

A photograph of a snow-covered pine branch with red berries against a clear blue sky. The branch is covered in a thick layer of white snow, and the red berries are clustered along it. The background is a solid, clear blue sky.

*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, February 25, 2024
9:00 am*

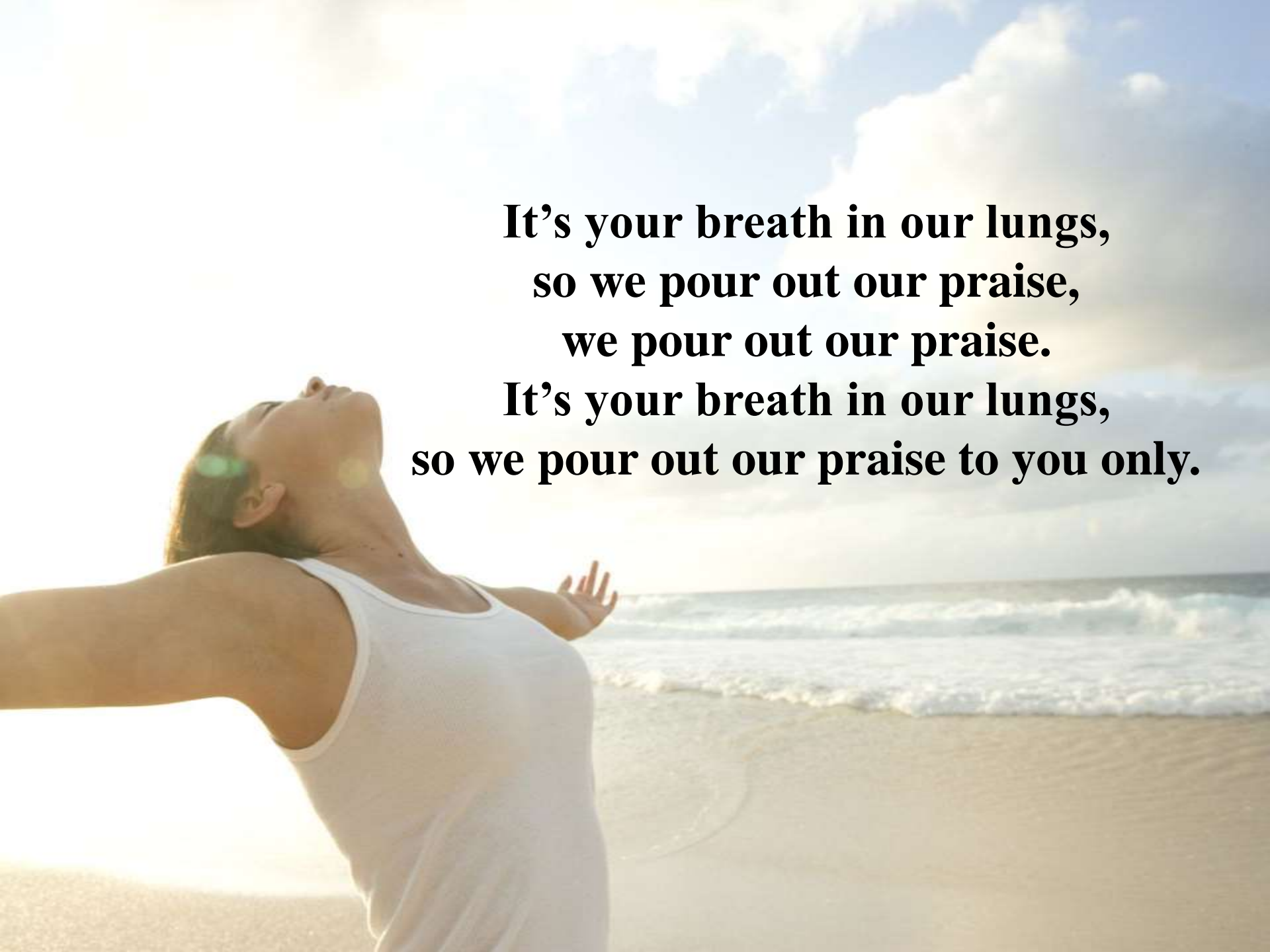
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Great Are You Lord

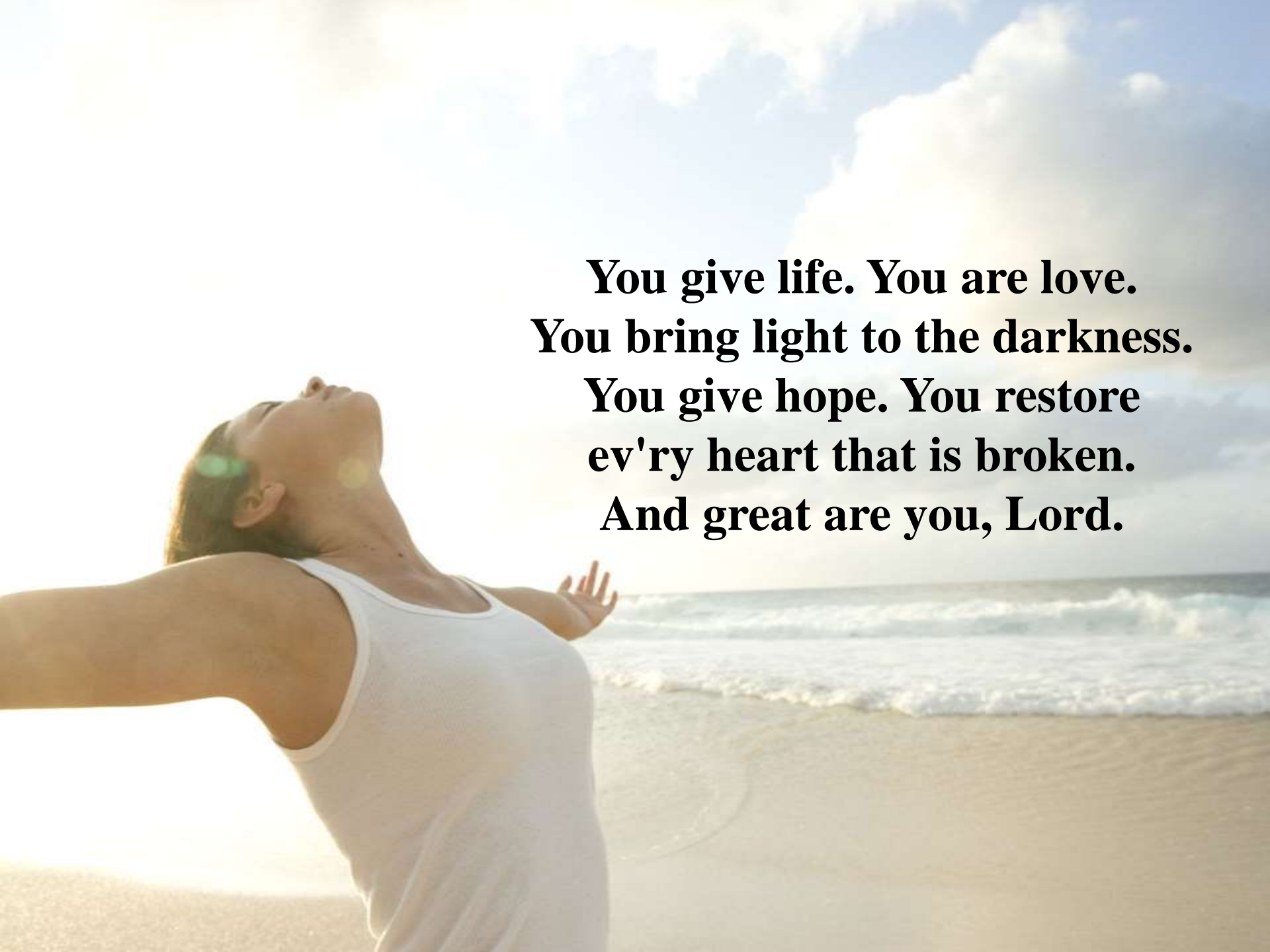
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**You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.**

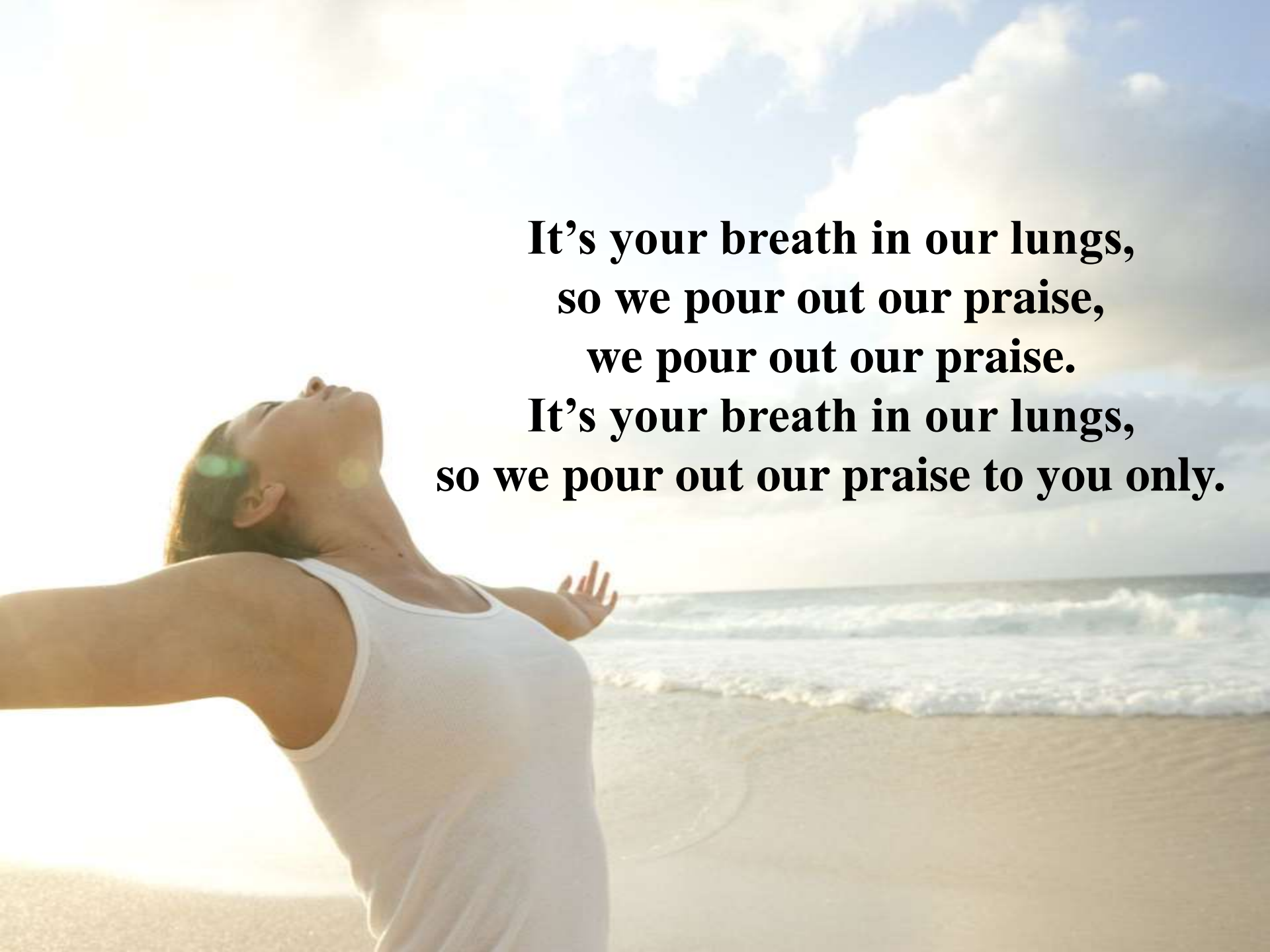




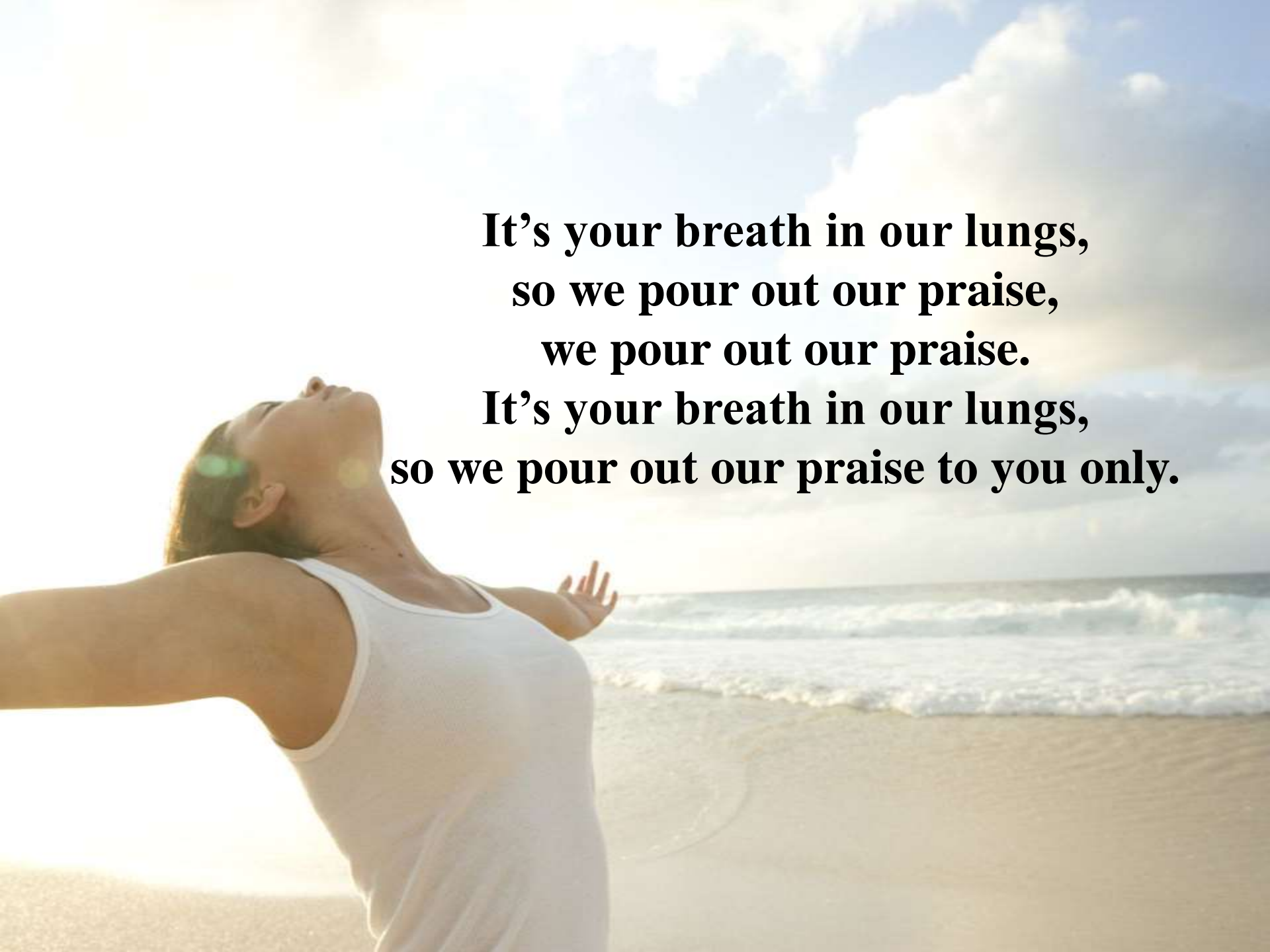
**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.
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so we pour out our praise to you only.**




