

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Christ Church with St Mary's**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**Theme: Do not worry!**

We say together the words in **bold**

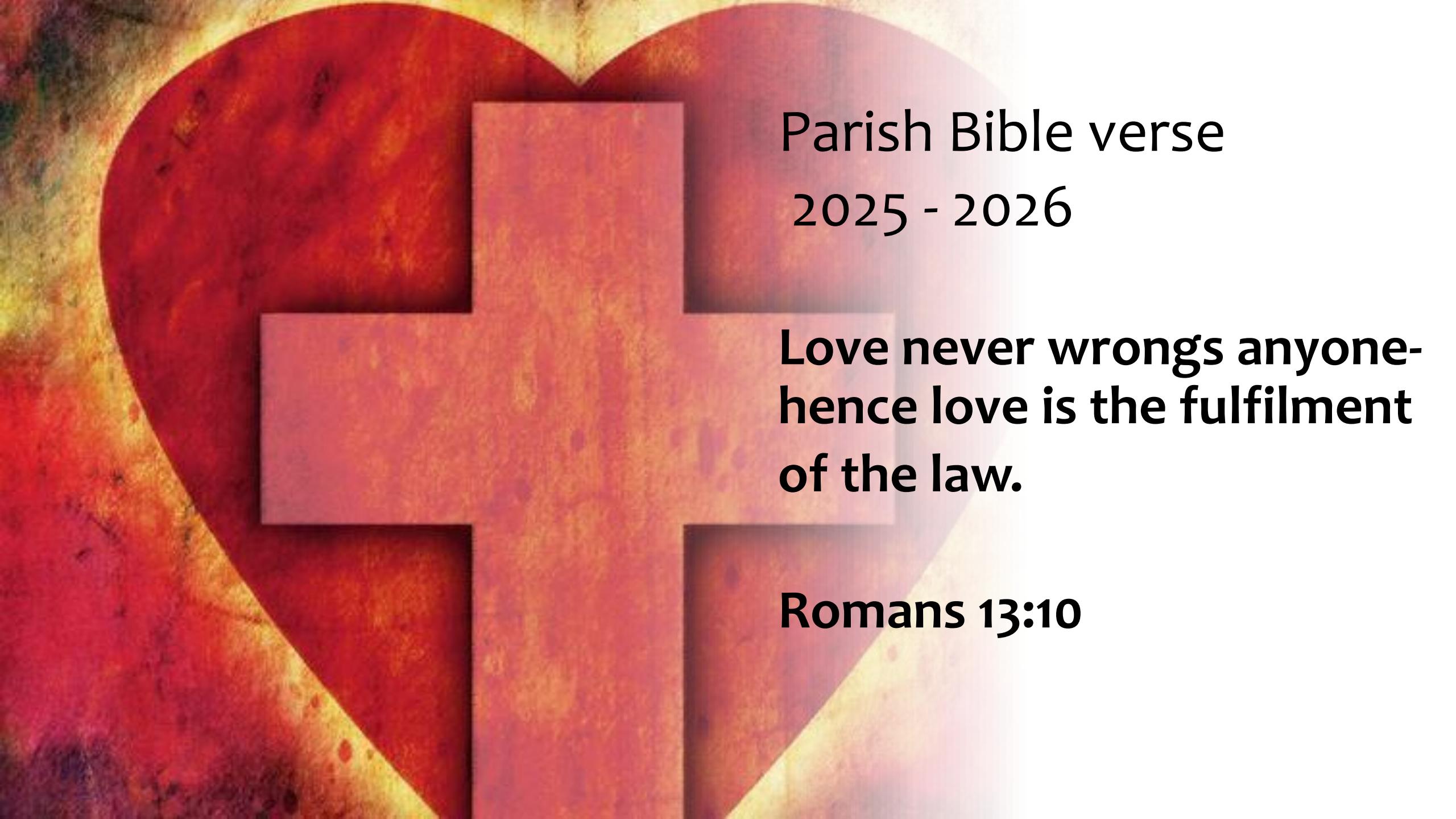


Lilies of the field and birds of the air.



## Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you      and also with you



Parish Bible verse  
2025 - 2026

**Love never wrongs anyone-  
hence love is the fulfilment  
of the law.**

**Romans 13:10**

## A Prayer for Growth

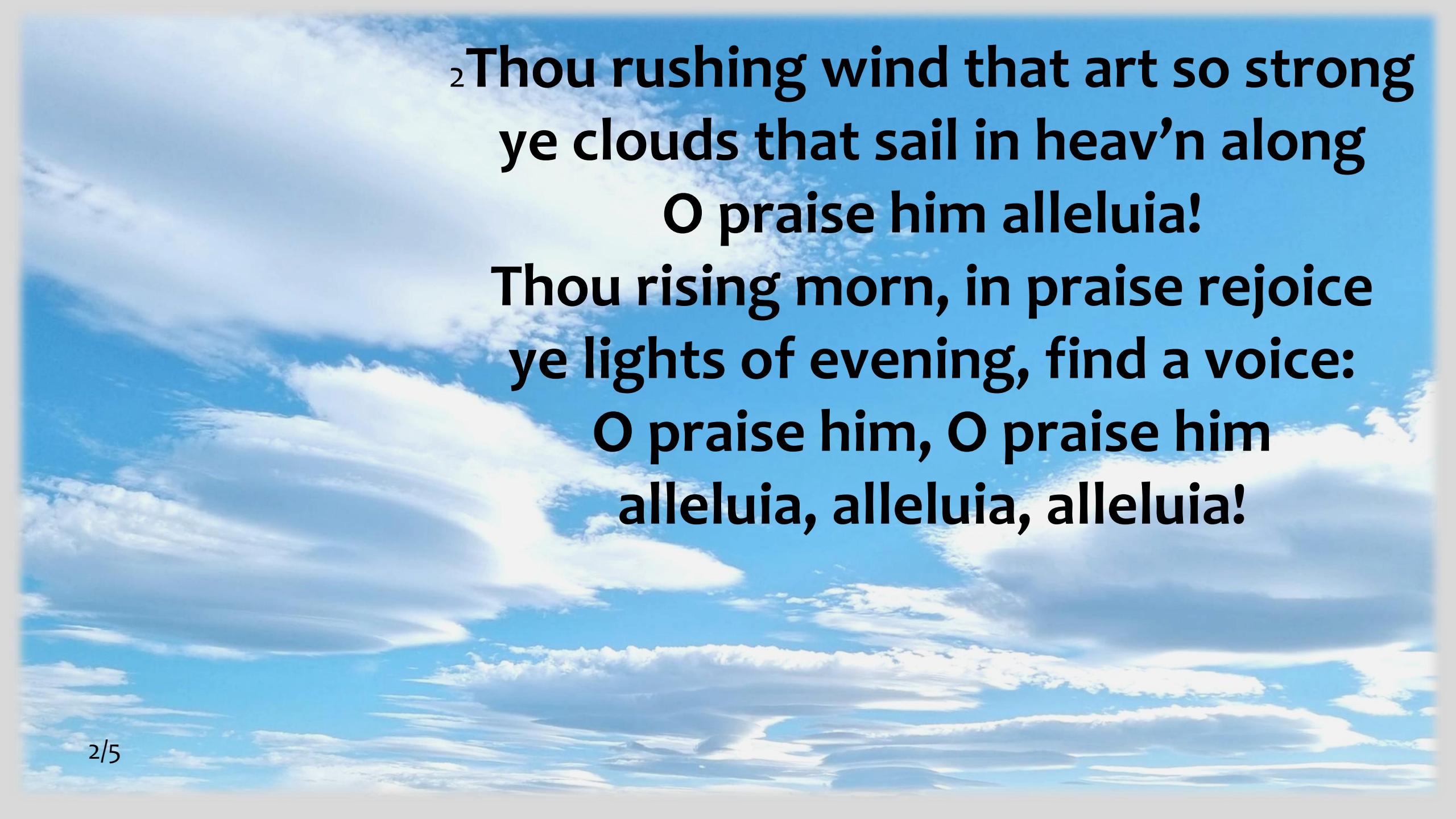
**God of mission  
who alone brings growth to your church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning  
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.  
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers  
in spiritual commitment to you  
and in service to our Swindon community  
through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

**Amen**



**1All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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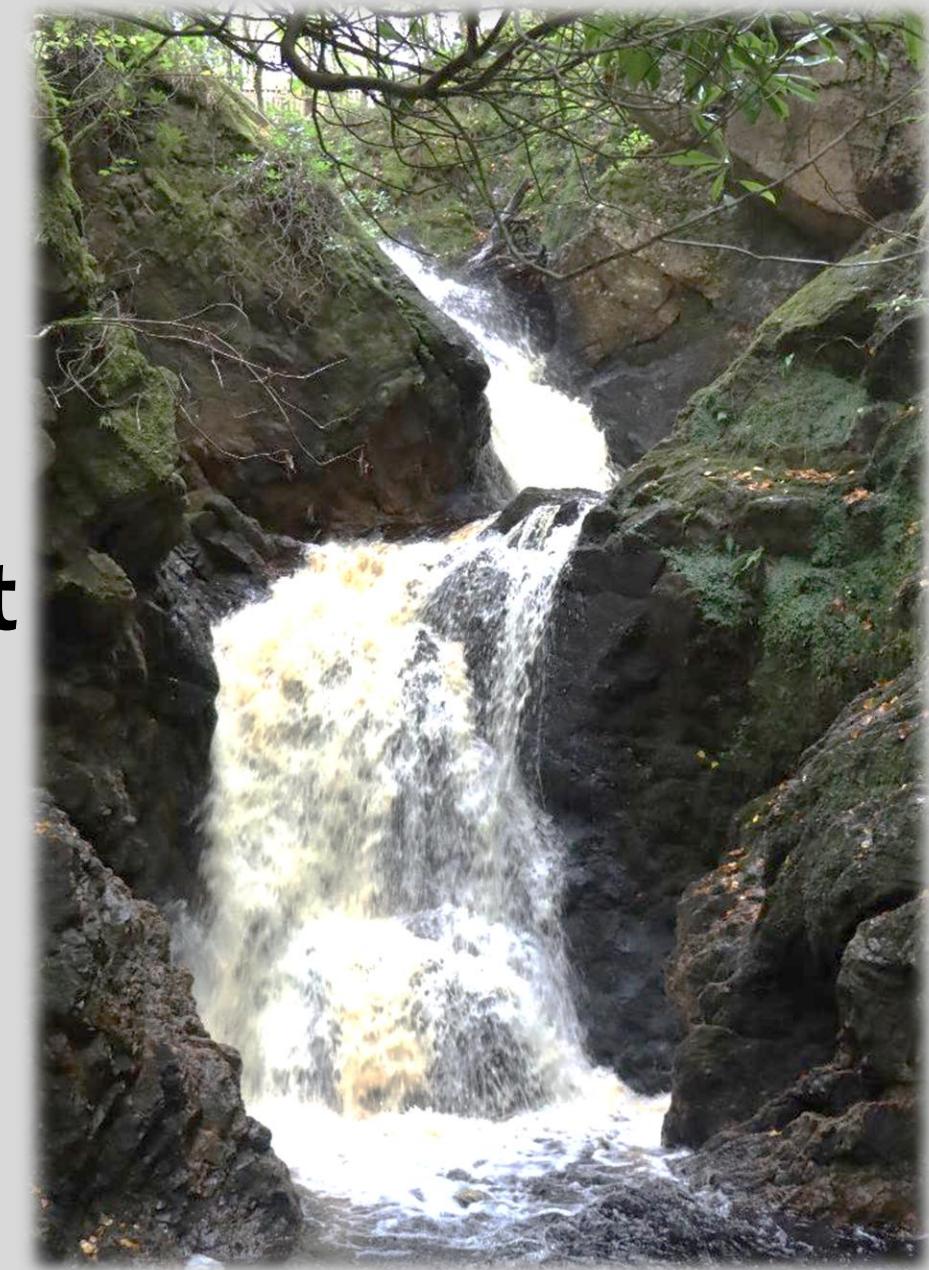
<sup>2</sup>Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along

