



*Welcome to  
Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, March 31, 2024*

*9:00 am*

# *Welcome and Announcements*





# **Regular Wednesday Schedule resumes this week**

5:30 pm- Wednesday Worship

5:45 pm- Release for Church School  
and Pre-Confirmation

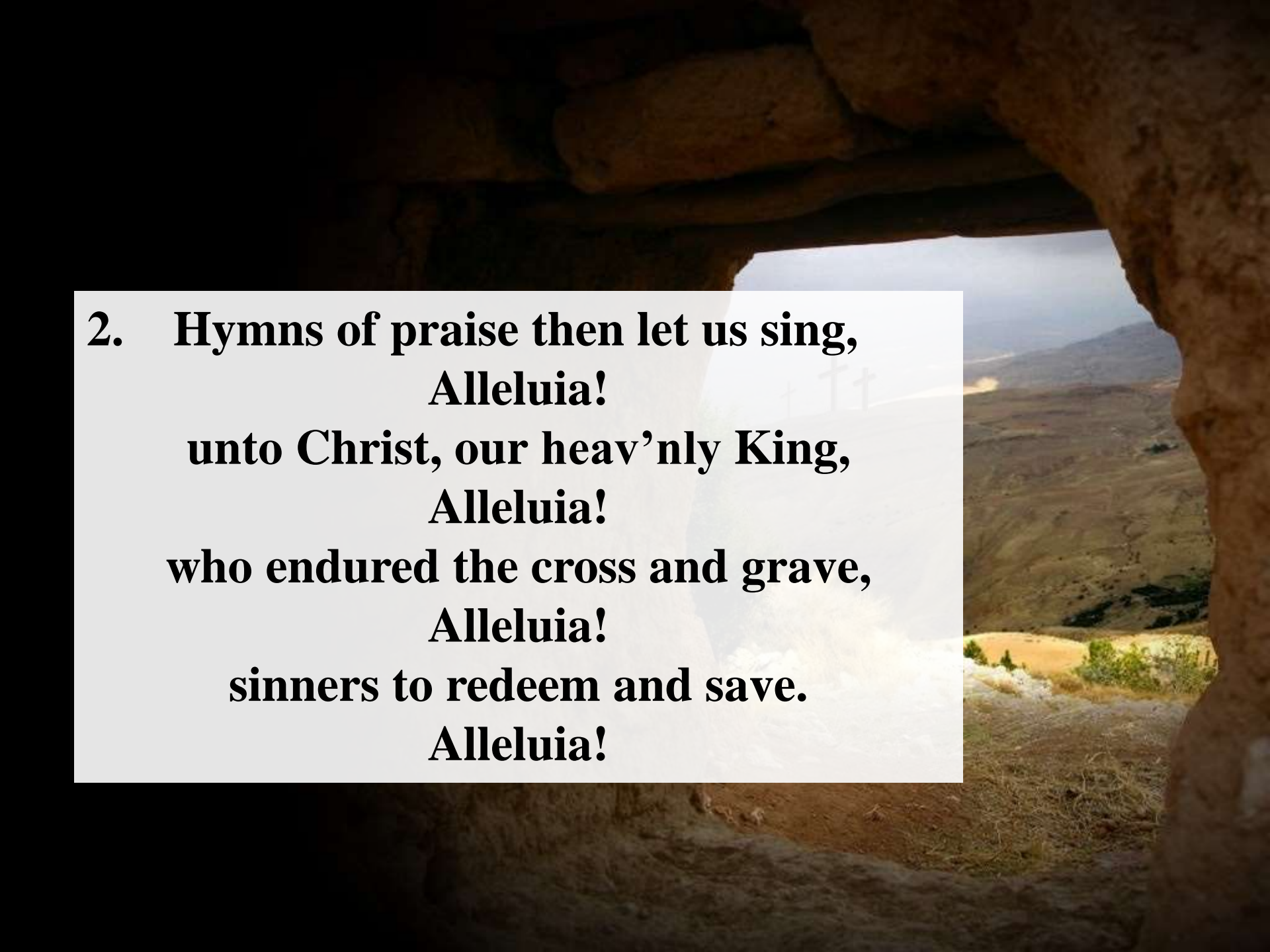
6:15 pm- Confirmation

# Jesus Christ is Risen Today

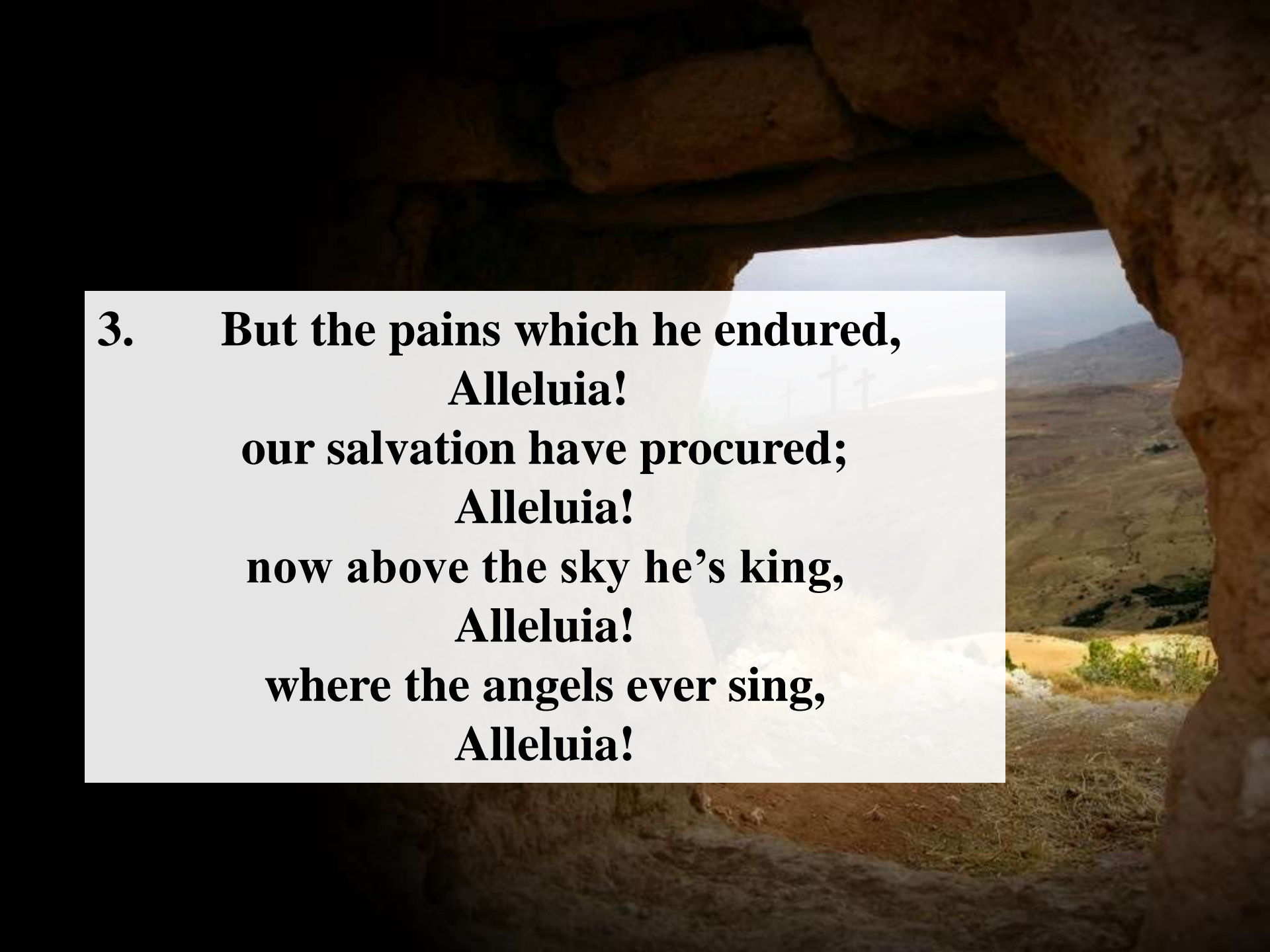
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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent. Sts. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. Charles Wesley 1707-1788, st. 4.  
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- 1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today,  
Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss,  
Alleluia!**



