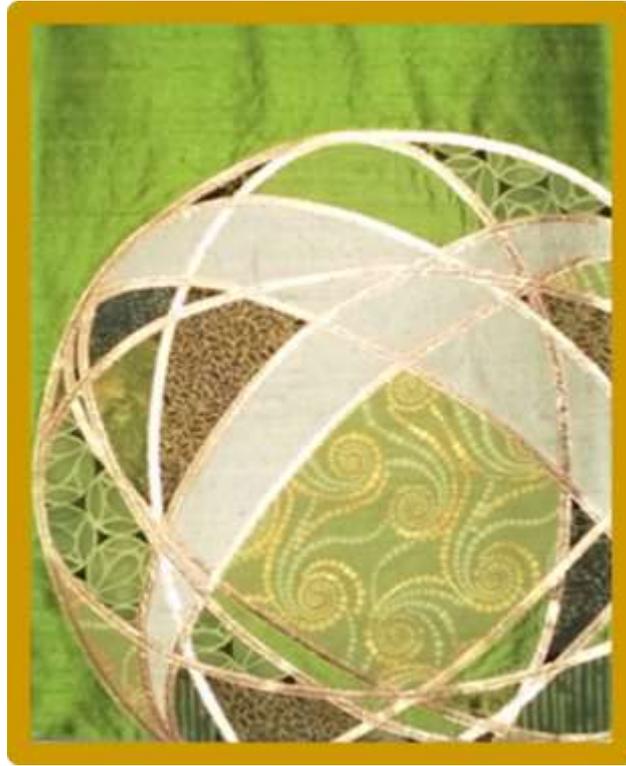


***Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church***

Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:00 am

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome



Opening Prayer



Call to Worship

L: Praise the Eternal God!
All you who are his children,

All: Come and praise his name!

L: May God's name be lifted high in
the hearts of his people.

At all times and in every place,

All: May the name of the Lord be praised!

**Open the eyes of my heart,
Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.**

(Repeat)

**Open the Eyes of
My Heart**

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**To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your
glory,
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy holy holy**

(Repeat)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you

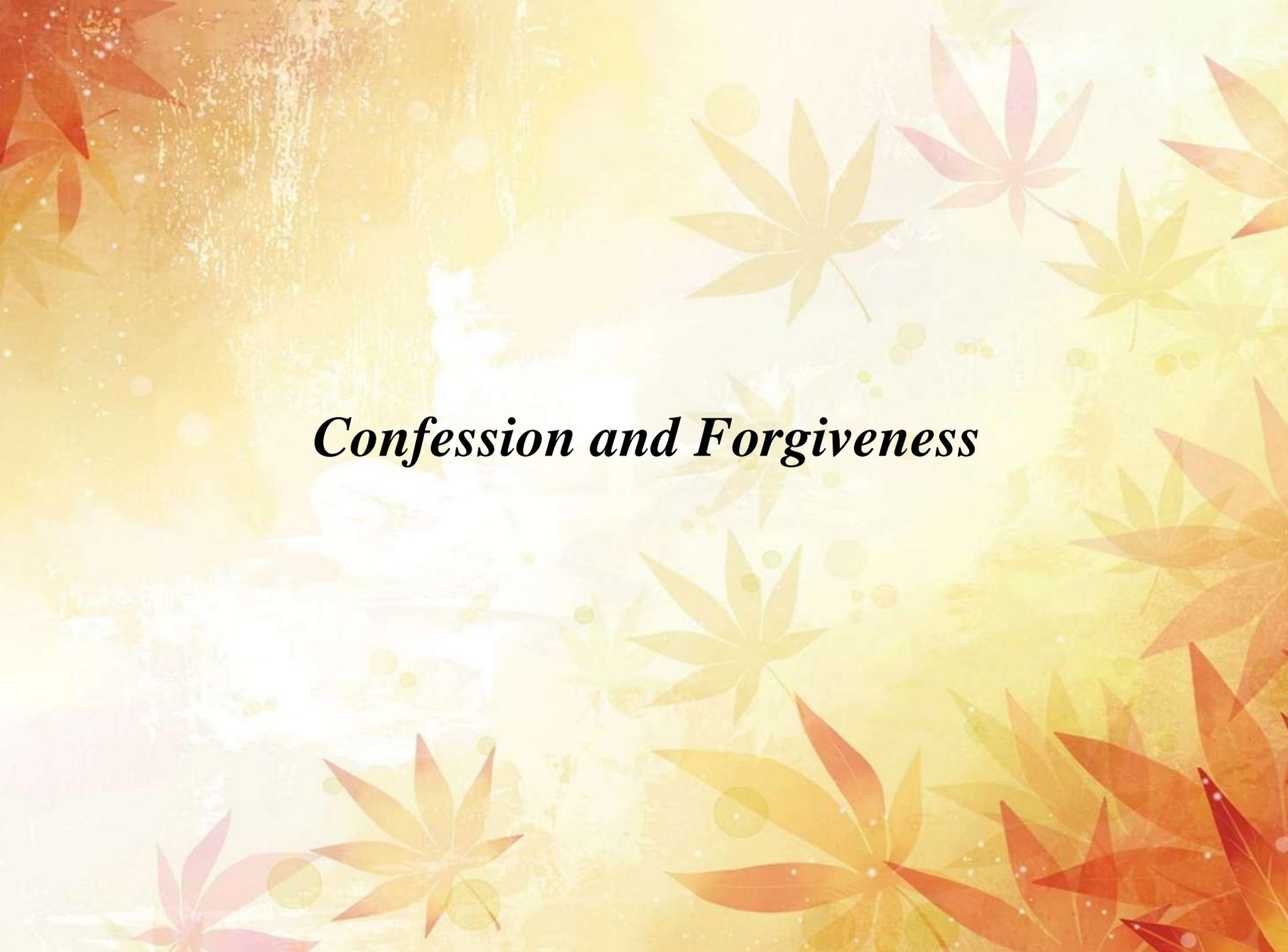
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(Repeat)

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Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.**

(Repeat)

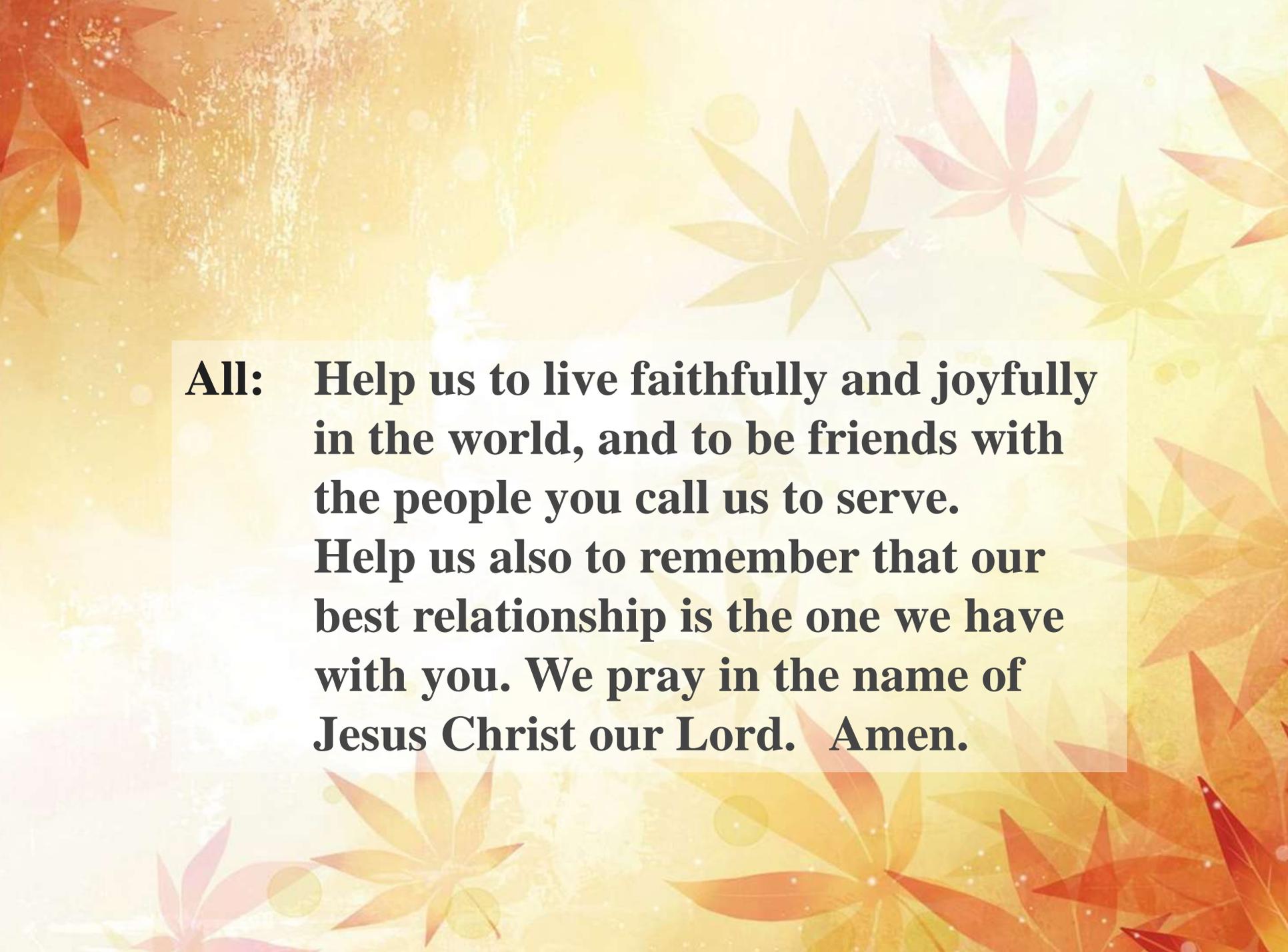


Confession and Forgiveness

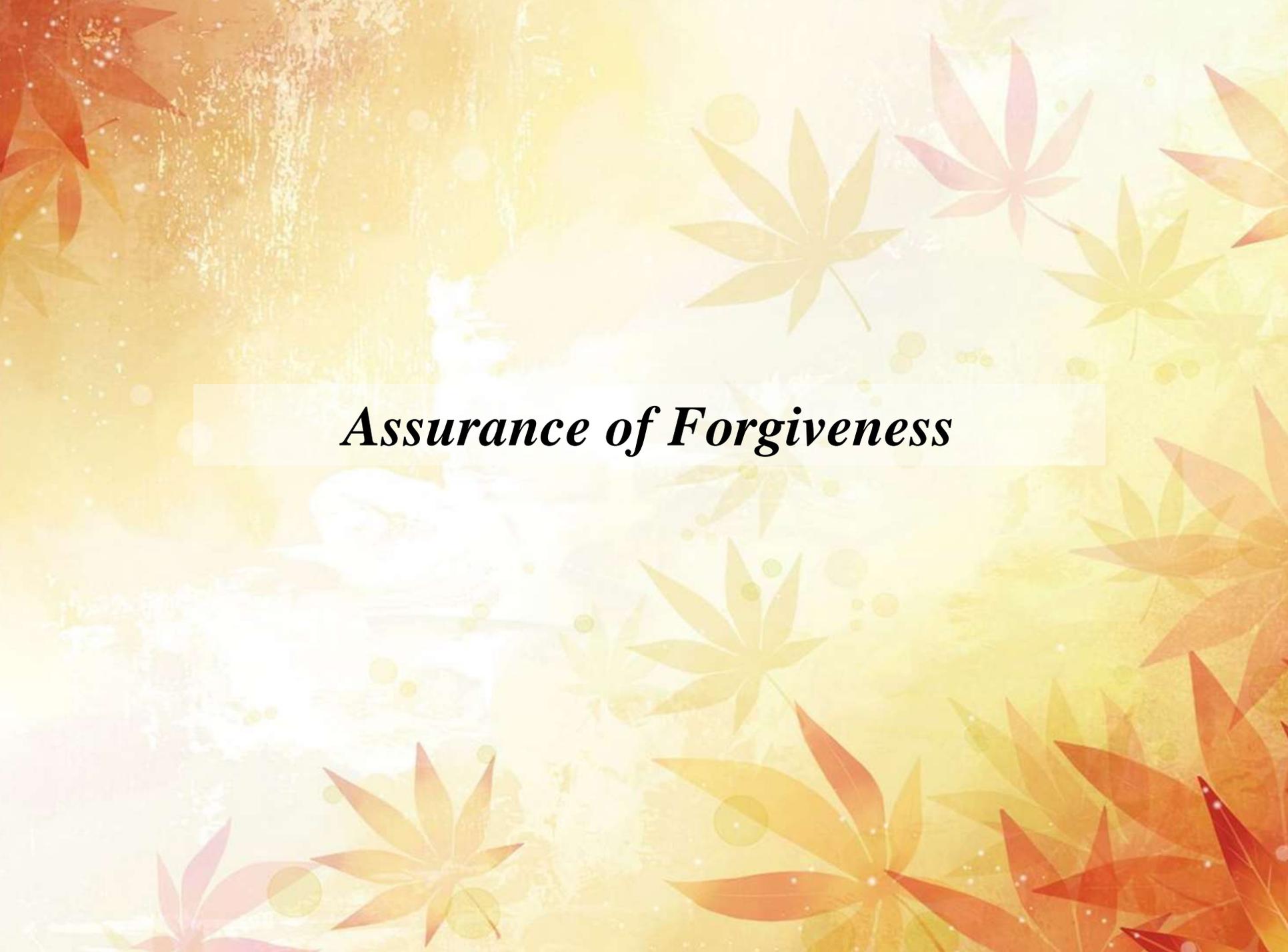
Unison Prayer of Confession

L: Please join me in prayer.

