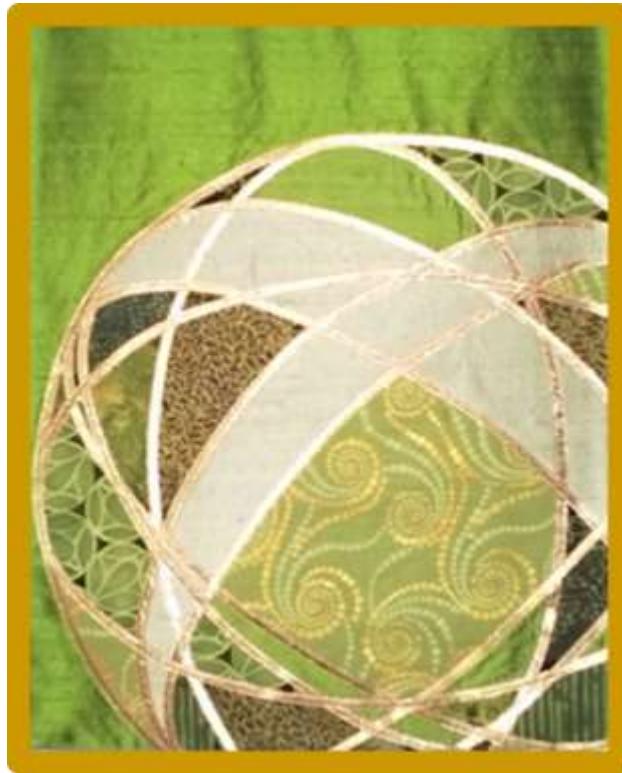




*Welcome to
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Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 9:00 am

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

God of Wonders

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**Lord of all creation,
of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle.
glory to the Lord on high.**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty.
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call your name by night.**

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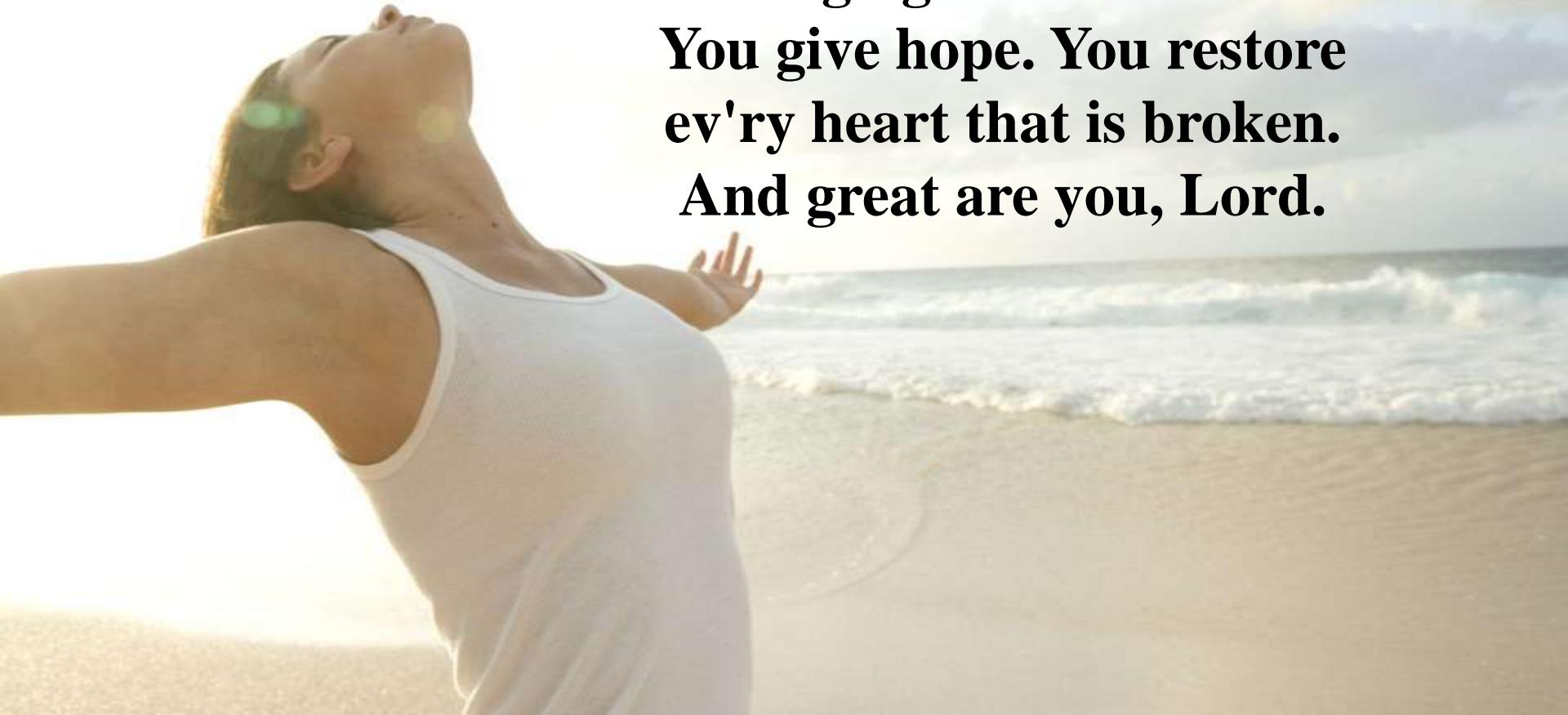
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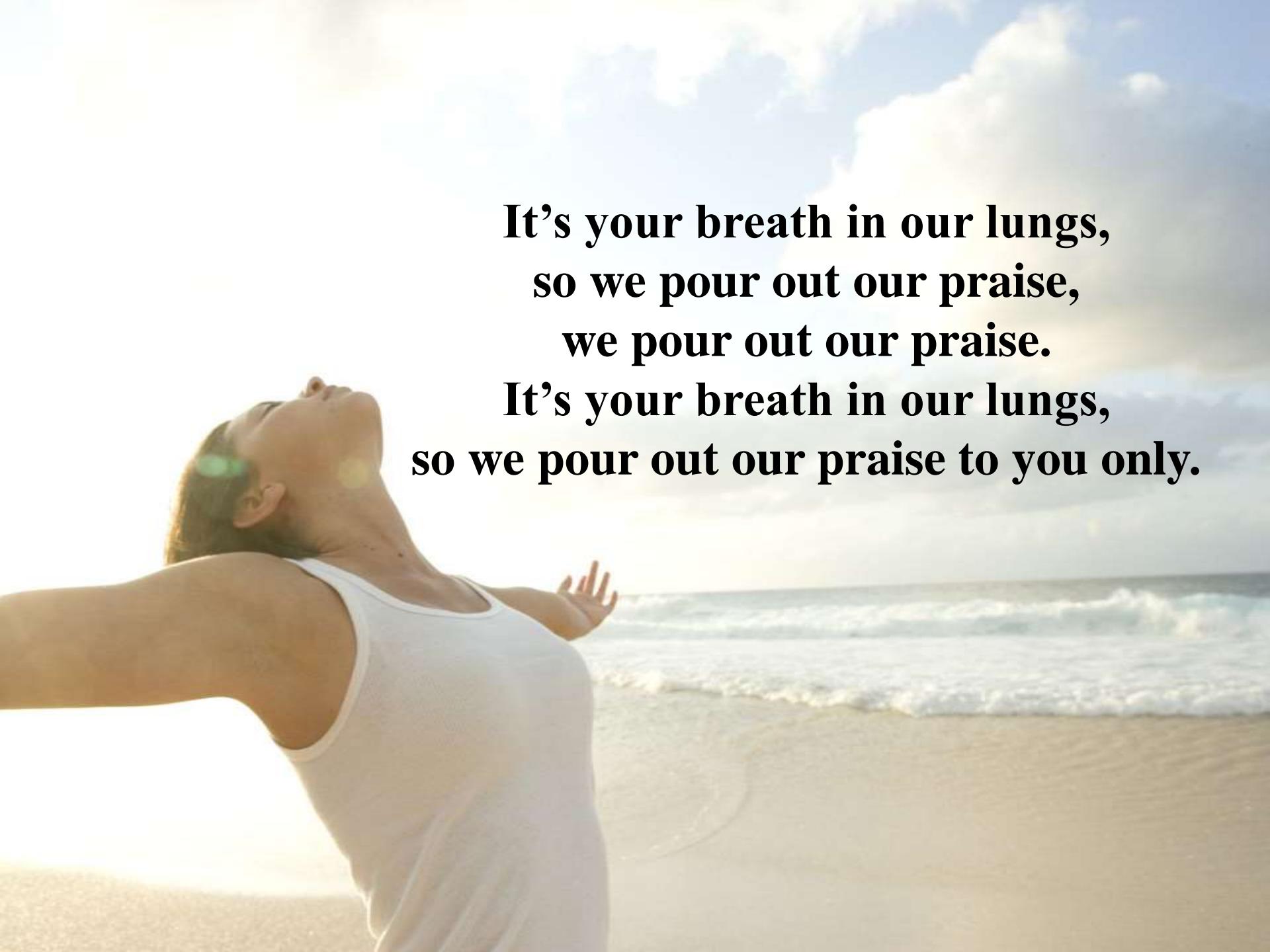
**God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!**

Great Are You Lord

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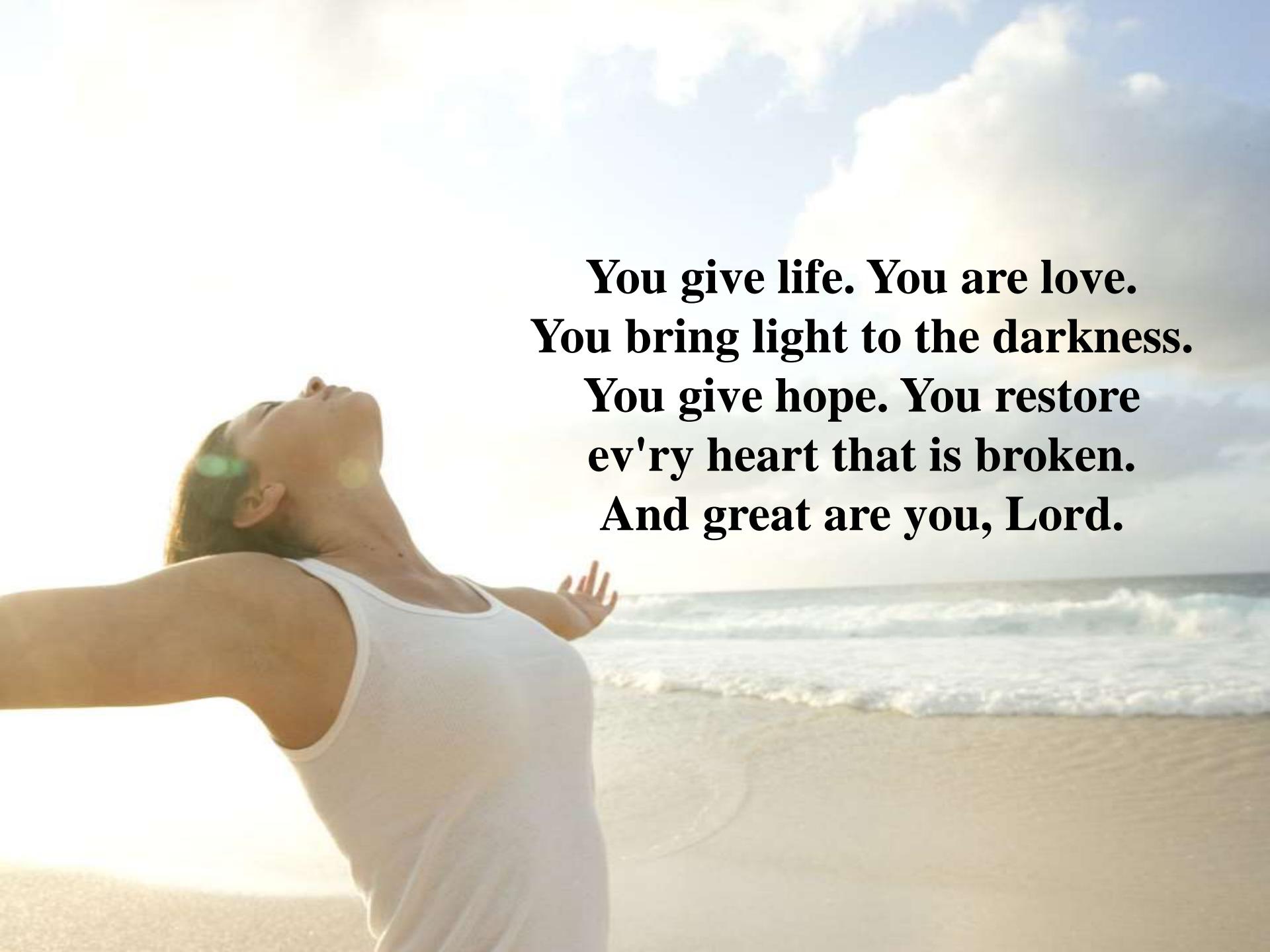
**You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.**