**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King,  
Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!**



**3. But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king,  
Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing,  
Alleluia!**



## *Greeting*

**L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



## *Prayer of the Day*

L: Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

**C: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



*Choir Hymn*

**“Alleluia! Christ is Risen”**

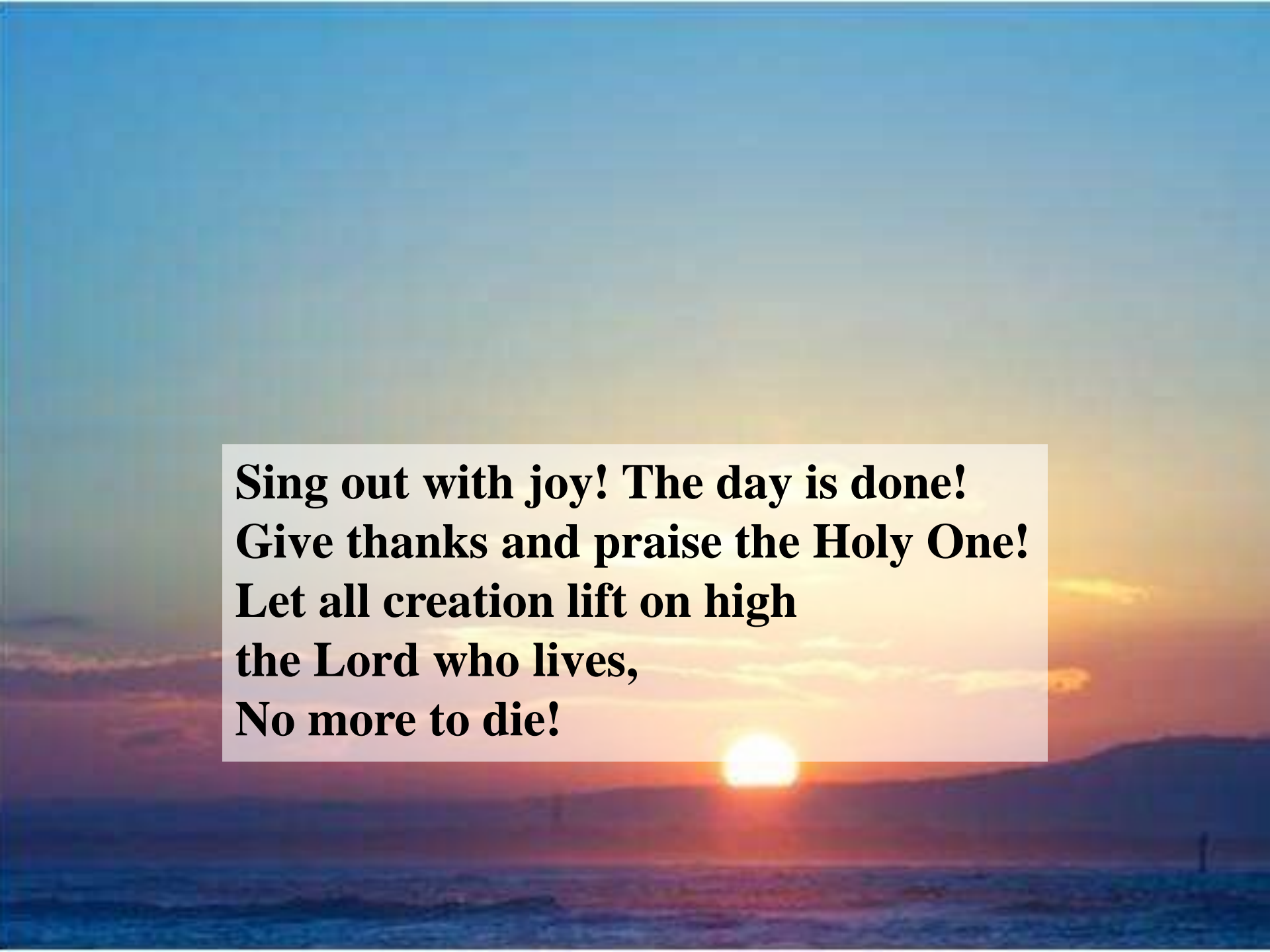
**with choir, brass, and organ**

**Congregation, please join  
in when directed.**

# **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

*Congregation, please join in.*

**Christ lives today!  
Rejoice with praise!  
To God with grateful songs we raise!  
The Lord is risen from the grave,  
the Son of God now lives to save.**

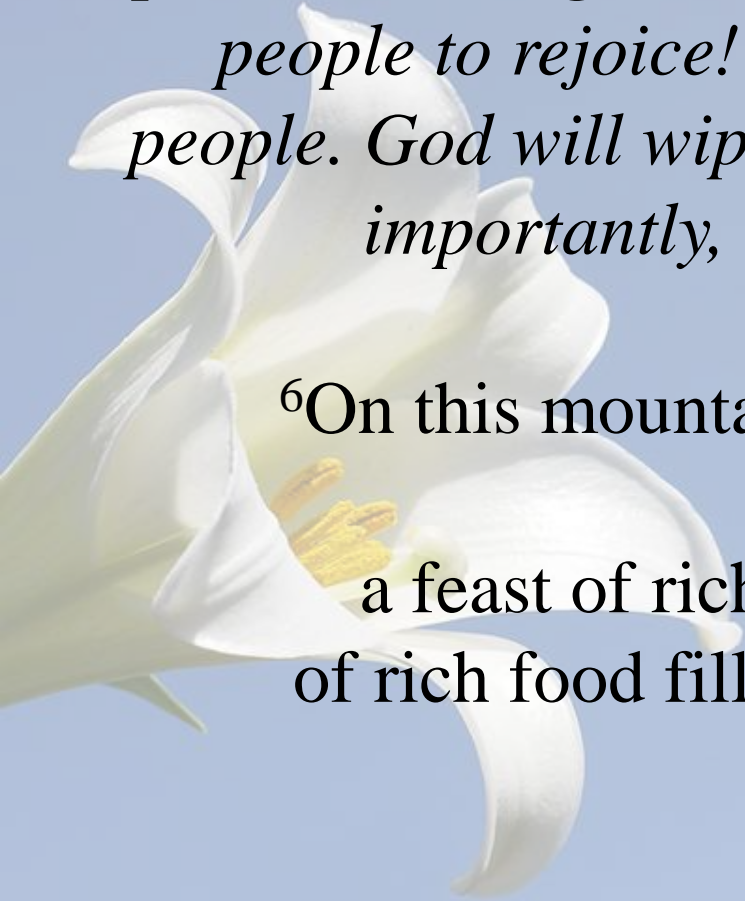
A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky and water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The water in the foreground is dark blue with some whitecaps. A white rectangular text box is centered in the lower half of the image, containing the following text:

**Sing out with joy! The day is done!  
Give thanks and praise the Holy One!  
Let all creation lift on high  
the Lord who lives,  
No more to die!**

## First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

*More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make  
for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines  
strained clear.

