

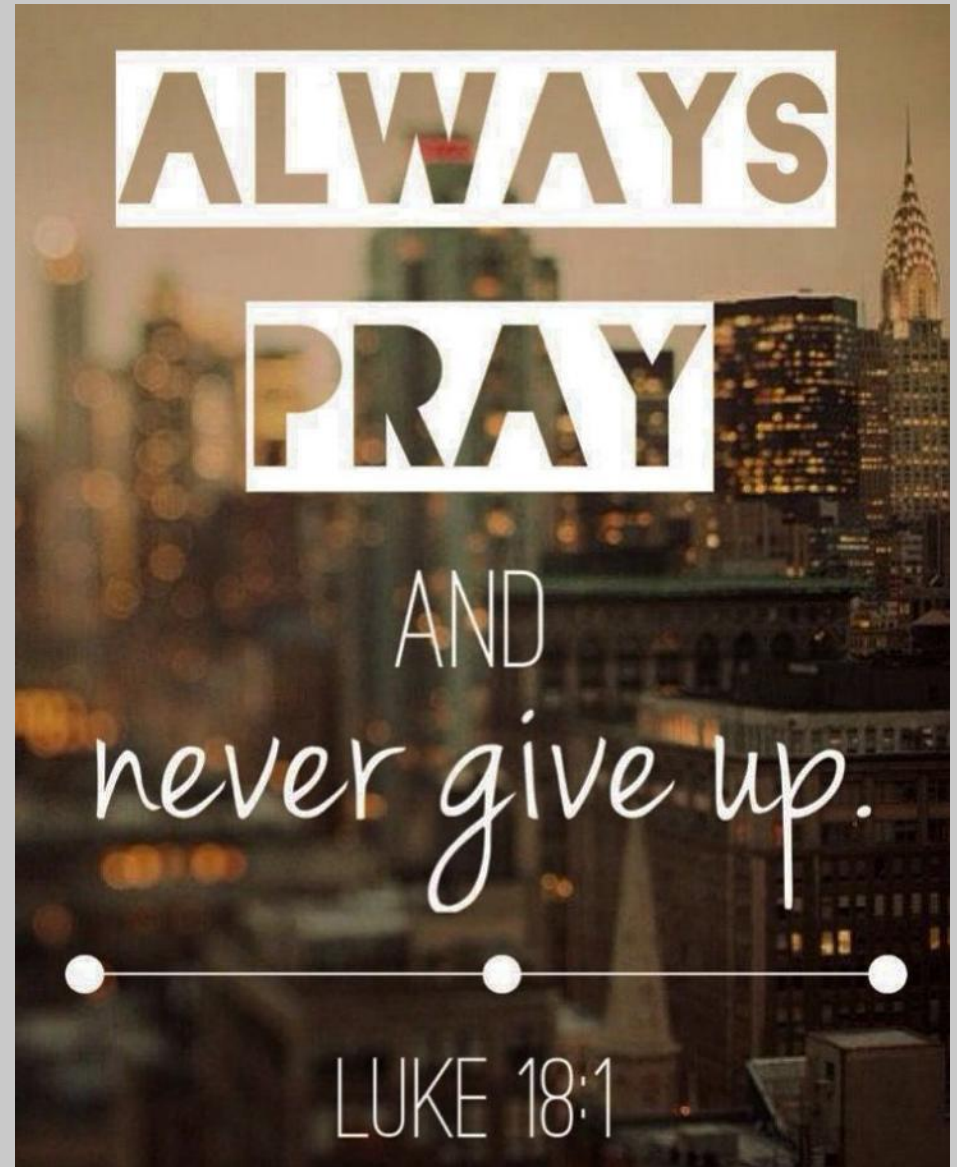
Christ Church with St Mary's

Sunday 19th October 2025

Informal Service of Holy Communion

Theme : Don't Give Up

We say together the words in **bold**





Welcome and Introduction



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**

Opening Sentences

The world belongs to the Lord
the earth and all its people.

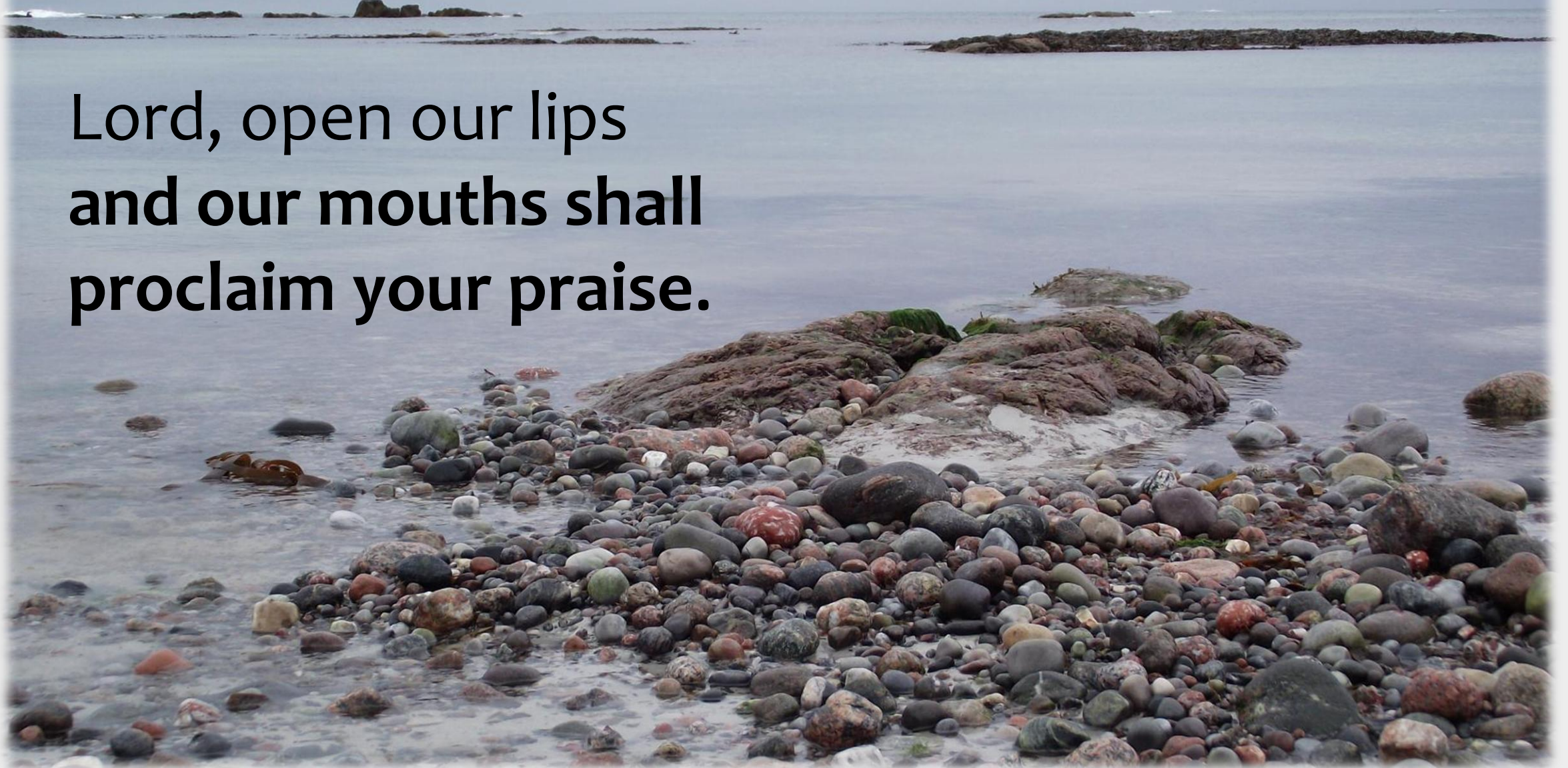
How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together
justice and peace join hands.