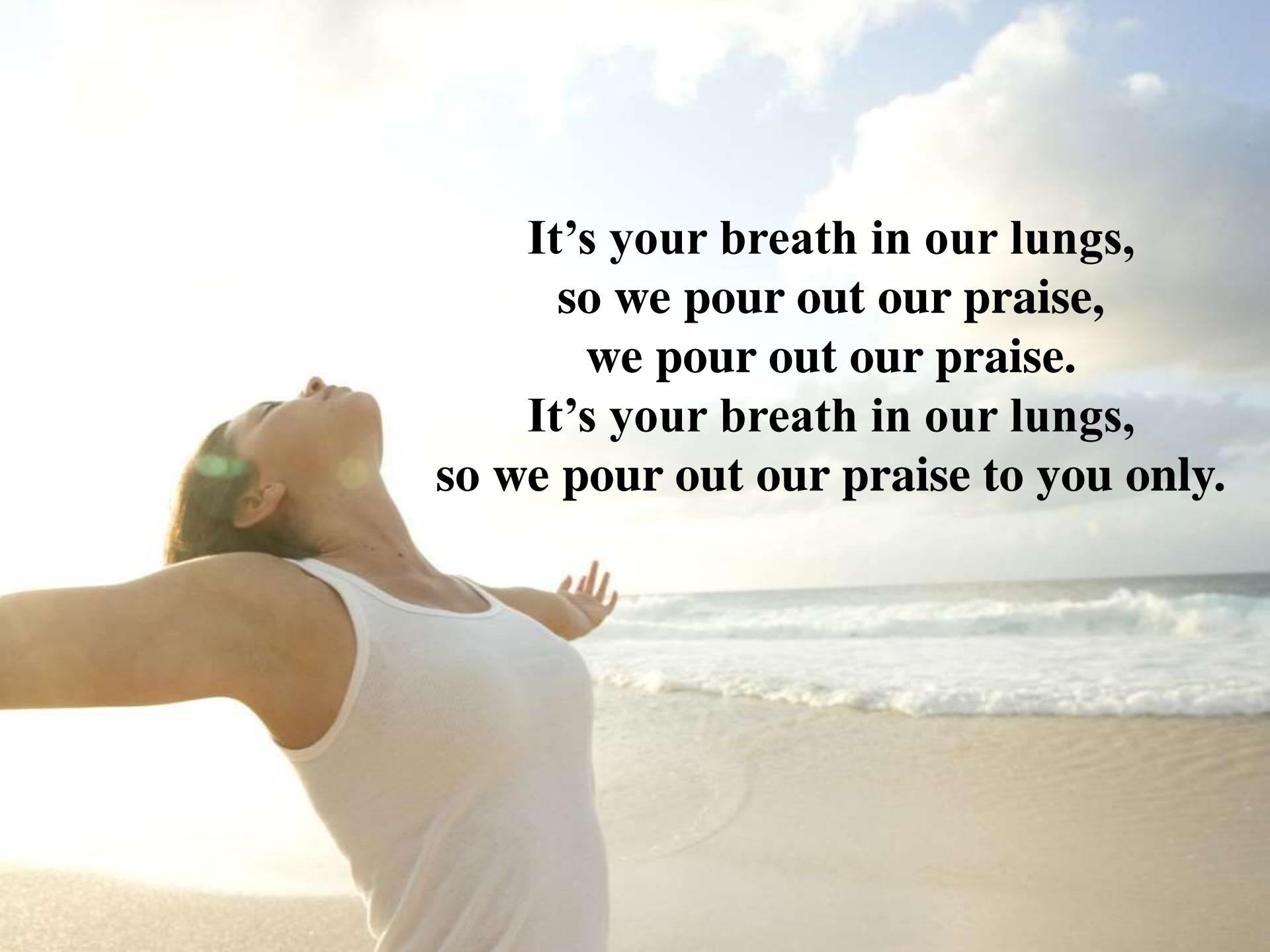
A photograph of a woman with her back to the camera, standing on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white tank top and has her arms raised and outstretched to the sides. The sun is setting behind her, creating a bright glow and lens flare. In the background, there is a calm ocean with gentle waves and a sky filled with soft, pastel-colored clouds.

**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.**

**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only.**

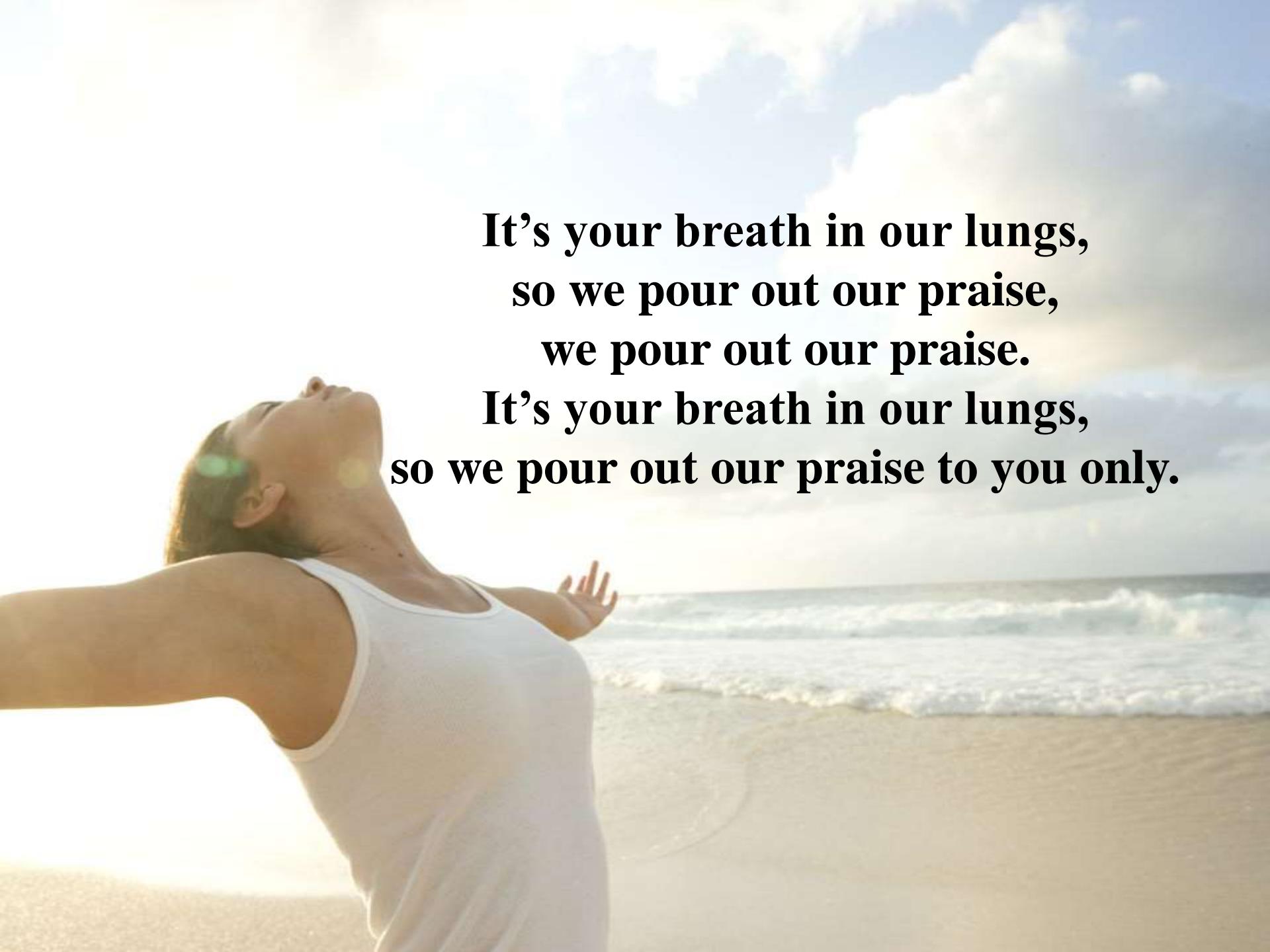
A photograph of a woman with light brown hair, wearing a white tank top, standing on a sandy beach. She is facing away from the camera, with her arms raised and hands open towards the sky. The background shows the ocean with waves crashing onto the shore under a bright, cloudy sky.

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And great are you, Lord.**

A photograph of a woman with light brown hair, wearing a white tank top, standing on a sandy beach. She is facing away from the camera, with her arms raised and hands open, palms facing up. Her head is tilted back, looking towards the sky. The background shows the ocean with waves crashing onto the shore under a bright, cloudy sky.

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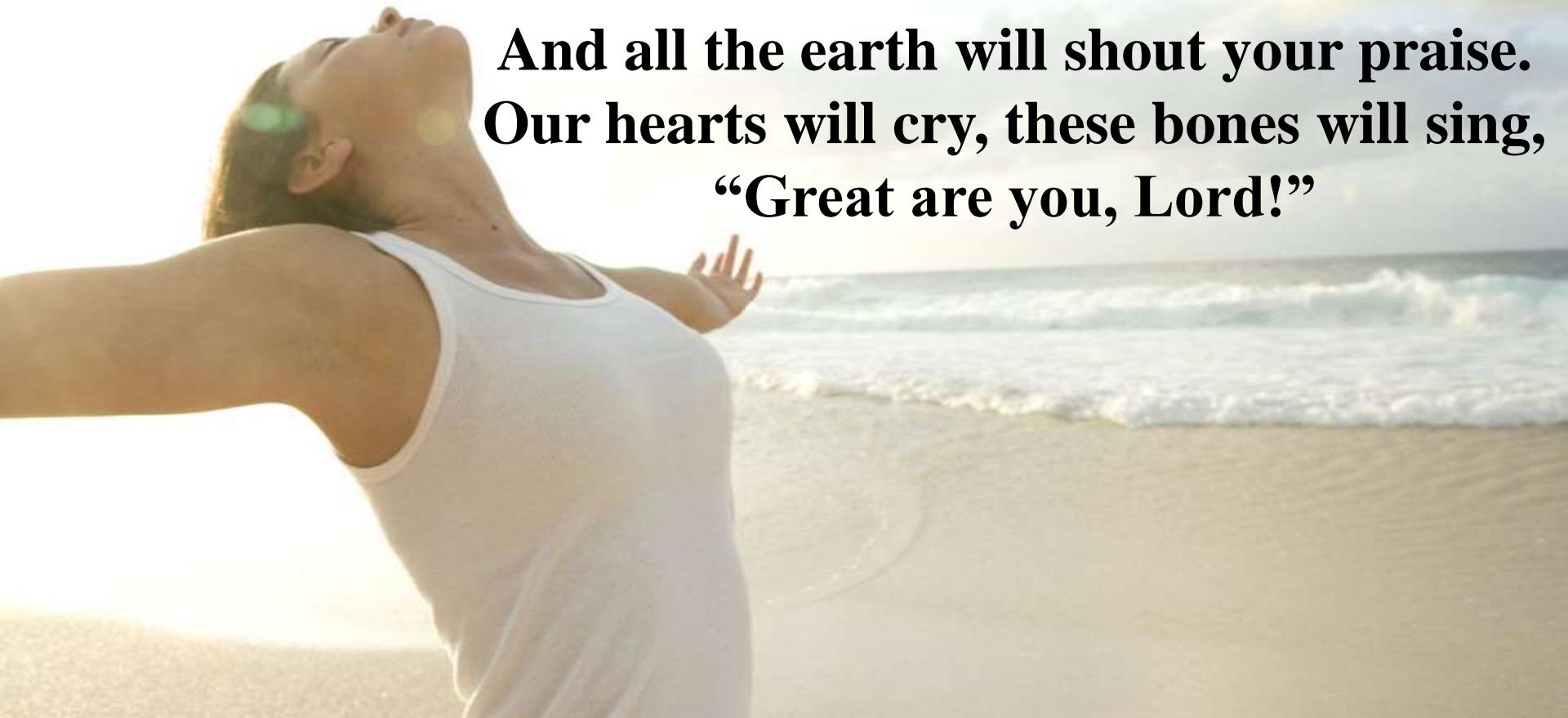
A photograph of a woman with her arms outstretched, looking up towards the sky. She is standing on a sandy beach with the ocean and waves visible in the background under a cloudy sky.