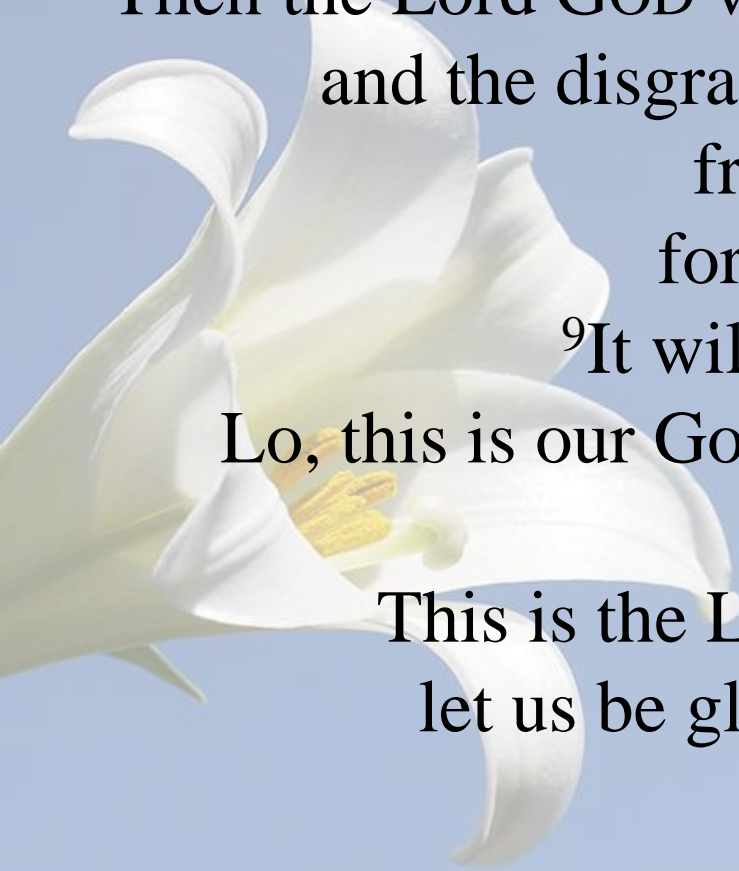


<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.


<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
“God's mercy endures forever.”**

L: <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

C: <sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**



L: <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

**C: <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**C: <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

**C: <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered  
me and you have become my salvation.**



L: <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

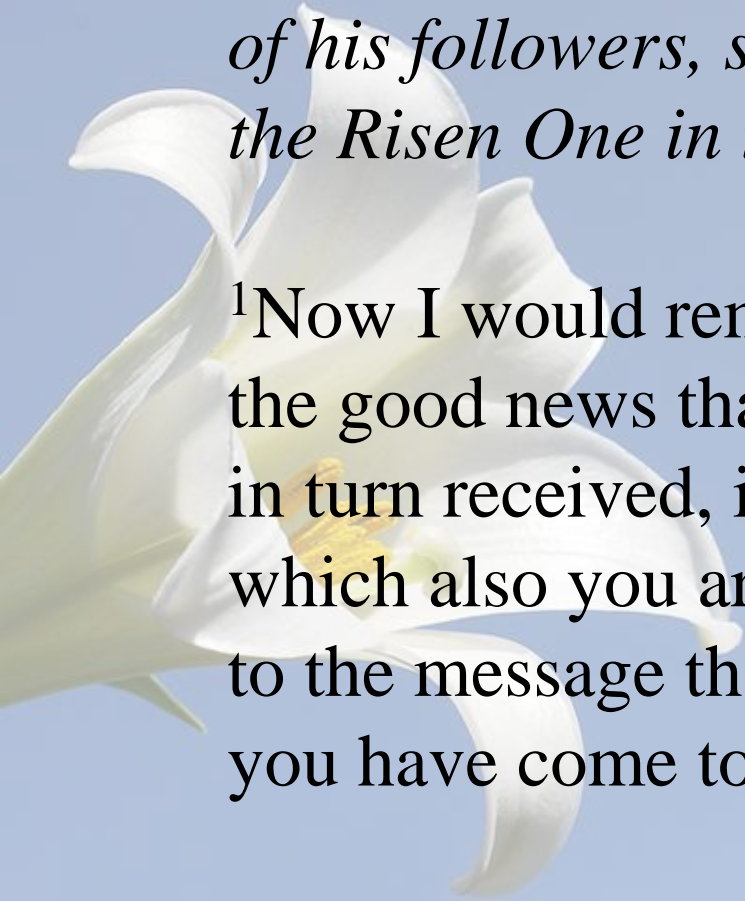
**C: <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

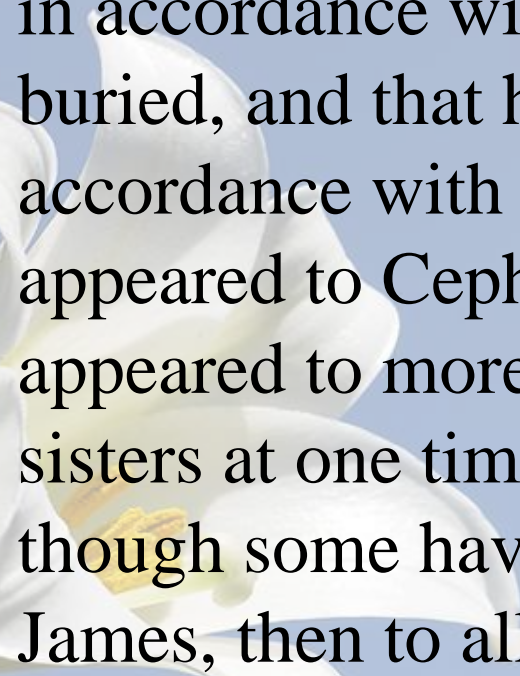
L: <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has  
made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

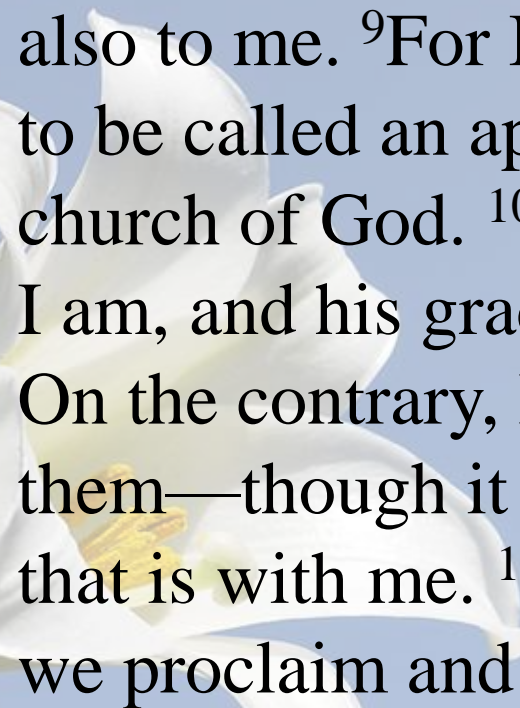
*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.





<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.



<sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**


# *Gospel Acclamation*

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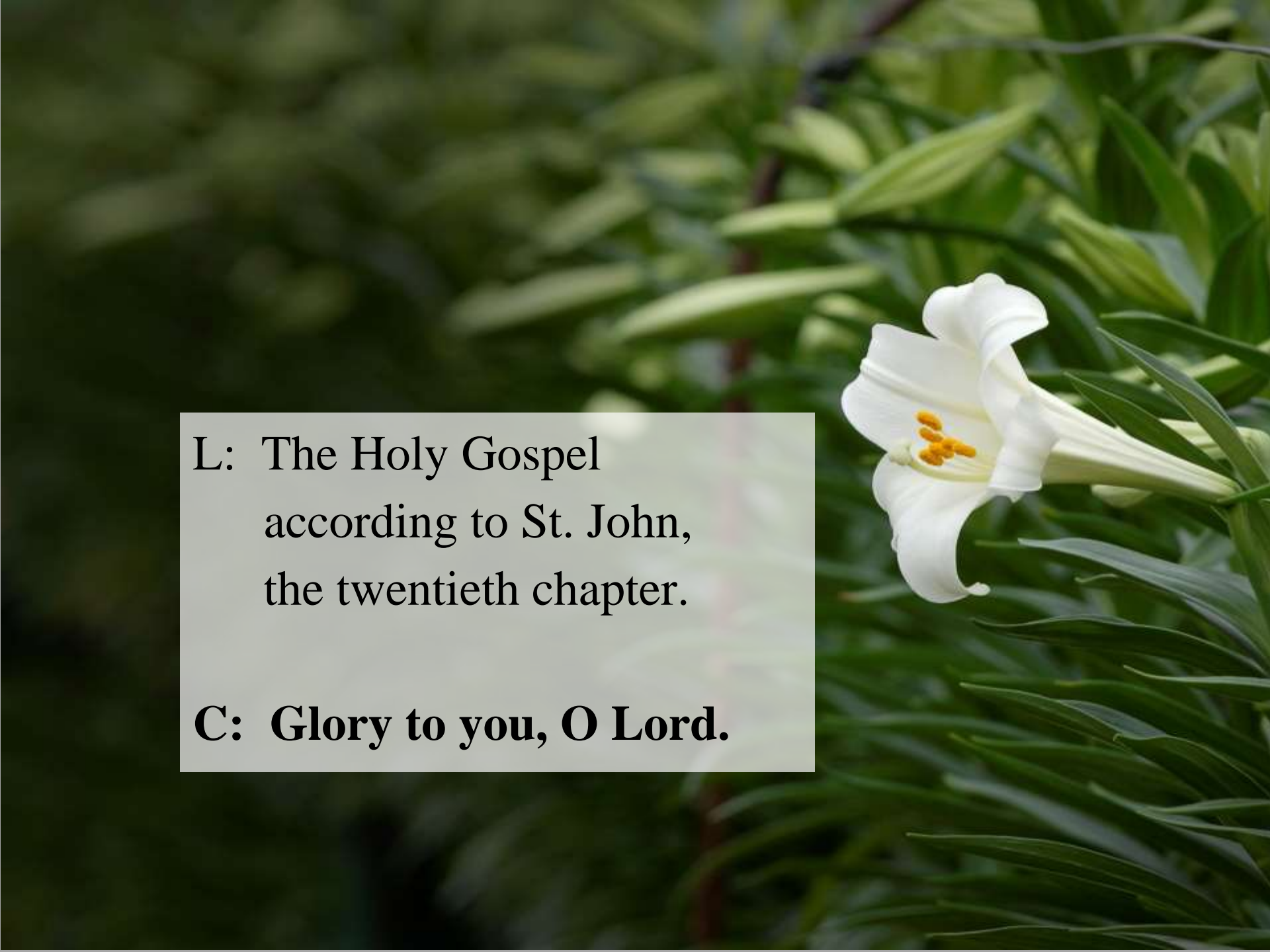
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The second line of musical notation continues on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. It features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



L: The Holy Gospel  
according to St. John,  
the twentieth chapter.

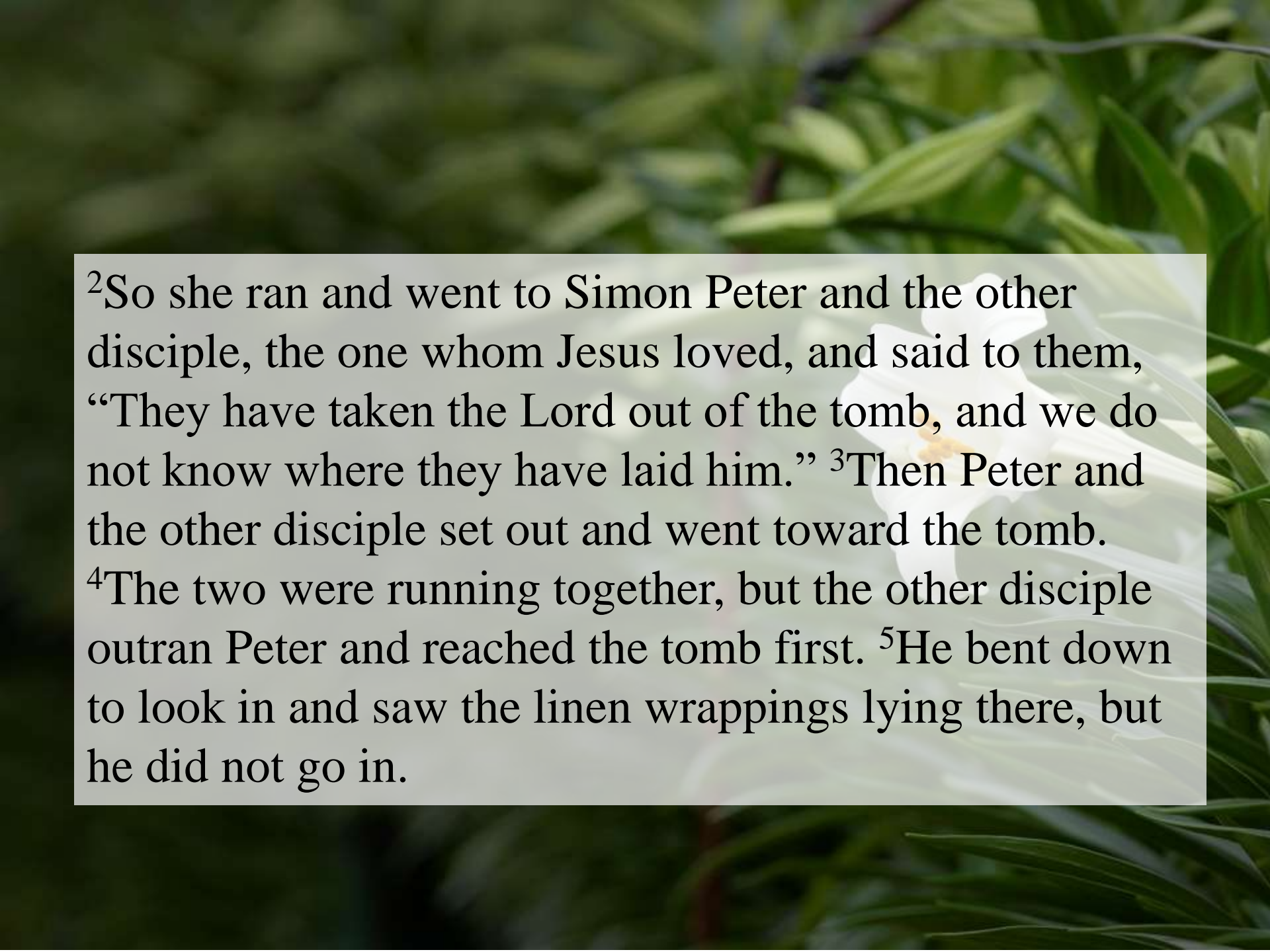
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**



