

Christ Church with St Mary's

Informal Holy Communion

Theme: The Transfiguration

We say together the words in **bold**

Sunday 15th February 2026





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

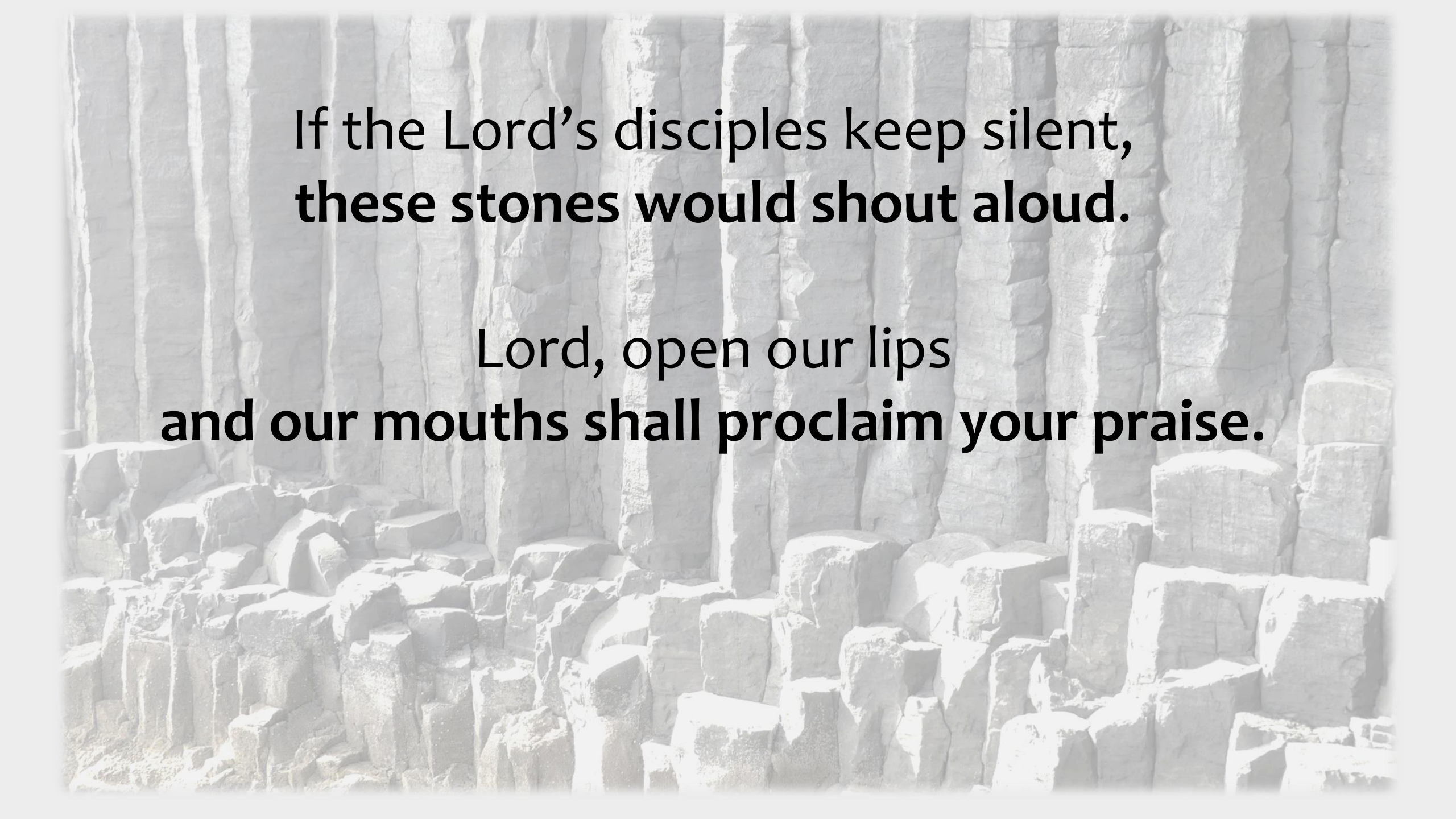
Opening Sentences

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.



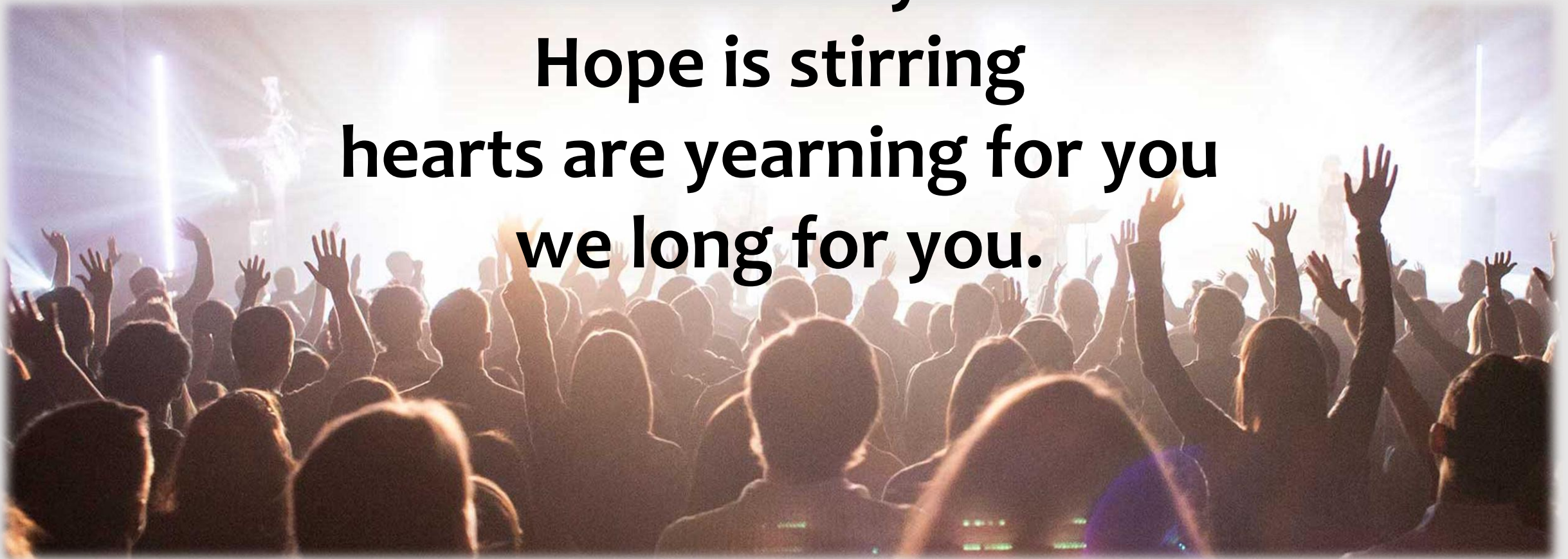


If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

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

**1 Praise is rising
eyes are turning to you
we turn to you.**

**Hope is stirring
hearts are yearning for you
we long for you.**





Pre-Chorus

**'Cause when we see you
we find strength to face the day
in your presence
all our fears are washed away
(washed away)**

Chorus

**Hosanna hosanna
you are the God who saves us
worthy of all our praises
hosanna hosanna
come have your way among us
we welcome you here Lord Jesus**



**2 Hear the sound of
hearts returning to you
we turn to you.
In your Kingdom
broken lives are made new
you make us new.**





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Ending

Hosanna hosanna





Offertory
and
thankyou
prayer



Children's talk – 'The Transfiguration'