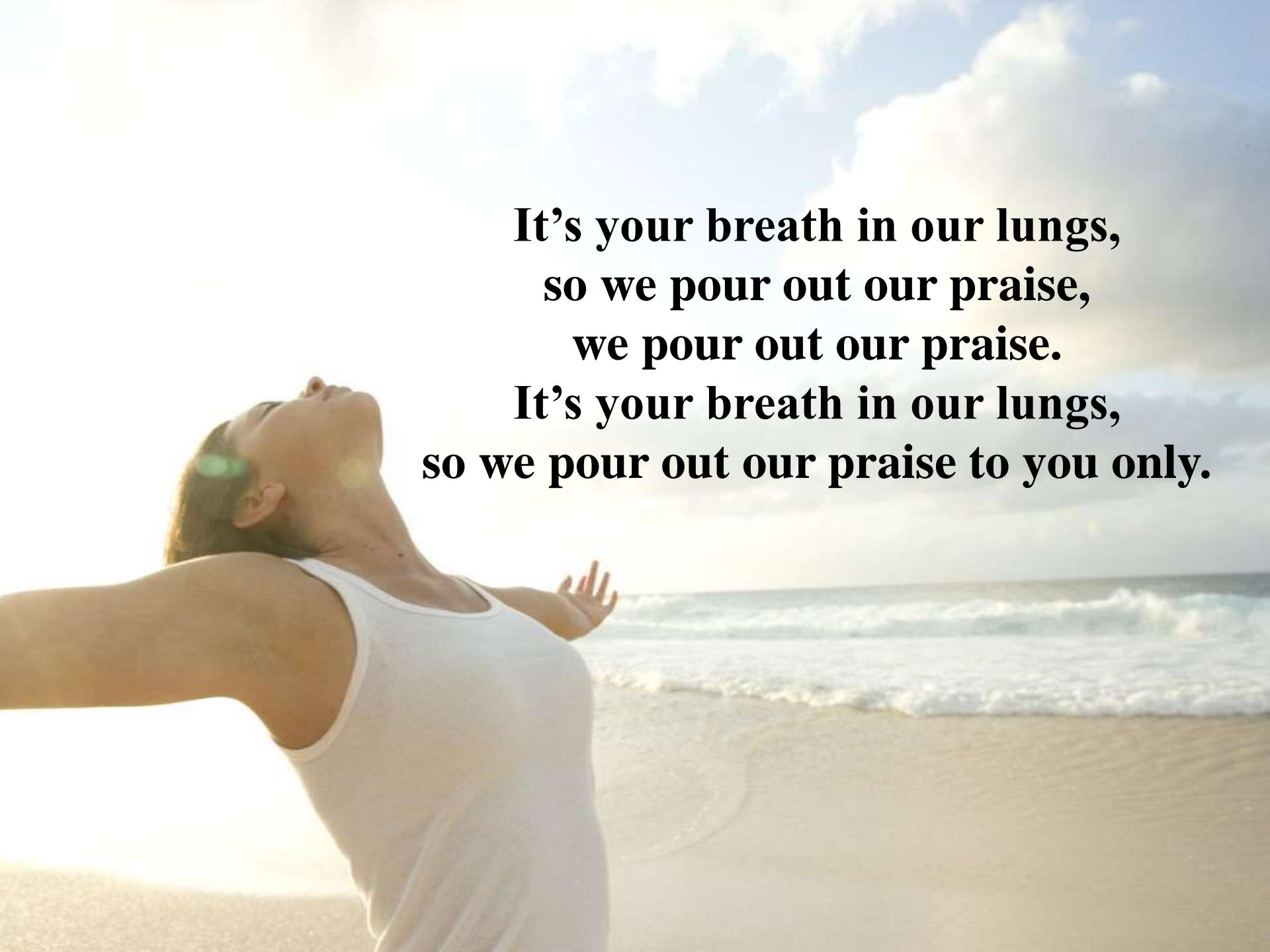
**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.**

**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only.**

**And all the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are you, Lord!”**

**And all the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are you, Lord!”**



A photograph of a woman with light brown hair, wearing a white tank top, standing on a sandy beach. She is facing away from the camera, with her arms raised and hands open, palms facing up, as if she is breathing deeply or offering something. The background shows the ocean with waves crashing onto the shore under a bright, slightly cloudy sky.

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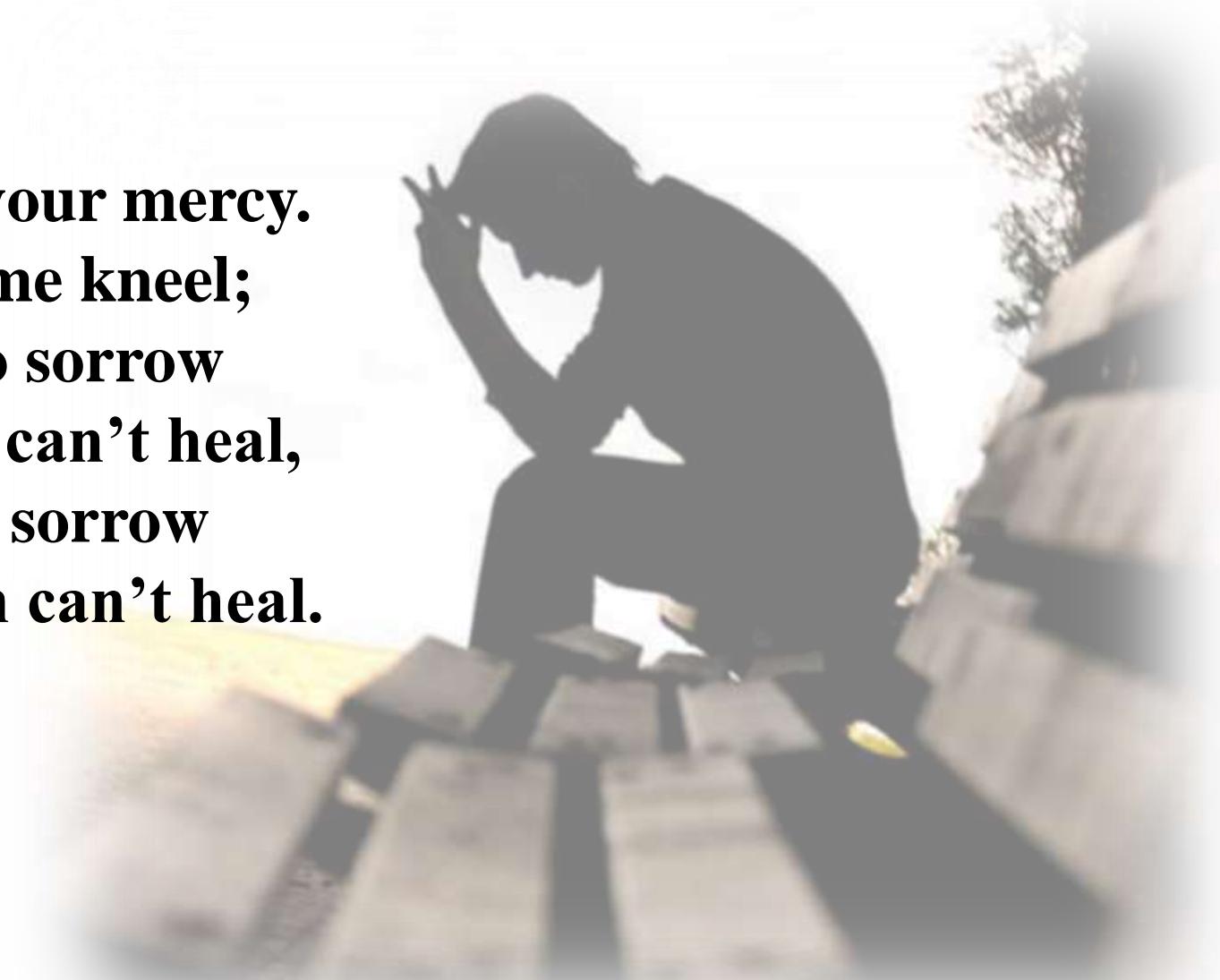
Come as You Are

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**Come out of sadness from
wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted
let rescue begin.**



**Come, find your mercy.
O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal,
earth has no sorrow
That Heaven can't heal.**



A photograph of a person from the side, looking upwards with their head tilted back. Their long, dark hair is blowing in the wind, creating a sense of movement. They are wearing a dark, zippered jacket. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

**Lay down your burdens,
Lay down your shame.
All who are broken
lift up your face.**

**O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
Lay down your heart,
Come as you are.**



**There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed:
Come sit at the table,
come taste the grace.**

**There's rest for the weary,
rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't cure.**

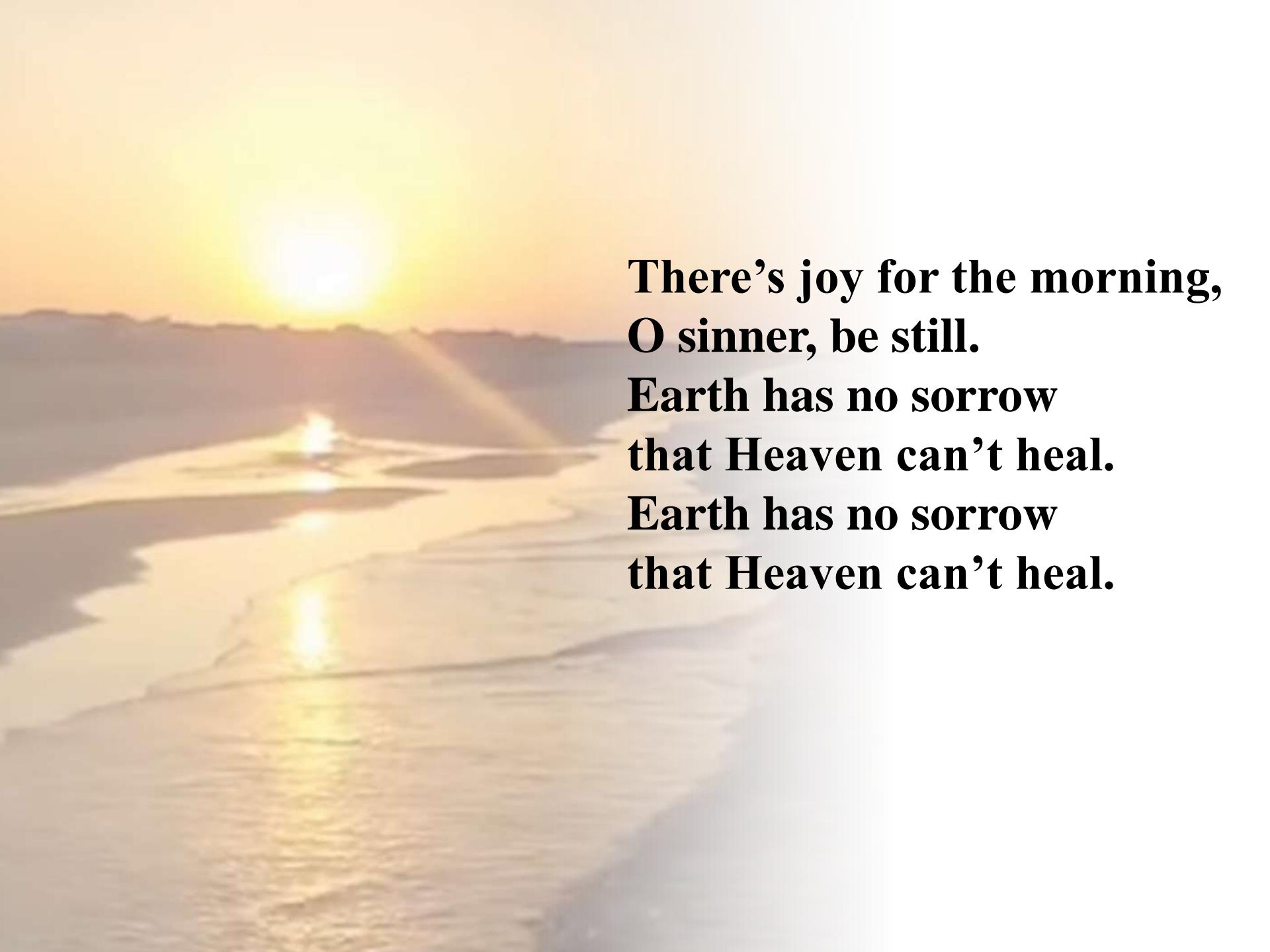
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lay down your shame.
All who are broken
lift up your face.**

**O wanderer, come home;
you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart:
Come as you are....**



**Come as you are....
Fall in his arms....
Come as you are.**





**There's joy for the morning,
O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal.**

**So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.**

**All who are broken
lift up your face.**

**O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.**

**So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart,
come as you are....**



Come as you are....

Come as you are....

Come as you are.





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Welcome



Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

- L: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
- C: **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**
- L: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:
- C: **O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!**

L: One thing we ask of God:
**C: That we may live in God's dwelling
place all the days of our life, and
never cease to behold the beauty of
God's home.**

L: Beloved of God, enter this worship in
thanksgiving, for God is among and
within us!
C: Thanks be to God!

