

Sunday 24th May 2026

Christ Church with St Mary's

Service of Holy Communion

Theme : Pentecost

We say together the words in **bold**



Welcome and Introduction



The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

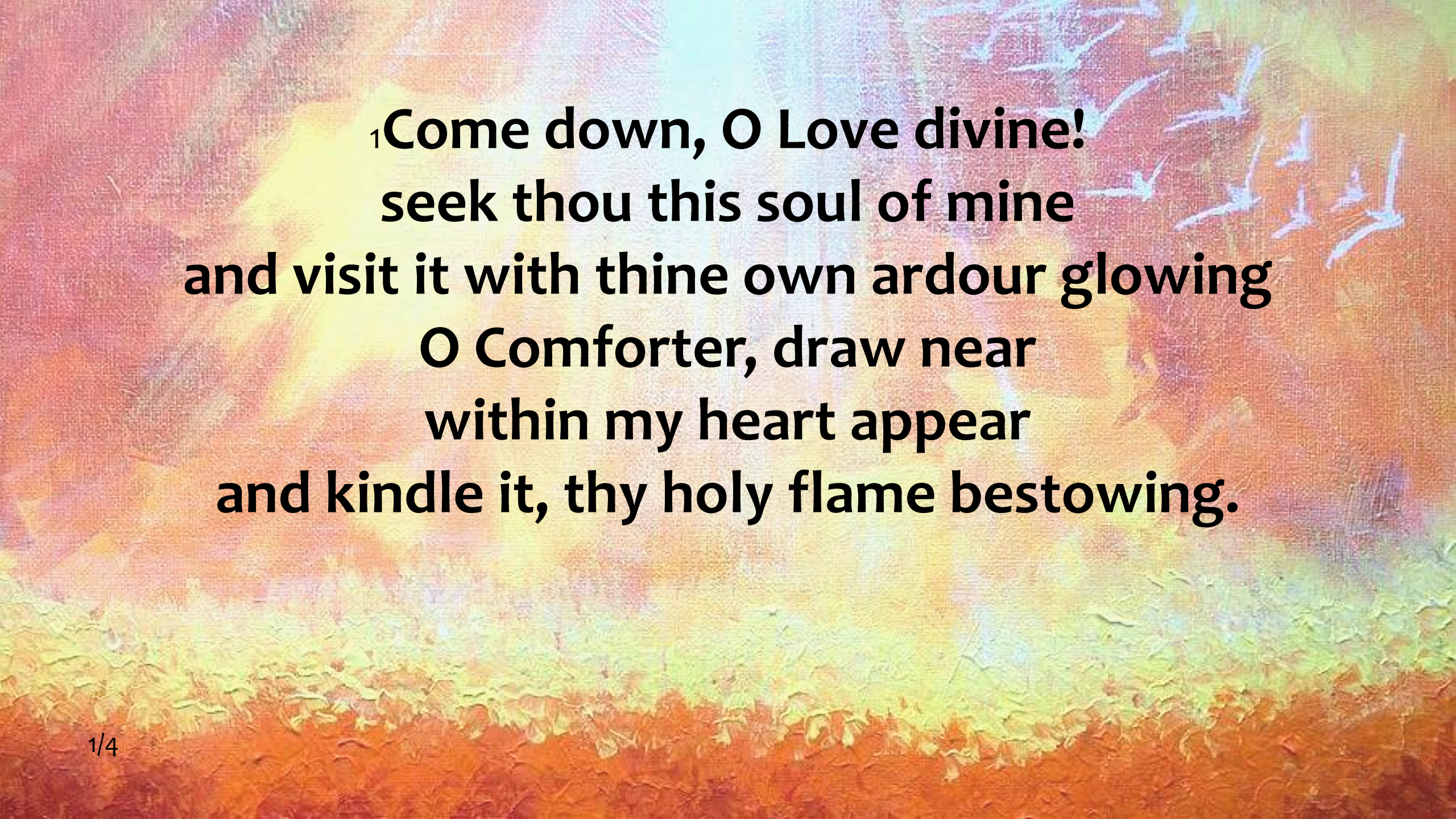




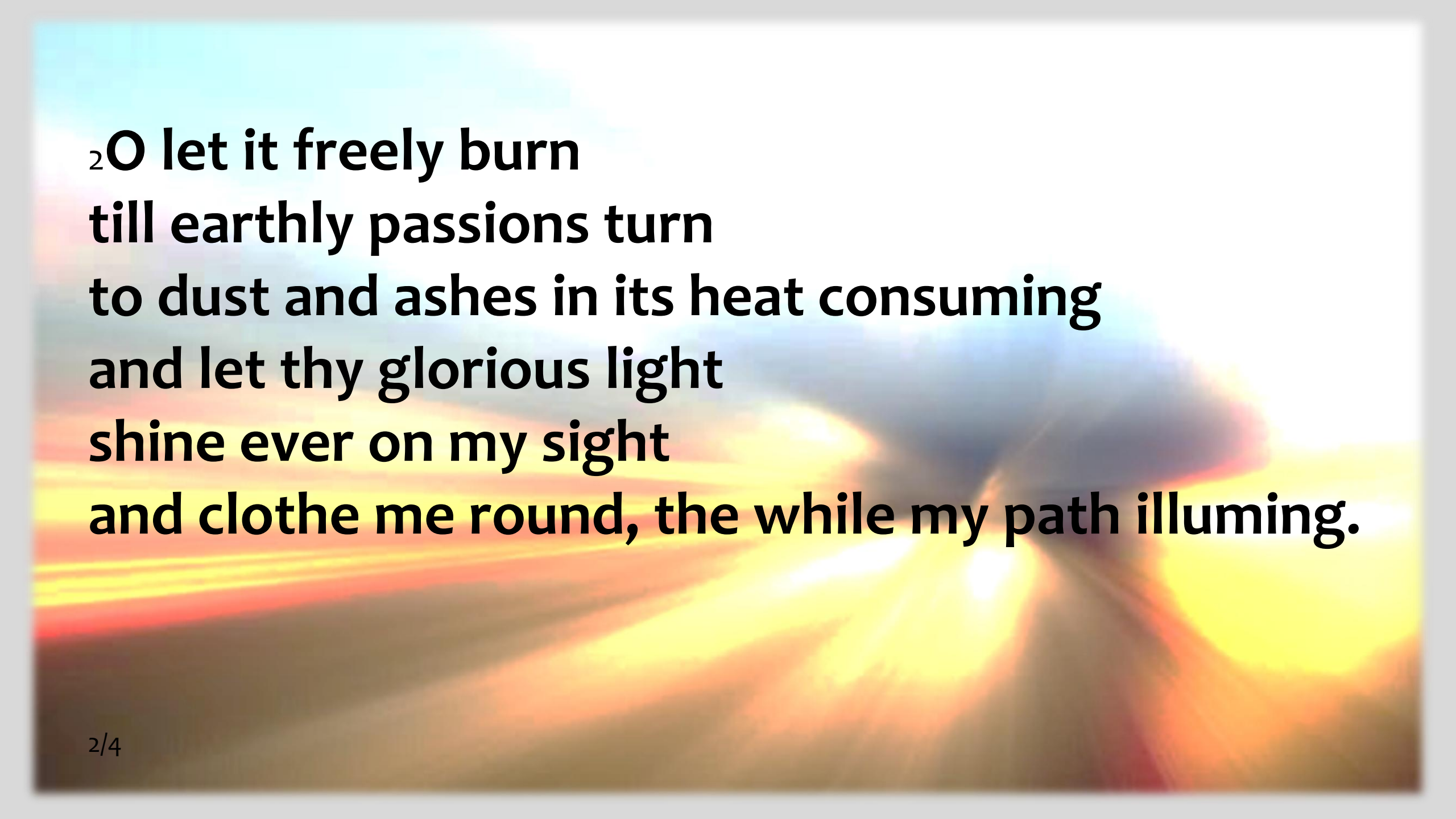
Parish Bible verse
2025 - 2026

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

Romans 13:10



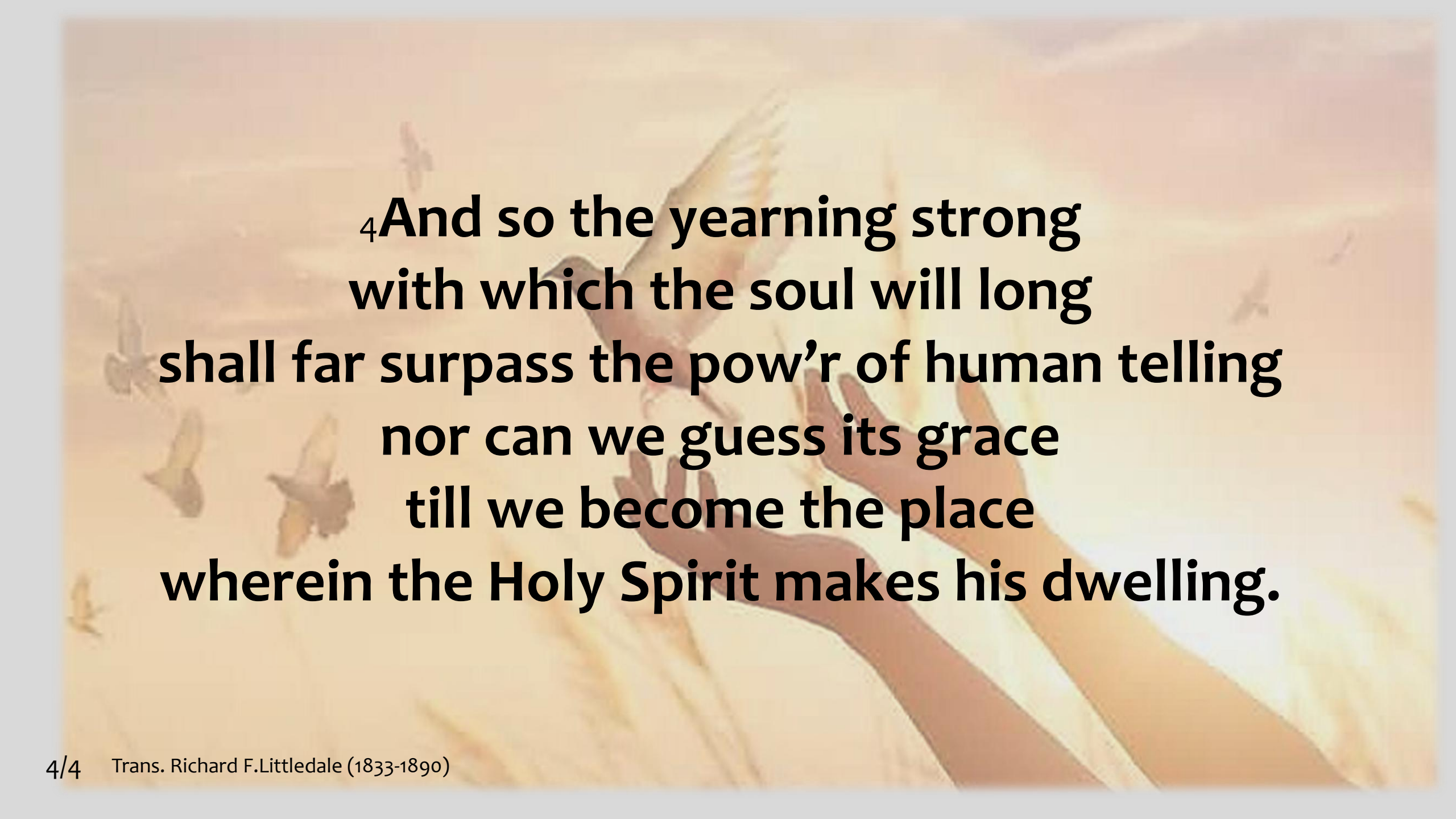
**¹Come down, O Love divine!
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing
O Comforter, draw near
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**



**2O let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be
and lowliness become my inner clothing
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.**

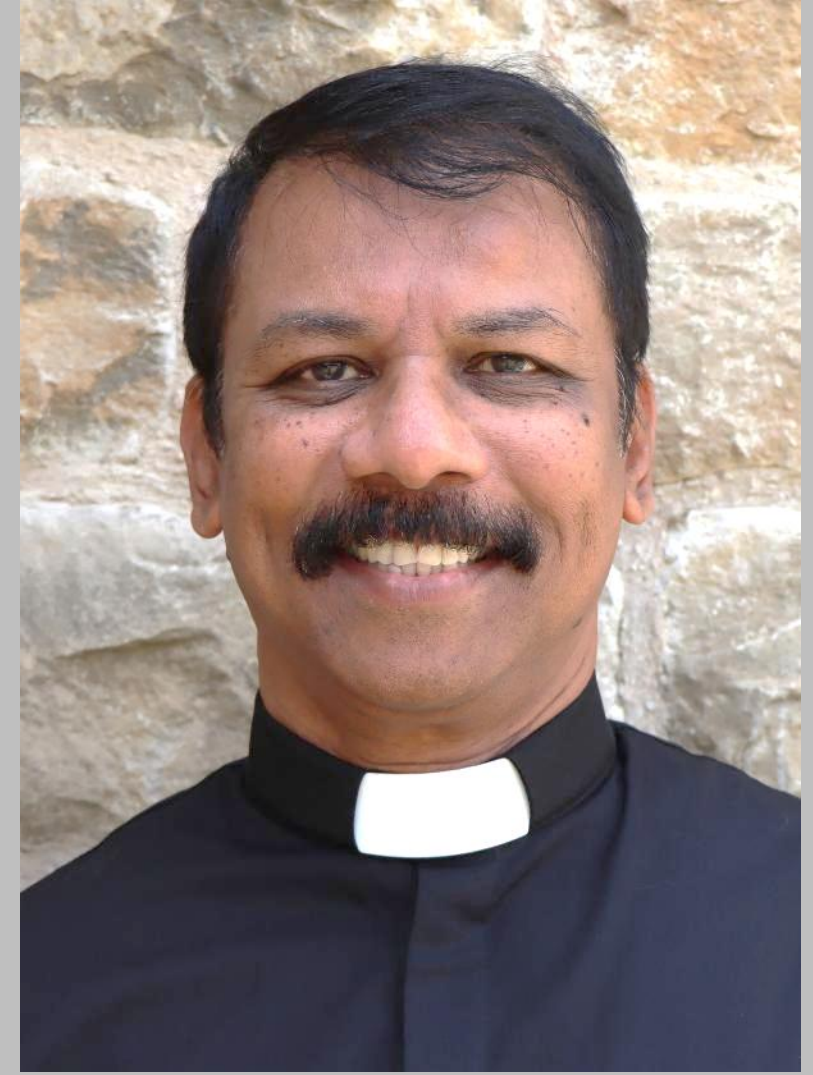




**4And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the pow'r of human telling
nor can we guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**



Offertory
and
thank you prayer



Children's Talk – 'The wind you cannot see'

**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 your 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 commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Prayer of Confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore let us in penitence
open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things
for those who love him.

Together we say

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen

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

Amen



We join in the Peruvian Gloria

¹Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen!

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the Peruvian Gloria

²Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus
To God be glory forever!
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Alleluia! Amen!
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³Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit
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The Collect