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 Peter 1 : 16 - 21

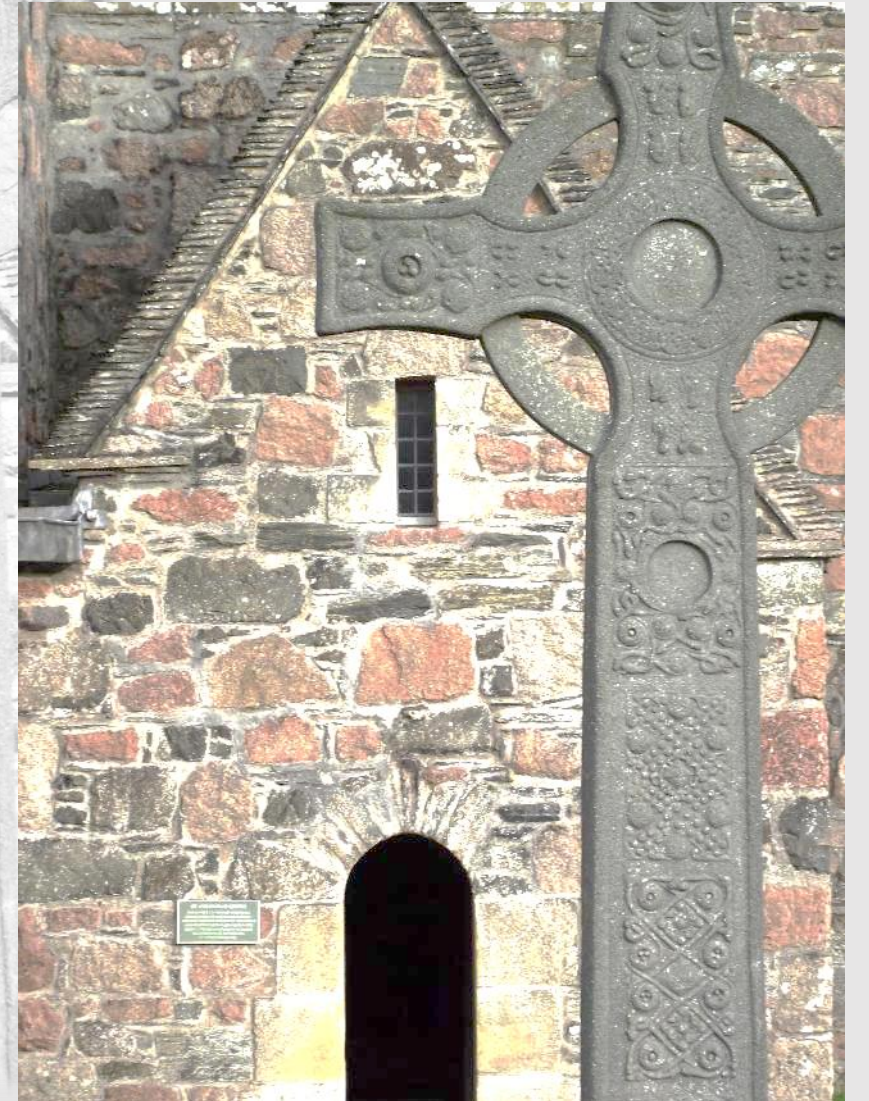
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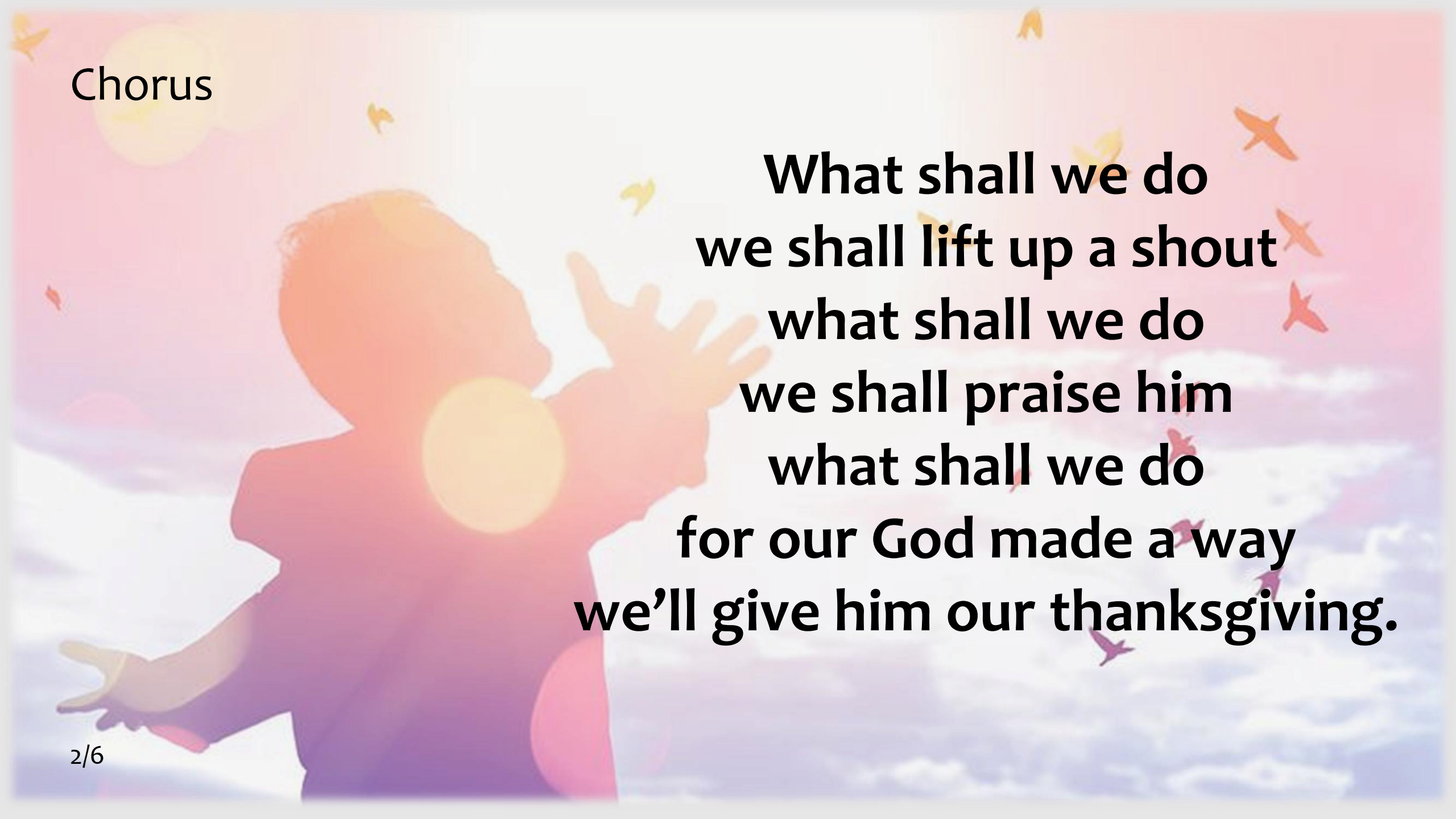
R: Thanks be to God



**1 Enter in (enter in)
his courts with praise
(his courts with praise)
for he is greatly
(he is greatly)
to be praised
(to be praised)**