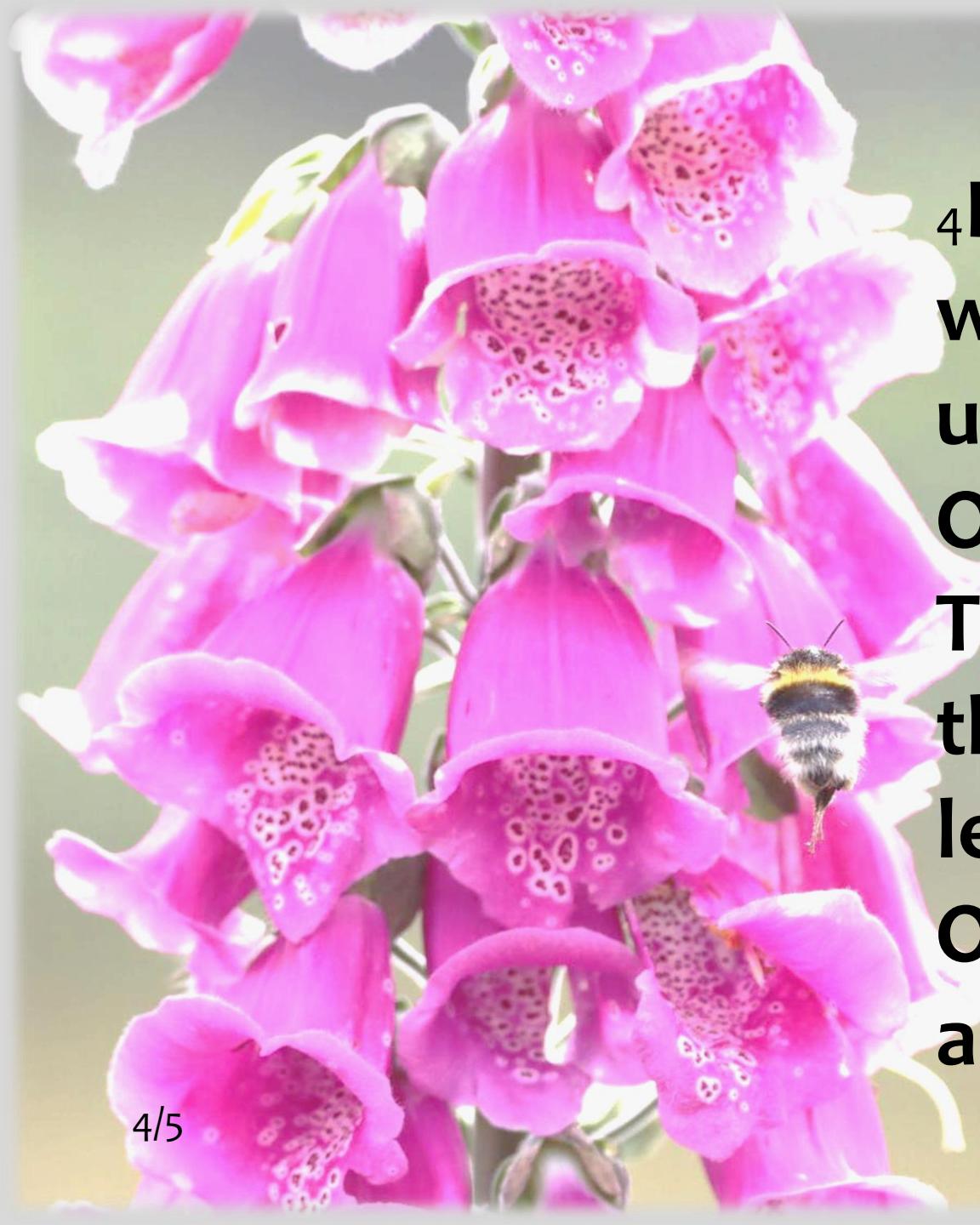
O praise him alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him, O praise him  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

<sup>3</sup>Thou flowing water  
pure and clear  
make music for thy Lord to hear  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
that givest us both  
warmth and light:  
O praise him, O praise him  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!





<sup>4</sup>Dear mother earth,  
who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way  
O praise him, allelulia!  
The flow'rs and fruits  
that in thee grow  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him  
allelulia, allelulia, allelulia!

<sup>7</sup>Let all things their Creator bless  
and worship him in humbleness  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son  
and praise the Spirit,  
Three in One!  
O praise him, O praise him!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!





Offertory  
and  
thank you prayer



Children's Talk – 'Do not worry...'



Do not worry





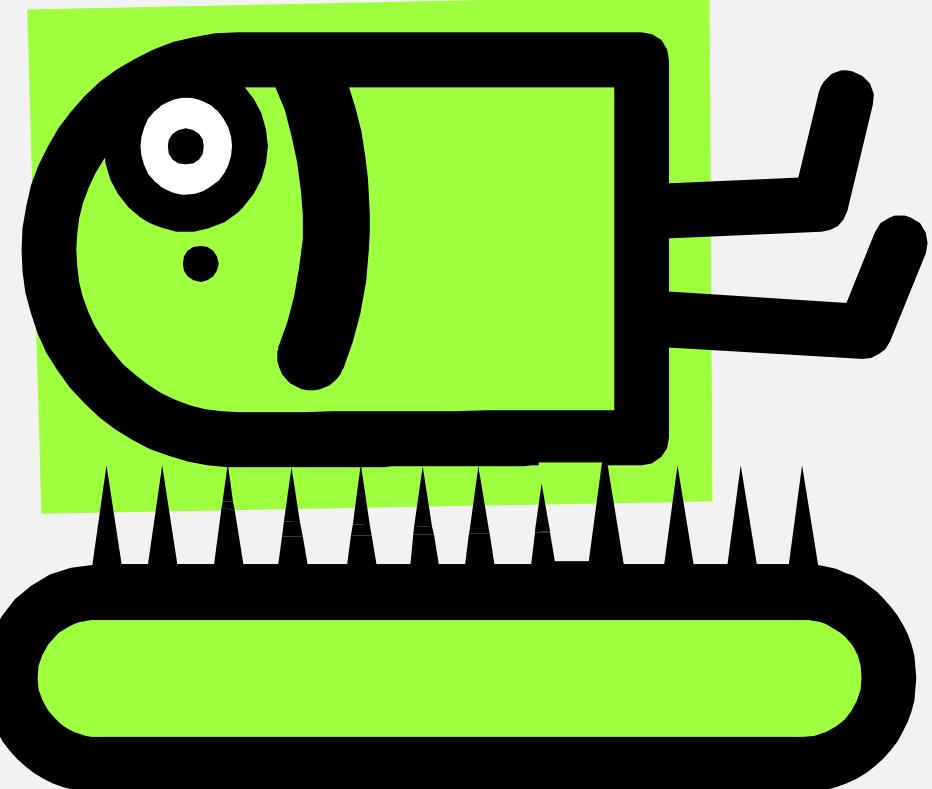


# Worry is: Pointless

‘Who of you by worrying  
can make your lives longer?’

Can worry make things better?

Do your best and trust God.



