

Sunday 26th October 2025

Christ Church with St Mary's

Service of Holy Communion

Theme: 'Glad I'm not like
other people'

We say together the words in **bold**



Christ Church - Great East Window
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Welcome and Introduction

God's Grace is
IMMEASURABLE,
His Mercy is
INEXHAUSTIBLE,
His Peace is
INEXPRESSIBLE.



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

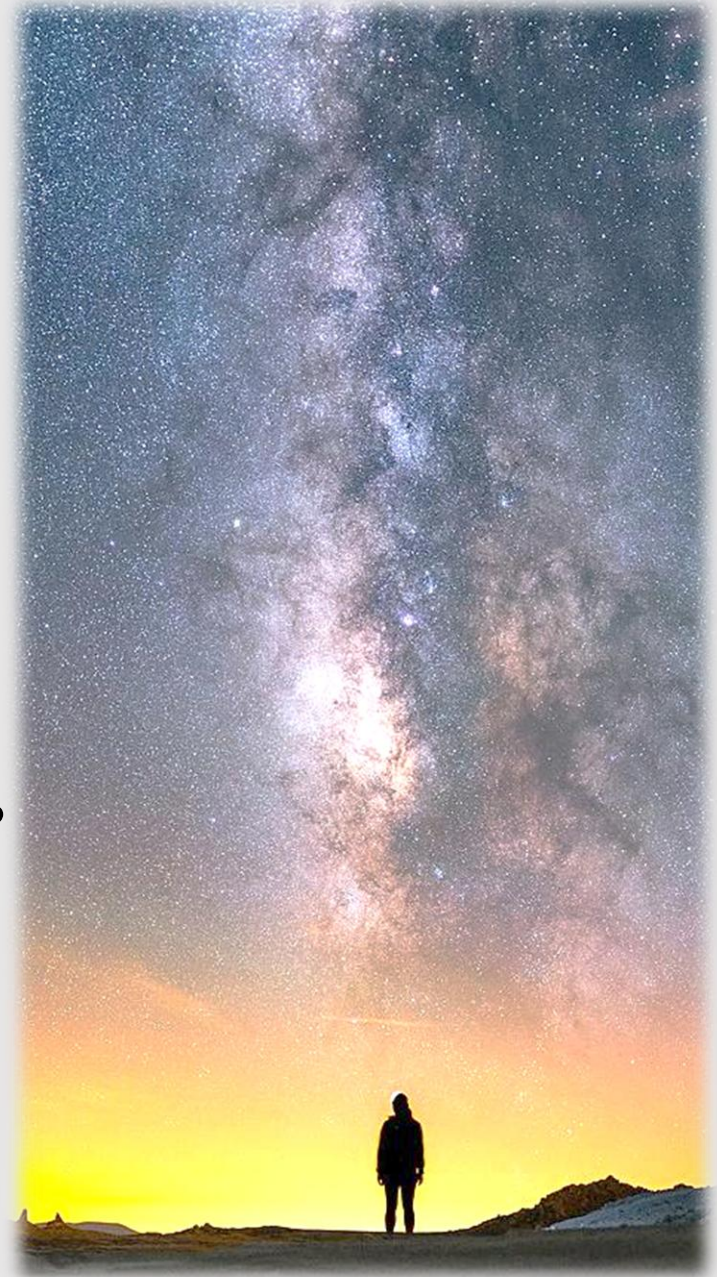
**‘For all who are
led by the
Spirit of God are
children of God’**

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**

**¹Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
sing and praise your God and mine!**

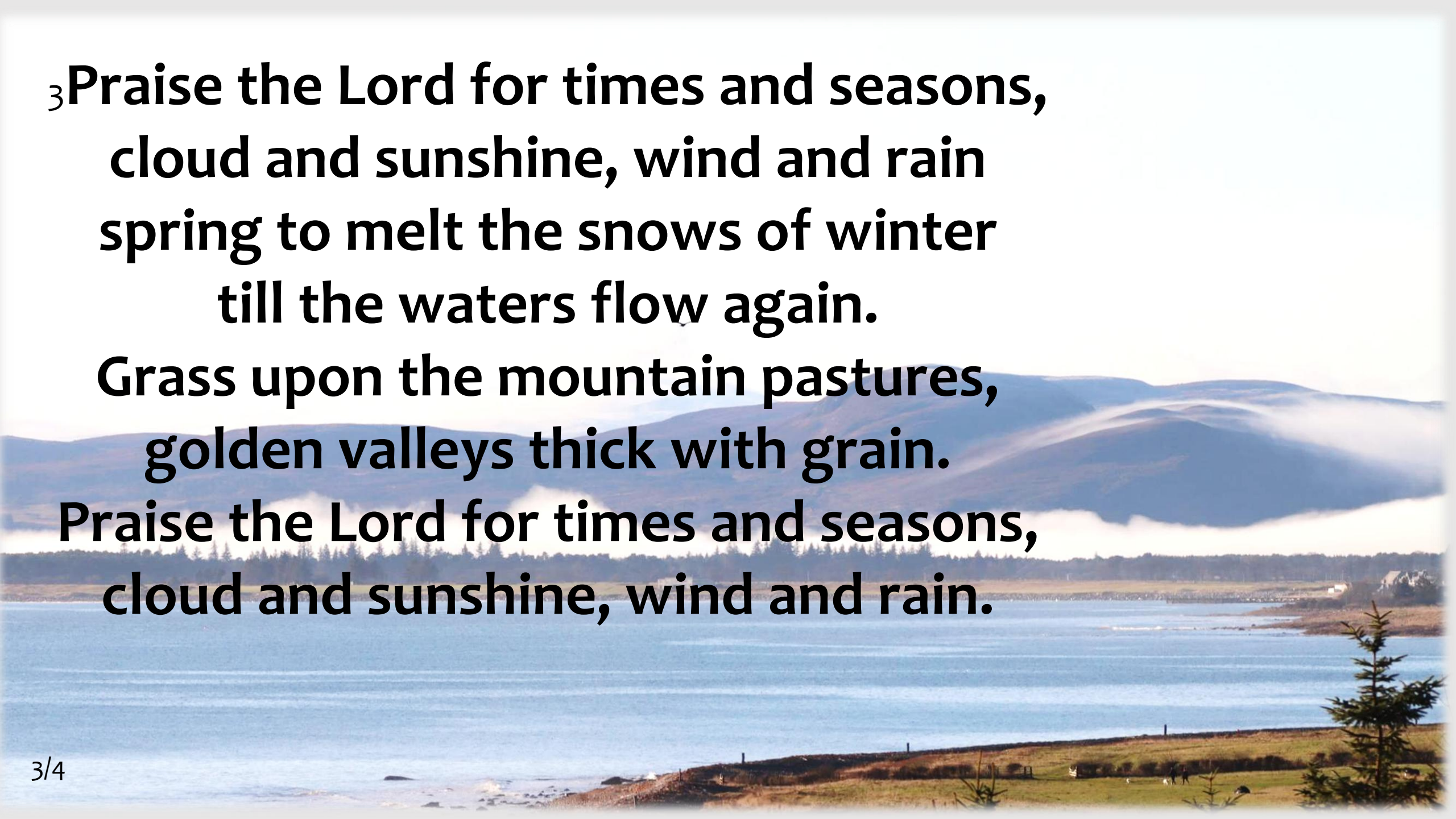


**2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies
peace for pain and joy for woe,
humble hearts are high exalted
human pride and pow'r laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.**

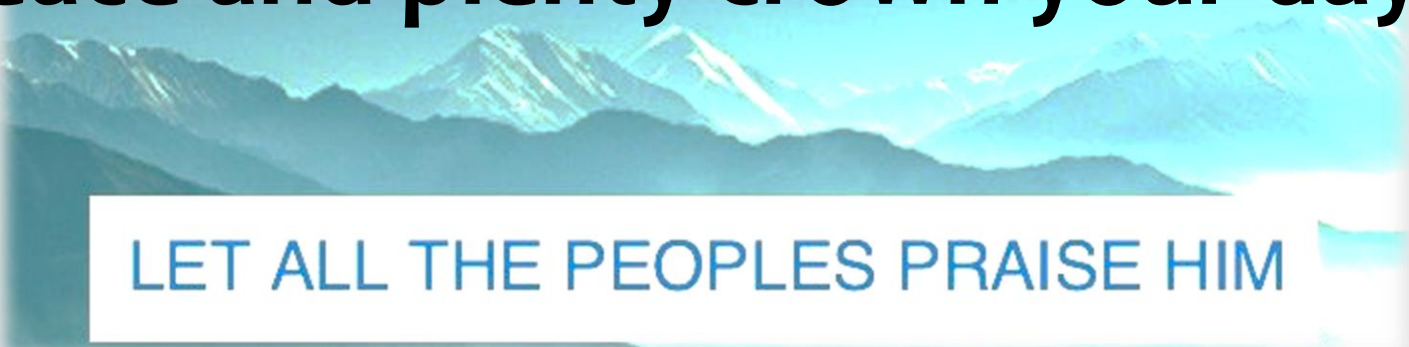


**3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again.**

**Grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.**



**4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children —
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!**



LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM



Offertory
and
thank you
prayer



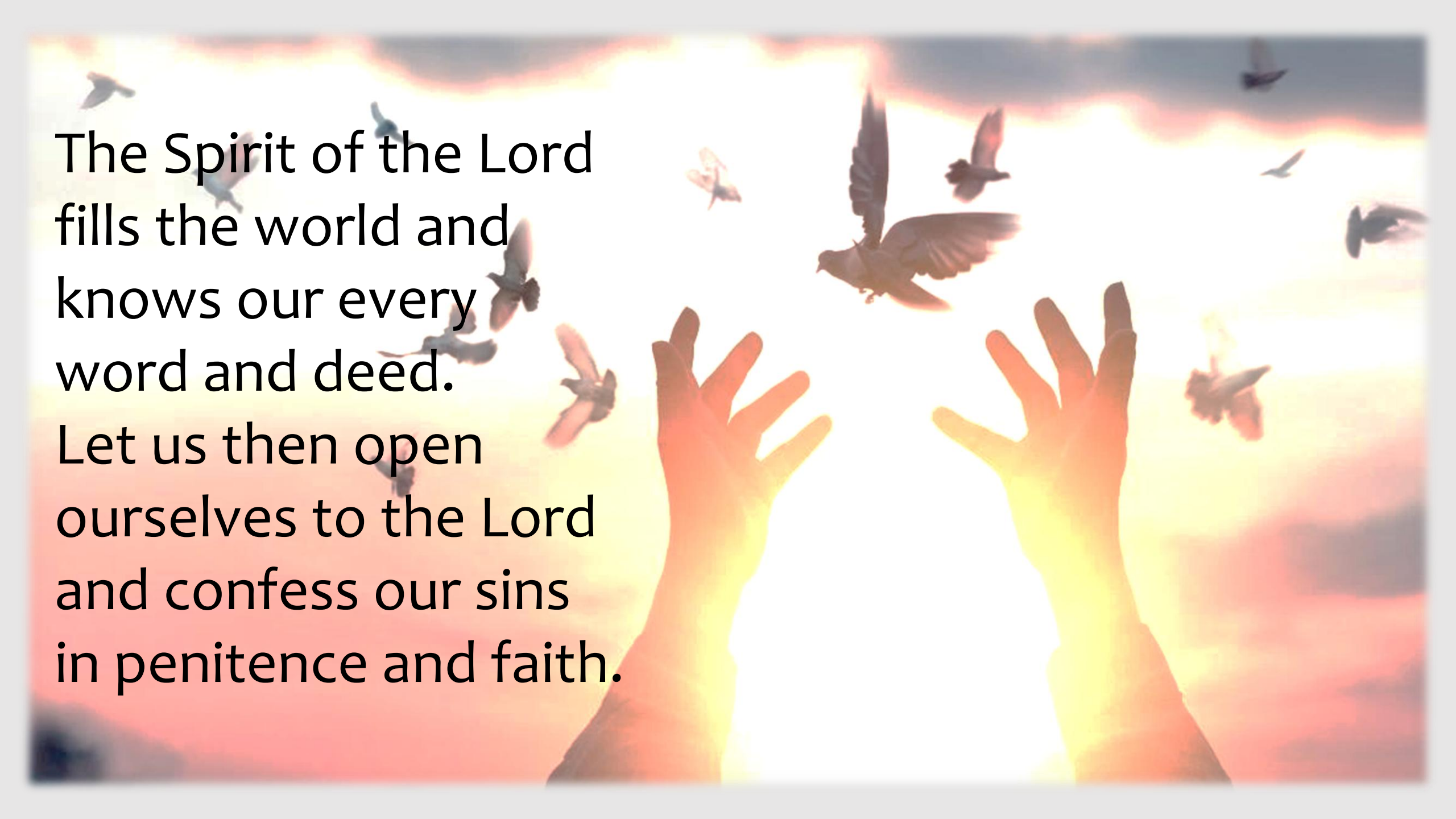
Children's Talk – 'Glad I'm not like other people'



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

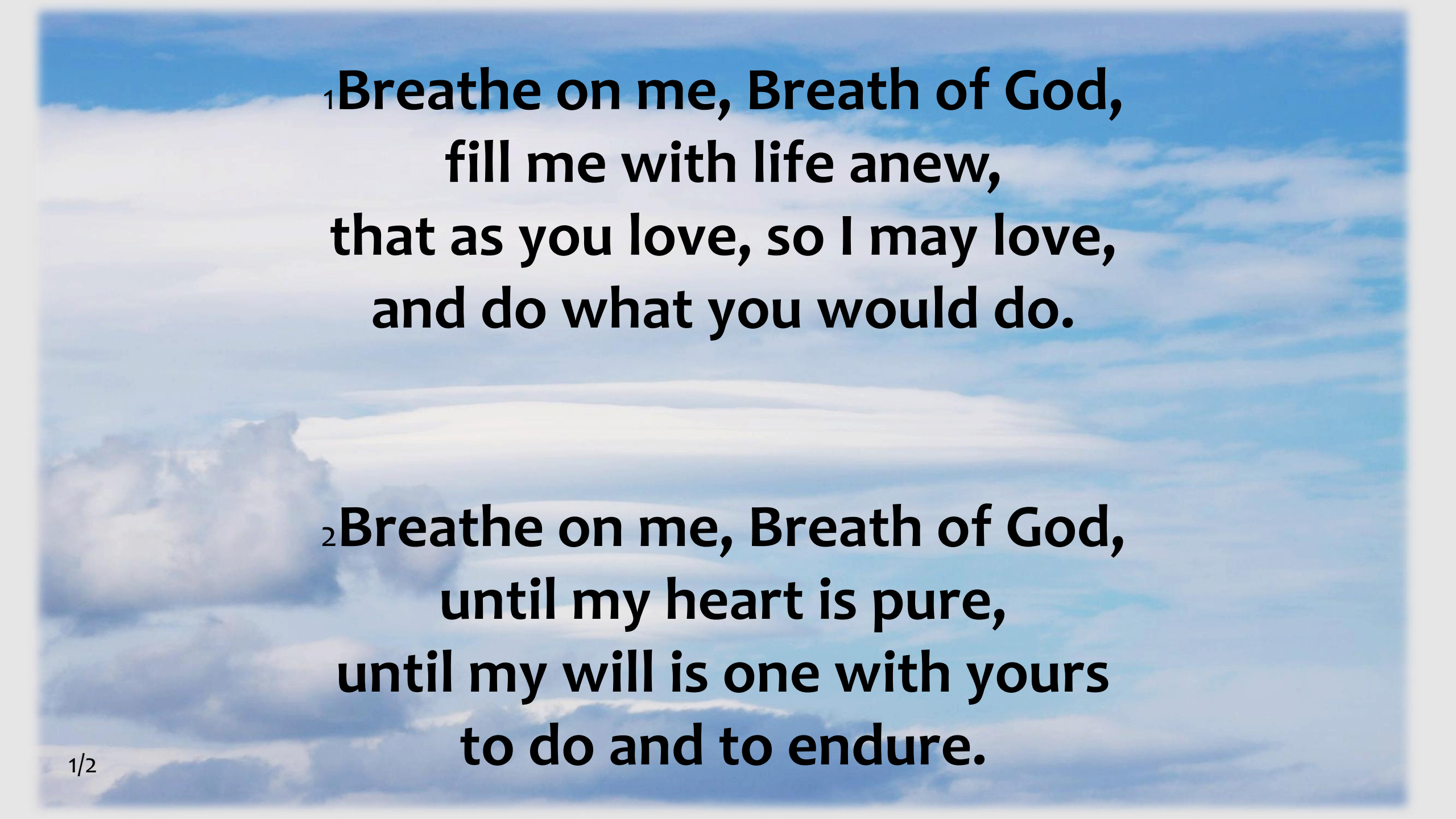
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your Word and obeying your will
we may enter the
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