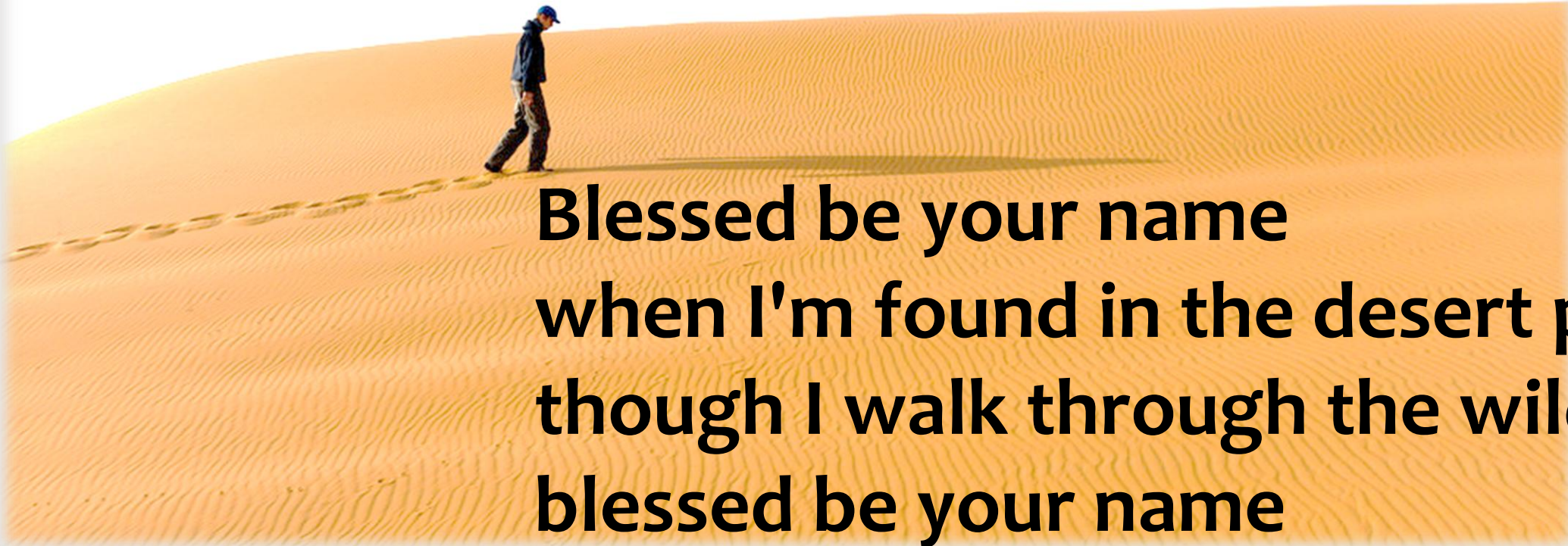


If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

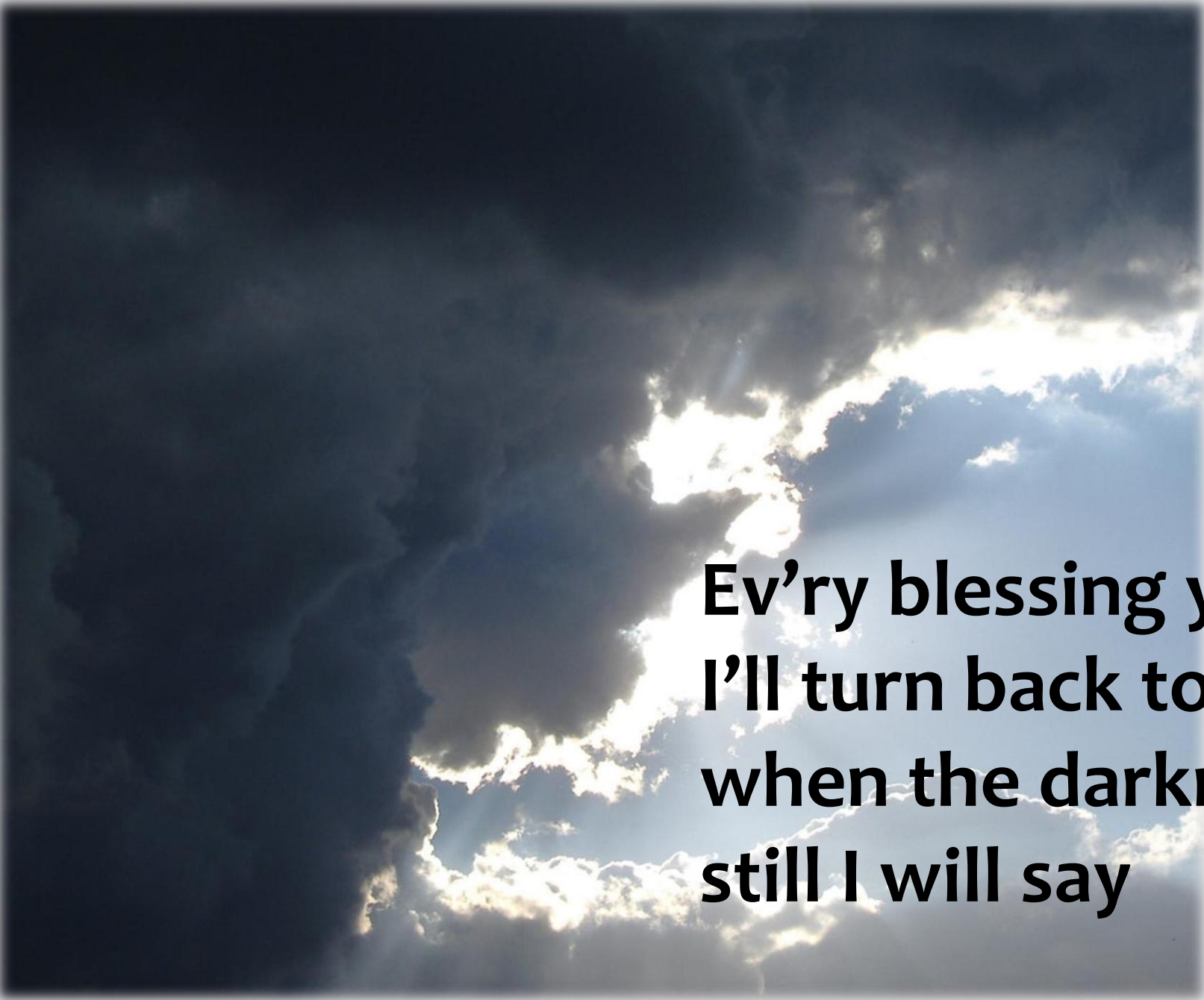
Lord, open our lips
**and our mouths shall
proclaim your praise.**



**1 Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful
where your streams of abundance flow
blessed be your name**



**Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place
though I walk through the wilderness
blessed be your name**



**Ev'ry blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
when the darkness closes in Lord
still I will say**



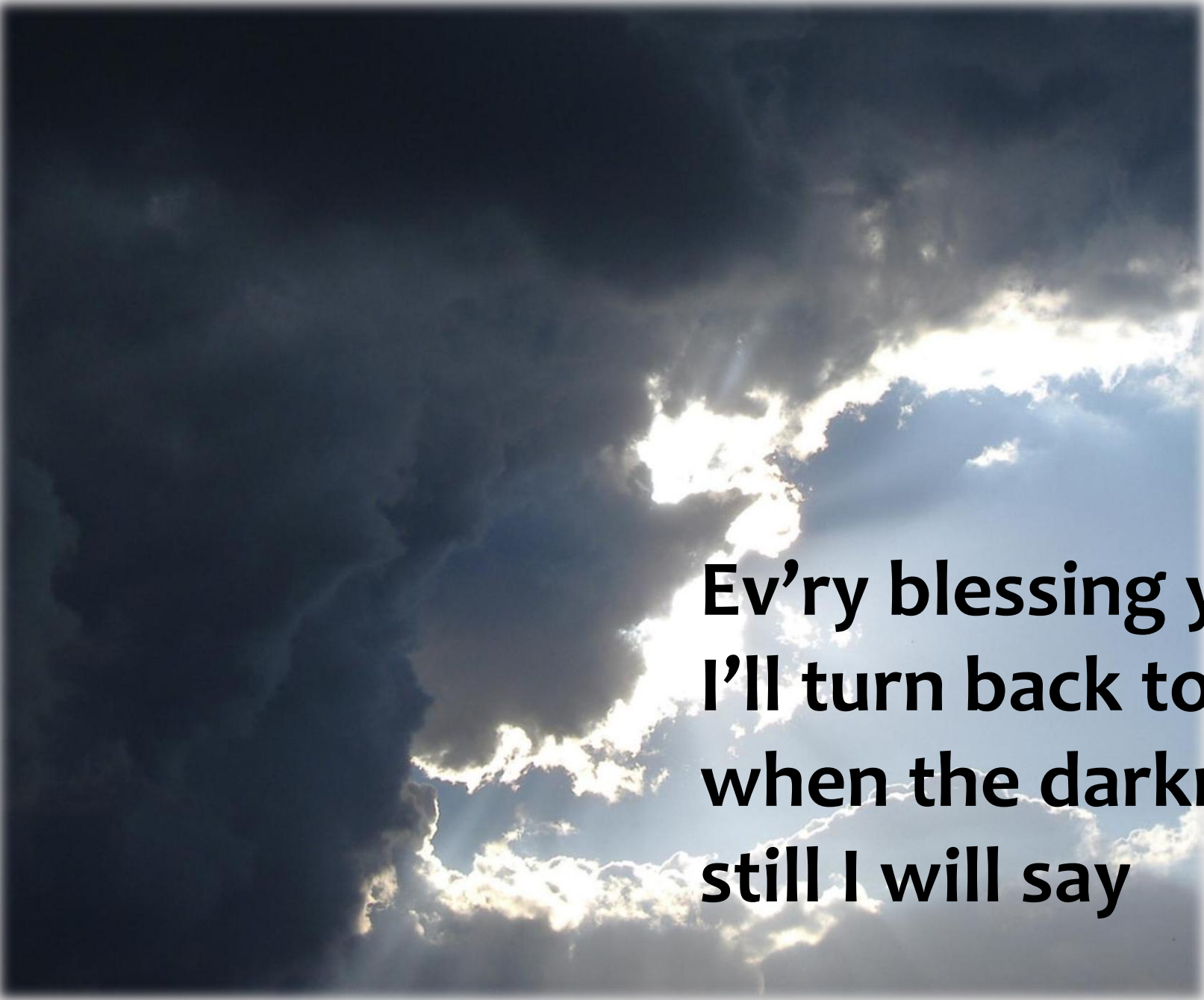
Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
blessed be your name
blessed be the name of the Lord
blessed be your glorious name**