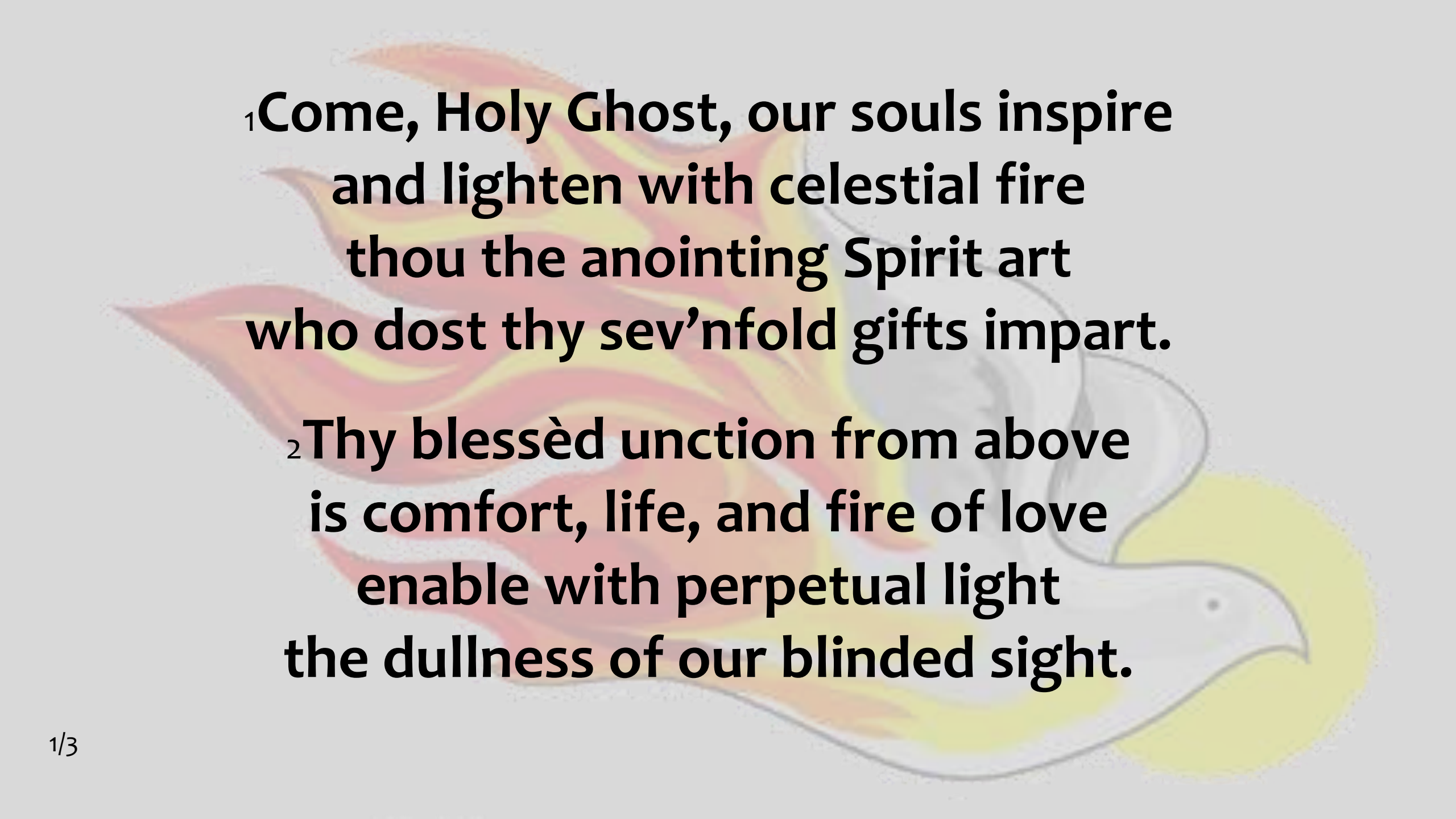
Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire:
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your church with the breath of love
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Acts 2 : 1 - 21

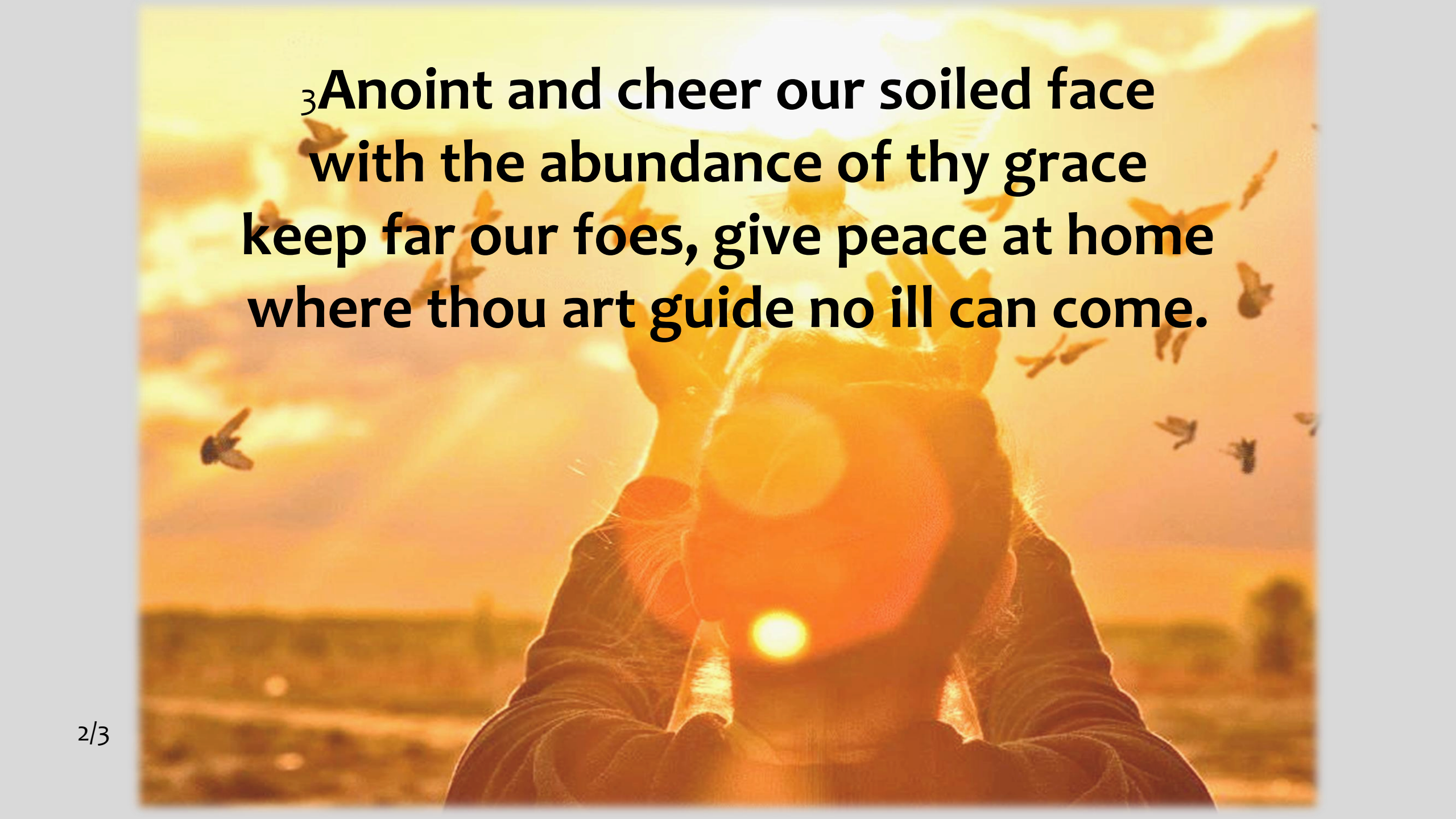
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God





**¹Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire
thou the anointing Spirit art
who dost thy sev'nfold gifts impart.**

**²Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

A person is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a landscape, with many birds flying in the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

**³Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace
keep far our foes, give peace at home
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**4 Show us the Father and the Son
in thee and with thee, ever one
Then through the ages all along
this shall be our unending song.**



**5 Praise to thy eternal merit
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit, one God,
who was and who is and
who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia