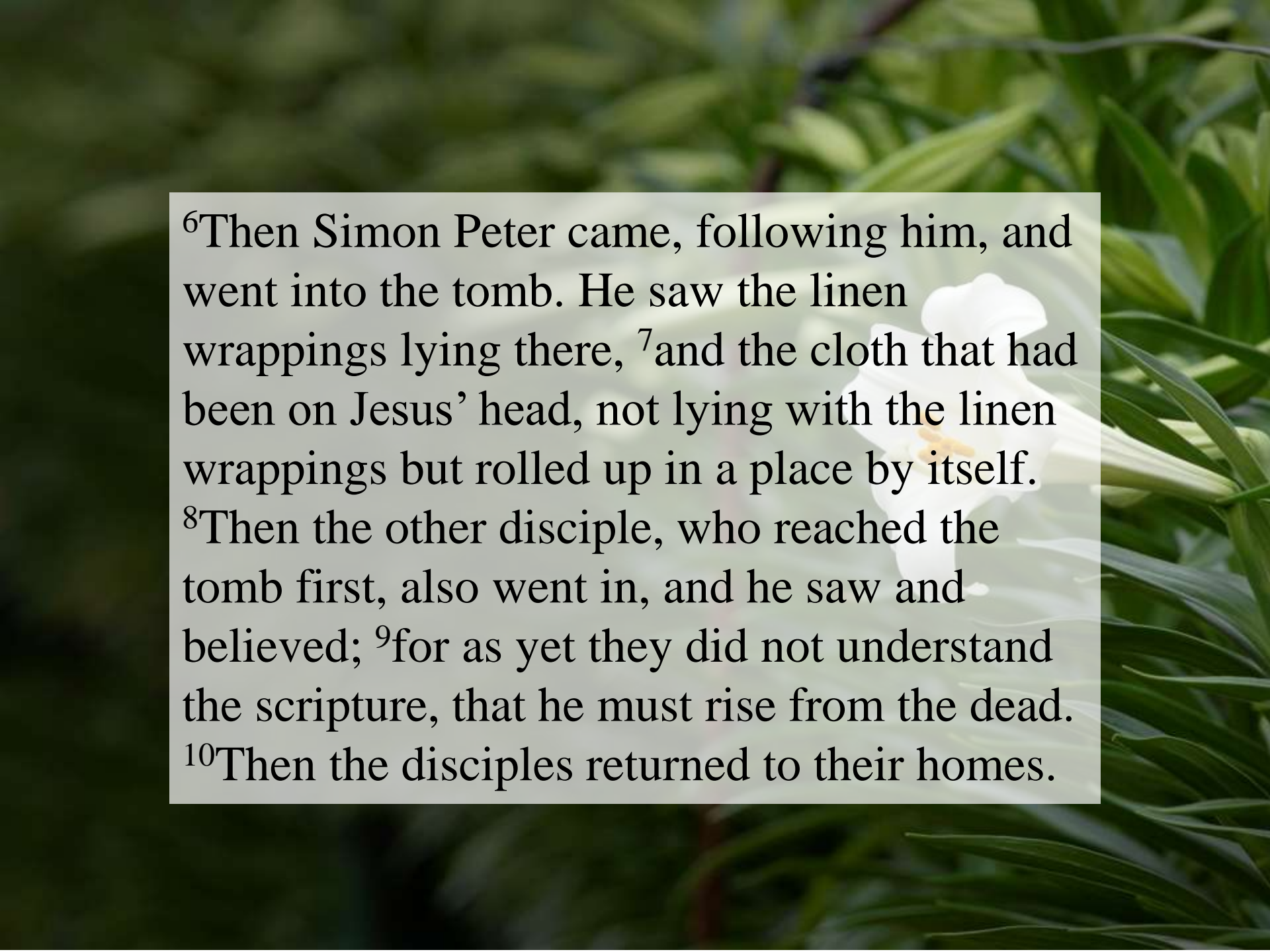
## **Gospel: John 20:1-18**

*This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.*

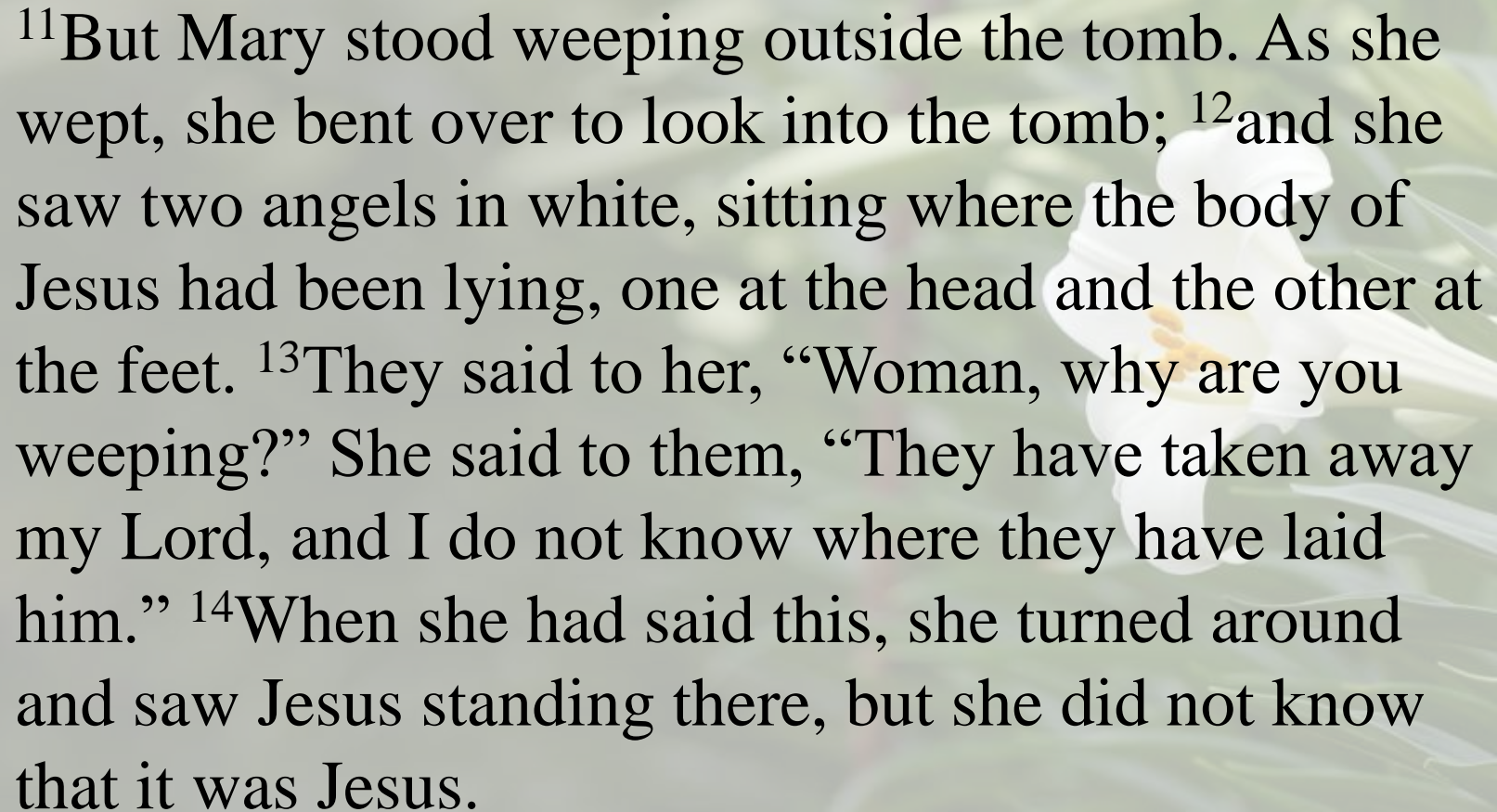
<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.



