

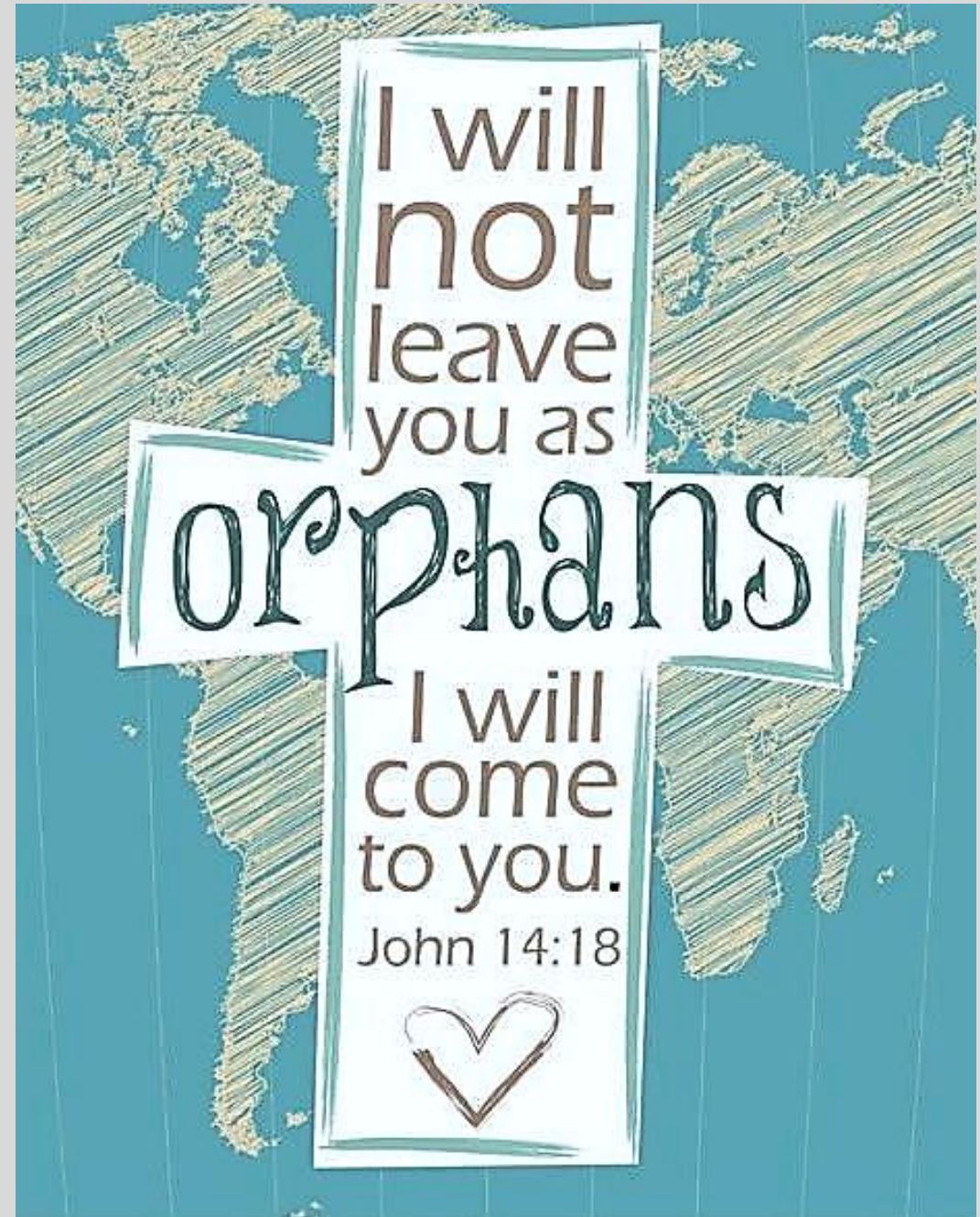
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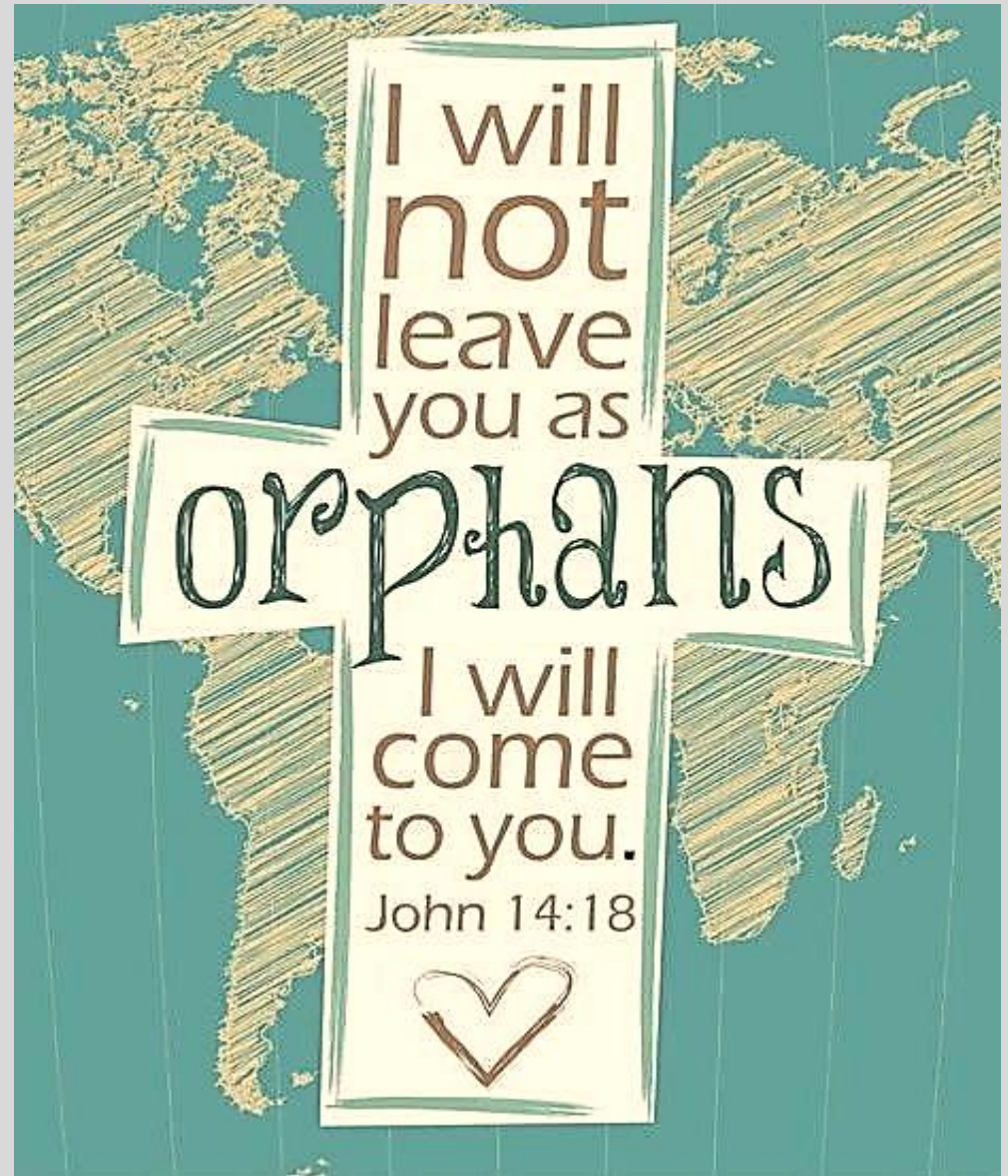
Christ Church with St Mary's

