

Sunday 21st June 2026

Christ Church with St Mary's

Informal Service of Holy Communion

Theme: 'Not peace, but a sword'



We say together all words in **bold**

Welcome and Introduction



3rd Sunday after Trinity



Parish Bible verse
2025 - 2026

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

Romans 13:10

Opening Sentences

In the beginning
before time
before people
before the world began

All : GOD WAS



Here and now
among us
beside us
clearer than air
closer than breathing

All : GOD IS



In all that is to come
when we have turned
to dust and human
knowledge has been
completed

All : GOD WILL BE



Not despairing of earth
but delighting in it
not condemning the world
but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit



All: GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

Cornerstone

**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**

**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**

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**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**



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Offertory
and
thank you
prayer



Children's Talk – 'Who teaches who?'



Prayer with the children

Confession

All of us carry with us past experiences, past failures or mistakes, which lie like burdens in our lives.

All of us have histories in relationships, things which we wish we had not done or said, or which will not enhance our future together.

In the silence that follows, let us reflect on things we would rather not carry with us and in the light of Christ confess our sins.

(silence)

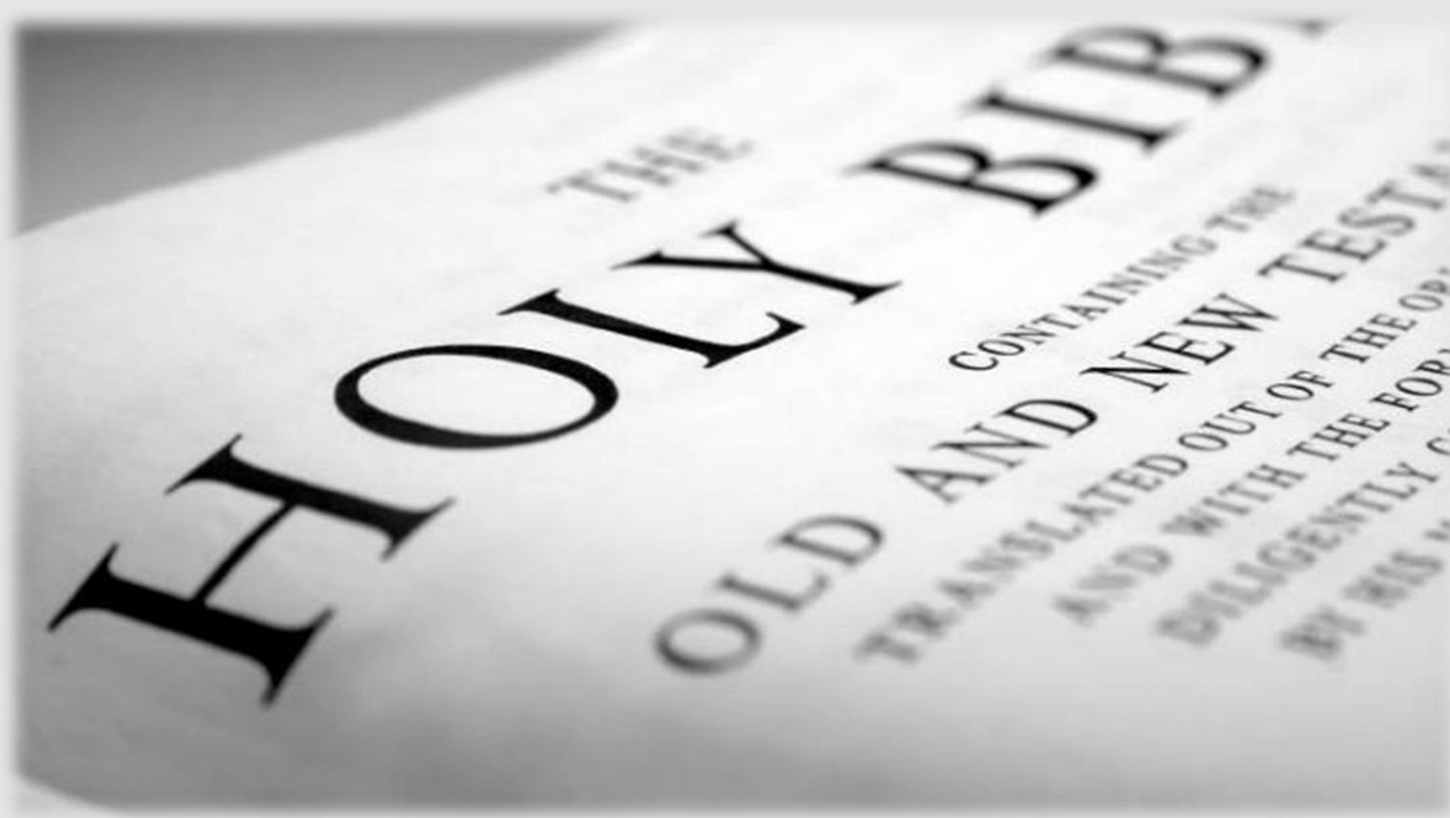
**All: Take all these our burdens into your life,
O God. We lay them down in faith for healing,
forgiveness, re-creation and release.**