**₂Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me
when the world's all as it should be
blessed be your name**

**Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering
though there's pain in the offering
blessed be your name**





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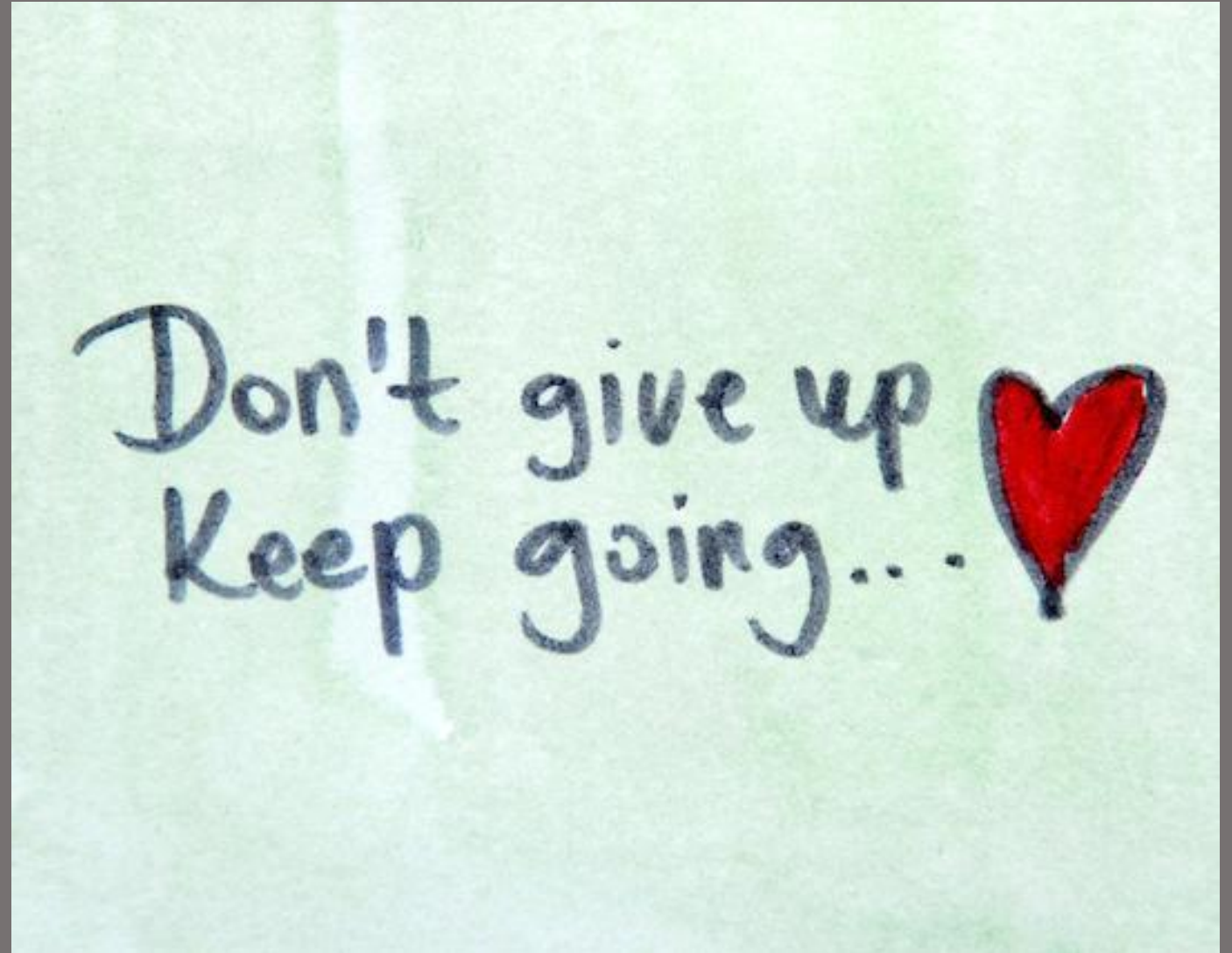
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(Bridge)

**You give and take away
you give and take away
my heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be your name**



Offertory
and
thankyou
prayer



Children's Talk - 'Don't give up!'



Prayer with the children

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us turn to the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, in the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of God's people, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you, cared for your world or respected your people as we should.

We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.

Amen

Words of Forgiveness

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us
and the Spirit renew and change our lives.