Service of Holy Communion


Theme : Easter 5

We say together the words in **bold**





Welcome and Introduction

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a crown of thorns hanging from its horizontal beam. The crown is adorned with several yellow and white flowers. The cross is set against a background of white fabric draped over a gold fabric. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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

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

**All my hope on God is founded
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

HERE'S MY HEART LORD

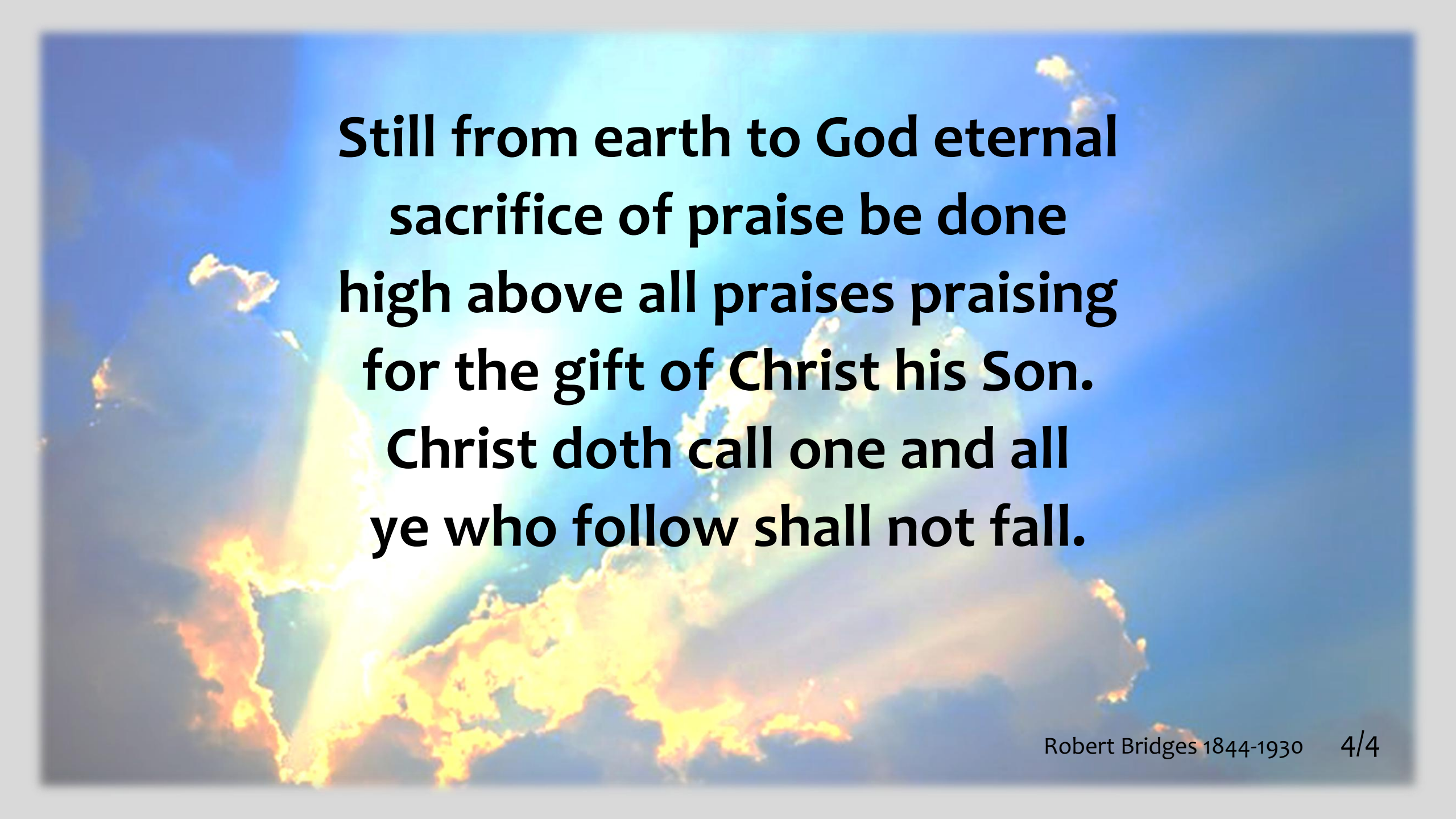


**Human pride and earthly glory
sword and crown betray his trust
what with care and toil he buildeth
tow'r and temple fall to dust.
But God's pow'r hour by hour
is my temple and my tow'r.**

EXPERIENCING THE MIGHTY
POWER OF GOD

**God's great goodness aye endureth
deep his wisdom, passing thought
splendour, light and life attend him
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**





**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**



Offertory
and
thank you prayer



Children's Talk – 'Hold my hand'



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

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

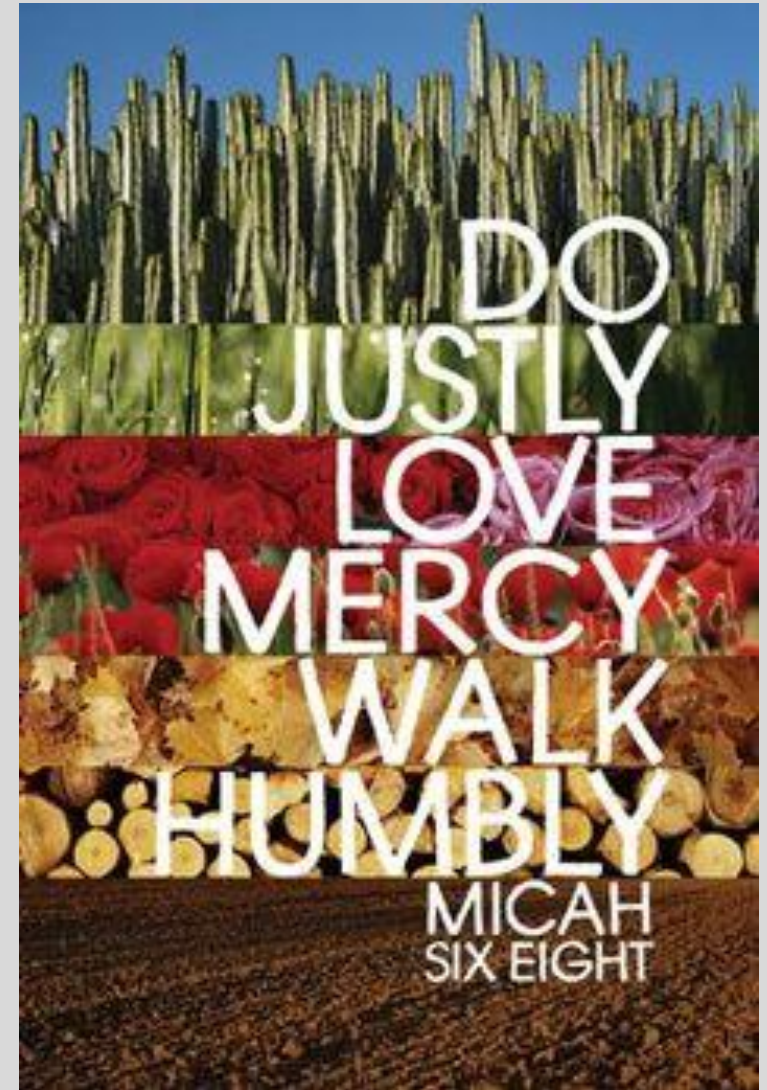
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Together we say

**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**



Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly
repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from
all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
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
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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 Prayer for today

Risen Christ

by the lakeside you renewed
your call to your disciples.