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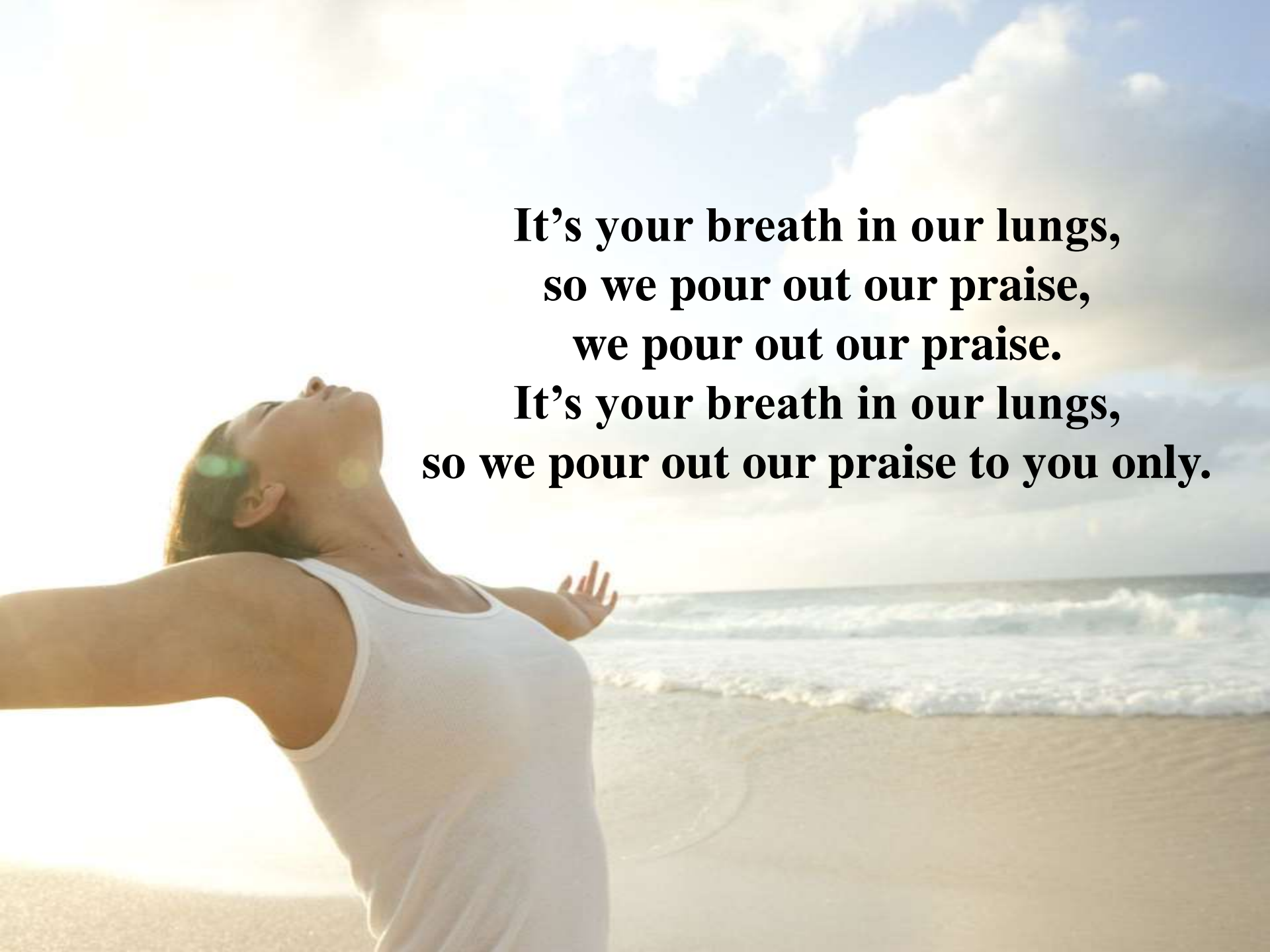


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**And all the earth will shout your praise.
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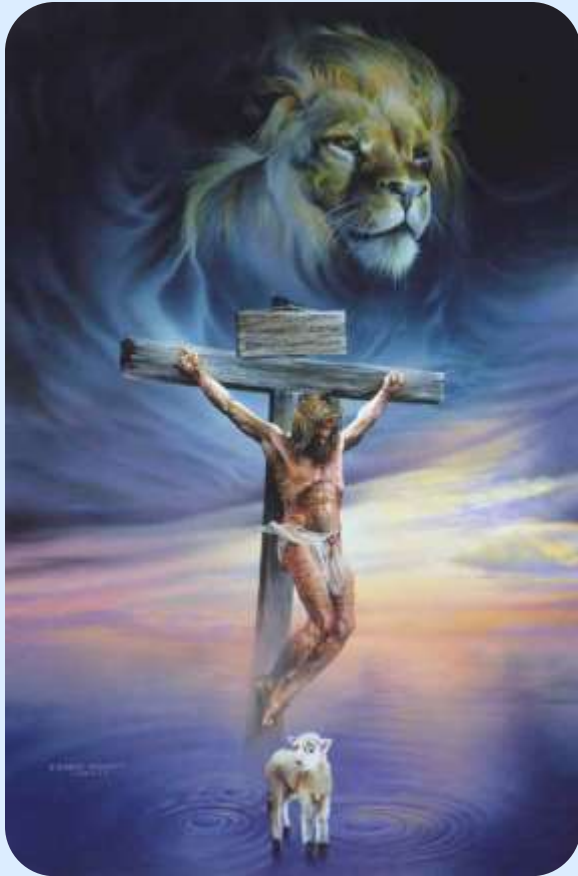


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Lion of Judah

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**You're the lion of Judah,
the lamb who was slain,
you ascended to heaven and
evermore will reign.
At the end of the age
when the earth you reclaim,
you will gather the
nations before you.**



**And the eyes of all men
will be fixed on the
lamb who was crucified;
With wisdom and mercy and
justice you'll reign at your father's
side.**



**And the angels will cry,
“Hail the lamb
who was slain for the world,
rule in pow’r.”
And the earth will reply,
“You shall reign
as the King of all kings
and the Lord of all lords.”**



**There's a shield in our hand
and a sword at our side,
there's a fire in our spirits
that cannot be denied;
'Cause the Father has told us,
for these you have died,
for the nations who
gather before you.**



**And the ears of all men
need to hear of
the lamb who was crucified;
Who descended to hell,
yet was raised up to reign
at his Father's side.**



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Revelation Song

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**Worthy is the lamb
who was slain;
holy, holy is he;
sing a new song to him
who sits on
heaven's mercy seat.**



**Worthy is the lamb
who was slain;
holy, holy is he;
sing a new song to him
who sits on
heaven's mercy seat.**



**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is
and is to come;
with all creation I sing
praise to the king of kings;
you are my ev'rything
and I will adore you.**



**Clothed in rainbows
of living color,
flashes of lightning,
rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor,
strength and glory
and power be to you, the
only wise king.**



**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is
and is to come;
with all creation I sing
praise to the king of kings;
you are my ev'rything
and I will adore you.**



**Filled with wonder,
awestruck wonder,
at the mention of your name;
Jesus, your name is power,
breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery.**



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Welcome and Announcements

Mid-week Lenten Gatherings

5:00 to 6:00 pm- Light supper

5:30 to 6:15 pm- Wednesday Church School

6:15 pm- Guided conversation and worship around the tables in the Fellowship Hall.

Calendar and focus for the mid-week Lenten services:

- February 28 – Wanting to See Again (Luke 18:35-43)
- March 6 – The Man with No Friends (Luke 19:1-10)
- March 13 – Unbinding and Letting Go (John 11:17-44)
- March 20 – The Anointing (John 12:1-19)

The supper on February 28 will be served by the Church Council. On the menu will be lasagna, coleslaw, garlic toast, bars, and cookies. Freewill donation.



Sharing the Peace



Opening Prayer



Call to Worship

L: Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

L: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

All: our God is merciful and forgiving.



L: Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

All: our God is just and good.

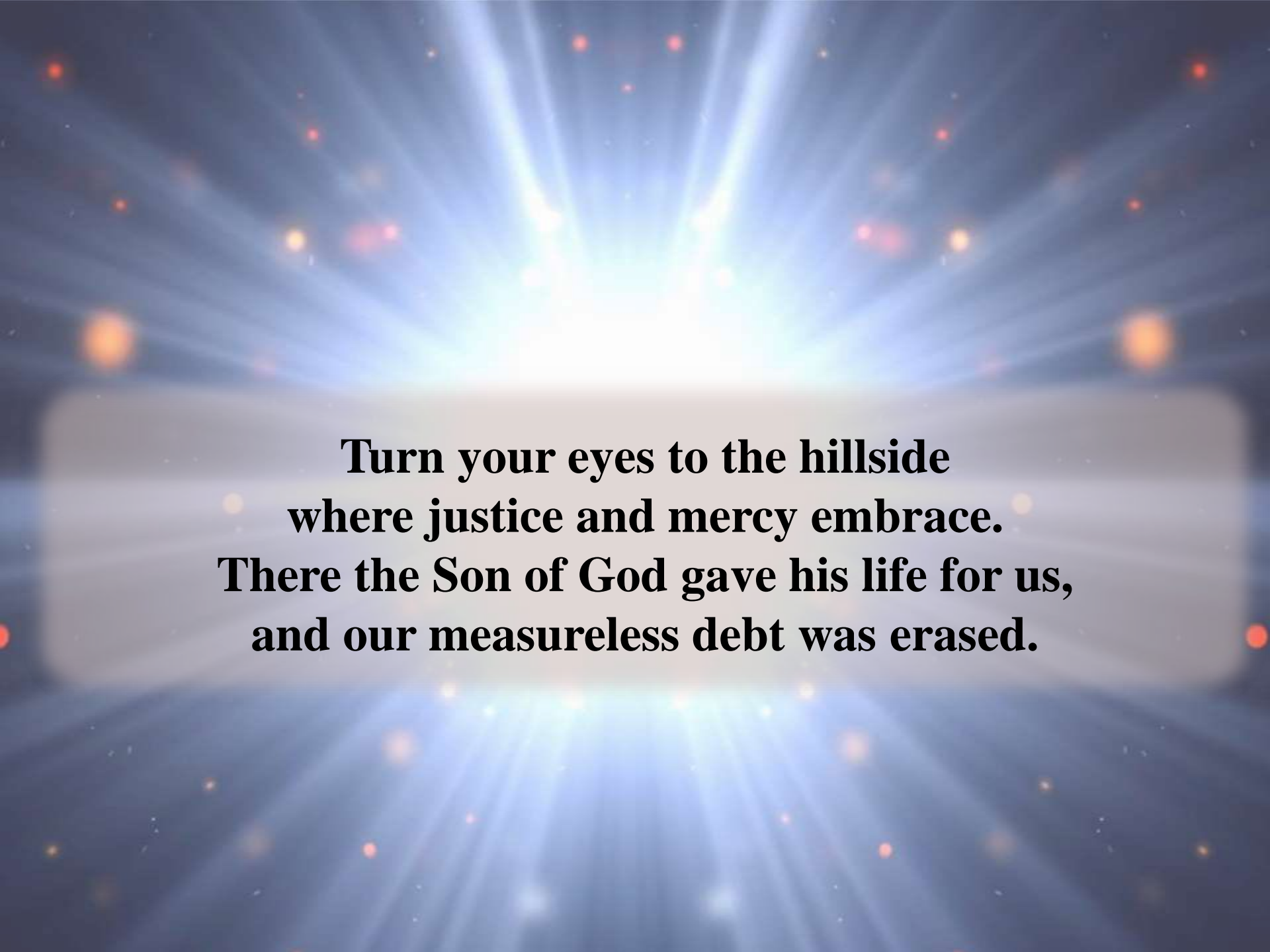
L: So come, let's worship God together.

All: God's praise will last forever!