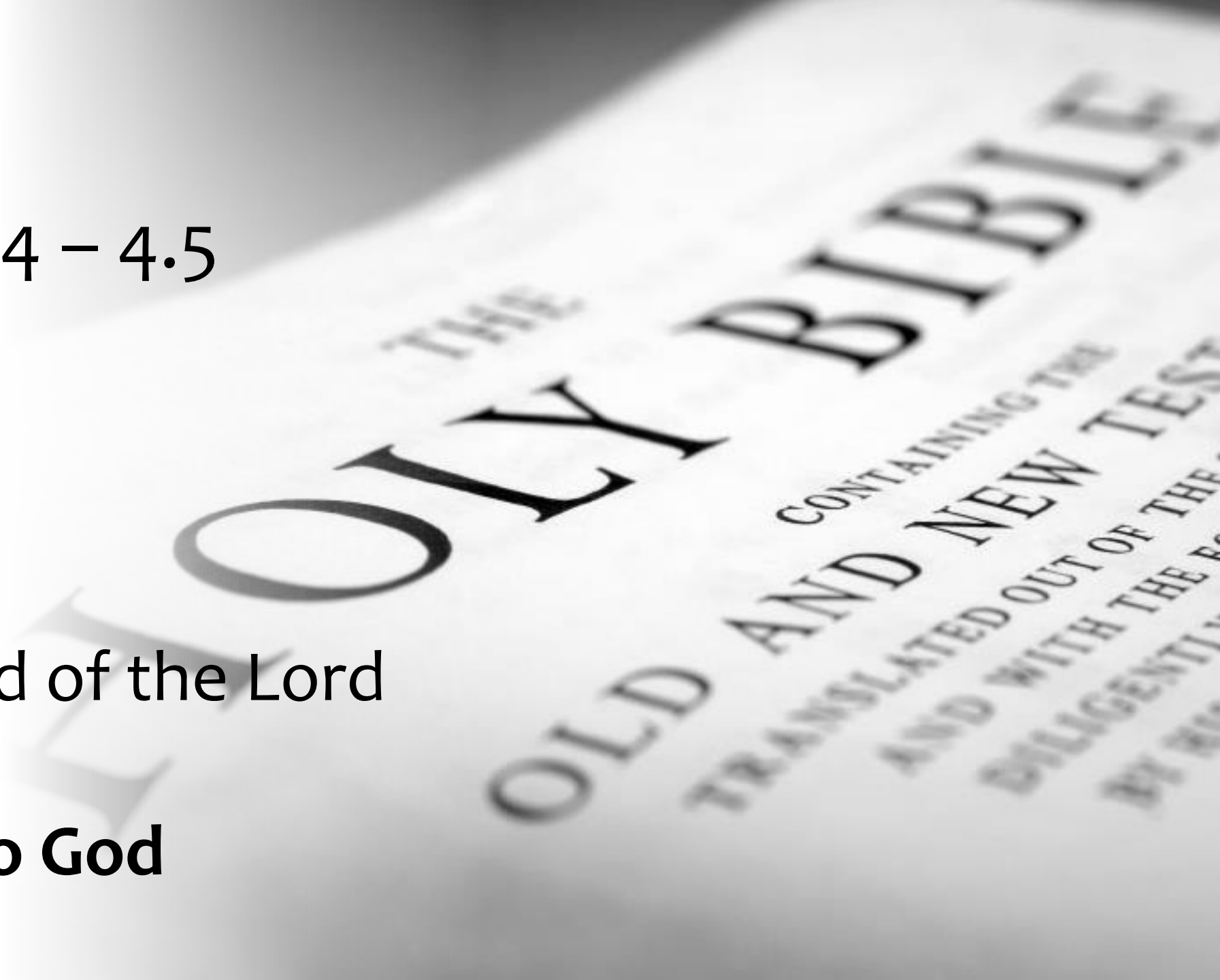
Amen



2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5

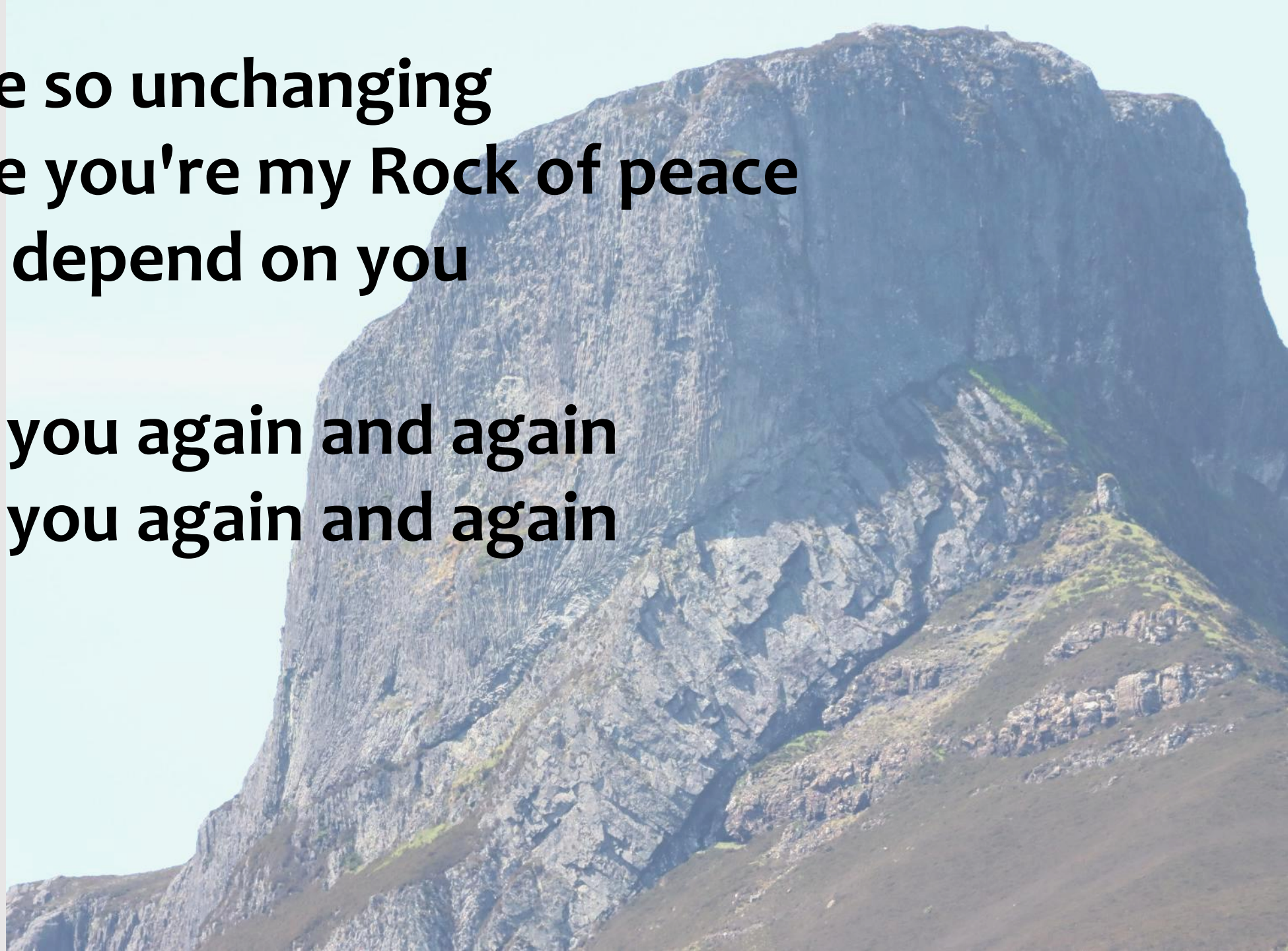
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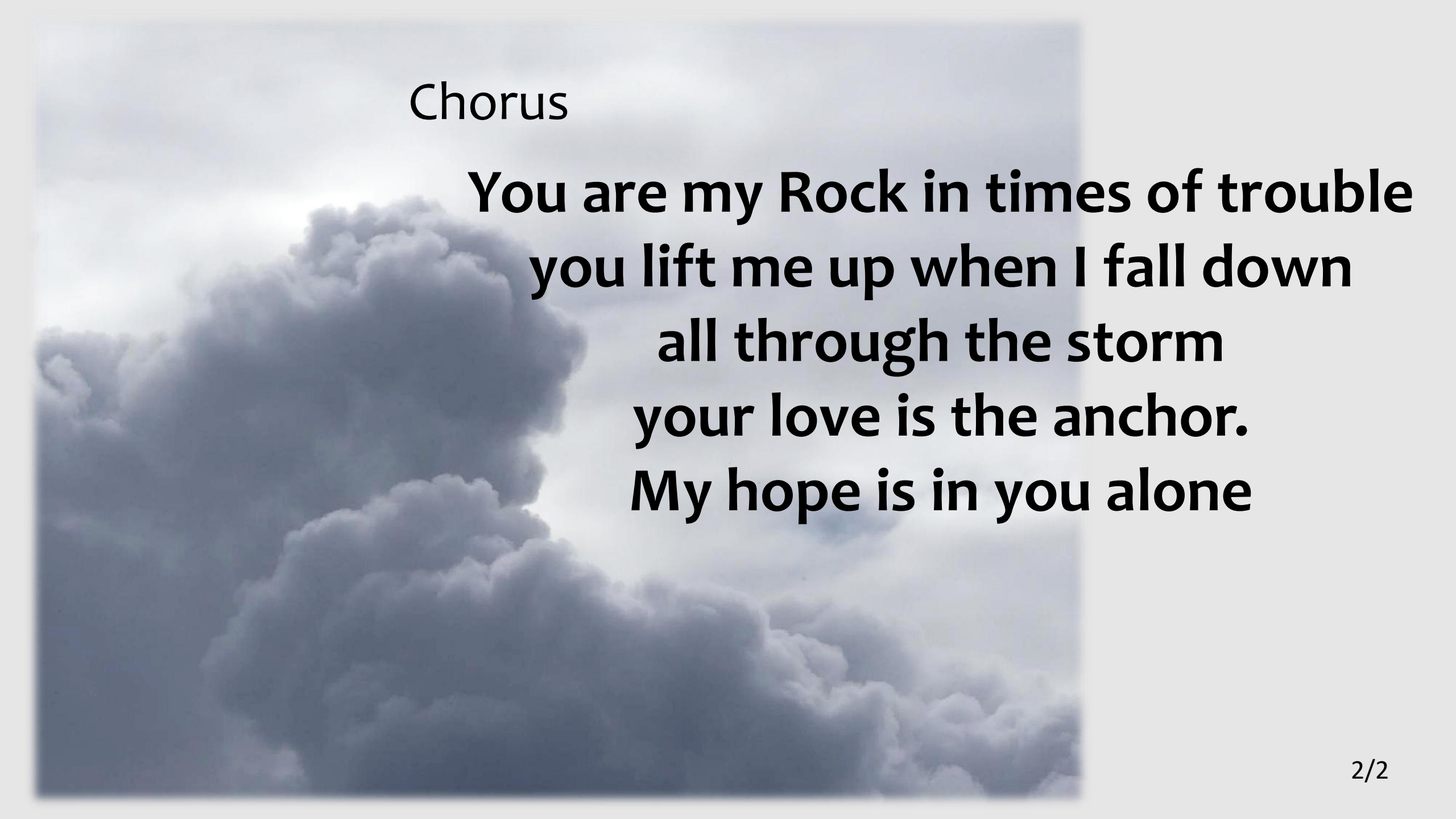
R: Thanks be to God



