

Sunday 8th 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

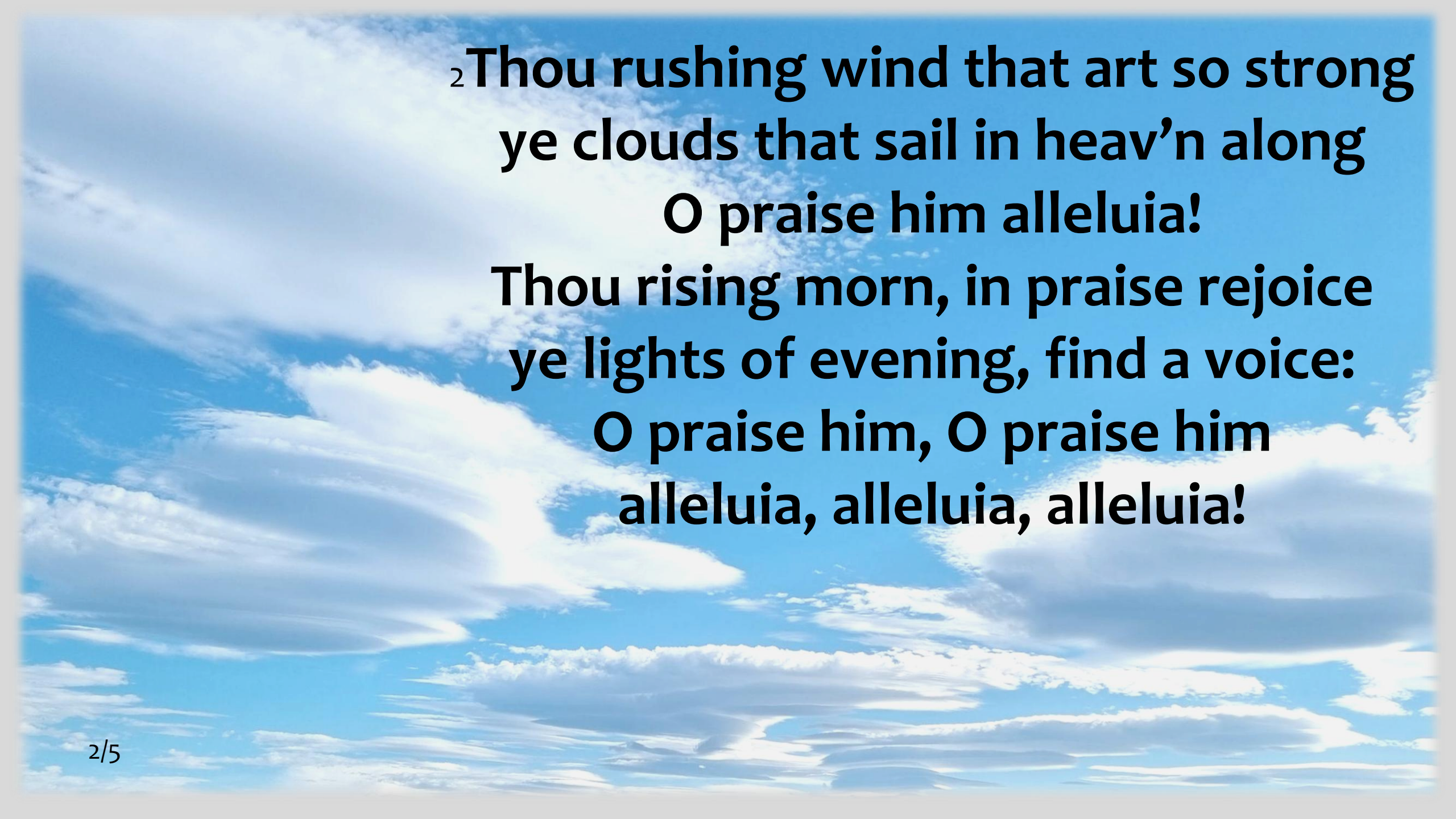
A Prayer for Growth

**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!**

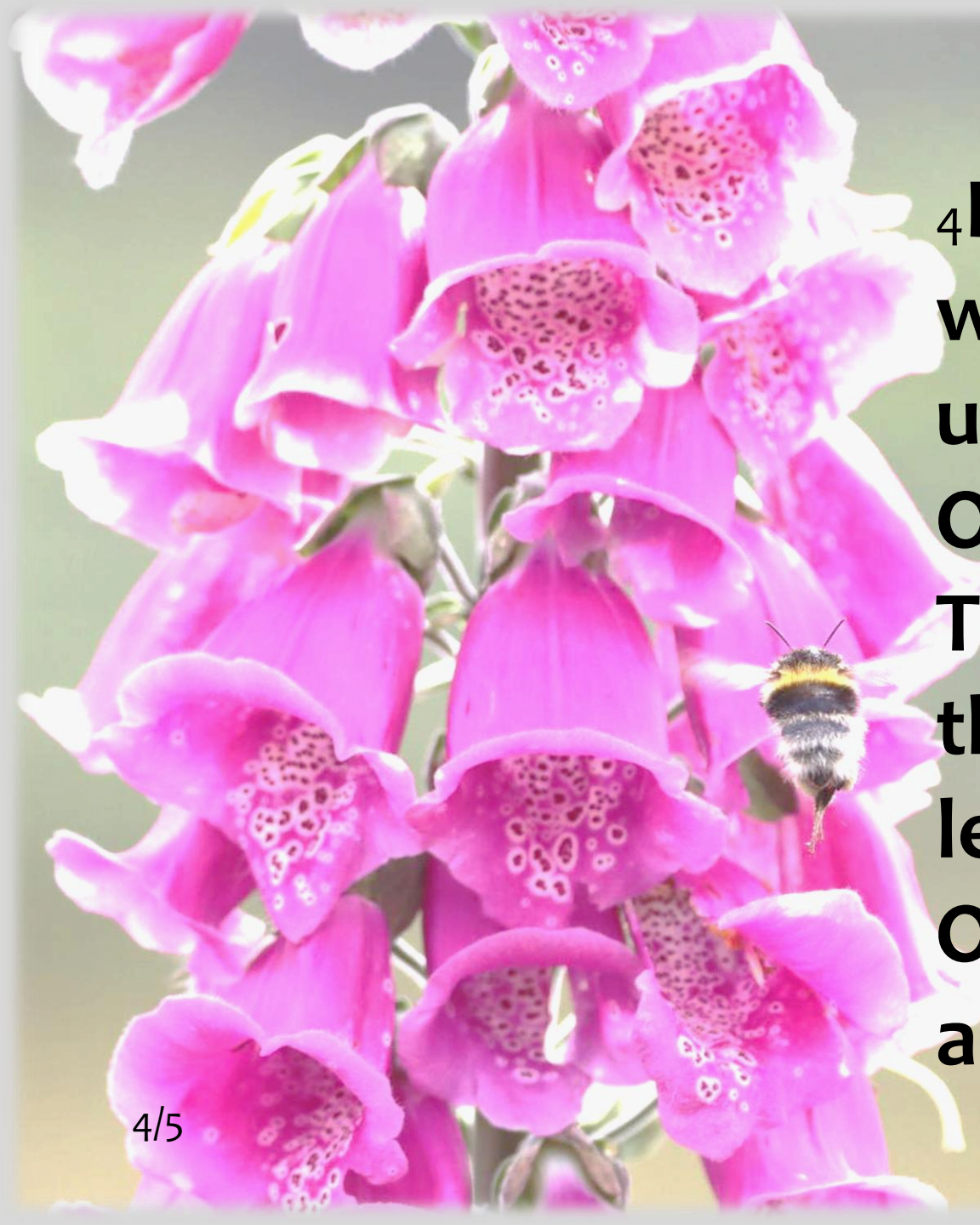
**Thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**²Thou 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!**