Amen

Words of Forgiveness

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us and the
Spirit renew and change our lives.

Amen



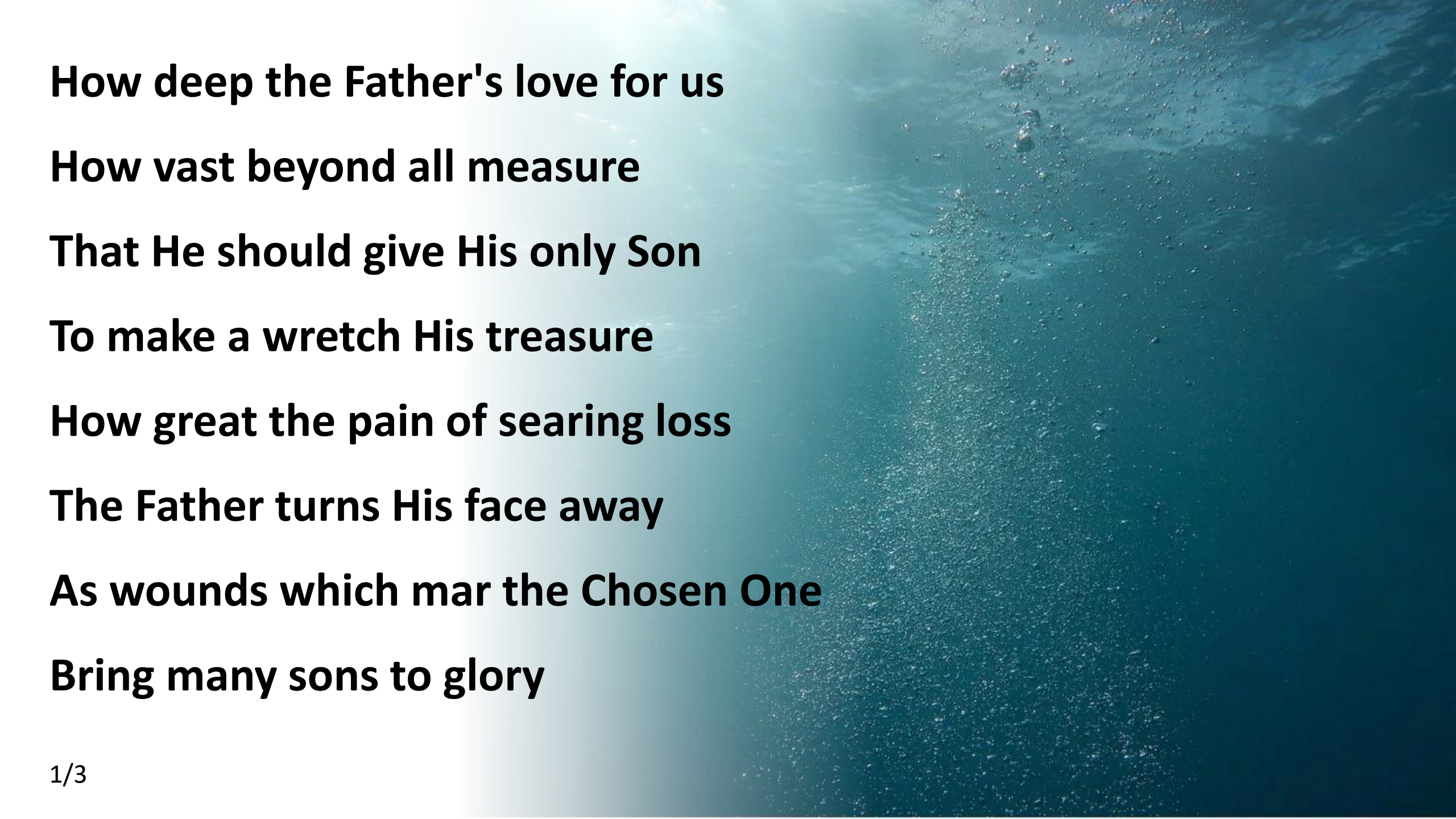
Leader: This morning the first reading comes from....