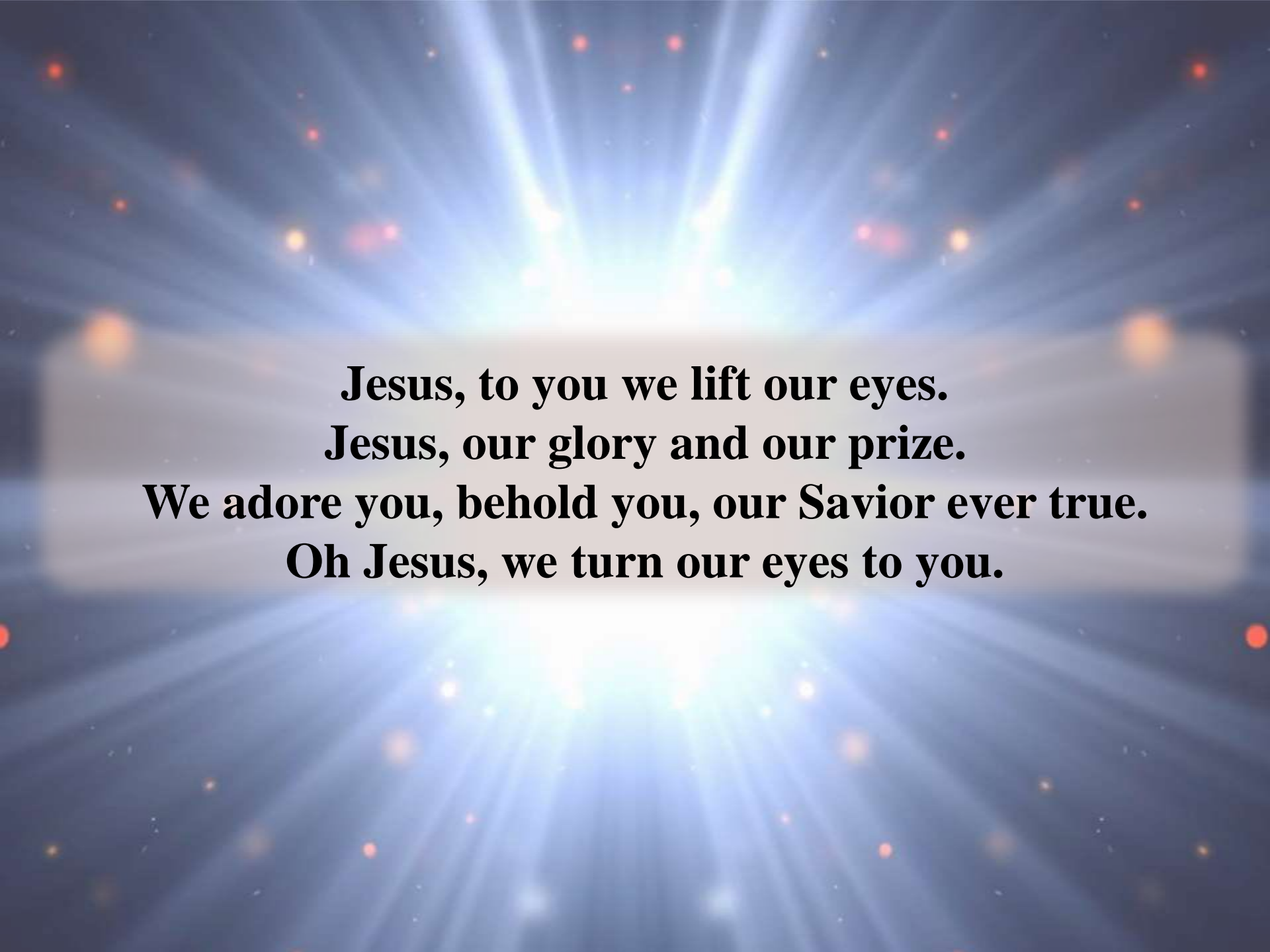
Turn Your Eyes

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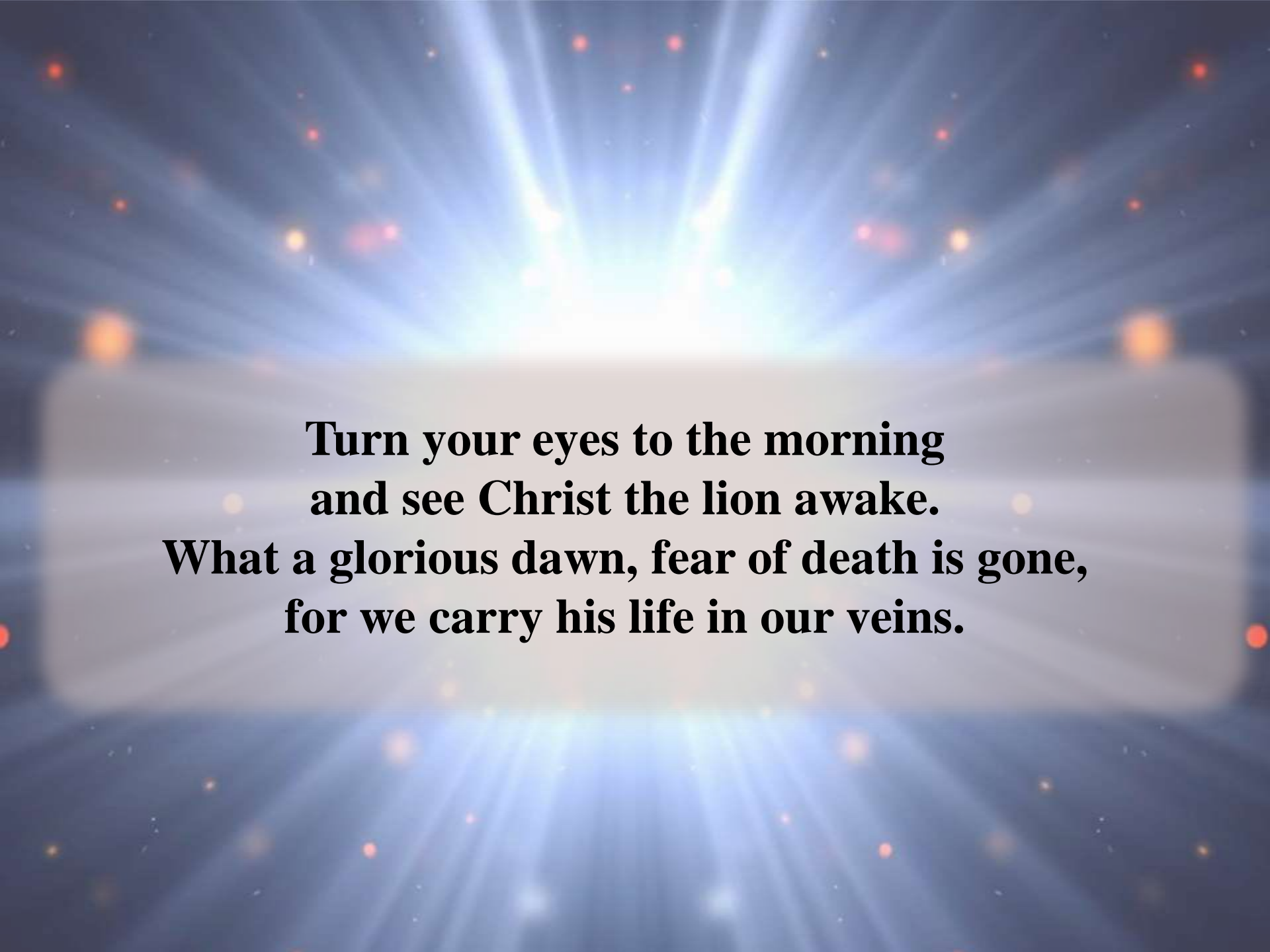
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.**



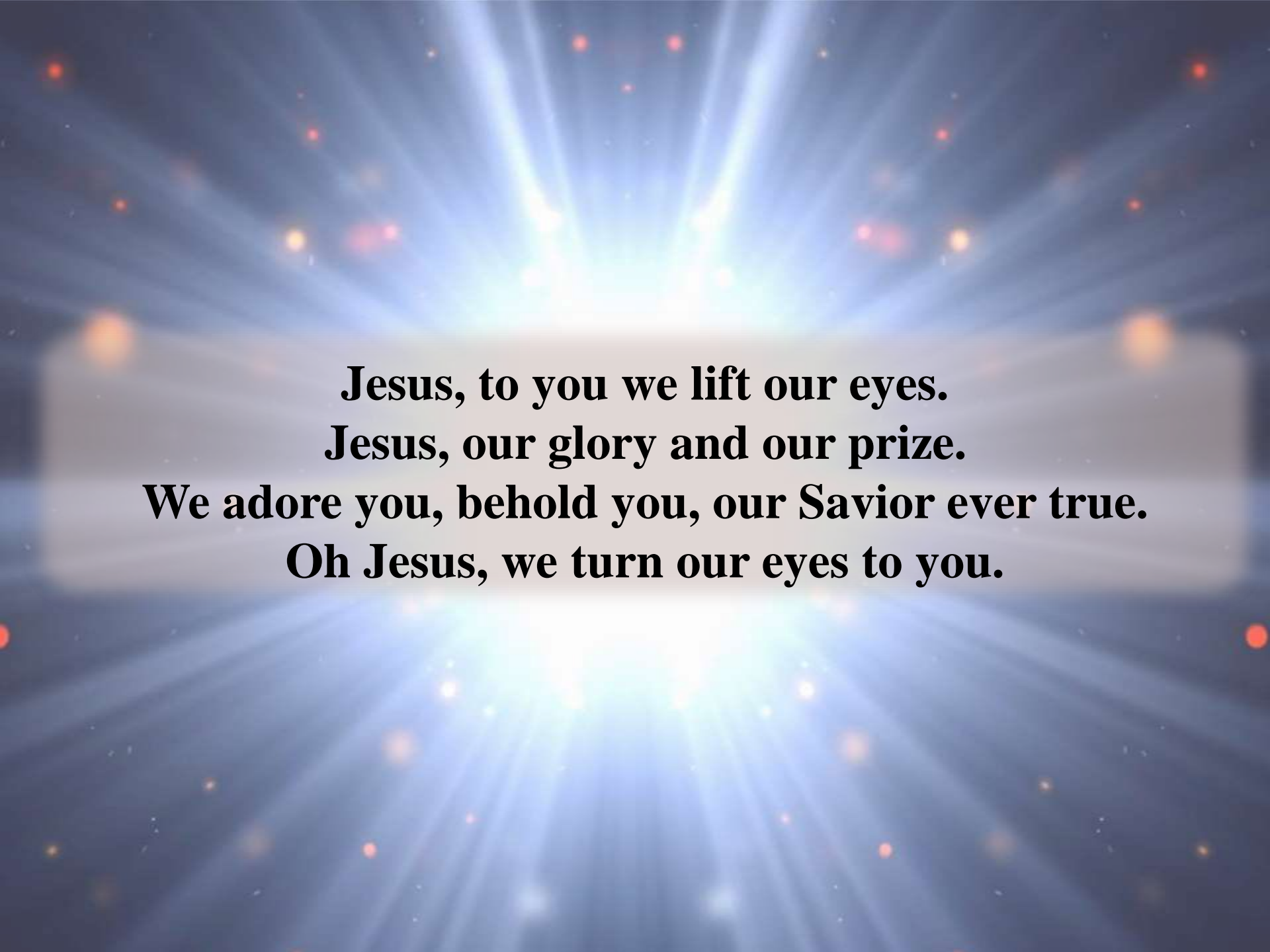
**Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embrace.
There the Son of God gave his life for us,
and our measureless debt was erased.**



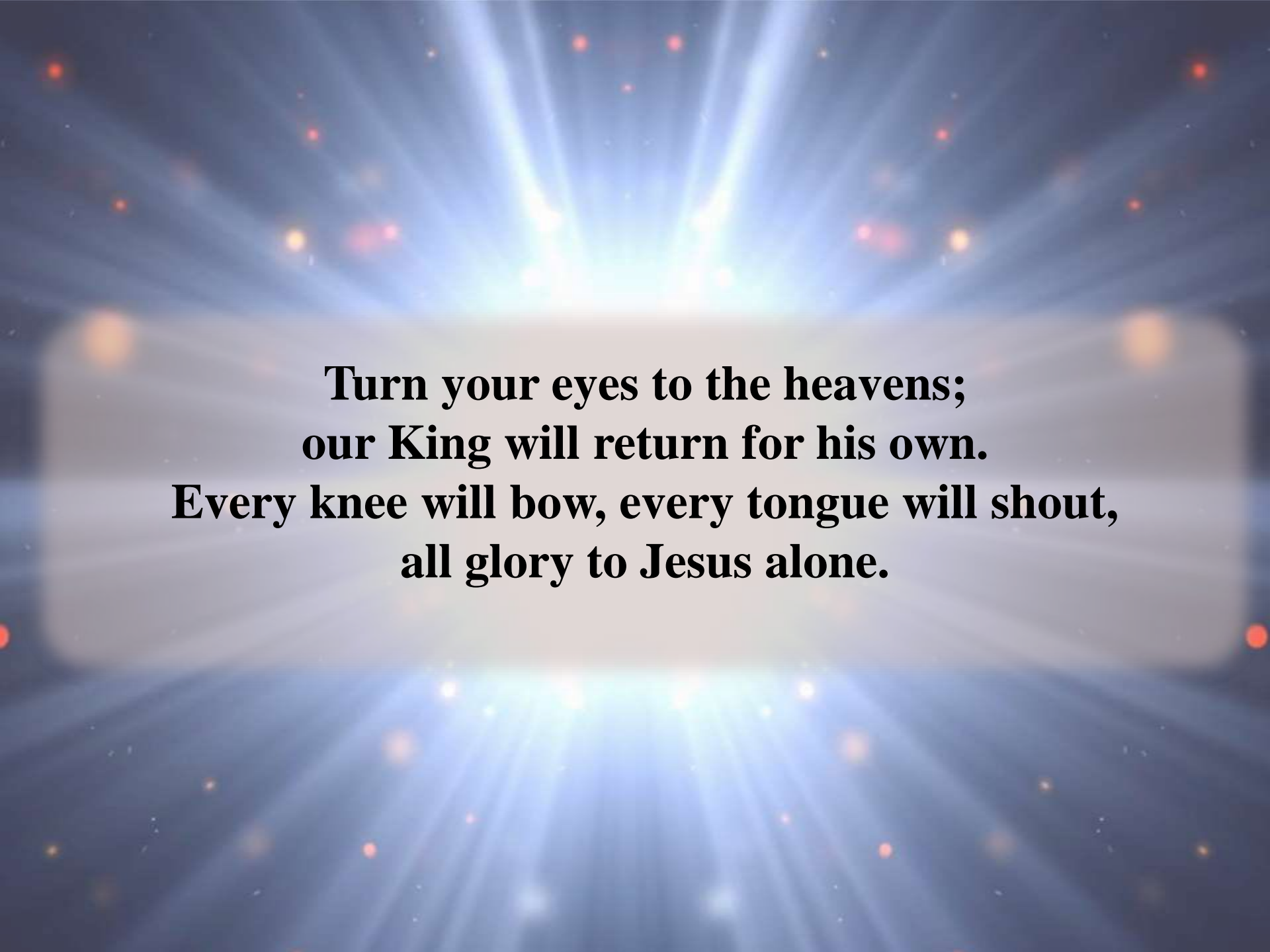
**Jesus, to you we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.**



