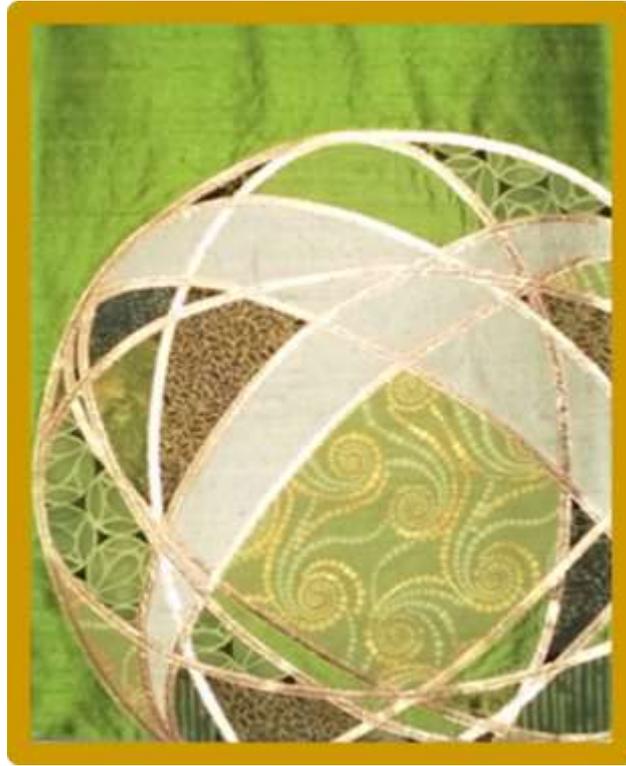




*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 5:30 pm

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people 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.

Hosanna

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**Praise is rising,
eyes are turning to you,
we turn to you;
Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you;**

**'Cause when we see you,
we find strength to face the day;
In your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away.**

Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have your way among us;
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

**Hear the sound of
hearts returning to you,
we turn to you;
In your kingdom
broken lives are made new,
you make us new;**

**'Cause when we see you,
we find strength to face the day;
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Hosanna, hosanna!
Hosanna, hosanna!

Hear Our Praises

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**May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy;
May injustice bow to Jesus,
as the people turn and pray.**

**From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you;
From the heavens to the nations,
hear the singing fill the air.**

**May our light shine in the darkness,
as we walk before the cross;
May your glory fill the whole earth,
as the water over seas.**

**From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you;
From the heavens to the nations,
hear the singing fill the air.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(Repeat)

**From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you;
From the heavens to the nations,
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A low-angle photograph looking up at a tree. The branches are heavily laden with snow and ice, creating a white, frosty canopy. Several clusters of bright red berries, likely holly or cherry, are visible, hanging from the branches. The background is a clear, vibrant blue sky. The overall scene is bright and festive, suggesting a winter holiday theme.

Welcome and Announcements

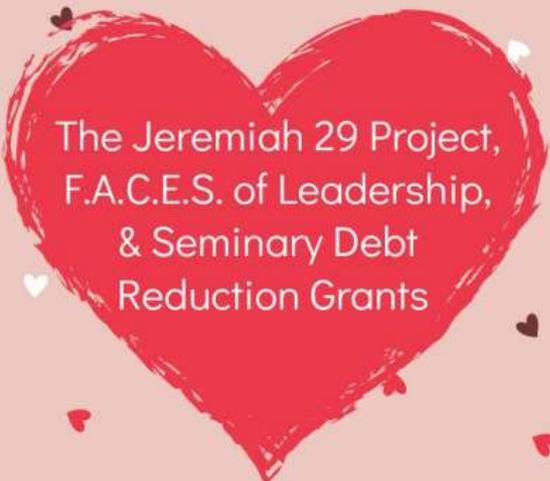


Giving Hearts Day

Leadership → Next



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leaders through
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The Jeremiah 29 Project,
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Care Packages for College Students

The care package boxes are ready to be filled in the Gathering Space. The boxes will be sealed and shipped Friday, **February 10.**

Last chance!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**February 22
at 6:15 pm**

No meal before the Ash Wednesday service

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
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Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light!**



Opening Prayer



Confession and Forgiveness

Unison Prayer of Confession

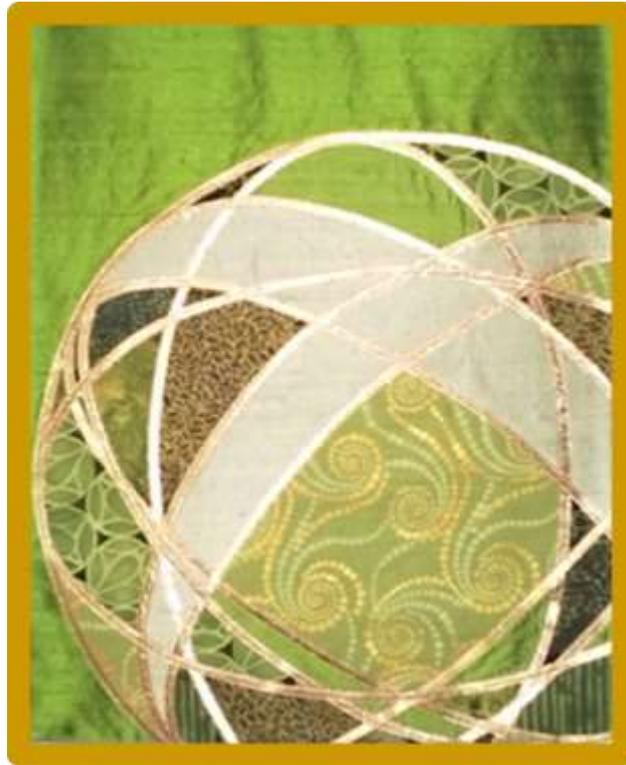
L: Merciful God...

