



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:00 am*

African Violet
Photo by Vicki Dalager

A close-up photograph of several flowers with white centers and vibrant purple petals. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing prominent yellow stamens. The background is dark, making the colors of the flowers stand out. The text "Welcome and Announcements" is overlaid in a white, italicized serif font across the upper portion of the image.

Welcome and Announcements

Two opportunities
for kids and their parents to attend
First Communion Instruction

10:45 am (after potluck) Sunday, April 21

OR

3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 24

First Communion will be celebrated May 5 and May 8!

Contact Pastor Keith with questions.



LET'S
B.B.P.

BRING BACK POTLUCKS!

Congregation

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, April 21
after worship

Bring a dish
to share!

The oven
will be on by
8:30am for your
dish to be
warmed or
baked!



French toast bake, baked oatmeal, cheez whiz on cinnamon swirl bread, muffins, jello salad, bars, quick breads, hotdish, deviled eggs, fruit salad, cheesy potatoes, vegetable salad, caramel rolls, scalloped potatoes, cake, egg bake, whipped topping, salads, breakfast sausage, fruit



Sharing the Peace

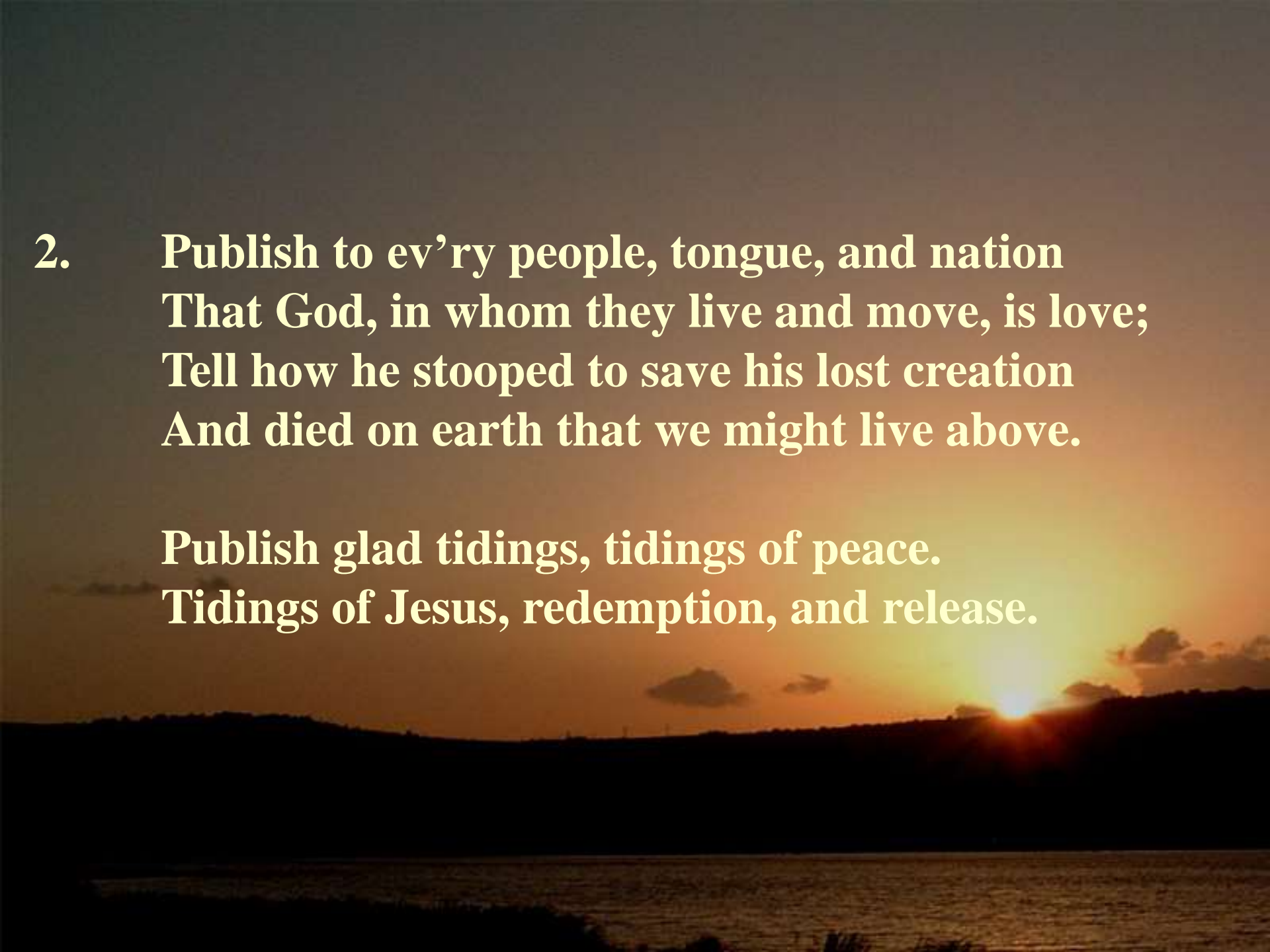
“O Zion, Haste”