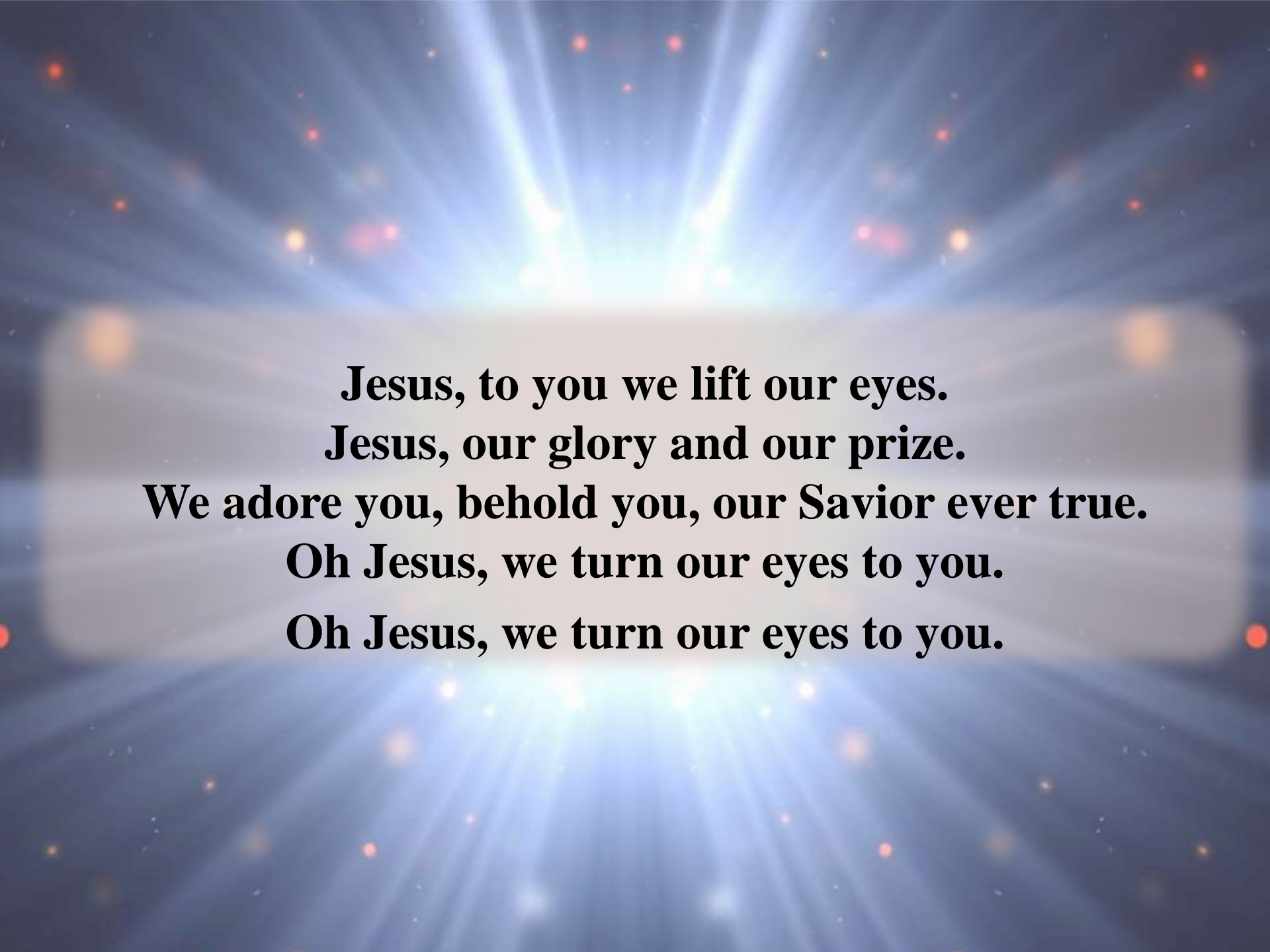
**Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
for we carry his life in our veins.**



**Jesus, to you we lift our eyes.
Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.**



**Turn your eyes to the heavens;
our King will return for his own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
all glory to Jesus alone.**



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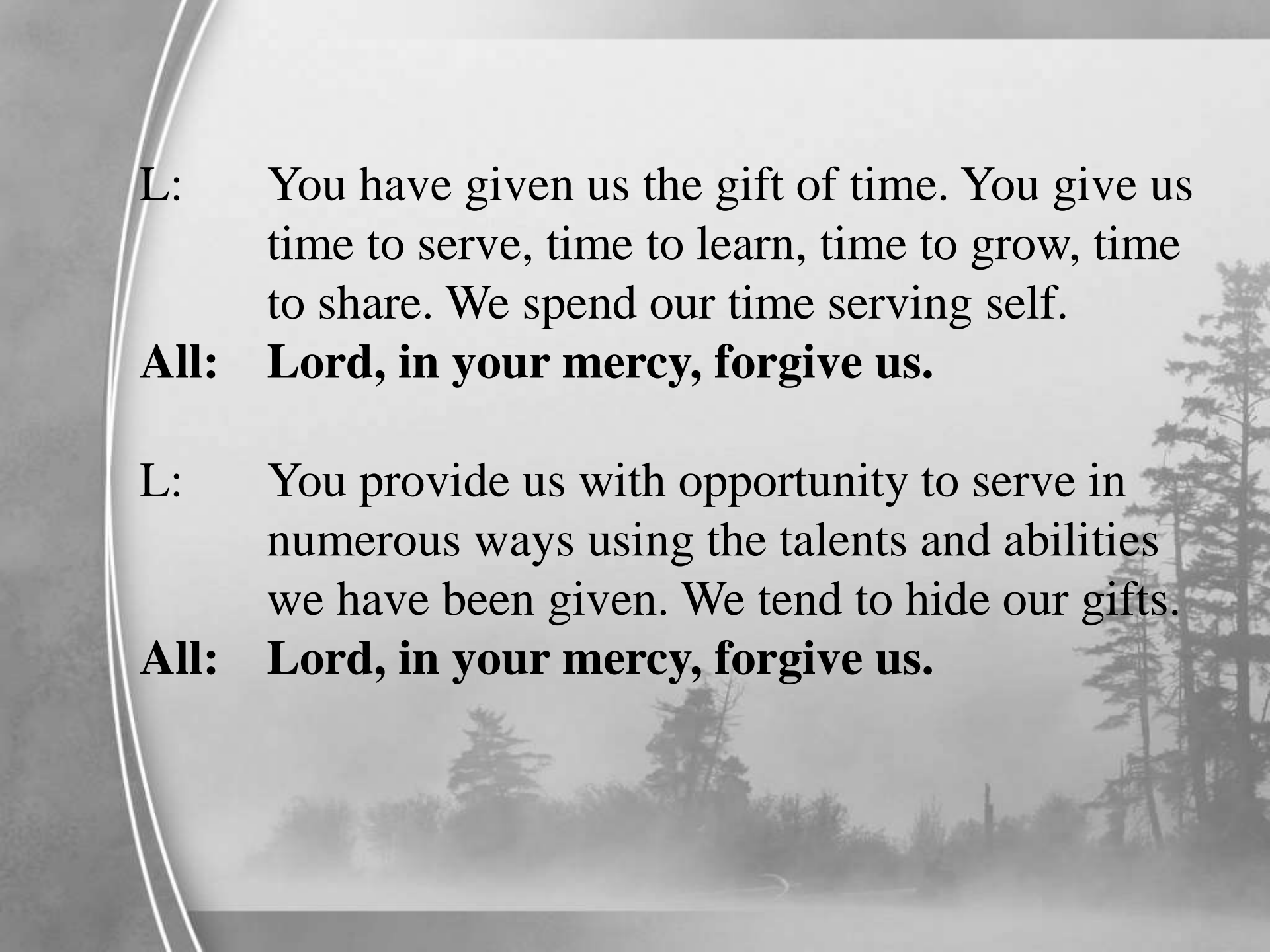
Confession and Forgiveness

L: Sinners we are and sinners we will always be, except for the grace of Christ. Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Brief Silence

L: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

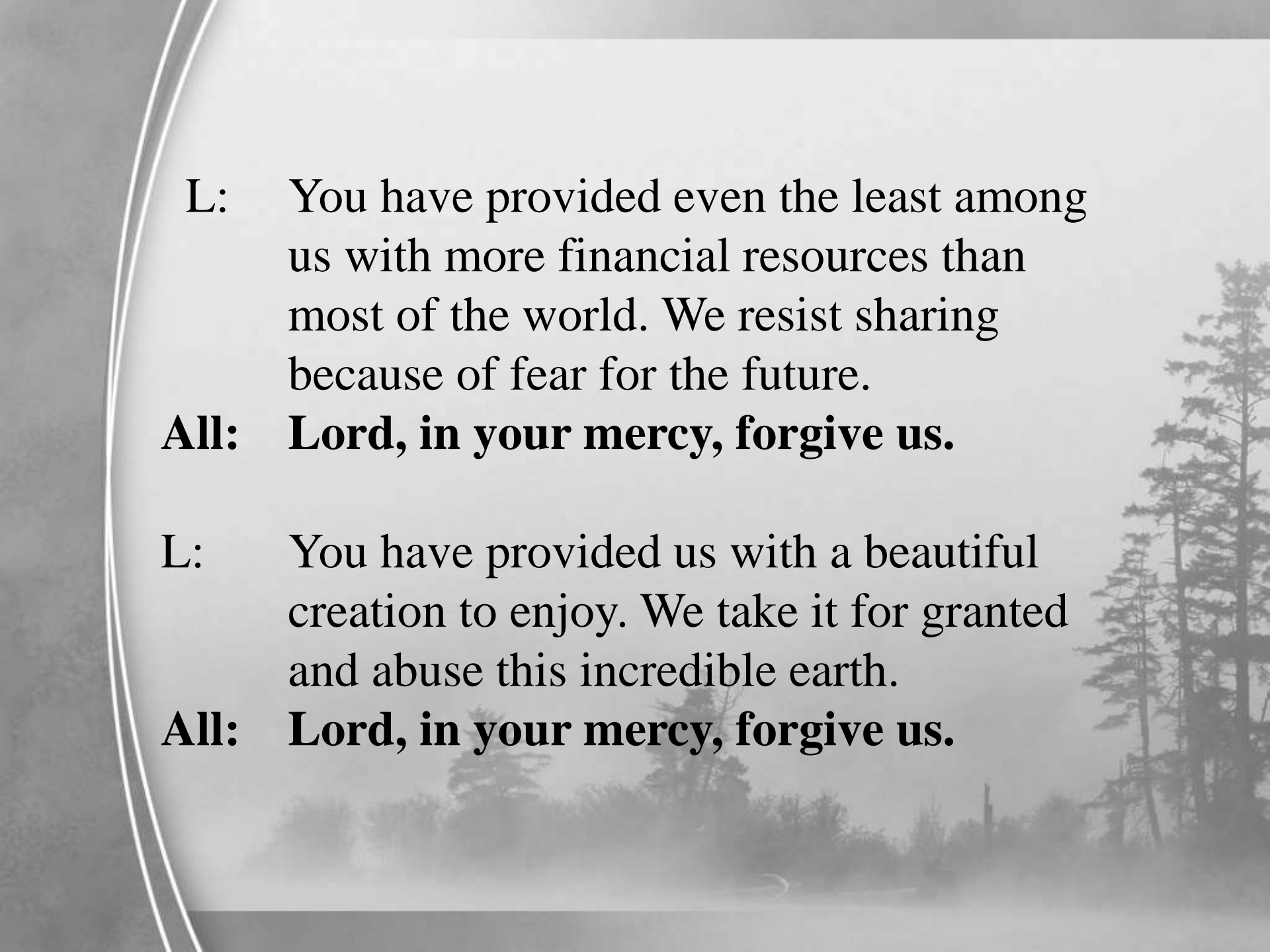
A background image of a misty forest with tall evergreen trees. The scene is hazy, with fog or low clouds obscuring the lower parts of the trees. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere.

L: You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

L: You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

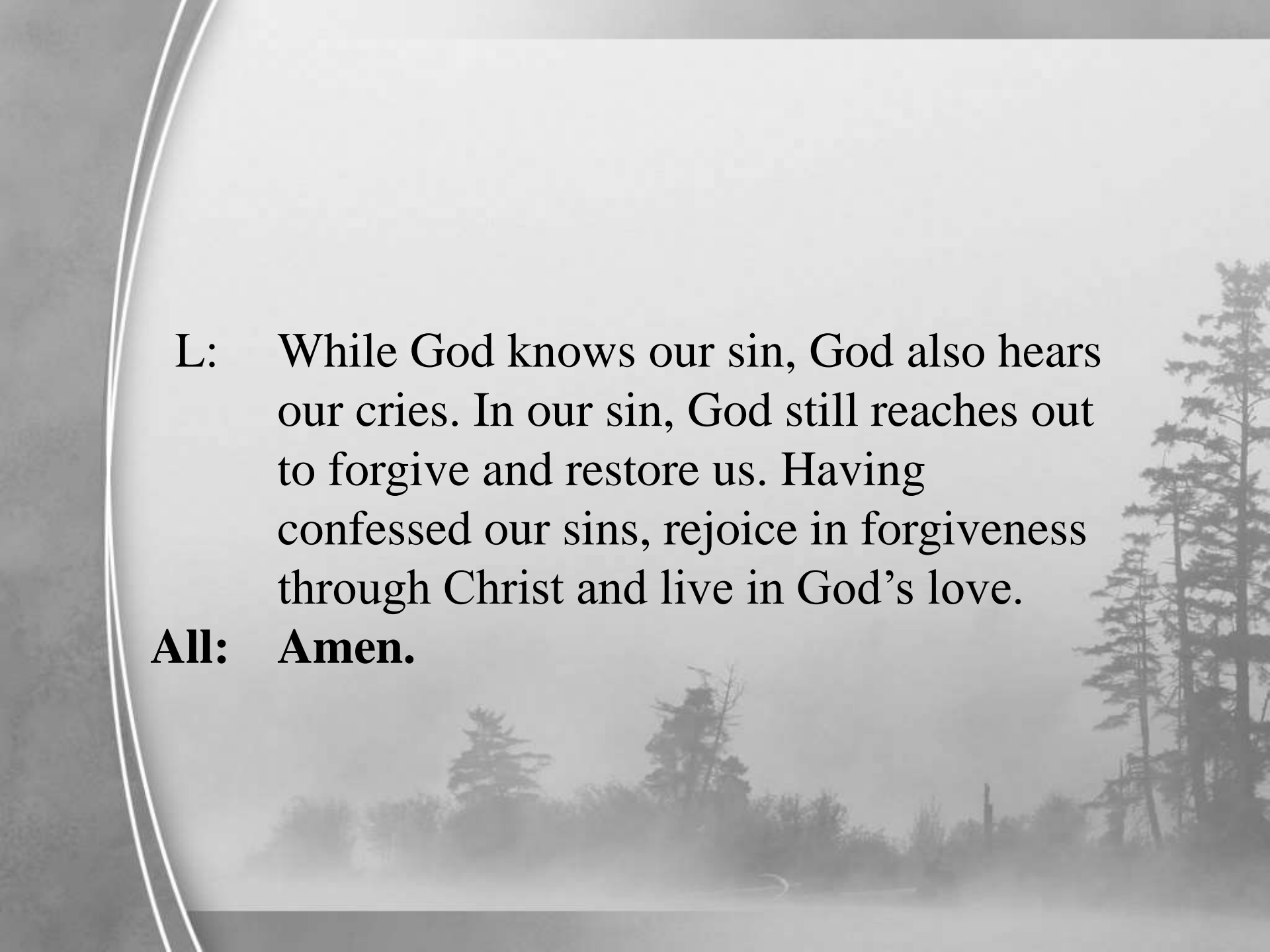


L: You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

L: You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

A grayscale photograph of a misty forest with tall evergreen trees, serving as the background for the text.