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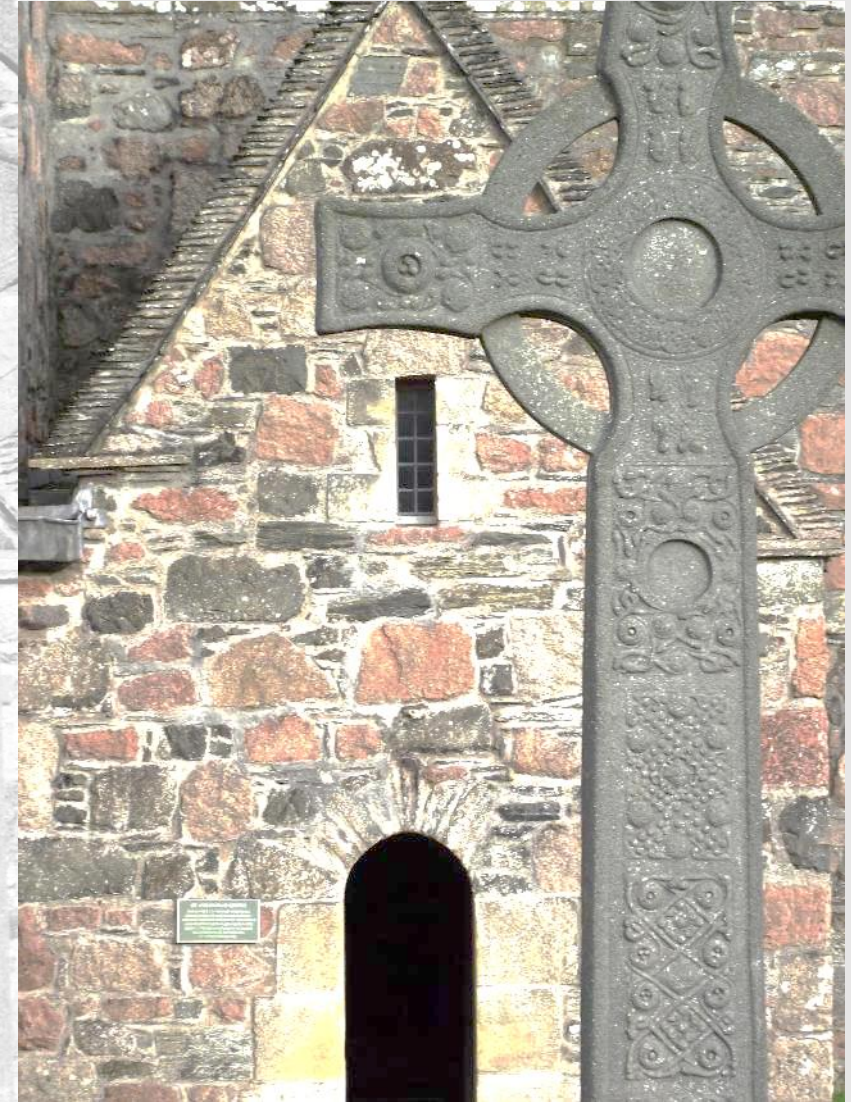
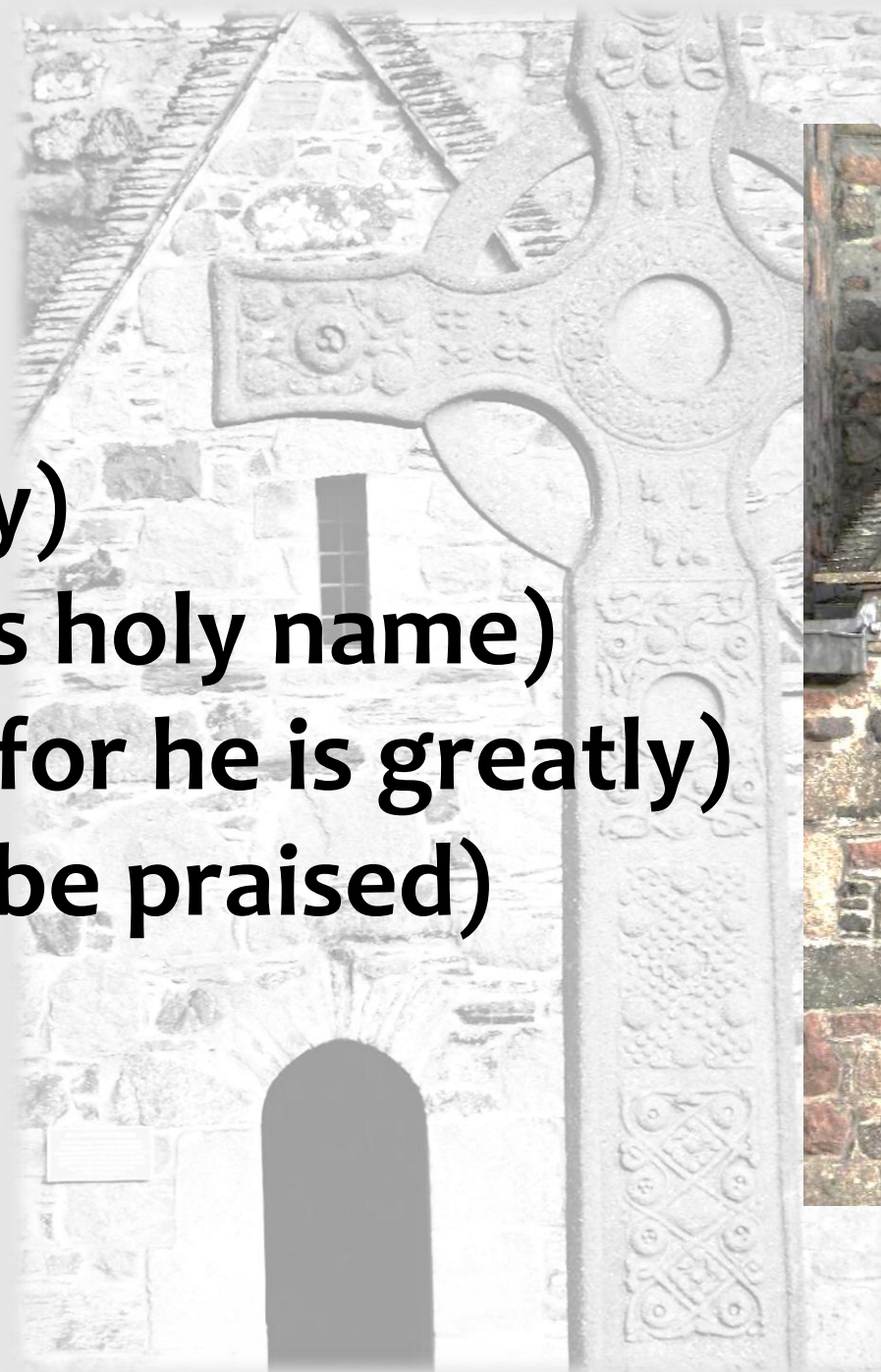


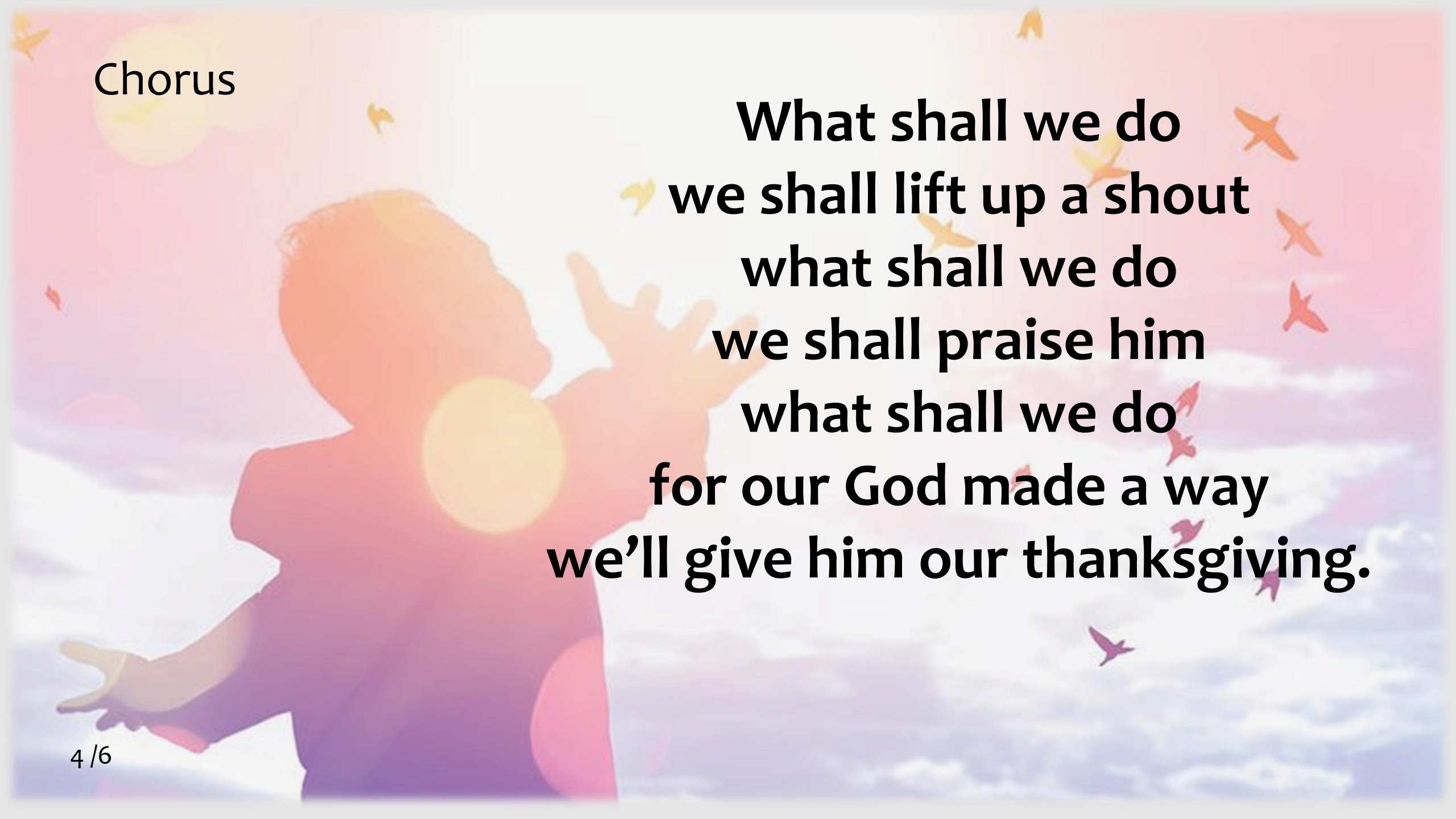
A child is shown from the back, with arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The child is silhouetted against a bright, warm sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, glowing light, and several birds are seen flying in the distance. The overall mood is peaceful and reverent.