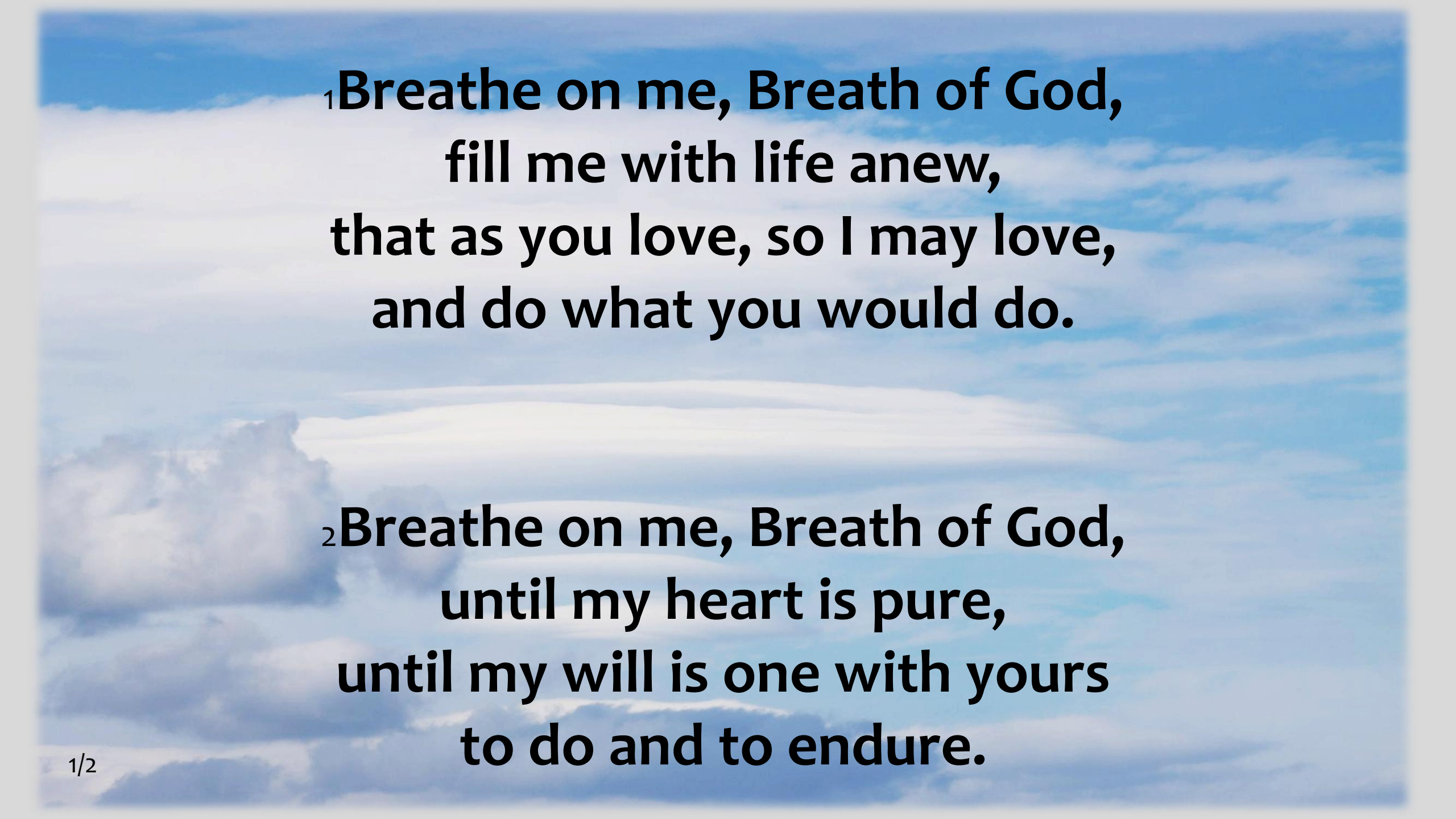
Help your church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Acts 17 : 22 - 31

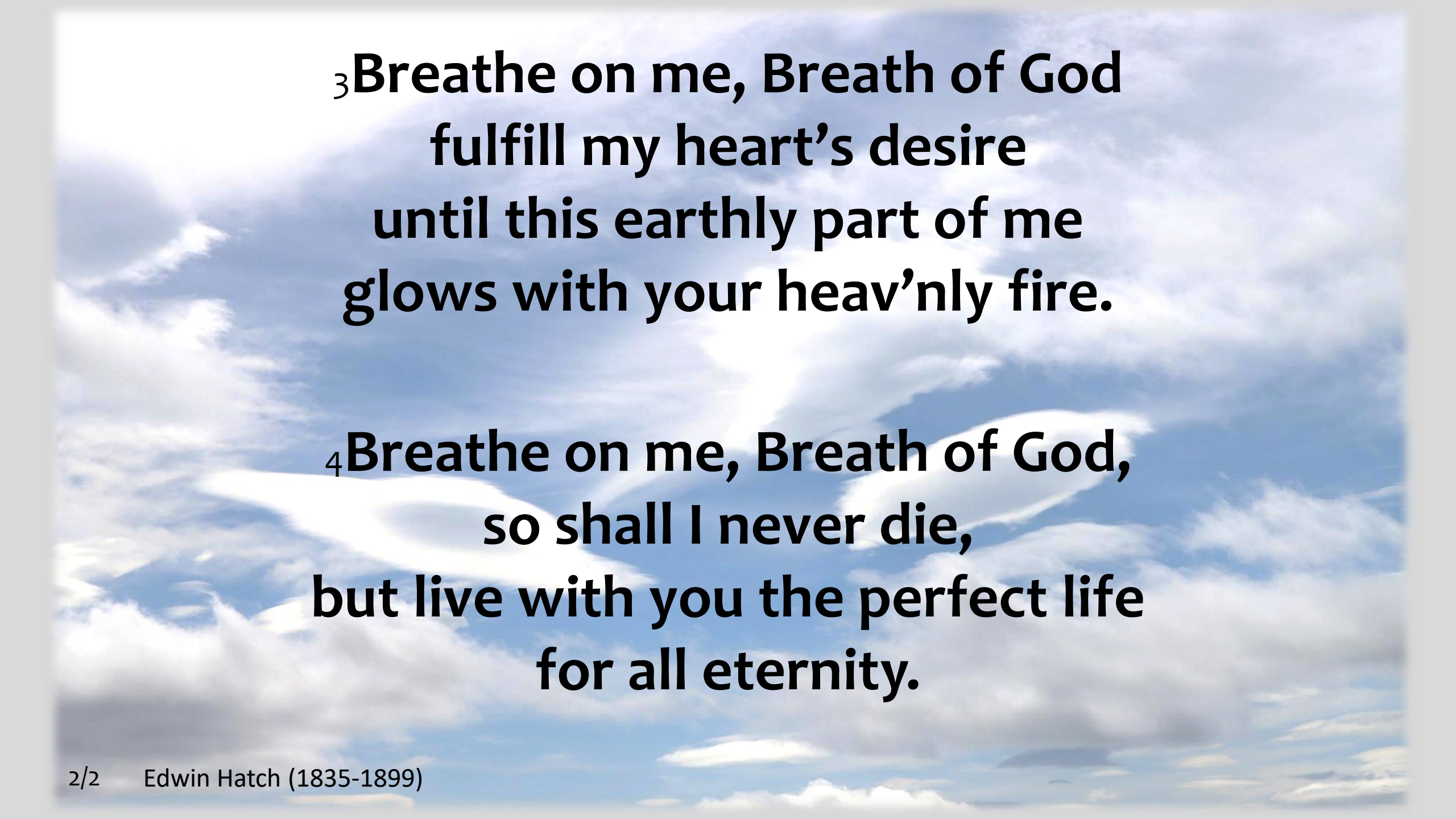
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God





**¹Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so I may love,
and do what you would do.**

**²Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.**



**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God
fulfill my heart's desire
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.**

**4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord
and the living one; I was dead
and behold I am alive forever more.