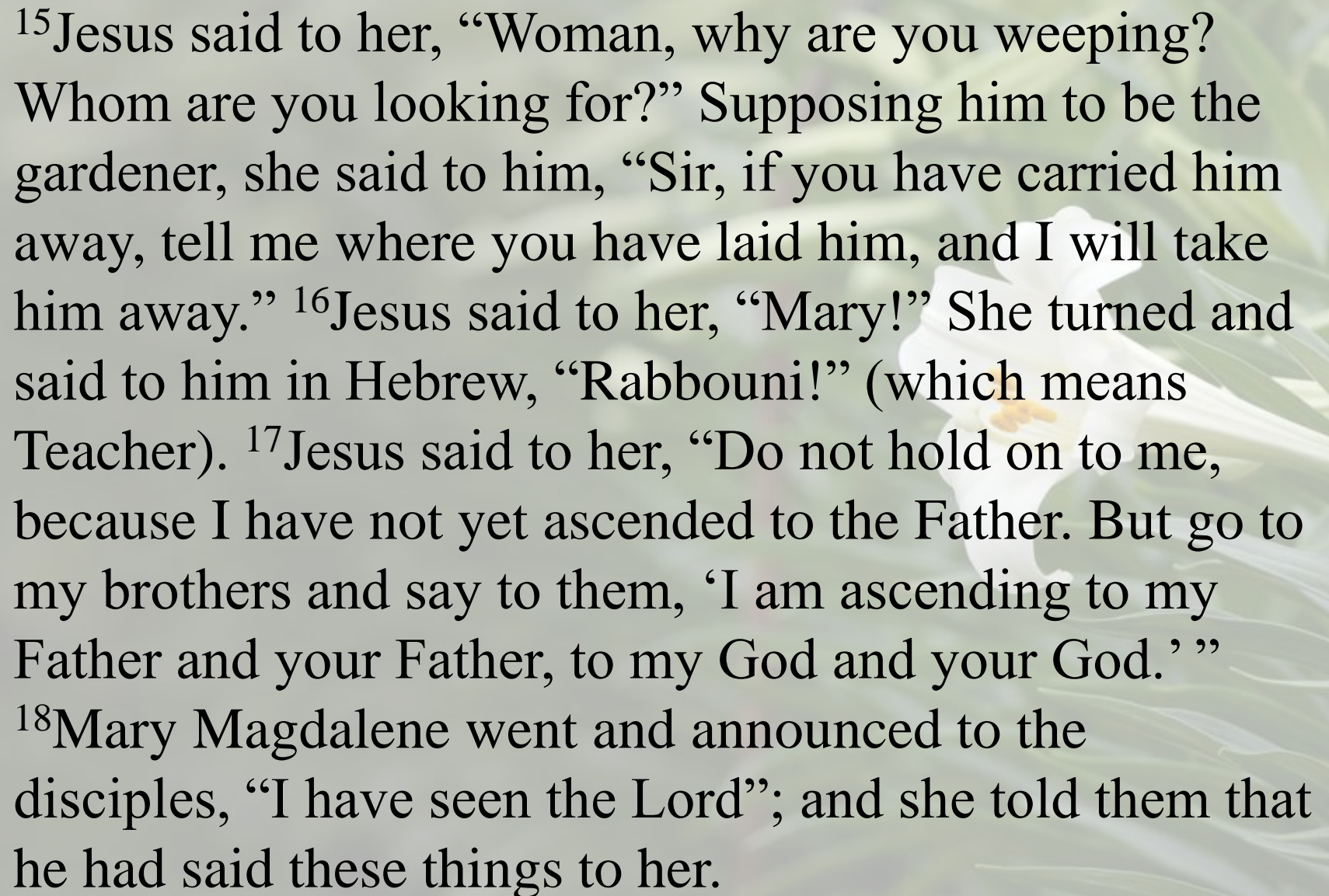
<sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.



<sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.



<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.



<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

A close-up photograph of a single white lily flower in bloom, positioned on the right side of the frame. The flower's six petals are fully open, revealing a cluster of six bright yellow stamens in the center. The background is a dense, out-of-focus field of green lily leaves and stems, creating a soft, natural setting. The lighting is even, highlighting the delicate texture of the petals.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



# *Sermon*

“Called by Name”

# **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

ELW #367

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**1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds,  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

**Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**2.**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

**Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife,  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;**

**grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4. Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"**

**Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## *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.**



# *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, most merciful God,  
we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your abiding love;  
through Jesus Christ, our resurrected  
and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Offering*



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# Now We Join in Celebration

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- 1. Now we join in celebration  
at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence,  
putting off divine  
transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.**






**2. Lord, as round this  
feast we gather,  
fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread  
and cup of blessing  
are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,  
of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence,  
foretaste here  
of heav'nly gladness.**



**3. Lord, we share  
in this communion  
as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through  
you, our brother, one in you with  
God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others,  
serving all, both friends and  
strangers, seeking justice,  
love, and mercy  
till you come in final glory.**



## *Offering Prayer*

**L:** Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Words of Institution*



# *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.**

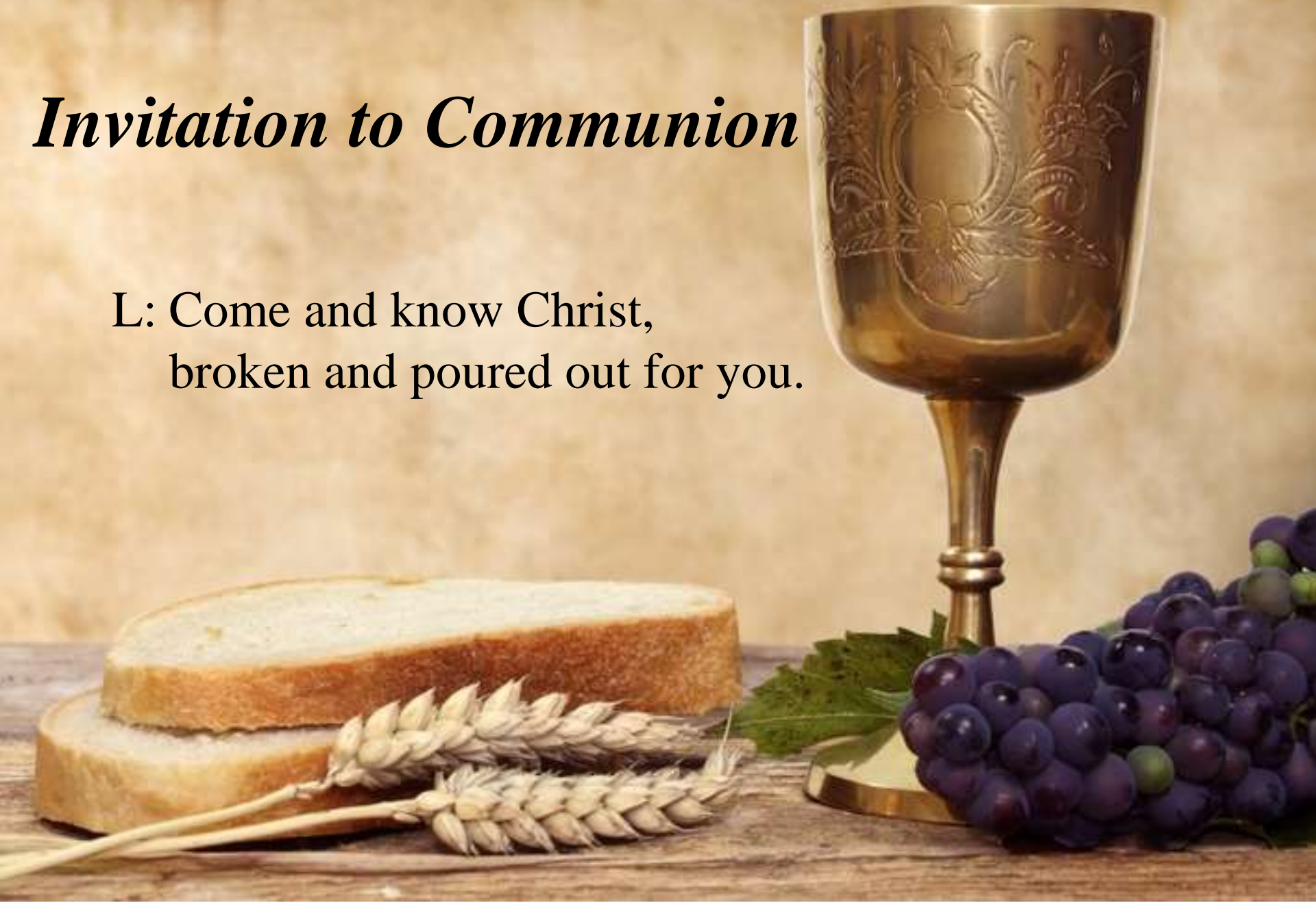
**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.**