Genesis 21: 8-21

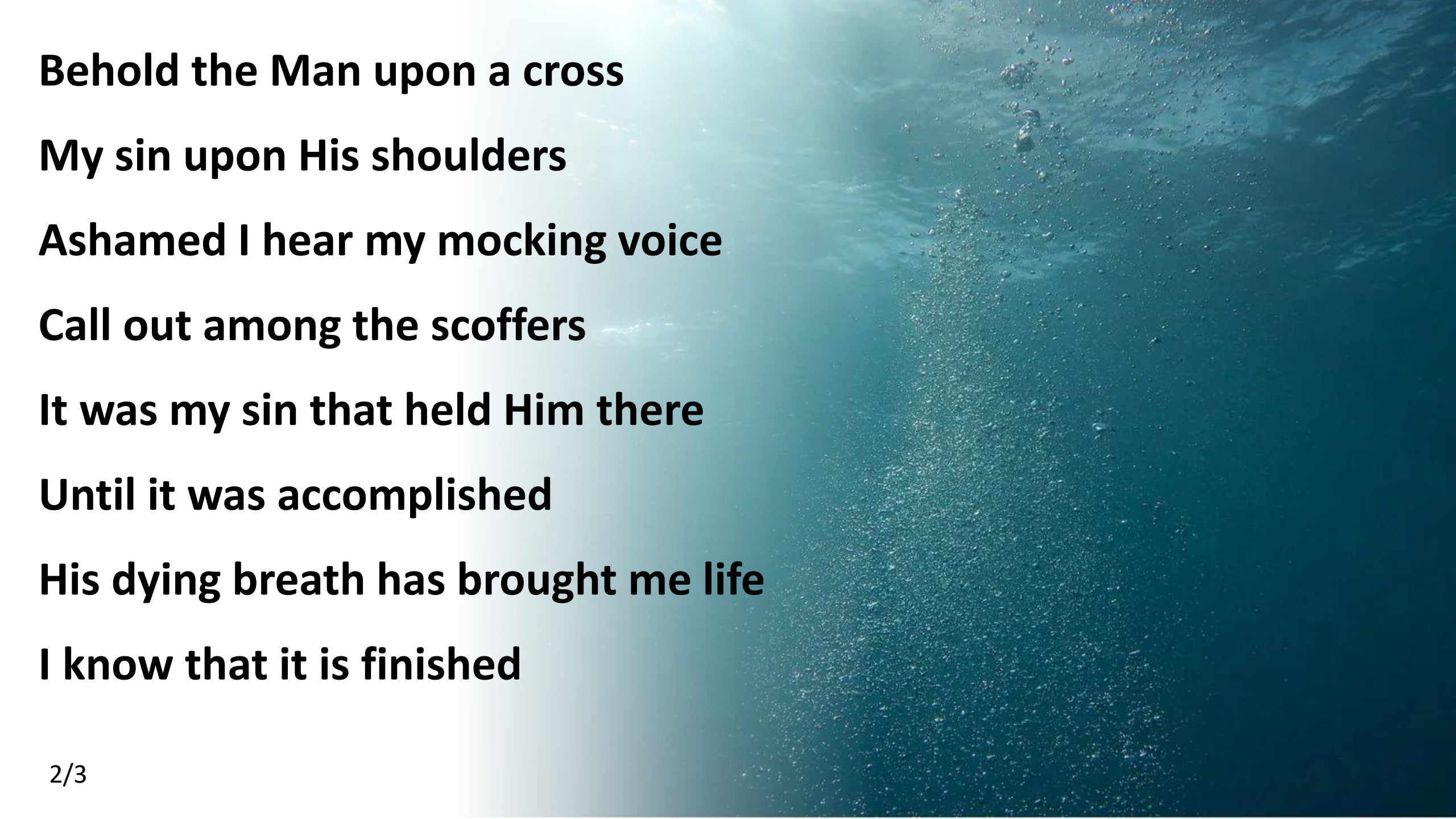
Listen now for the Word of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