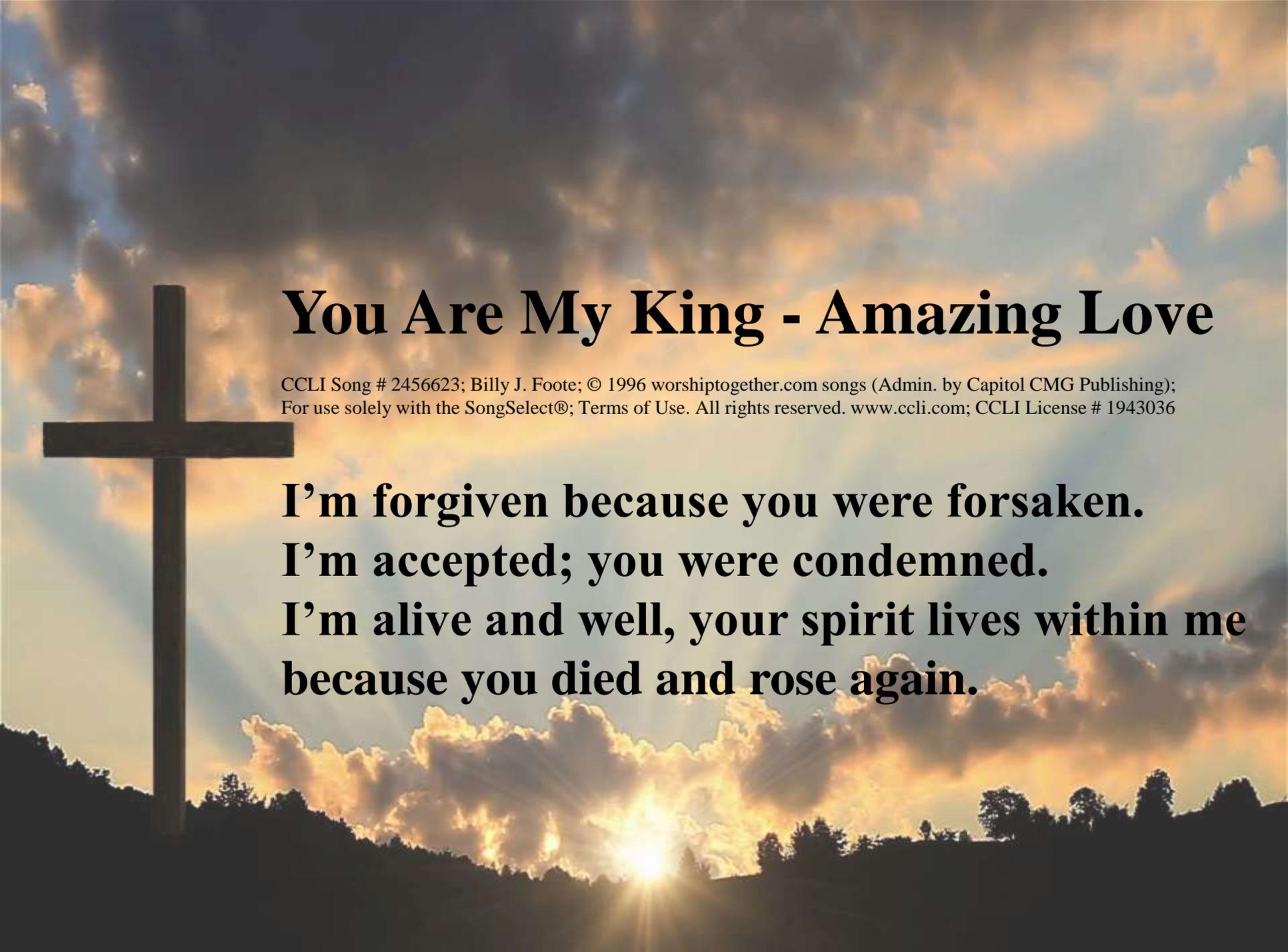
All: Dear Jesus, you taught us: “No one can serve two masters.”
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:
help us to seek your kingdom first.



All: Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



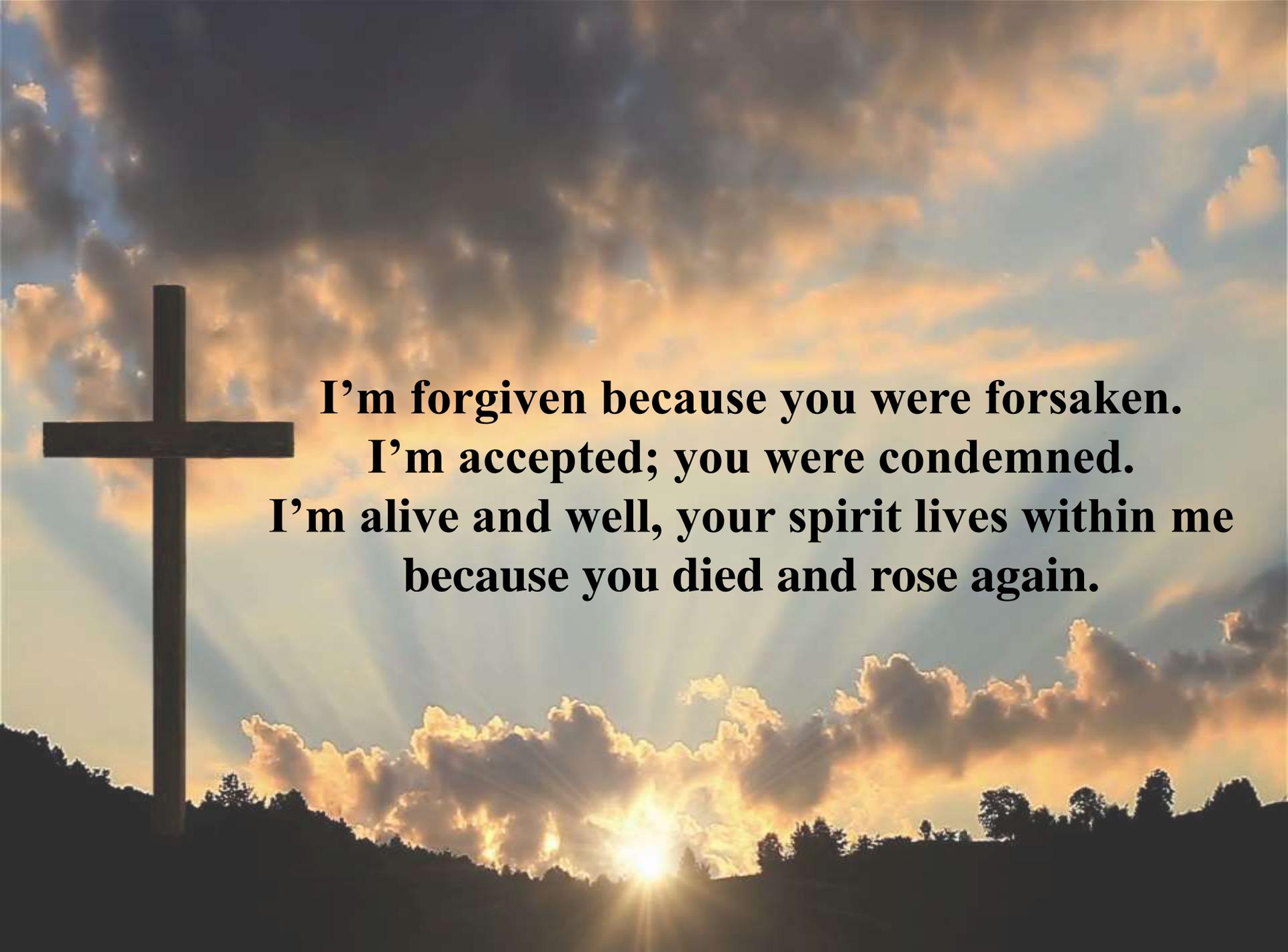
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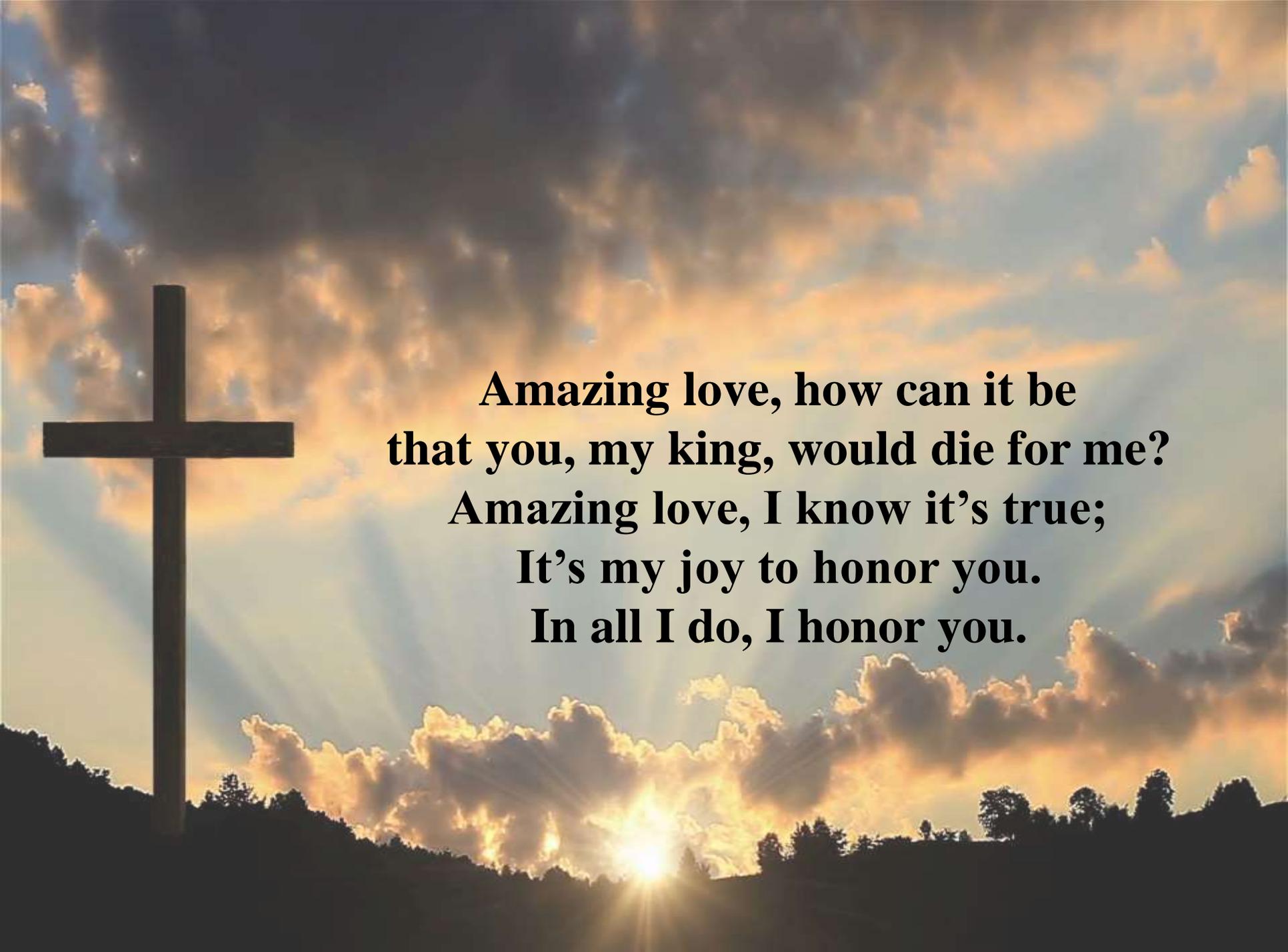
You Are My King - Amazing Love