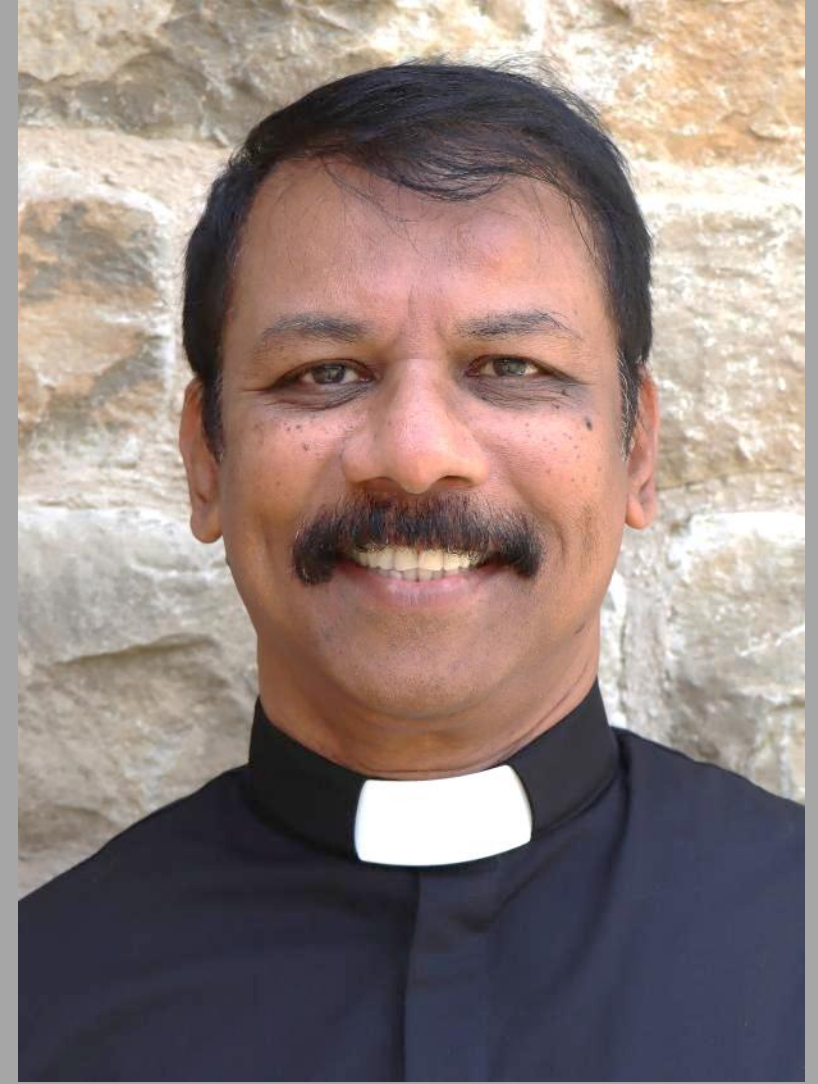


Hear the Gospel of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to.....
Glory to you O Lord

John 20 : 19 - 23

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





Sermon – ‘Peace, Power and Purpose’

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty
who was and is and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father
who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

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The Creed

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
**for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

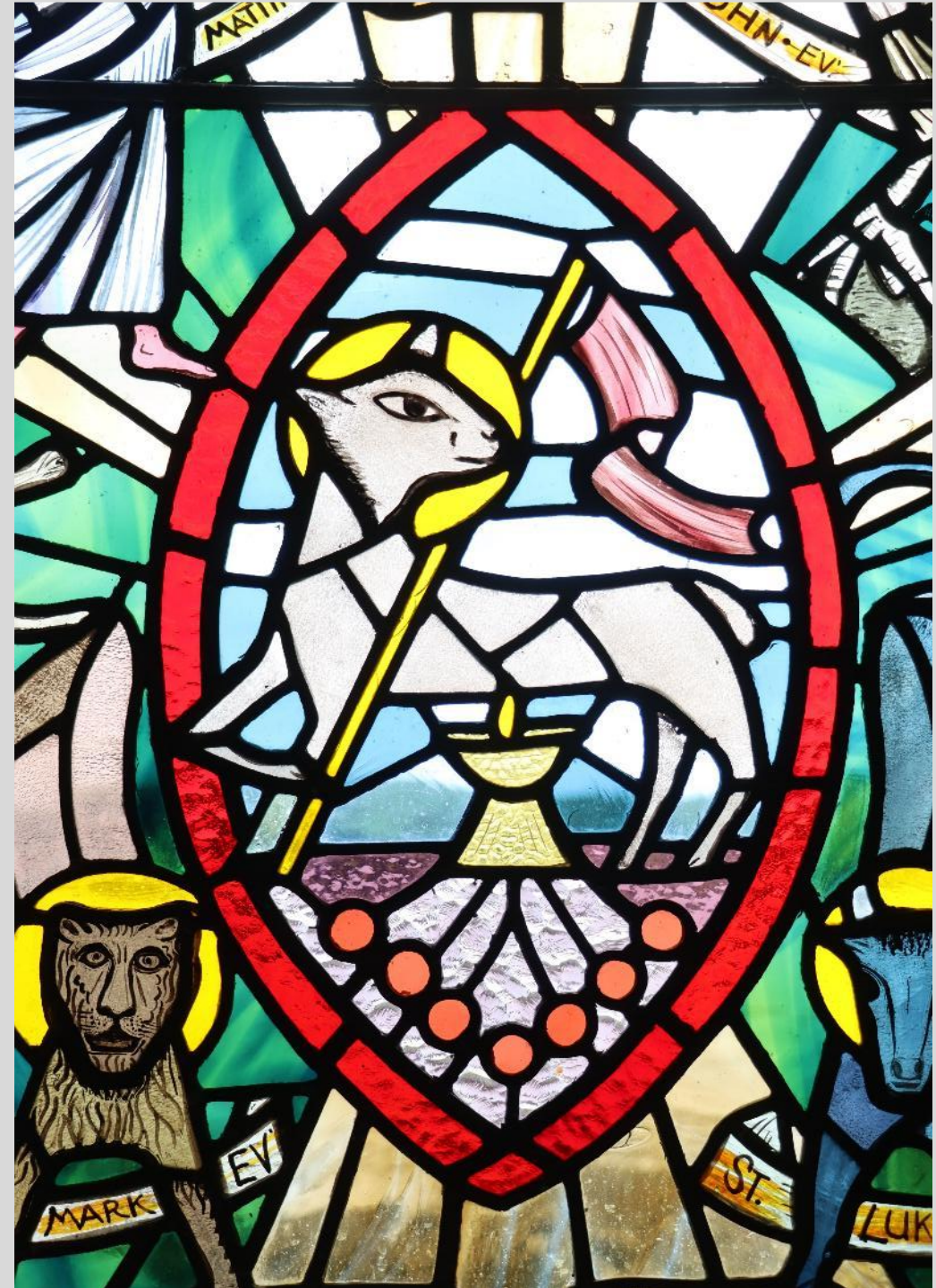
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say,
‘Come!’ Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father-

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



The Peace

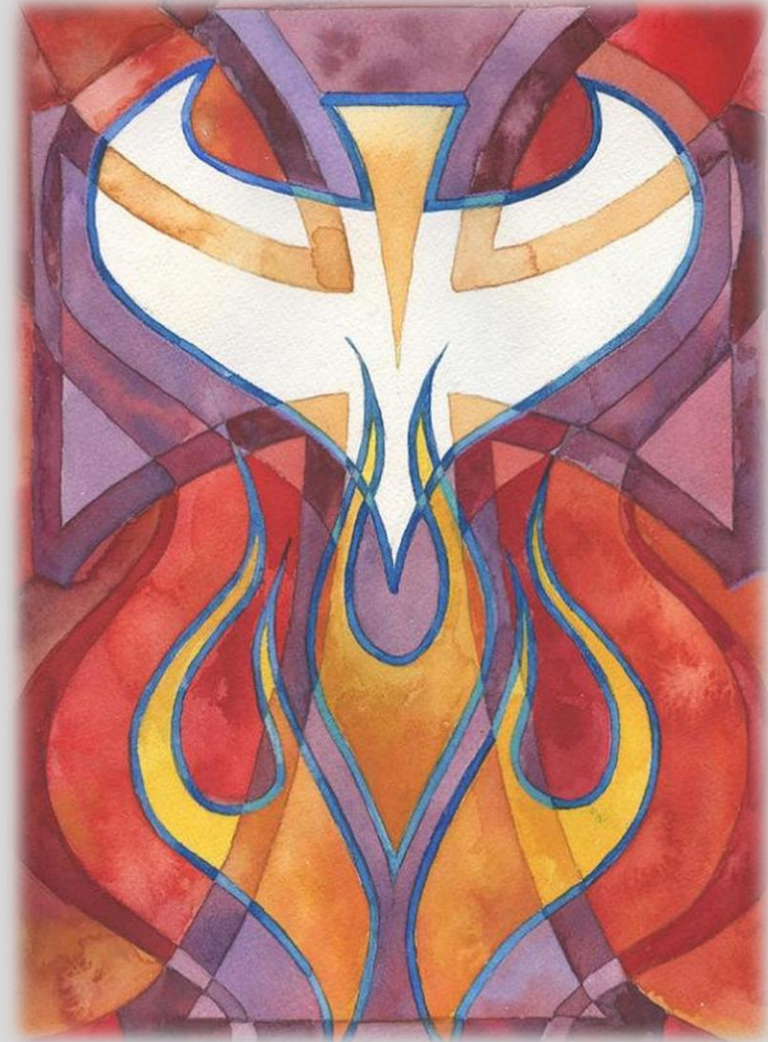
God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!