**Faithful One so unchanging
Ageless One you're my Rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you**

**I call out to you again and again
I call out to you again and again**



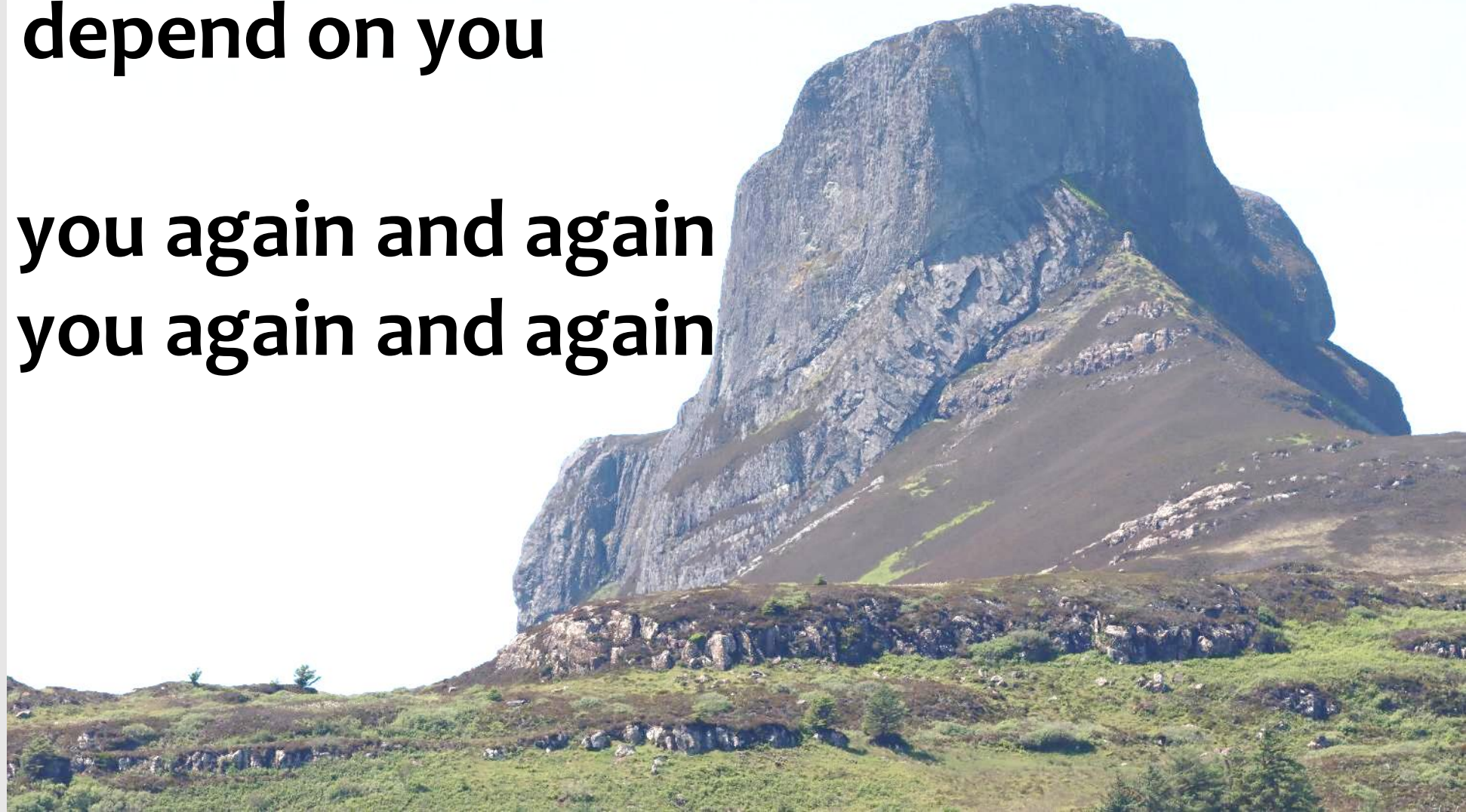


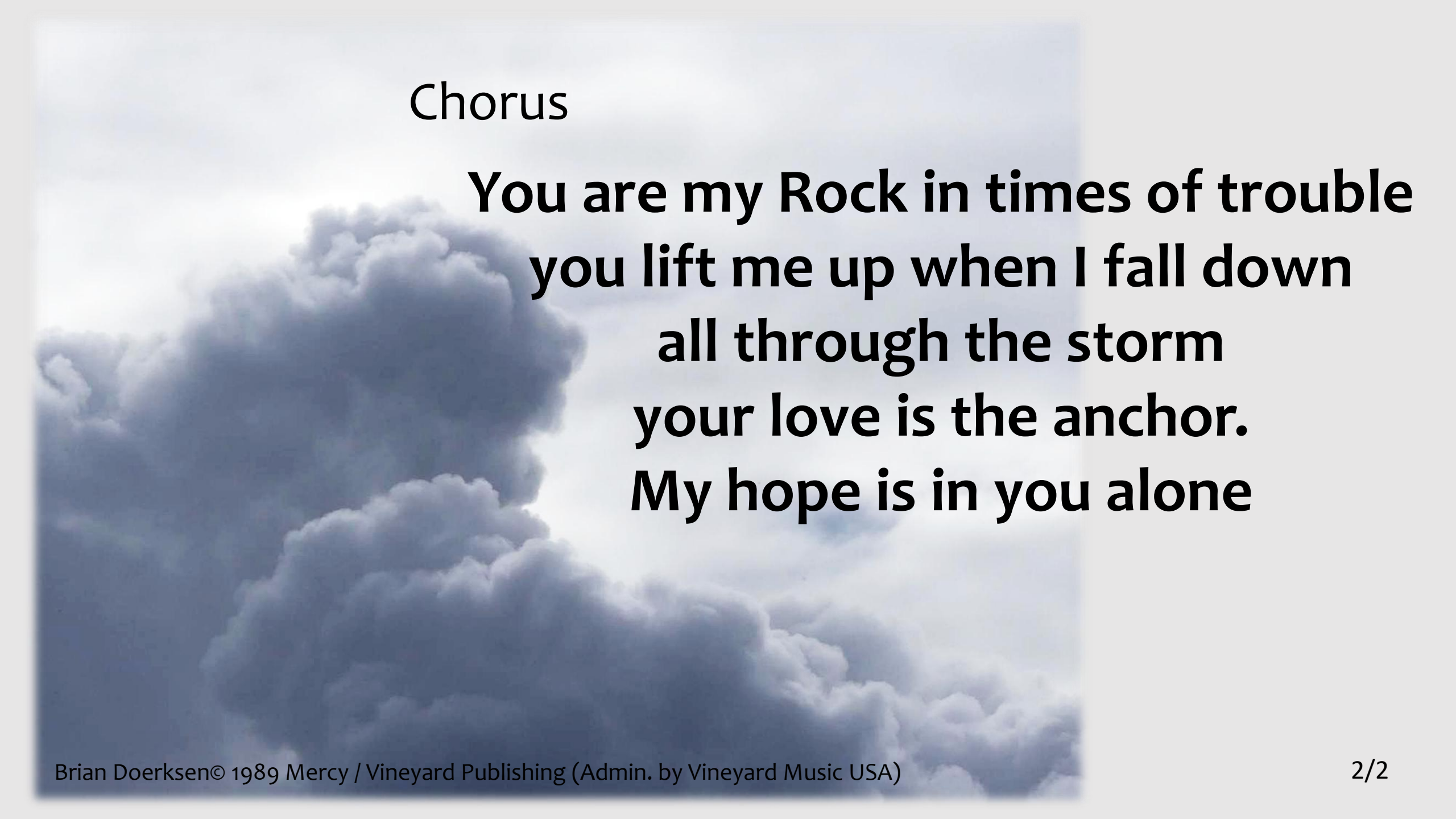
Chorus

**You are my Rock in times of trouble
you lift me up when I fall down
all through the storm
your love is the anchor.
My hope is in you alone**

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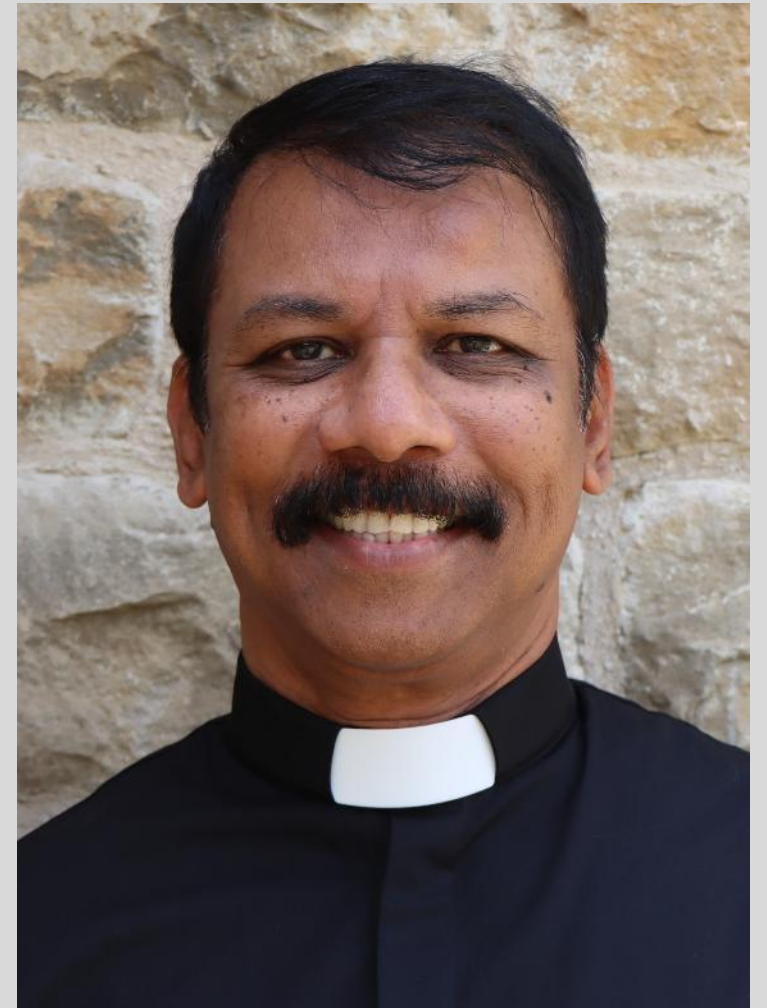
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Luke 18 : 1 - 8

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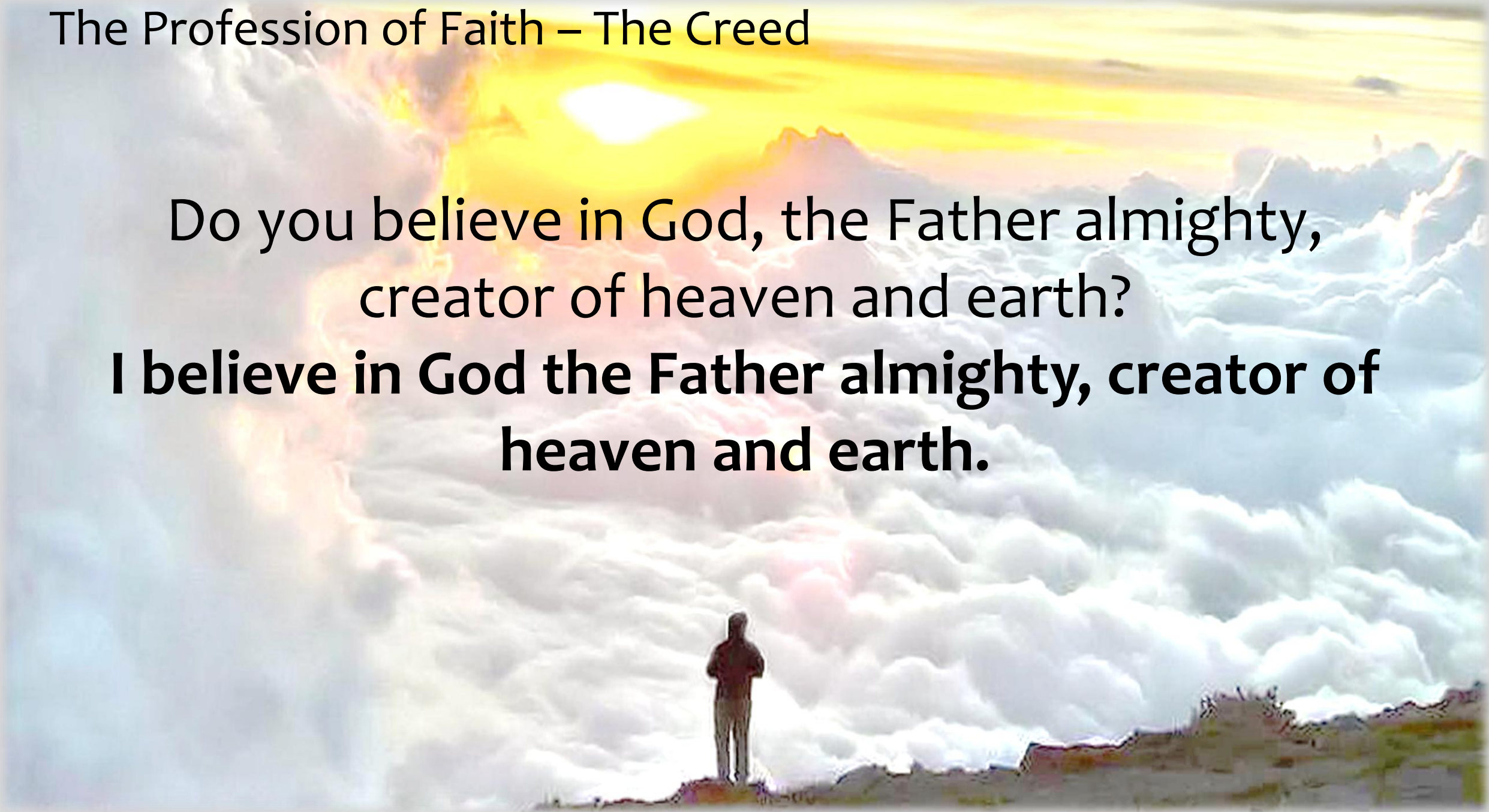


Sermon - 'Don't give up- keep praying
and keep learning!'