# *Invitation to Communion*

L: Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.



# *Holy Communion*

*An usher will guide you forward.  
Wafers or gluten free bread and wine  
or juice will be offered. You will be  
served a wafer unless you indicate  
otherwise. Please take the wine or  
juice from the tray yourself.*



# **I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**

ELW #619

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793. Public Domain.

- 1. I know that my redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, Who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head!**



- 2. He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule his Church in love.**
- 3. He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

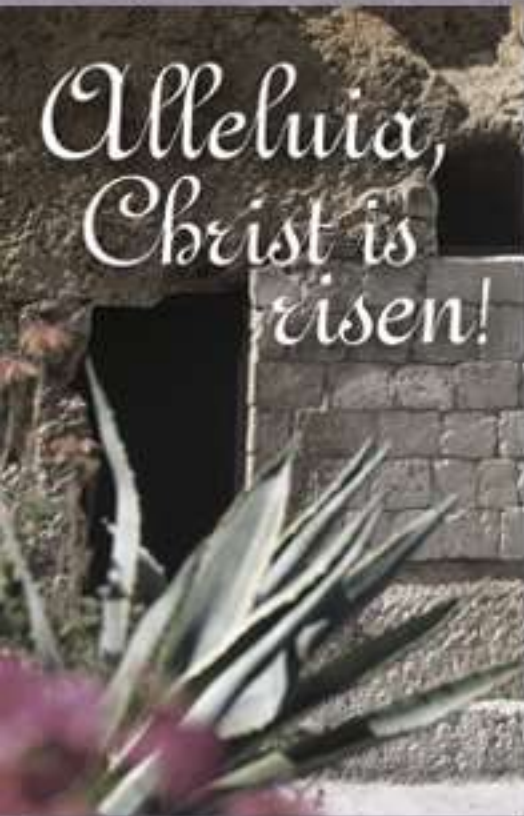
**4.           He lives to silence all my fears;  
              He lives to wipe away my tears;  
              He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
              He lives all blessings to impart.**

**8.           He lives, all glory to his name!  
              He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
              What joy this blest assurance gives:  
              I know that my Redeemer lives!**

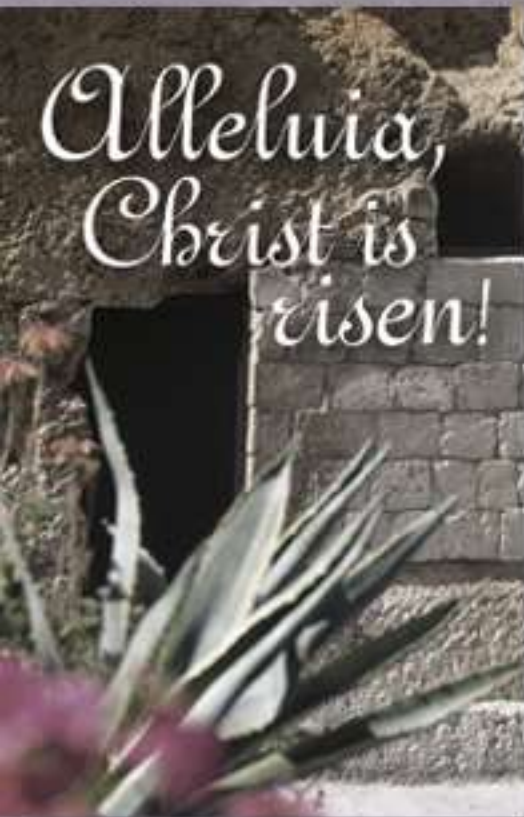
# Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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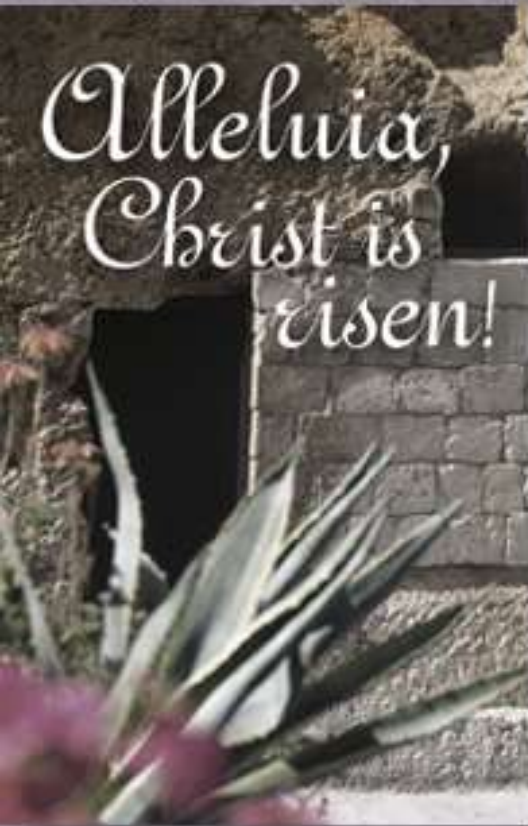
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- 1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives!**  
**He is now the Living One;**  
**from the gloomy halls of death**  
**Christ, the conqueror, has gone,**  
**bright forerunner to the skies**  
**of his people, yet to rise.**
- 2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep?**  
**Why that sad and mournful sigh?**  
**Christ who died our brother here**  
**lives our brother still on high,**  
**lives forever to bestow**  
**blessings on his church below.**



3. **Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head,  
where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand,  
as a victor you shall stand.**
  
4. **Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.  
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.**



- 5. Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!**

# **Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

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- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**