The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

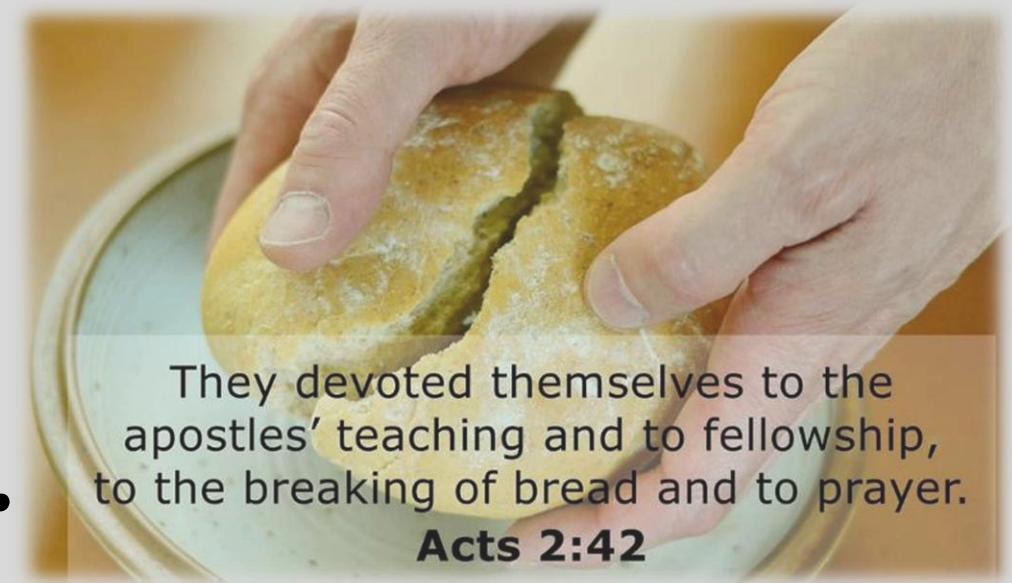
**1 There's a spirit in the air
telling Christians everywhere
praise the love that Christ revealed
living, working, in our world.**

**2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue
tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**



**3 When believers break the bread
when a hungry child is fed
praise the love that Christ revealed
living, working, in our world.**

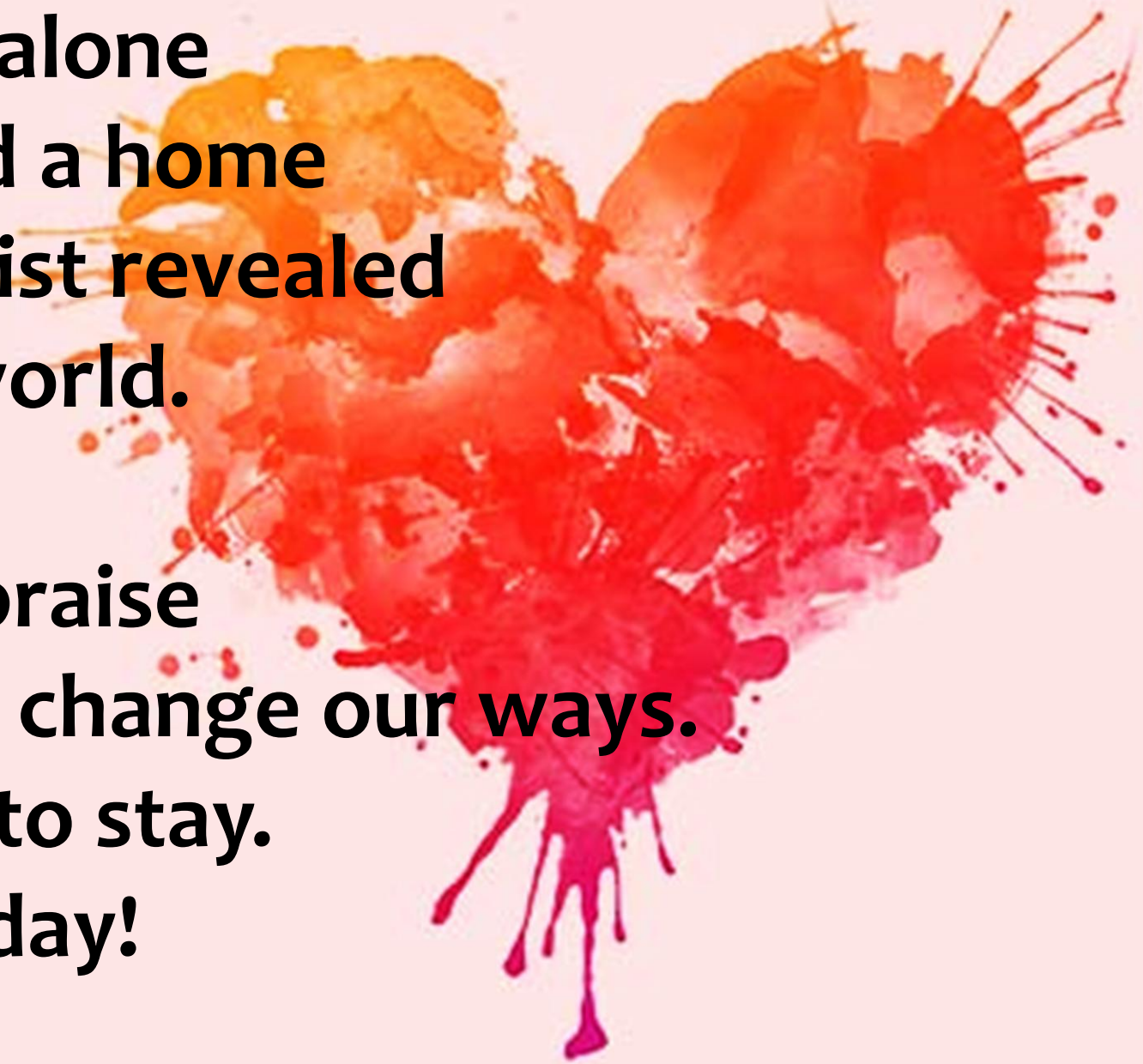
**4 Still the Spirit gives us light
seeing wrong and setting right.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**



They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
Acts 2:42

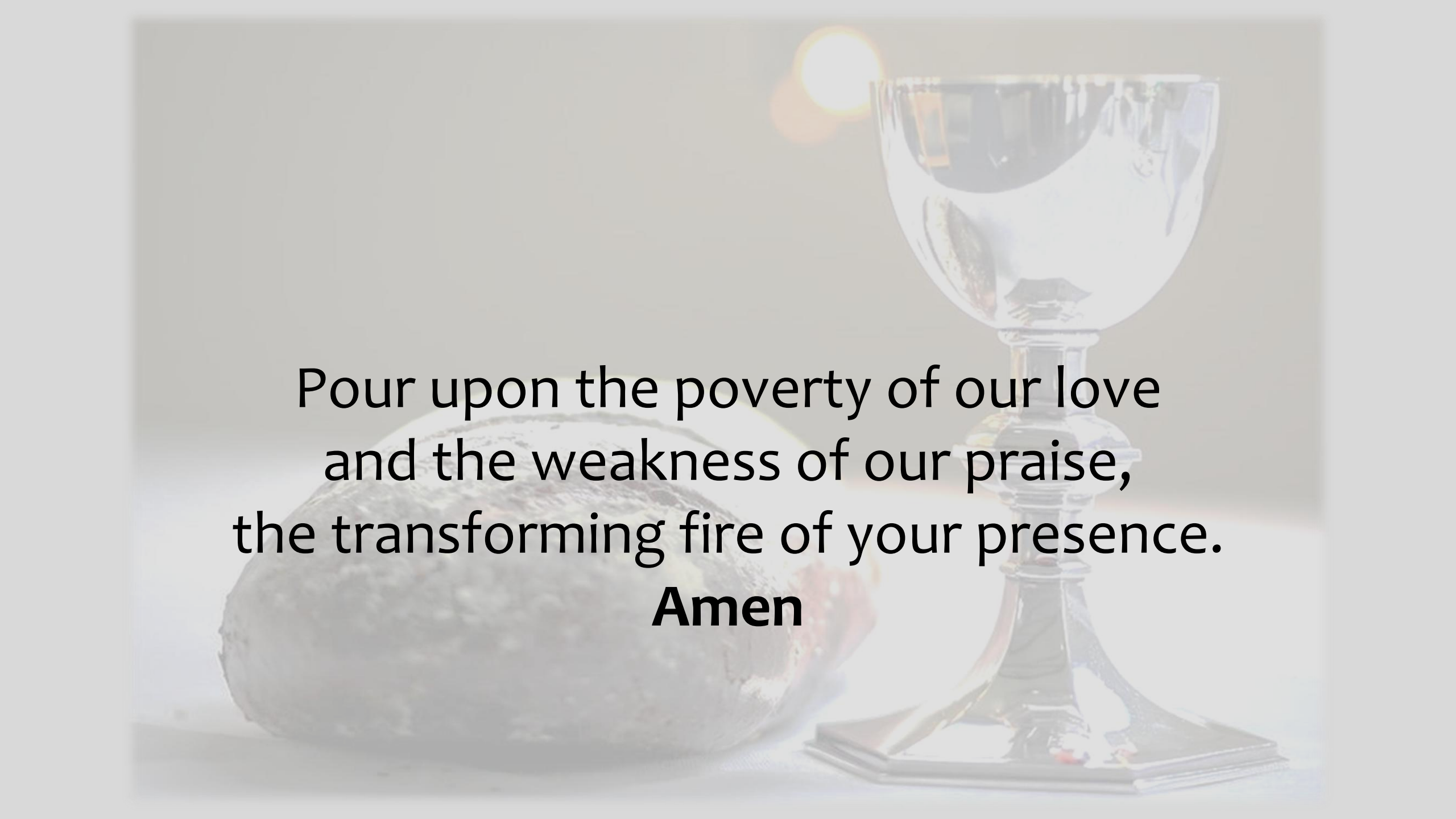
**5 When a stranger's not alone
when the homeless find a home
praise the love that Christ revealed
living working, in our world.**