How Great Is Our God

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**The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice,
and trembles at his voice.**



How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!



**And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the End,
beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.**



How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!



**Name above all names,
worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!**

**Name above all names,
worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!**



**How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!**



Spirit of the Living God

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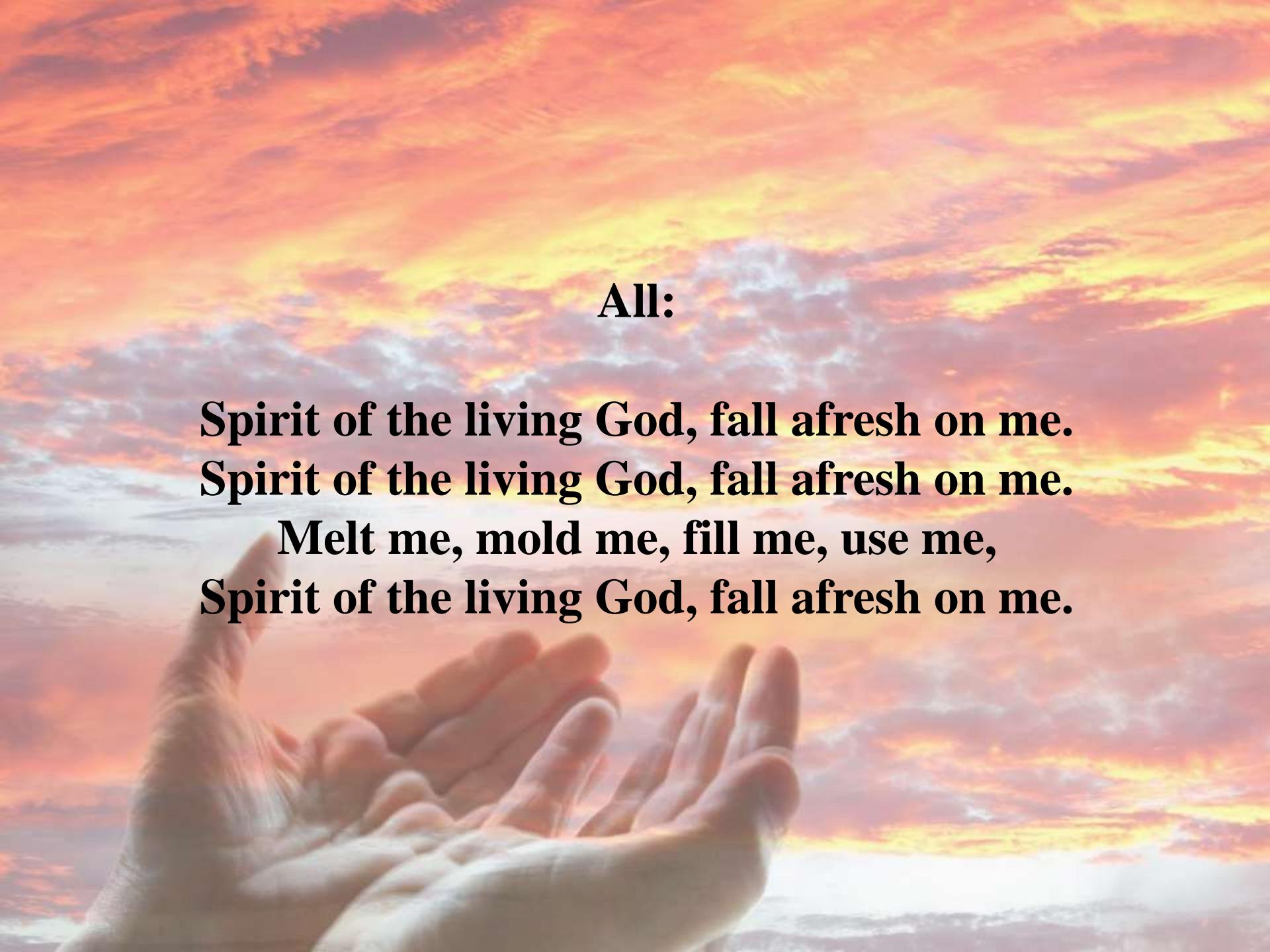
Women:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

A photograph of two hands reaching upwards towards the sky. The hands are positioned palm-up, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise, with the sky filled with warm, orange, yellow, and pink hues. The clouds are scattered across the sky, reflecting the light.

All:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: As we sing about the Spirit of God falling fresh on us, we pray for forgiveness when our words and actions are shaped and molded by forces other than the Holy Spirit. For the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others.
- C: **Forgive us, O God.**

L: When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity.

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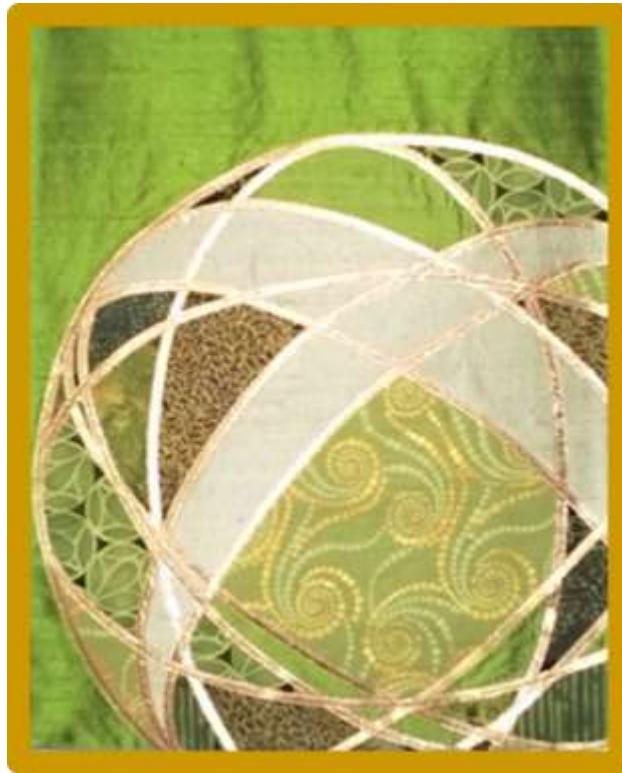
L: For believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community.

C: **Forgive us, O God.**

- L: The Holy Spirit enables us to confess Jesus as Lord and in so doing, we are acknowledging our total allegiance to and love for Jesus.
- C: **Merciful God, forgive our lack of commitment to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.**
- L: Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness, and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts. This we pray in Jesus' name.
- C: **Amen.**

L: The good news is that God has continued to love and save us in and through Jesus, whom we confess as Savior and Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Friends, believe these words of grace:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



+ WORD +

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

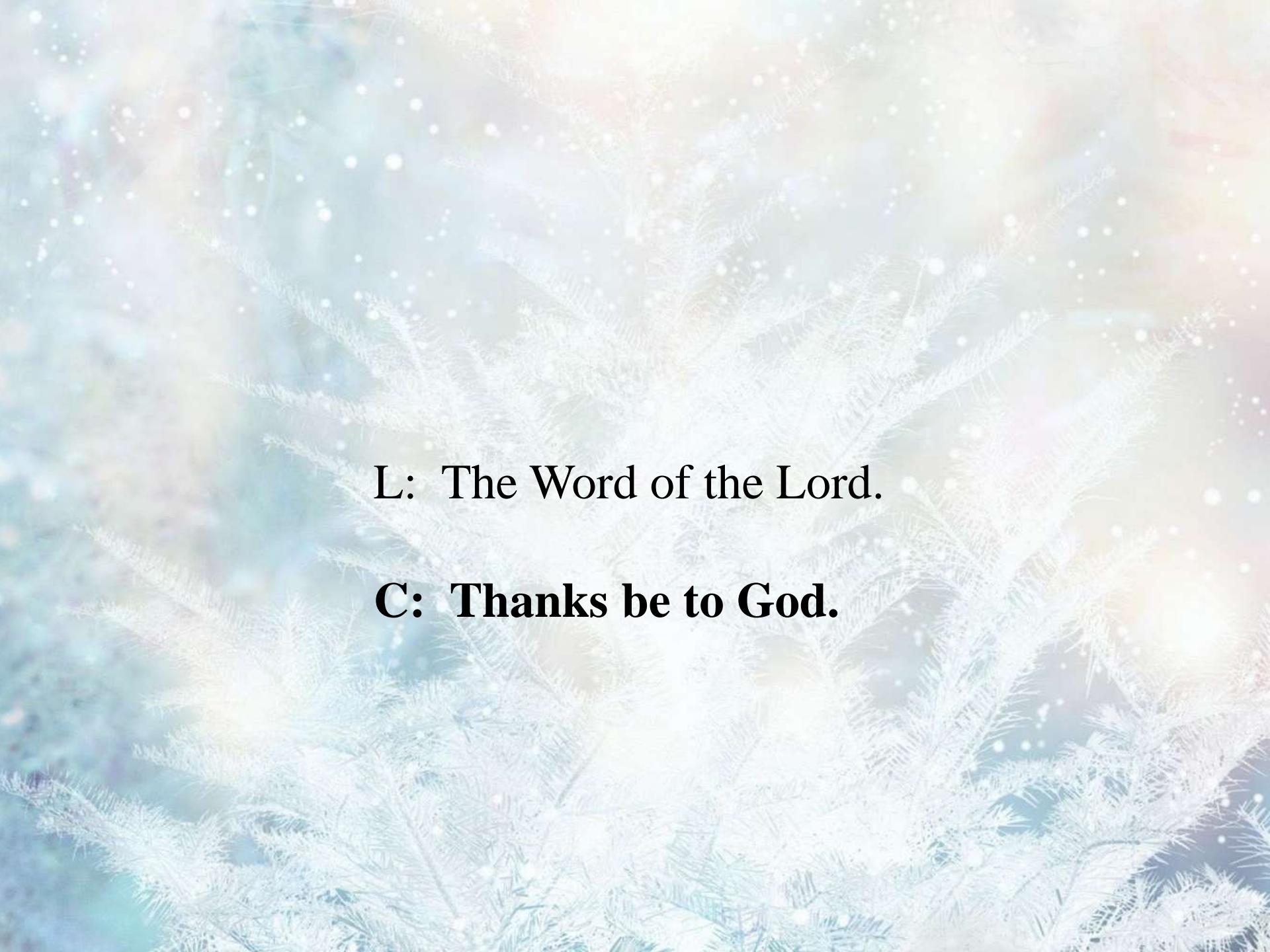
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

- ³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The background of the slide features a soft-focus photograph of a Christmas tree. The branches are covered in small, white, star-shaped ornaments. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a cozy, festive atmosphere. The overall composition is slightly blurred, giving it a dreamlike quality.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

L: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of
 whom shall I be afraid?

C: ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I
 seek; that I may dwell in the house of the
 LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon
 the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in
 the temple.**

- L: **⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
 hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and
 raise me high upon a rock.**
- C: **⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my
 enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the
sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing
and make music to the LORD.**

L: ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

C: ⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

L: ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from
your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