2 Timothy 4: 6 – 8, 16-18

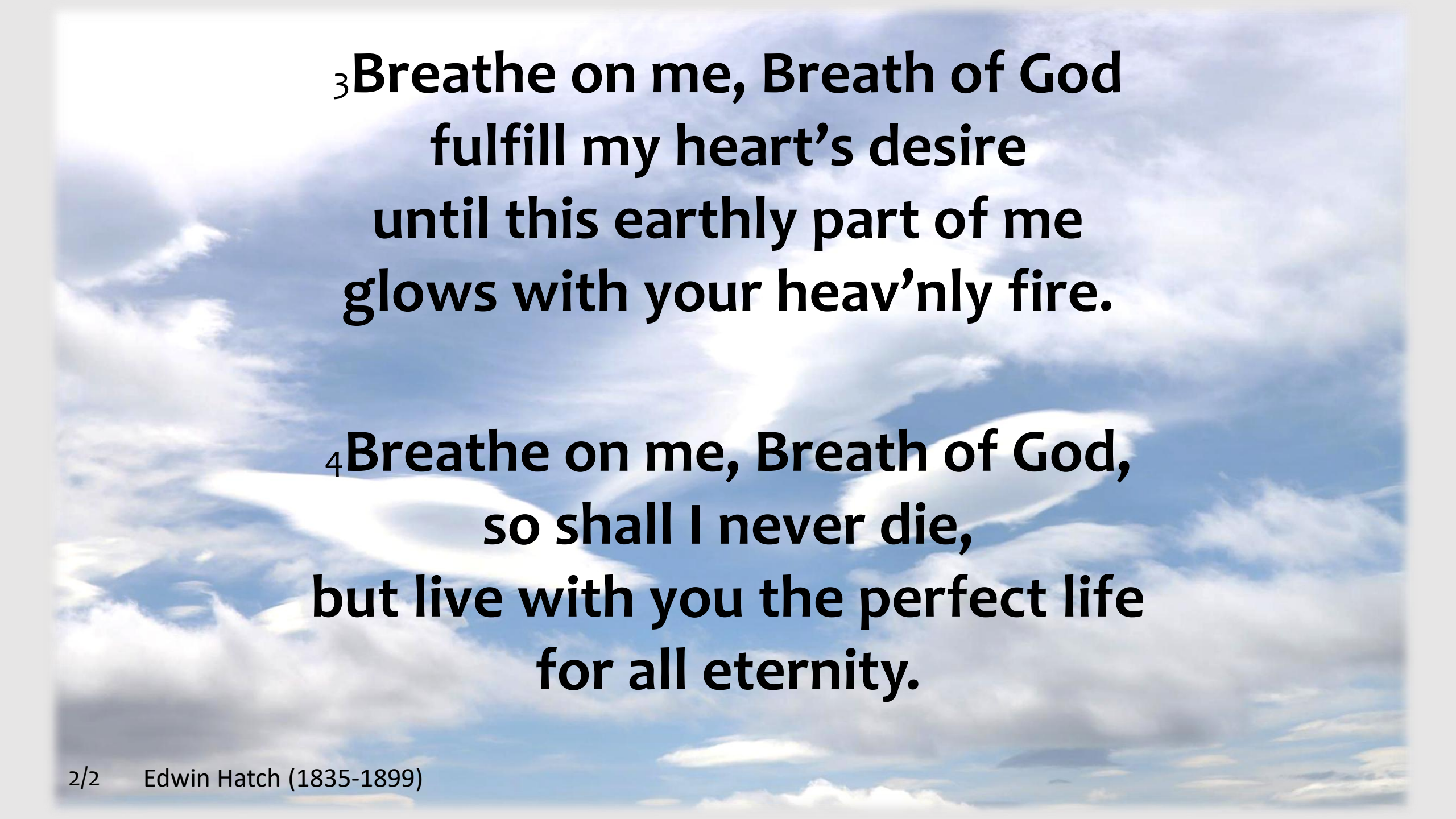
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God





**¹Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so I may love,
and do what you would do.**

**²Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.**

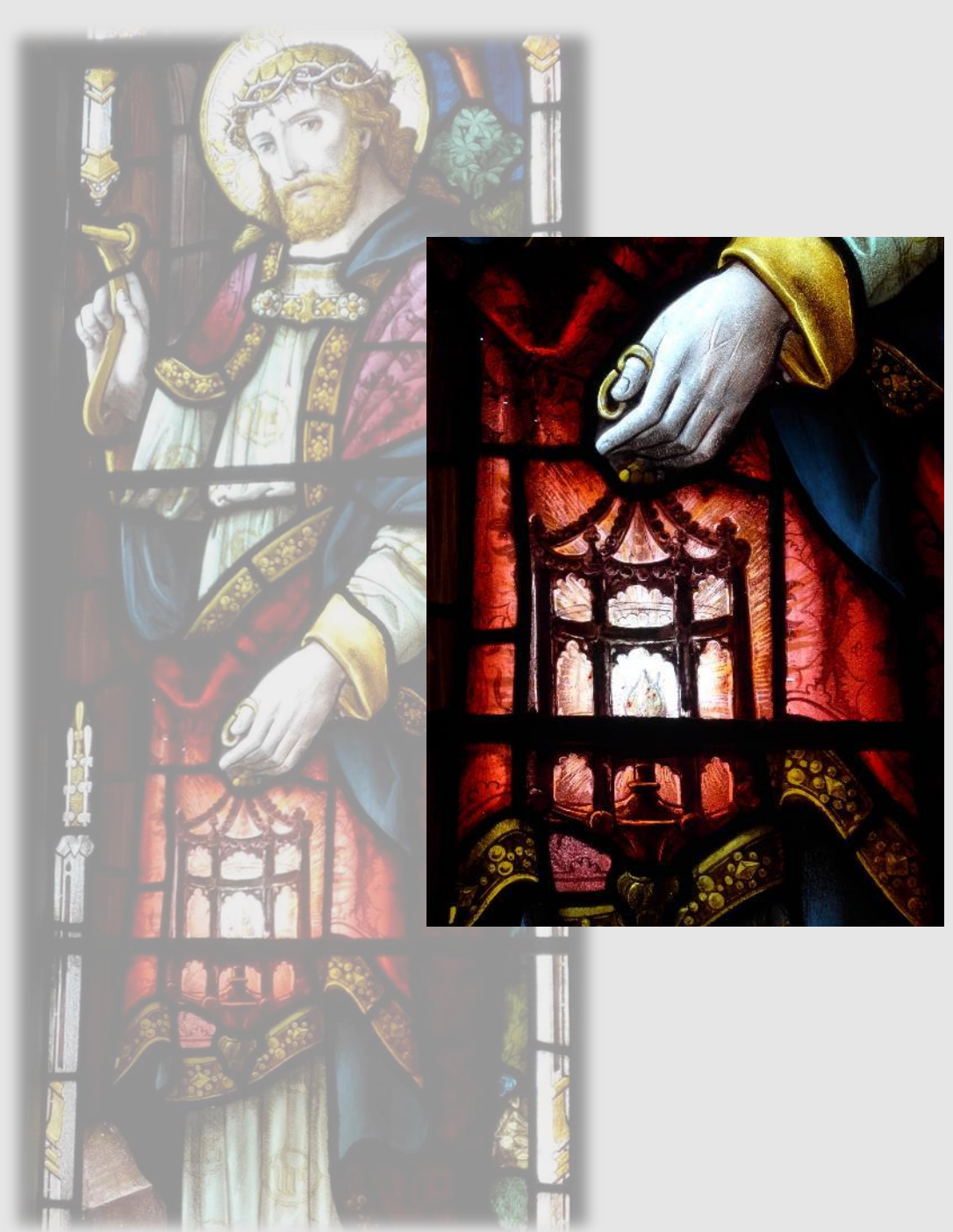


**₃Breathe on me, Breath of God
fulfill my heart's desire
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.**

**₄Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.**

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 18 : 9 - 14

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



Christ Church
Great East Window

The Pharisee and
the Tax Collector



Sermon : 'Glad I'm not like other people'