Worry is: **Needless**



God provides for the creation

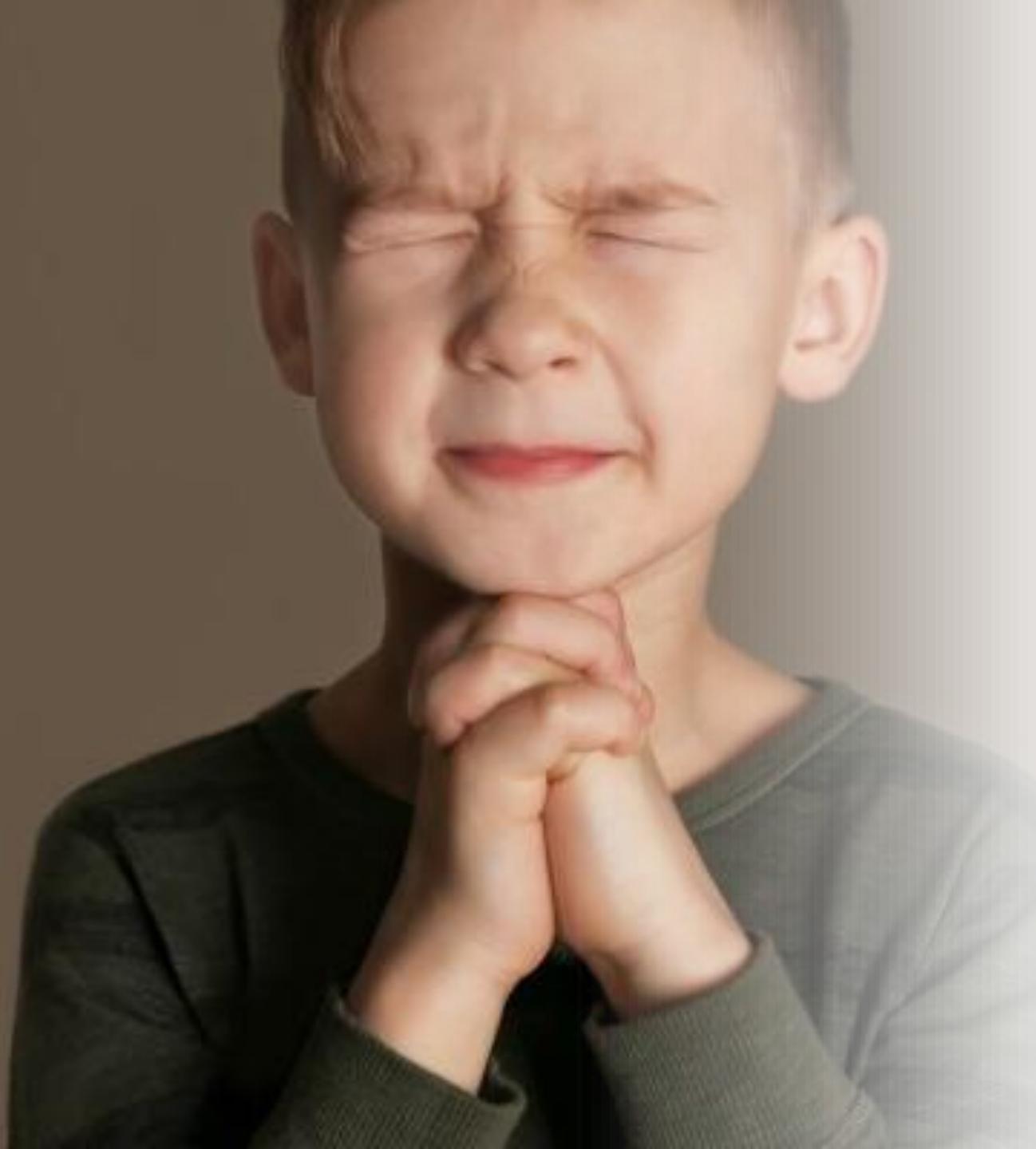
# Worry is: Faithless

Trust God, seek his Kingdom  
and all you need will be  
given to you as well



# So.....

- Do what you can to prepare and trust God
- Remember that worry doesn't help
- Trust that God will provide your needs
- Seek his Kingdom first



Prayer  
with the  
children

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.

## Prayer of Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this  
'Hear O Israel the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind  
and with all your strength'.



The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang  
all the law and the prophets.



**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life.



Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been  
help us to amend what we are and direct  
what we shall be; that we may do justly  
love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

Amen.

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son and  
strengthen us to live in  
the power of the Spirit  
in all our days.

**Amen**

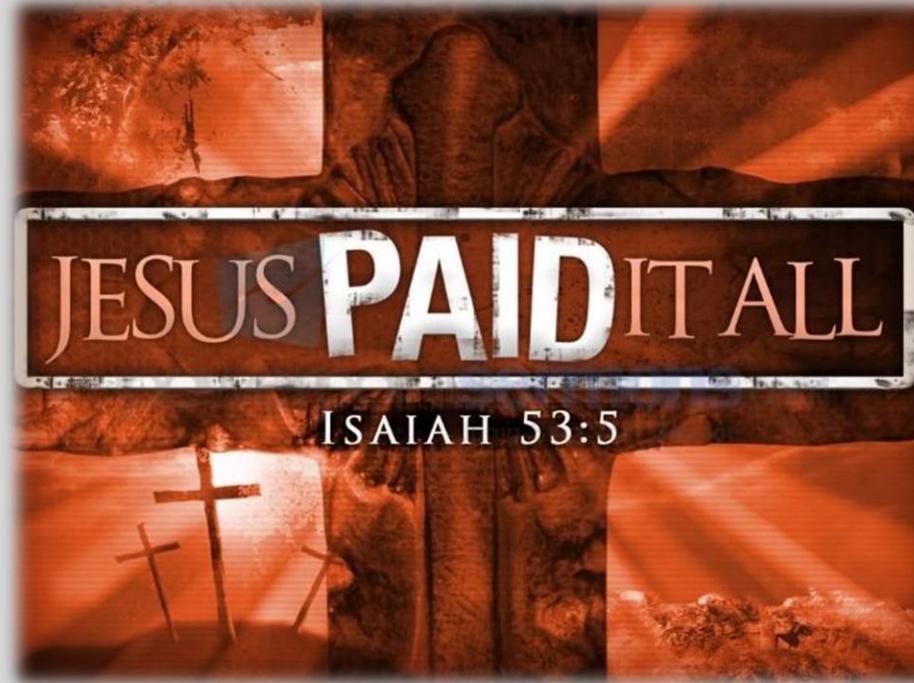


Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.

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

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror  
your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

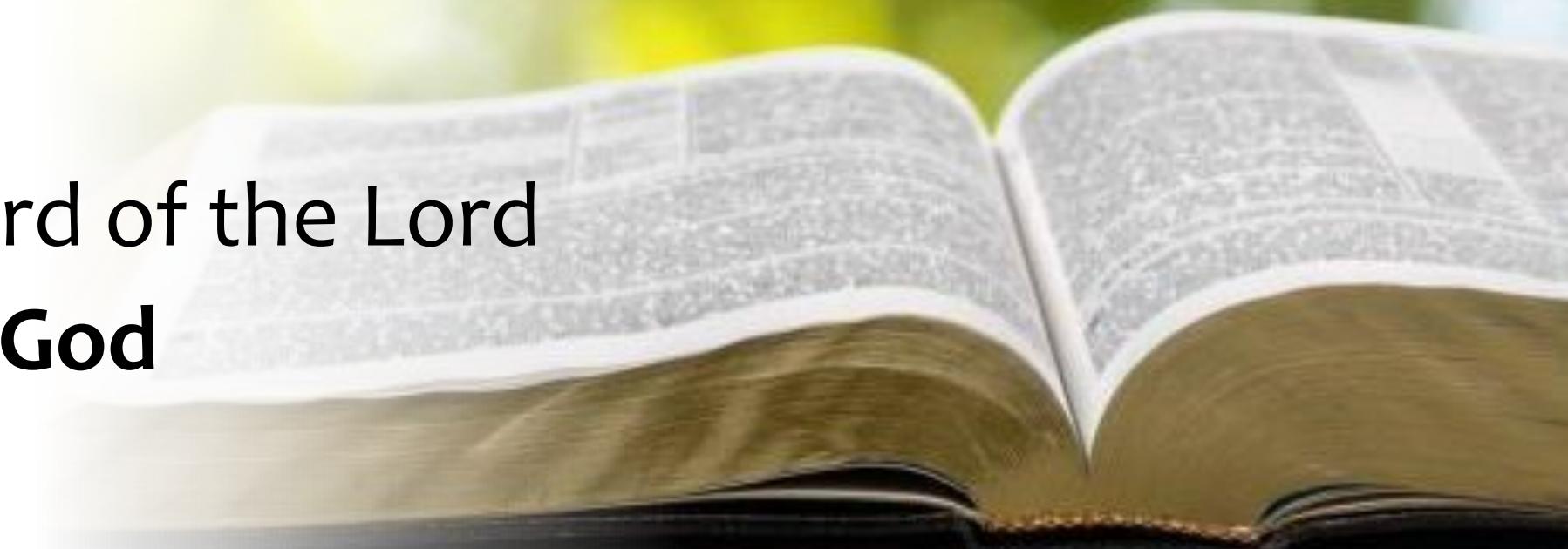
**Genesis 1 : 1 – 2 : 3**

**This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**



Romans 8 : 18 - 25

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God



**<sup>1</sup>Let us, with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
*for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

**<sup>2</sup>Let us blaze his name abroad  
for of gods he is the God:  
*for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***