Alleluia



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

John 14: 15 - 21

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





Sermon – ‘Not orphaned’

The Apostles Creed

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

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

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.
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**



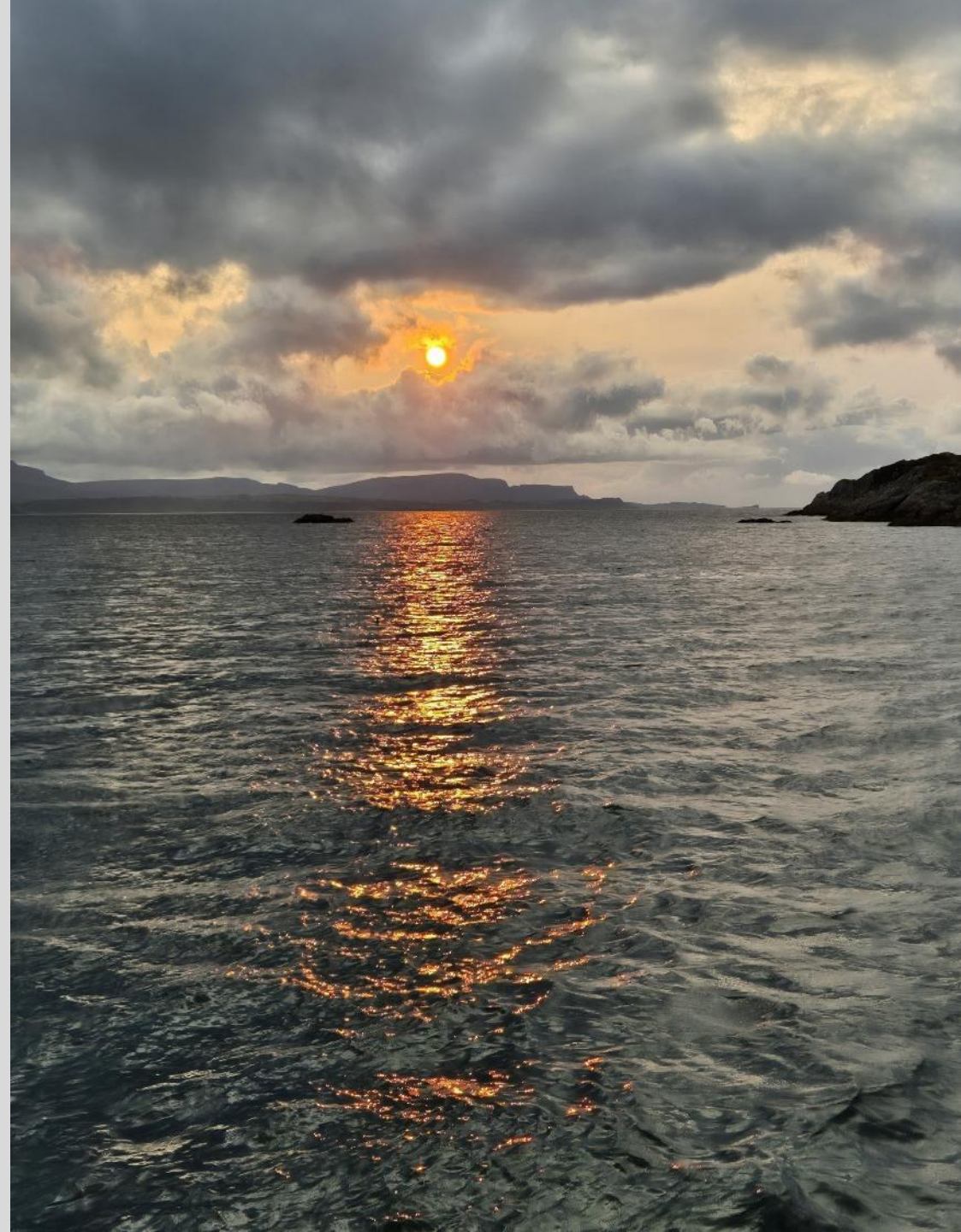
The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!