C: You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

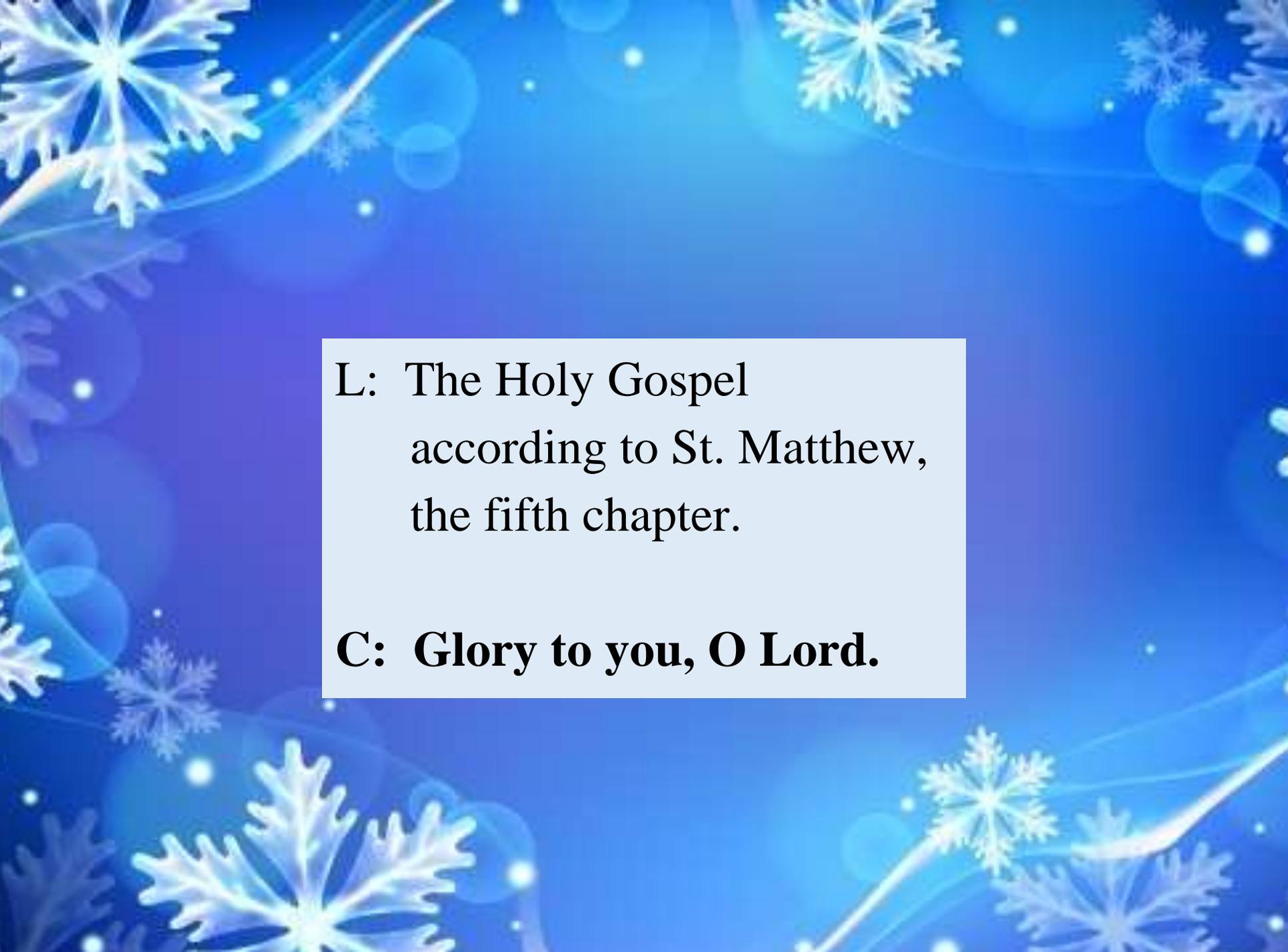
L: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God.