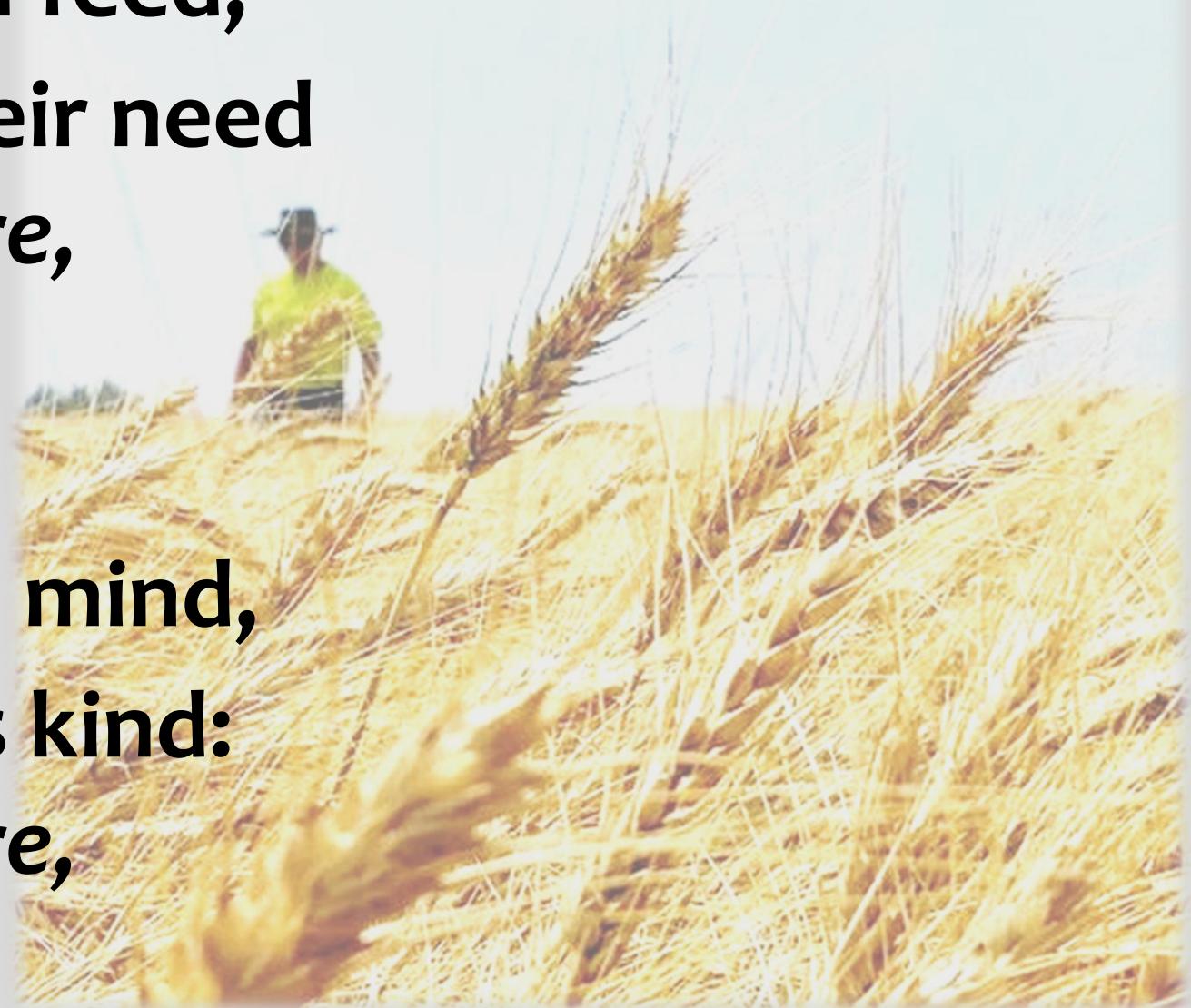
<sup>3</sup>He with all commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light  
*for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

<sup>4</sup>He the golden-tressed sun  
caused all day his course to run  
*for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

<sup>5</sup>And the moon to shine at night  
‘mid her starry sisters bright  
for his mercies aye endure  
*ever faithful, ever sure.*

*6All things living he doth feed,  
his full hand supplies their need  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

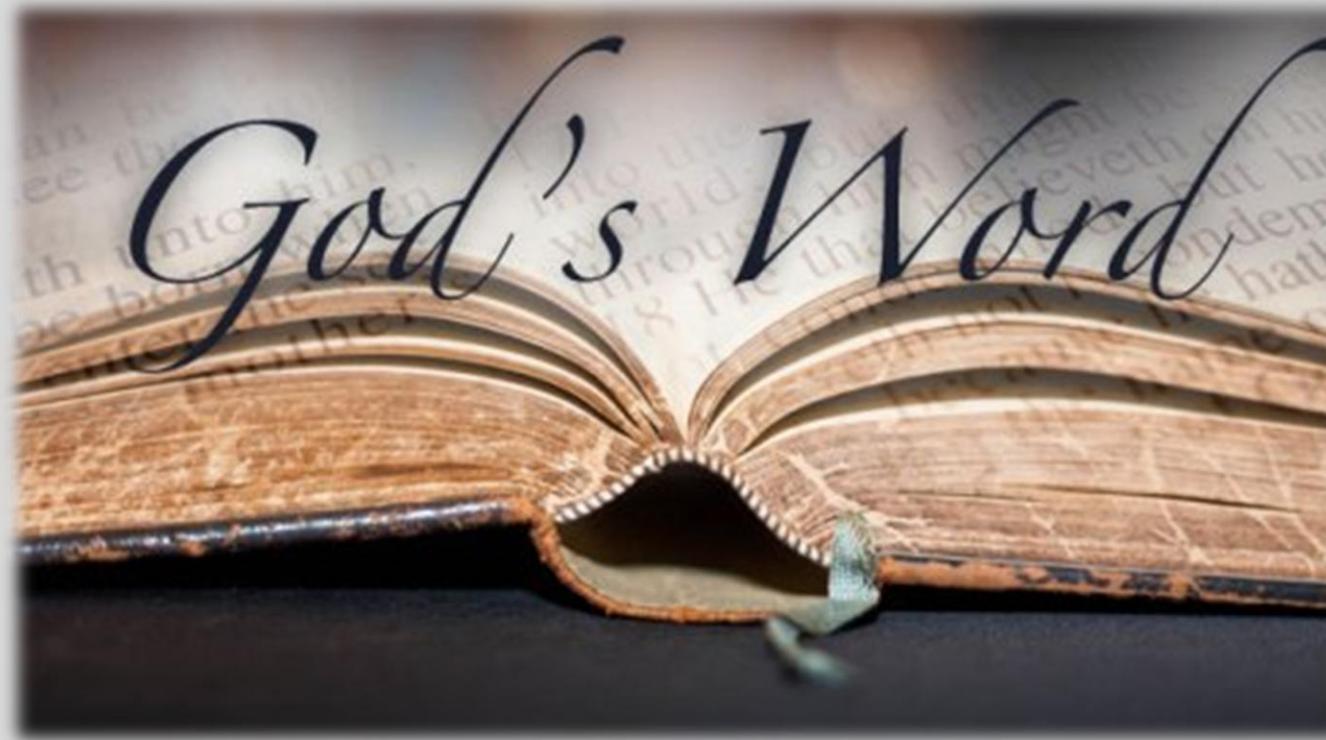
*7Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*



Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures forever.

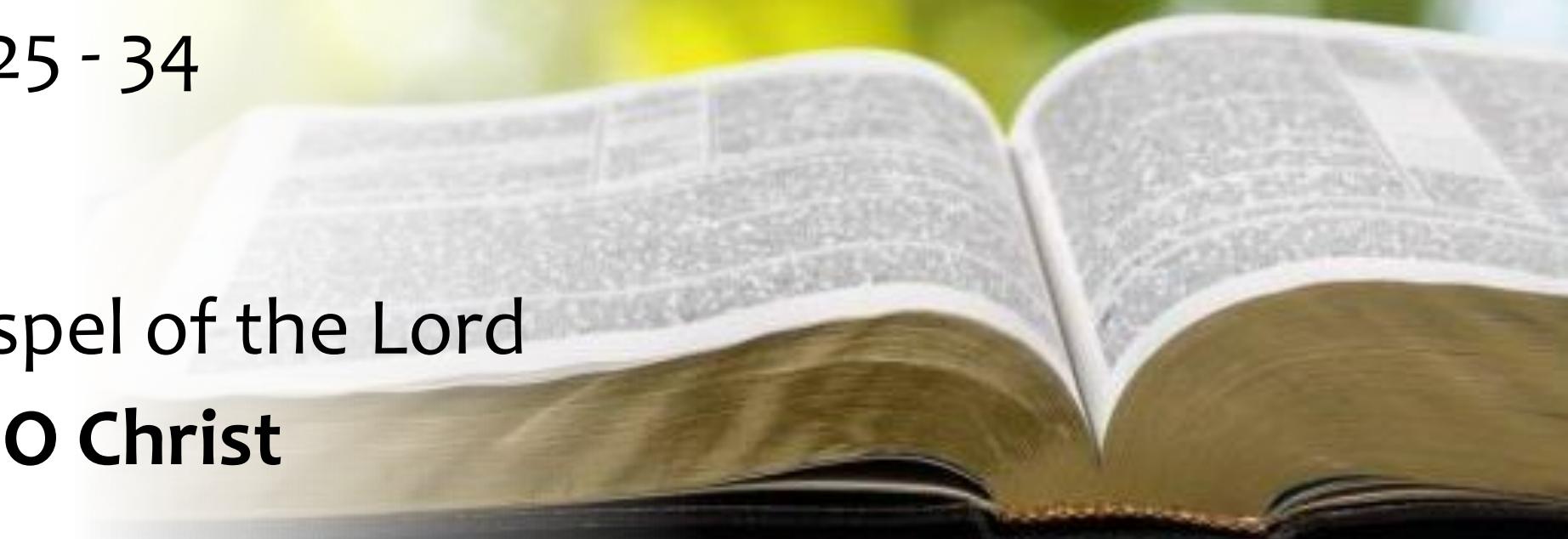
The word of the Lord  
is the good news announced to you.



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

Matthew 6 v 25 - 34

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





*Do not worry*  
about tomorrow.

Matthew 6:33-34



Sermon – ‘Do not worry’

## The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?



**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**



Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**



This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith. We believe and trust  
in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen**

# Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father

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

Amen





**The Peace**

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name  
and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you

**and also with you.**

<sup>1</sup>O Christ the same, through all our story's pages  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears  
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages  
unchanging still, amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

<sup>2</sup>Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

<sup>3</sup>O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows  
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