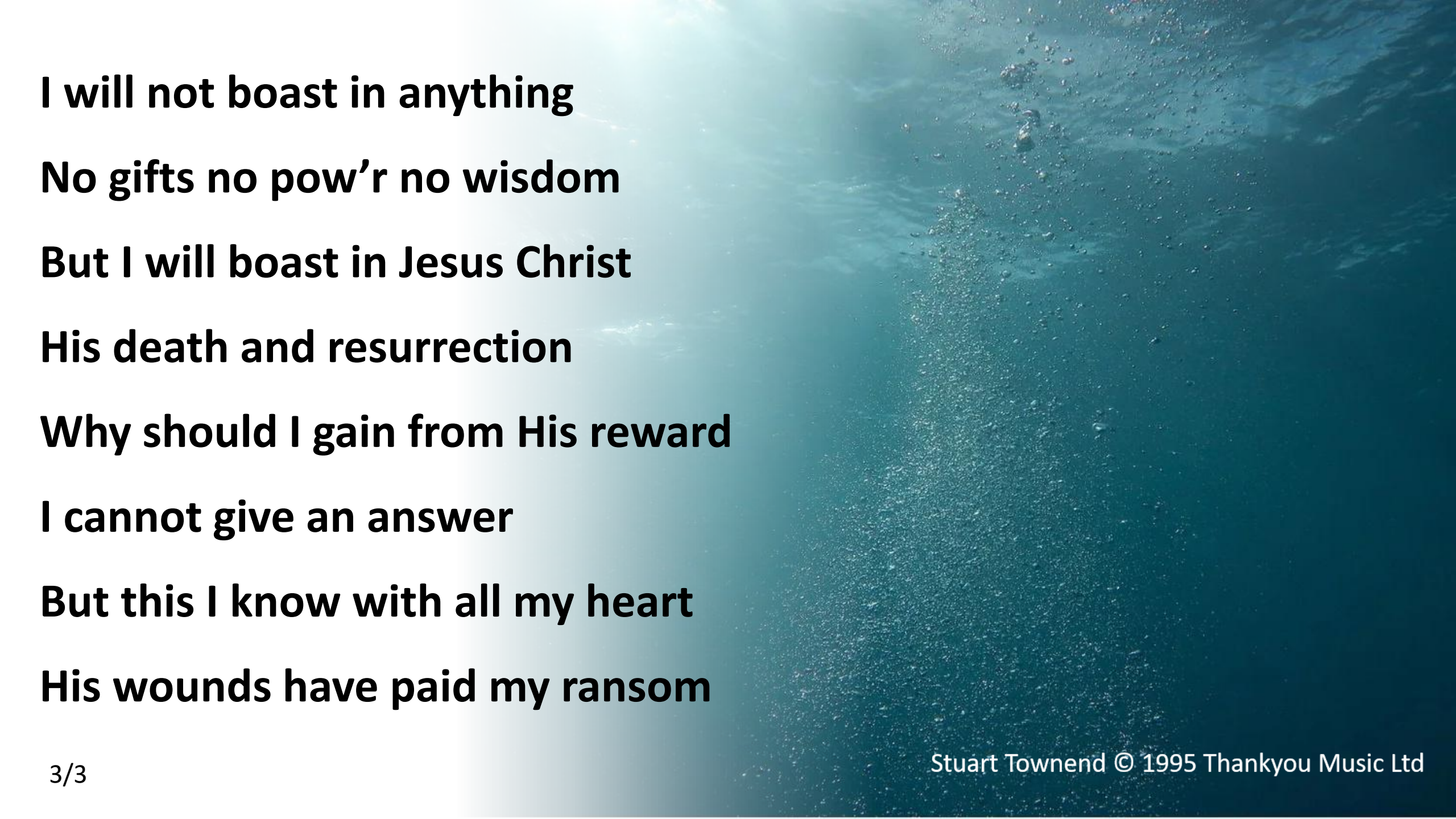
All: Thanks be to God.