**3 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!**





**⁴Dear 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
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

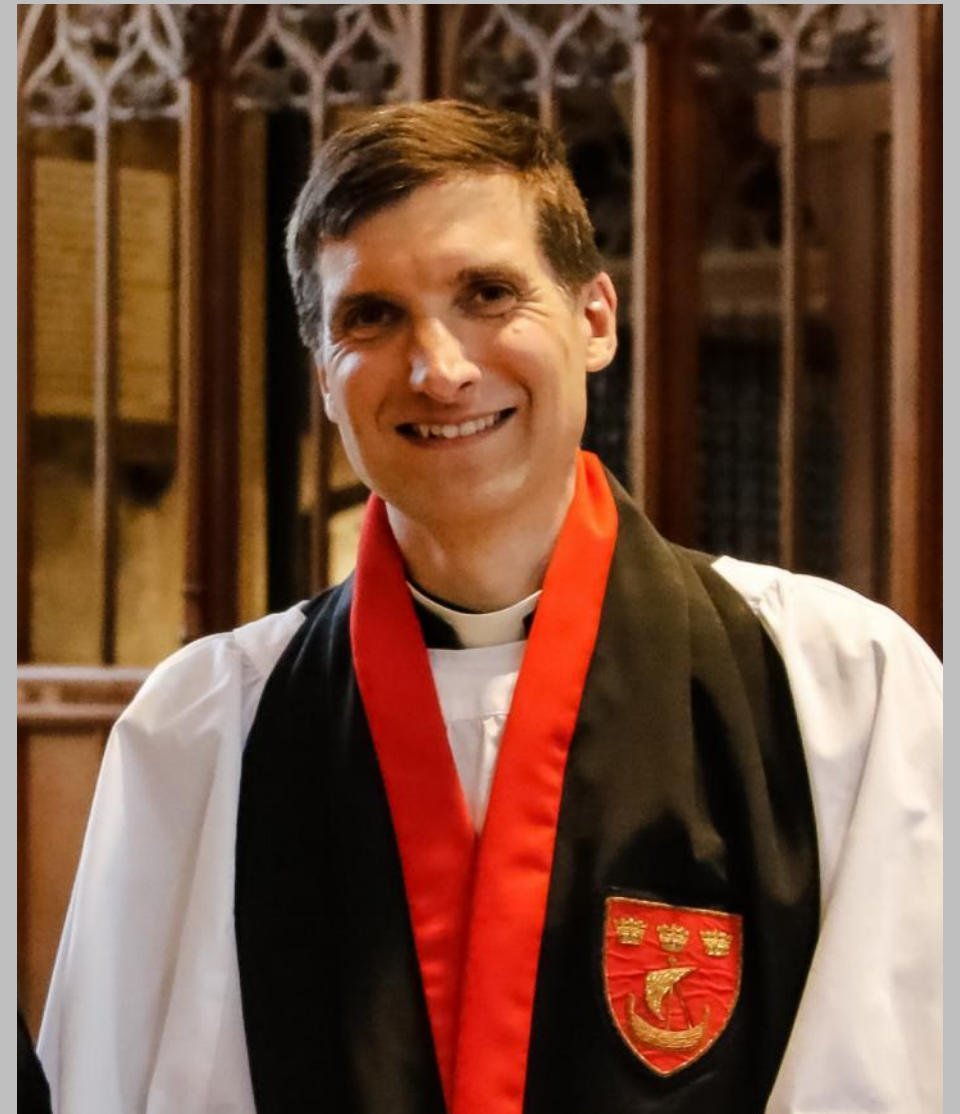
**7 Let all things their Creator bless
and worship him in humbleness
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son
and praise the Spirit,
Three in One!
O praise him, O praise him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



Dornoch Cathedral



Offertory
and
thank you prayer



Children's Talk – 'Do not worry...'