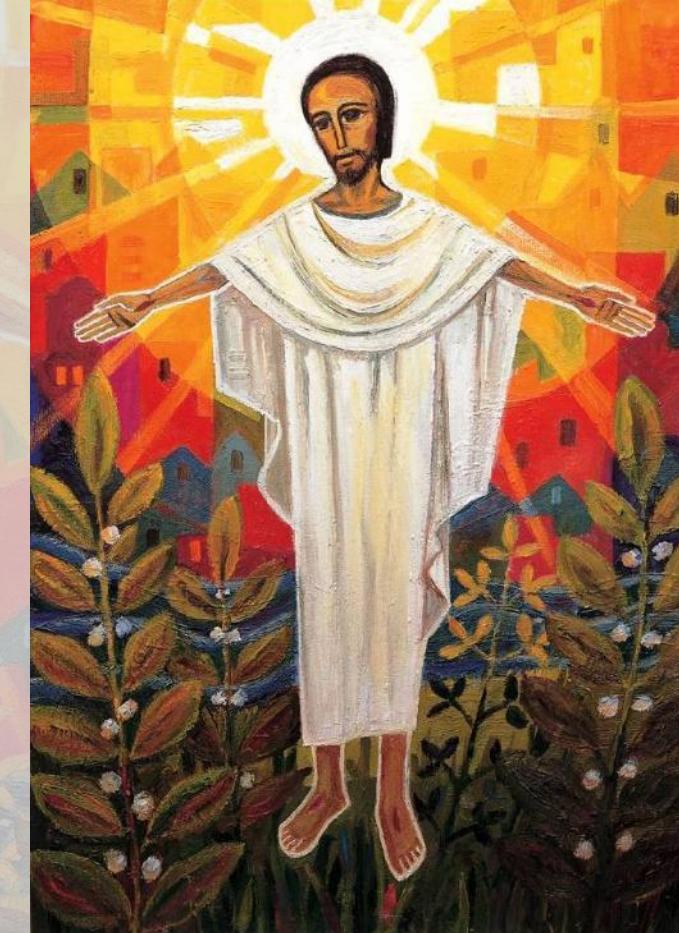
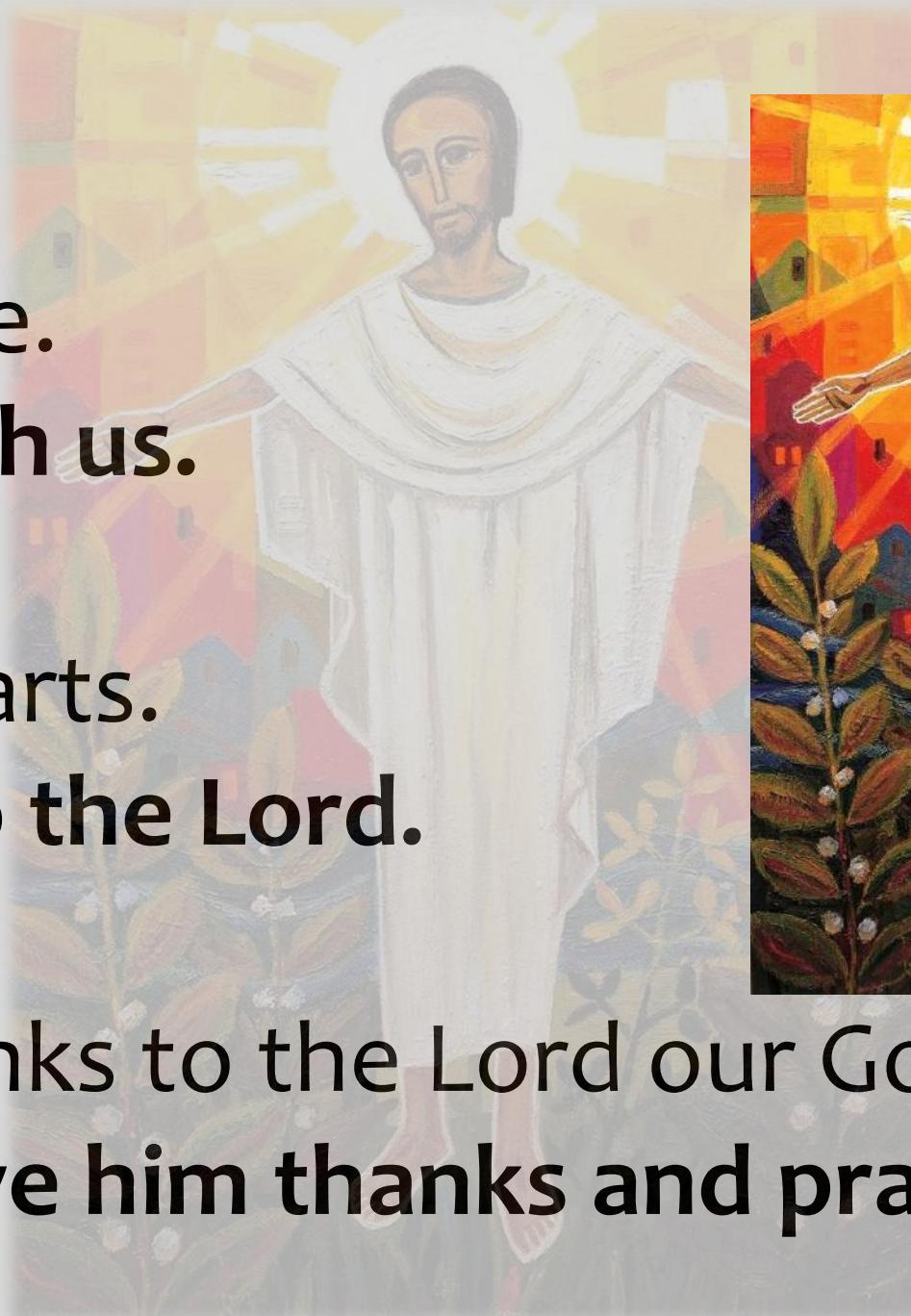
Be present, be present  
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen High Priest  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen**



**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 him thanks and praise.**

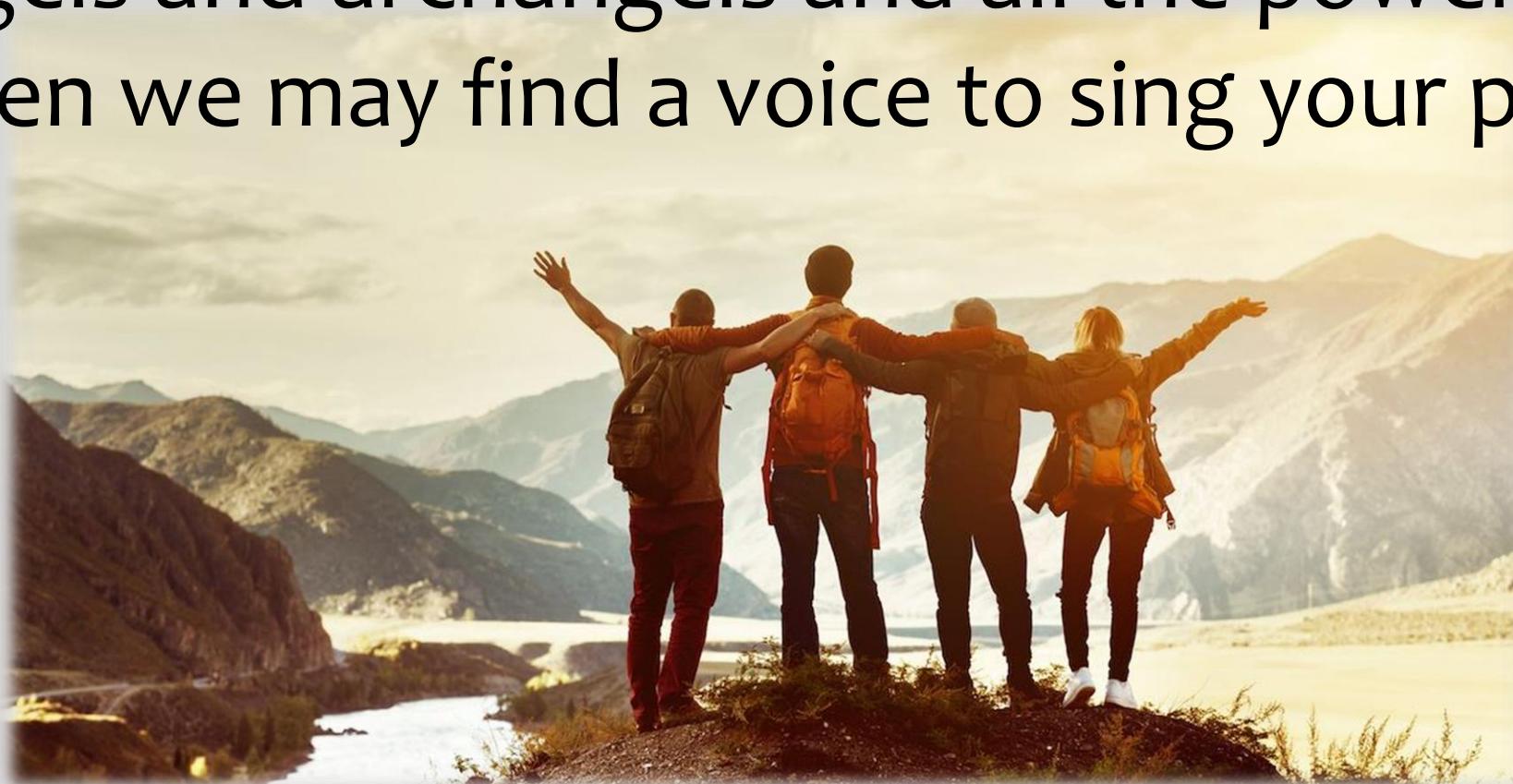


Blessed are you, Lord God  
our light and our salvation  
to you be glory and praise for ever.



From the beginning you have created  
all things and all your works echo  
the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in  
your image, the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with  
angels and archangels and all the powers of  
heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:





**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.**



How wonderful the work of your hands O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and  
rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners and  
with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.



On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends and  
taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said:  
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.