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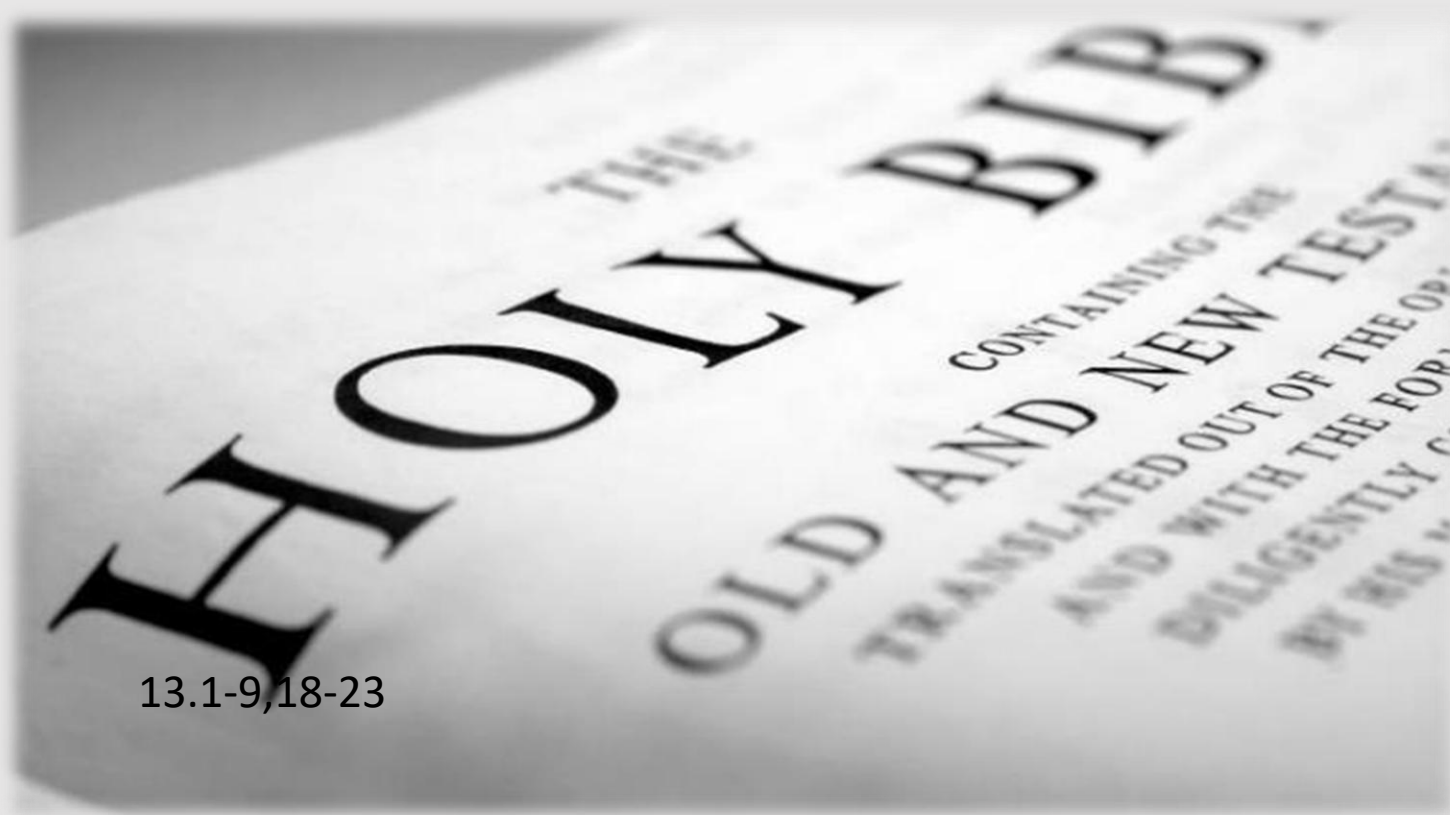
**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**



**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**



**I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**



13.1-9,18-23

Leader: This morning the second reading comes from....

Matthew 10: 24-39

Listen now for the Word of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Sermon – ‘Not peace, but a sword’

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.**



What We Believe

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.



What We Believe

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**

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.