Chorus

**What shall we do
we shall lift up a shout
what shall we do
we shall praise him
what shall we do
for our God made a way
we'll give him our thanksgiving.**

**2Magnify(magnify)
his holy name (his holy name)
for he is greatly (for he is greatly)
to be praised (to be praised)**



A child is shown from the back, with arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The child is silhouetted against a bright, warm sunset sky. The sun is a large, glowing yellow circle in the upper left. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds and several birds in flight, scattered across the scene. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and pink.

Chorus

**What shall we do
we shall lift up a shout
what shall we do
we shall praise him
what shall we do
for our God made a way
we'll give him our thanksgiving.**



Bridge 1

**Even if the rocks cry out
we're gonna drown them out
with a louder shout of praise.**

**Even when the battles roar
we're gonna praise you, Lord
'cause you are always worthy.**

Bridge 2

**You are worthy, worthy of honour and praise
You are worthy, we'll sing it again and again.**

Chorus

**What shall we do, we shall lift up a shout
what shall we do, we shall praise him
what shall we do
for our God made a way
we'll give him our thanksgiving.**

Ending

**We'll give him our thanksgiving
we'll give him our thanksgiving**

Matthew 17 : 1 - 9

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God





Sermon- 'When changes come'

Prayers



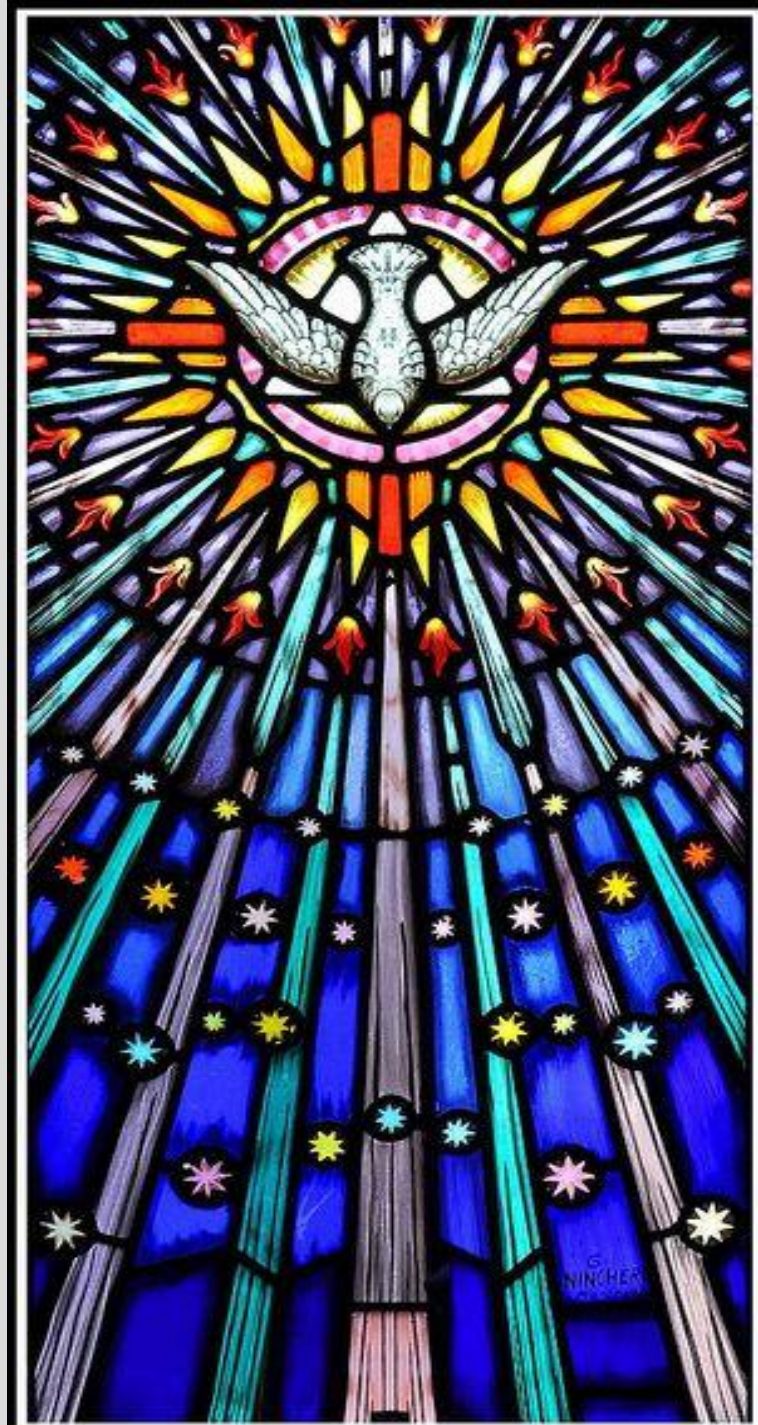
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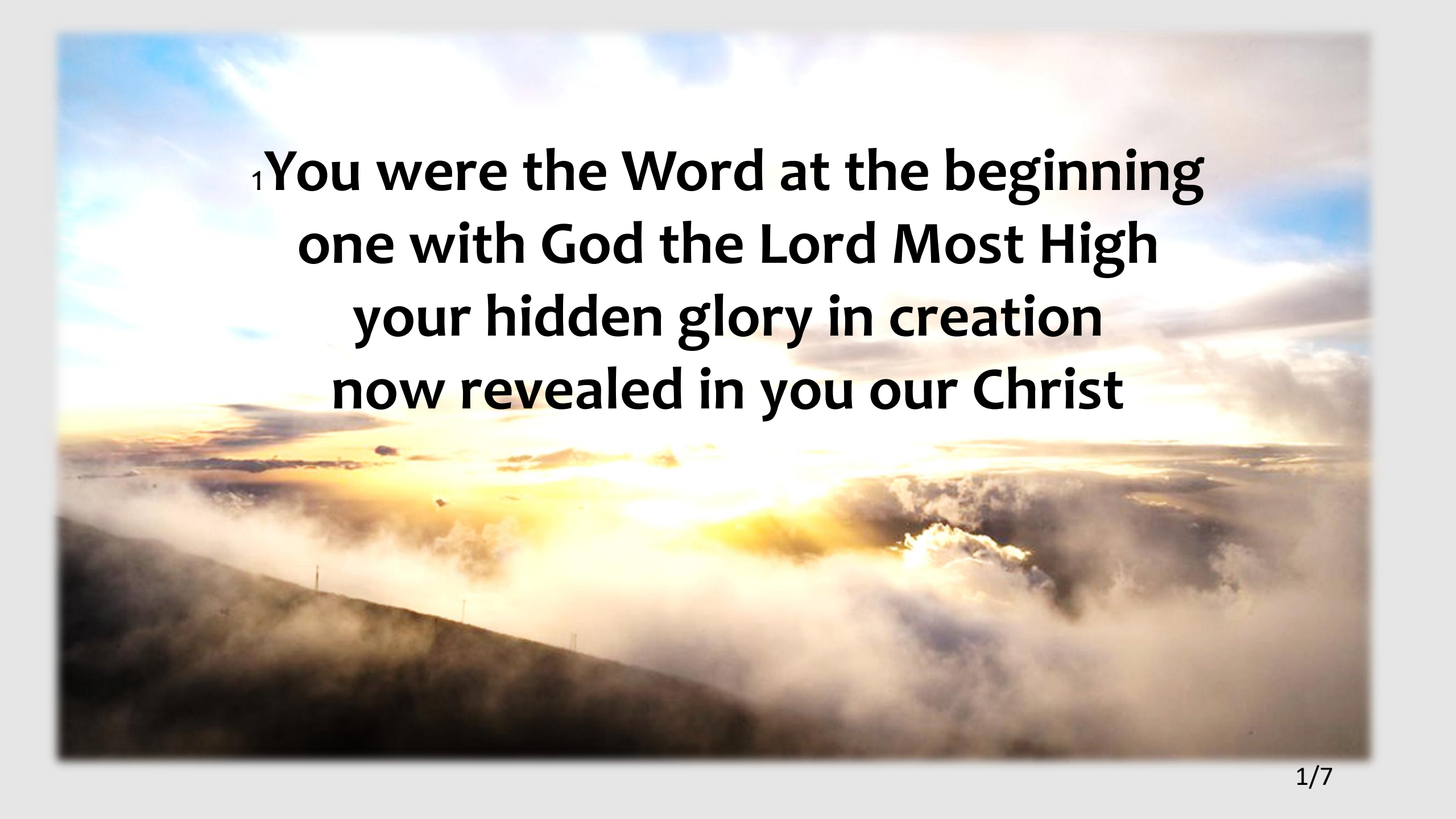
**Merciful Father - Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