Do not worry





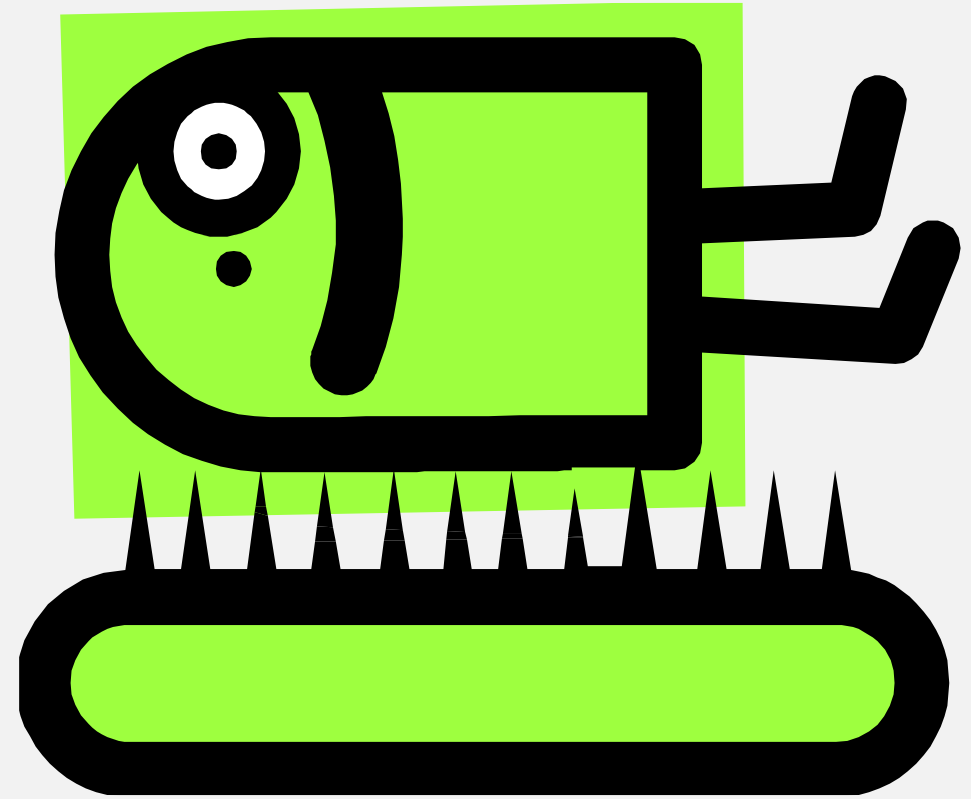


Worry is: **Pointless**

‘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

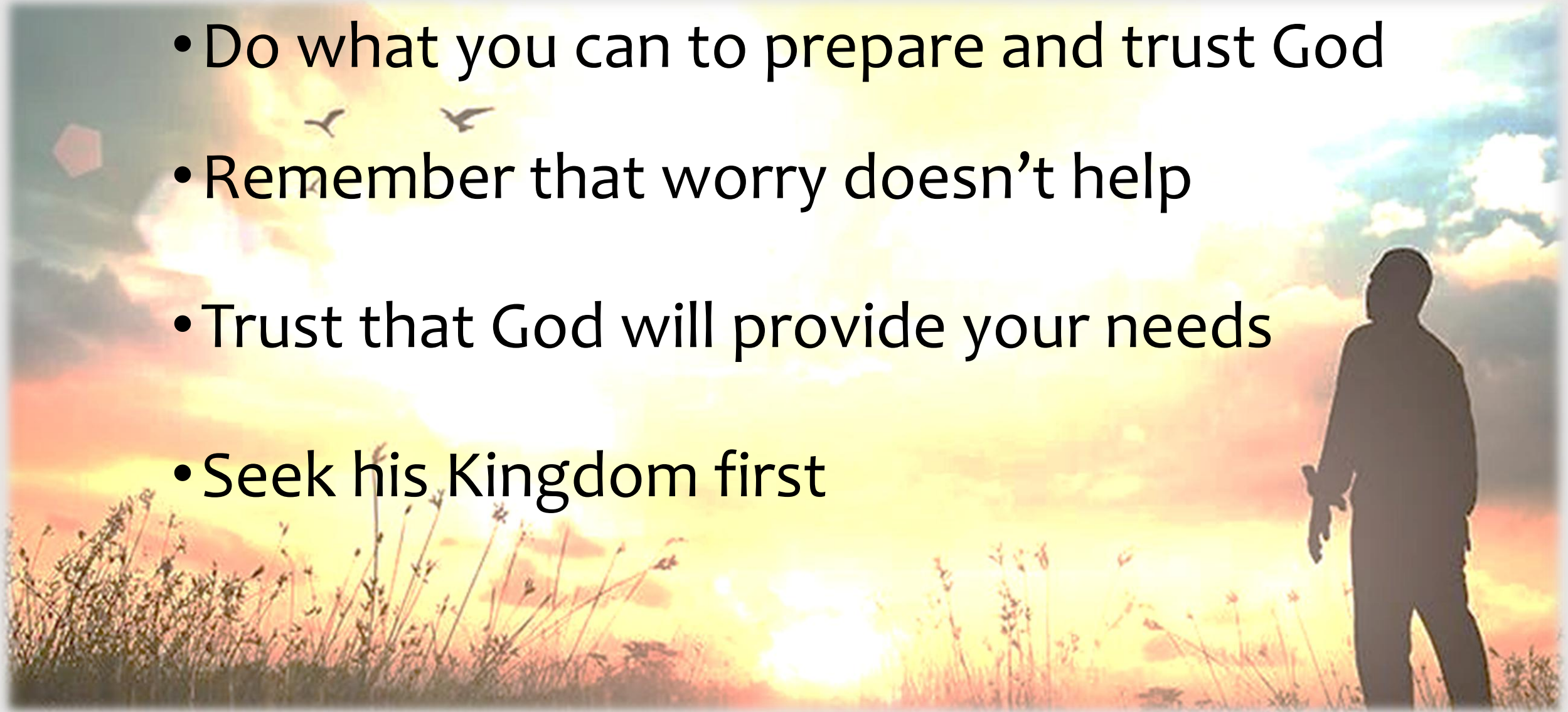
Worry is: Faithless

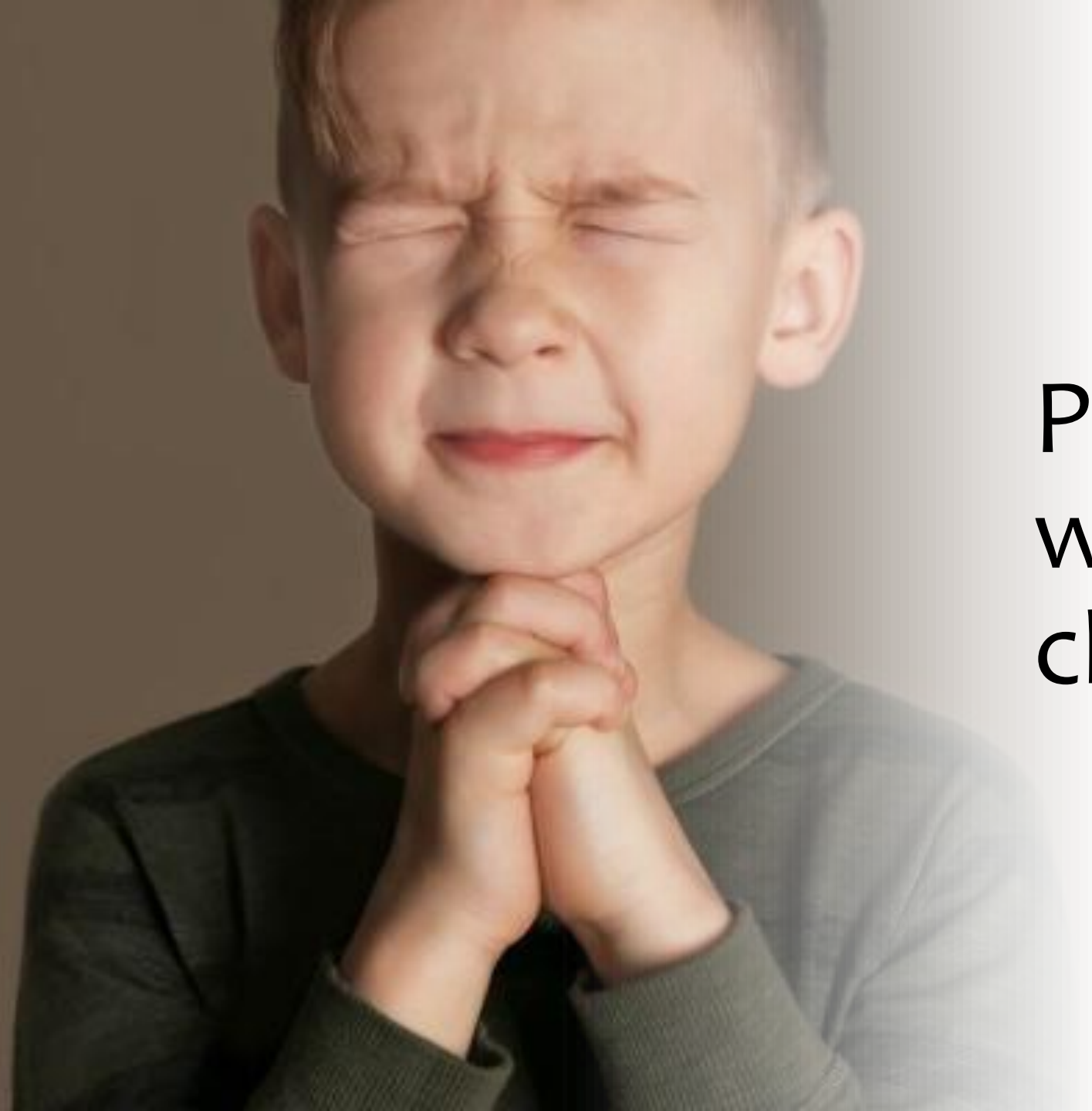
Trust God, seek his Kingdom
and all you need will be
given to you as well



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.