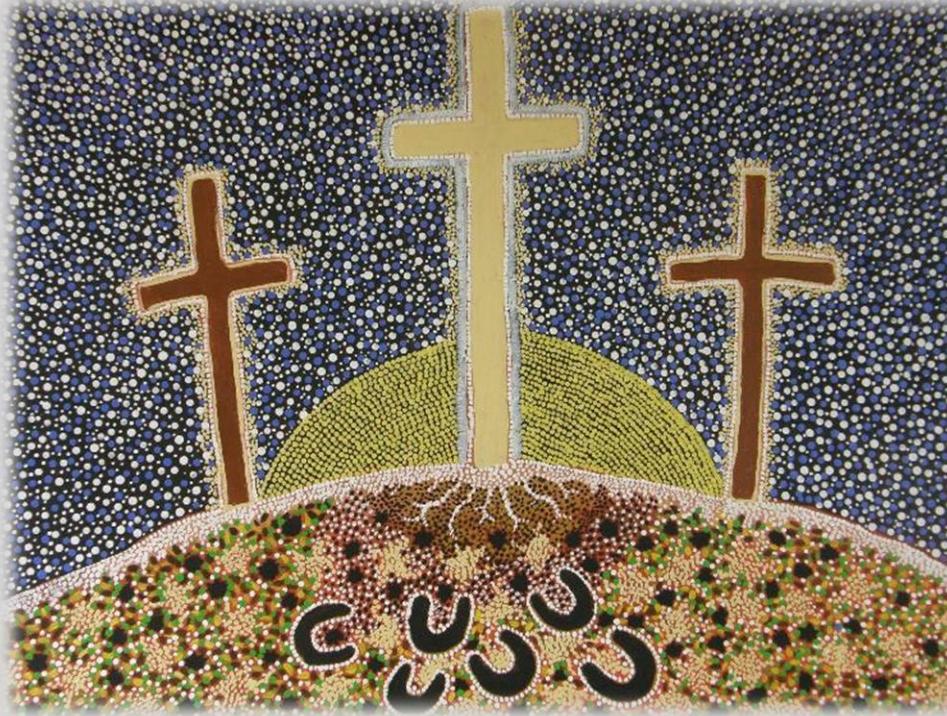


# Christ is the bread of life

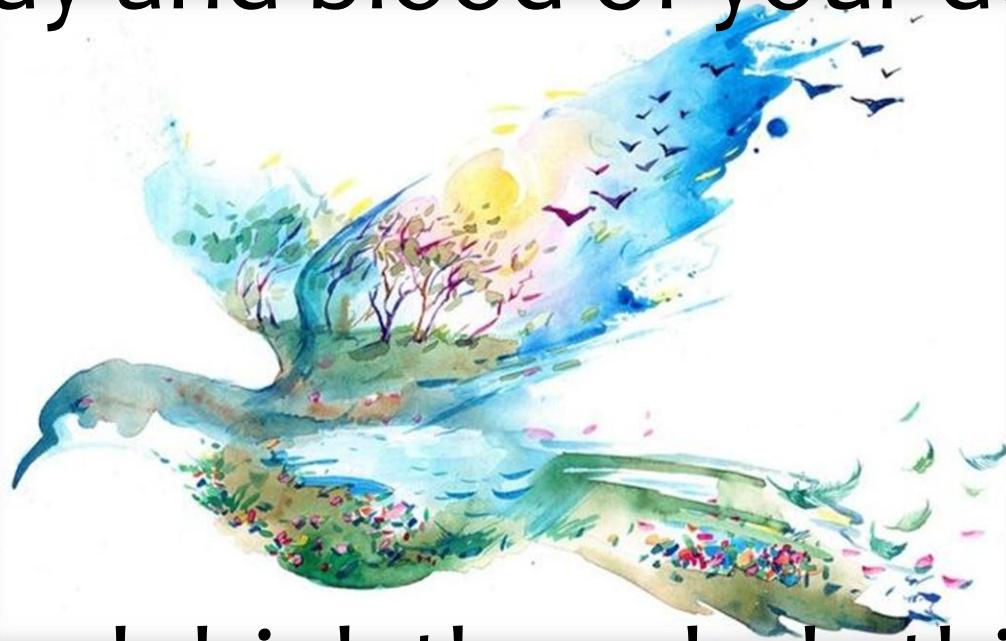


**When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death,  
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Father we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory  
and we rejoice that he intercedes  
for us at your right hand.



Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us  
the body and blood of your dear Son.



As we eat and drink these holy things in your  
presence, form us in the likeness of Christ and  
build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at last with all the saints to the vision of that  
eternal splendour for which you have created us:  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom  
and in whom, 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.**

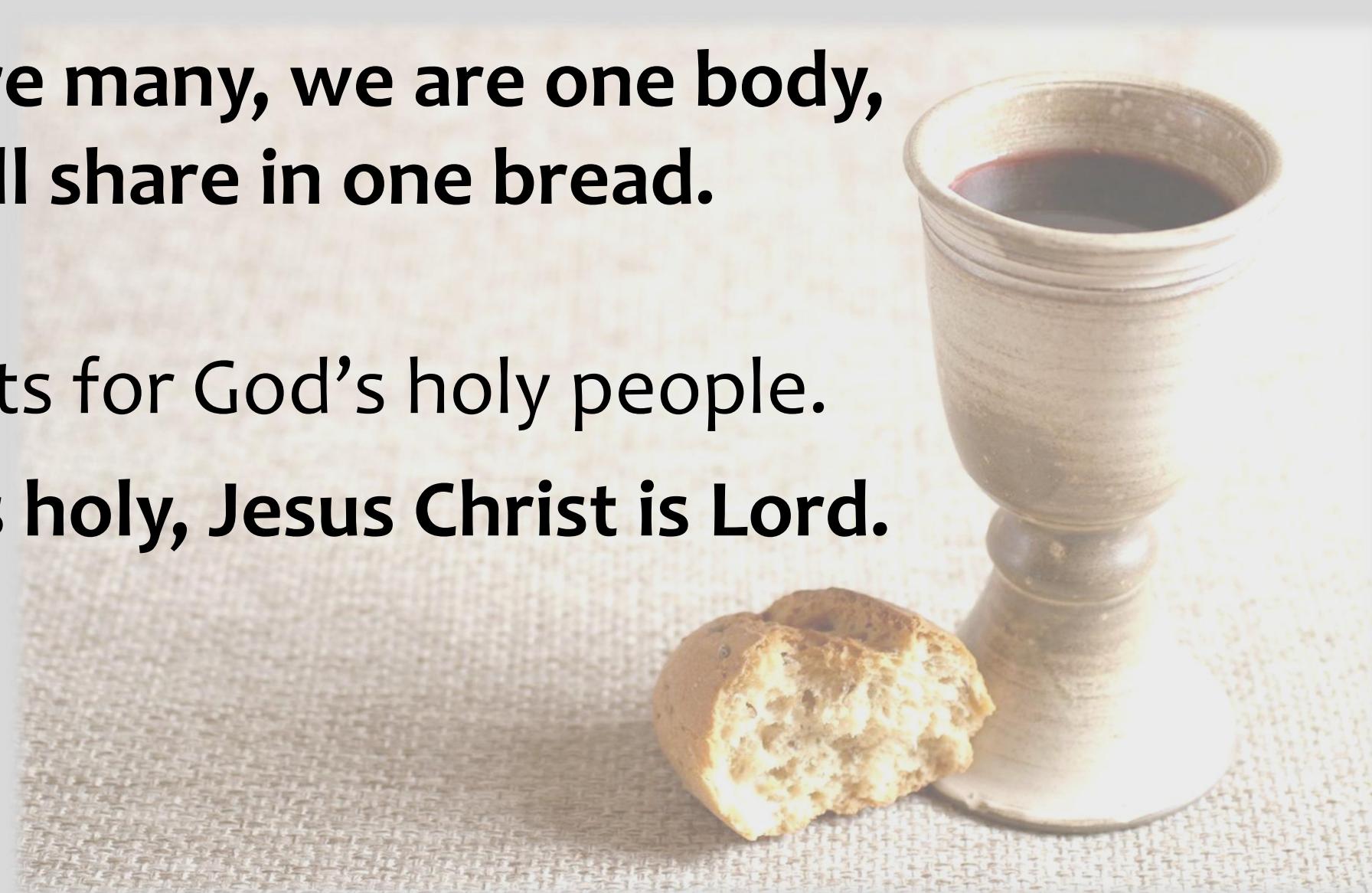
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

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

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord.**





**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature  
is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made  
clean by his body and our souls  
washed through his most precious  
blood and that we may evermore  
dwell in him and he in us.**