and also with you.





**¹You were the Word at the beginning
one with God the Lord Most High
your hidden glory in creation
now revealed in you our Christ**

Chorus 1

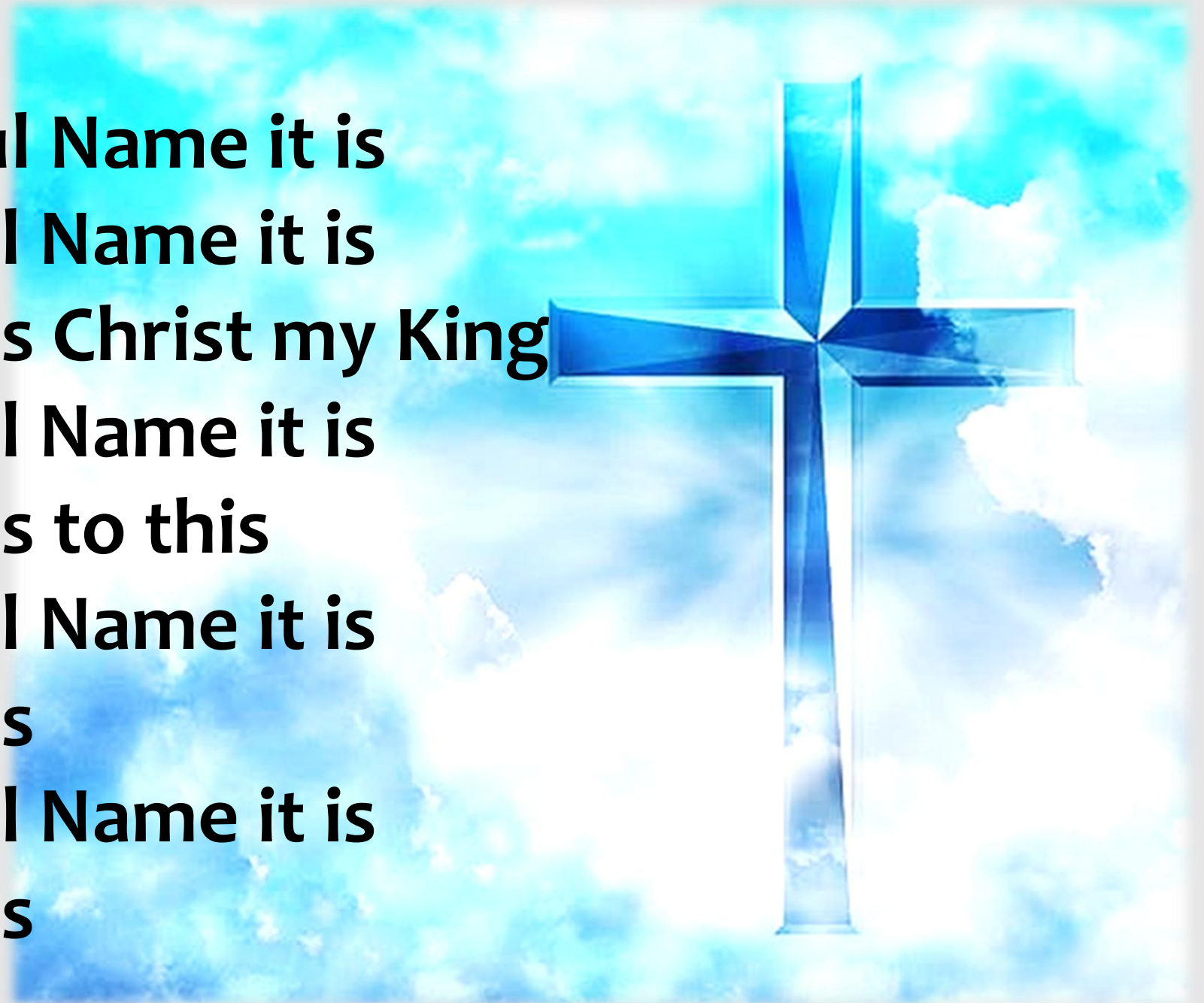
**What a beautiful Name it is
what a beautiful Name it is
the Name of Jesus Christ my King
what a beautiful Name it is
nothing compares to this
what a beautiful Name it is
the Name of Jesus**



**₂ You didn't want heaven without us
so Jesus you brought heaven down
my sin was great your love was greater
what could separate us now**

Chorus 2

**What a wonderful Name it is
what a wonderful Name it is
the Name of Jesus Christ my King
what a wonderful Name it is
nothing compares to this
what a wonderful Name it is
the Name of Jesus
what a wonderful Name it is
the Name of Jesus**