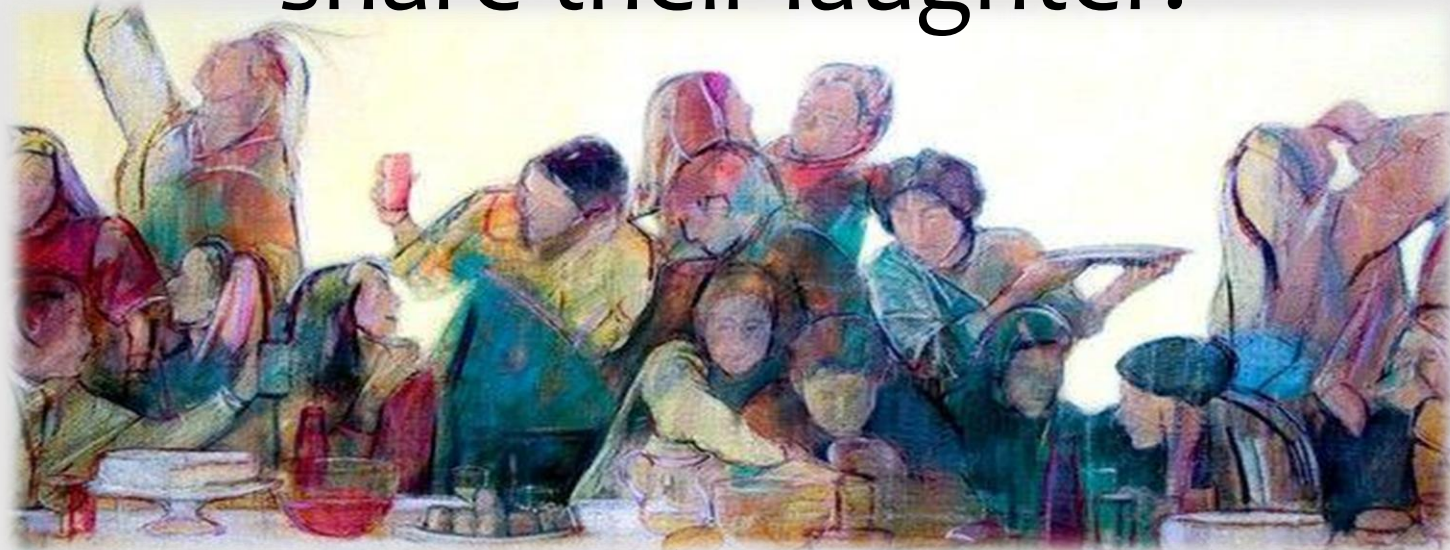
Amen

Invitation



Gathered round a table is where
Jesus so often met people
... gathered round the table of Matthew, Zacchaeus,
Simon, Peter, Lazarus and Martha and Mary,
the table of Joanna and Susannah

...gathered round a table where he could see people face to face, listen to their stories, share their laughter.



And here, we are gathered together because this is where Jesus has promised to be for those who want to meet him.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you



Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, for you are the
One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.

You conceived the universe, wove the world
together and hold all life in your hand.



You watch us waking or sleeping
you keep every tear that we shed
you hear every prayer we make
you know both our best and our worst
and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine
with all that moves in time with its Maker
we praise you.