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

**1Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

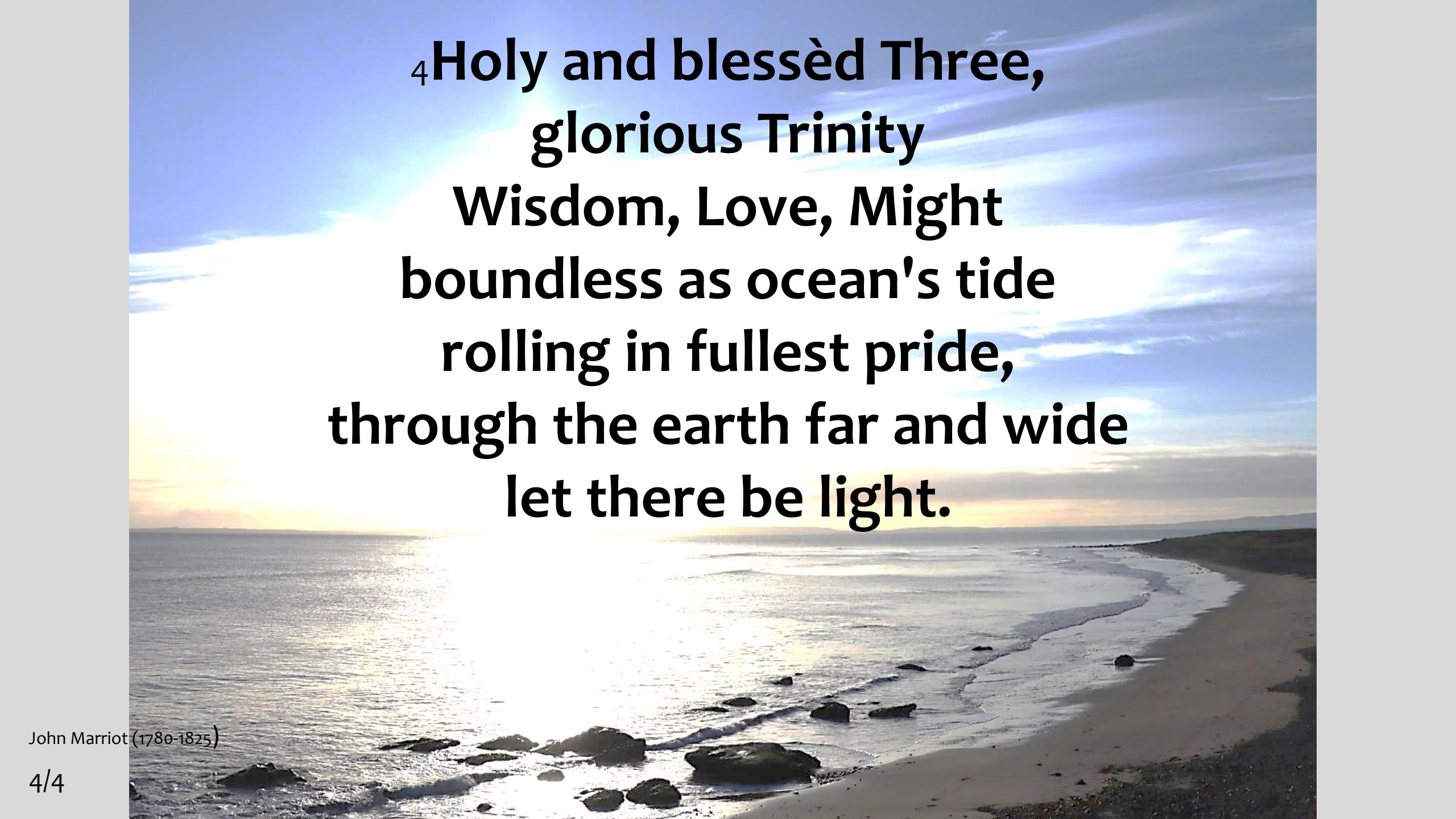


**2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight
health to the sick in mind
sight to the inly blind
O now to humankind
let there be light.**





**³Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**



**4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity
Wisdom, Love, Might
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**



With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus

Bread for his body, wine for his blood
gifts from God to this table we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Amen

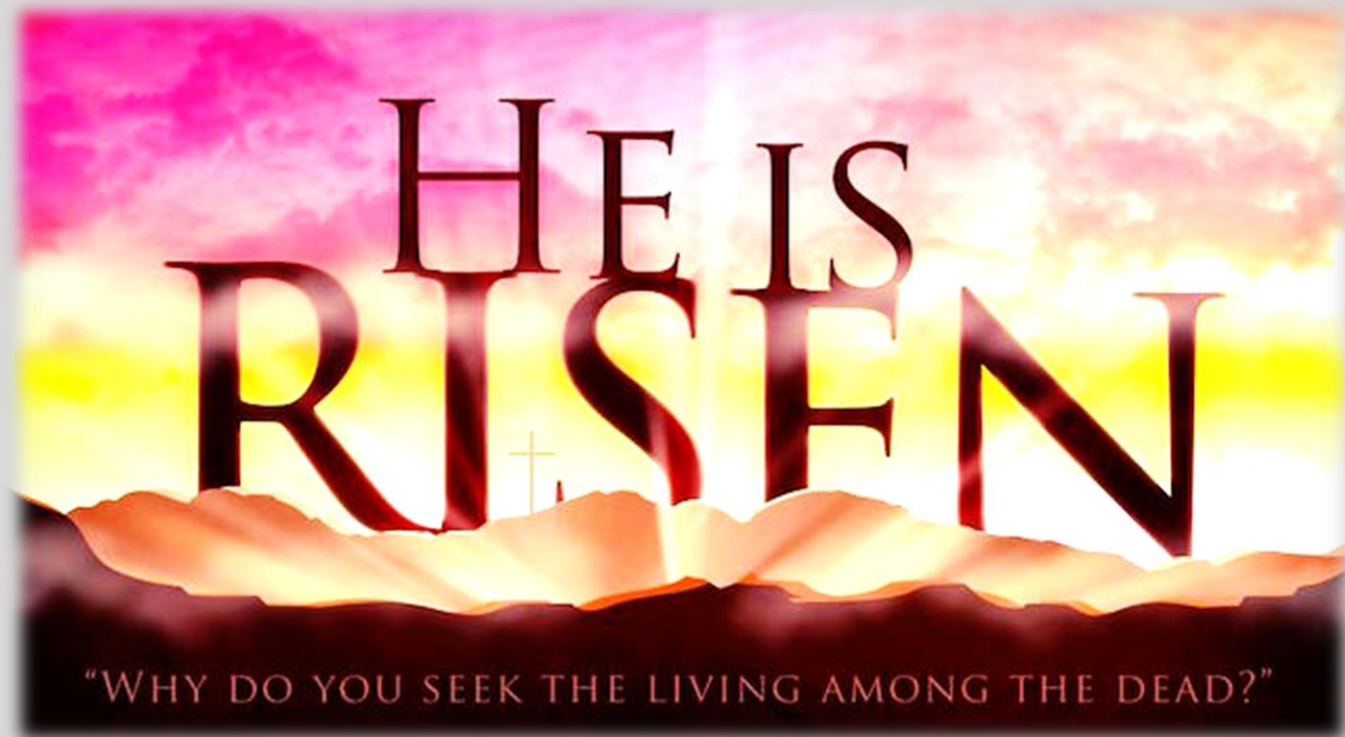
The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

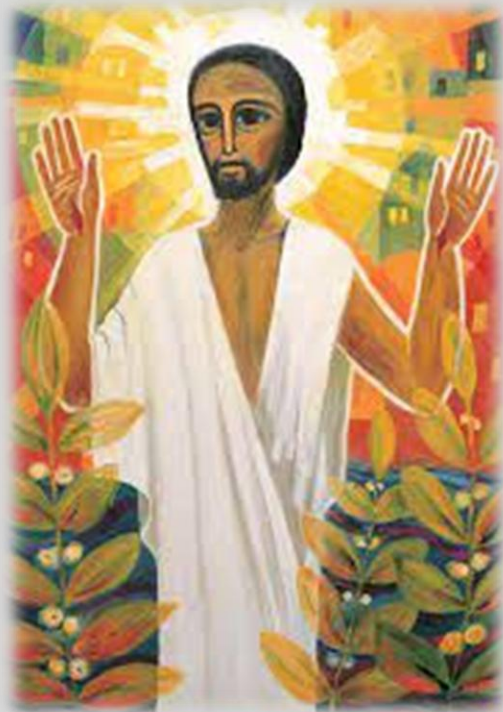
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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



Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you
with the saints and angels, praising you and singing:





**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.



We praise and bless you loving Father
through Jesus Christ our Lord
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit that broken bread
and wine outpoured may be for us the body
and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and taking bread he praised you.

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



When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

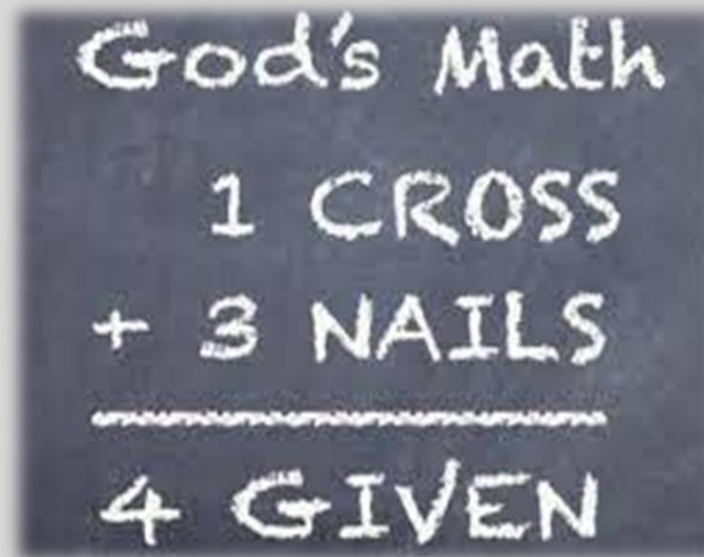
Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



So Father we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death
and resurrection until he comes in glory.



God's Math
1 CROSS
+ 3 NAILS

4 GIVEN



Jesus Christ is Lord

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

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.



Look with favour on your people
gather us into your loving arms and bring us with
all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.