L: While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

- L: ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of
Israel.
- C: ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor
the poor in their poverty; neither is the
LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears
them.**

L: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

L: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

L: ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C: ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

L: ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

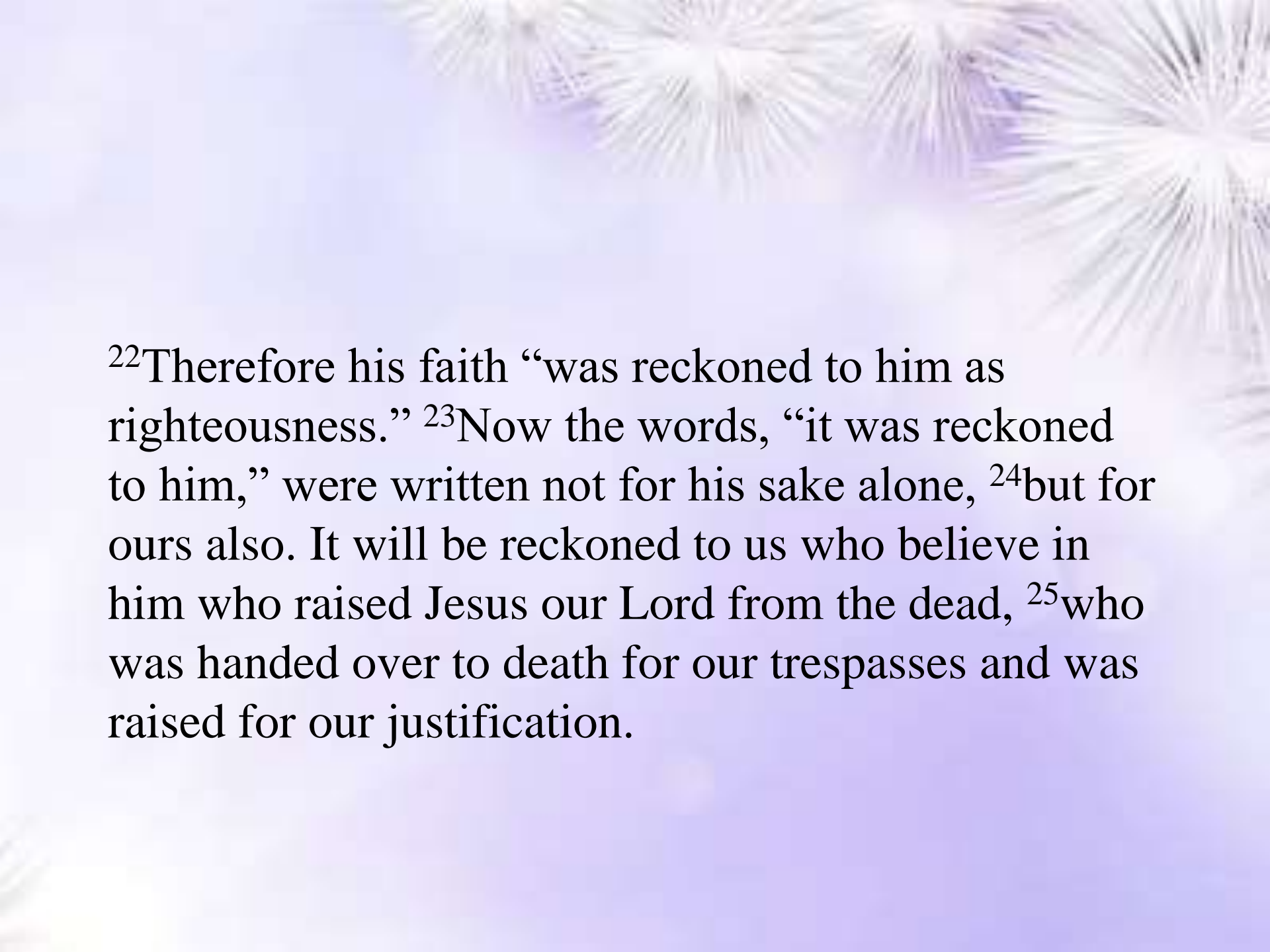
Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.




²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Mark
the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

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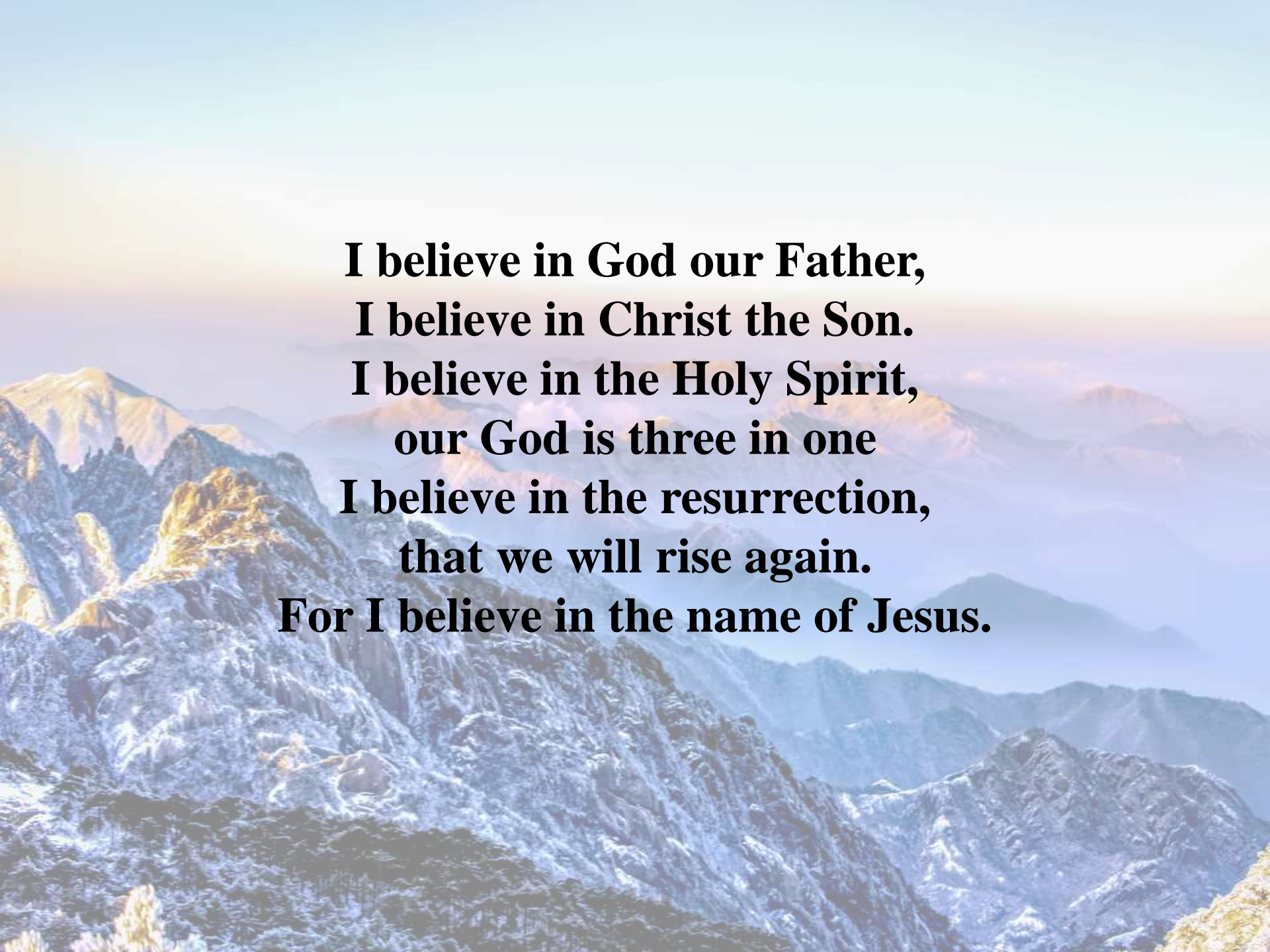
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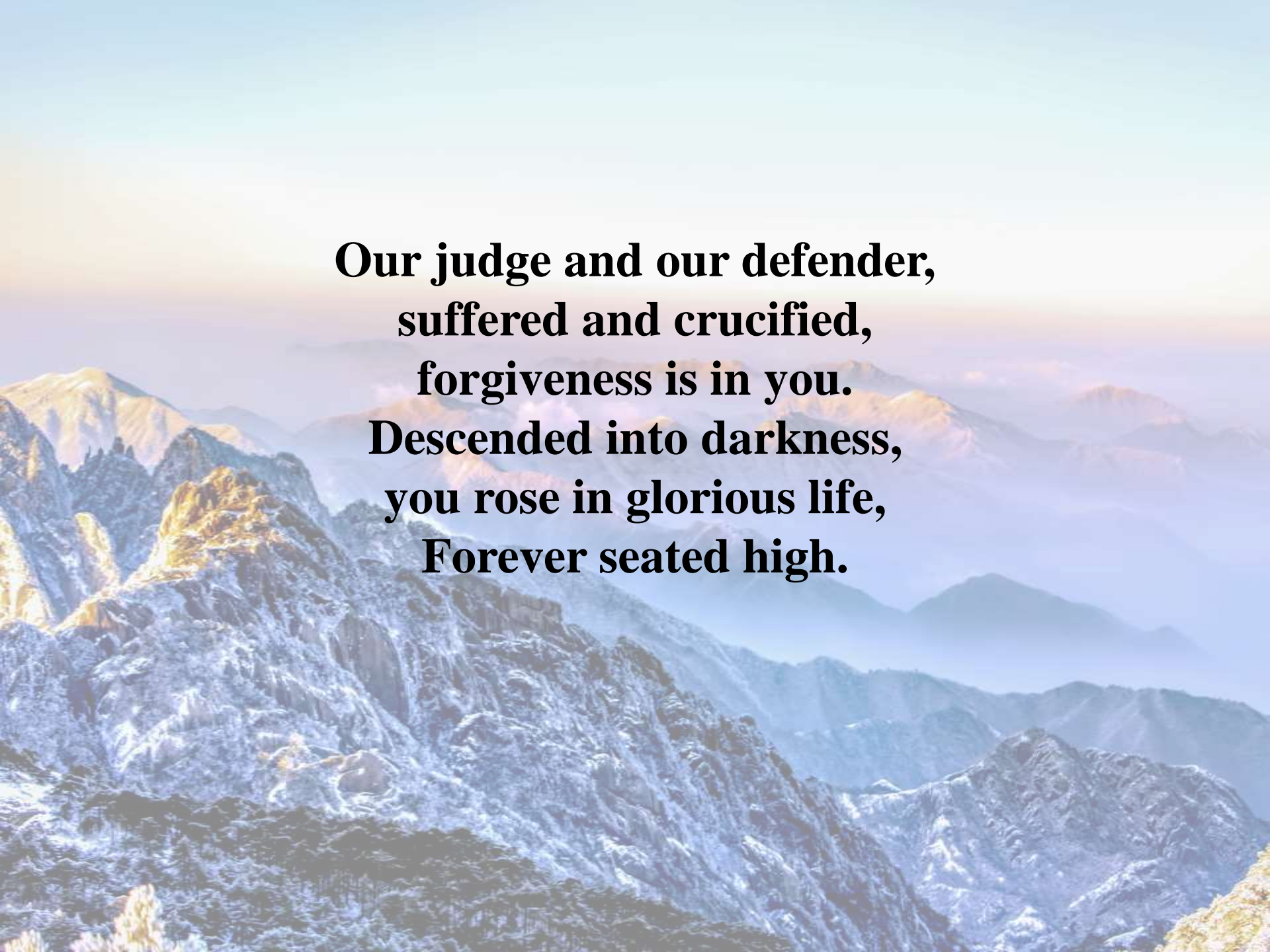
This I Believe