**3. In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

- 4. Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

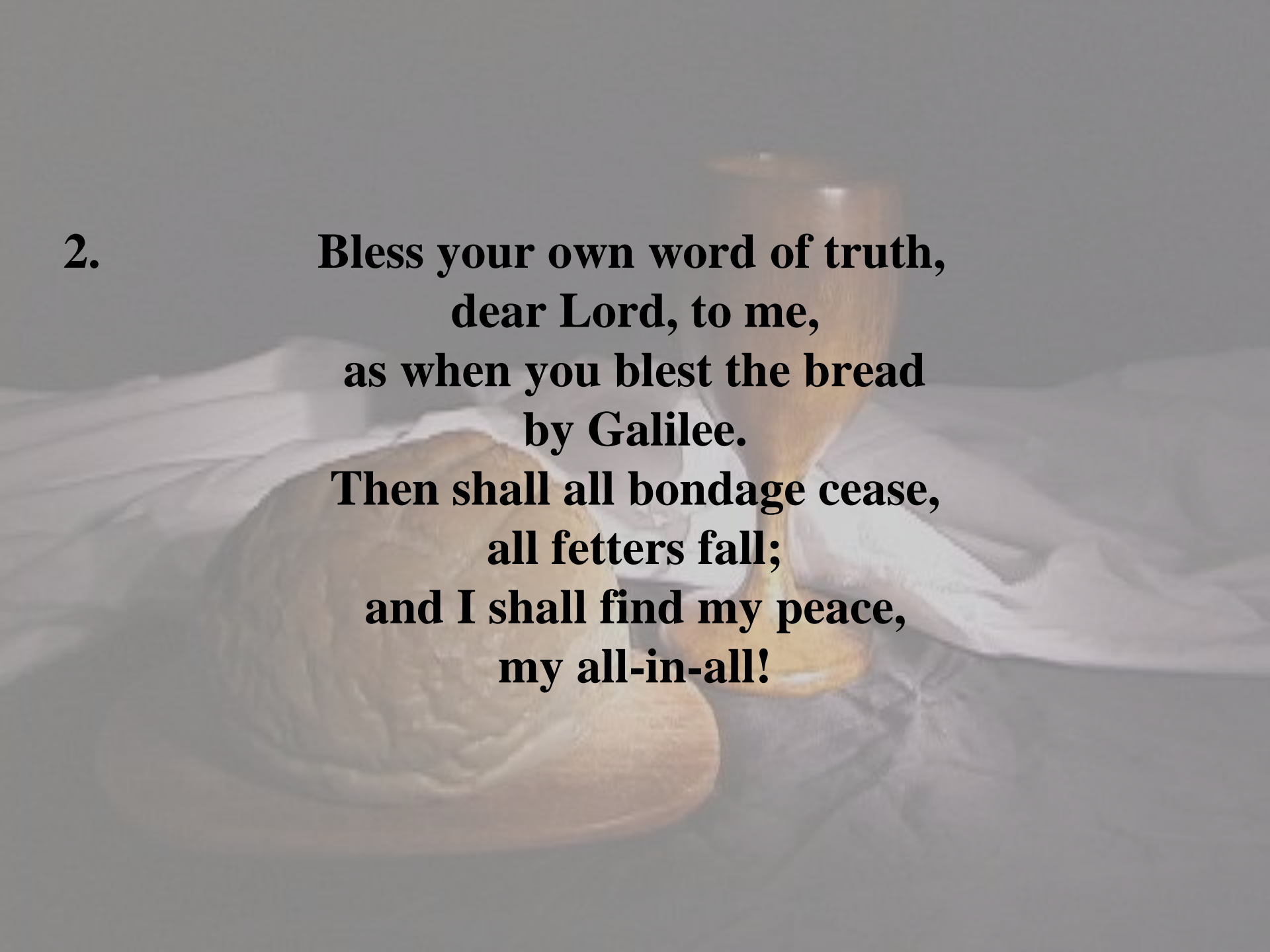
**5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

# Break Now the Bread of Life

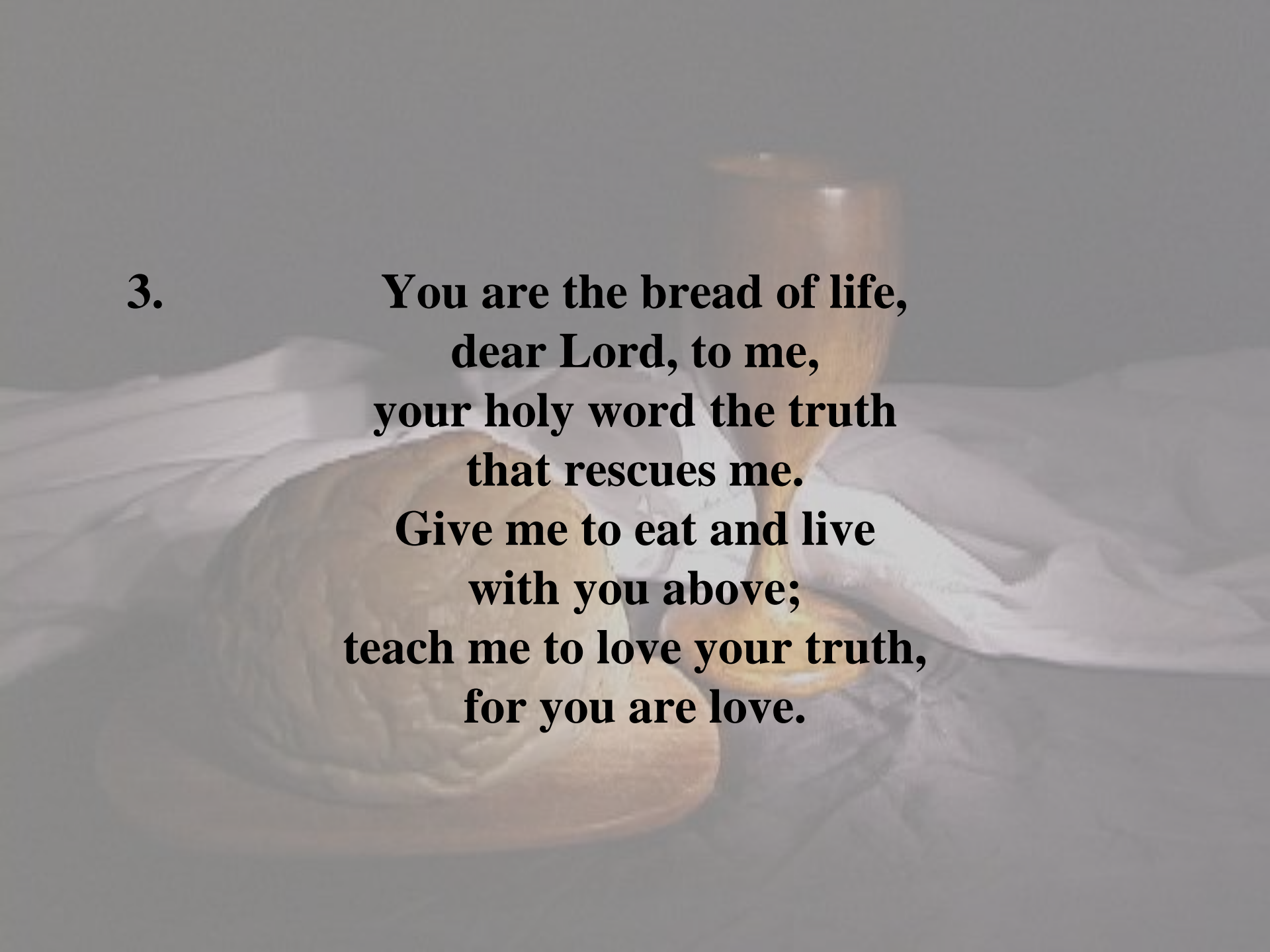
ELW #515

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt. Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1899. Public Domain.

- 1. Break now the bread of life,  
dear Lord to me,  
as once you broke the loaves  
beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you,  
O living word.**



**2. Bless your own word of truth,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blest the bread  
by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace,  
my all-in-all!**

A photograph of a loaf of bread and a chalice on a white cloth, serving as a background for the text. The bread is on the left, and the chalice is on the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

**3. You are the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth  
that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with you above;  
teach me to love your truth,  
for you are love.**

## *Prayer after Communion*

**L:**     Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**C:**     **Amen.**

## *Blessing*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**



# Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW #382

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.  
Music: Fredrick C. Maker, 1844-1927. Public Domain.

- 1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!**



**2. Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!**



**3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its firstfruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!**



**4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!**





## *Dismissal*

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*



*Easter  
Blessings*