Bridge

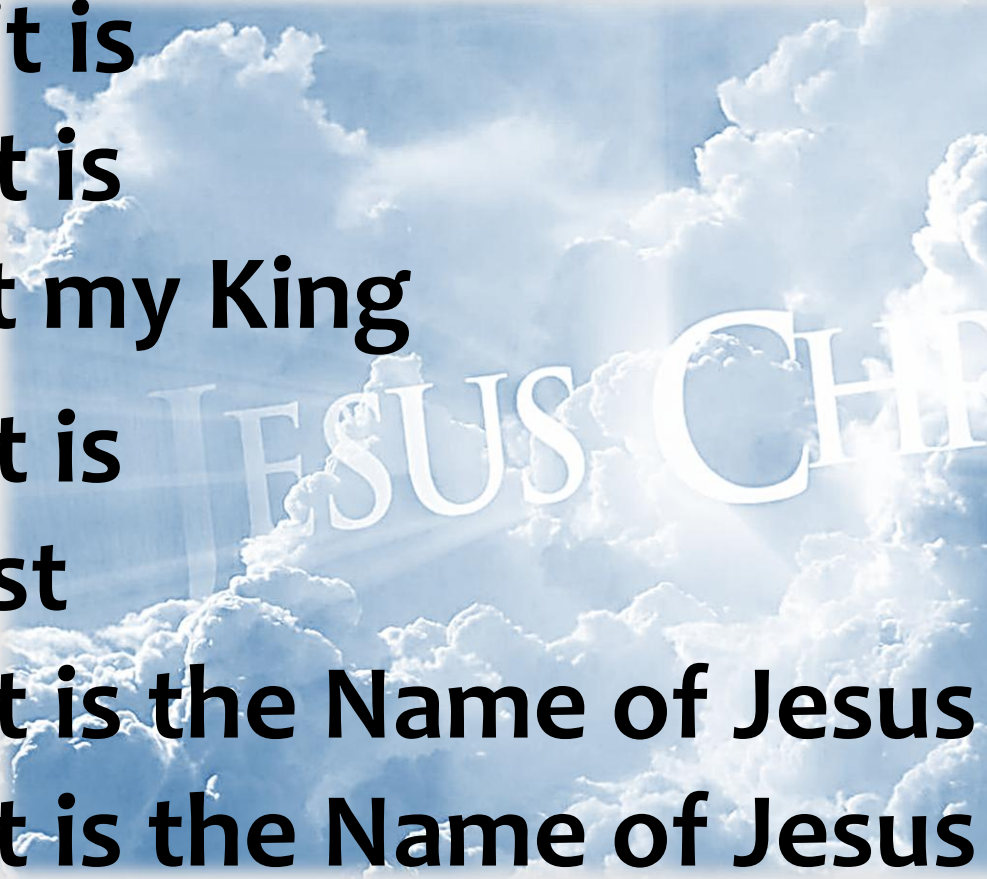
**Death could not hold you
the veil tore before you
you silence the boast of sin and grave
the heavens are roaring
the praise of your glory
for you are raised to life again**

Bridge

**You have no rival
you have no equal
now and forever God you reign
yours is the kingdom
yours is the glory
yours is the Name above all names**

Chorus 3

**What a powerful Name it is
what a powerful Name it is
the Name of Jesus Christ my King
what a powerful Name it is
nothing can stand against
what a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus
what a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus
what a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus**



The Communion Prayer

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.

Matthew 17:20



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



Receiving
the
bread and wine



**1 You chose the cross with every breath
the perfect life the perfect death
you chose the cross.
A crown of thorns you wore for us
and crowned us with eternal life
you chose the cross.**