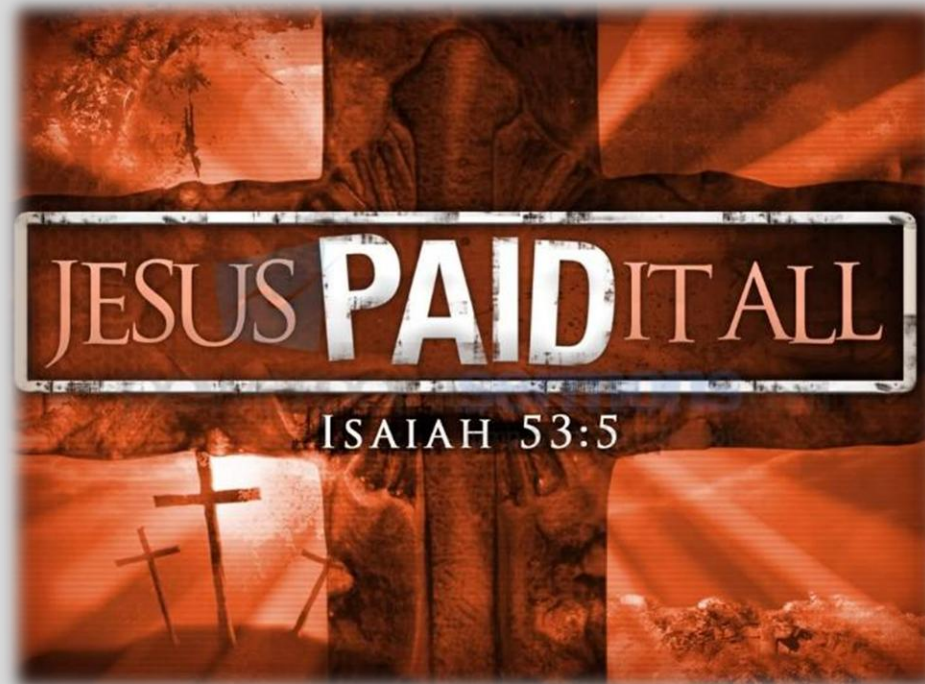
Amen



**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




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

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



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

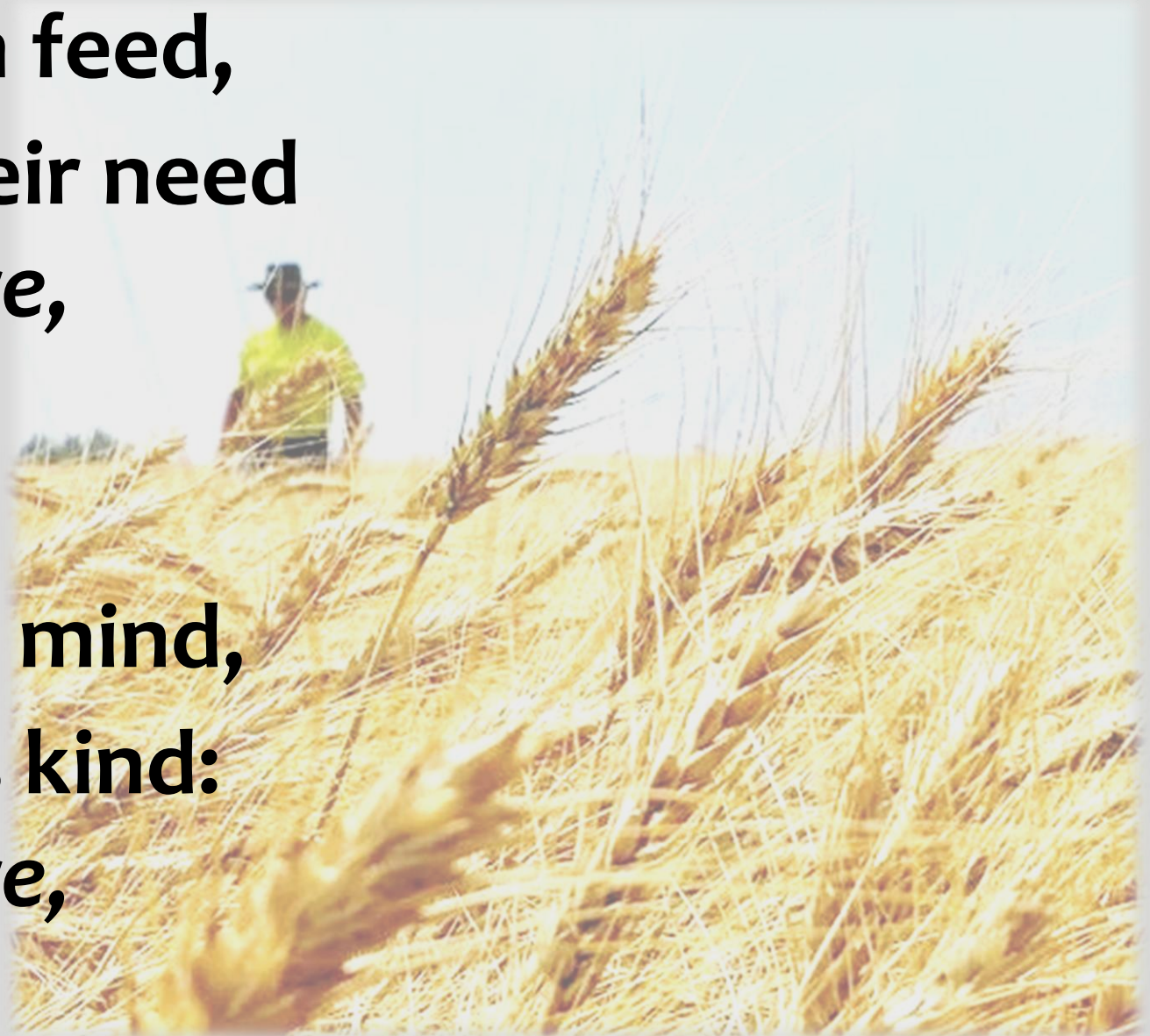
**4 He the golden-tressed sun
caused all day his course to run
*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.***



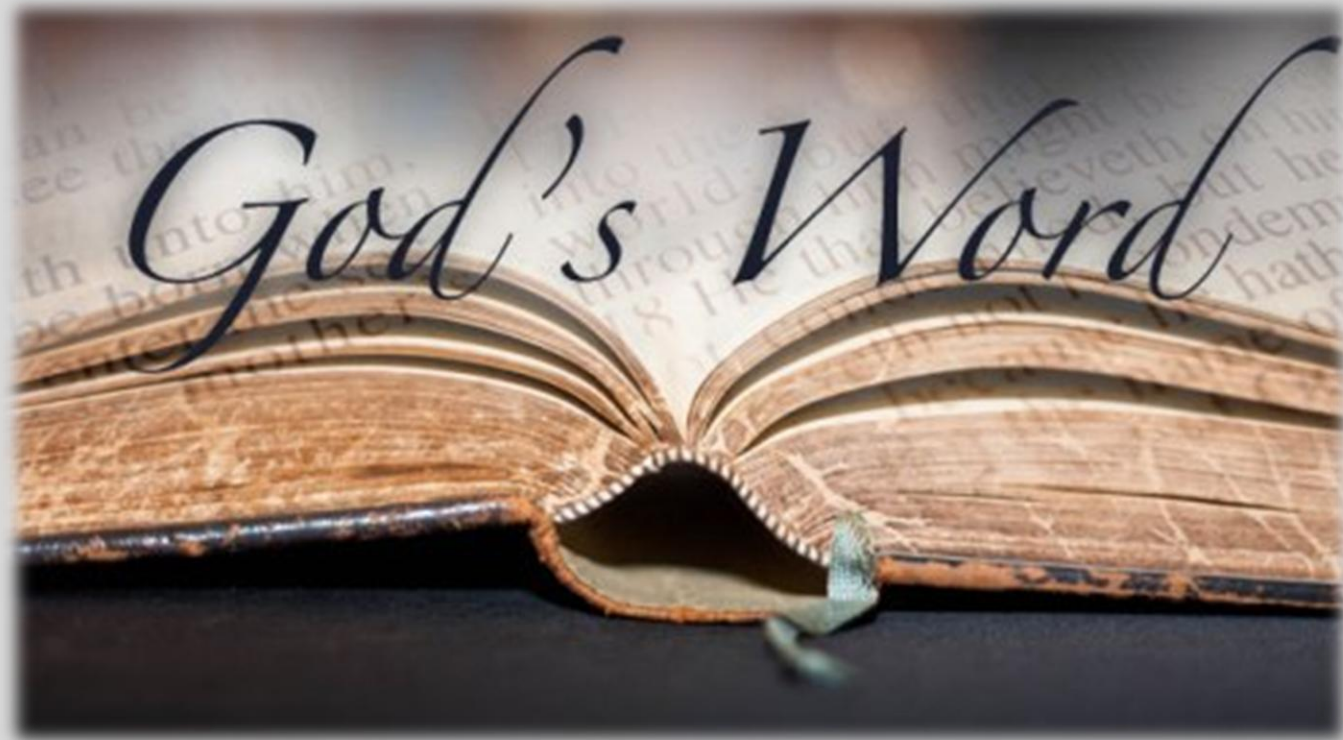
⁵And the moon to shine at night
'mid her starry sisters bright
for his mercies aye endure
ever faithful, ever sure.

**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





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 you 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.

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

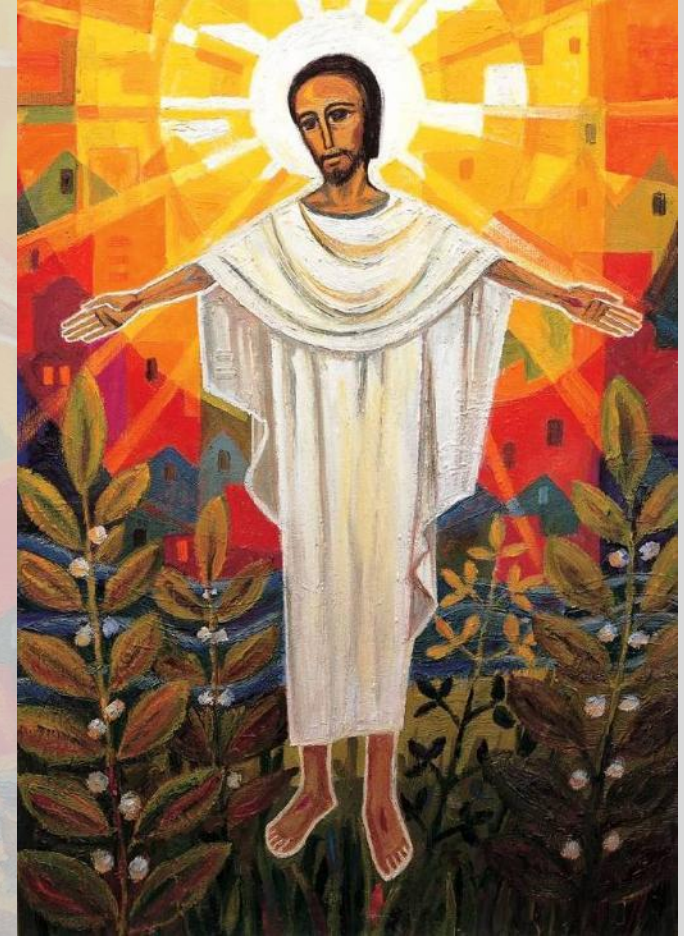
Be present, be present
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen High Priest
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen



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.