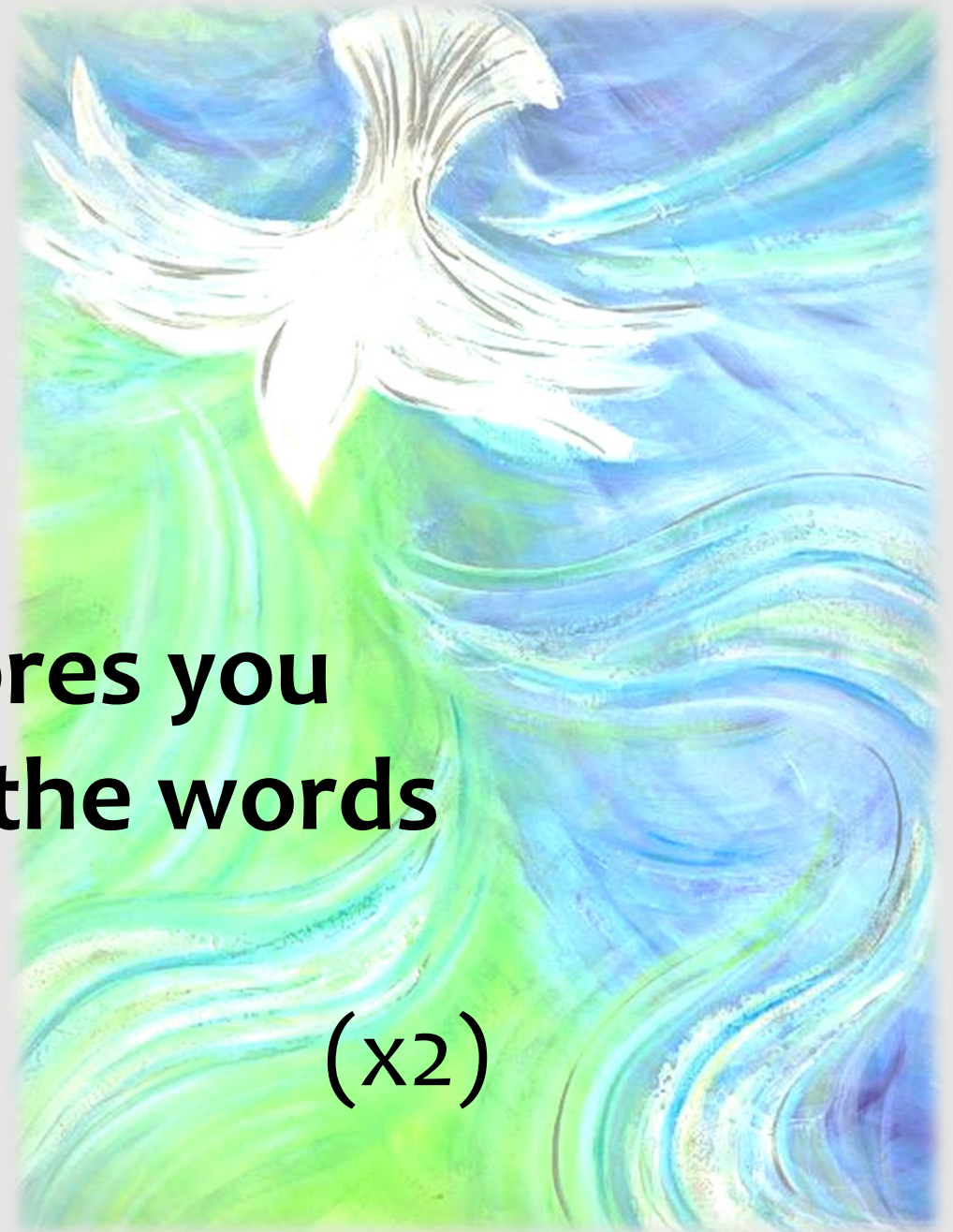
With angels and archangels, with the saints from
long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered
round your heavenly table,
we praise you.

With the church throughout the world,
with all who love Jesus and honour his name,
we praise you, singing the hymn of your
everlasting glory:

Argentinian Sanctus

**All: Holy, holy, holy
my heart, my heart adores you
my heart is glad to say the words
you are holy Lord.**

(x2)



So accept his invitation
and feel welcome at this table.



Jesus Christ
who here offers us a foretaste of eternal life
invites you to be his guests.

Prayer of Blessing

Yes, blessed is he...
who was born among us incognito,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven
through the back street of this world,

who told the deepest truths
in ordinary language,
who touched and healed,
blessed and disturbed
without fear or favour,
who showed inclusive
love in all its
unconditional glory;



who for all this, was crucified, died and was buried, who, for all this and for all of us, rose again; who, though high in heaven, is present with us here and now.



Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.

God beyond holiness, as we do 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.



And let that same Spirit
stir our souls so that as
we share this sacrament,
we may recognise our
Lord and receive him
that he may be in us
and we in him for ever.
Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

Among friends gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread and when he had
blessed it, he broke it and said

“Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”



Then later he took a cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he said,
“In this cup is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death.
Take this all of you, to remember me”.



Sharing the bread and wine



Verse 1

God I look to You

I won't be overwhelmed

Give me vision to see things like You do

God I look to You

You're where my help comes from

Give me wisdom You know just what to do



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A person is shown in silhouette, facing right with their head tilted upwards and hands raised in a gesture of prayer or worship. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a large, soft white cloud. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

Chorus 1

I will love You Lord my strength

I will love You Lord my shield

I will love You Lord my rock

Forever all my days I will love You God

Chorus 2

Hallelujah our God reigns

Hallelujah our God reigns

Hallelujah our God reigns

Forever all my days hallelujah





**I will offer up my life
In spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love
As my worship to You
In surrender I must give my ev'ry part
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart**