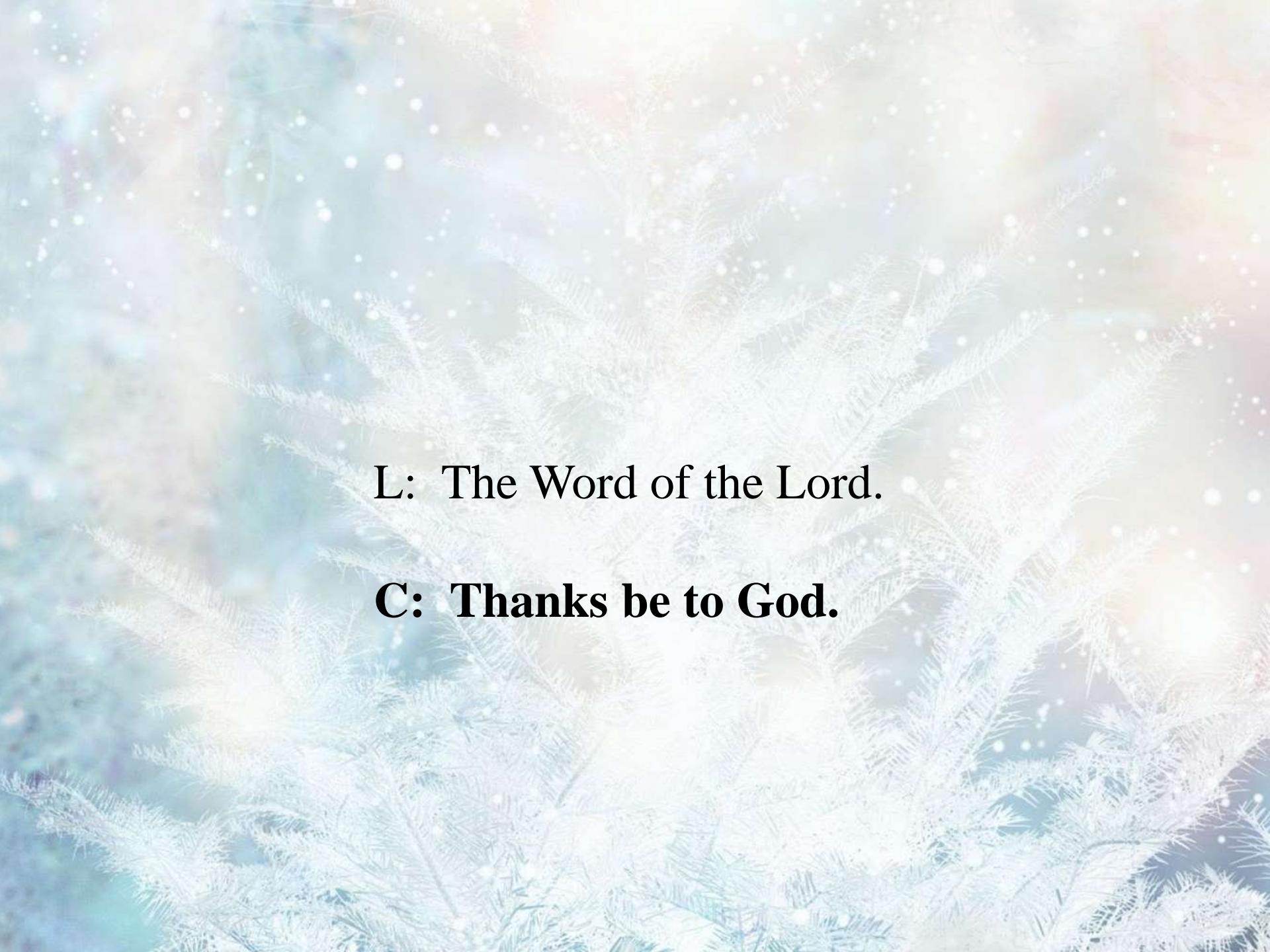
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The background of the slide features a Christmas tree with numerous thin, light-colored branches. Small white dots of varying sizes, resembling falling snow or ornaments, are scattered across the branches. The lighting is soft and warm, with a color gradient transitioning from blue at the bottom to orange and red at the top, creating a cozy, festive atmosphere.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Matthew,
the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee
of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow
of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

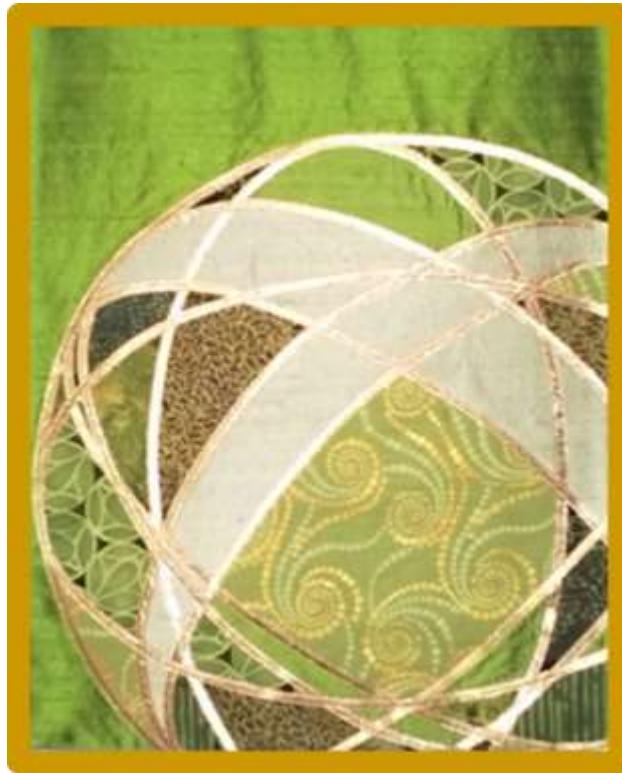
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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

*“Knitted Together
in Christ”*



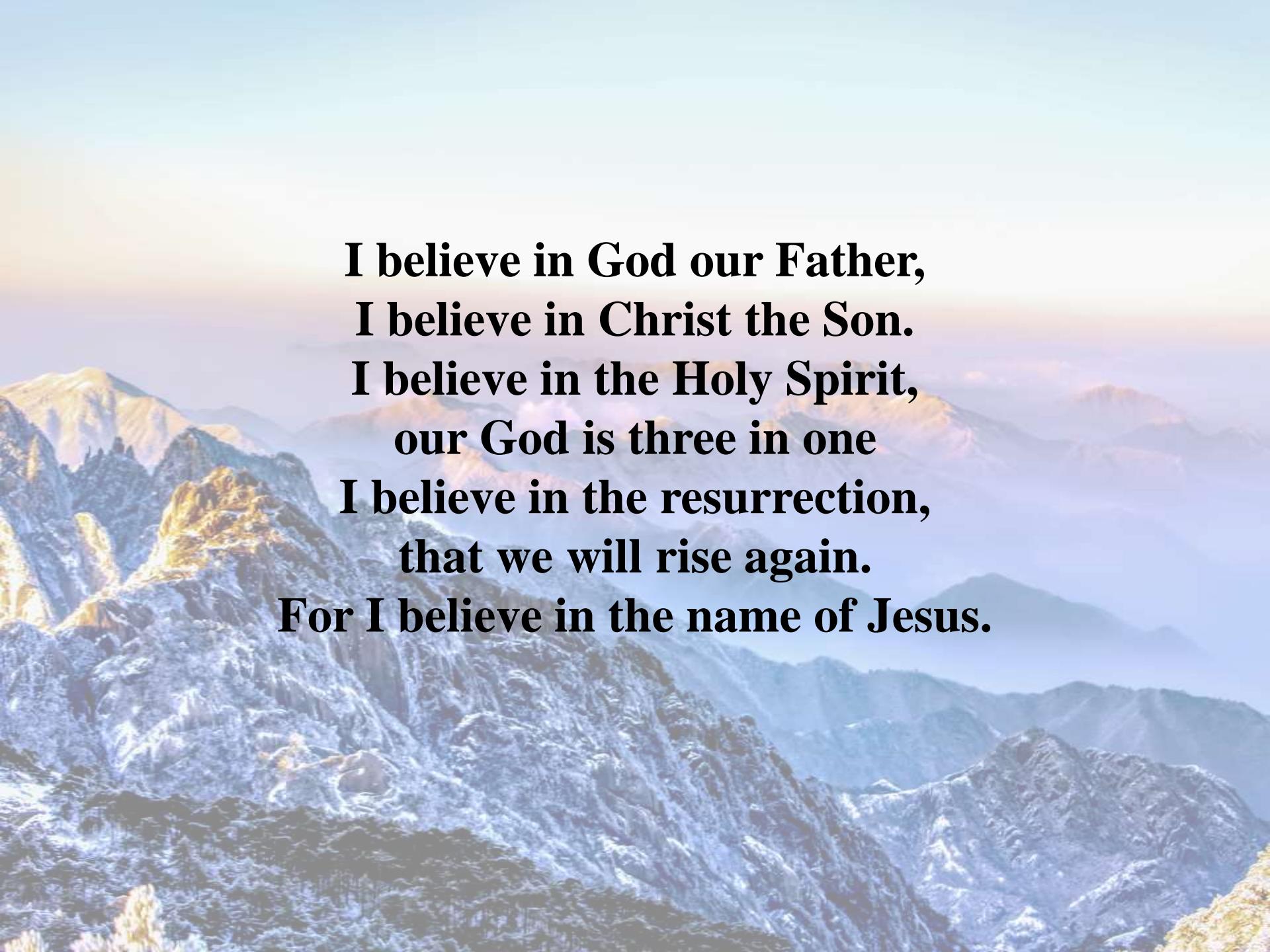


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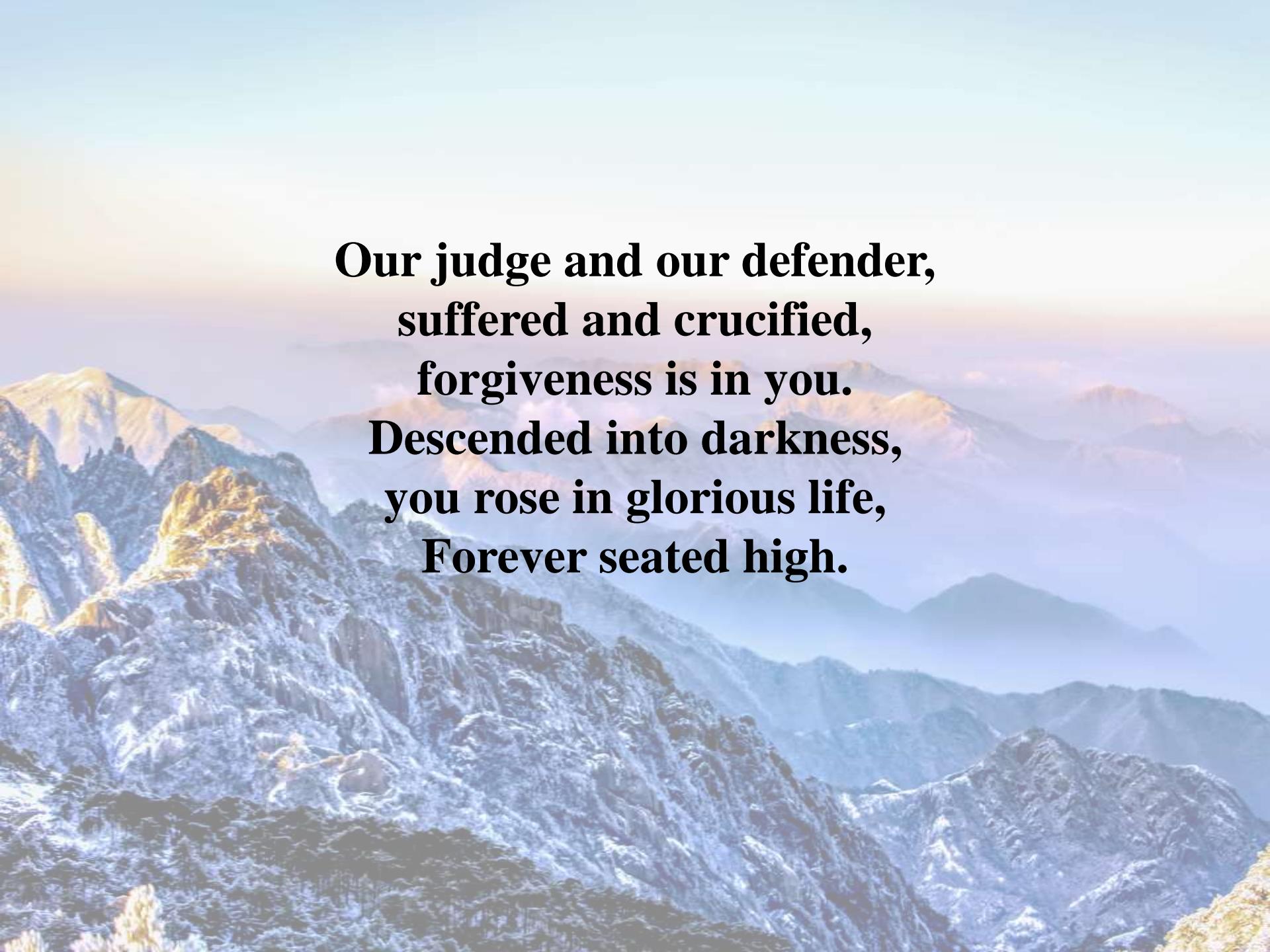
This I Believe