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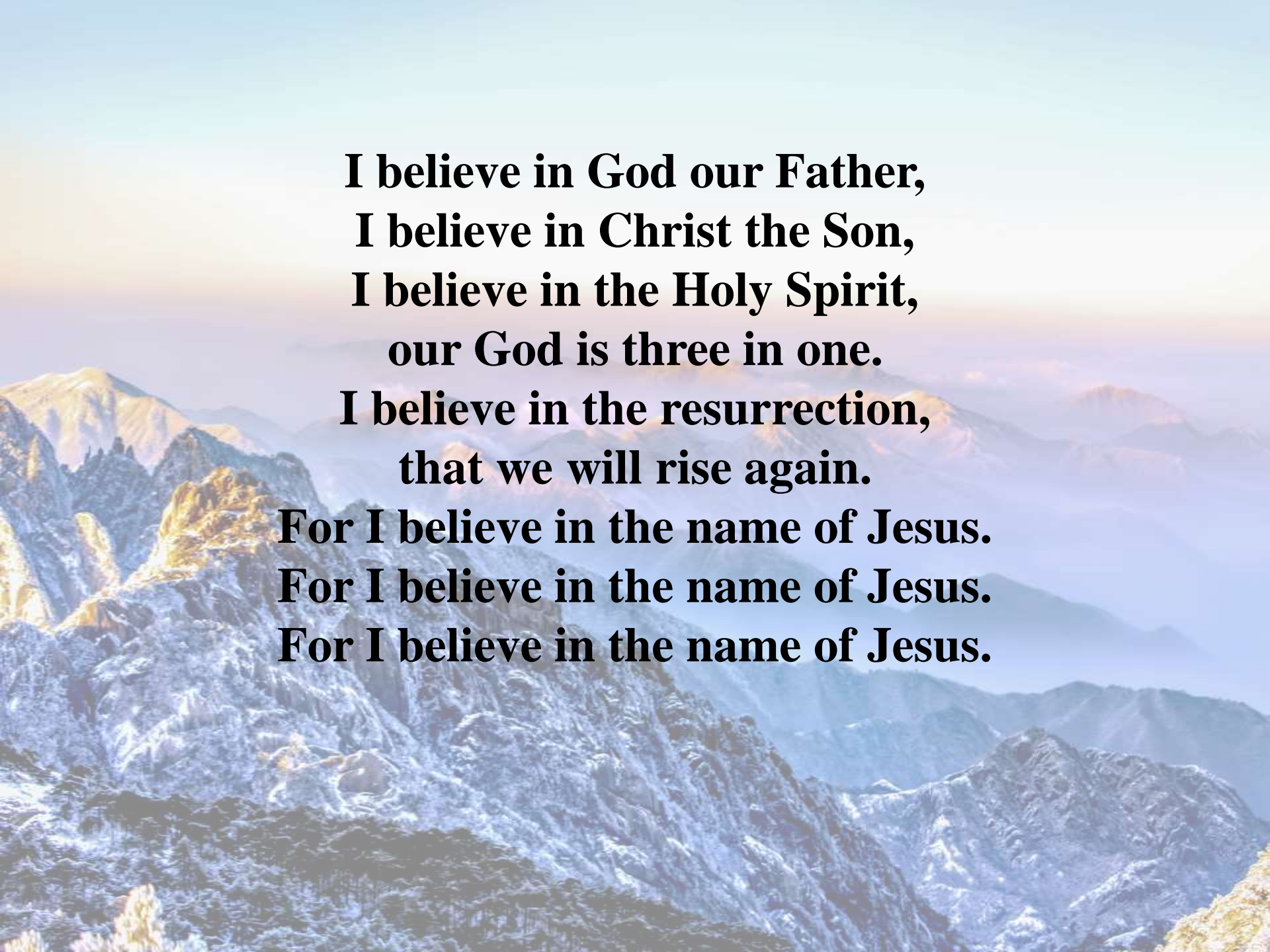
**Our Father everlasting,
the all creating one,
God Almighty,
through your Holy Spirit,
conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.**



**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.**



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



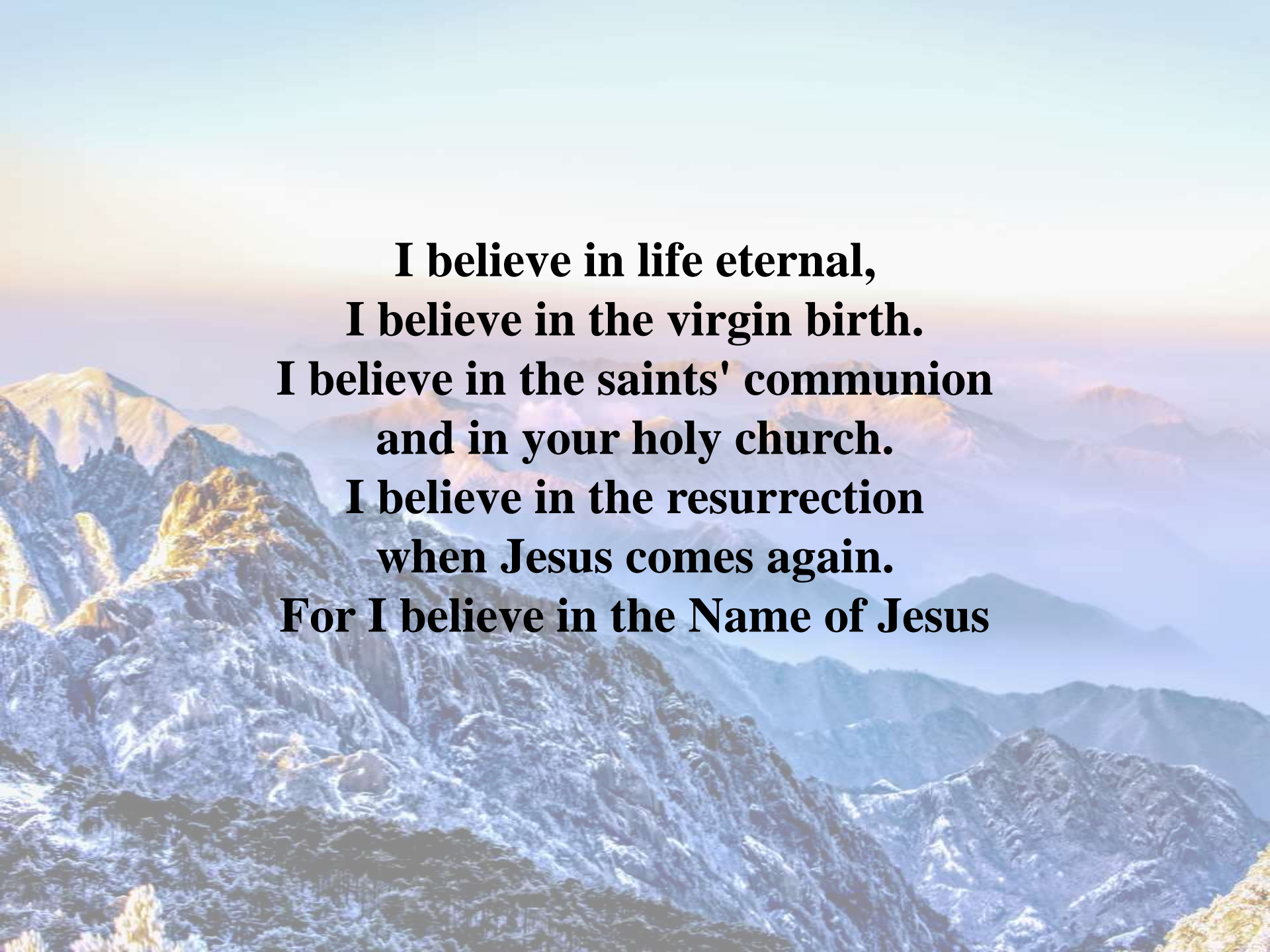
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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
our God is three in one.**

**I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again.**

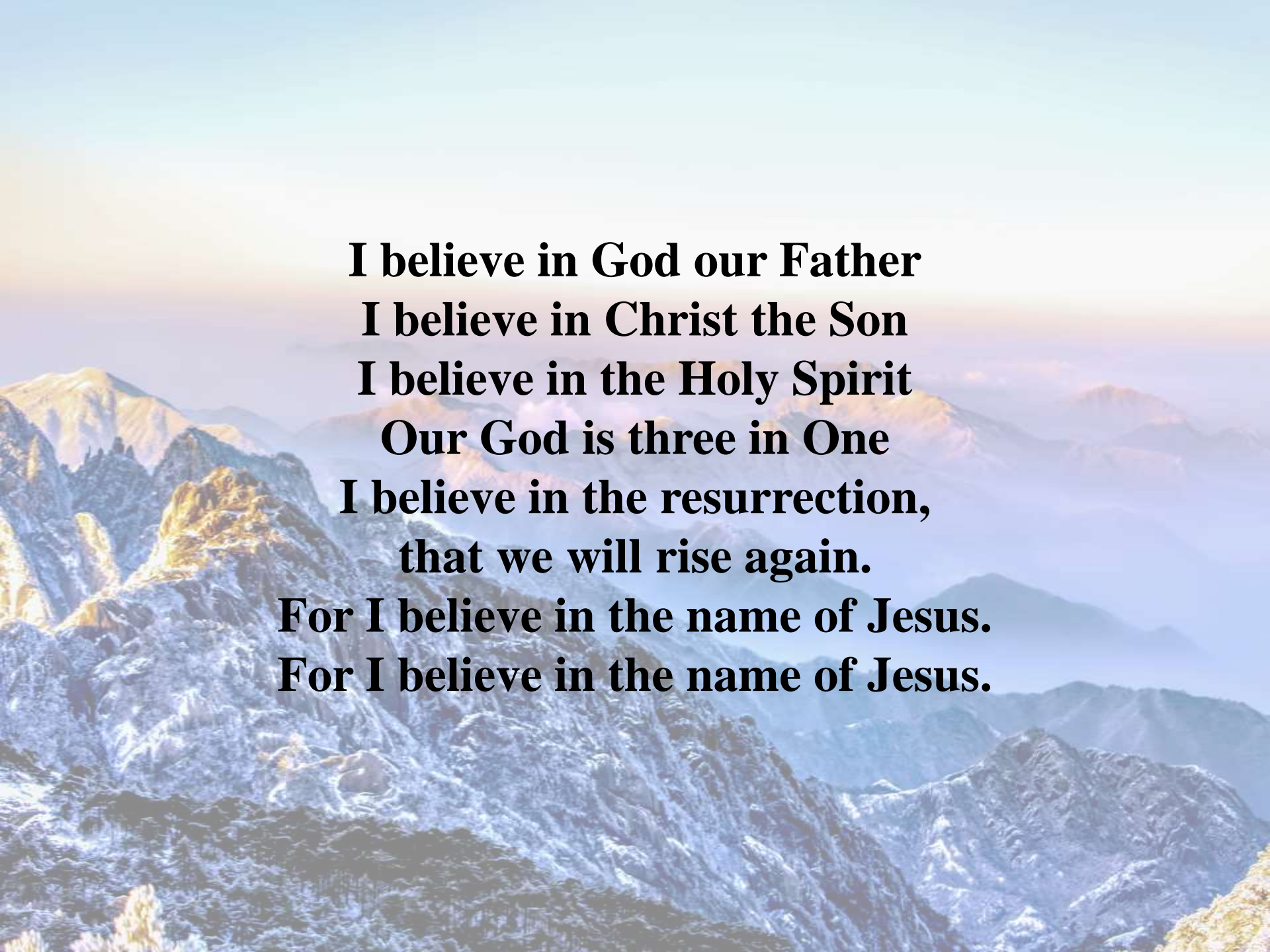
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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**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**



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Offering Prayer

L: For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just these offerings but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us.

C: Amen.



Prayers

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.**

Blessing

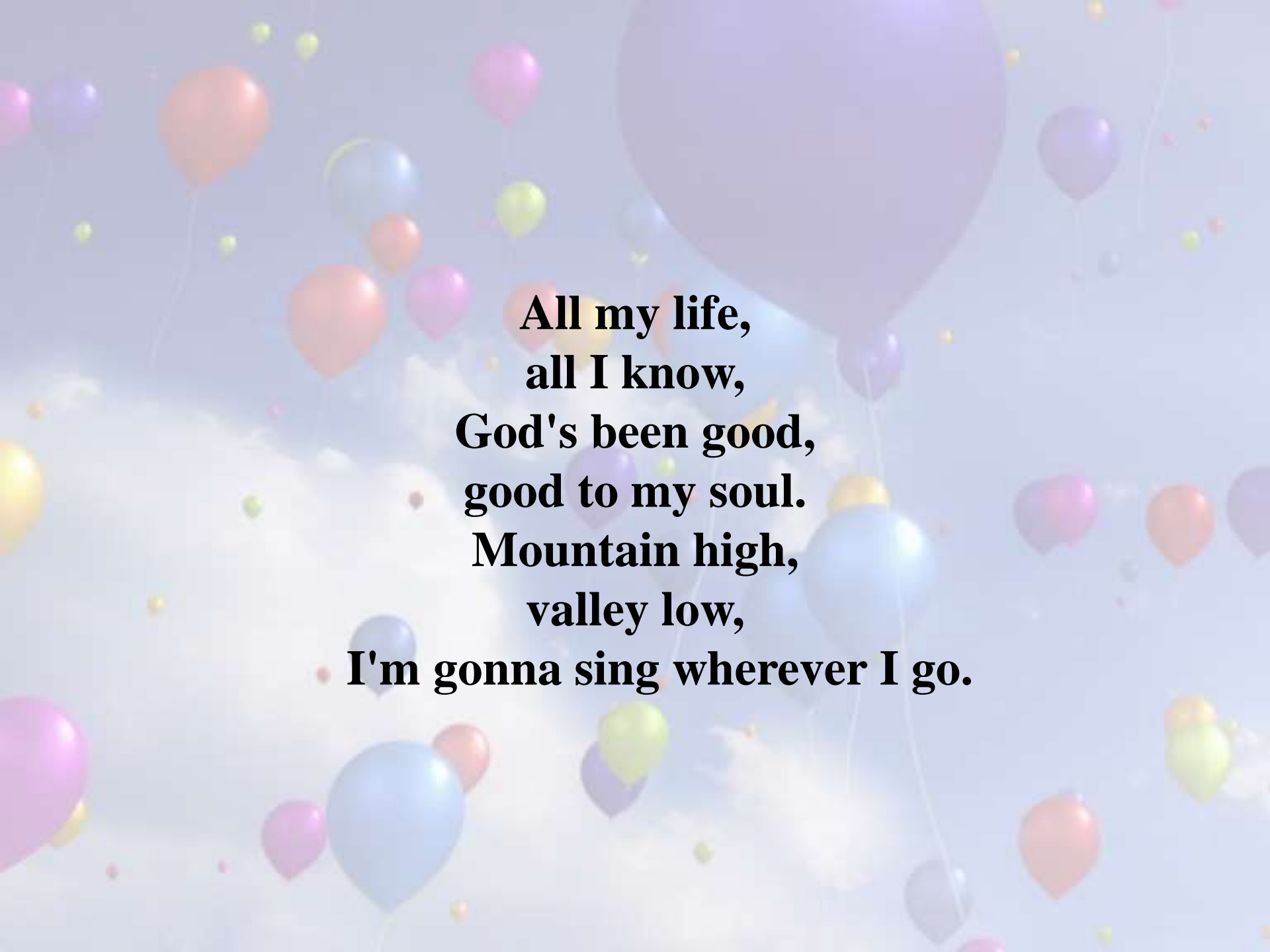
L: May the peace of God be in your heart
The grace of God be in your words
The love of God be in your hands
The joy of God be in your soul and in the
song that your life sings.