C: **Amen.**



+ **WORD** +

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



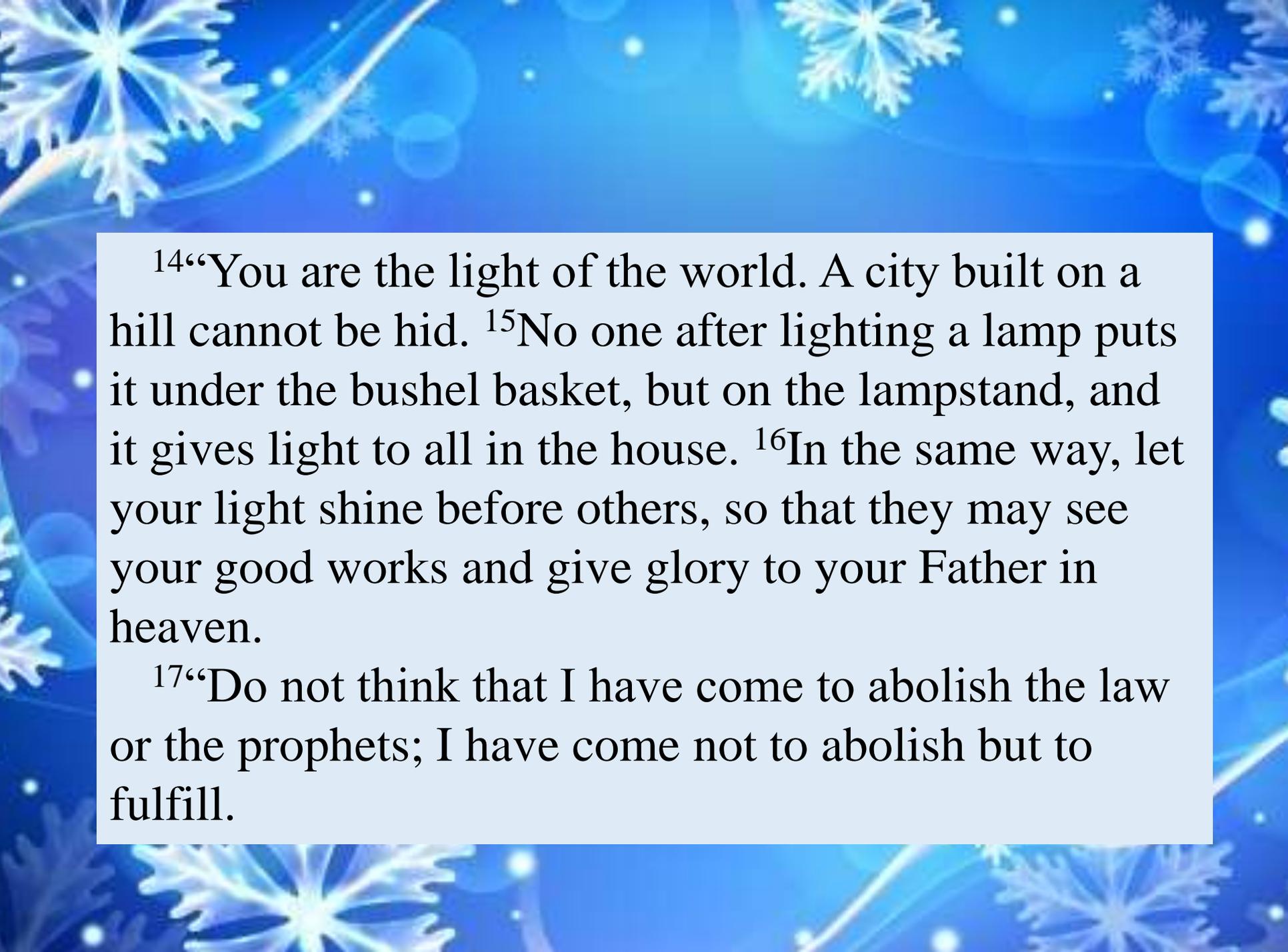
L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Matthew,
the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mathew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