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Chorus

**Jesus what can I give what can I bring
To so faithful a friend to so loving a King
Saviour what can be said what can be sung
As a praise of Your name For the things you have done
Oh my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart**

You deserve my every breath

For You've paid the great cost

Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross

You took all my shame away

There defeated my sin

Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

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Prayer after Communion

**In gratitude for this moment, this meal
these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us as we are to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us,
expect much from us, enable much by us,
encourage many through us.**

**So Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth and
citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.**

Amen

The Peace

Not an easy peace
not an insignificant peace
not a half hearted peace
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

Let us share it with each other

Sharing of the Peace

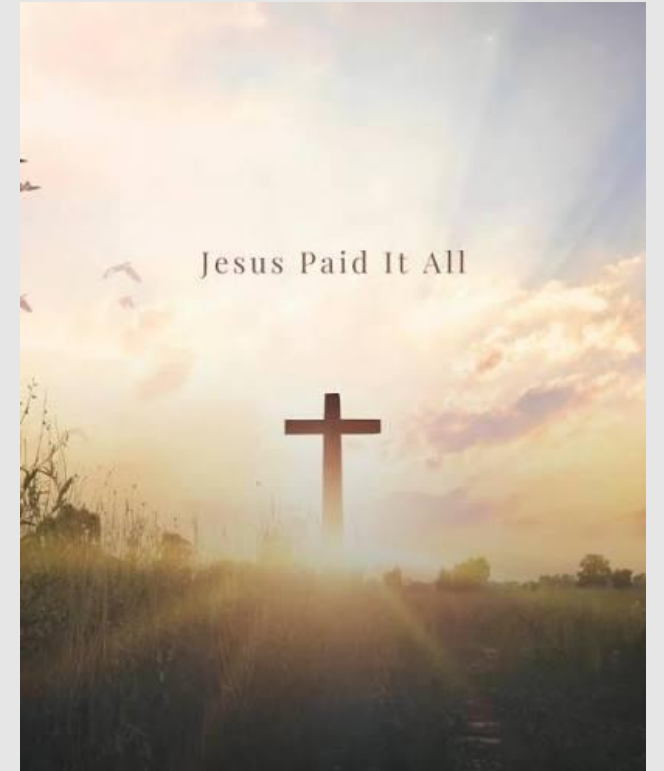
The peace of the Lord be always with you.



All: And also with you

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm**



**What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**



Verse 2

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save**

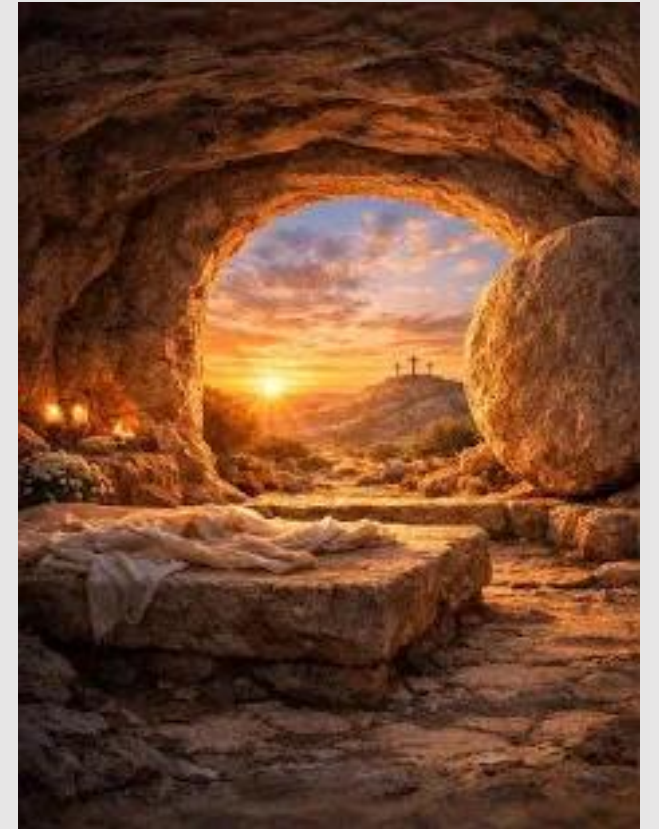


**Till on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**



Verse 3

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again**



**And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**



Verse 4

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny**



**No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**



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Family News

What's going on?



. We say together

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew 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**

The Blessing