**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, 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.**

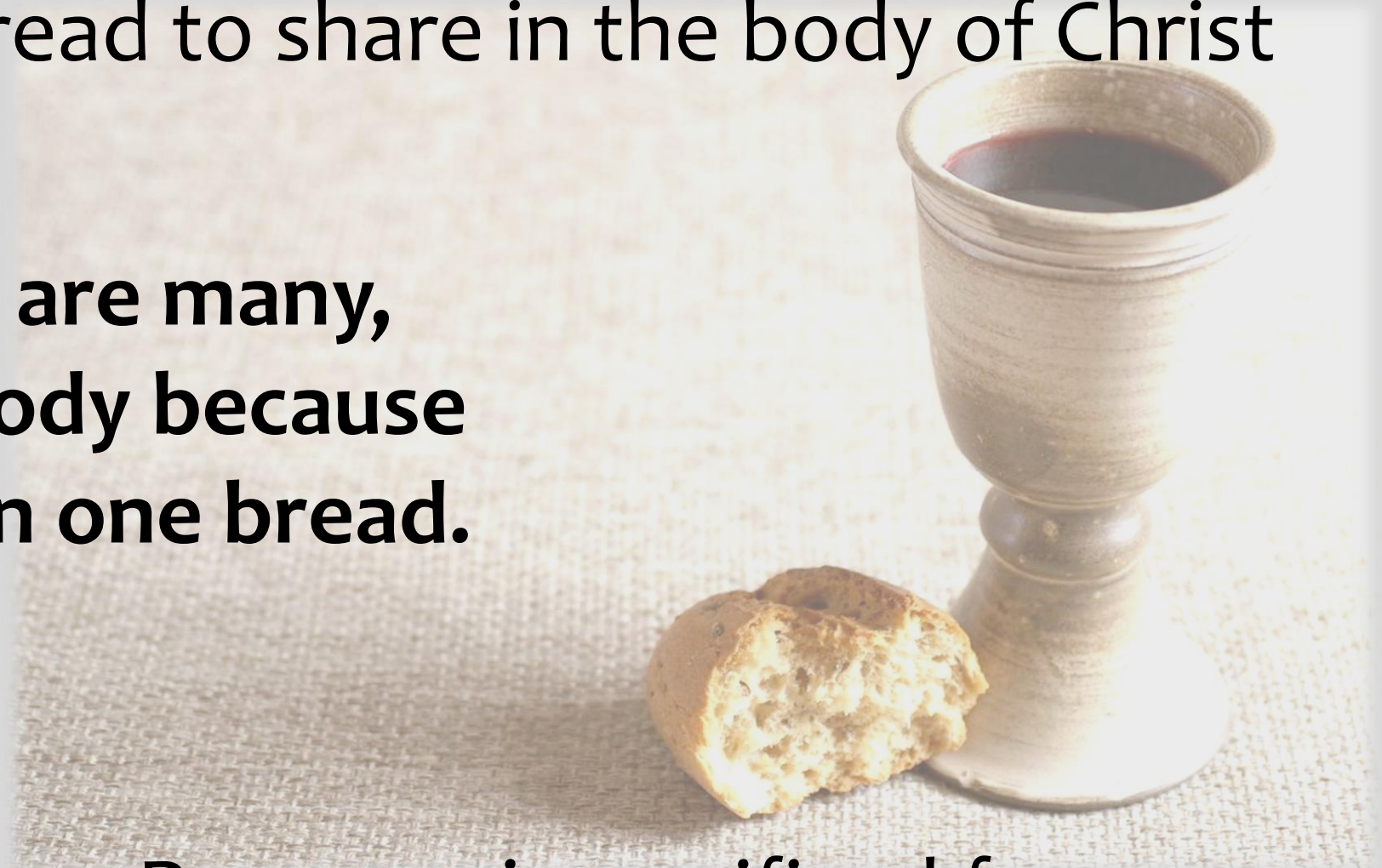
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**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

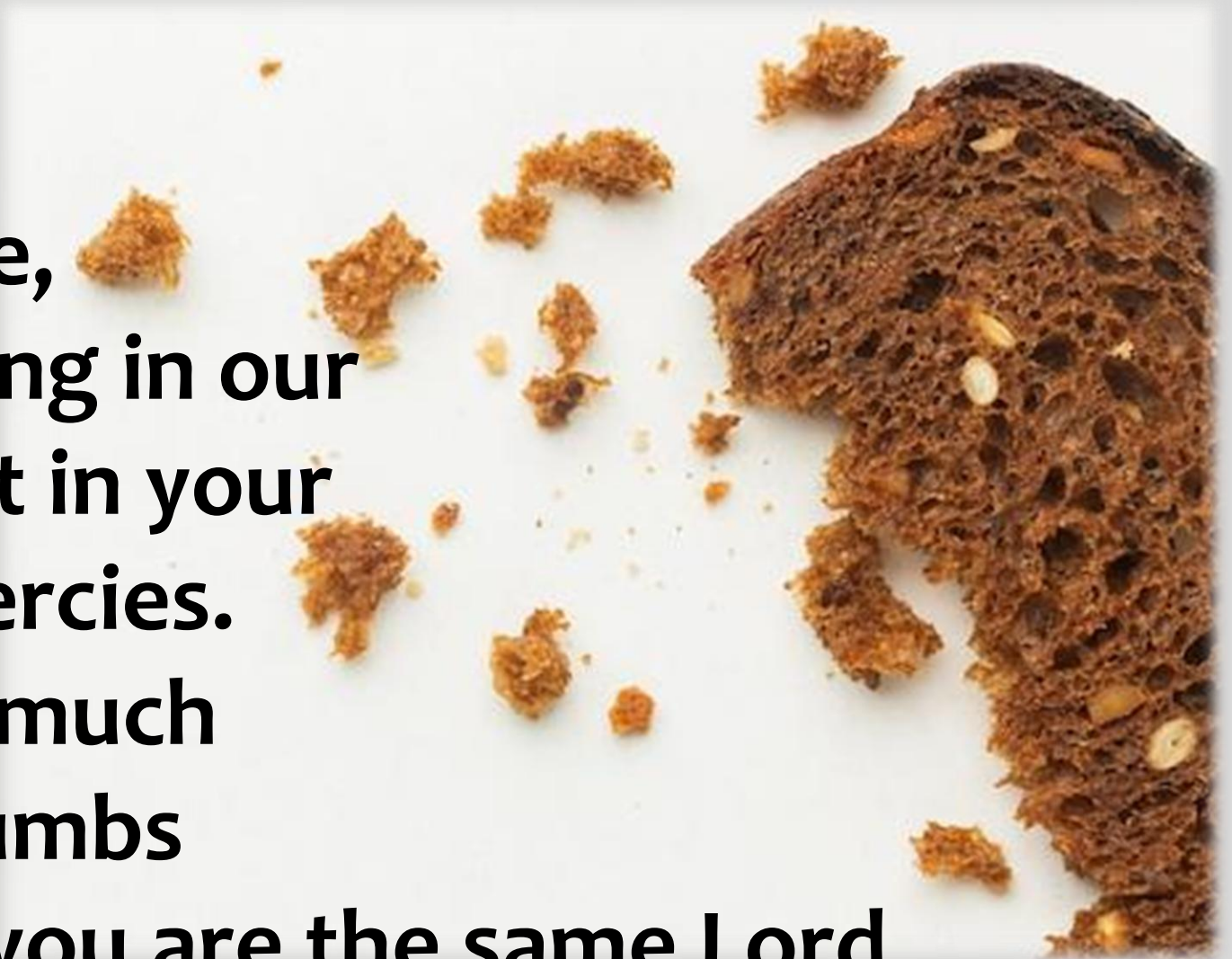
**Though we are many,
we are one body because
we all share in one bread.**



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**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.