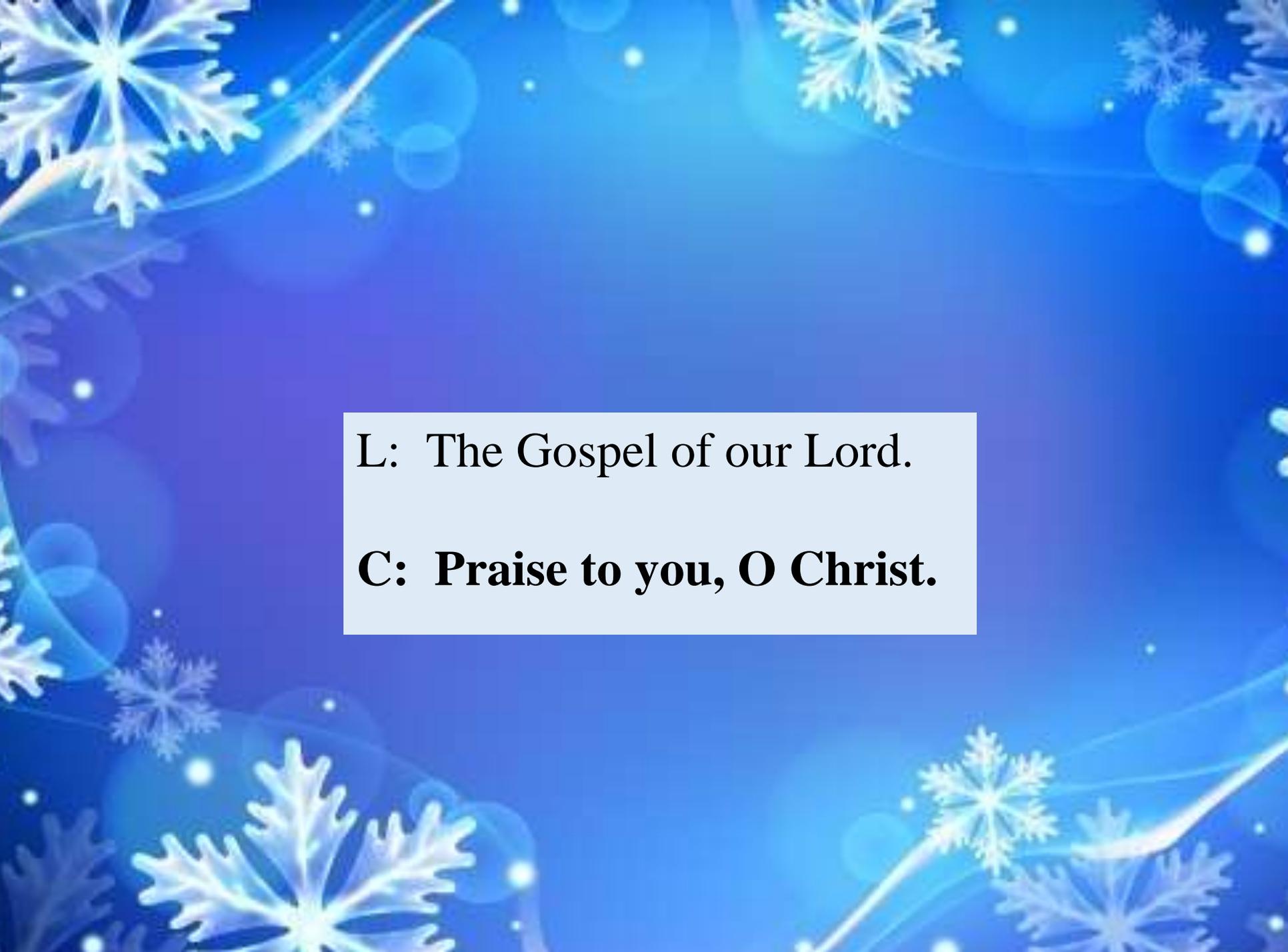


¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

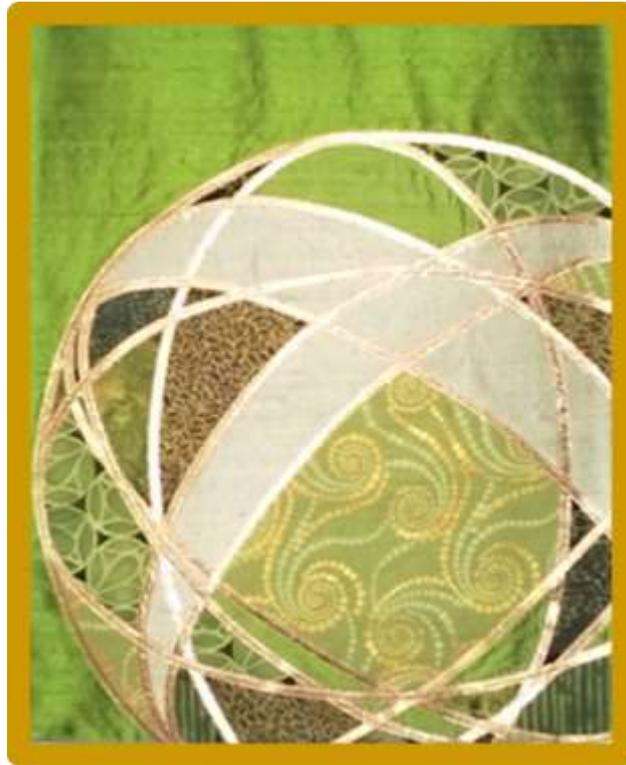


L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message



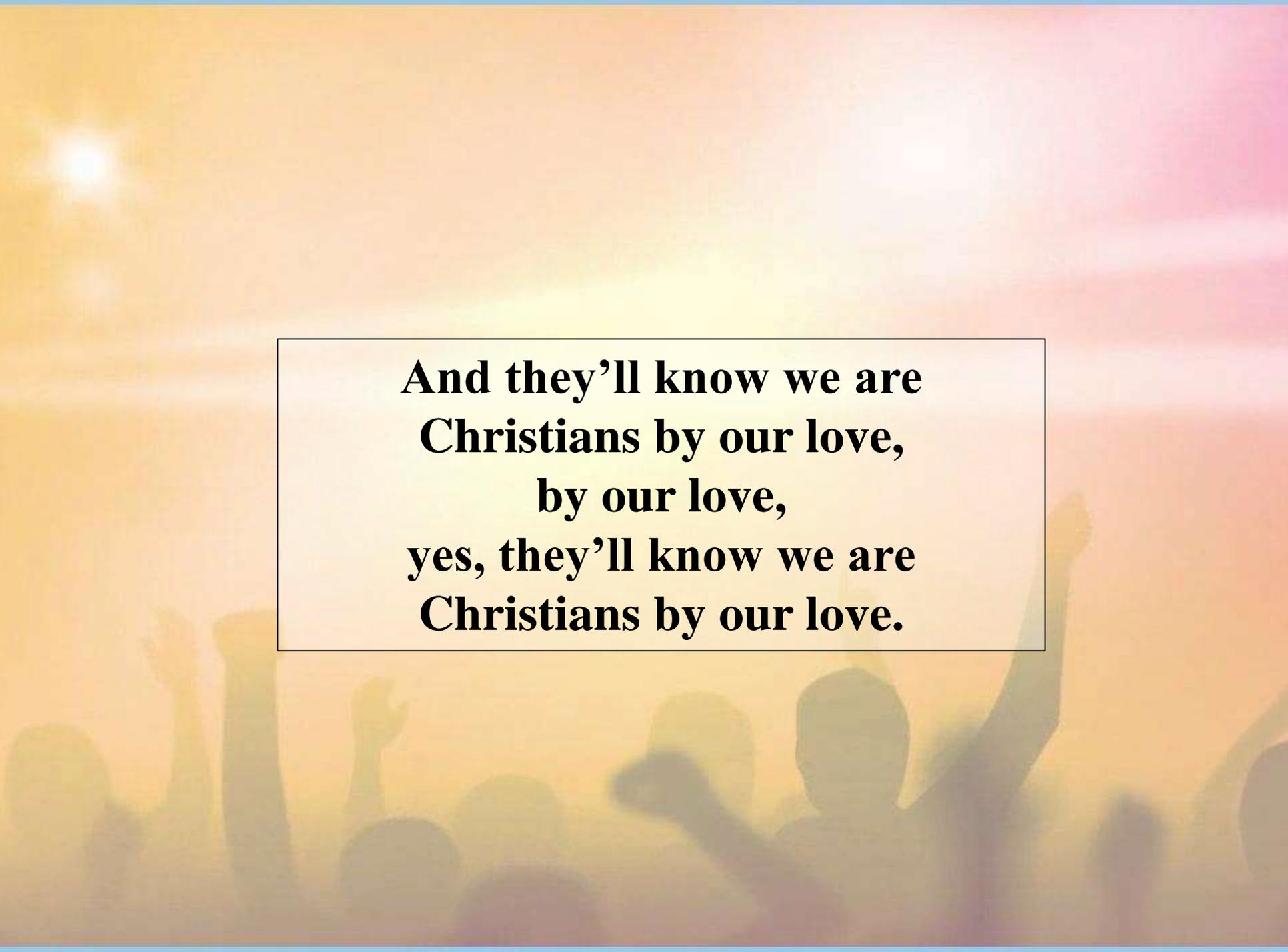


+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

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



Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together.