**6 May the Spirit fill our praise
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**





**7 There's a Spirit in the air
calling people ev'rywhere
praise the love that Christ revealed
living, working, in our world.**

A photograph of a communion chalice and a host on a white surface. The chalice is a clear glass cup with a stem and a base, positioned on the right. To its left is a round, textured host. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light source, possibly a candle or lamp, creating a warm, ethereal atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in a black, sans-serif font.

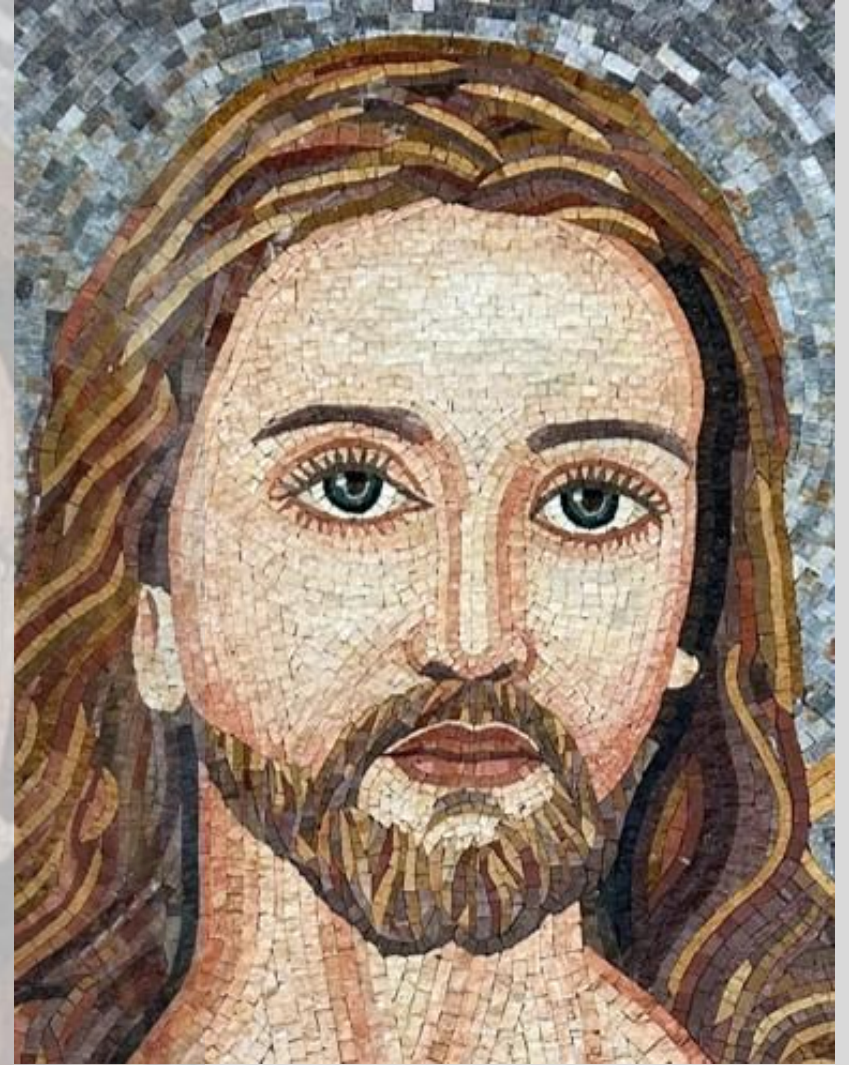
Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

Amen

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

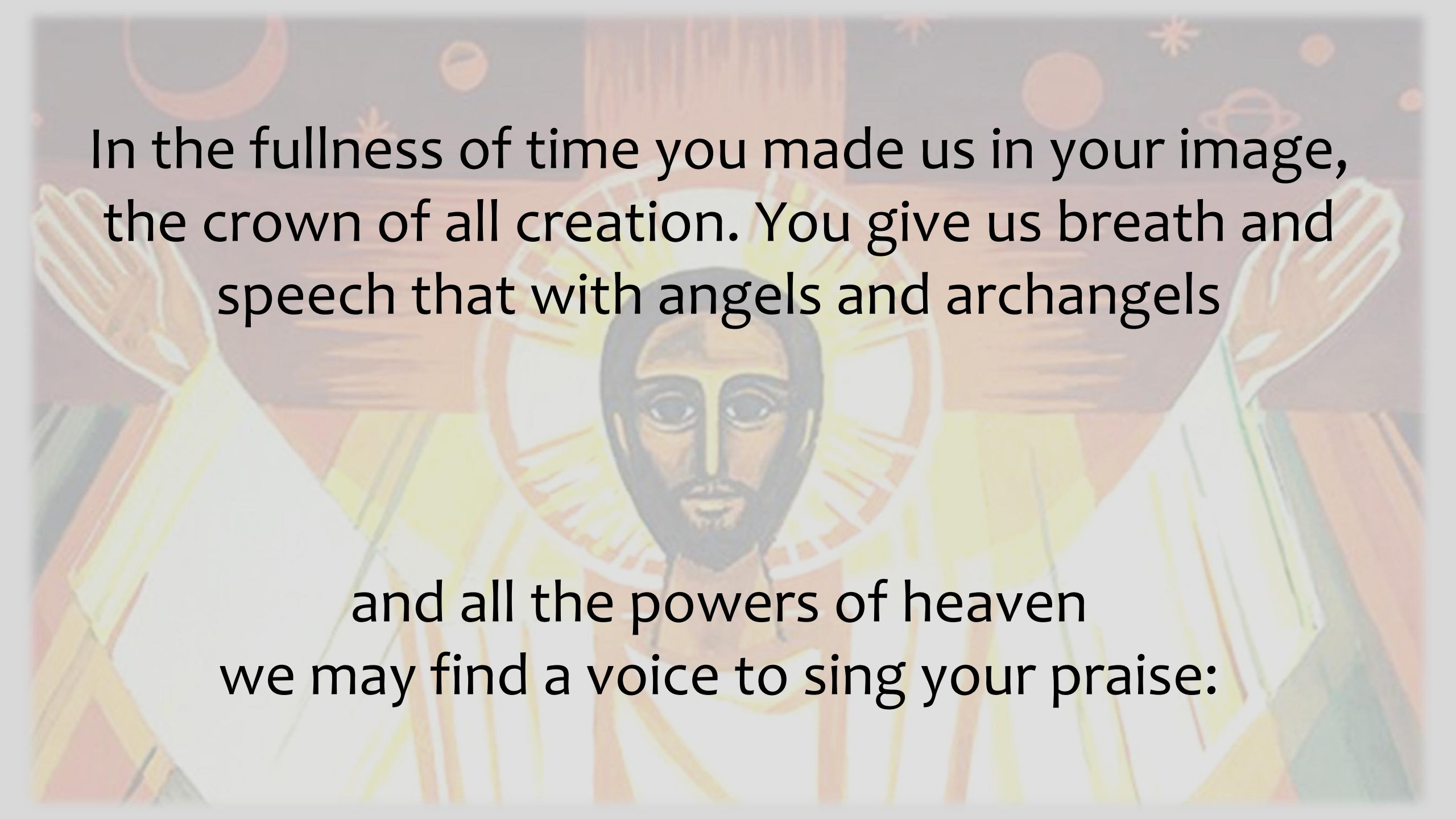
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