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



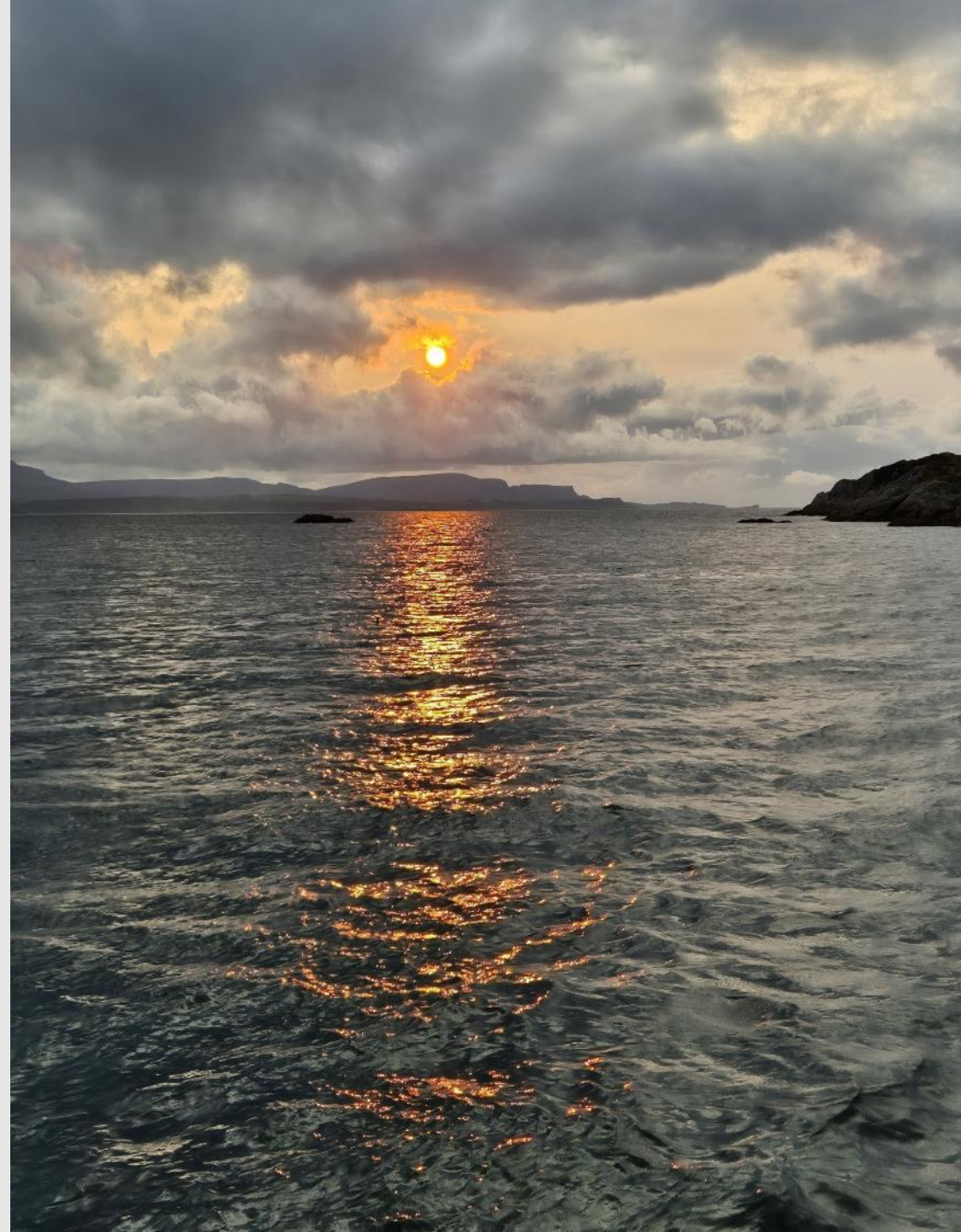
The Peace

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.



**¹Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

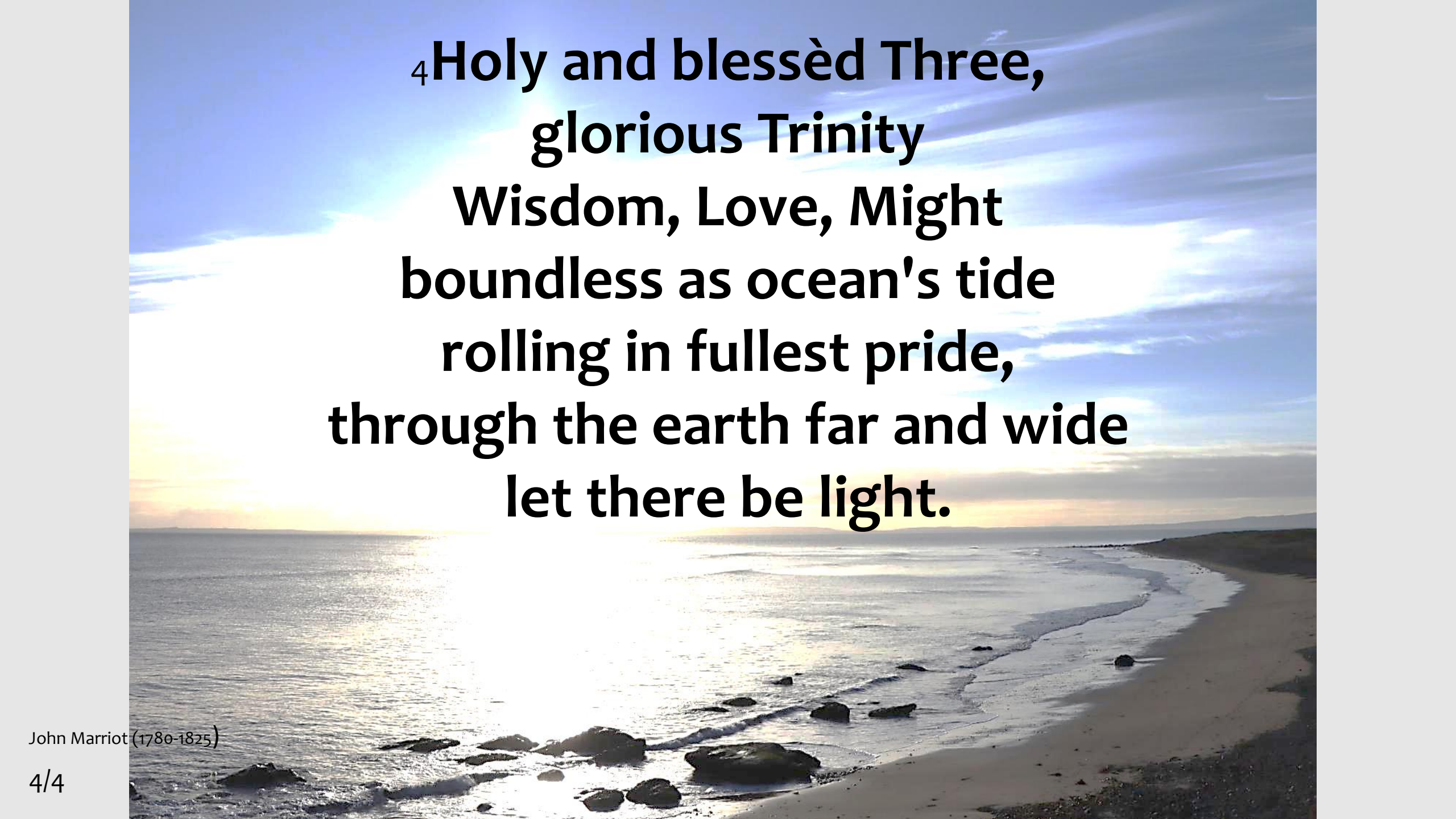


**₂Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight
health to the sick in mind
sight to the inly blind
O now to humankind
let there be light.**





**³Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**



**⁴Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity
Wisdom, Love, Might
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

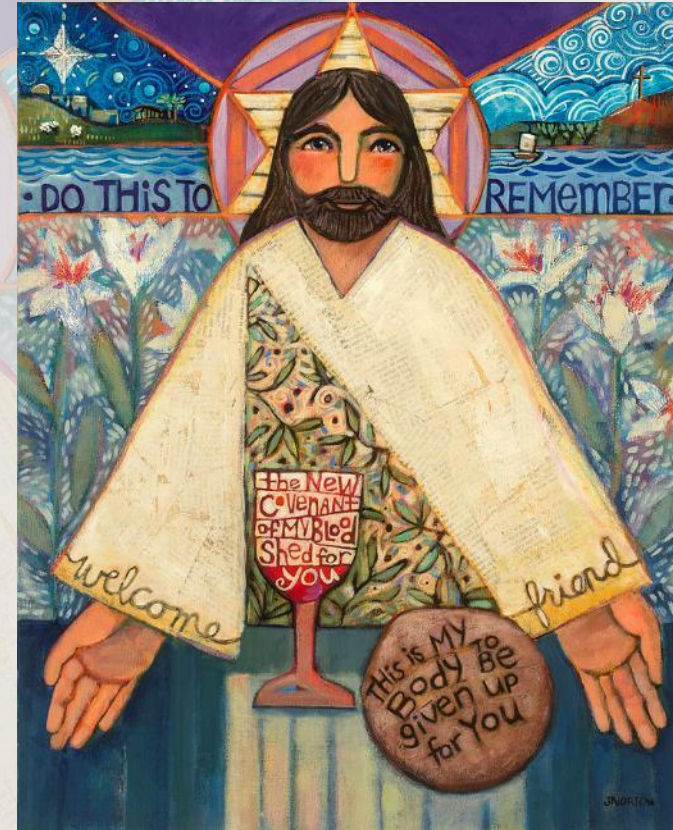
Wise and gracious God
you spread a table before us; nourish your people
with the word of life and the bread of heaven.
Amen