The Profession of Faith – The Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried
he descended to the dead,
on the third day he rose again
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.
Amen**





Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father-

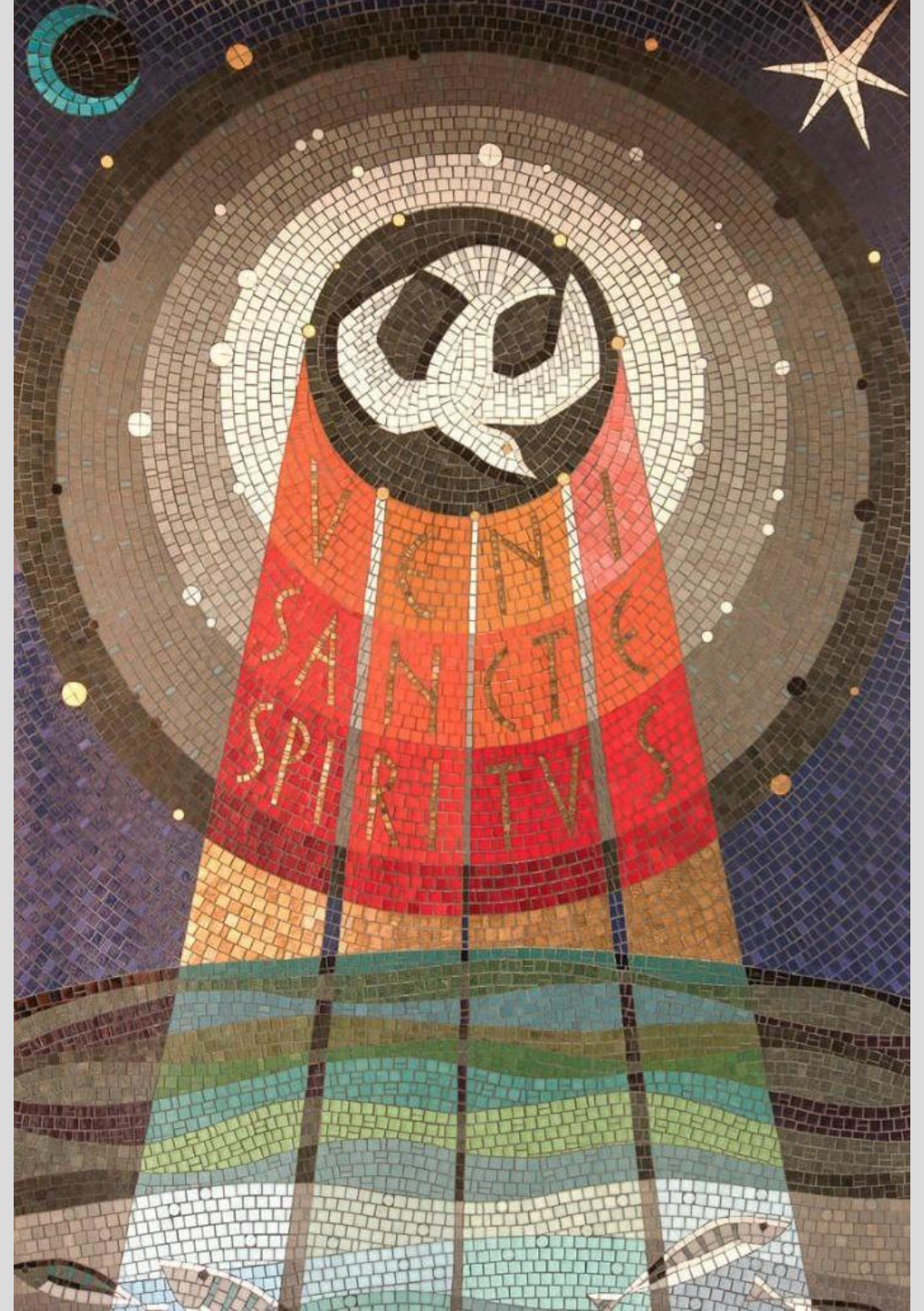
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

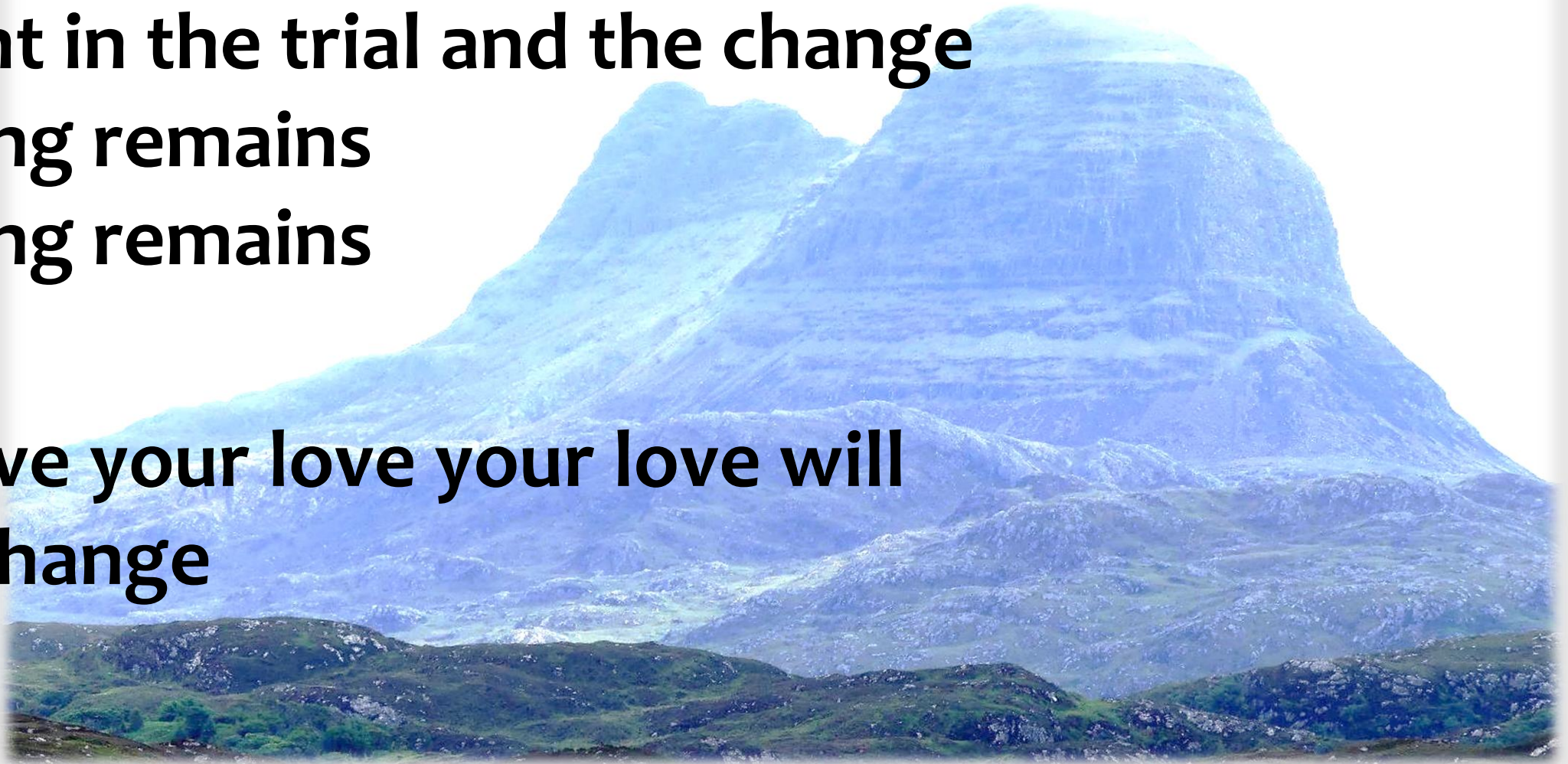
and also with you.