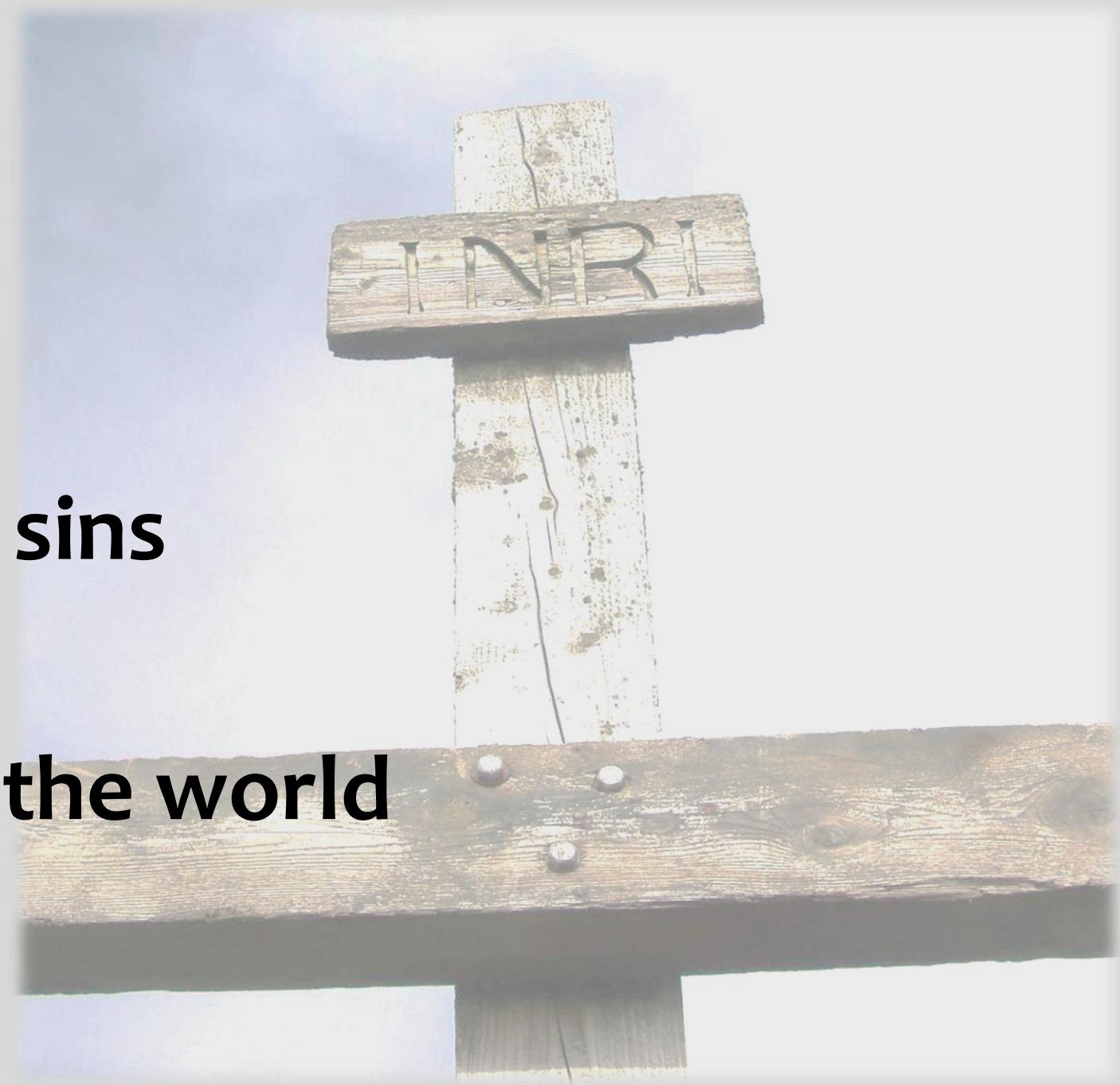
**Amen**

Together we 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.**



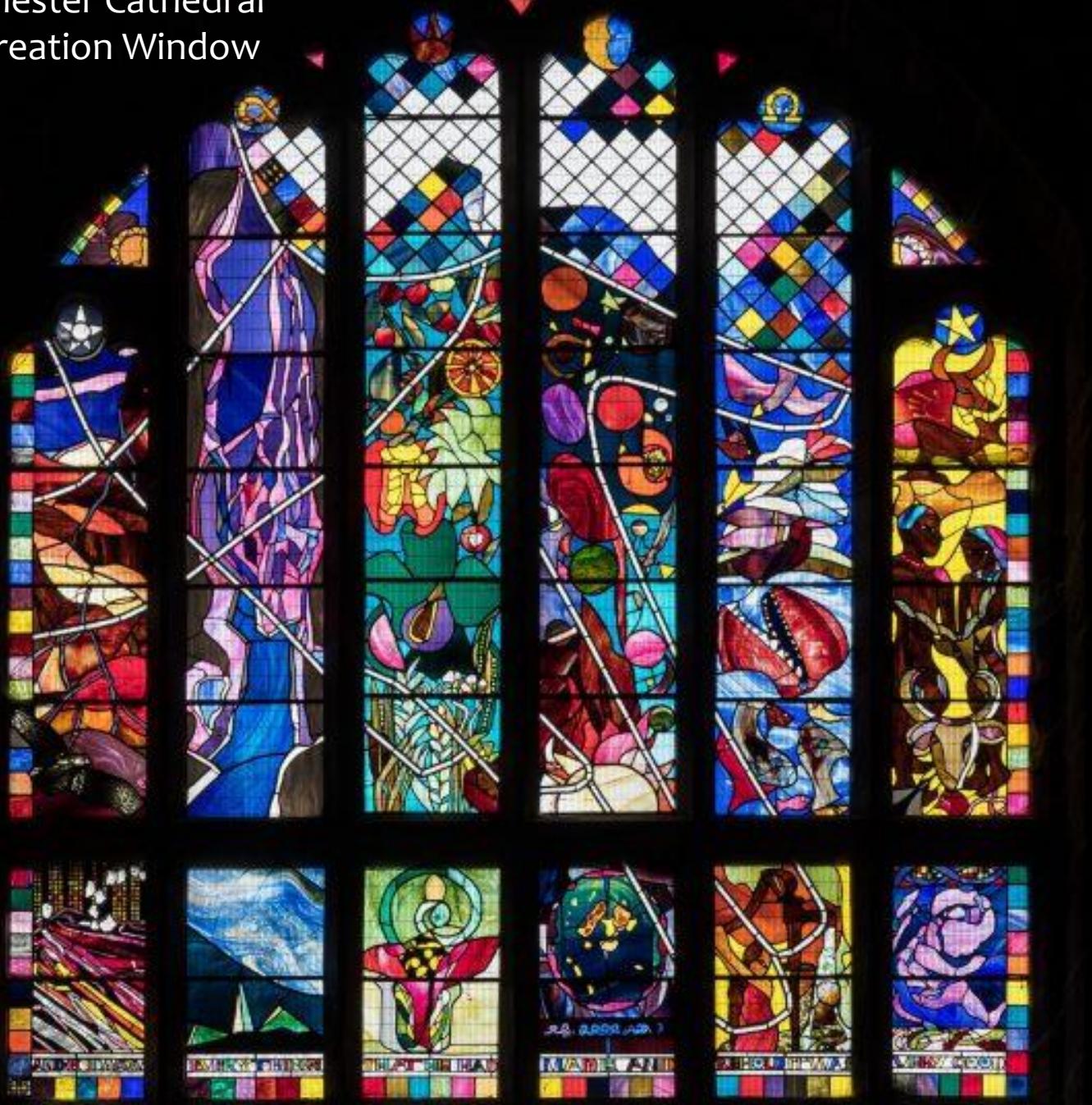
Receiving the bread and wine



THE BREAD OF *Life*

The bread and wine is  
distributed amongst  
the congregation.

Chester Cathedral  
Creation Window



Anthem

‘Let All Creation Sing’

David Ogden

Receiving the bread and wine



THE BREAD OF *Life*

The bread and wine  
continues to be  
distributed to  
the congregation.

## Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,  
by your gift, the tree of life was set at the heart of  
the earthly paradise and the bread of life at the  
heart of your Church: may we who have been  
nourished at your table on earth be transformed  
by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

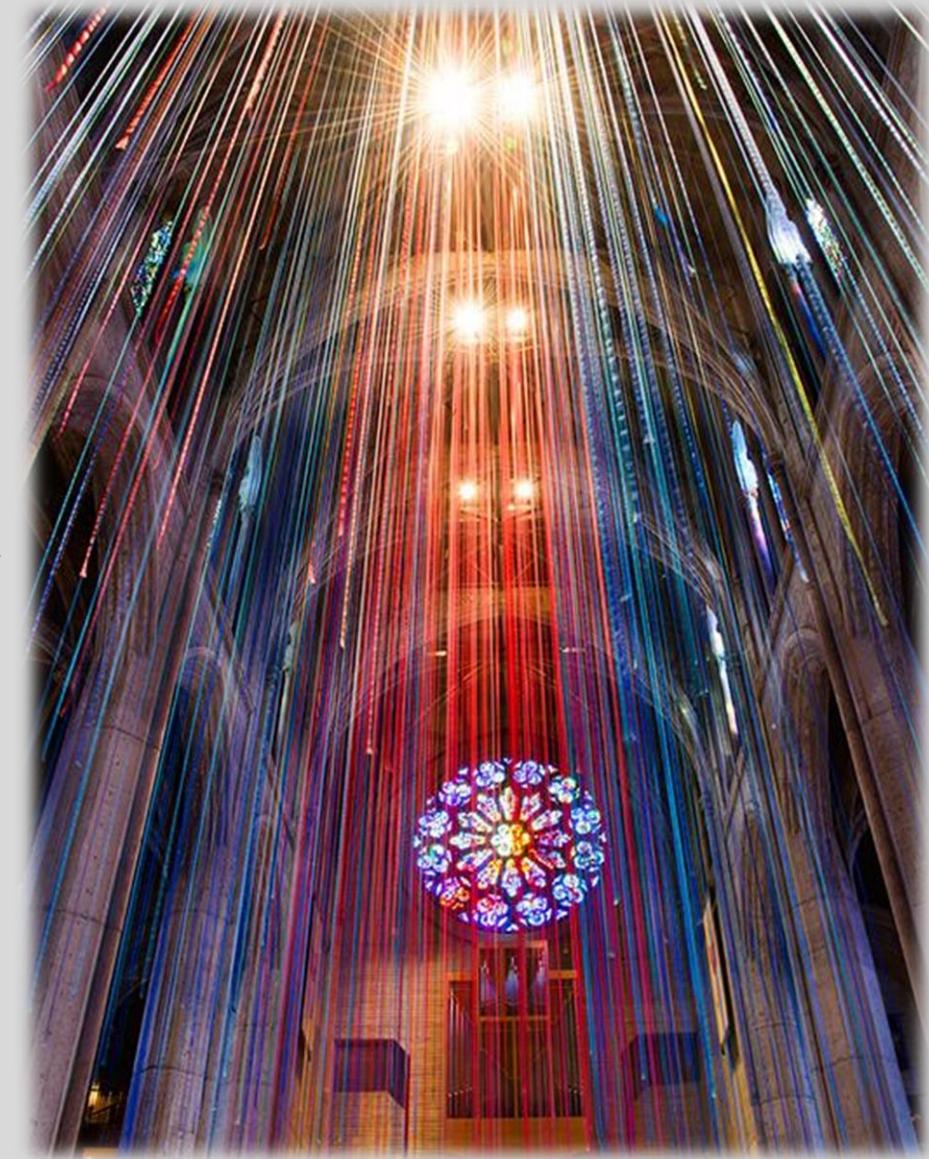
Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name through Christ our Lord. Amen