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*:

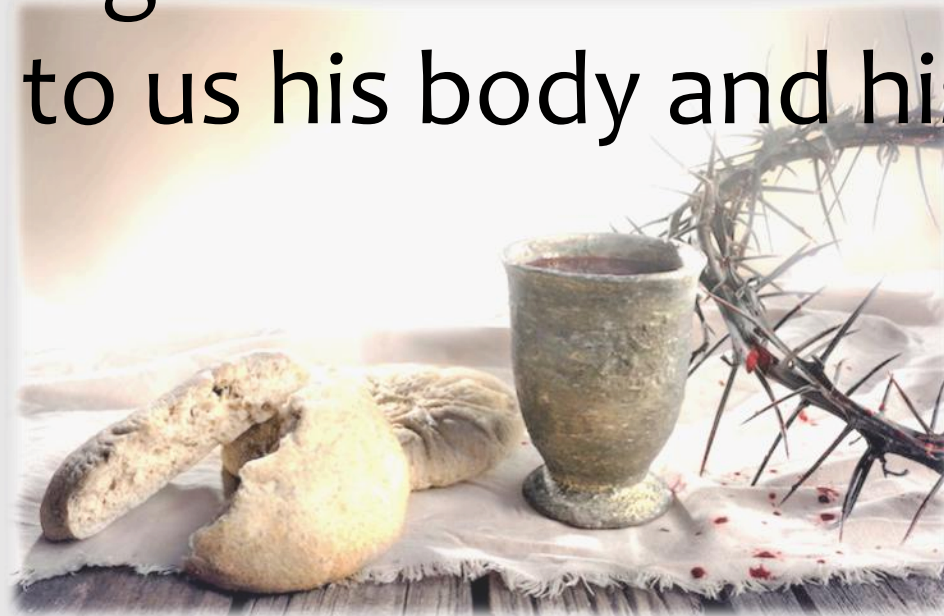


**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**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.



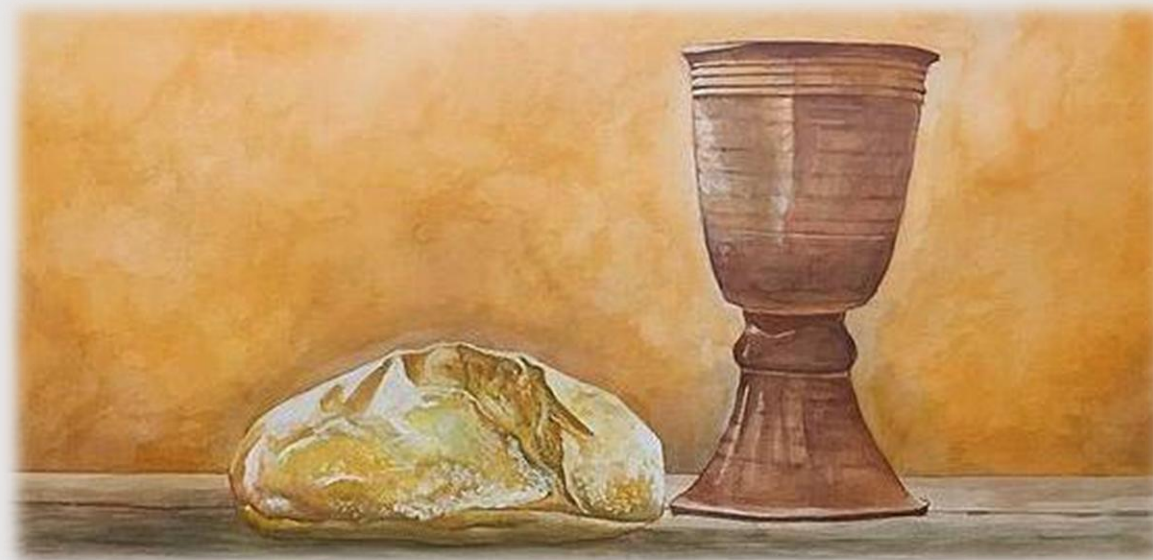
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you
do this in remembrance of me.



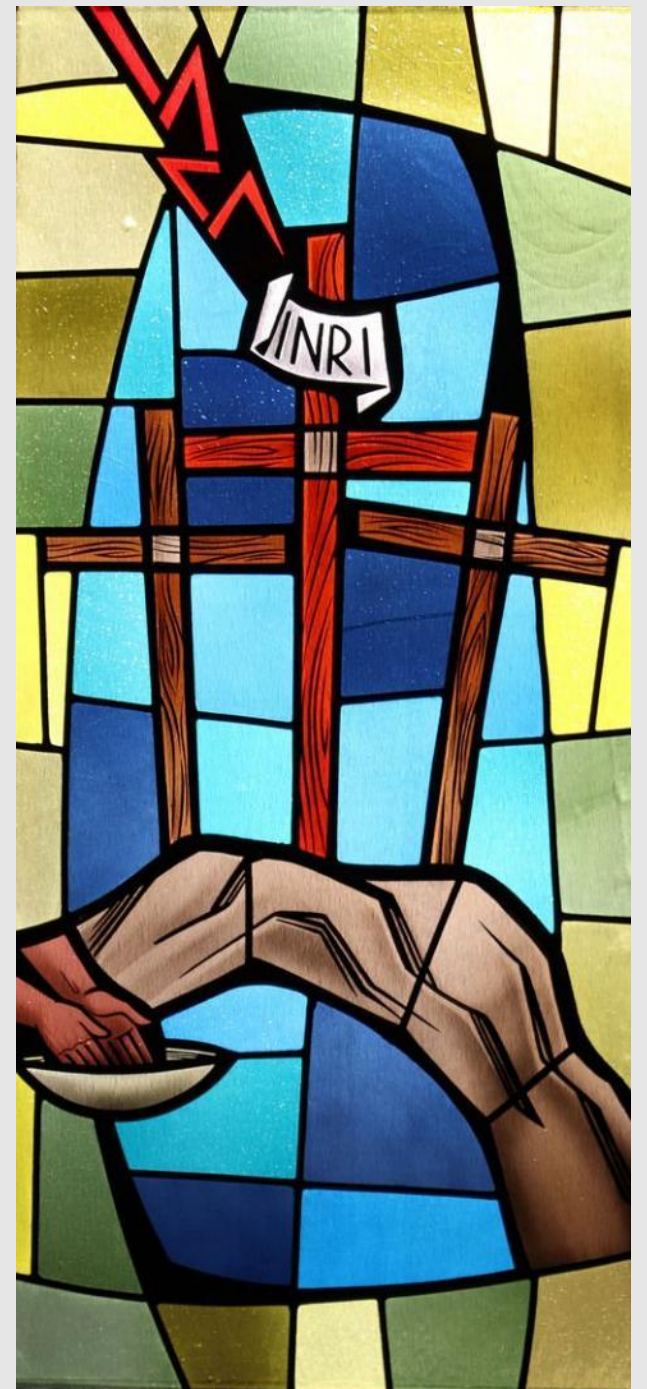
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

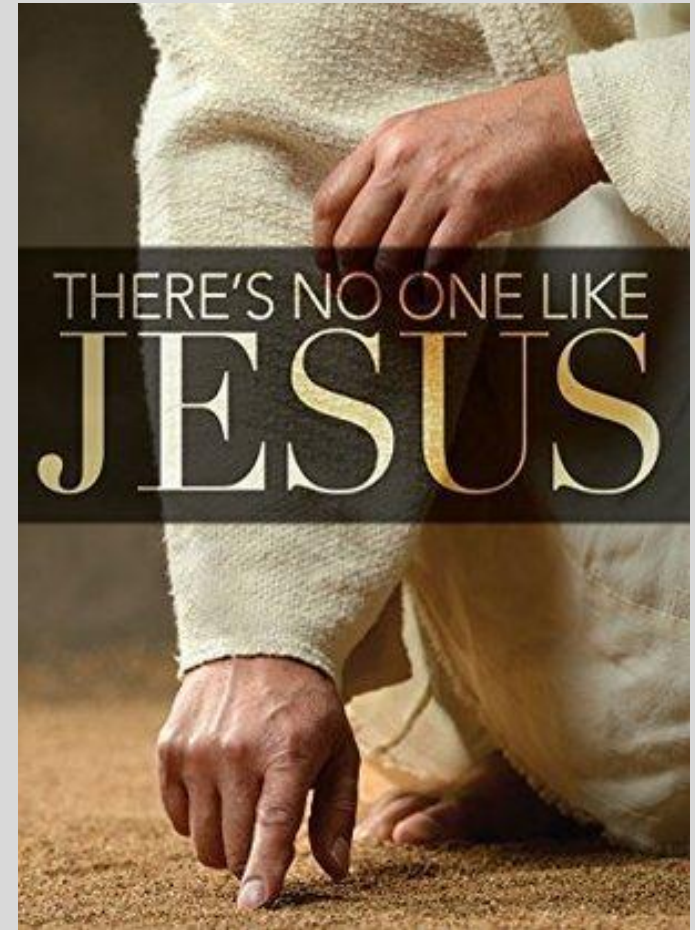


Great is the mystery of faith:



**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

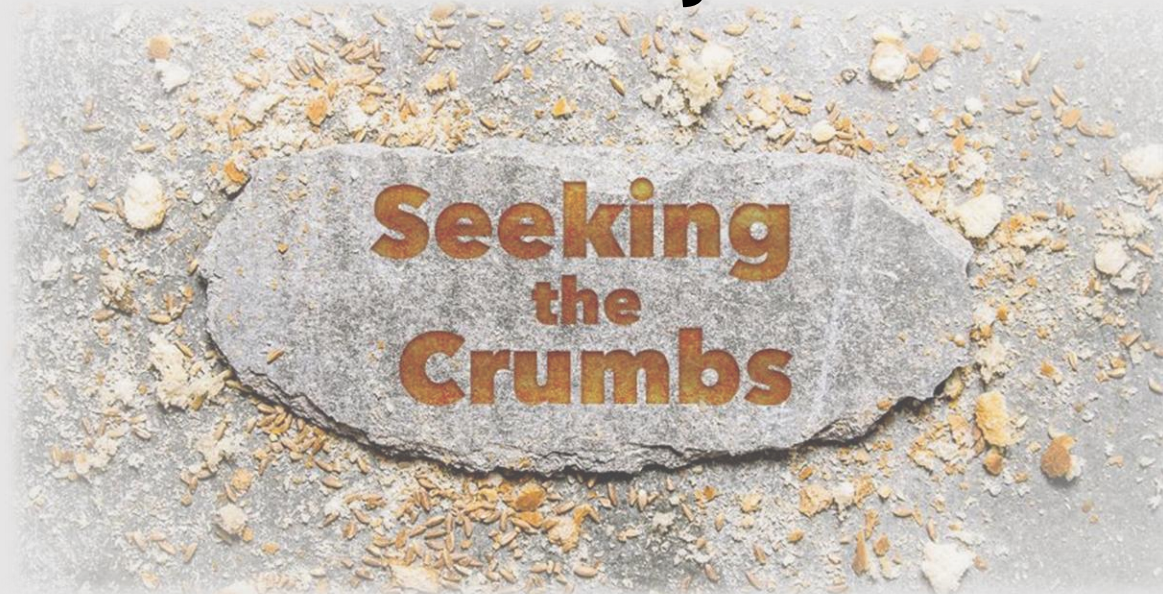
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**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.**

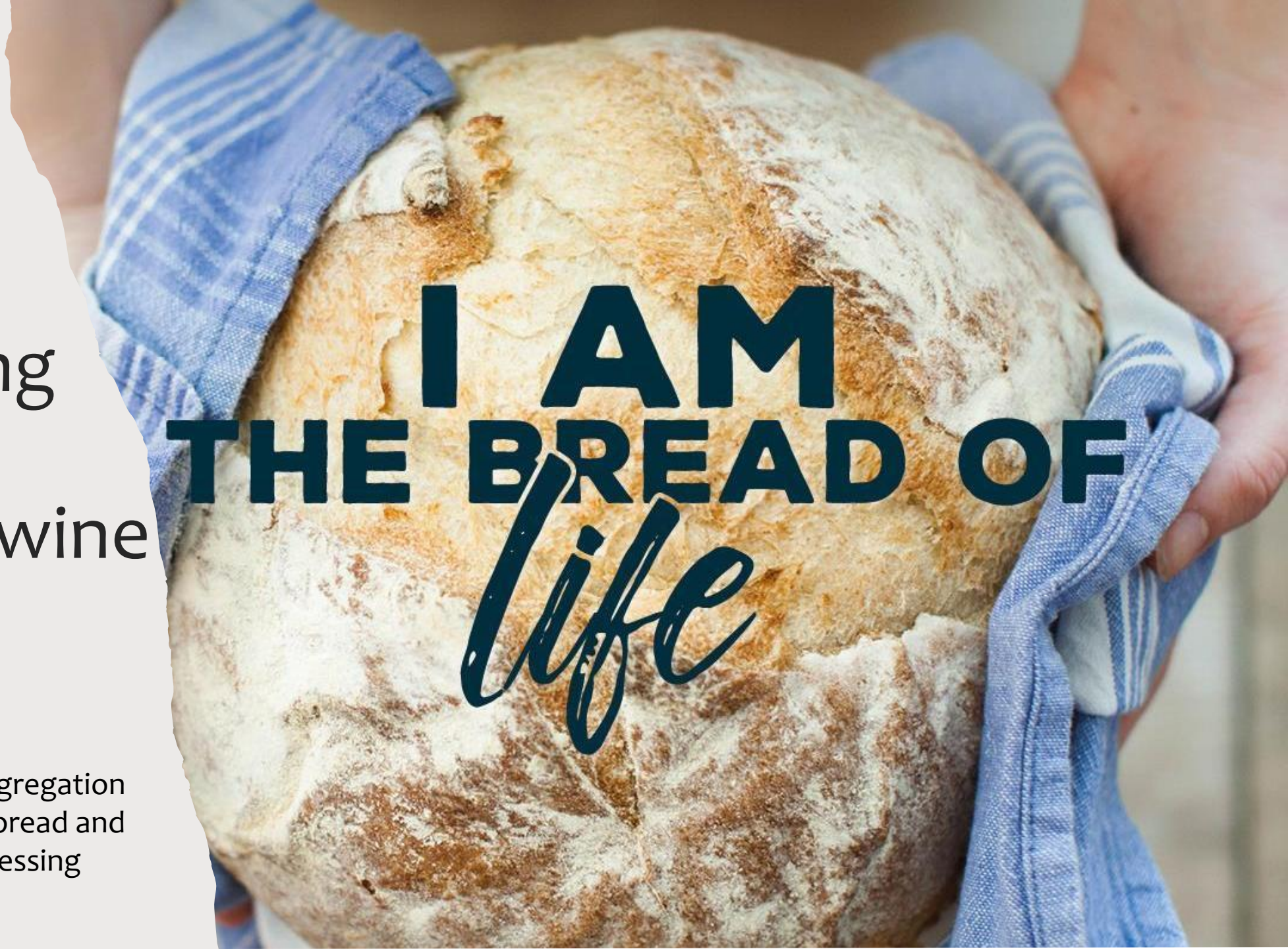
**Jesus, Redeemer of the world
give us your peace.**