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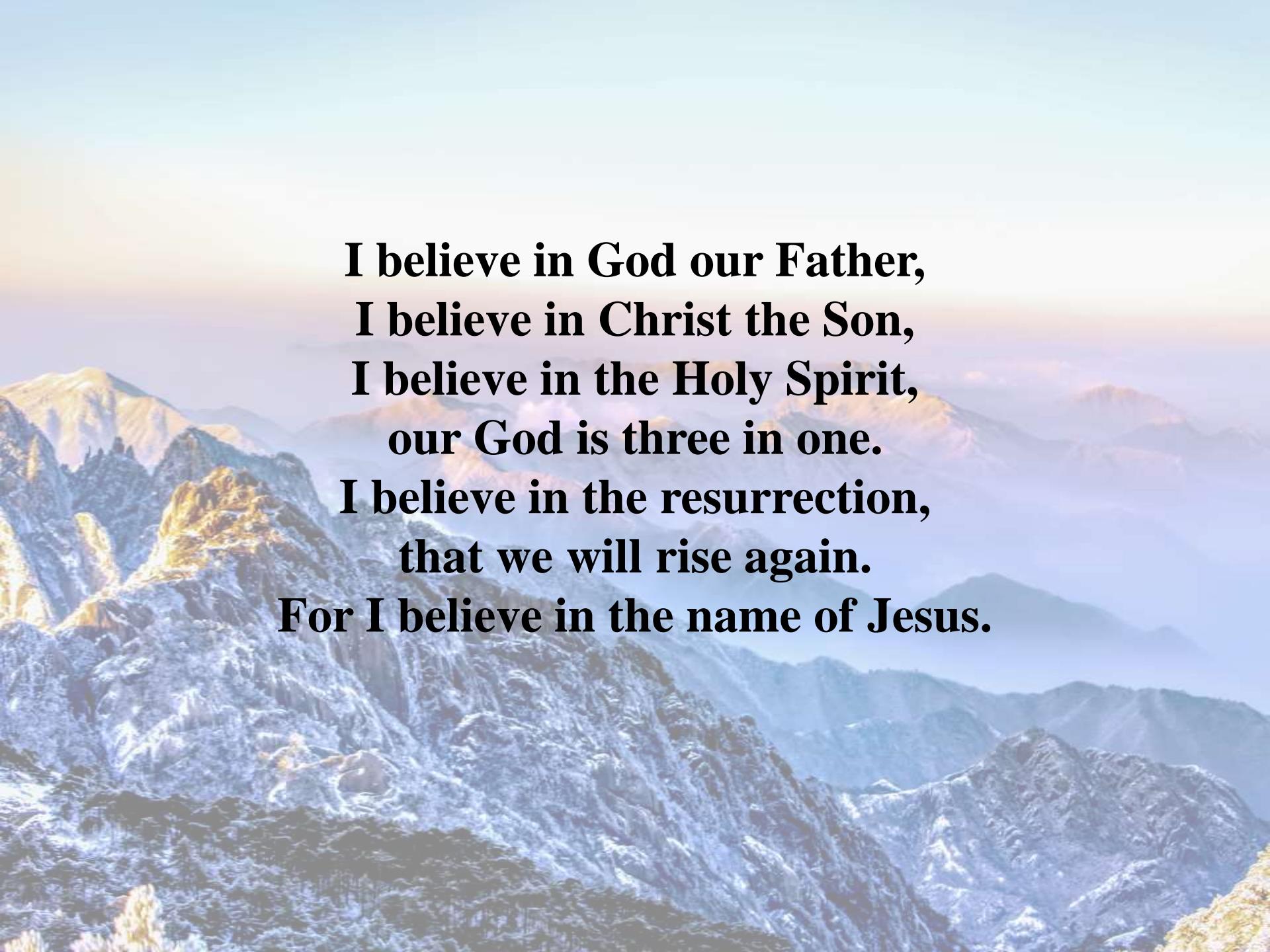
**Our Father everlasting,
the all creating one,
God Almighty,
through your Holy Spirit,
conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.**

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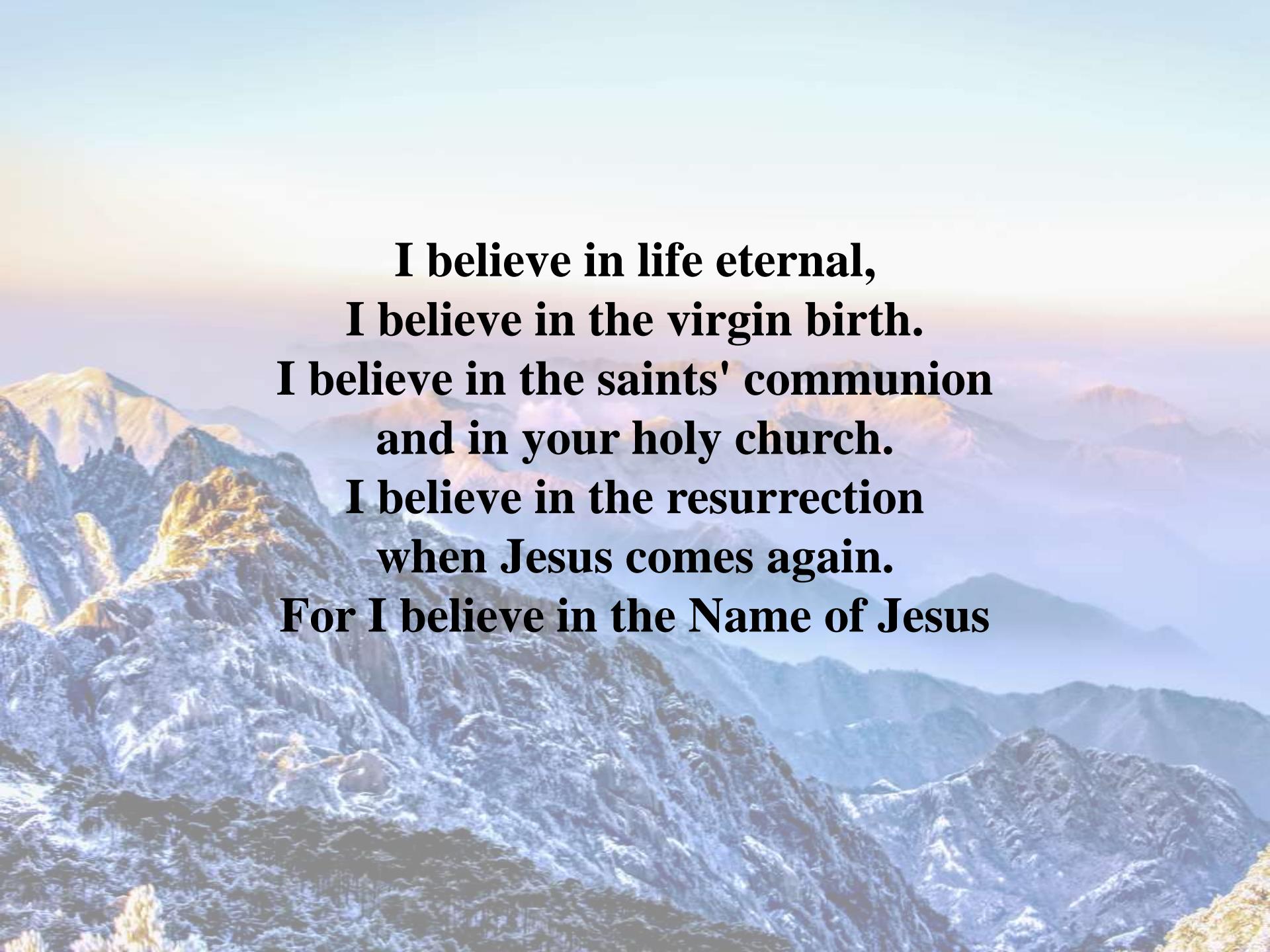
**I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range. The foreground is dominated by rugged, snow-covered peaks with sharp, rocky ridges. The snow is bright white in some areas and appears darker in others where it's shaded by the rocks. In the background, more mountain ranges are visible, fading into a soft, hazy blue. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with no clouds.

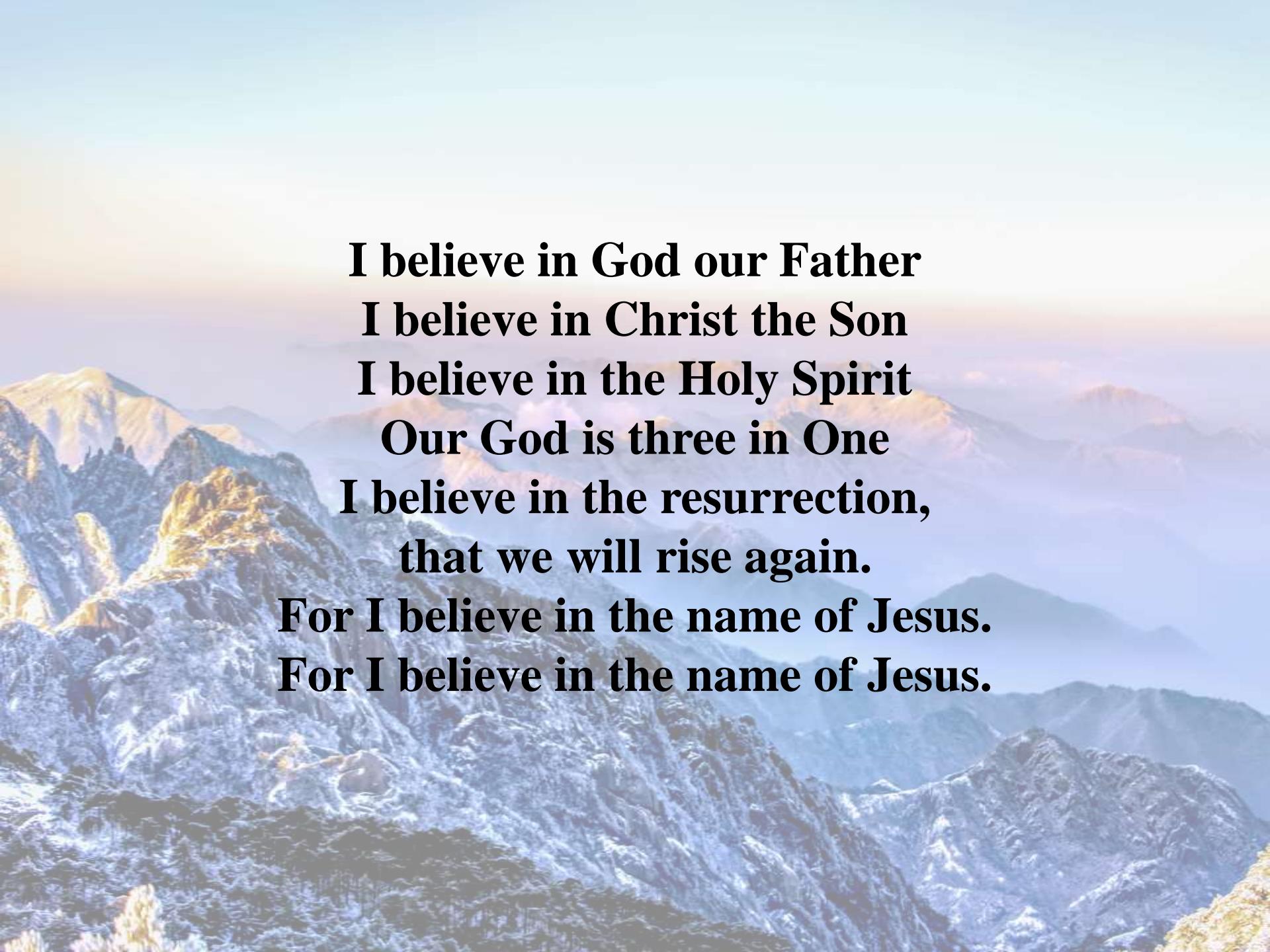
**Our judge and our defender,
suffered and crucified,
forgiveness is in you.
Descended into darkness,
you rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high.**

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, their peaks partially obscured by a soft, hazy atmosphere. In the foreground, there are rocky, snow-dusted mountain slopes. The lighting suggests either sunrise or sunset, with warm orange and yellow hues on the left side of the frame.