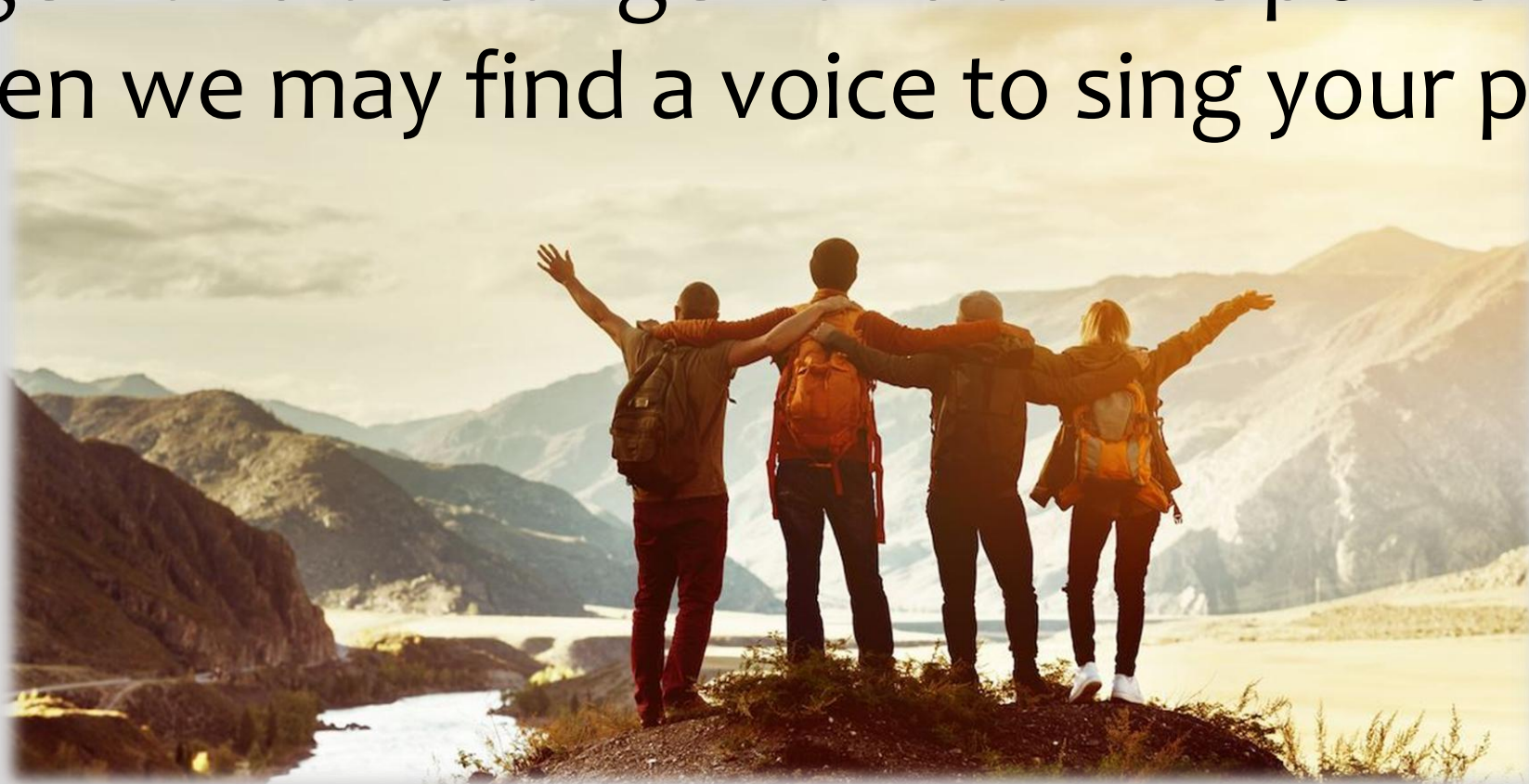


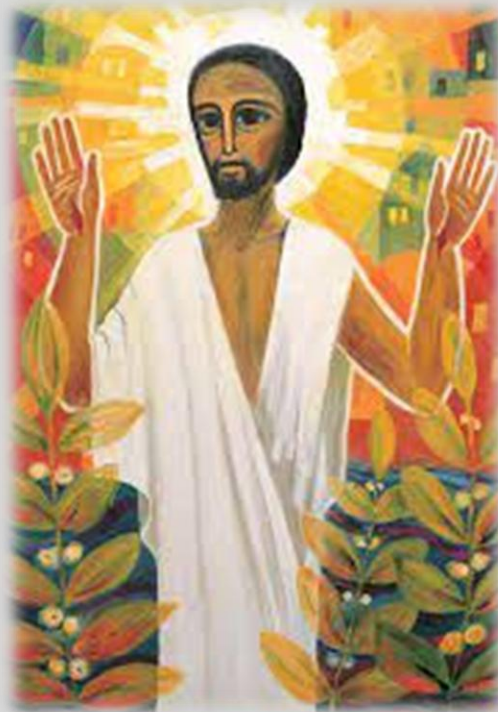
Blessed are you, Lord God
our light and our salvation
to you be glory and praise for ever.



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.