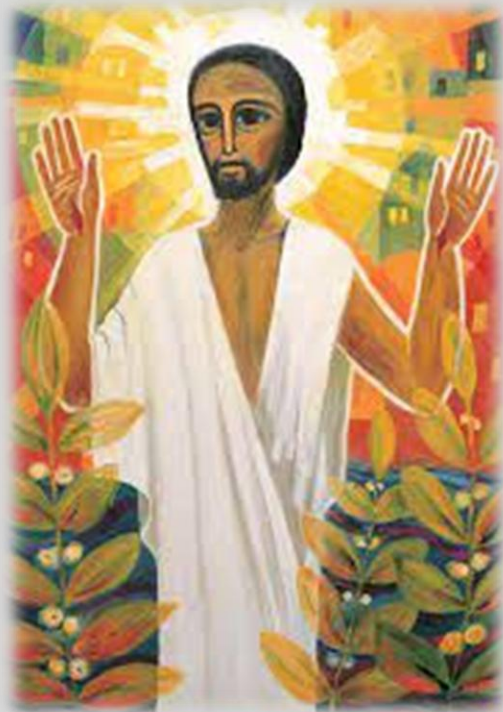
Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things and
all your works echo the silent music of your praise.





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 whom 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.





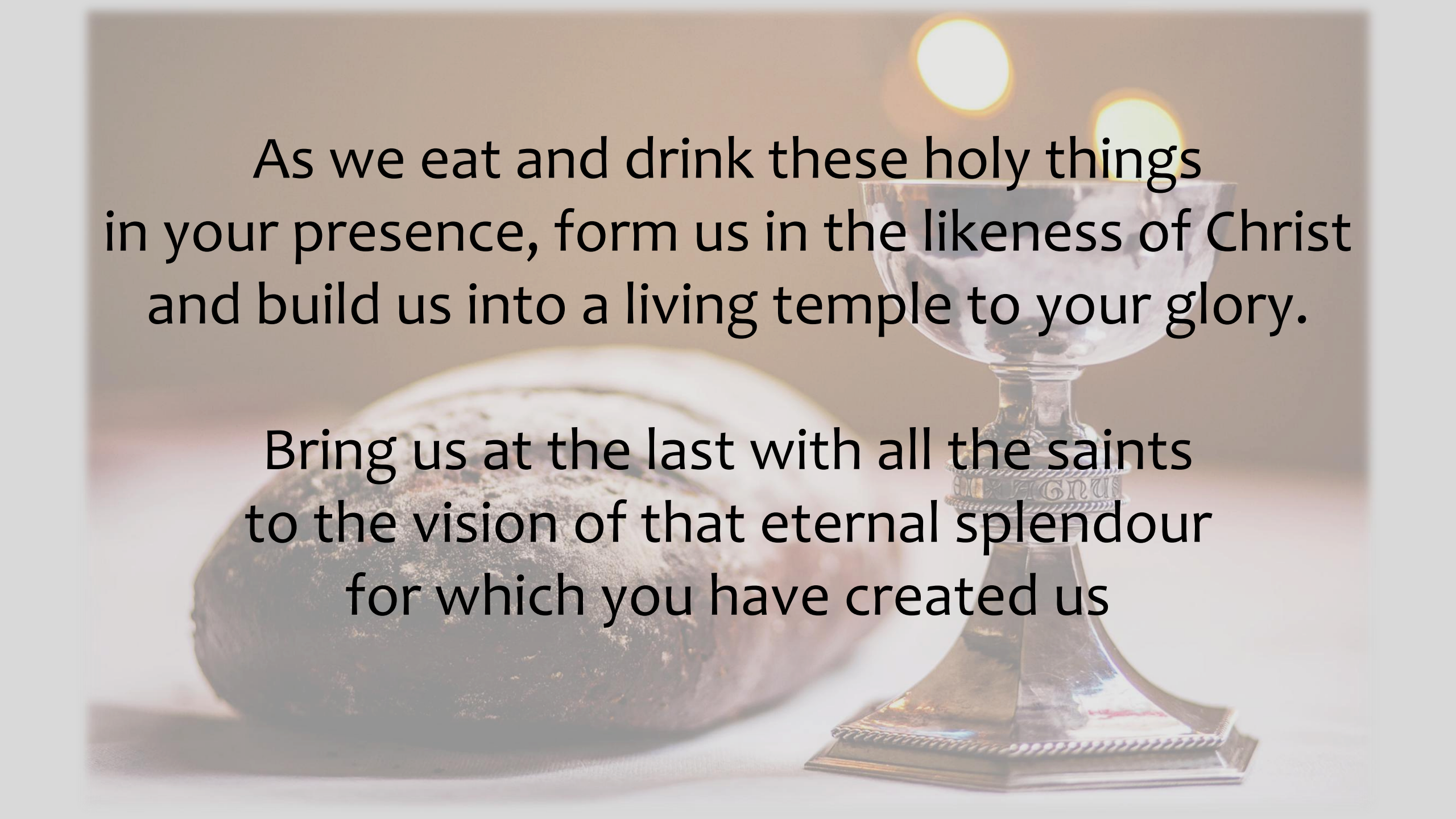
Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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.

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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 the 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,
to the glory of God the Father.**



**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 from 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 you 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.
Amen**

