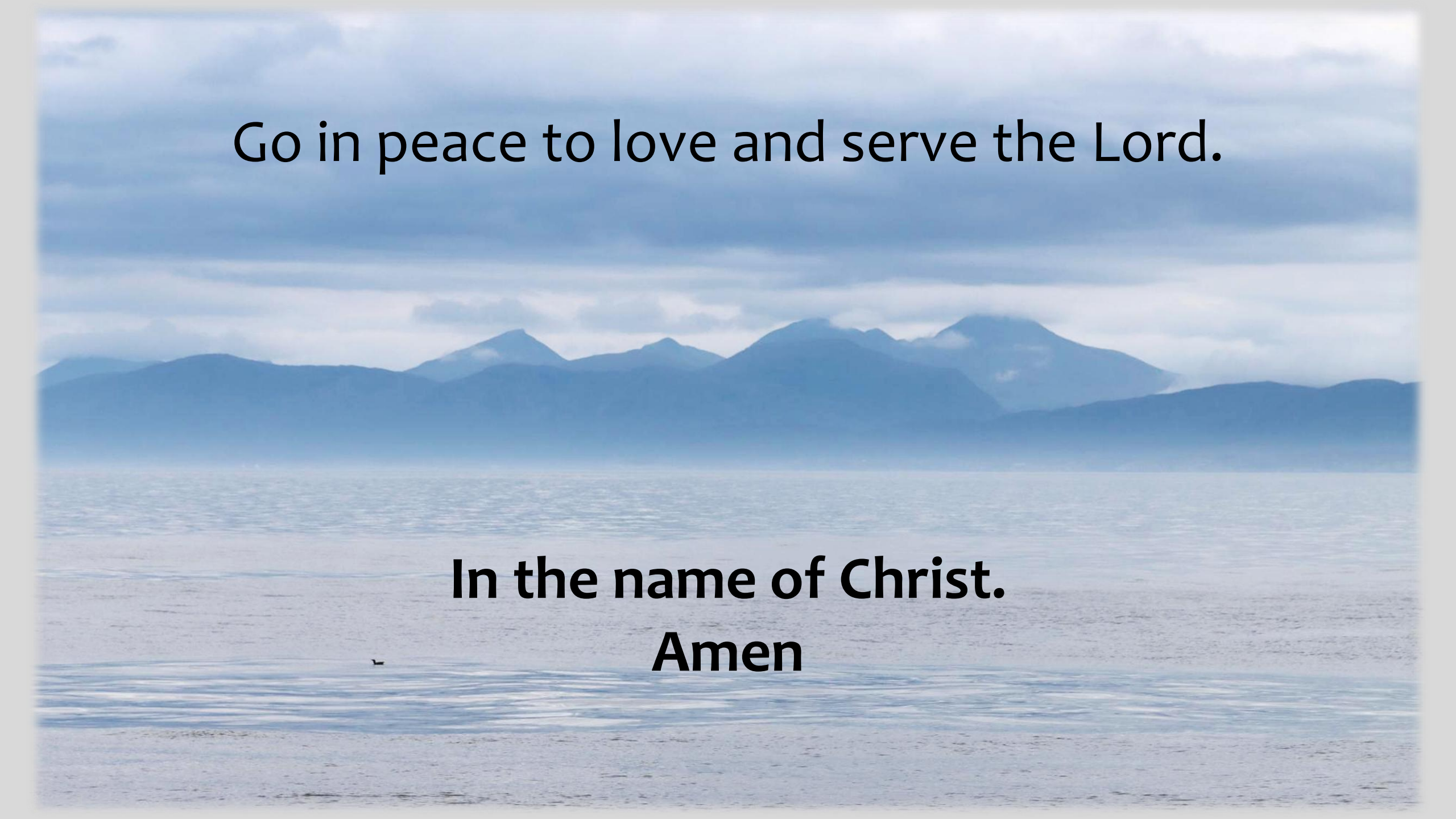


**⁴Angels in the height adore him
ye behold him face to face
sun and moon bow down before him
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him praise him
praise him praise him
praise with us the God of grace.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

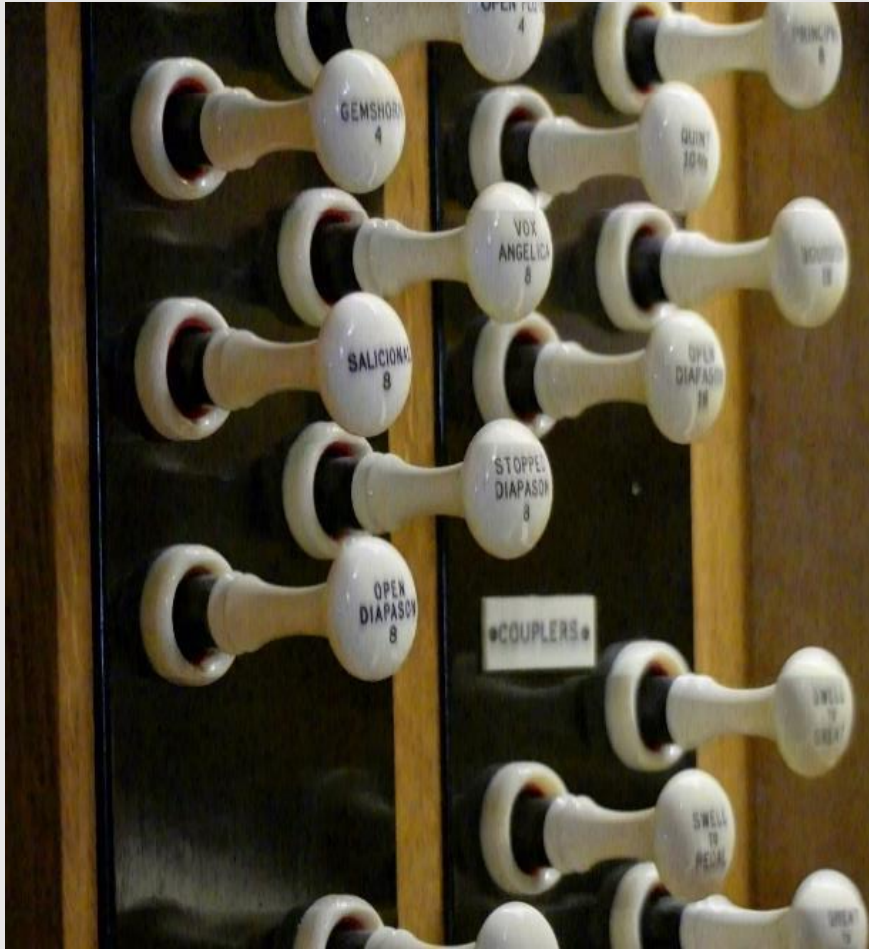
The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

A scenic landscape featuring a blue sky with soft, white clouds. In the background, a range of blue mountains stretches across the horizon. The foreground is dominated by a calm body of water, reflecting the sky and mountains. The overall tone is peaceful and serene.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.
Amen**



Christ Church Organ

Organ Voluntary

‘March- Lasst uns erfreuen’ -
David Bednall