C: Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds a welcome. Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

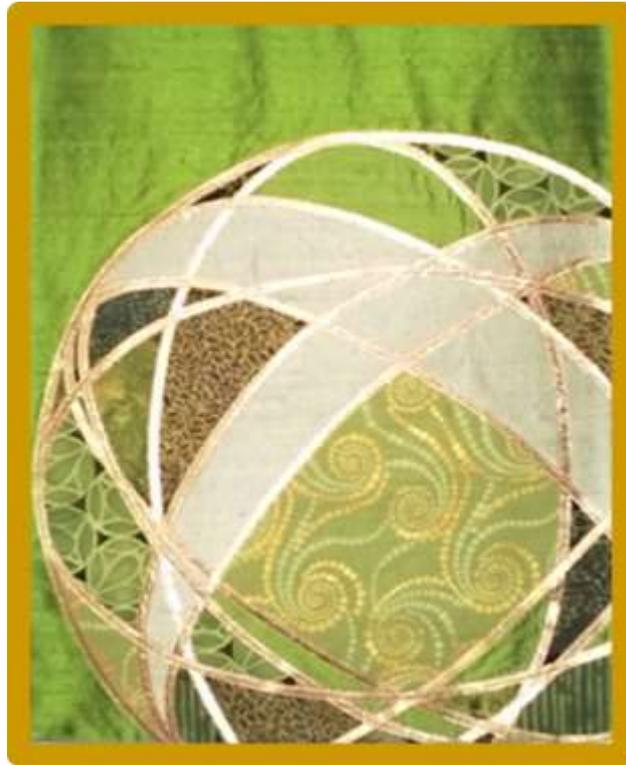
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**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.**

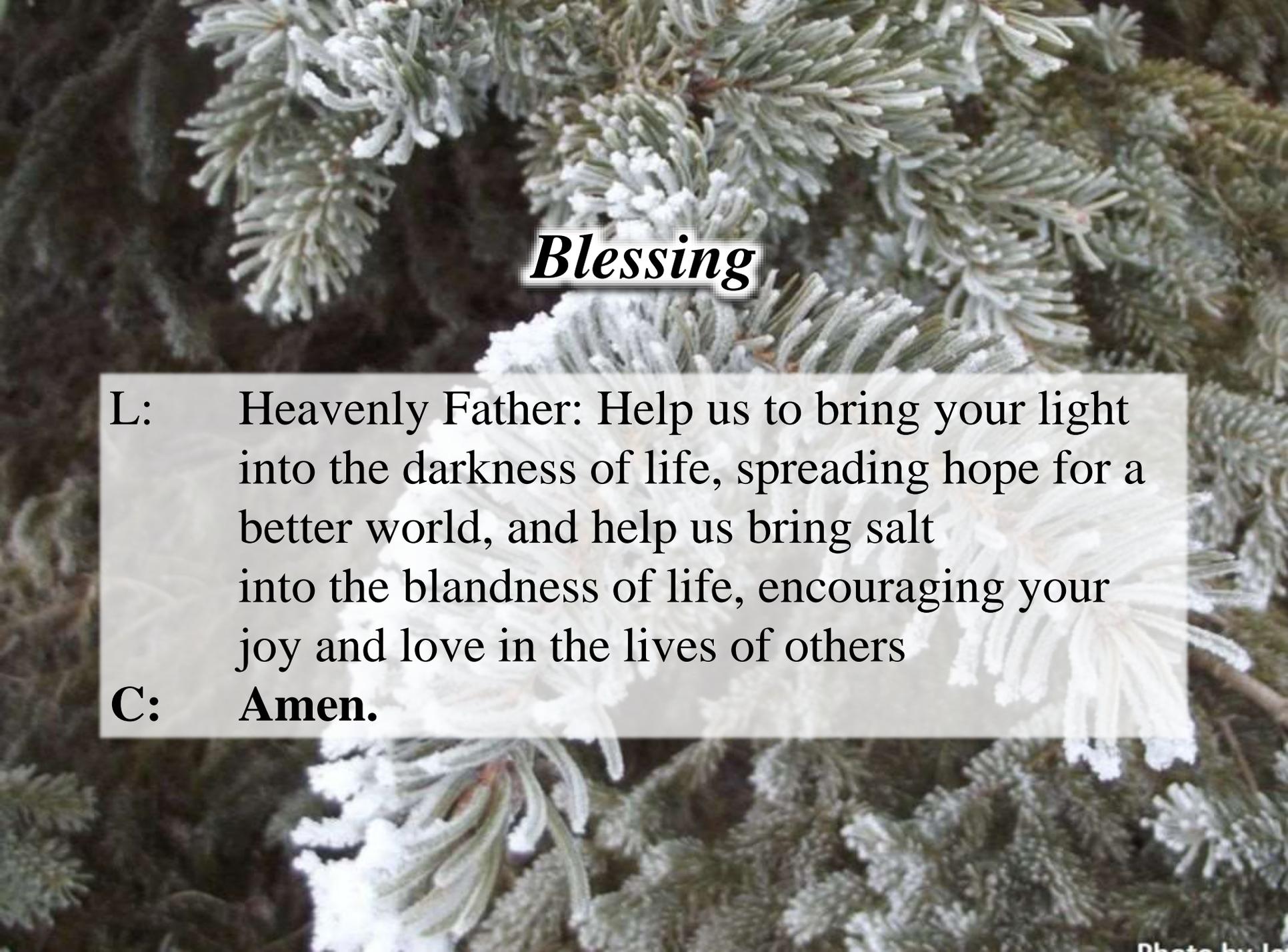
**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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: Heavenly Father: Help us to bring your light into the darkness of life, spreading hope for a better world, and help us bring salt into the blandness of life, encouraging your joy and love in the lives of others