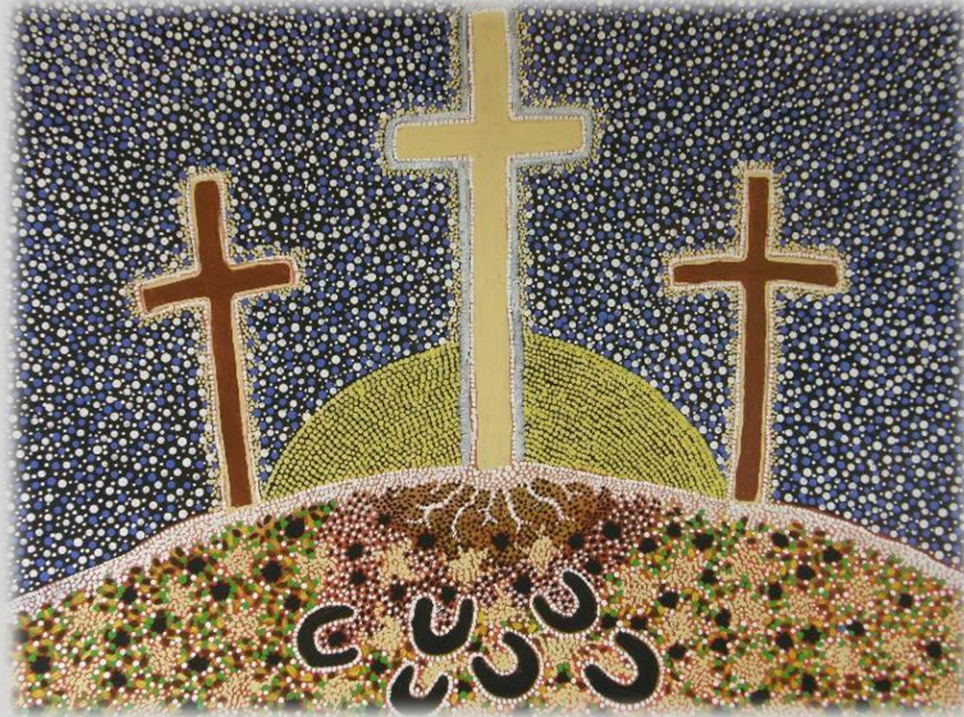


Christ is the bread of life

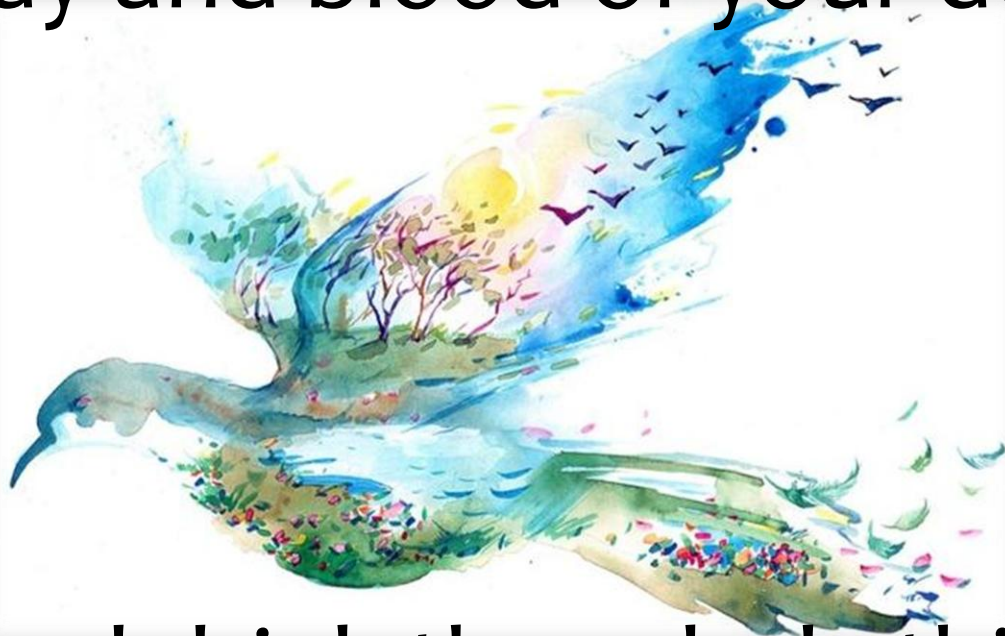


**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

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.**

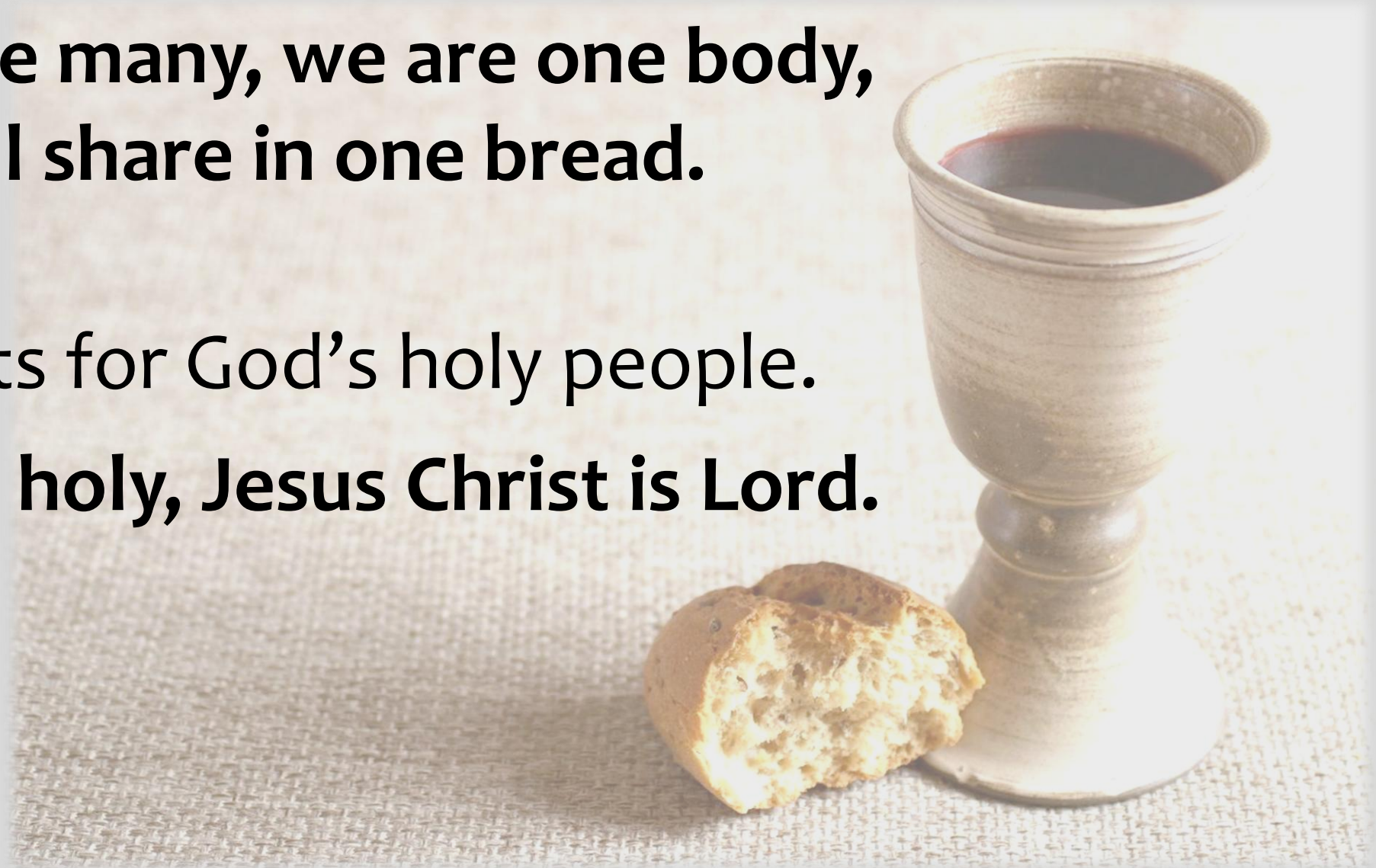
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

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.

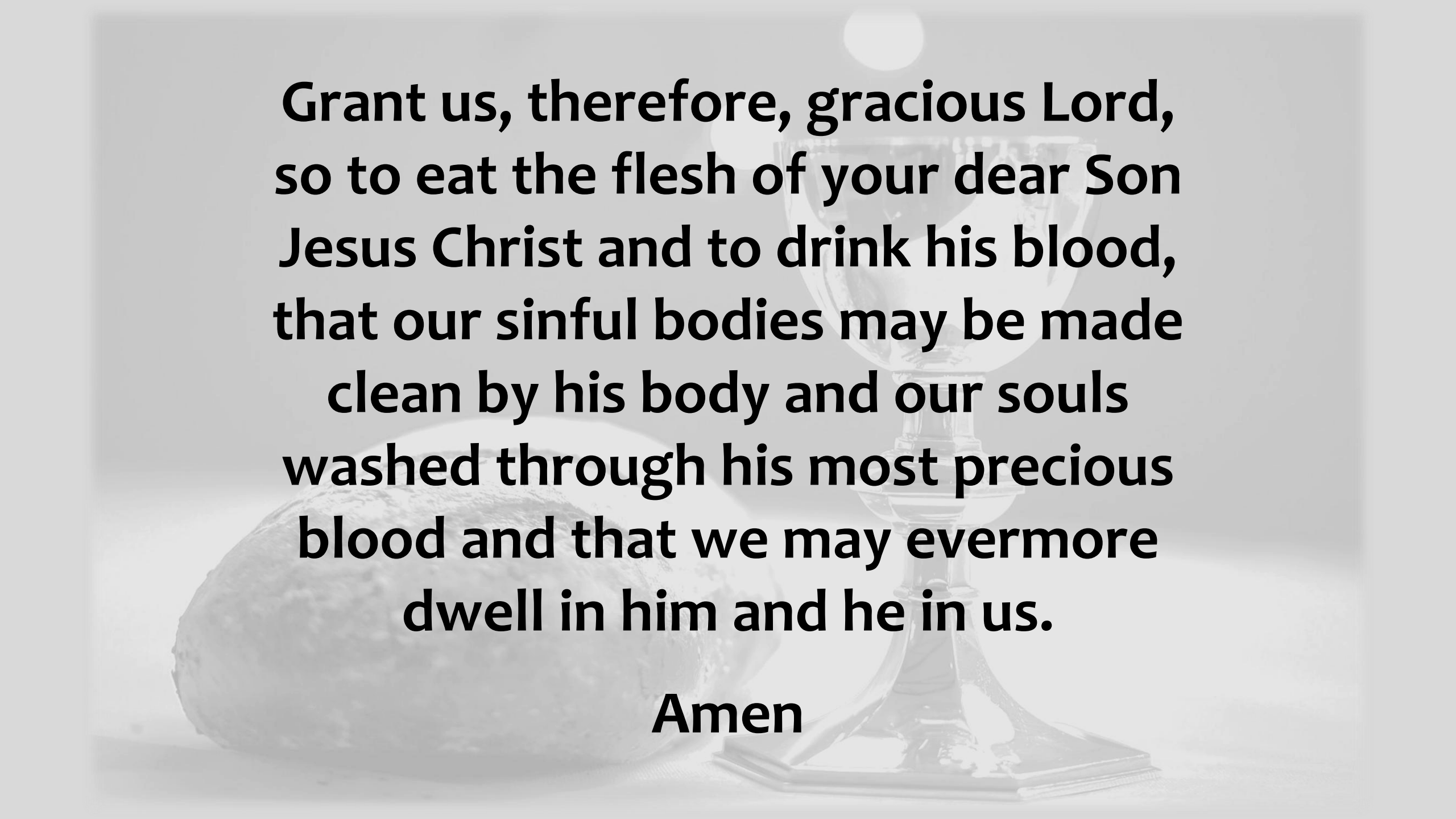
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord.





**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.**

A faint, grayscale background image showing a communion cup and a loaf of bread. The cup is on the right, and the bread is on the left. The text is overlaid on this background.