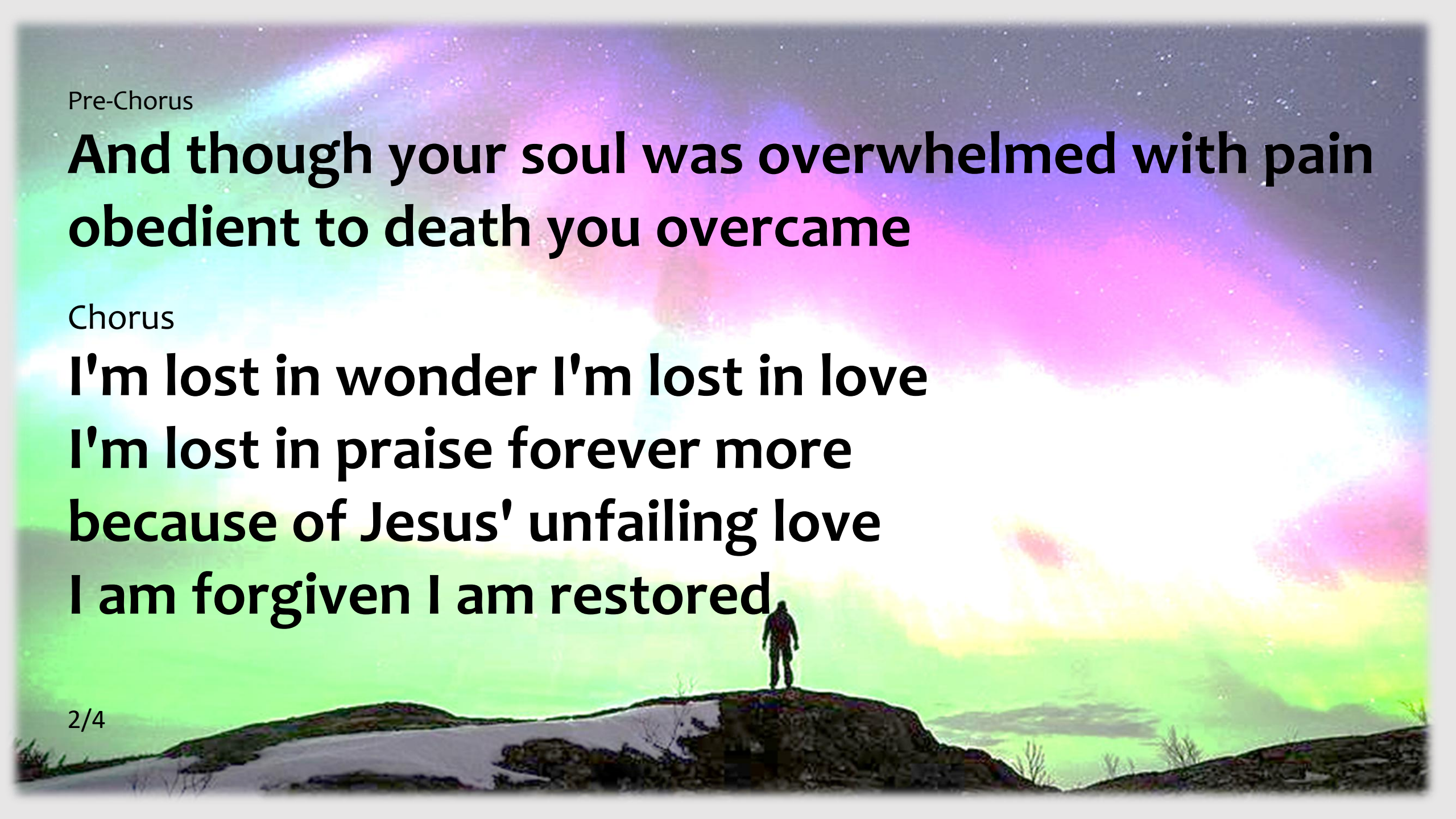


Pre-Chorus

**And though your soul was overwhelmed with pain
obedient to death you overcame**

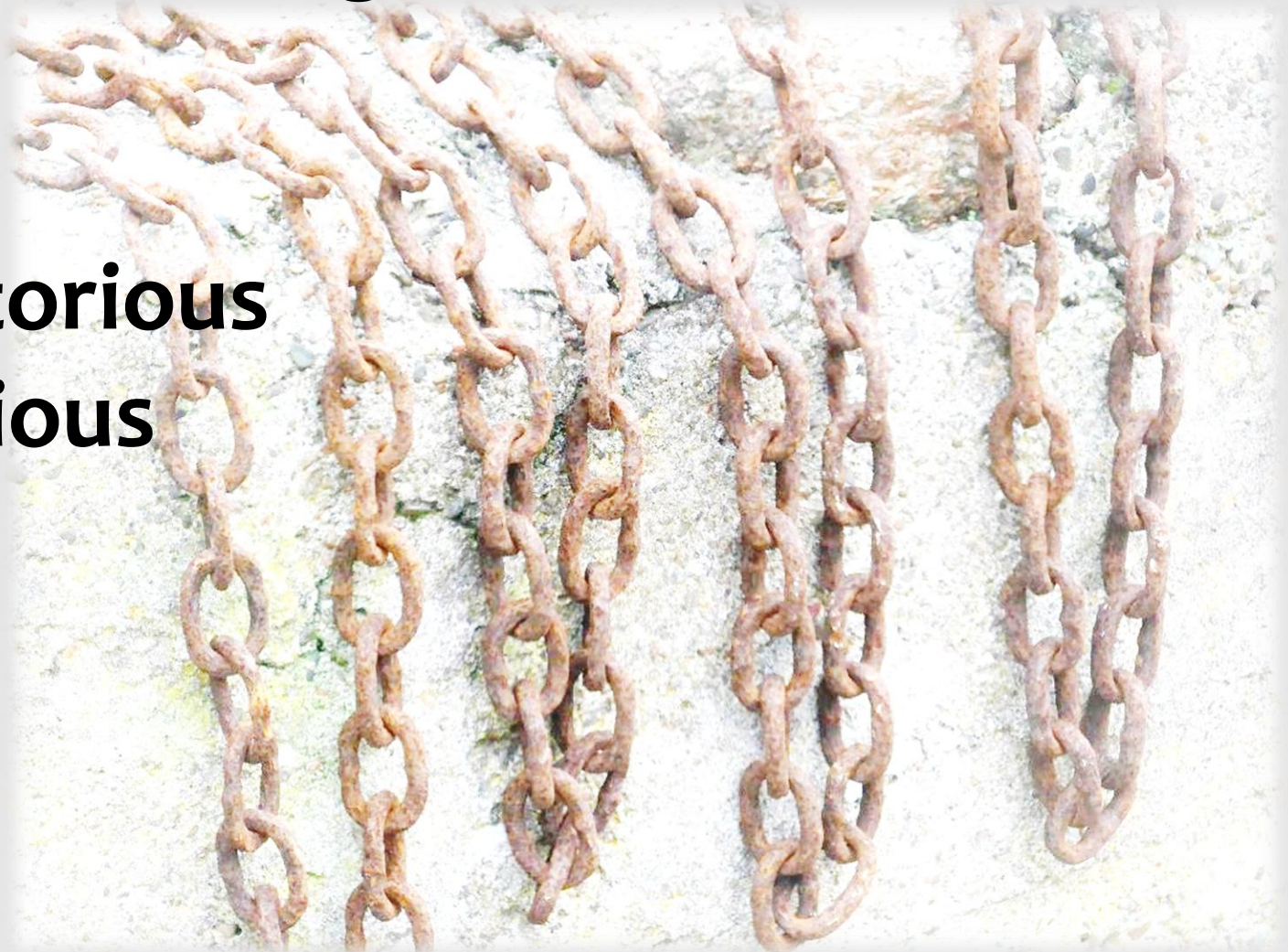
Chorus

**I'm lost in wonder I'm lost in love
I'm lost in praise forever more
because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven I am restored**



**2 You loosed the cords of sinfulness
and broke the chains of my disgrace
you chose the cross.**

**Up from the grave victorious
you rose again so glorious
you chose the cross.**



Pre-Chorus

**The sorrow that surrounded you was mine
yet not my will but yours be done you cried.**

Chorus

**I'm lost in wonder I'm lost in love
I'm lost in praise forever more
because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven I am restored.**

4/4 CCLI Song # 3943520 Martyn Layzell



**1 If faith can move the mountains
let the mountains move.**

**We come with expectation
waiting here for you.**

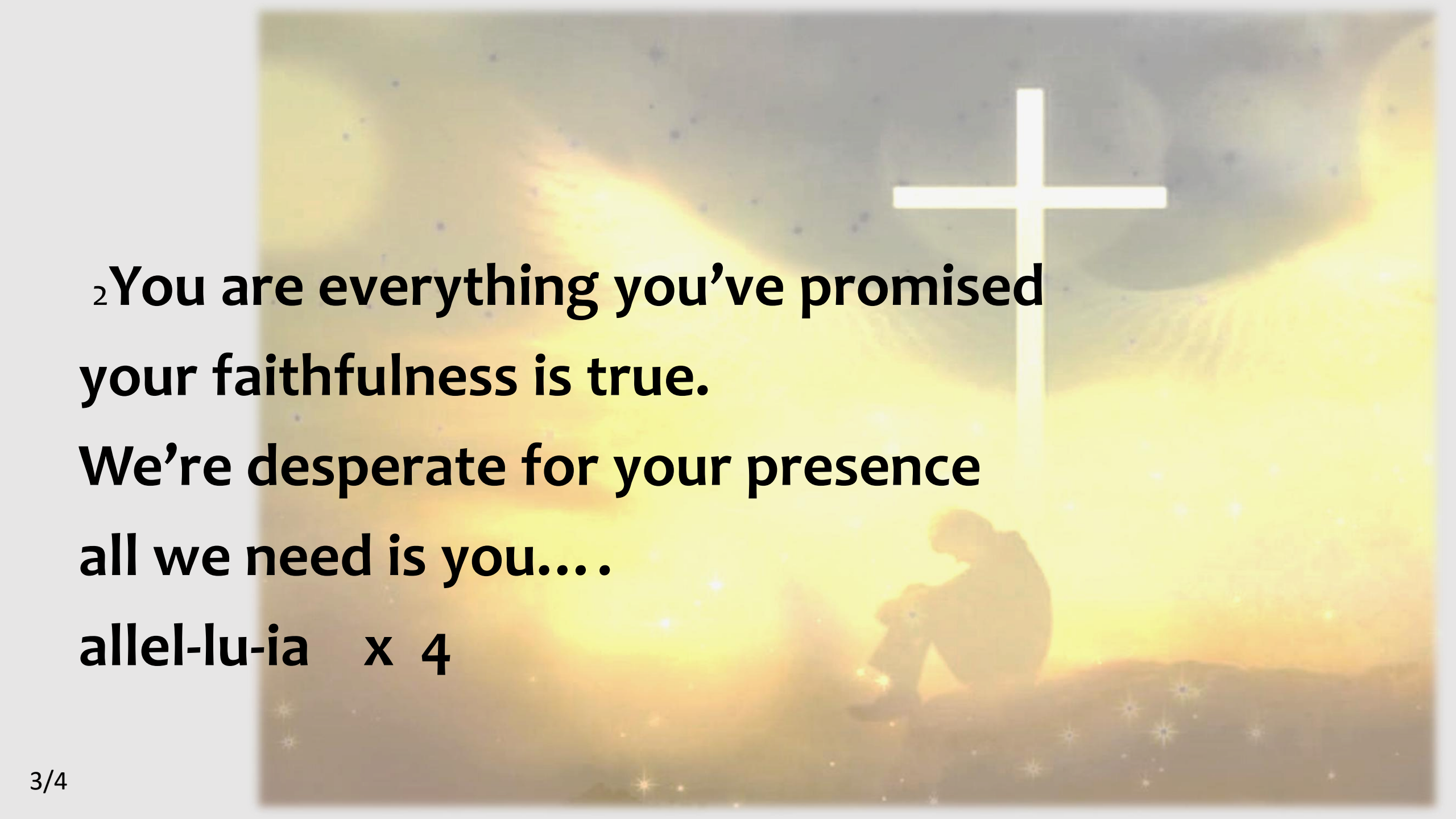
**You're the Lord of all creation
and still you know my heart
the Author of Salvation**

You've loved us from the start....



**Waiting here for you,
with our hands
lifted high in praise.**

**It's you we adore
singing alle—lu—ia
Waiting here for you.**

A person is kneeling in prayer on a dark surface, illuminated by a bright, golden light. A large, white cross is positioned in the background, also glowing with the same light. The overall scene is ethereal and spiritual, with a soft, hazy atmosphere.