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1. **O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace.
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over a dark landscape of hills and a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue.

**2. Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above.**

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace.
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**3. He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
Make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
Let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
Through your neglect, unfit to see his face.**

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace.
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

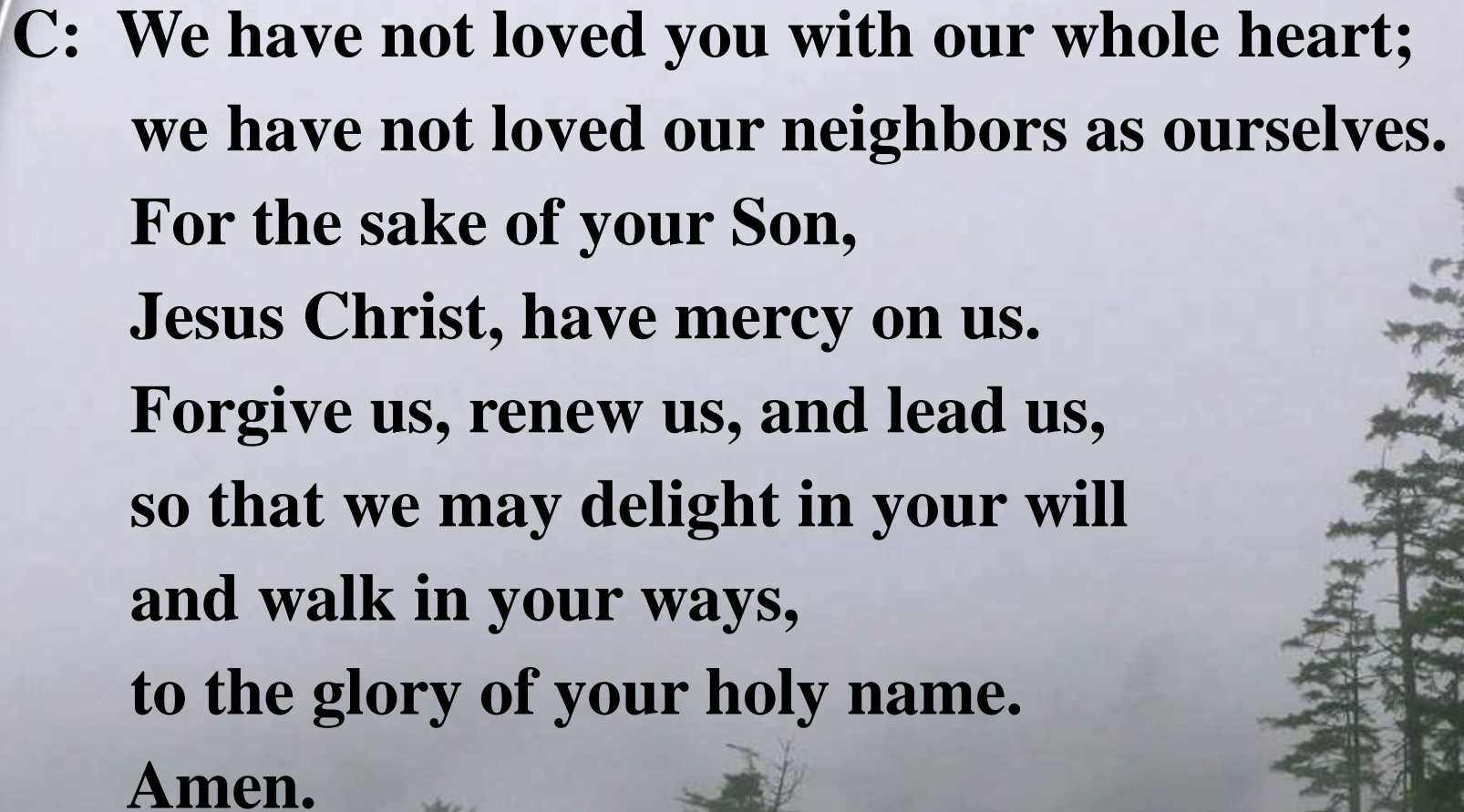
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and of one another.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**