C: Amen.


Sing Wherever I Go

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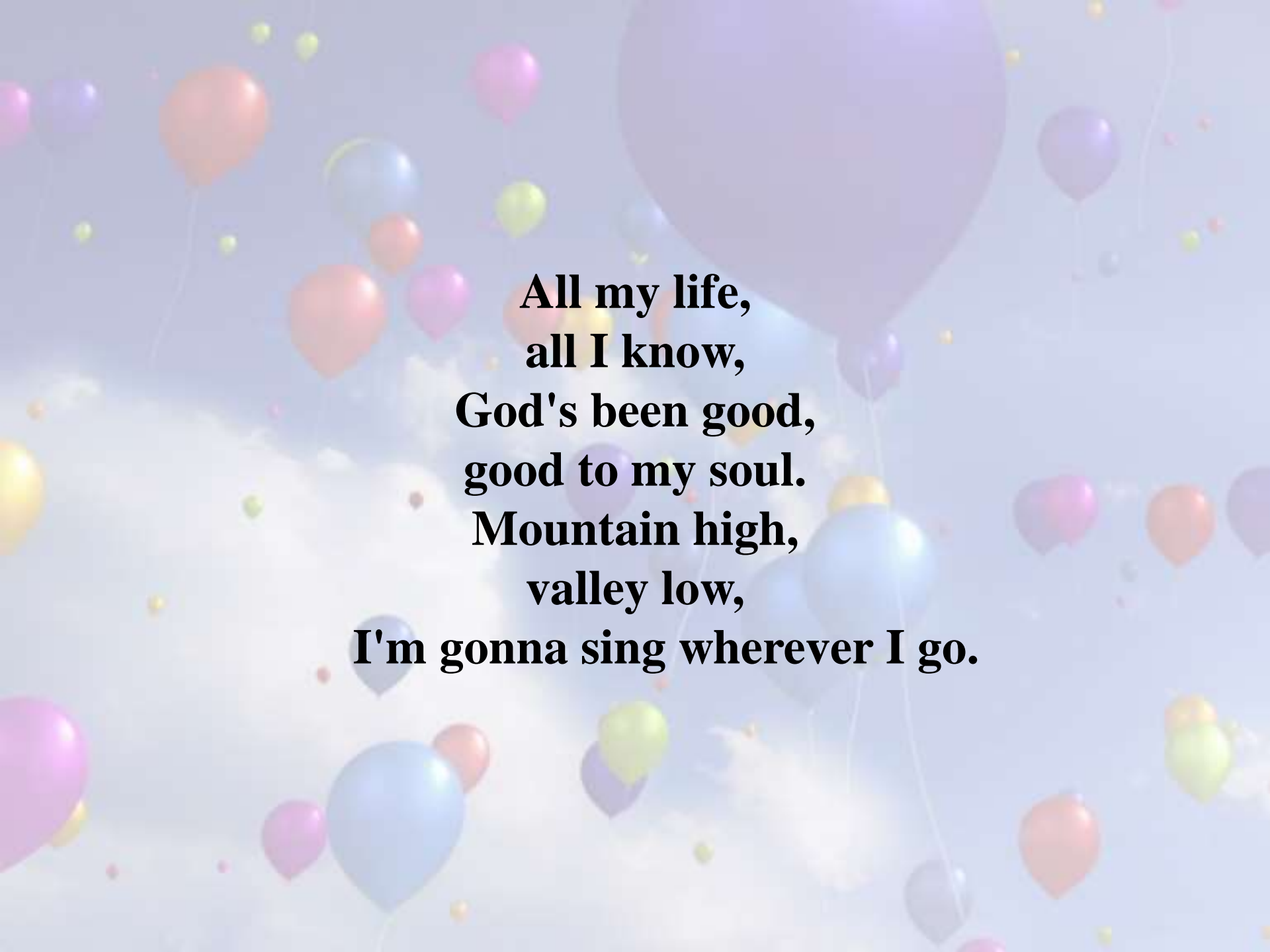
**All my life,
all I know,
God's been good,
good to my soul.
Mountain high,
valley low,
I'm gonna sing wherever I go.**



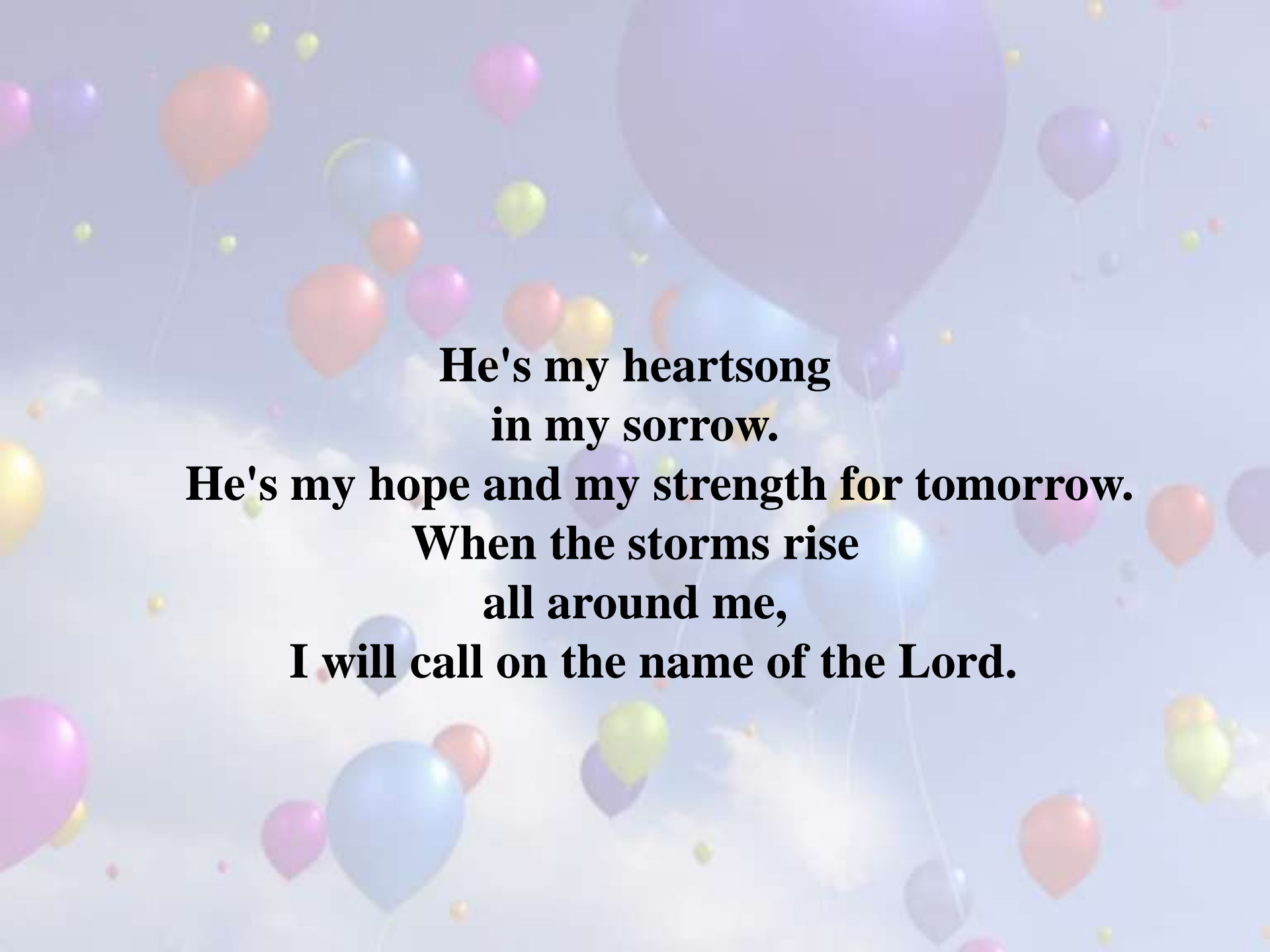
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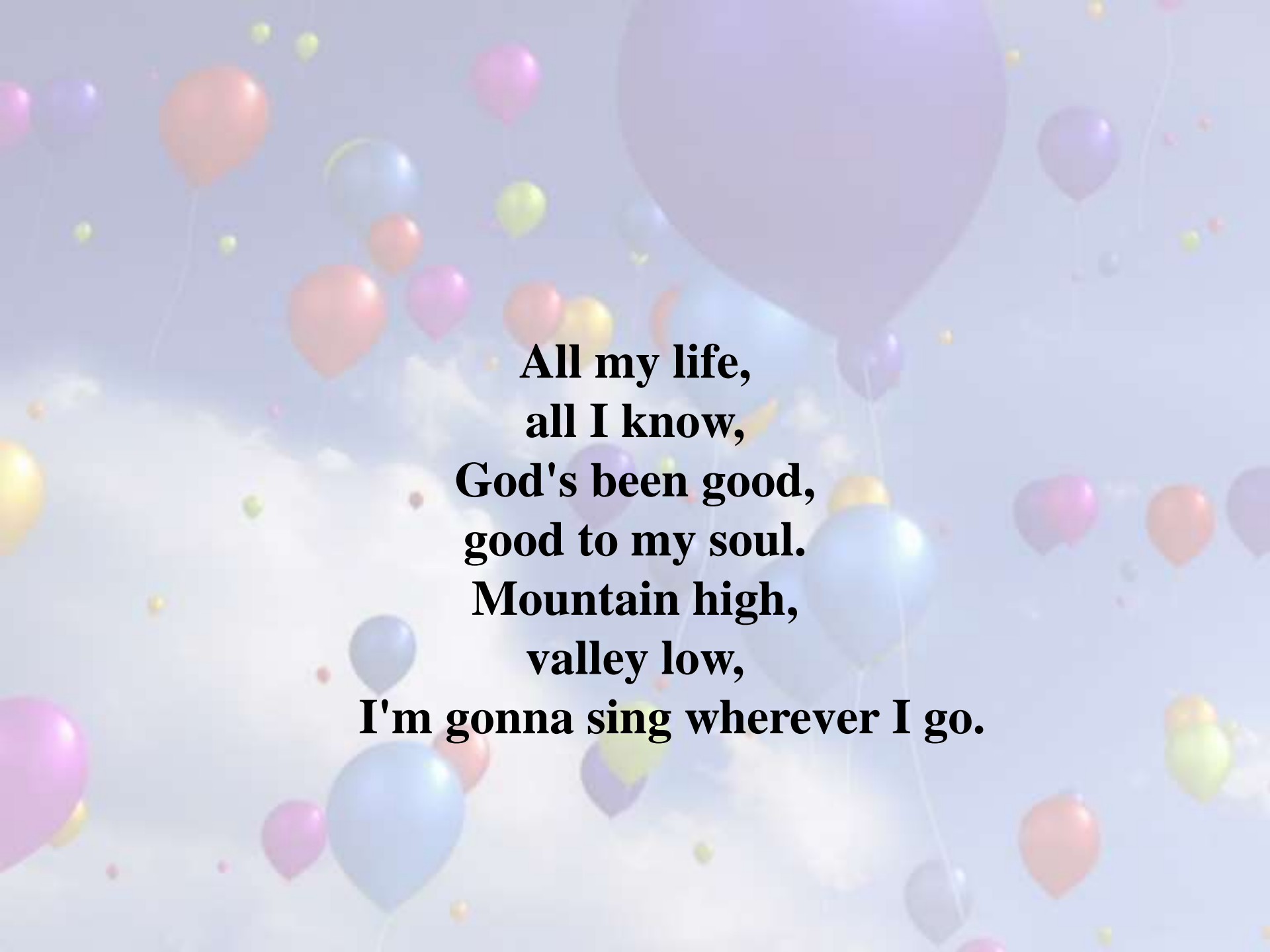
**God is for me,
he's not against me.
I will hold to the plans he has for me.
When I'm broken,
he will fix me.
I will call on the name of the Lord.**