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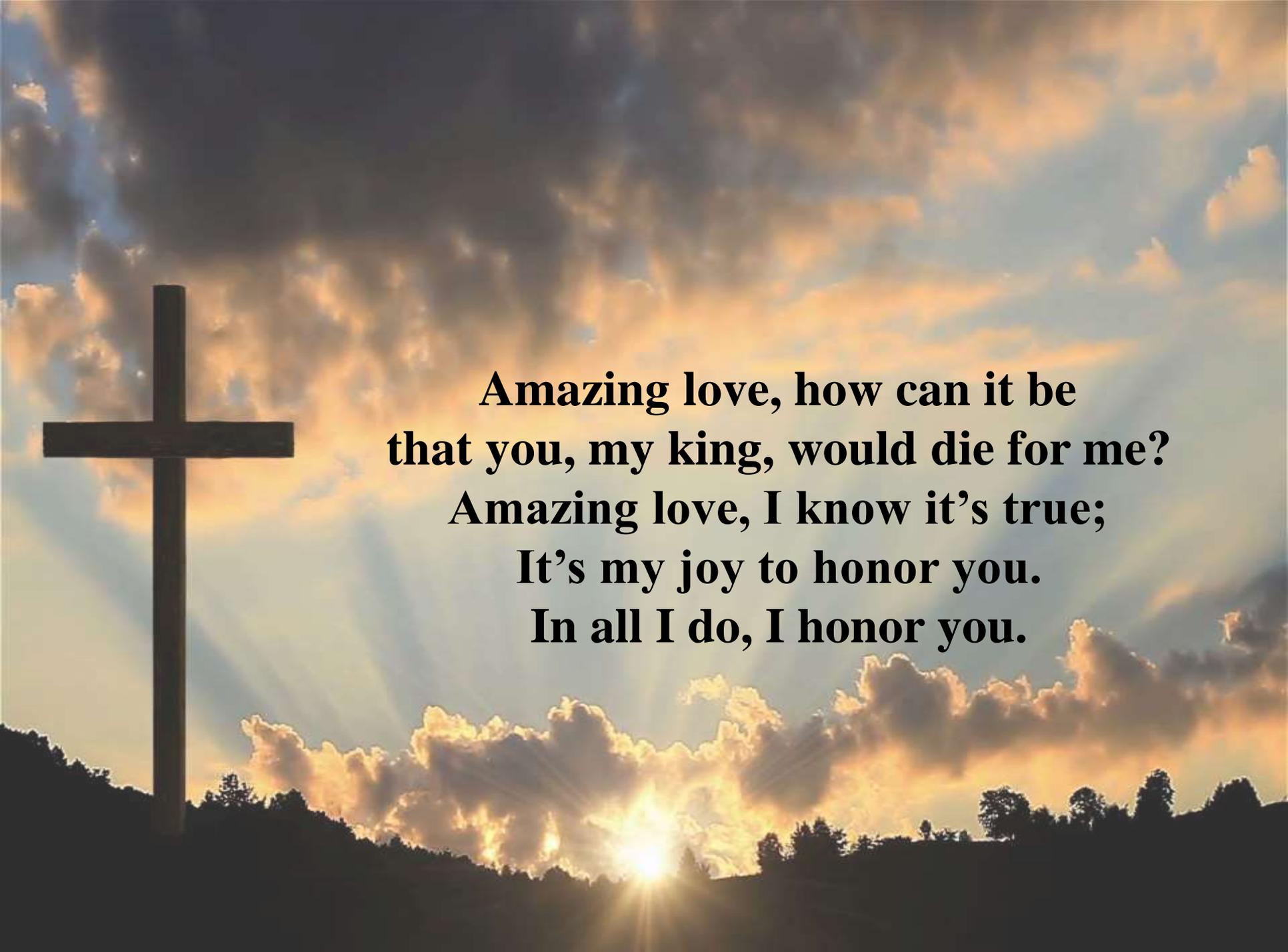
**I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your spirit lives within me
because you died and rose again.**



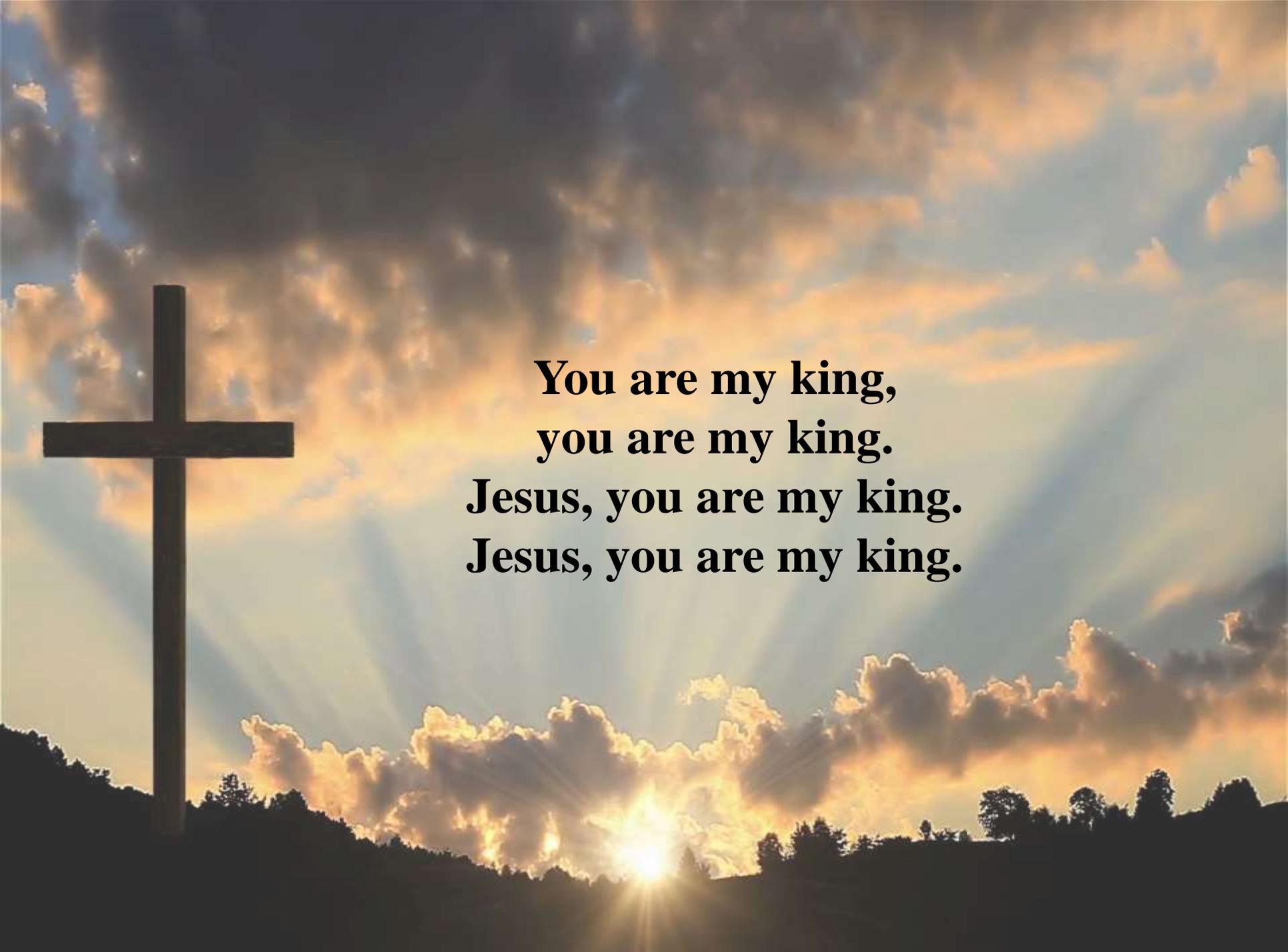
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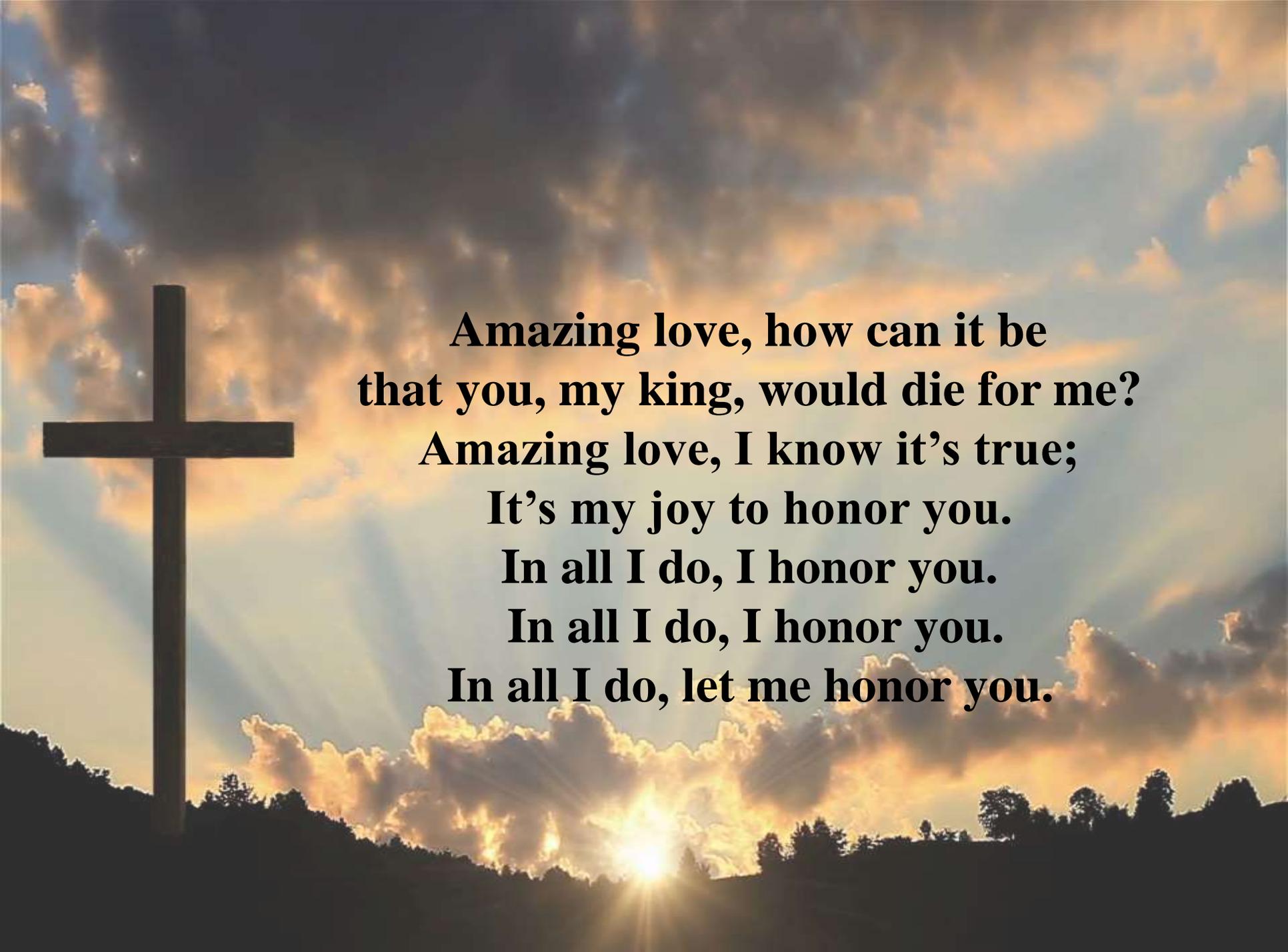
**Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my king, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.**



**Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my king, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.**



**You are my king,
you are my king.
Jesus, you are my king.
Jesus, you are my king.**



**Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my king, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.
In all I do, let me honor you.**

You Are Mine

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1. **"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."**

**2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."**

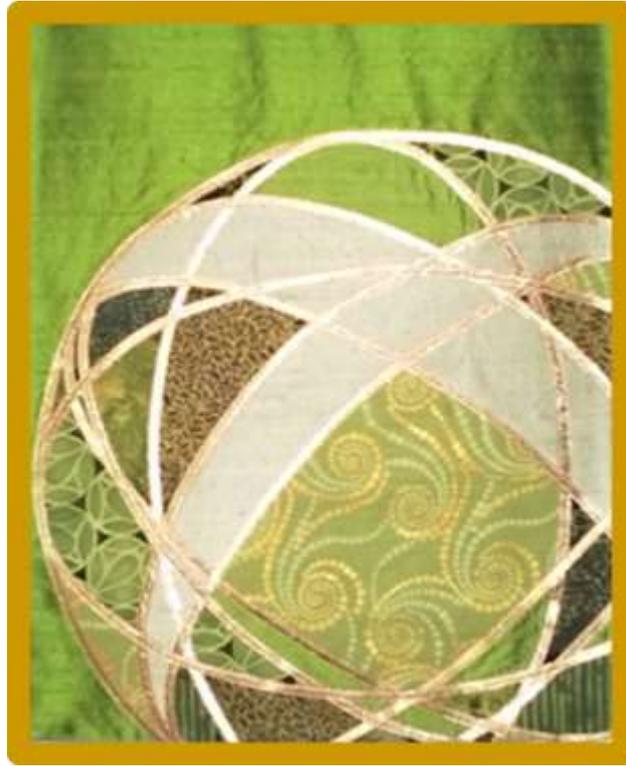
**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

**3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name."**

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

**4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!"**

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

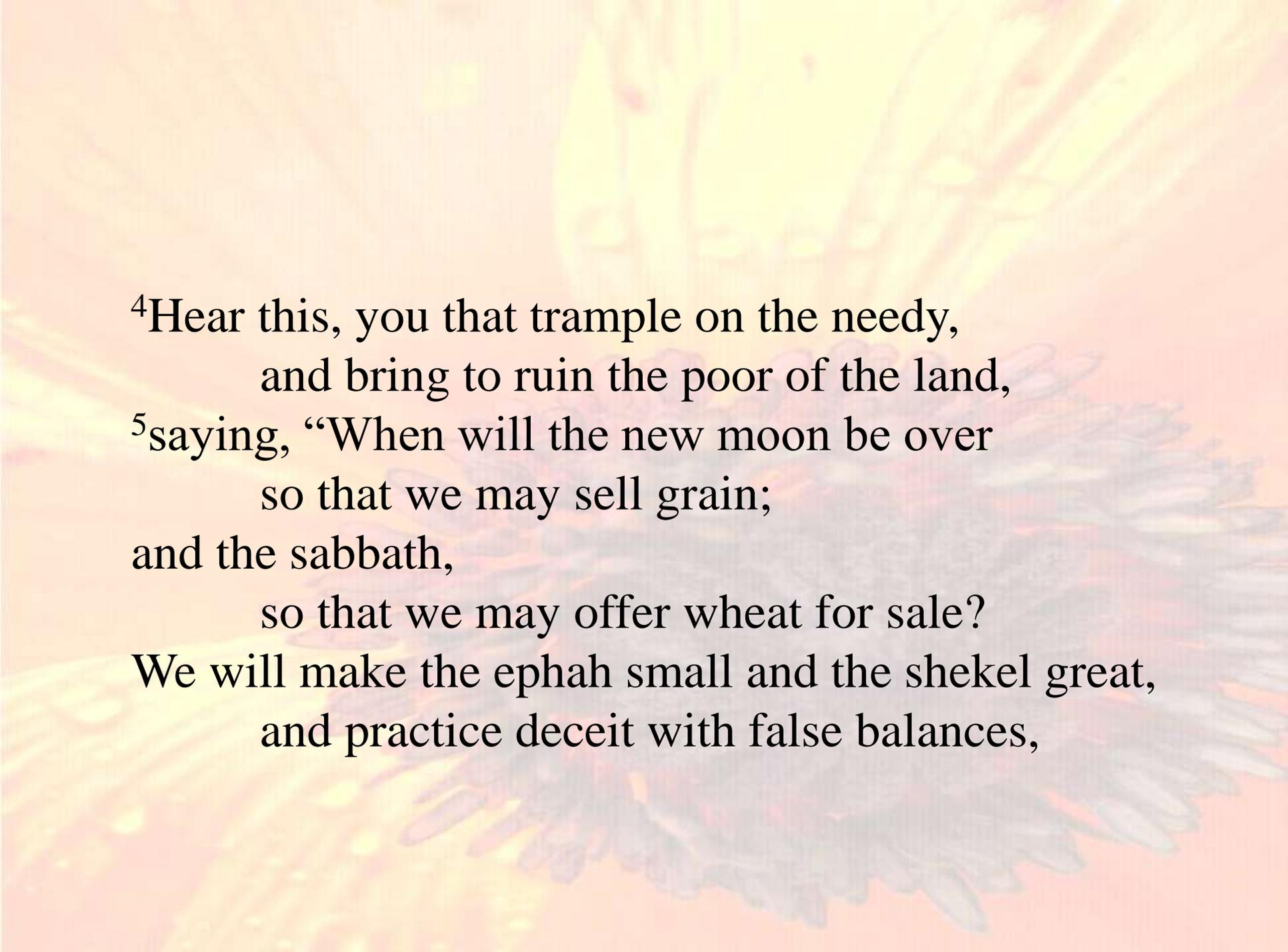


+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.



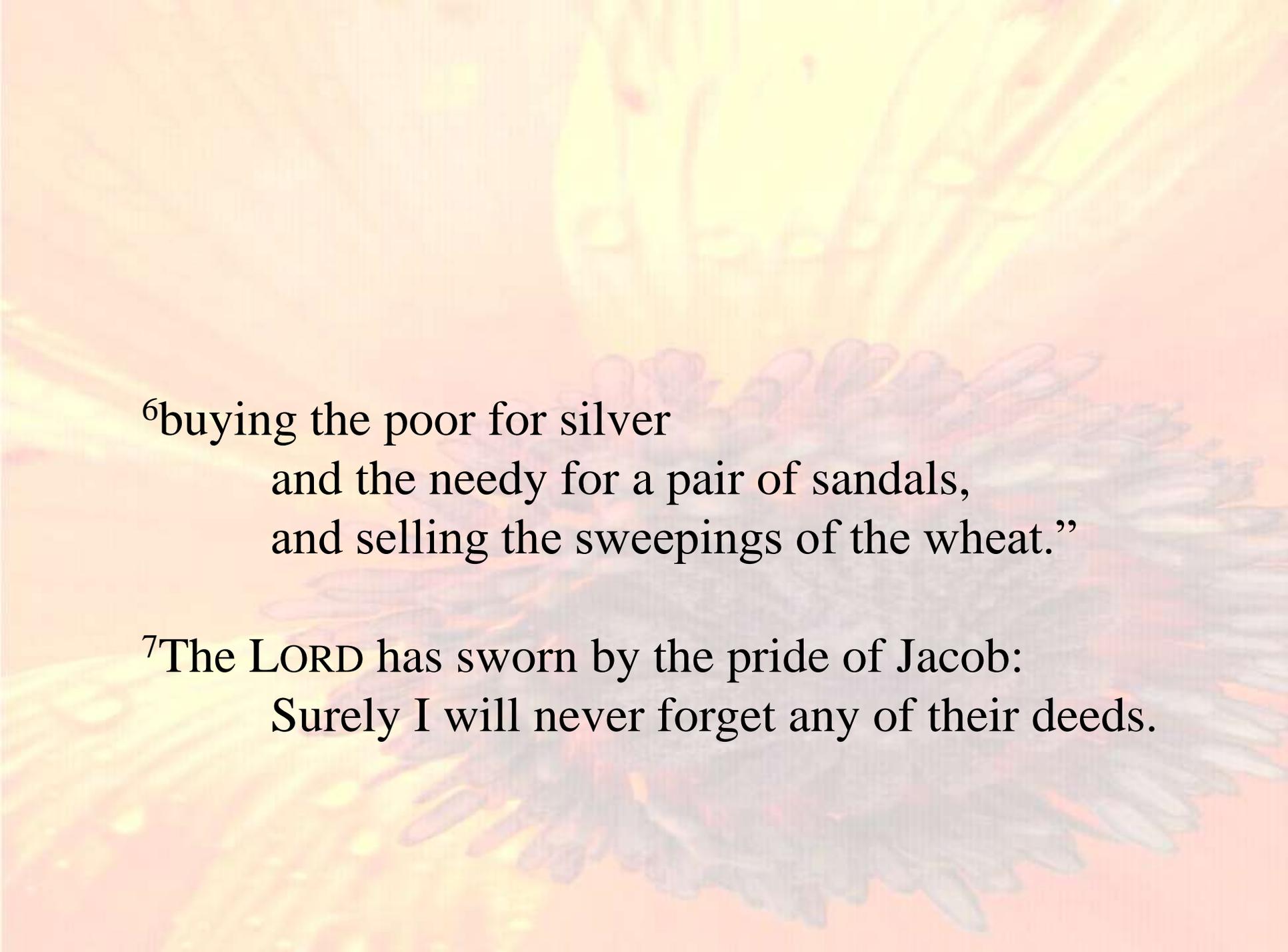
⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

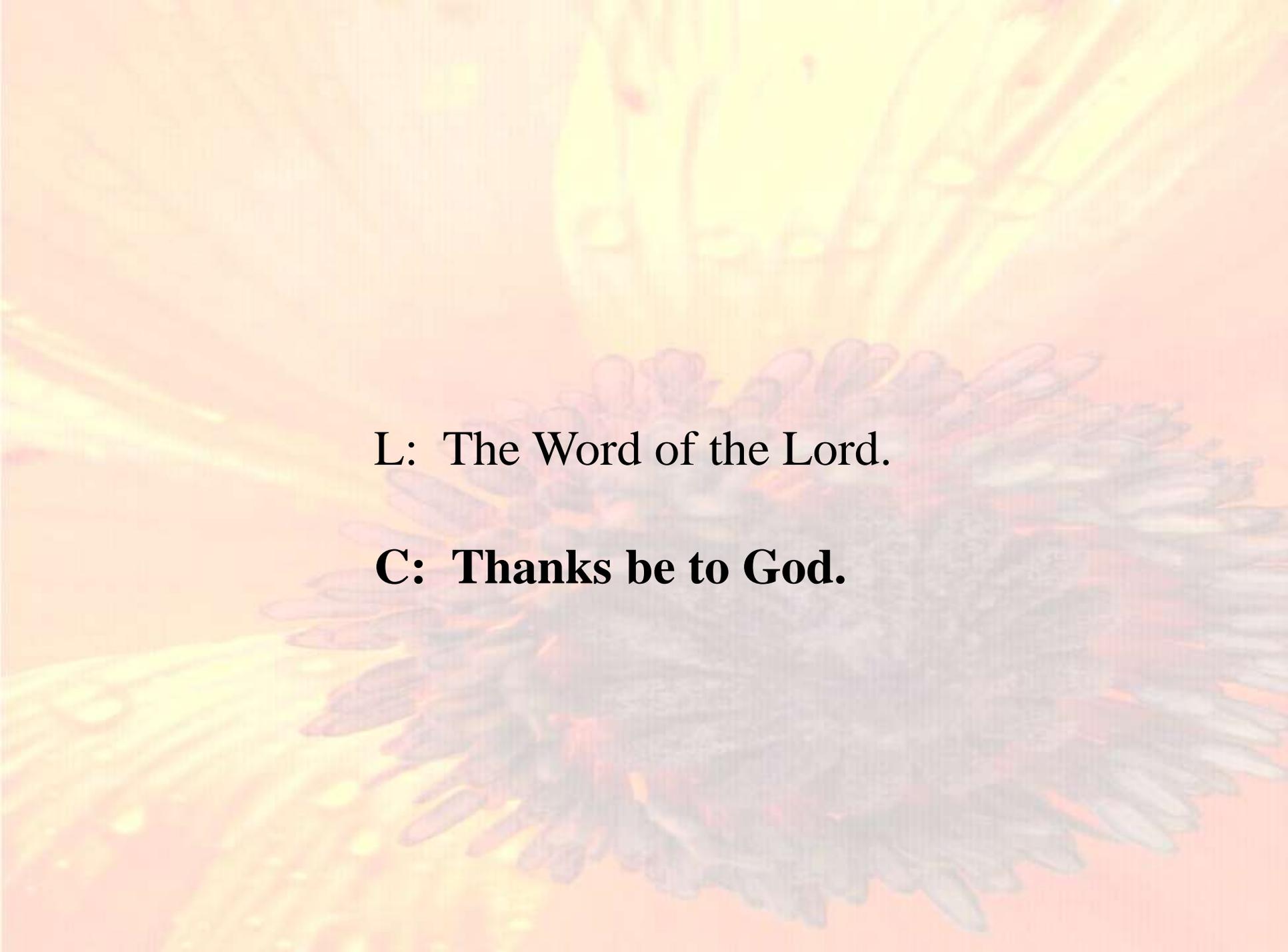
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,



⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

L: ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

C: ²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

L: ³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

C: ⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

L: ⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

**C: ⁶but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

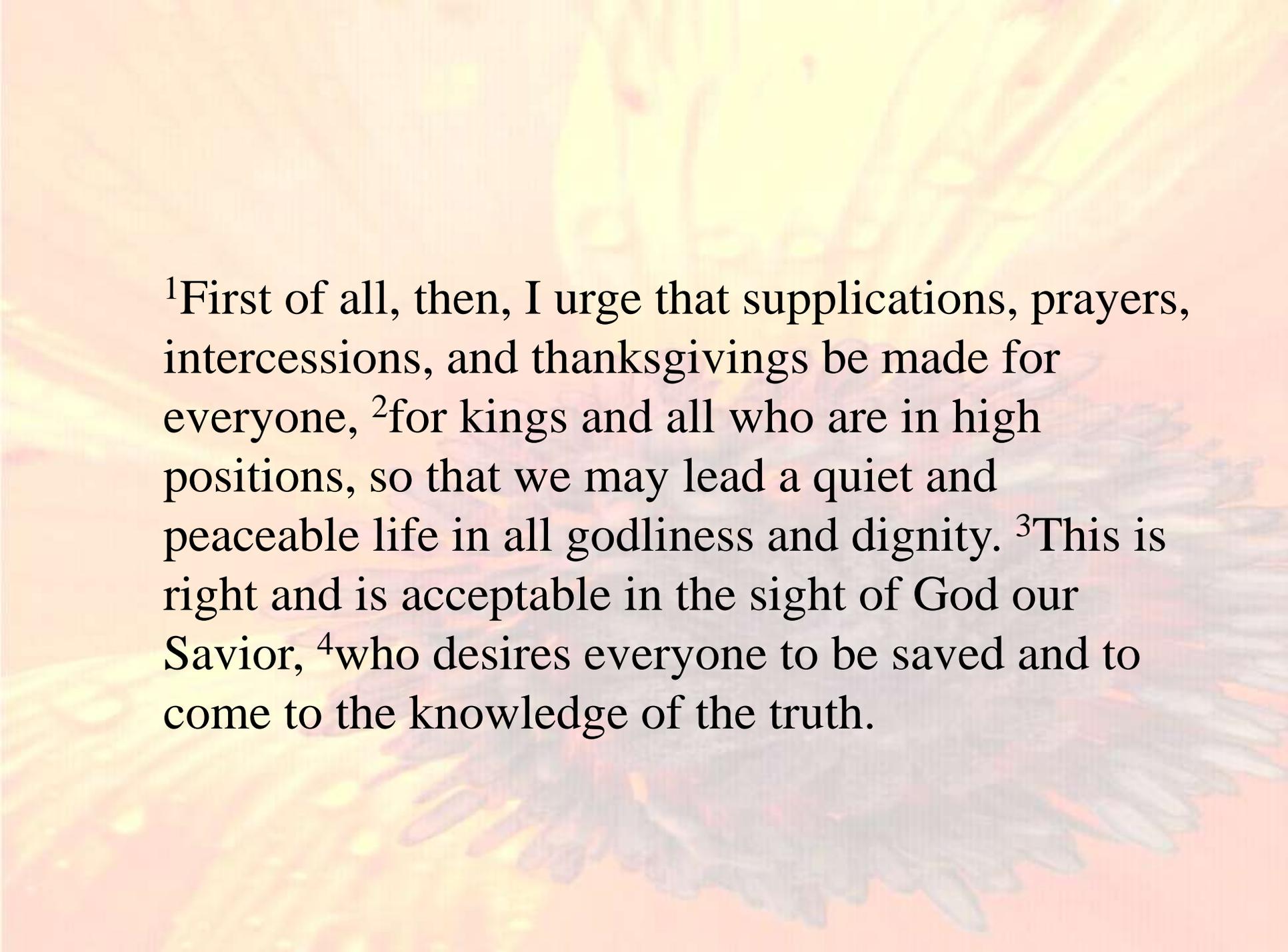
L: ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**C: ⁸enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

L: ⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless
house to be a joyful mother of children.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

The background of the slide features a pair of large, feathered wings, likely belonging to an angel, rendered in a soft, ethereal style. The wings are spread wide, with the top wing extending towards the upper right and the bottom wing towards the lower left. The feathers are detailed with various shades of light blue, white, and pale yellow, giving them a delicate and luminous appearance. The overall background is a warm, light orange or peach color, which complements the soft tones of the wings.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God
and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the
truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in
faith and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The background of the slide features a soft, warm glow of light rays emanating from the top center, creating a sense of brightness and hope. The top corners are adorned with a dense arrangement of autumn leaves in various shades of yellow, orange, and red, with some green leaves still visible, suggesting the transition of seasons.

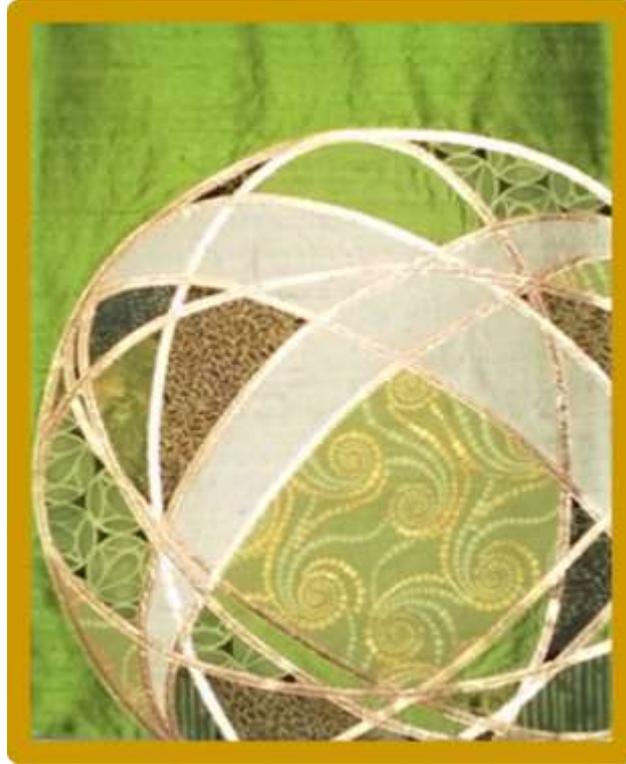
Readers' Theater:
Luke 16:1-13

Message

Nichole Abernathy

“Does Our Focus Match Jesus' Focus?”





+ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** +

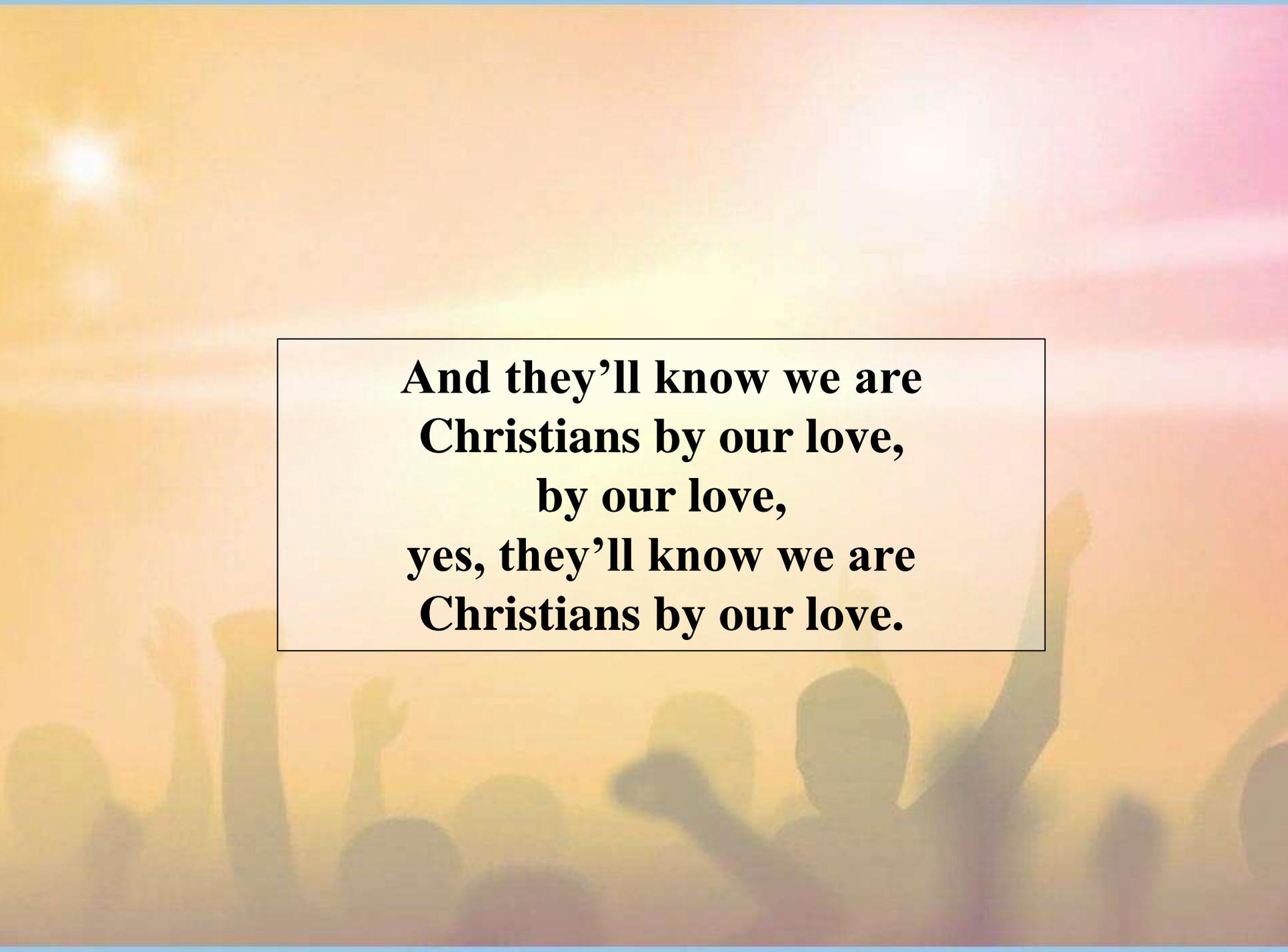
They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

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**We are one in the spirit
we are one in the Lord.**