C: **Amen.**



Our Mission Statement

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

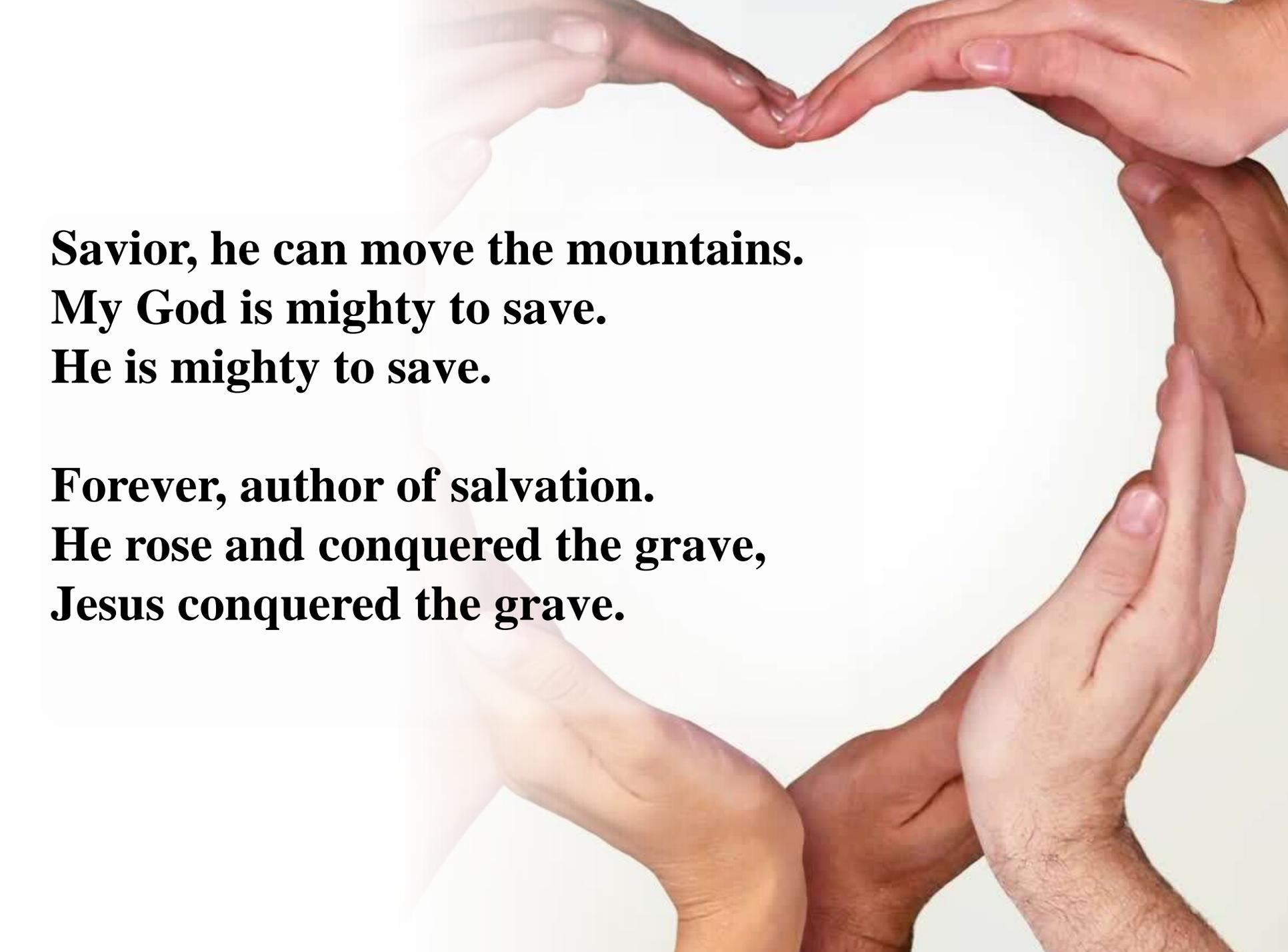


Mighty to Save

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**Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing,
let mercy fall on me.**

**Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.**



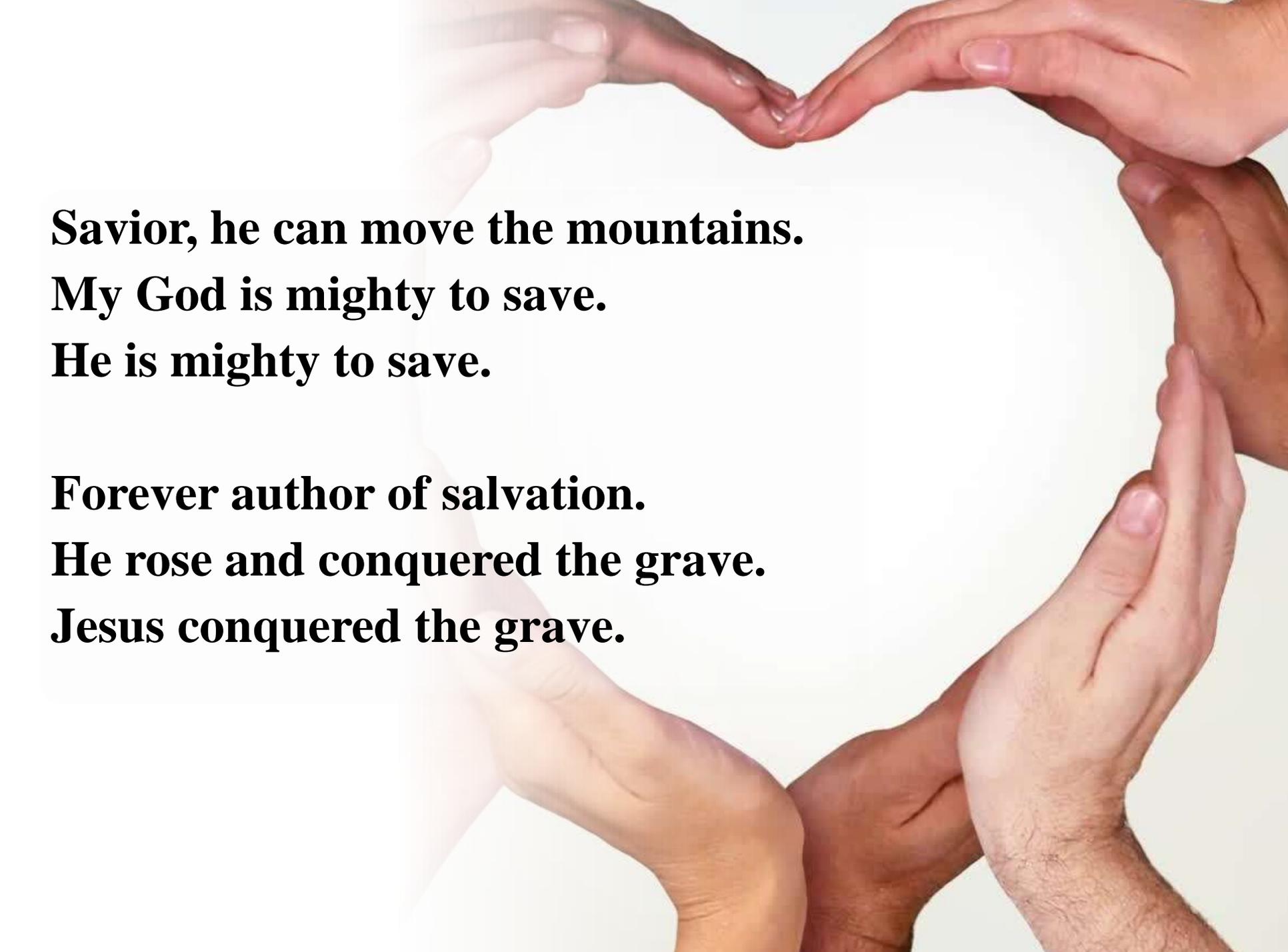
**Savior, he can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.**

**Forever, author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.**



**So take me as you find me,
all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.**

**I give my life to follow,
everything I believe in.
Now I surrender.**



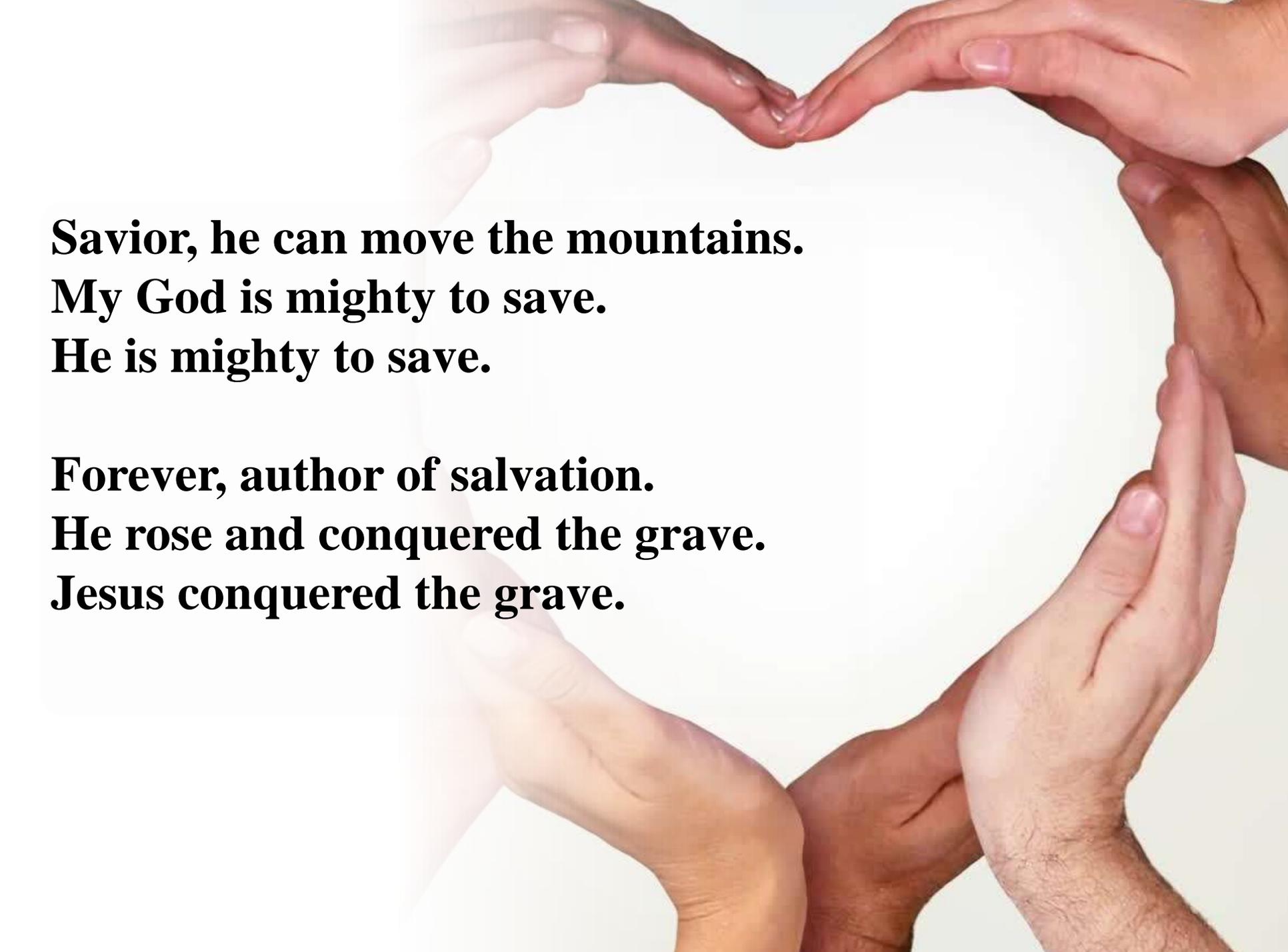
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A group of hands of various skin tones (dark brown, light brown, tan, and white) are reaching up from the bottom and sides, their fingers touching to form a heart shape. The background is a plain, light color.