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



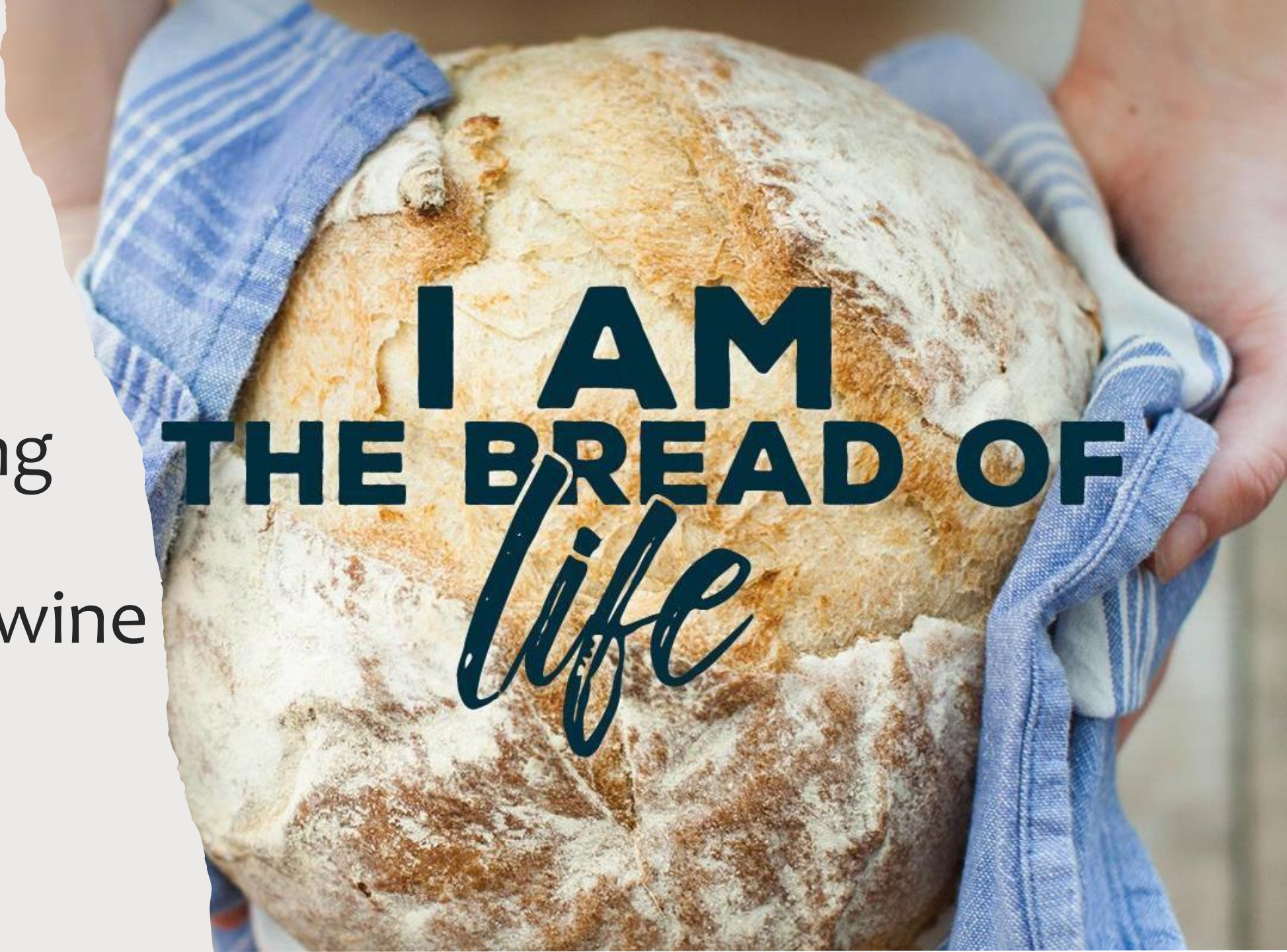


Choir Anthem

‘Lord, you search
me and you
know me’

Bernadette
Farrell

Receiving
the
bread and wine



**I AM
THE BREAD OF**
life

Post Communion prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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



**Will your anchor hold
in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold
their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift
and the cables strain
will your anchor drift
or firm remain?**

Chorus

**We have an anchor
that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure
while the billows roll
fastened to the rock
which cannot move
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love.**



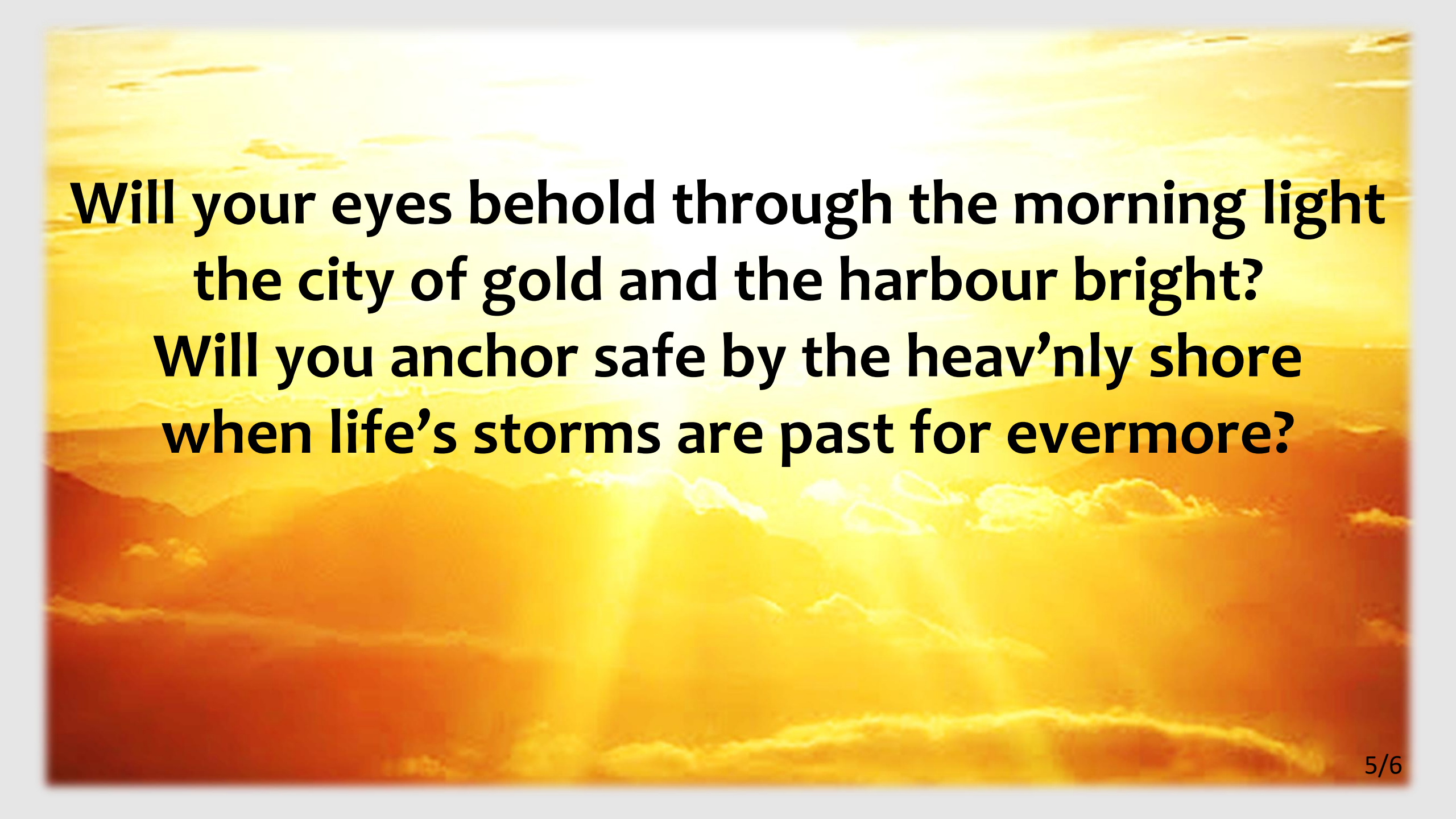
**Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage and the wild winds blow
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?**



Chorus

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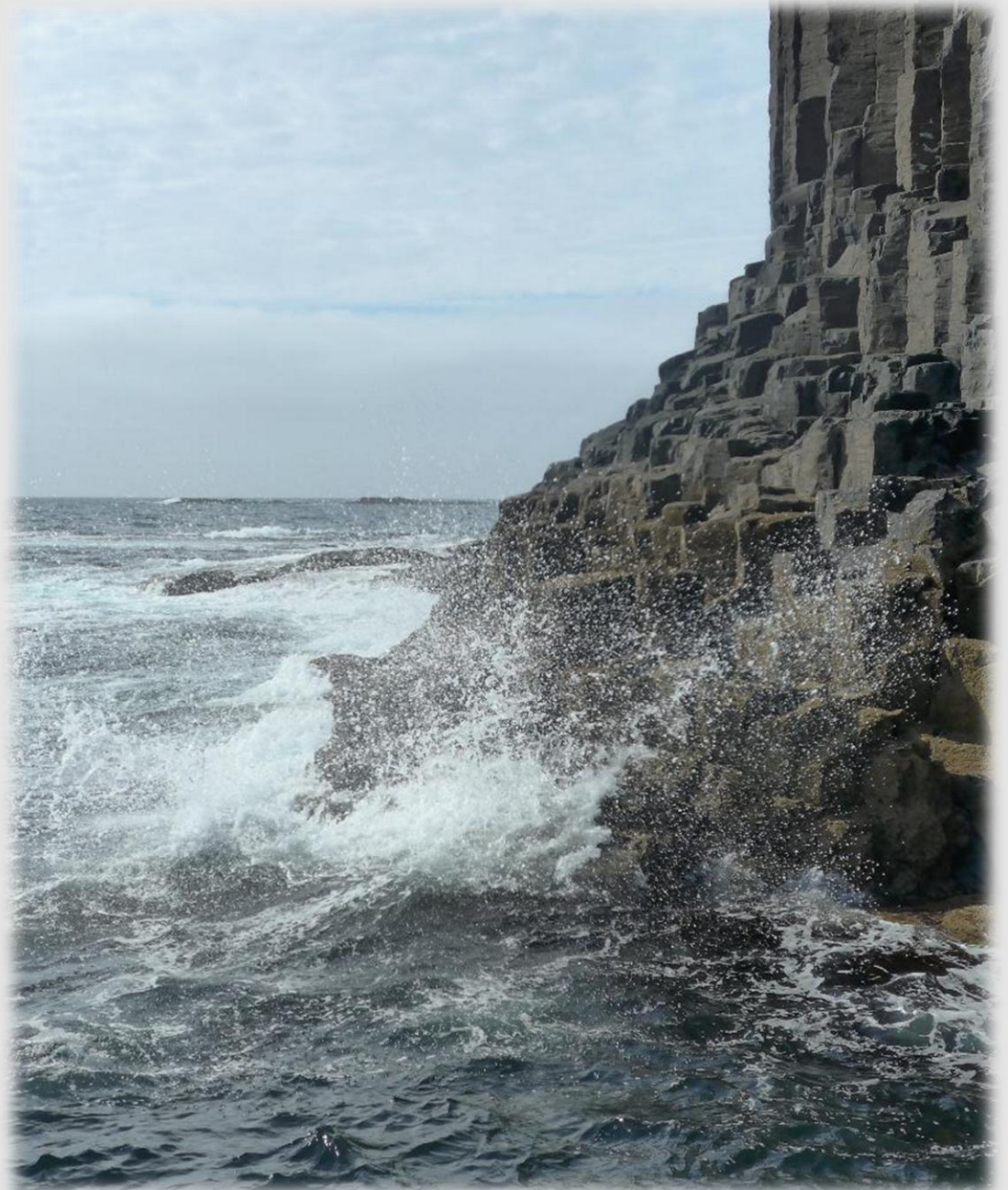




**Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heav'nly shore
when life's storms are past for evermore?**

Chorus

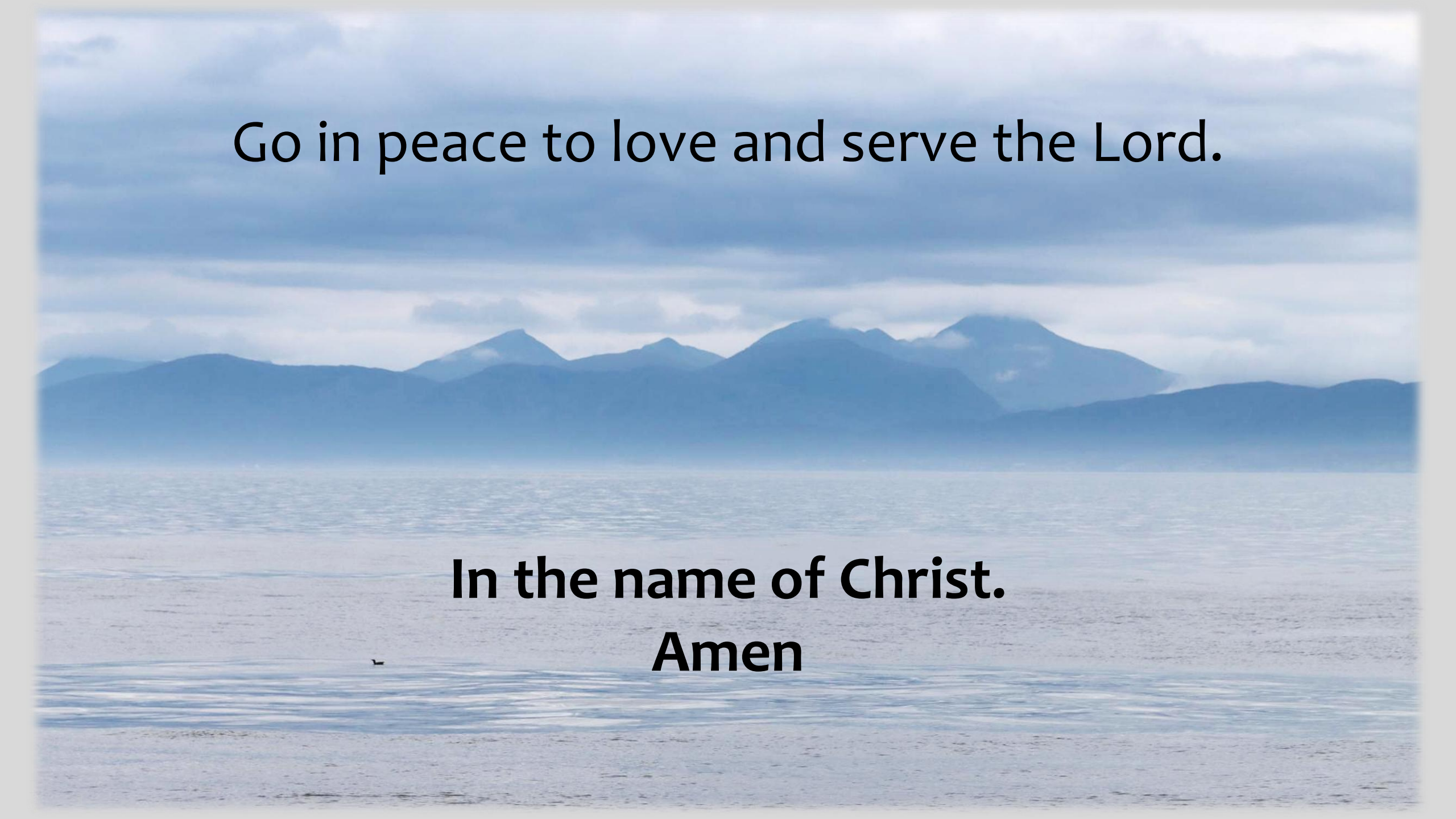
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The Blessing and Dismissal

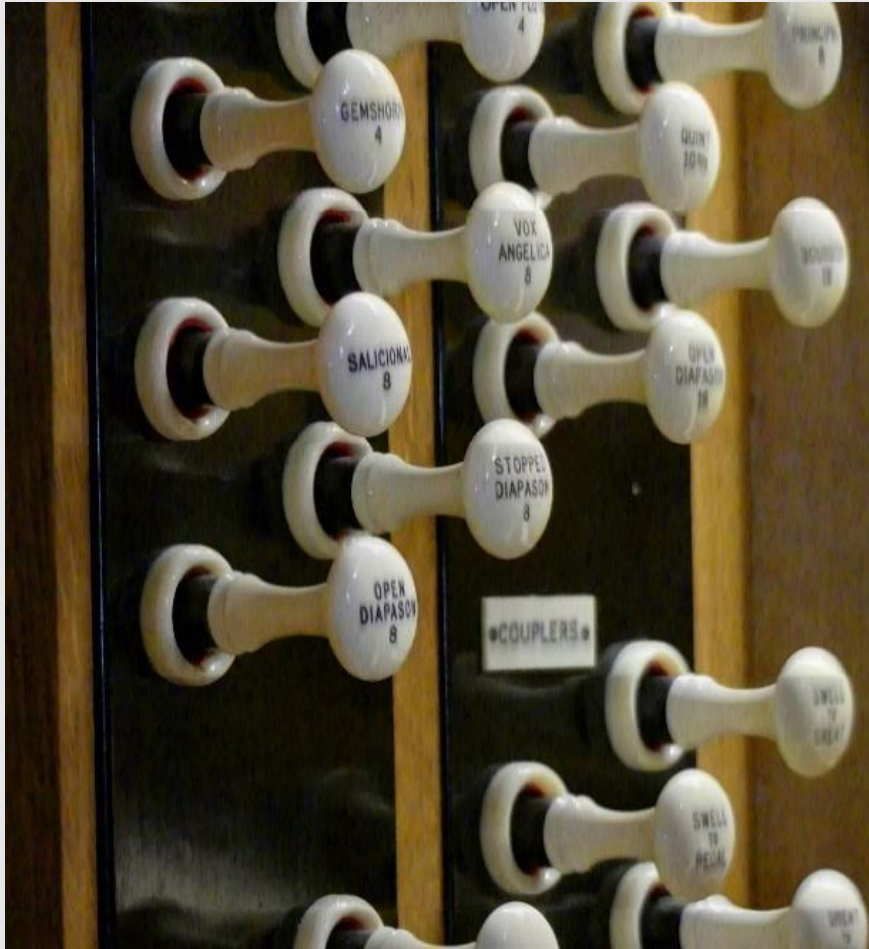
The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

‘Prelude in C BWV547’ -
J S Bach