**C: We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a fellow member of the priesthood of all
saints and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

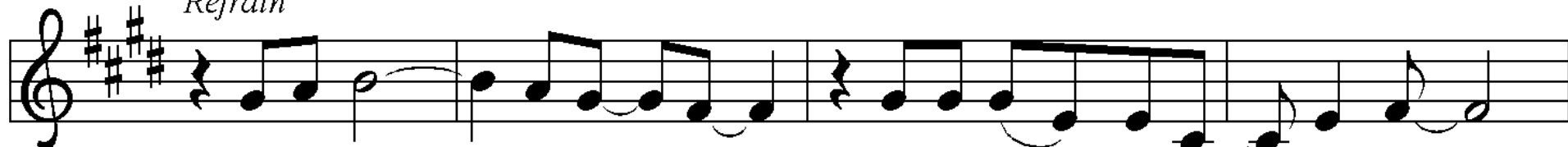
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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All:

Refrain



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

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Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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Cantor: For peace in the world,
for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain


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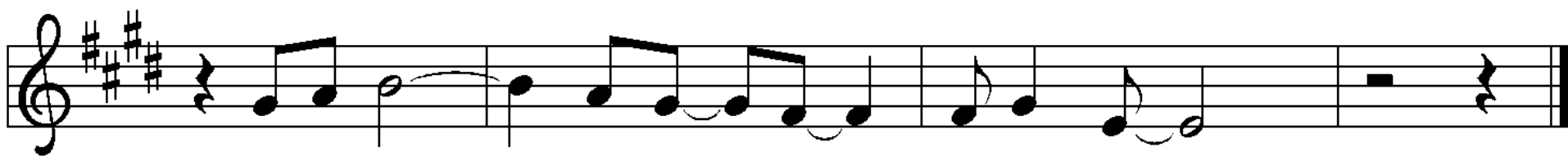
Cantor: That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts,
for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love,
for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives
in the water and the word;
that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