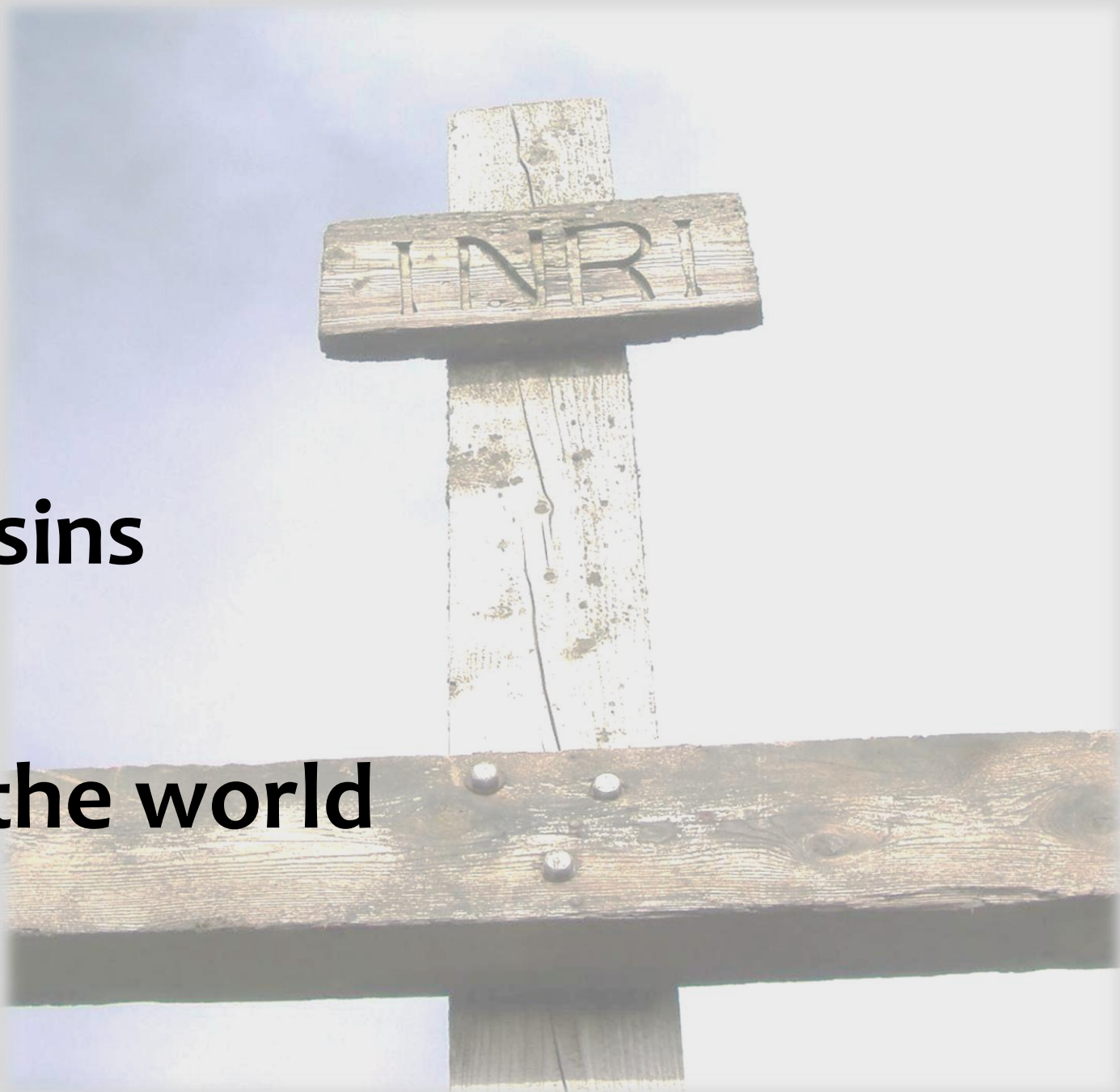


Together we sing –

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins
have mercy on us.**

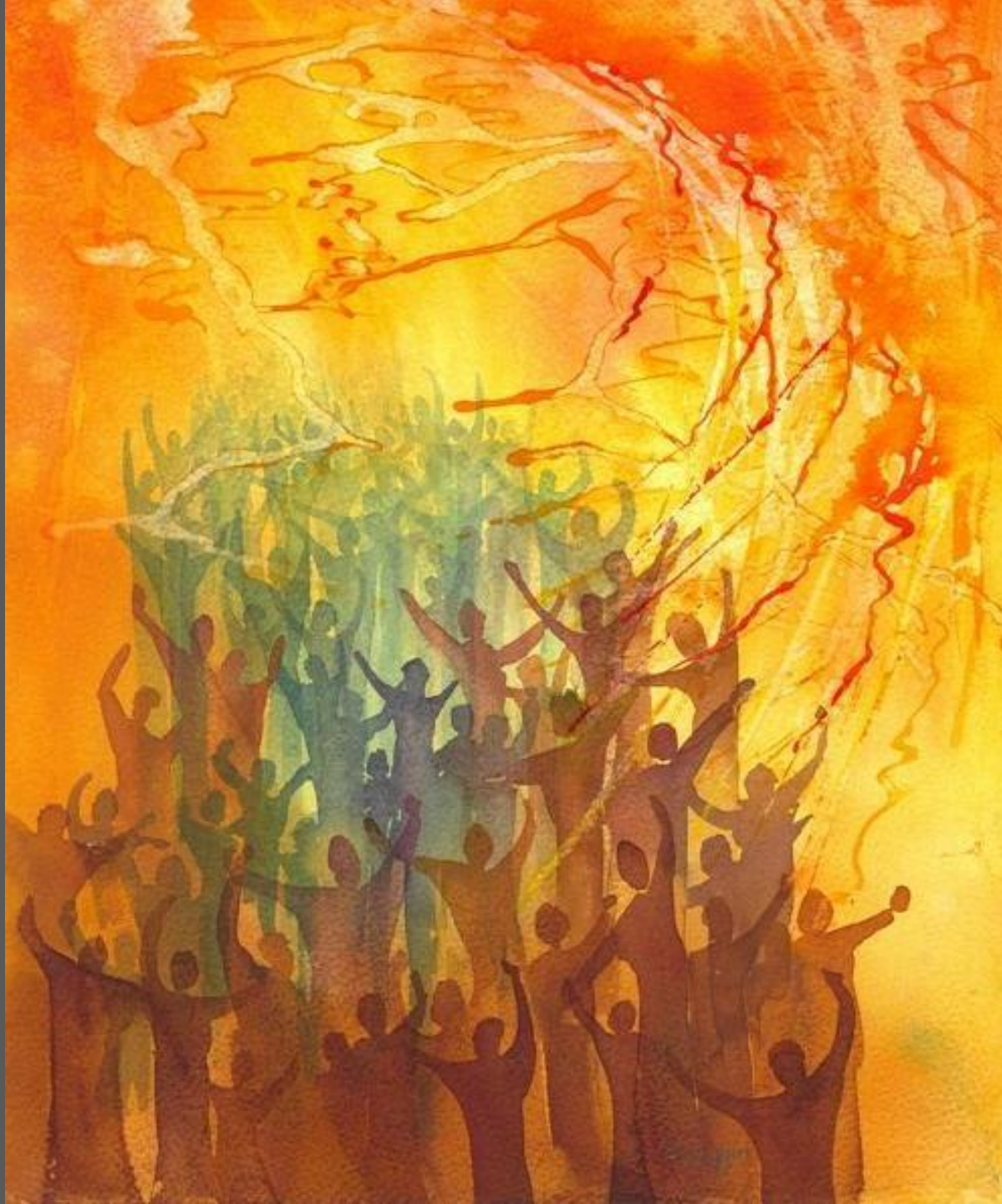
**Jesus, Redeemer of the world
give us your peace.**





Receiving the
bread and wine

*"I am the Bread of Life."
John 6:35*



Anthem

‘I will sing
with
the Spirit’

John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the
promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Together we pray

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



What is
going on?

Family News



**God's Work
Our Hands**

**1 O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**



**3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**4 Ready for all thy perfect will
my acts of faith and love repeat
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.**

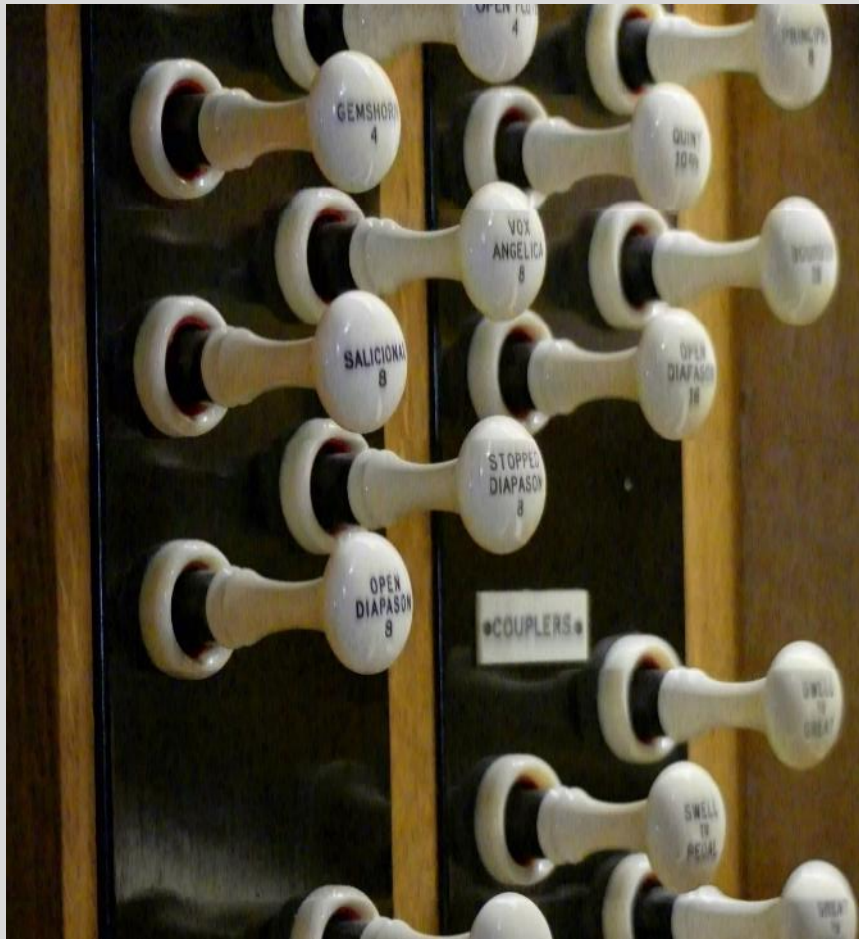


God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side
and guide you in truth and peace
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen



Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. Amen



Christ Church Organ

Organ Voluntary :

‘Fantaisie sur Veni Creator’

Denis Bedard