**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.**

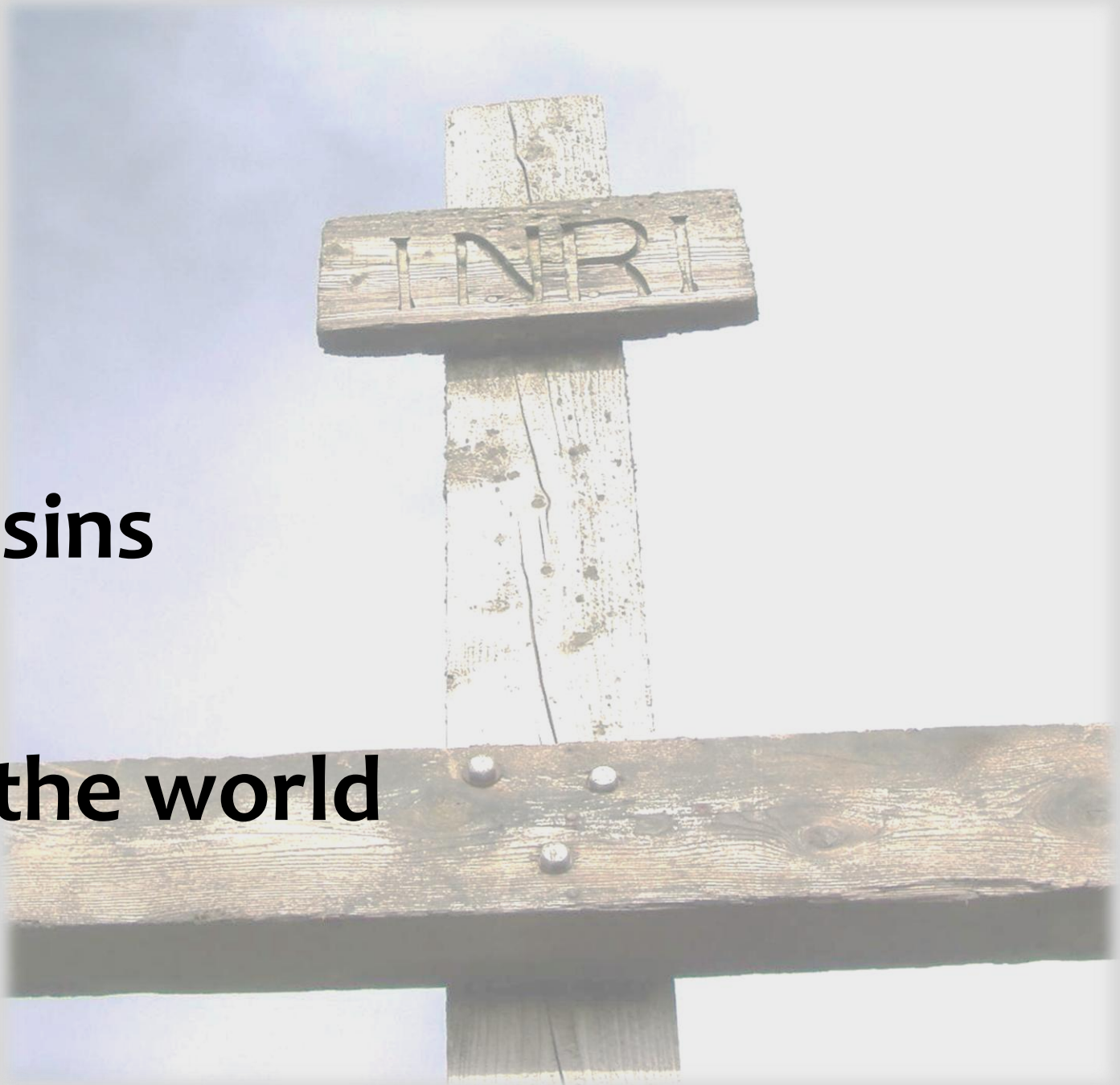
Amen

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.**



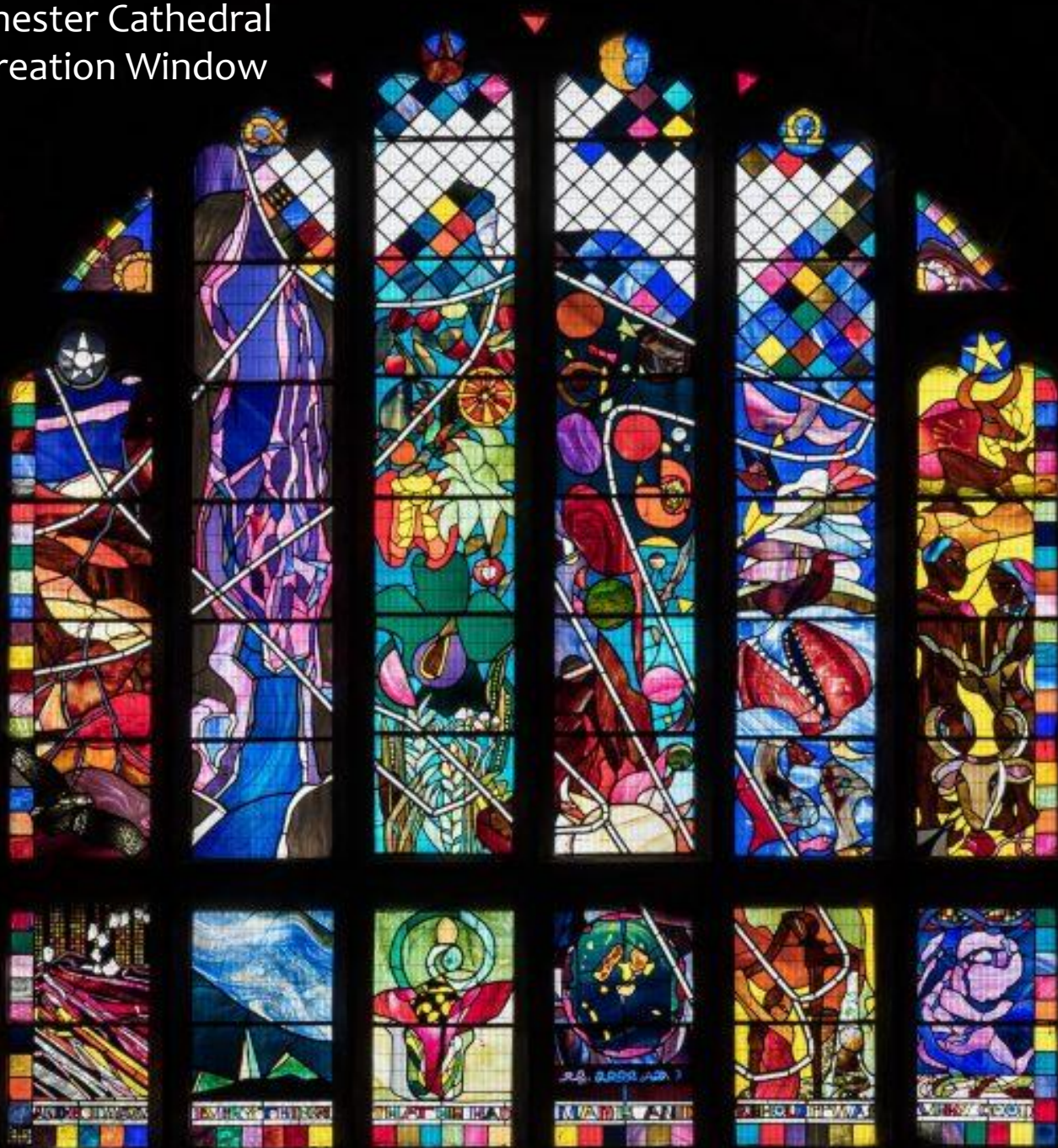
Receiving the bread and wine



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**

What is
going on?