**We are one in the spirit
we are one in the Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.**

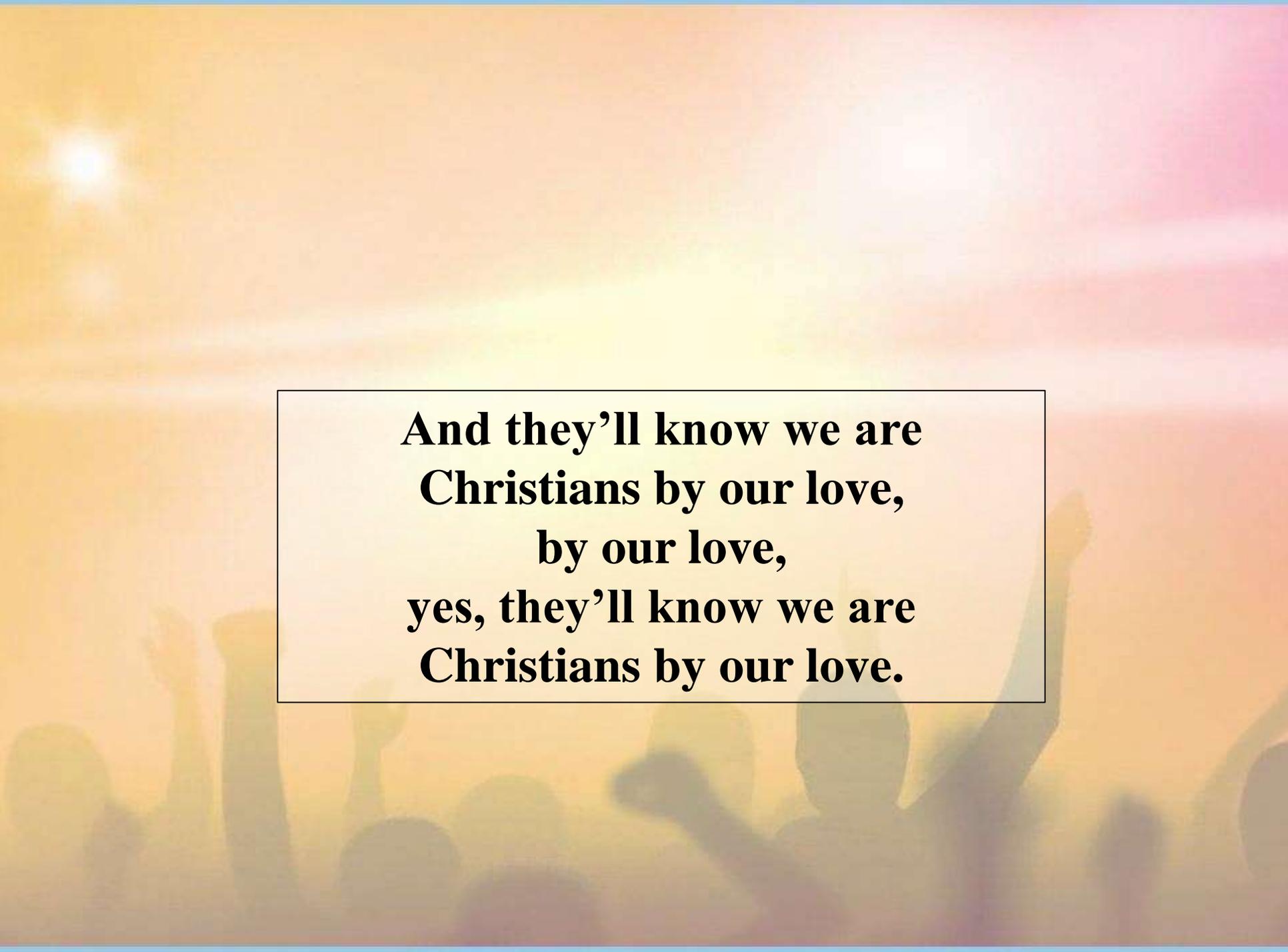


**And they'll know we are
Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are
Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;**

**We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand.**

**And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.**

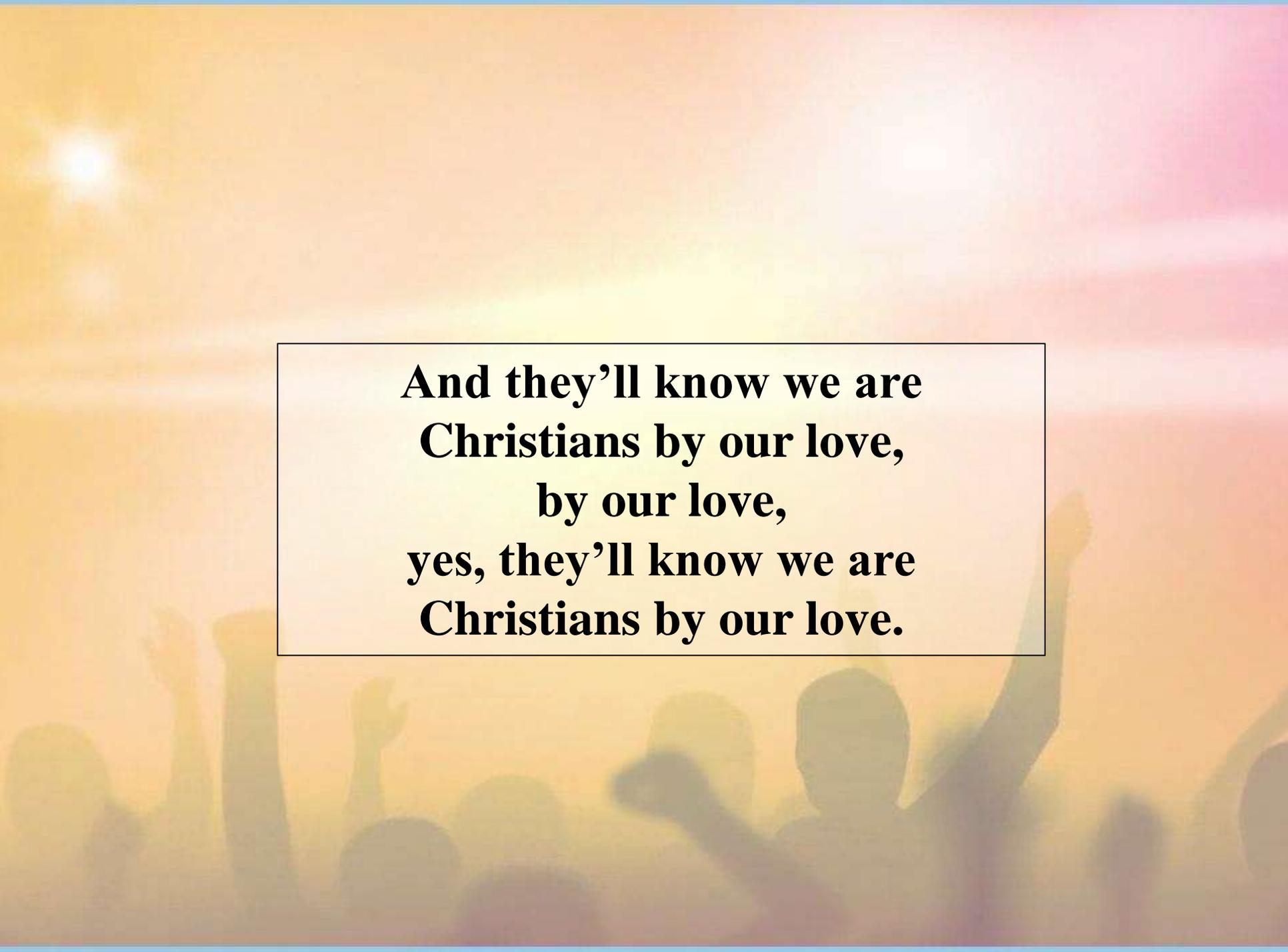


**And they'll know we are
Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are
Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;**

**We will work with each other,
we will work side by side.**

**And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.**

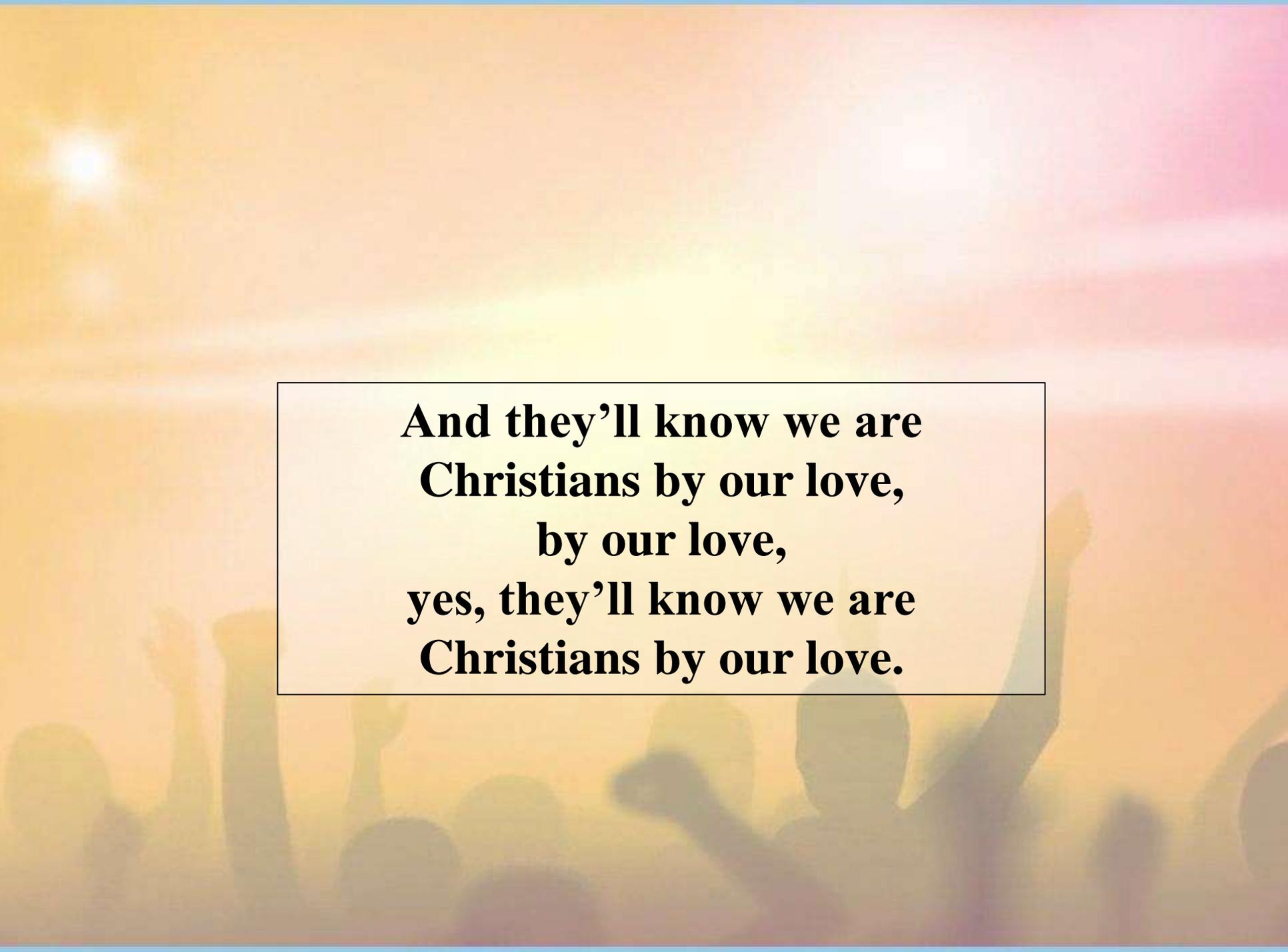


**And they'll know we are
Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are
Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus,
his only Son.**

**And all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one.**



**And they'll know we are
Christians by our love,
by our love,
yes, they'll know we are
Christians by our love.**

Apostles' Creed

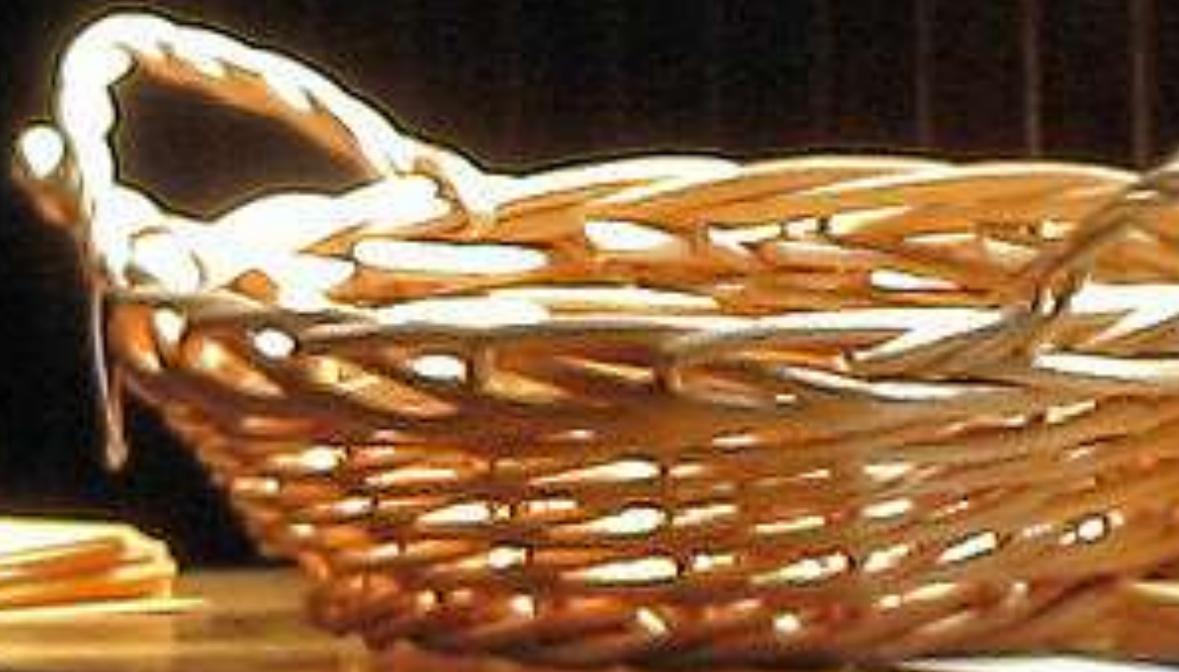
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**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 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.