**I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**



**I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
and in your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection
when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

The background of the image features a majestic mountain range with peaks covered in white snow and rocky terrain. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

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Offering Prayer

- L: God of the Universe, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, I can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially, and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C: **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

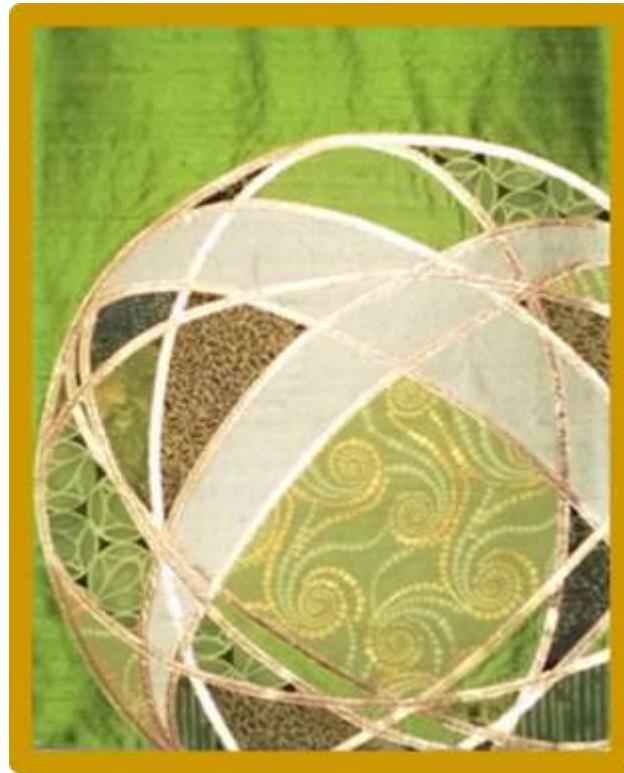
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

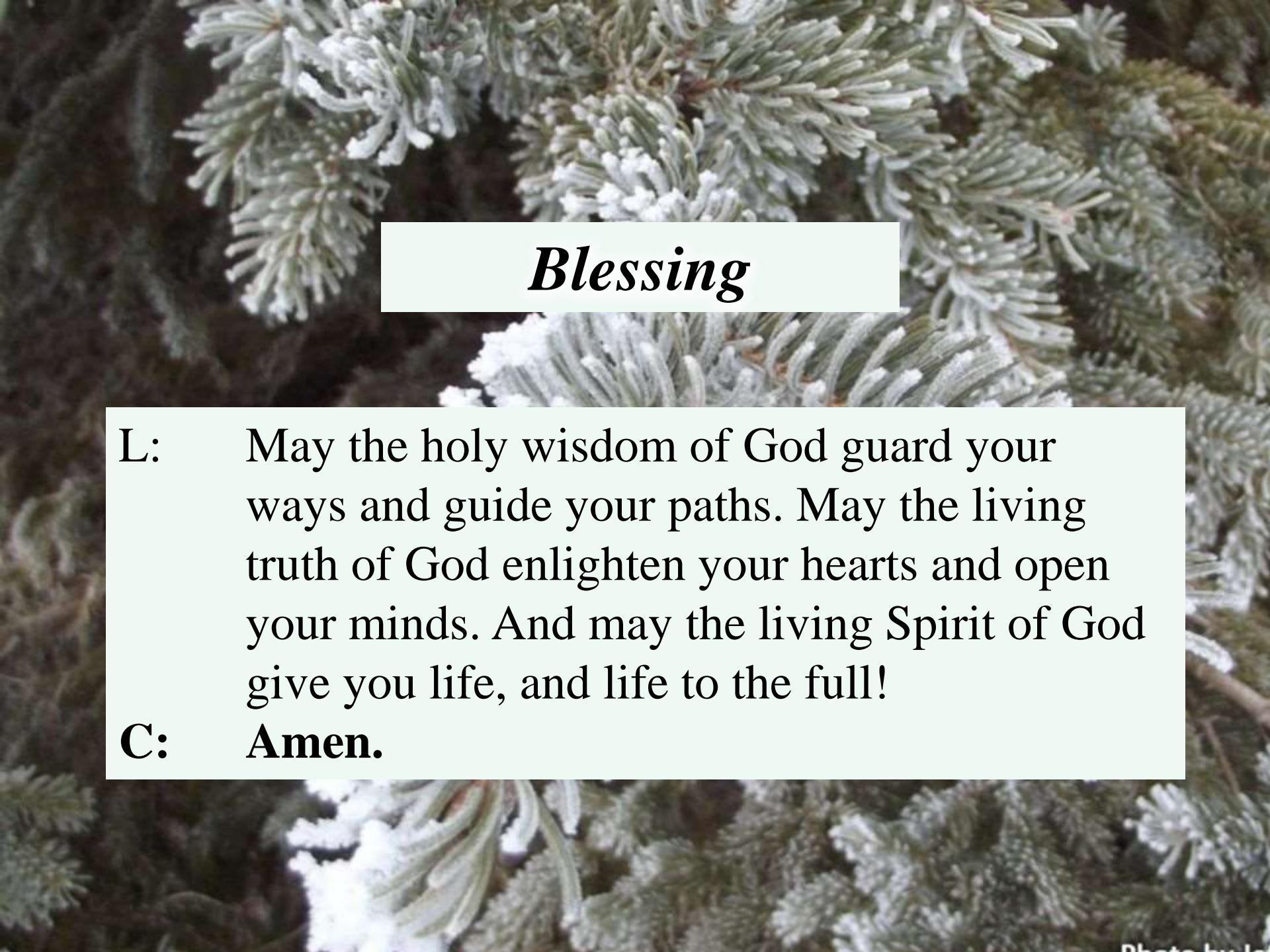
**Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

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



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Blessing

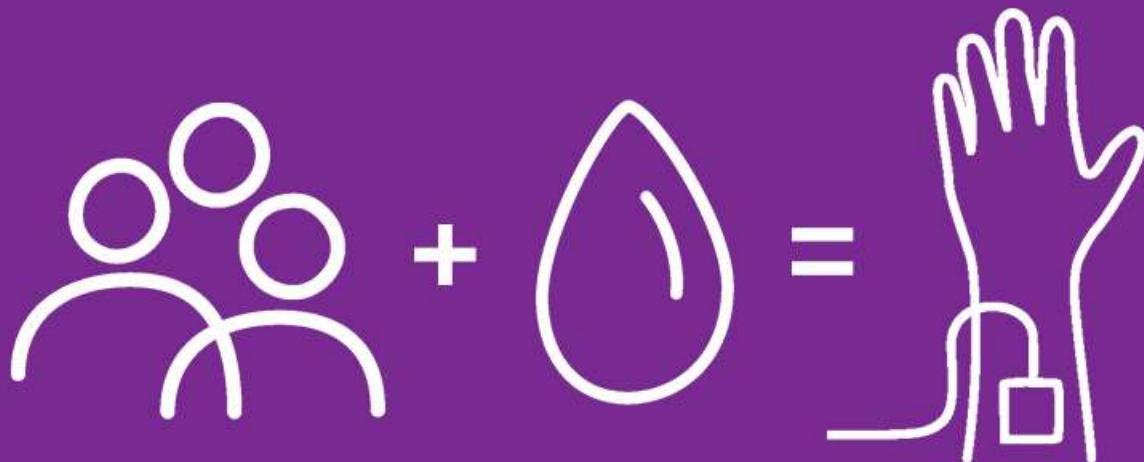
L: May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds. And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full!

C: Amen.



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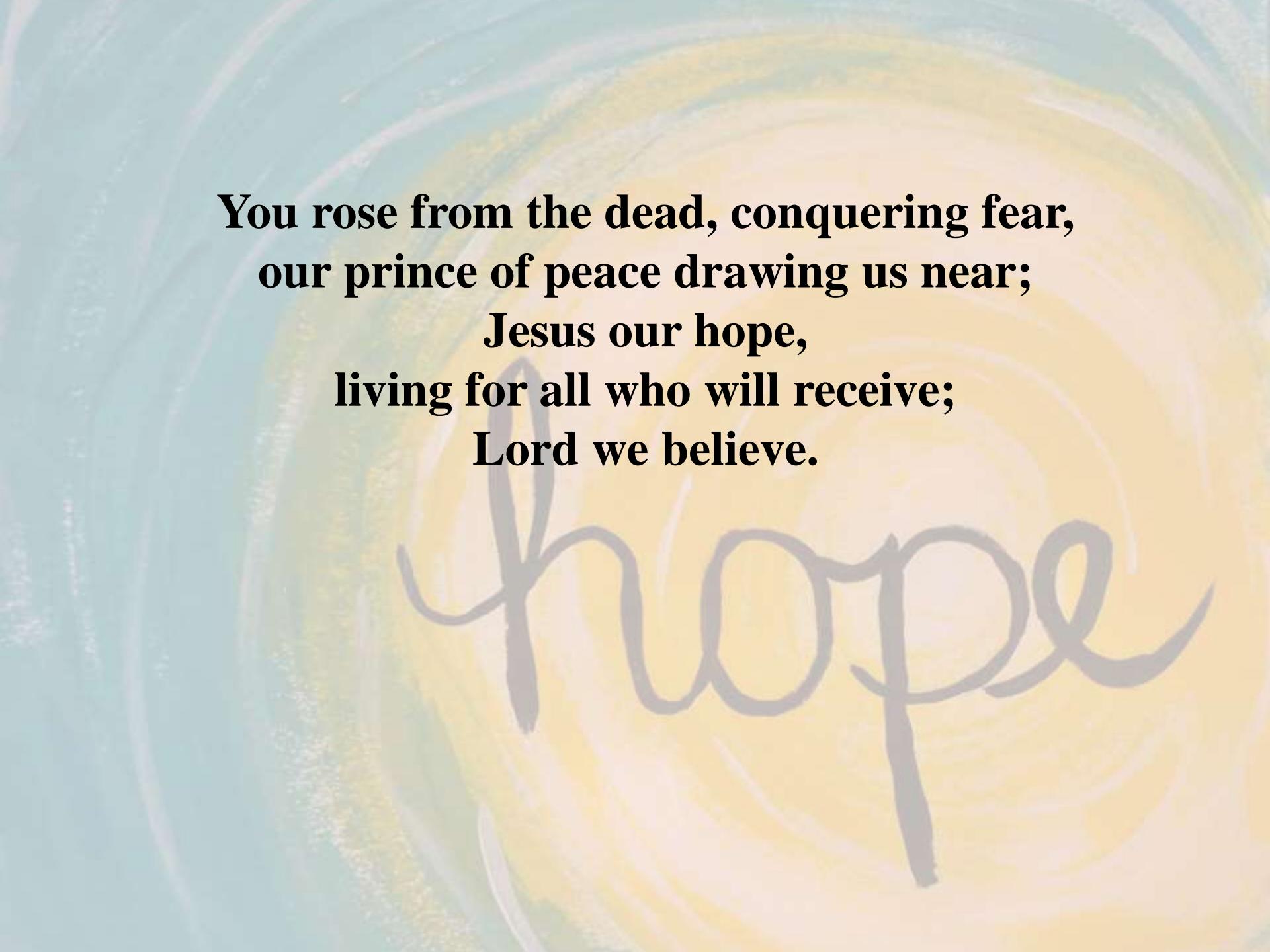
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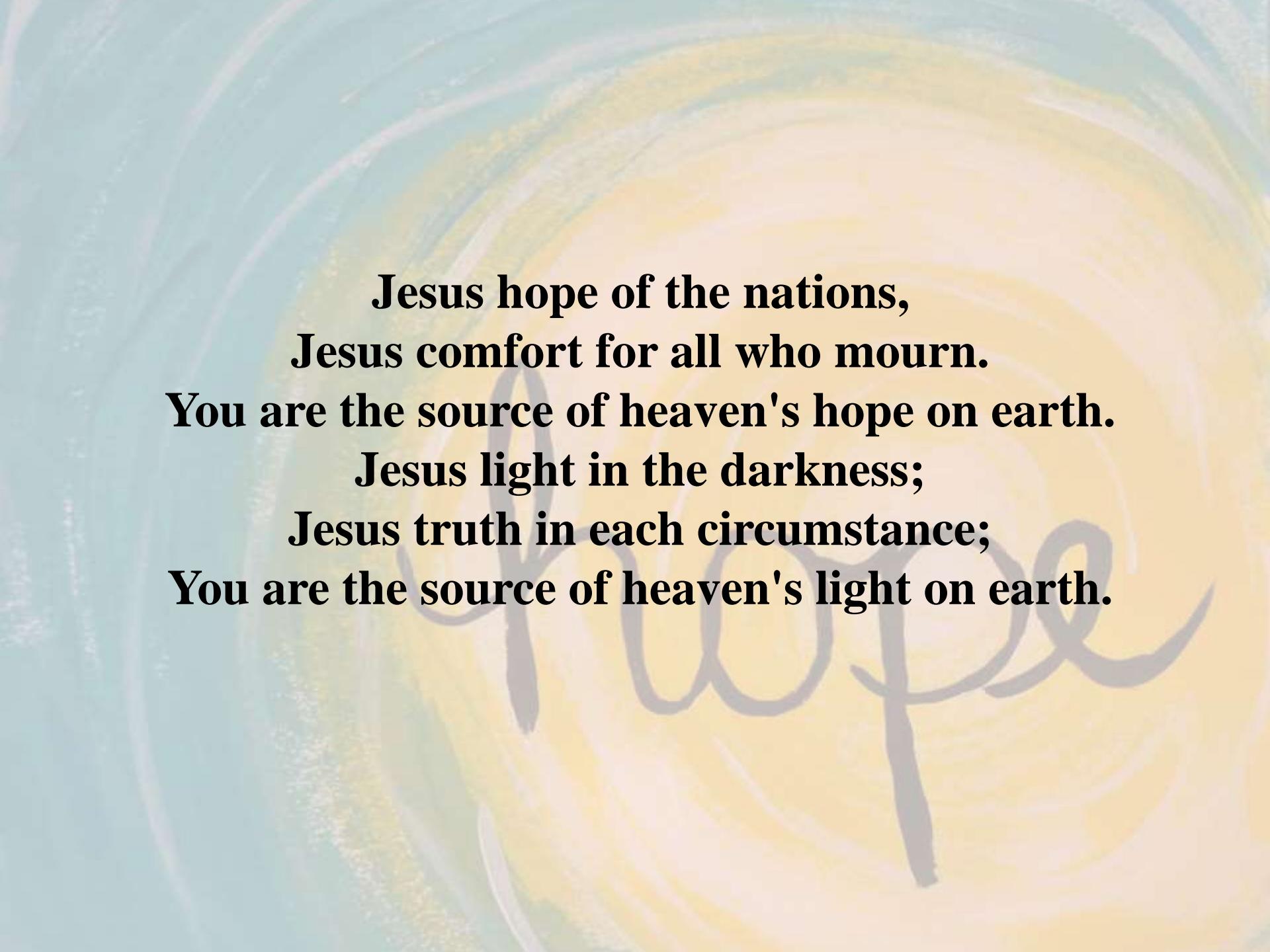
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Jesus, light in the darkness;
Jesus, truth in each circumstance;
You are the source of heaven's light on earth;**