Family News

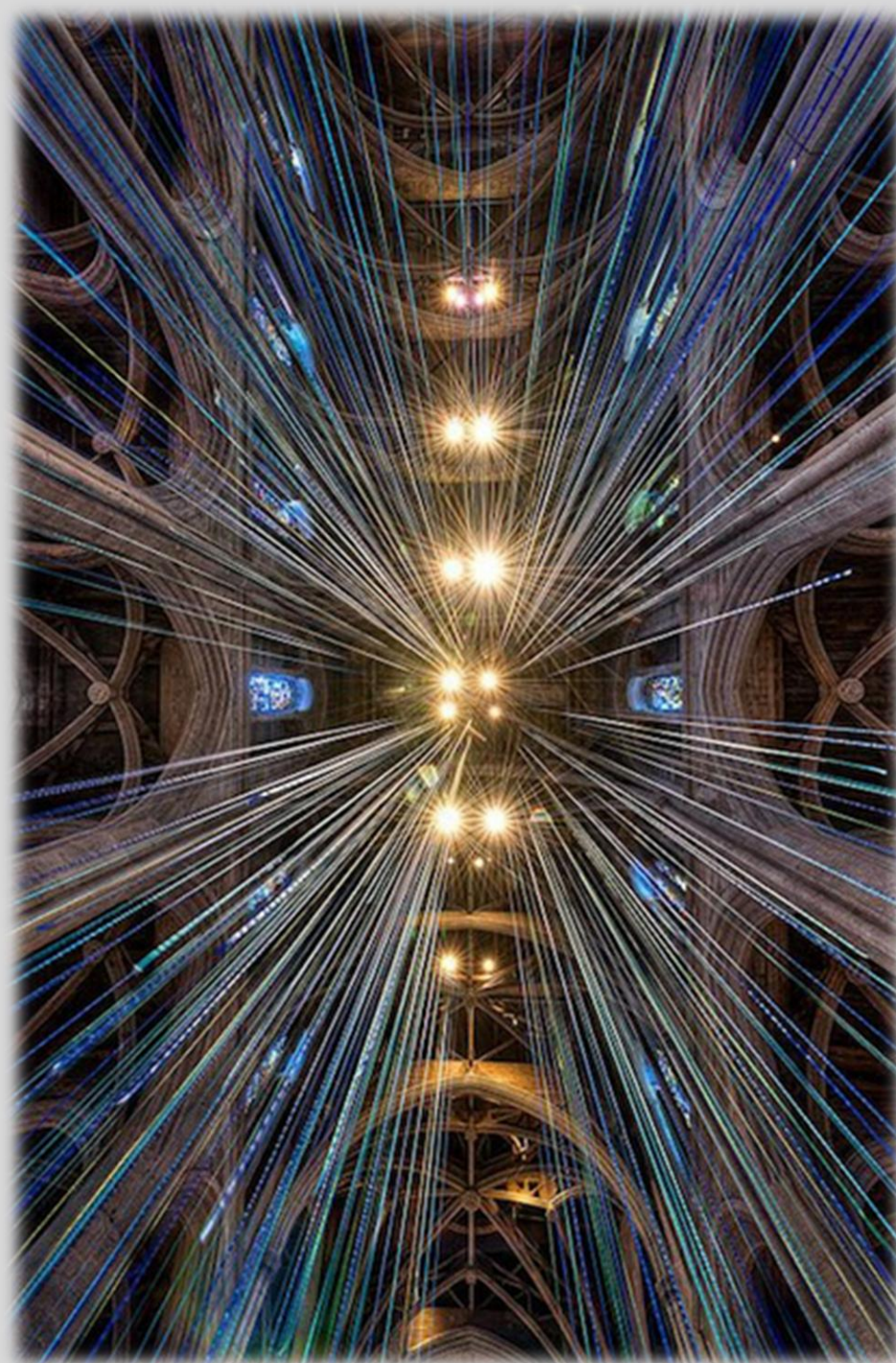


**God's Work
Our Hands**

**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!**



**₂There 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.**

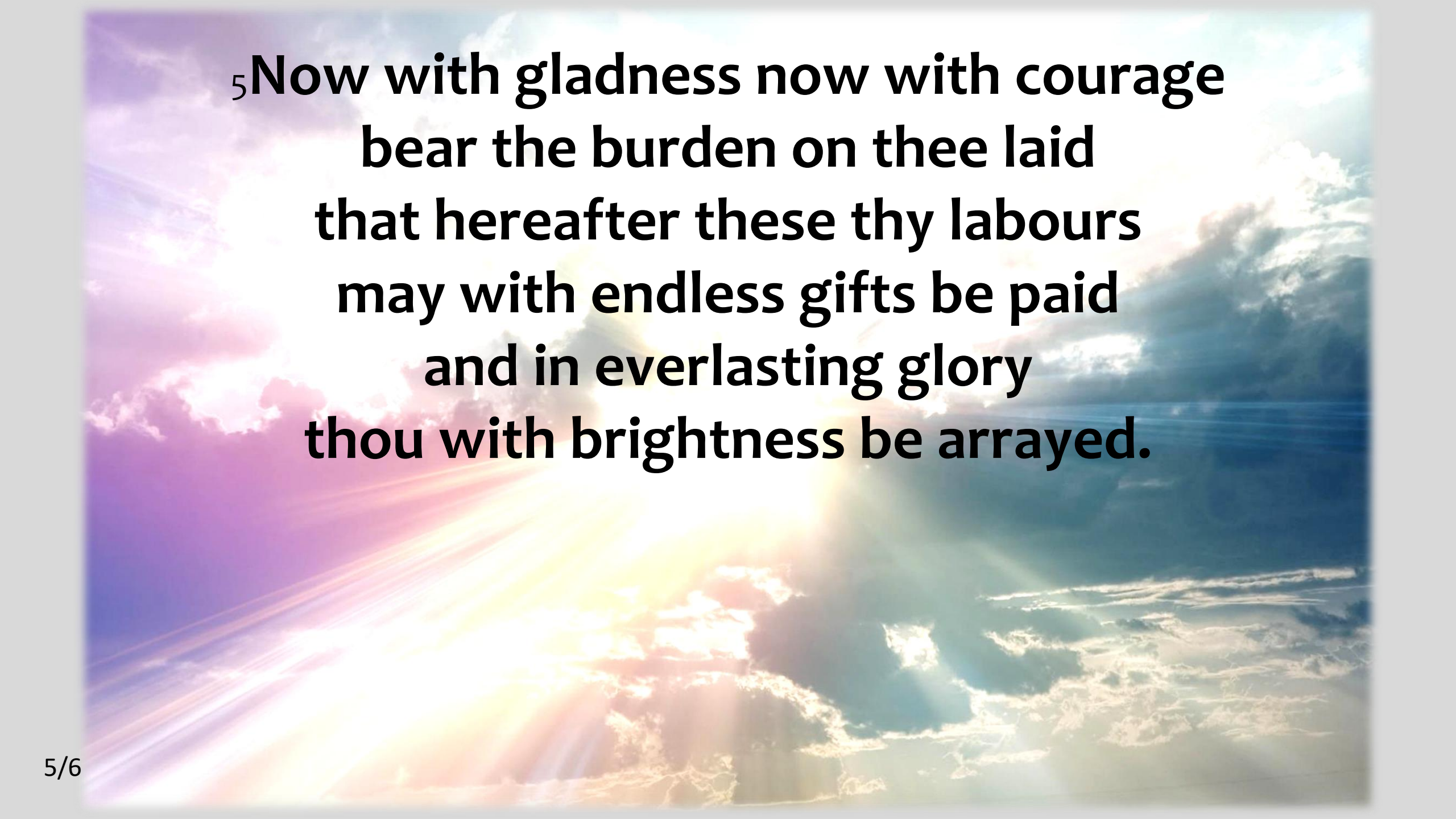


**3 There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air
endless noon-day,
glorious noon-day
from the Sun of suns is there
there no night brings
rest from labour
for unknown are toil and care.**



**4O 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.**





**5 Now 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.**



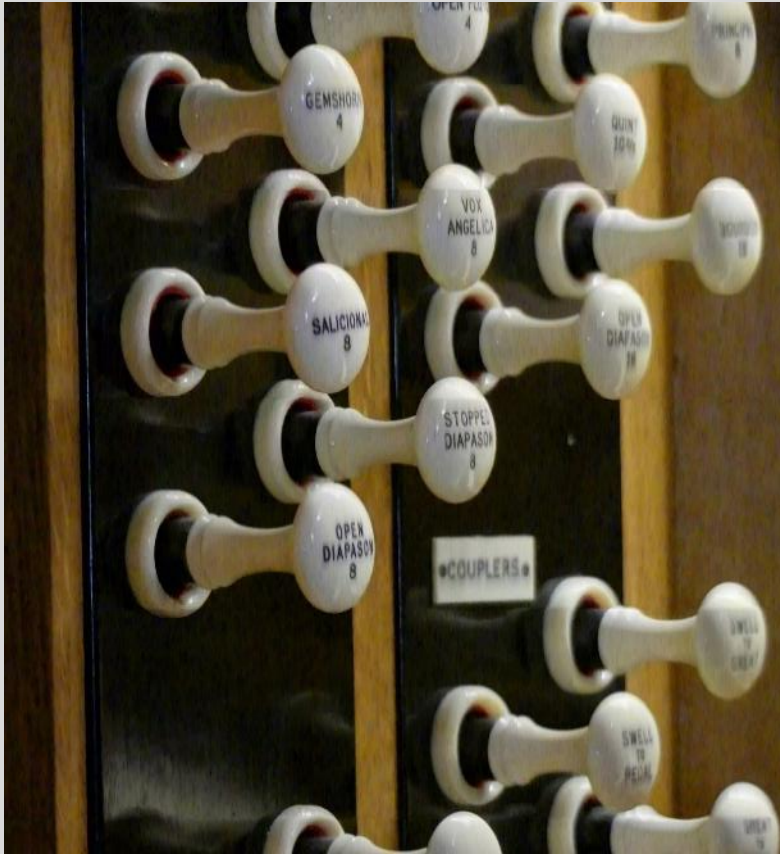
Christ, who nourished us with himself
the living bread, make you one in praise and love
and raise you up at the last day
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always.

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