Offering



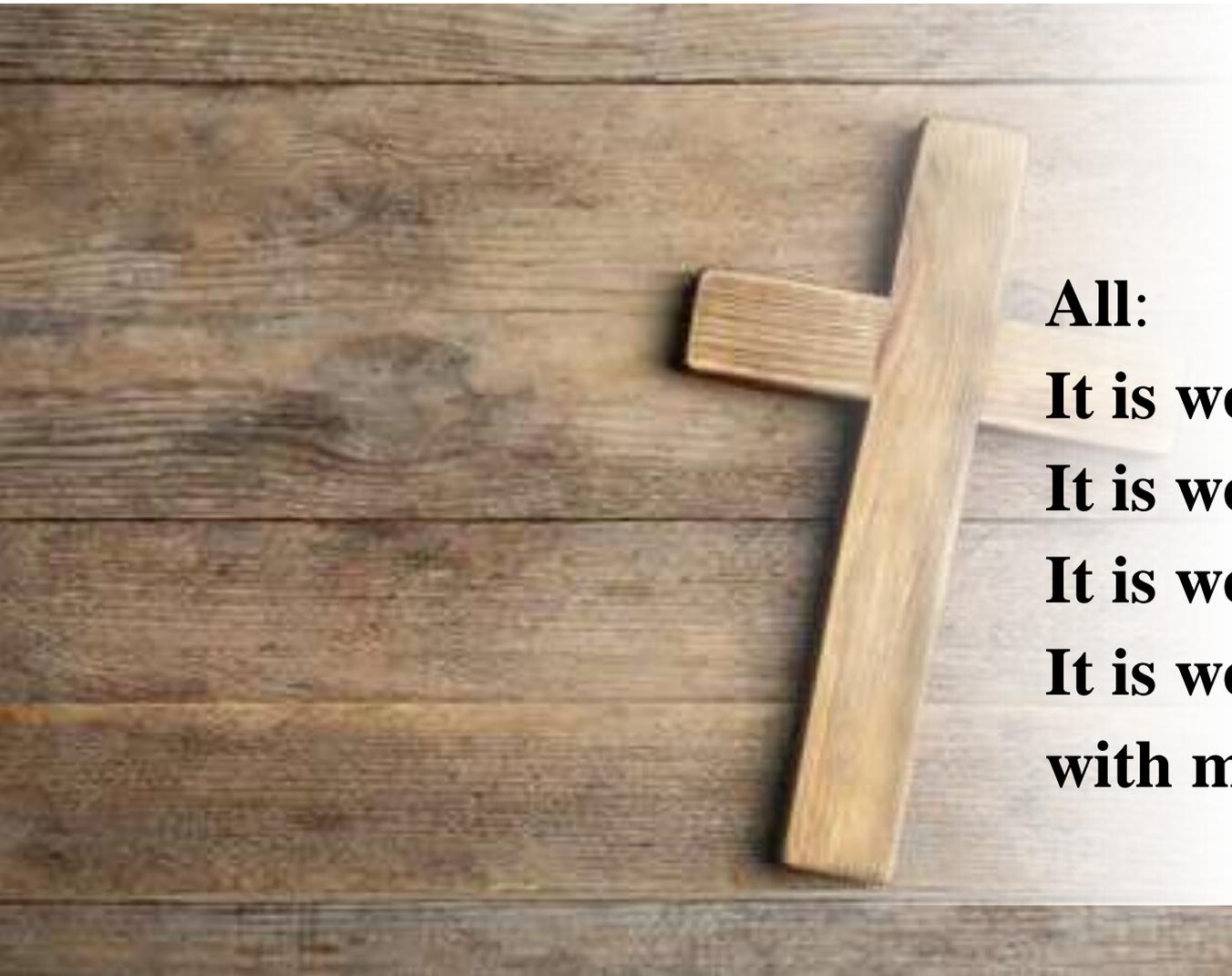
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Special Music,
Jenee Provance and Congregation*

It Is Well

Solo – Jenée Provance





All:

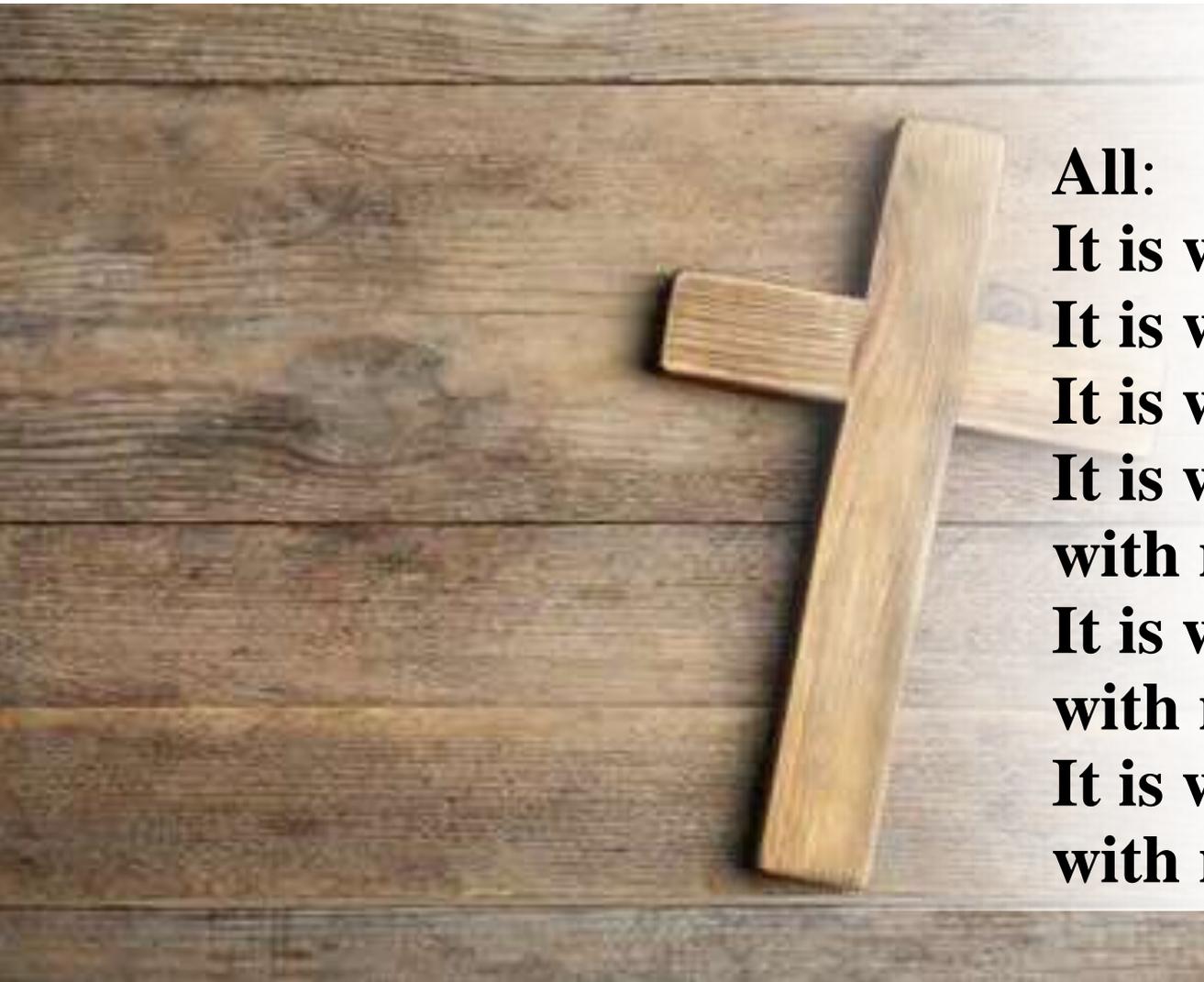
It is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul.

It is well with my soul

It is well, it is well,

with my soul



All:

It is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul.

It is well with my soul

**It is well, it is well,
with my soul**

**It is well, it is well,
with my soul**

**It is well, it is well,
with my soul**

A blurred background image showing a hand holding a woven basket filled with US dollar bills and coins. The text "Offering Prayer" is overlaid in the center.

Offering Prayer



Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

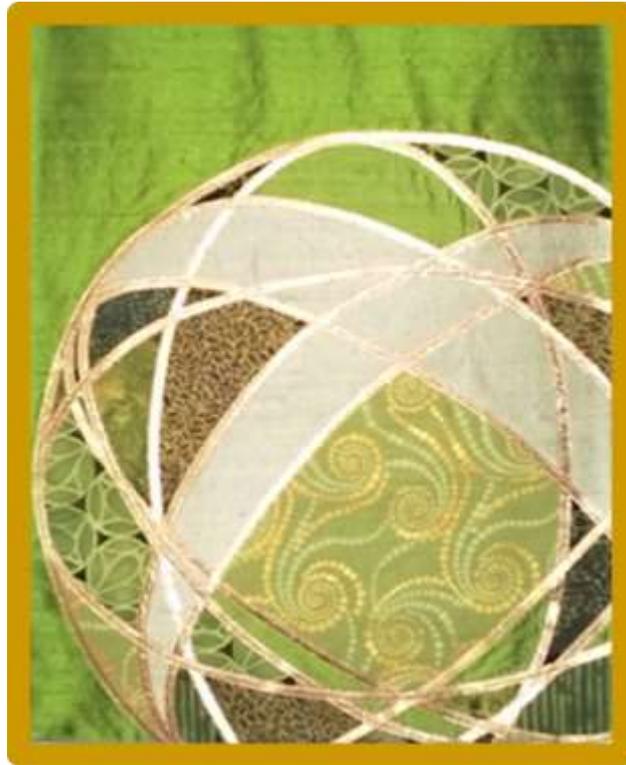
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