**Higher than the mountains that I face
stronger than the power of the grave
constant in the trial and the change
one thing remains
one thing remains**

Interlude

**Your love your love your love will
never change**





Chorus

**Your love never fails
it never gives up
never runs out on me**

(repeat)

**2 On and on and on and on it goes
it overwhelms and satisfies my soul
and I never ever have to be afraid
one thing remains
one thing remains**





Chorus

**Your love never fails
it never gives up
never runs out on me**

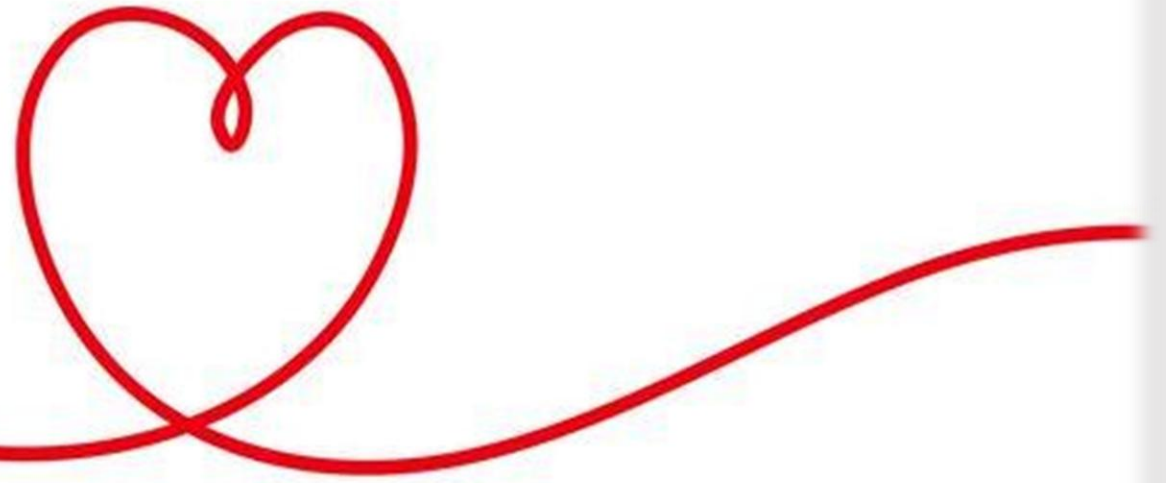
(repeat)

Bridge

**In death in life I'm confident and
cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
can separate my heart from Your great love**

Chorus

**Your love never fails
it never gives up
never runs out on me**



The Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise.



O God of mystery and promise,
you invite us to discover you in the intimate places
of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover
you within the complexities of our humanity.



You call us beyond ourselves
to places of imagination,
in the unending cycles of day and night,
seasons of life and death.



With all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.



Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us
the wonder and richness of our humanity.

We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing
touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity,
his flesh and blood with his friends.

As we do now what Jesus once did
let your Spirit move among us to settle on this
bread and this wine that they may become for us
the body and blood of Christ.



He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and said:



(together)

This is my body given for you.

Do this to remember me.

So too, after they had eaten, he took wine,
gave thanks for it and said:



(together)

**This is my blood, poured out in love for you.
Do this to remember me.**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Come now Spirit of God
and as we eat and drink these bodily things,
make us one body, food for the world,
one blood to be poured out for the life of all.
Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us
with longing for the new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus
who gave his body
that we might be one
and his blood that
we might find new life.

Amen



As Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



Together we say:

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

This is the table, not of the church, but of our Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come you who have much faith and you who have little.

With faith the
size of a...

NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE.



Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want to know him
should meet him here.





Gathered Around the Table

[fed] + [forgiven]

Receiving the bread and wine

**Lord you have my heart
and I will search for yours
Jesus take my life and lead me on
Lord you have my heart
and I will search for yours
let me be to you a sacrifice.**



Chorus

**And I will praise you Lord
and I will sing of love come down
and as you show your face
we'll see your glory here.**

Martin Smith



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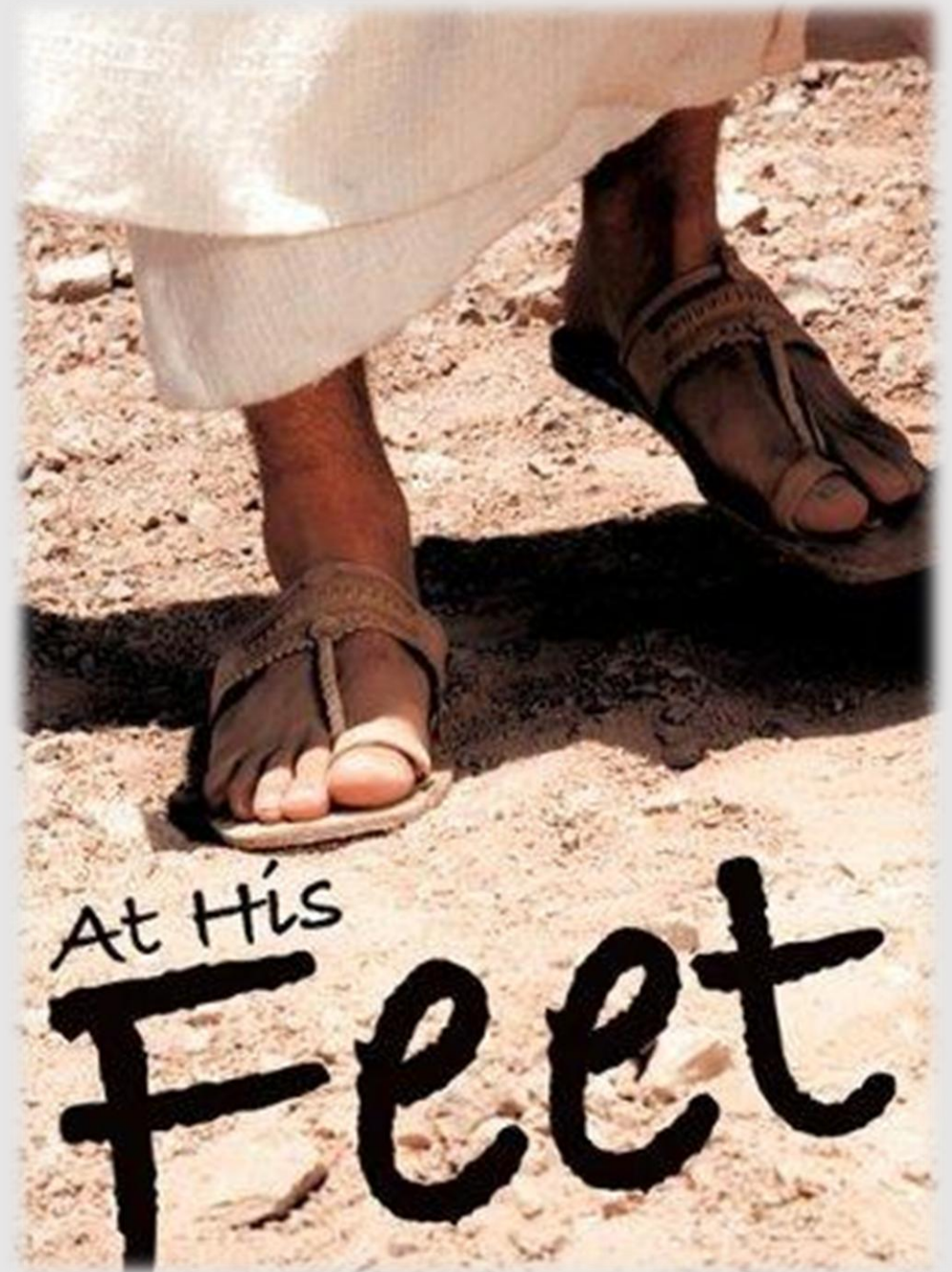
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**Your grace is enough
more than I need.
At your word I will believe
I wait for you
draw near again
let your Spirit make me new.**

**And I will fall at Your feet
I will fall at Your feet
and I will worship You here.**



**Your Presence in me
Jesus light the way.
By the power of your word
I am restored
I am redeemed
by your Spirit I am free.**

**And I will fall at your feet
I will fall at your feet
and I will worship you here.**



**Freely you gave it all for us
surrendered your life upon that cross.
Great is the love
poured out for all
this is our God
lifted on high from death to life
forever our God is glorified.
Servant and King
rescued the world
this is our God.**



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After communion:

Let us pray

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have
put your life into our hands
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past
what we shall be through you,
still awaits us.**

Lead us on. Take us with you.



Amen.

Now may the Spirit of God who brooded over the
waters and brought order out of chaos



find a home in our hearts and settle our minds
as we continue today and that tomorrow we may
wake and live to God's glory. **Amen.**