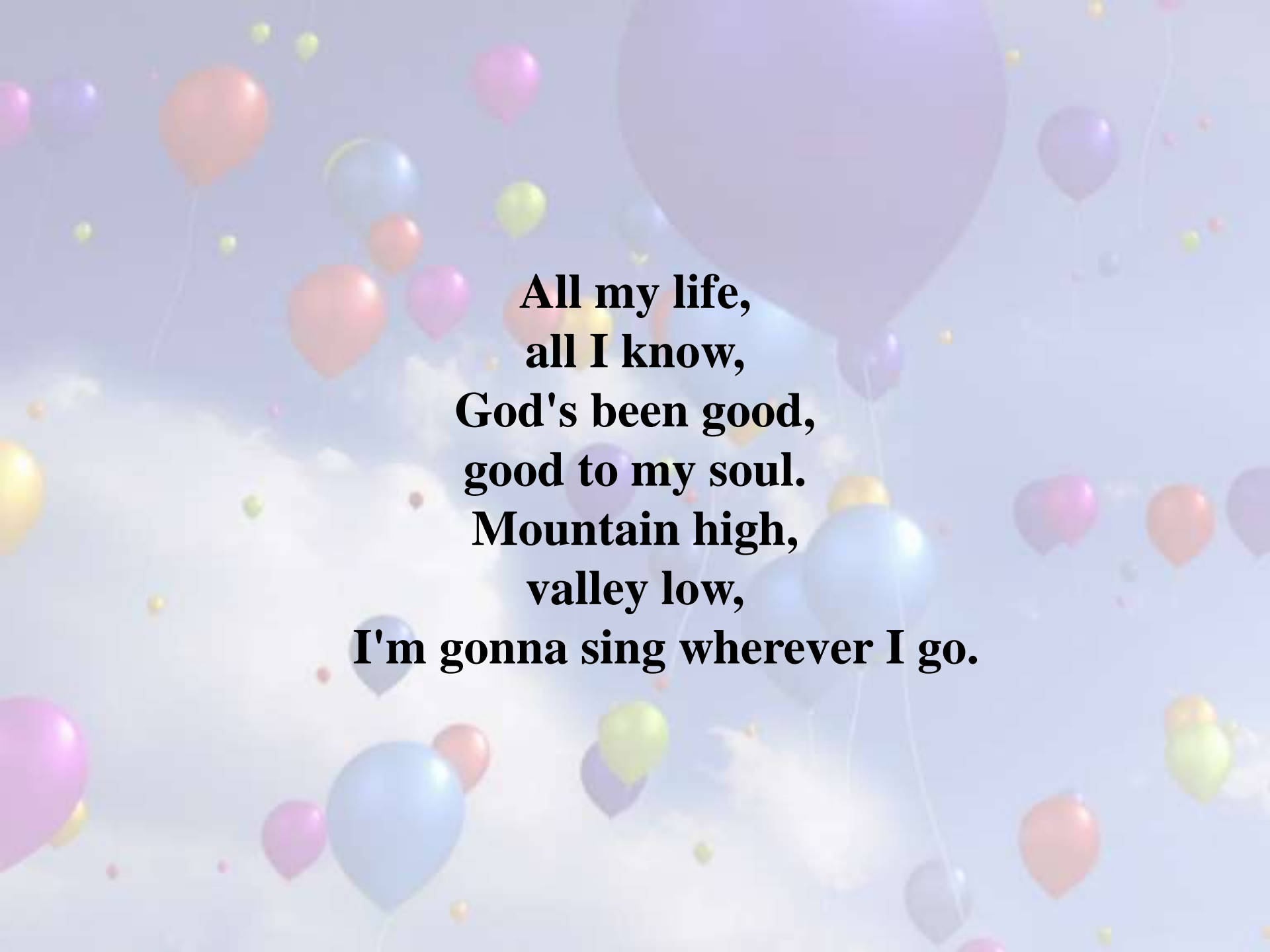
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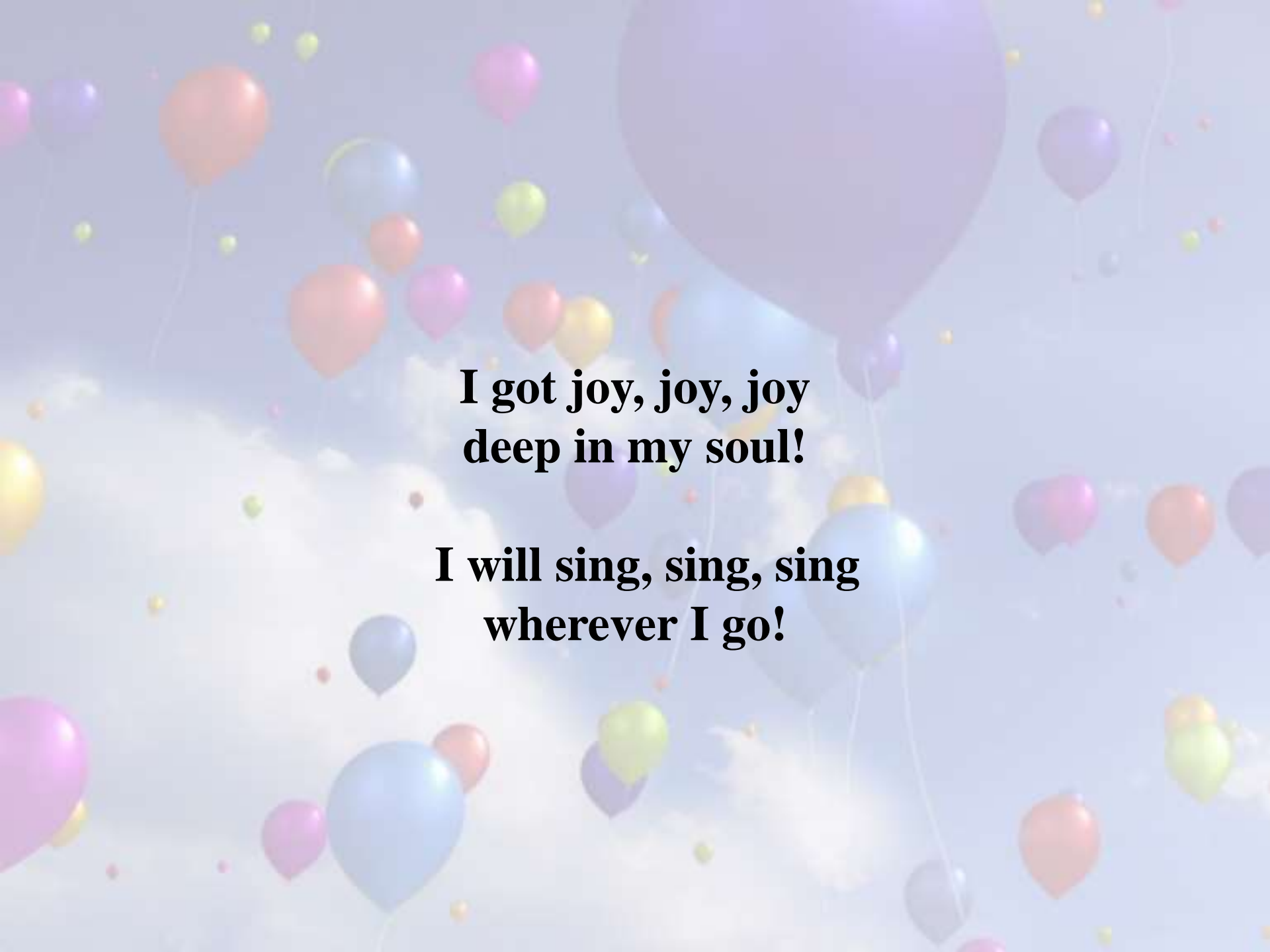
**He's my heartsong
in my sorrow.
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow.
When the storms rise
all around me,
I will call on the name of the Lord.**



**All my life,
all I know,
God's been good,
good to my soul.
Mountain high,
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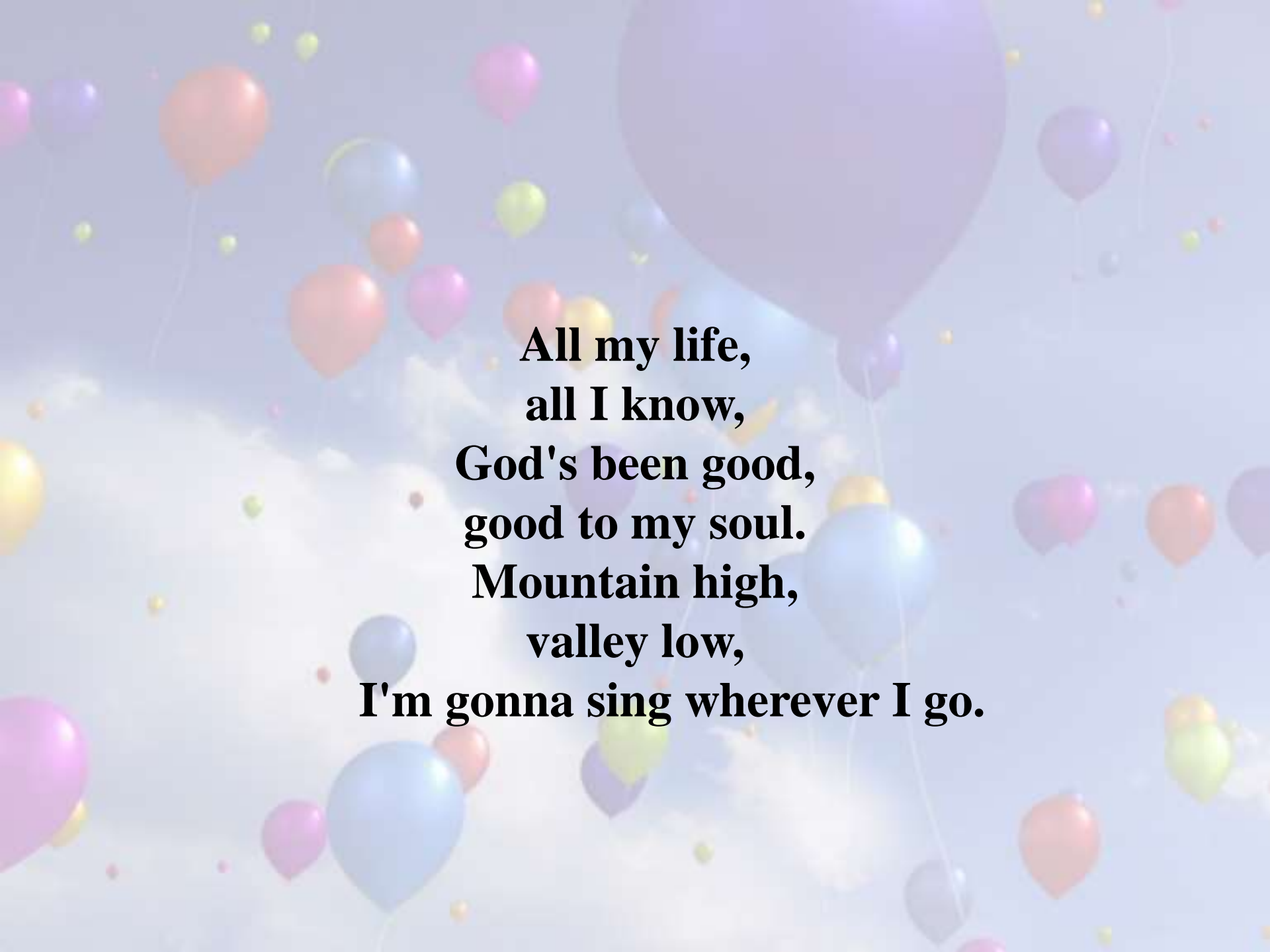


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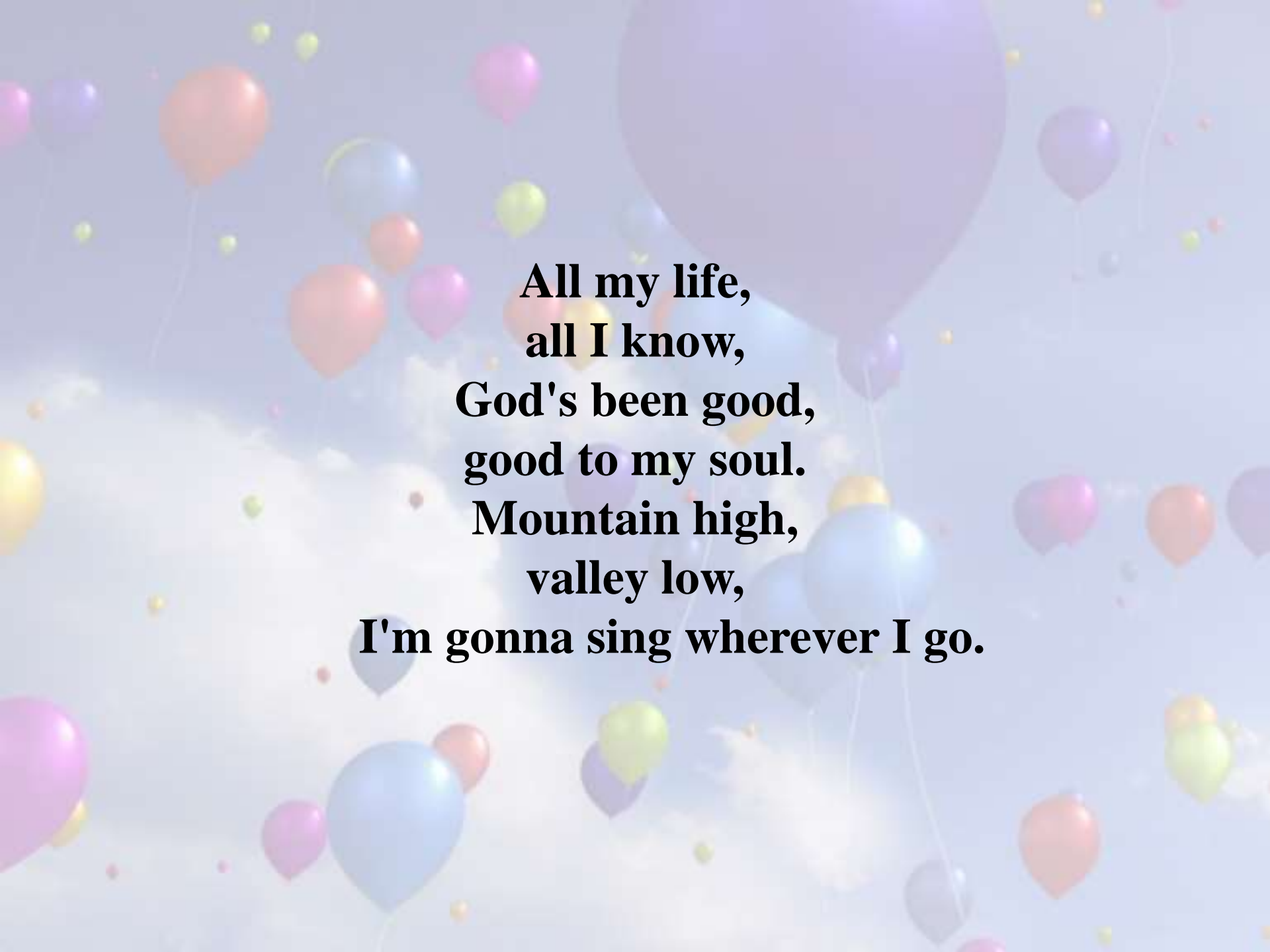


**I got joy, joy, joy
deep in my soul!**

**I will sing, sing, sing
wherever I go!**



**All my life,
all I know,
God's been good,
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Dismissal

L: Go now with peace in your hearts and love in your eyes. Share God's love generously with those he puts in your path.

C: **Amen!**

A photograph of a winter scene. In the foreground, there are snow-covered pine branches with clusters of red berries. The background is a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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