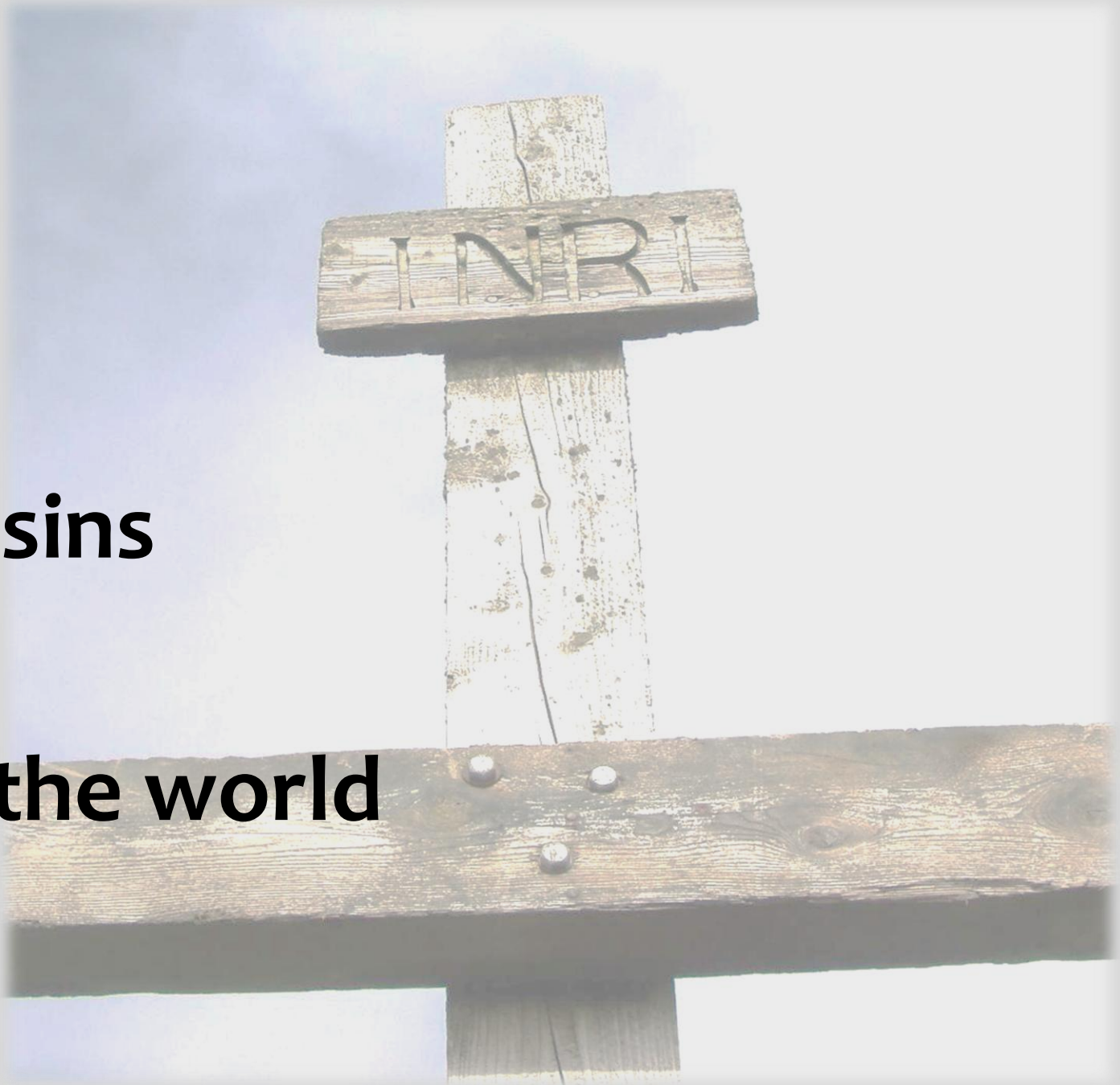
Amen

We sing together –

**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.**



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large, rustic loaf of bread. The bread is wrapped in a blue and white striped cloth. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window or a bright outdoor setting.

living bread

*which
I will give
for the life
of the world*
John 6:51

Receiving
the
bread and wine



Anthem

‘Holy Spirit,
truth divine’