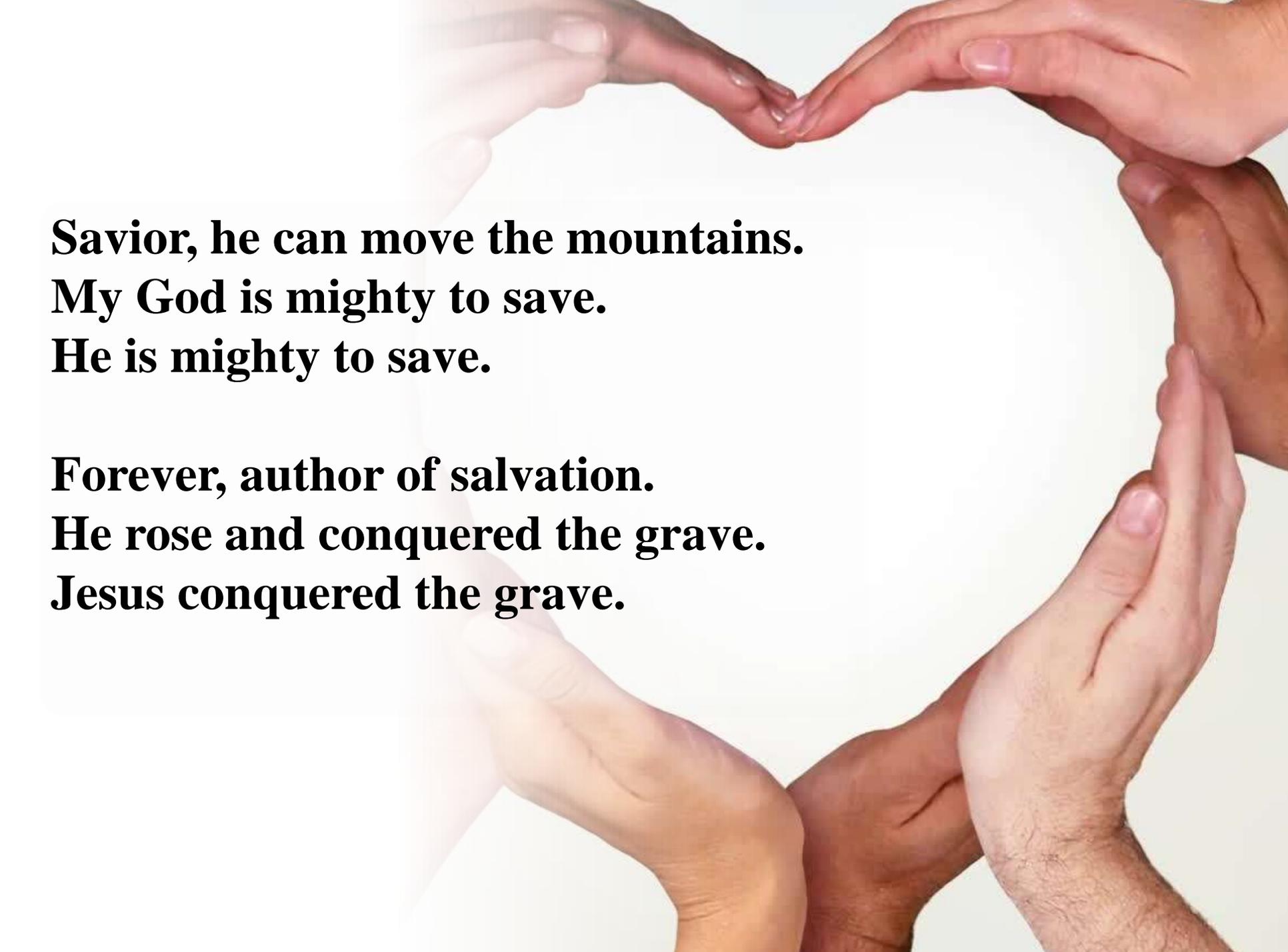
**Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing
for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.**

**Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing
for the glory of the risen King.**



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Dismissal

L: Heavenly Father, today we choose to walk humbly with you. We choose to live by your Holy Spirit and to follow your lead.

C: **Amen.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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