**2 You are everything you've promised
your faithfulness is true.**

**We're desperate for your presence
all we need is you....**

allel-lu-ia x 4

**Waiting here for you,
with our hands
lifted high in praise.**

**It's you we adore
singing alle—lu—ia
Waiting here for you.**

Receiving
the
bread and wine



I AM
THE BREAD OF
life

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



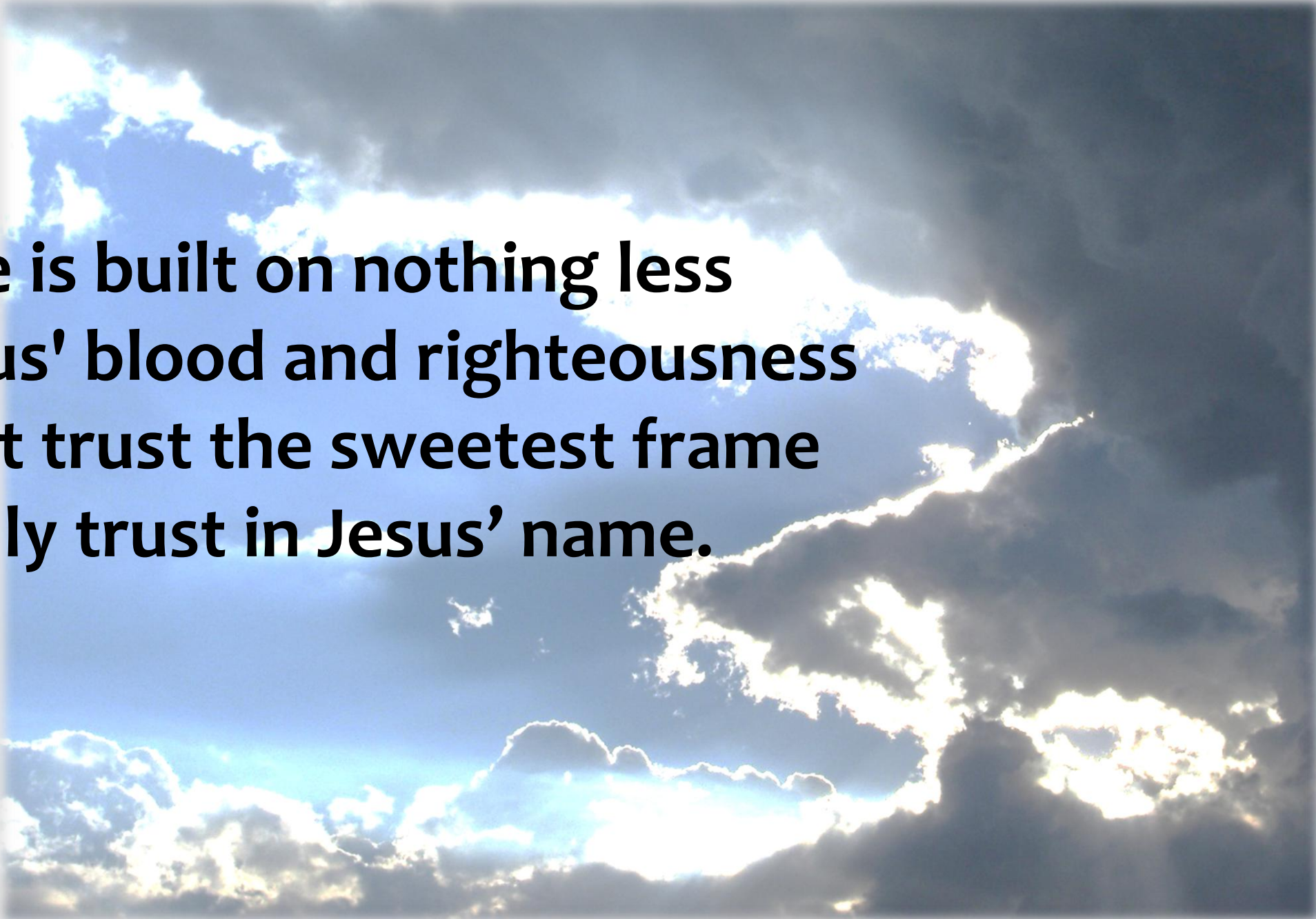
find a home in our hearts and settle our minds
as we continue today and that tomorrow
we may wake and live to God's glory.

Amen.

Family News

God's work-
our hands





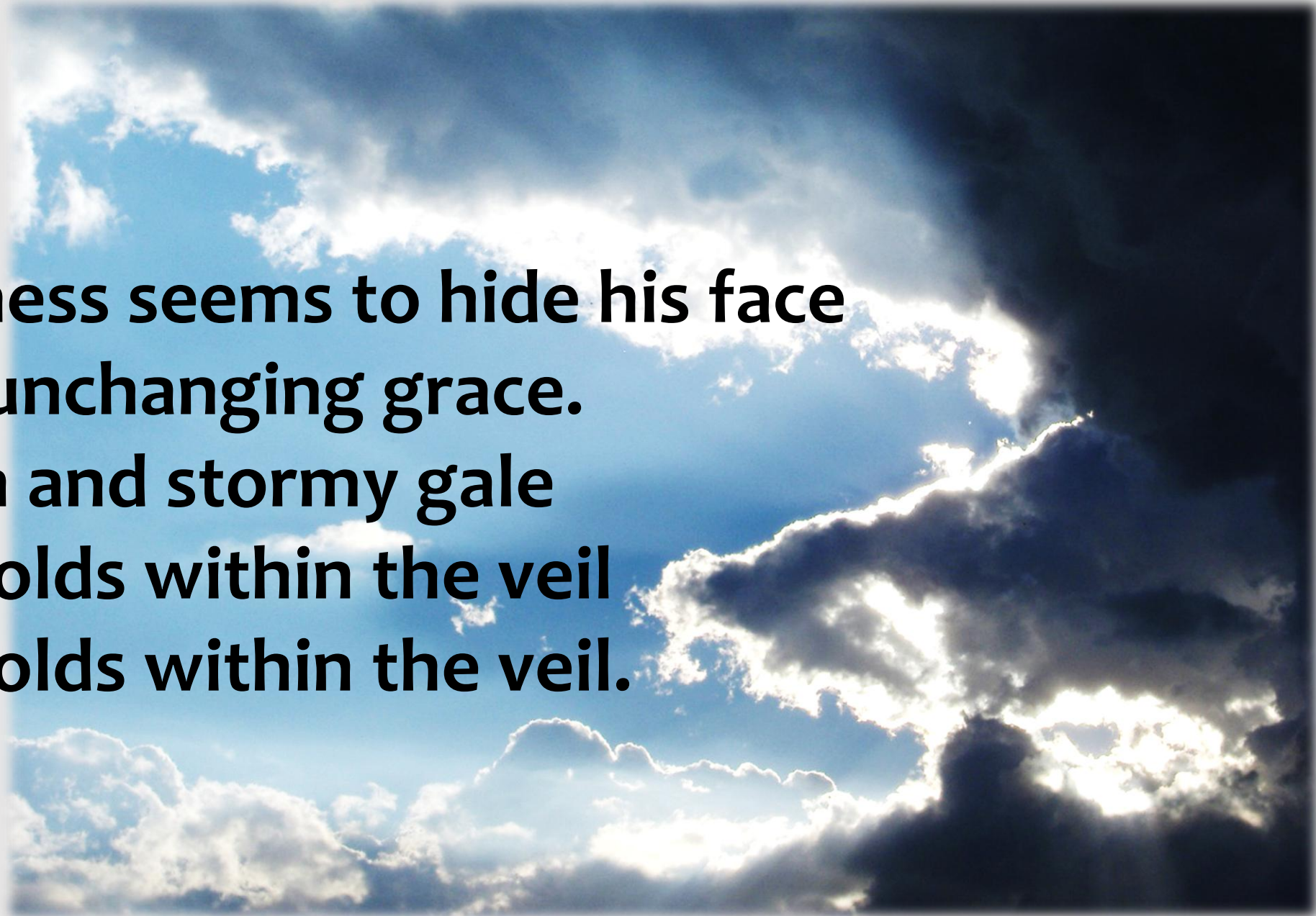
**1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.**

Chorus

**Christ alone cornerstone
weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm
he is Lord, Lord of all.**




**2 When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil
my anchor holds within the veil.**





Chorus

**Christ alone cornerstone
weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm
he is Lord, Lord of all.**

A vibrant sunset over a calm ocean. The sun is a bright yellow orb partially obscured by a layer of white clouds. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a soft pink and orange near the horizon. A single bird is seen in flight on the left side of the frame.

**³ When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone
faultless stand before the throne.**



Chorus

**Christ alone cornerstone
weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm
he is Lord, Lord of all.**

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