**In history you lived and died;
You broke the chains, you rose to life,
you are the hope living in us;
You are the rock in whom we trust;
You are the light, shining for all the world to see;**

hope



**You rose from the dead, conquering fear,
our prince of peace drawing us near;
Jesus our hope,
living for all who will receive;
Lord we believe.**



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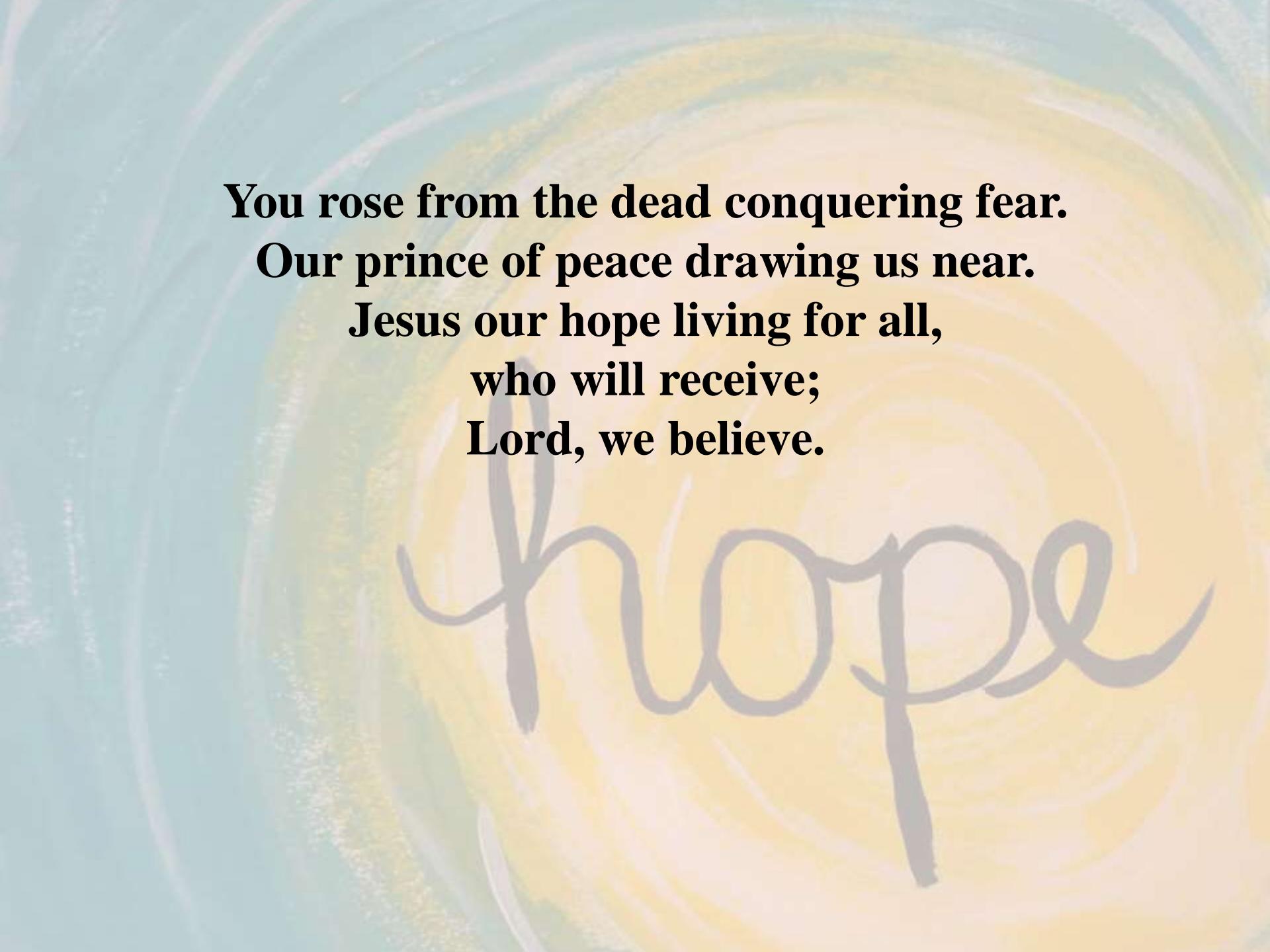
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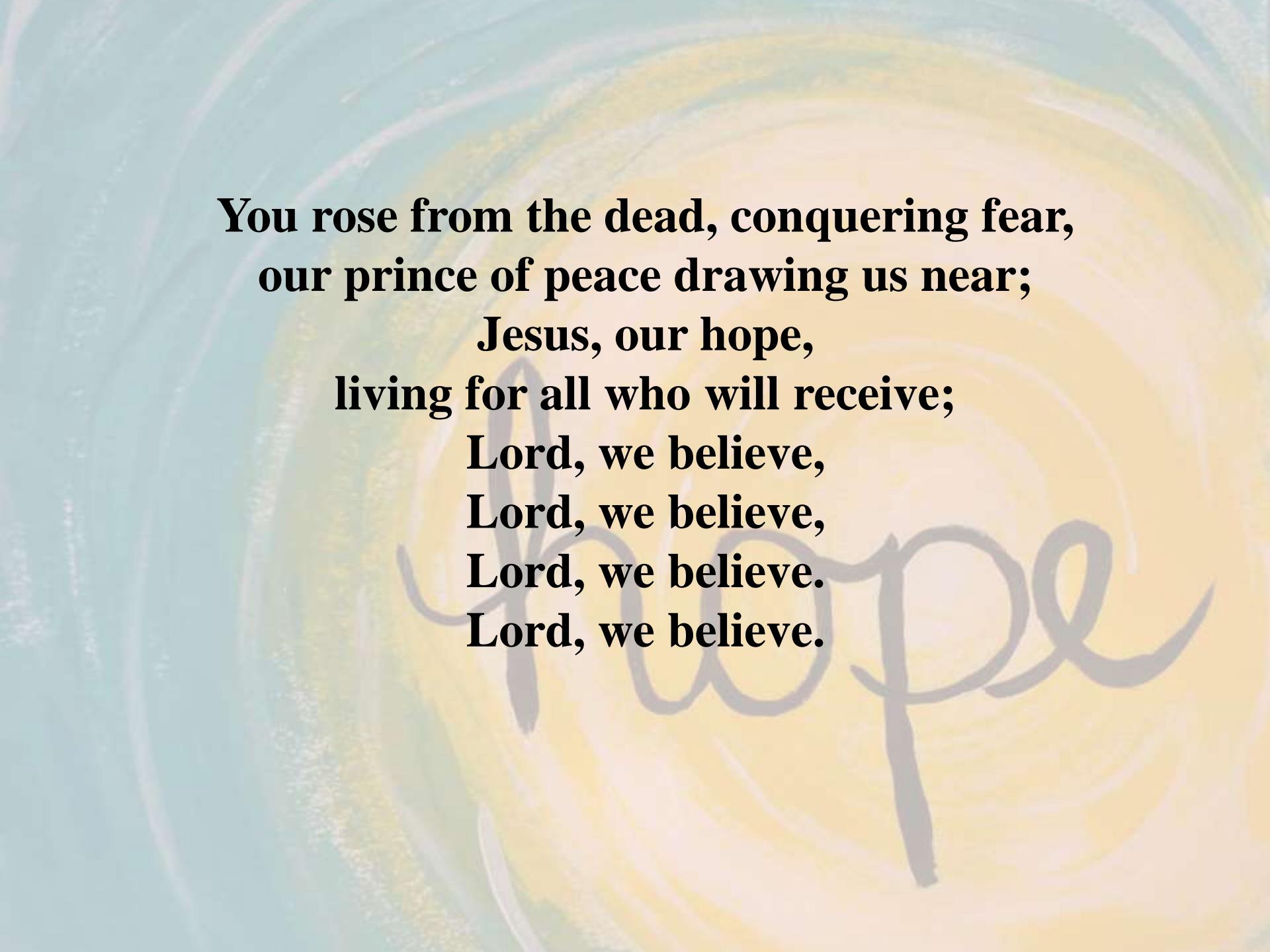
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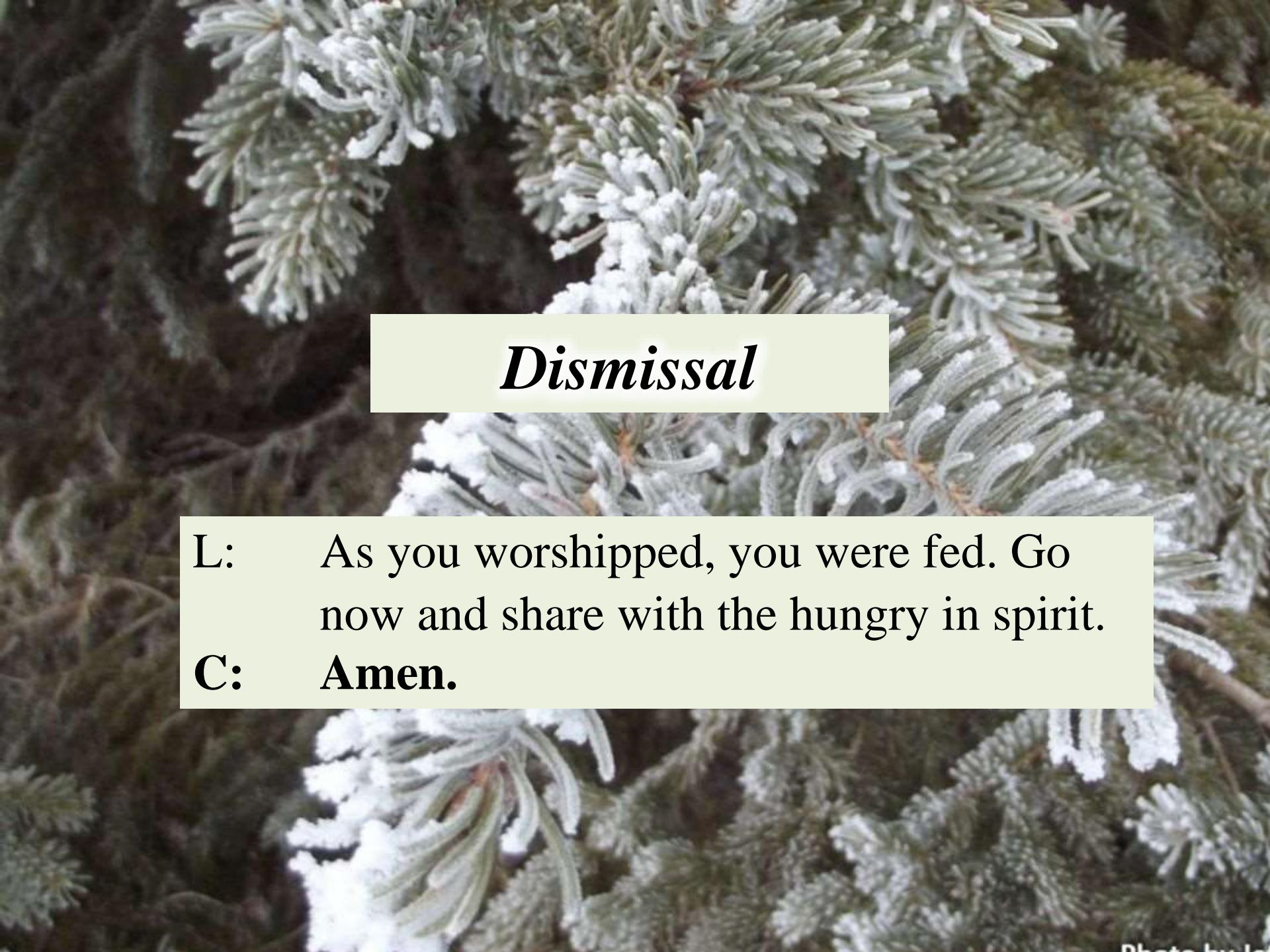
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Dismissal

L: As you worshipped, you were fed. Go now and share with the hungry in spirit.

C: Amen.



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us today!*

*May God
bless you!*

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