Family News

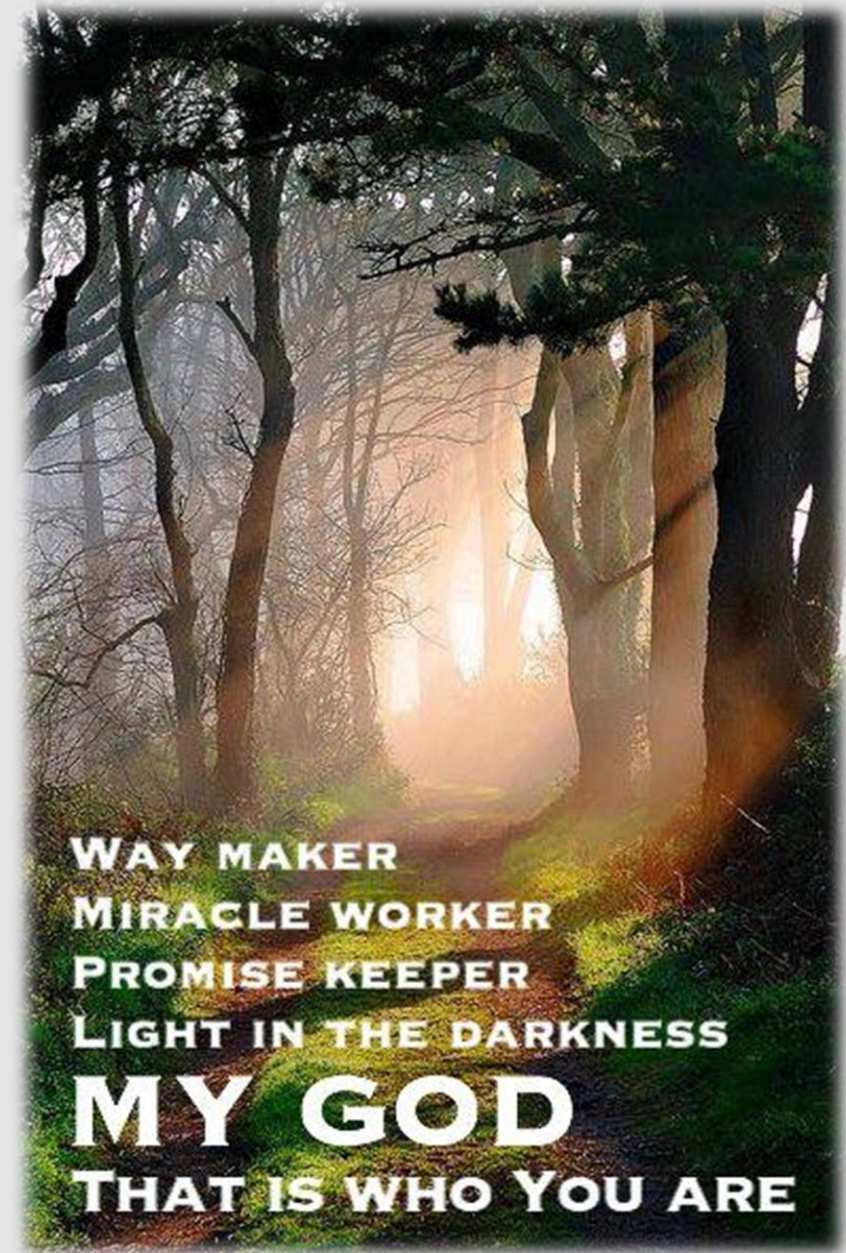
What is going on?



¹You are here moving in our midst
I worship you I worship you
you are here working in this place
I worship you I worship you

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
my God that is who you are



² You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship you I worship you
you are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship you I worship you

Chorus

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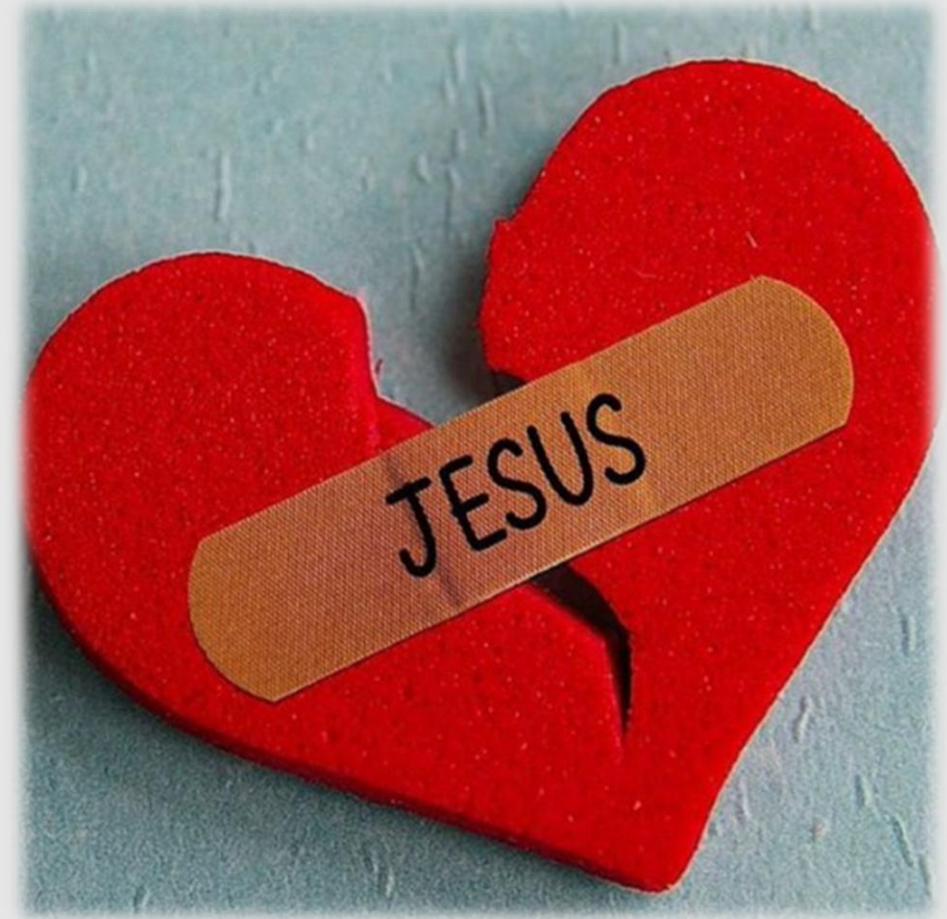


³ You are here turning lives around
I worship you I worship you
you are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship you I worship you Lord

Chorus

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Miracle Worker
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**That is who you are
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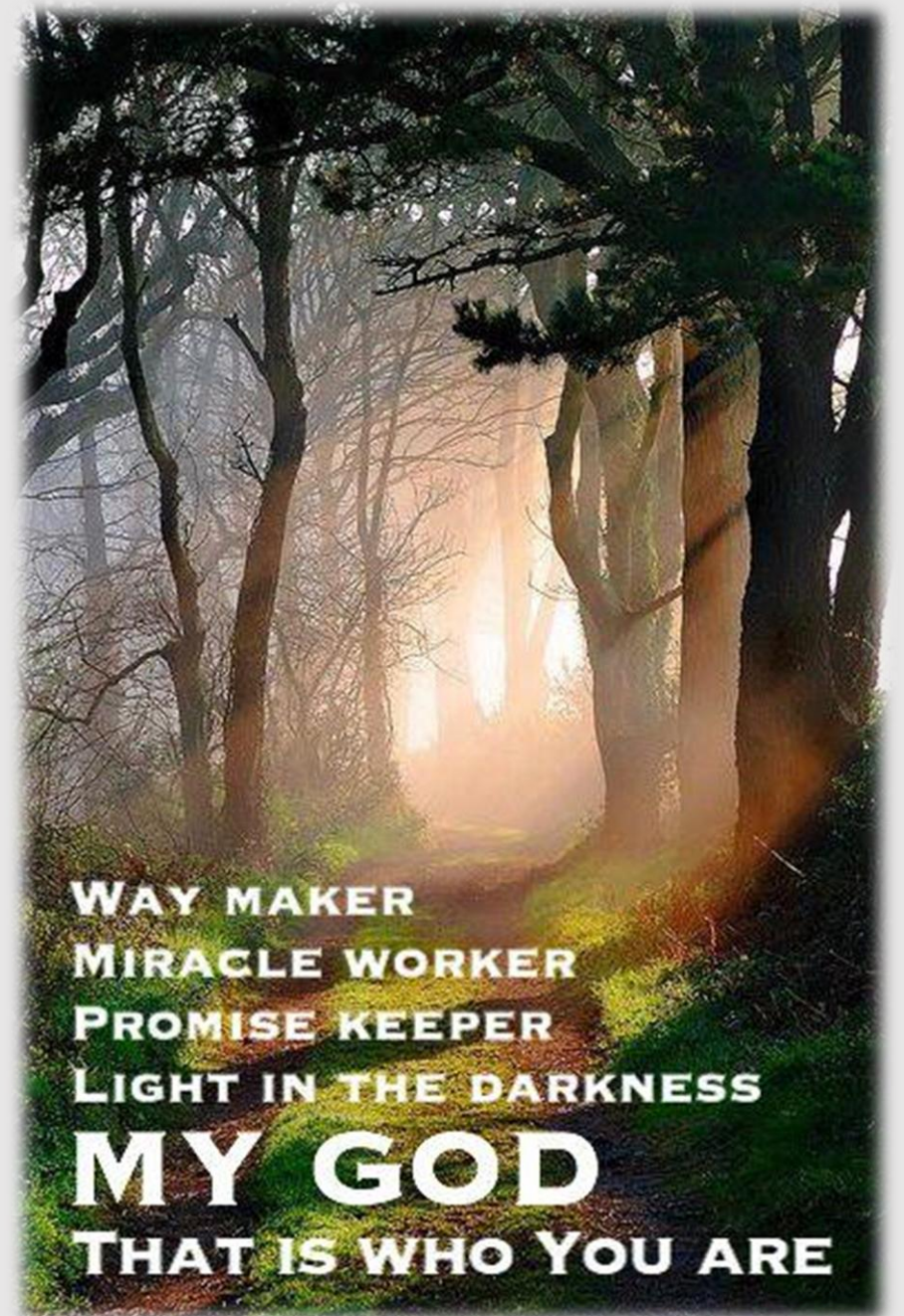
Bridge

**Even when I don't see it you're working
even when I don't feel it you're working
you never stop you never stop working
you never stop you never stop working**



Chorus

**(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
my God that is who you are**



Go out into the world in peace, have courage
hold on to what is good,
return no one evil for evil
strengthen the faint hearted,
support the weak, help the suffering,
honour everyone, love and serve God
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

The Blessing

With the risen life
of Christ within you,
go in the peace of
Christ.

Thanks be to God.