Andrew Carter

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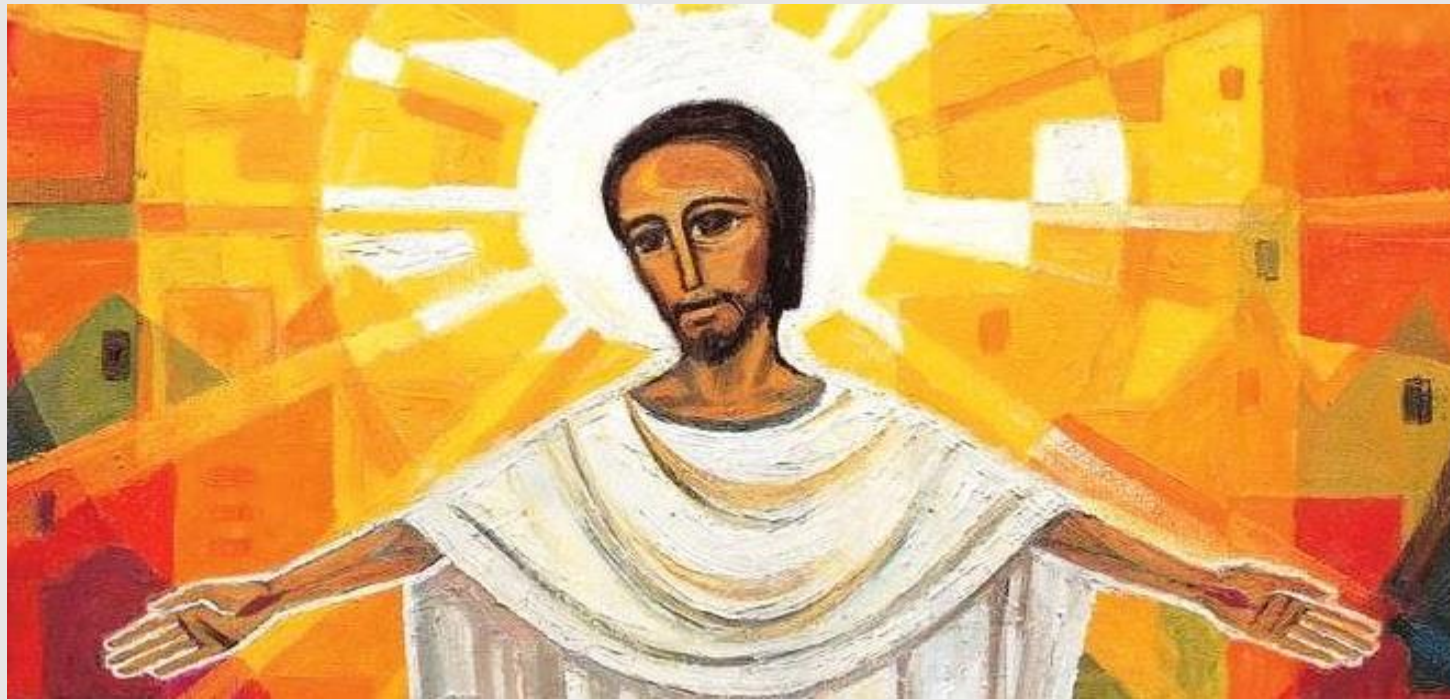
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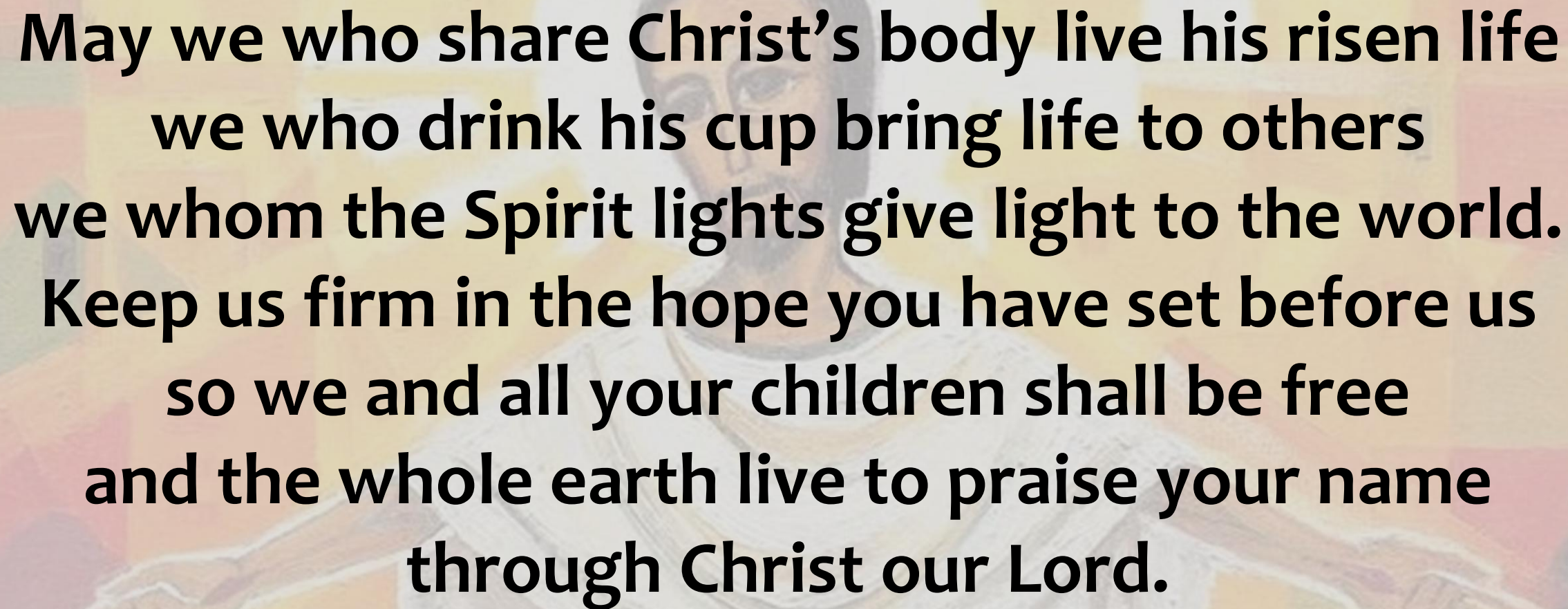
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Post Communion Prayer

God our Father
whose son Jesus Christ gives
the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life
and source of goodness.
Through him who is alive and reigns
now and forever
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 who drink his cup bring life to others
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**

Commissioning of the new PCC:

Will you as members of Christ Church PCC be committed, servant hearted and prayerful in fulfilling your duties of the Christ Church PCC this coming year?

R: With the help of God, I will



Contd.

Will you as members of Christ Church with St Mary's support the PCC by your practical support, encouragement and prayers during this coming year?

R: With the help of God , we will.



Contd.

May the Lord bless us all as a Christian community during this coming year and may he guide us forward in our Christian mission and ministry with his strength.

Amen





**1Name of all majesty,
fathomless mystery
King of the ages
by angels adored
power and authority,
splendour and dignity
bow to his mastery
Jesus is Lord!**

**₂Child of our destiny, God from eternity
love of the Father on sinners outpoured
see now what God has done, sending his only Son
Christ the beloved One
Jesus is Lord!**



**YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON; WITH
YOU I AM WELL PLEASED**

**3 Saviour of Calvary, costliest victory
darkness defeated and Eden restored
born as a man to die, nailed to a cross on high
cold in the grave to lie
Jesus is Lord!**





**4 Source of all sovereignty
light, immortality
life everlasting
and heaven assured
so with the ransomed, we
praise him eternally
Christ in his majesty
Jesus is Lord!**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

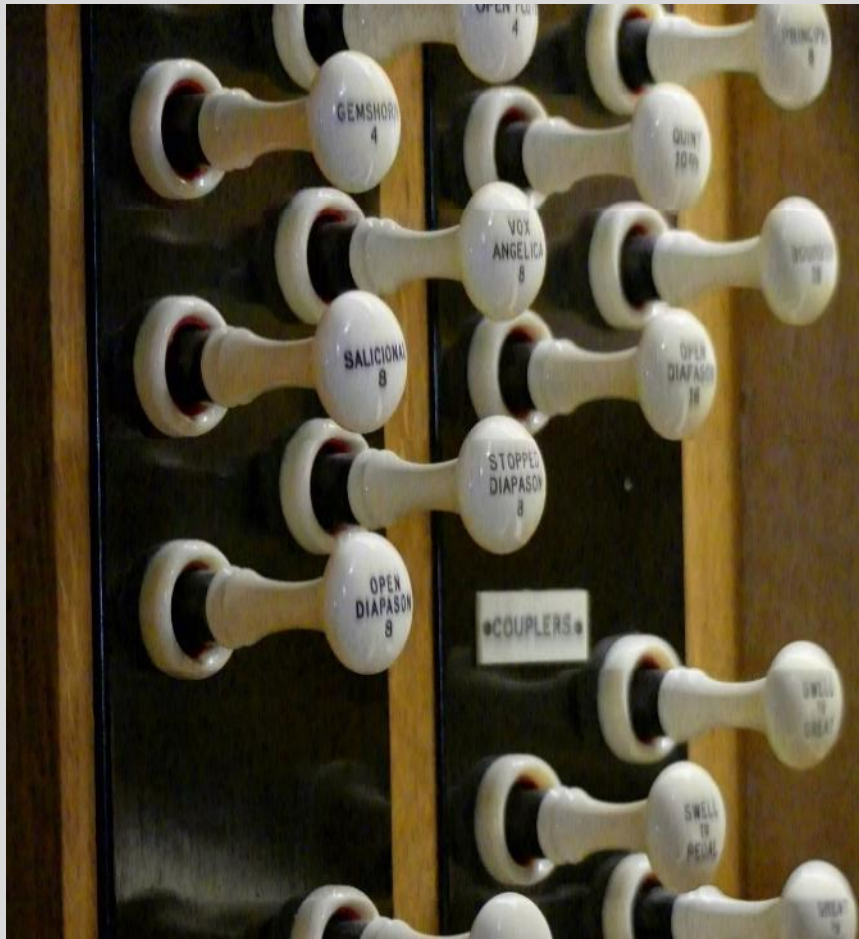
Go in the peace
of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Amen





Christ Church Organ

Organ Voluntary : 'Fugue in F BWV 540' – J.S Bach