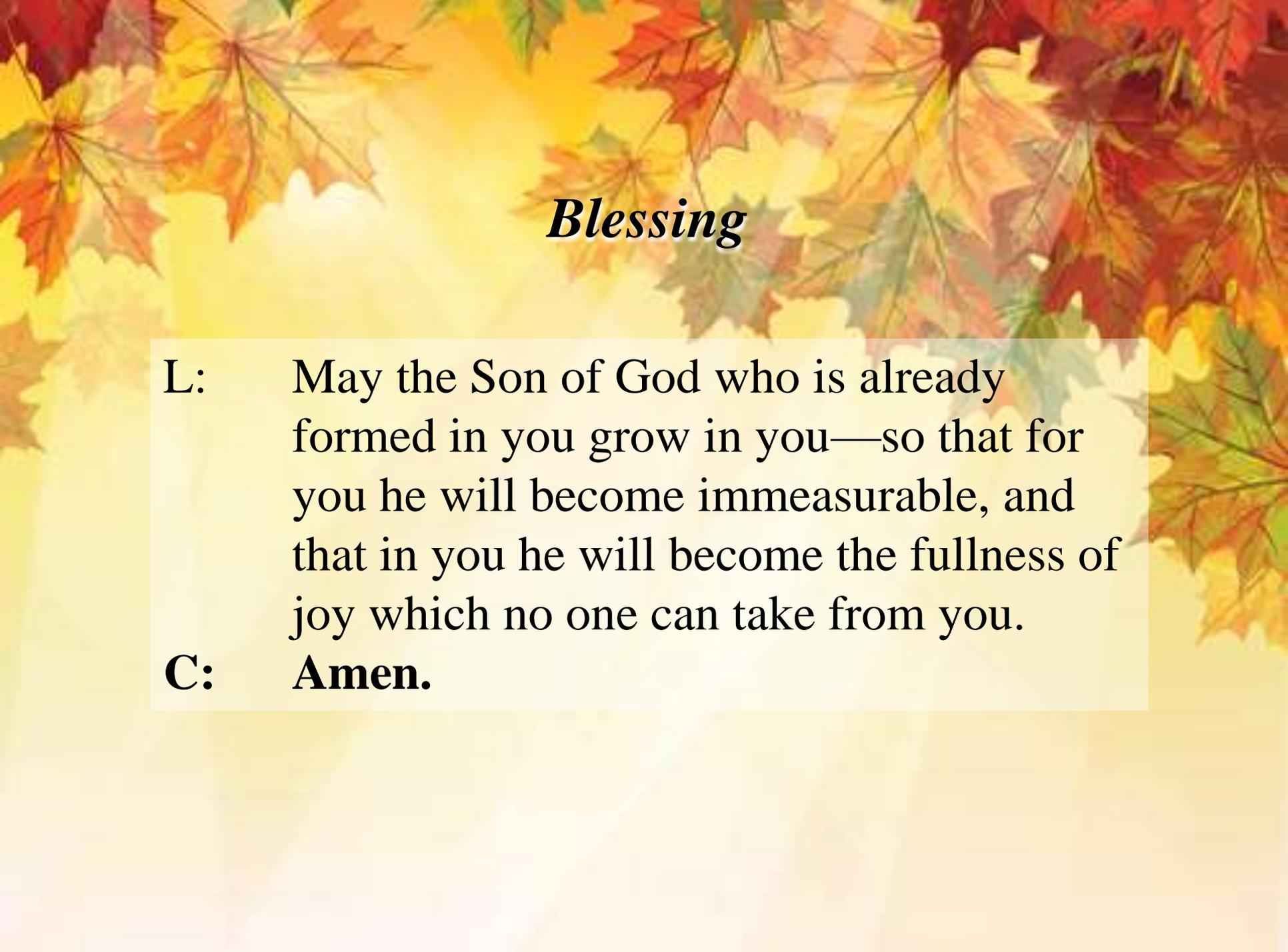
**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



+ **SENDING** +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



Blessing

L: May the Son of God who is already formed in you grow in you—so that for you he will become immeasurable, and that in you he will become the fullness of joy which no one can take from you.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements





**Zion's "God's work.
Our hands."**

We will be collecting food and monetary donations for Warroad school "backpack program" through the month of September. Monetary donations can be left in the offering plate and food can be dropped off in the Gathering Space.

Warroad Backpack Food Program

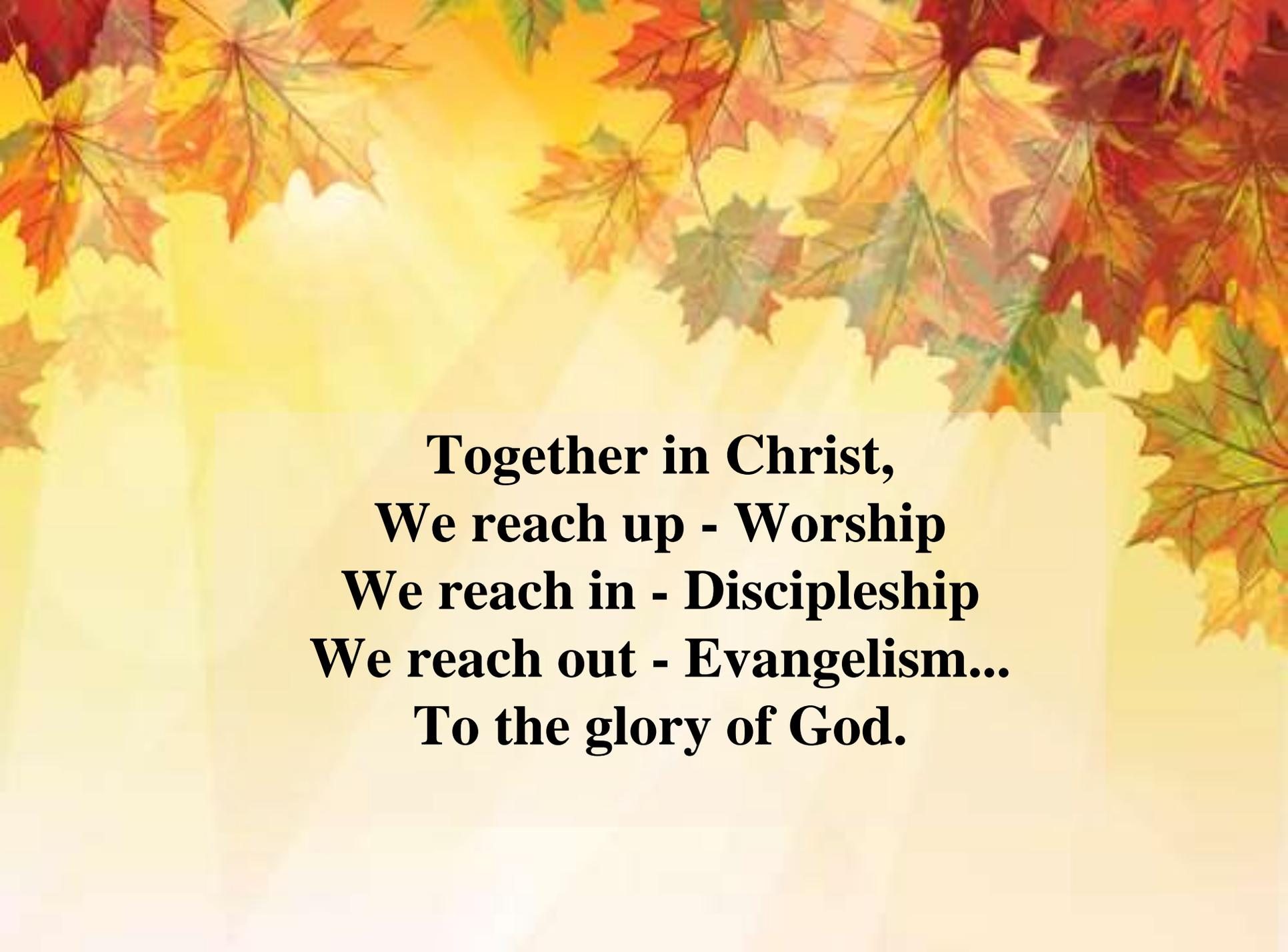
In addition to Zion's efforts, from Monday, September 26, through Saturday, October 1, Lake of the Woods Coffee Company will donate a portion of its sales to the program. Stop at the LOW Coffee Shop to help support the Warroad Backpack Food Program.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion?

New member meetings will be held:

- Sunday, September 25, at 10:20 am
- Monday, September 26, at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 28, at 4:30 pm

You only need to attend *one* meeting and be received at *one* worship service. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, October 2 (9:00 am), and Wednesday, October 5 (5:30 pm).



**Together in Christ,
We reach up - Worship
We reach in - Discipleship
We reach out - Evangelism...
To the glory of God.**

Be Thou My Vision

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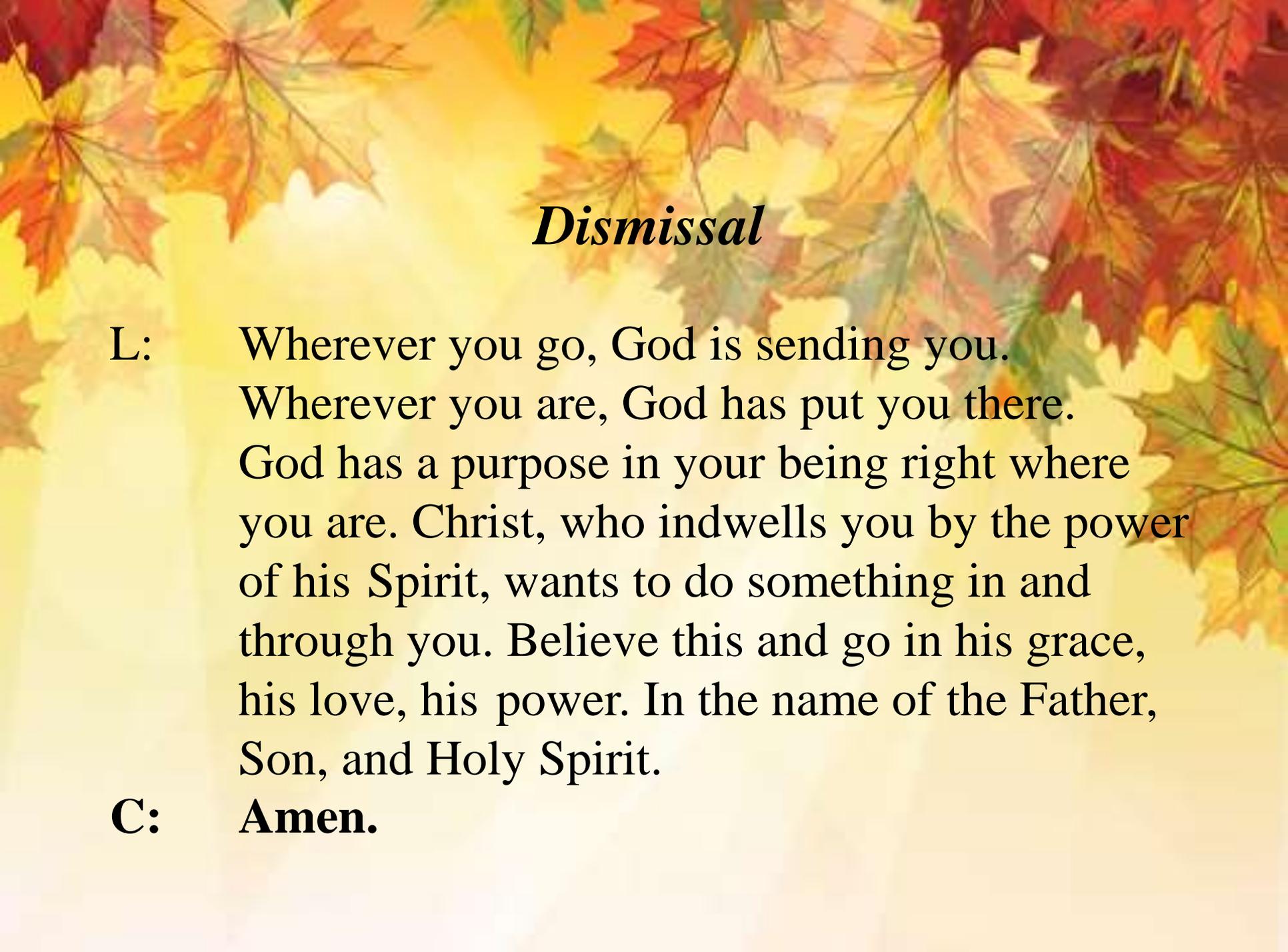
**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art:
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father,
I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Be my compassion,
my love for the poor;
Break my distraction so I can't ignore
the least of your children,
the ones you adore;
For by them, Jesus, I worship you, Lord.**

For by them Jesus, I worship you, Lord.



Dismissal

L: Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
God has a purpose in your being right where you are. Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit, wants to do something in and through you. Believe this and go in his grace, his love, his power. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us today!*

*May God
Bless You!*

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