Family News

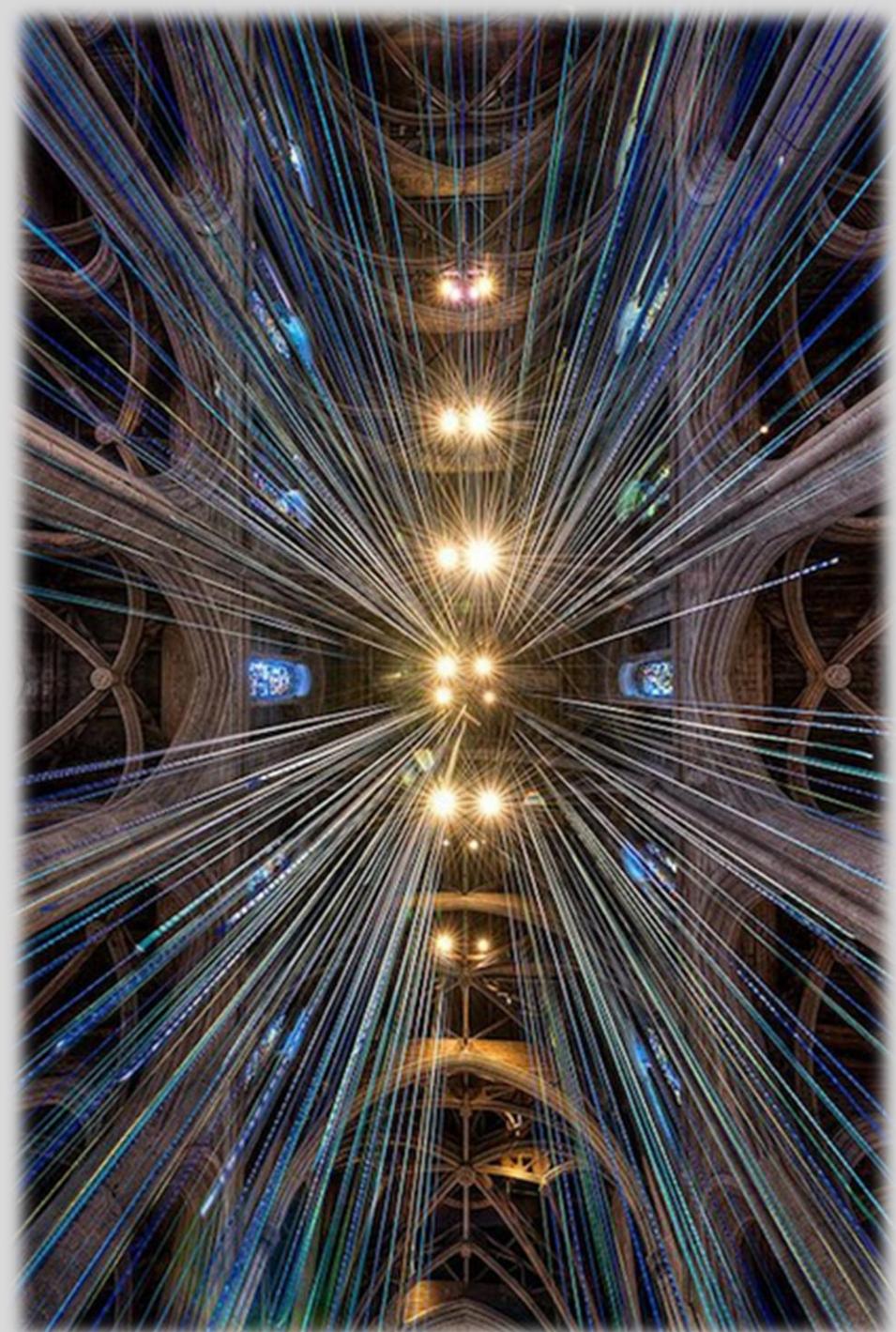
What is  
going on?



**1Light's abode, celestial Salem  
vision whence true  
peace doth spring  
brighter than the heart can fancy  
mansion of the highest King  
O how glorious are the praises  
which of thee the prophets sing!**



<sup>2</sup>There for ever and for ever  
alleluia is outpoured  
for unending, for unbroken  
is the feast-day of the Lord  
all is pure and all is holy  
that within thy walls is stored.

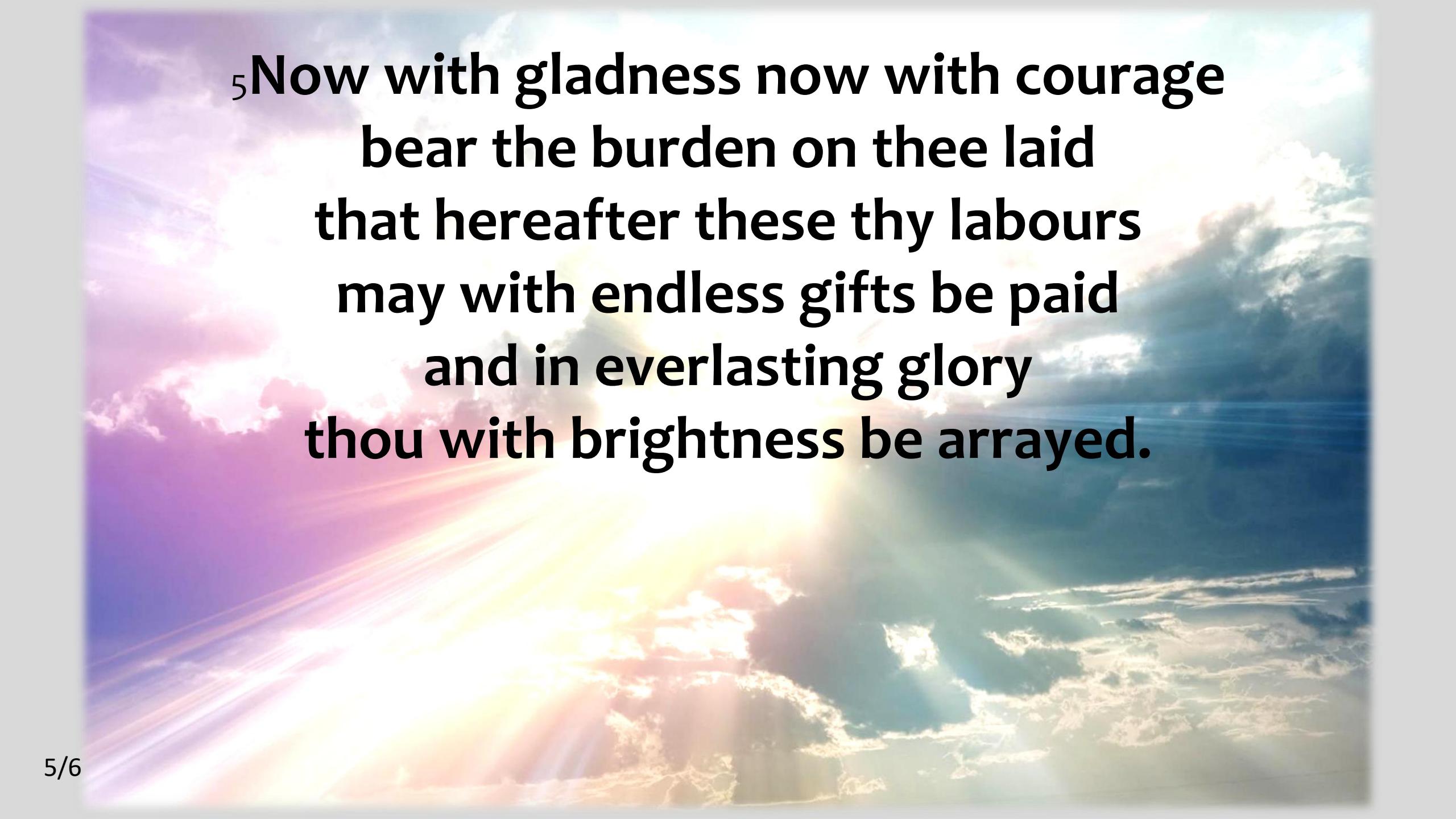


<sup>3</sup>There no cloud or passing vapour  
dims the brightness of the air  
endless noon-day,  
glorious noon-day  
from the Sun of suns is there  
there no night brings  
rest from labour  
for unknown are toil and care.



<sup>4</sup>O how glorious and resplendent  
fragile body shalt thou be  
when endued with so much beauty  
full of health and strong and free  
full of vigour full of pleasure  
that shall last eternally.





**5Now with gladness now with courage  
bear the burden on thee laid  
that hereafter these thy labours  
may with endless gifts be paid  
and in everlasting glory  
thou with brightness be arrayed.**

**6Laud and honour to the Father  
    laud and honour to the Son  
    laud and honour to the Spirit  
    ever Three and ever One  
    consubstantial, co-eternal,  
    while unending ages run.**



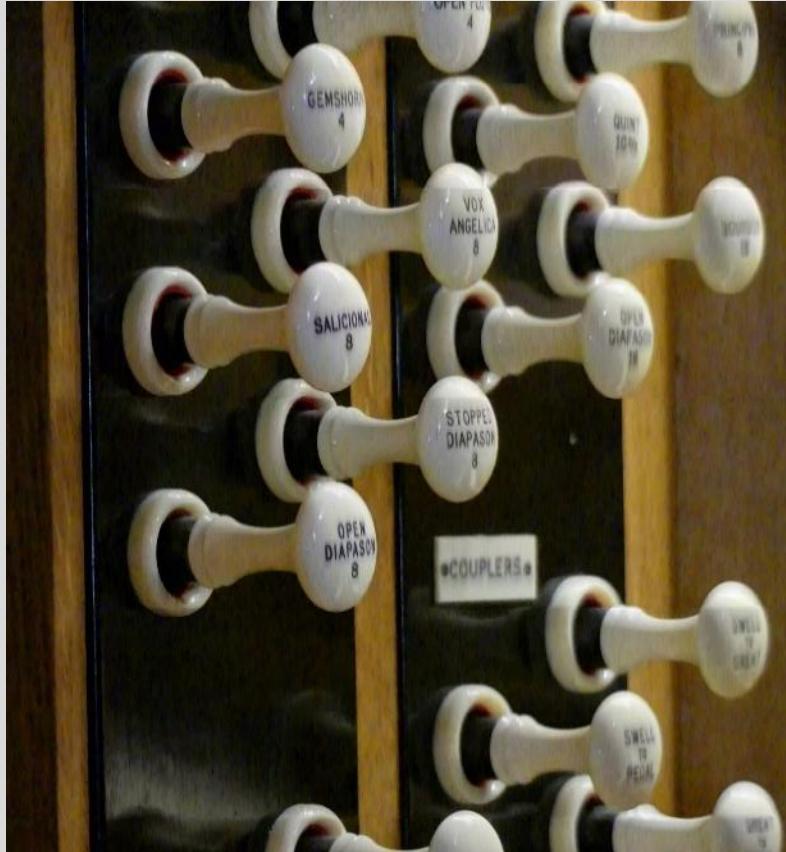
Christ, who nourished us with himself  
the living bread, make you one in praise and love  
and raise you up at the last day  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.  
Amen**





Christ Church Organ

Organ Voluntary

Lasst uns erfreuen  
- Flor Peeters