Refrain



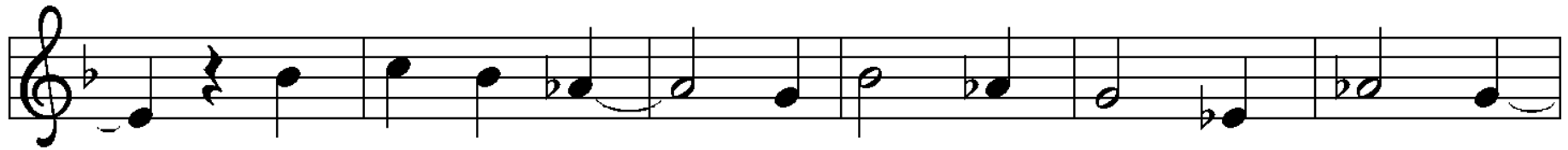
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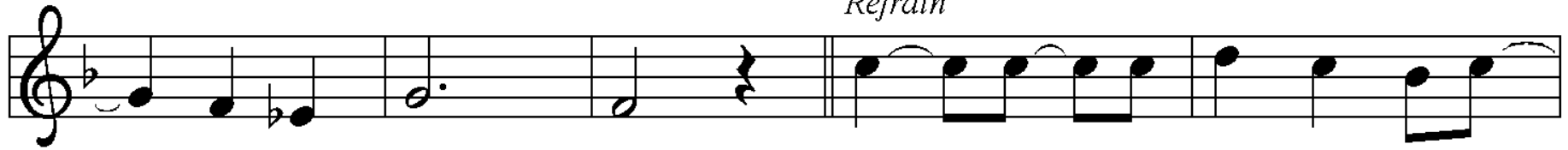


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Jesus Loves Me!

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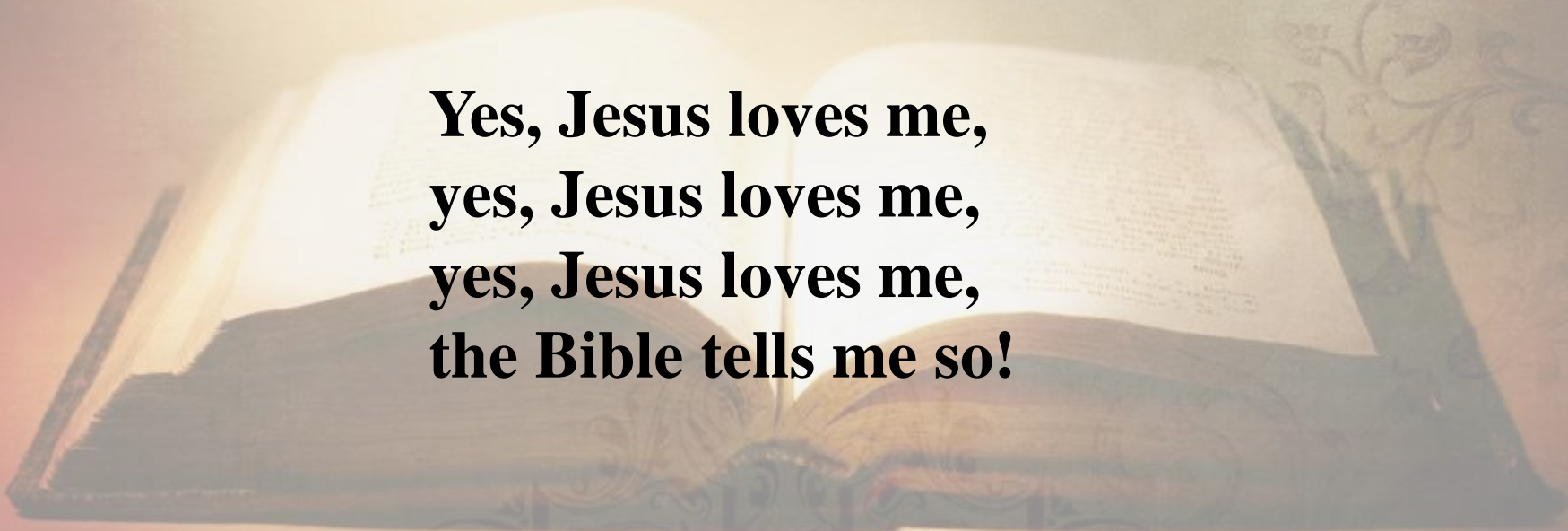
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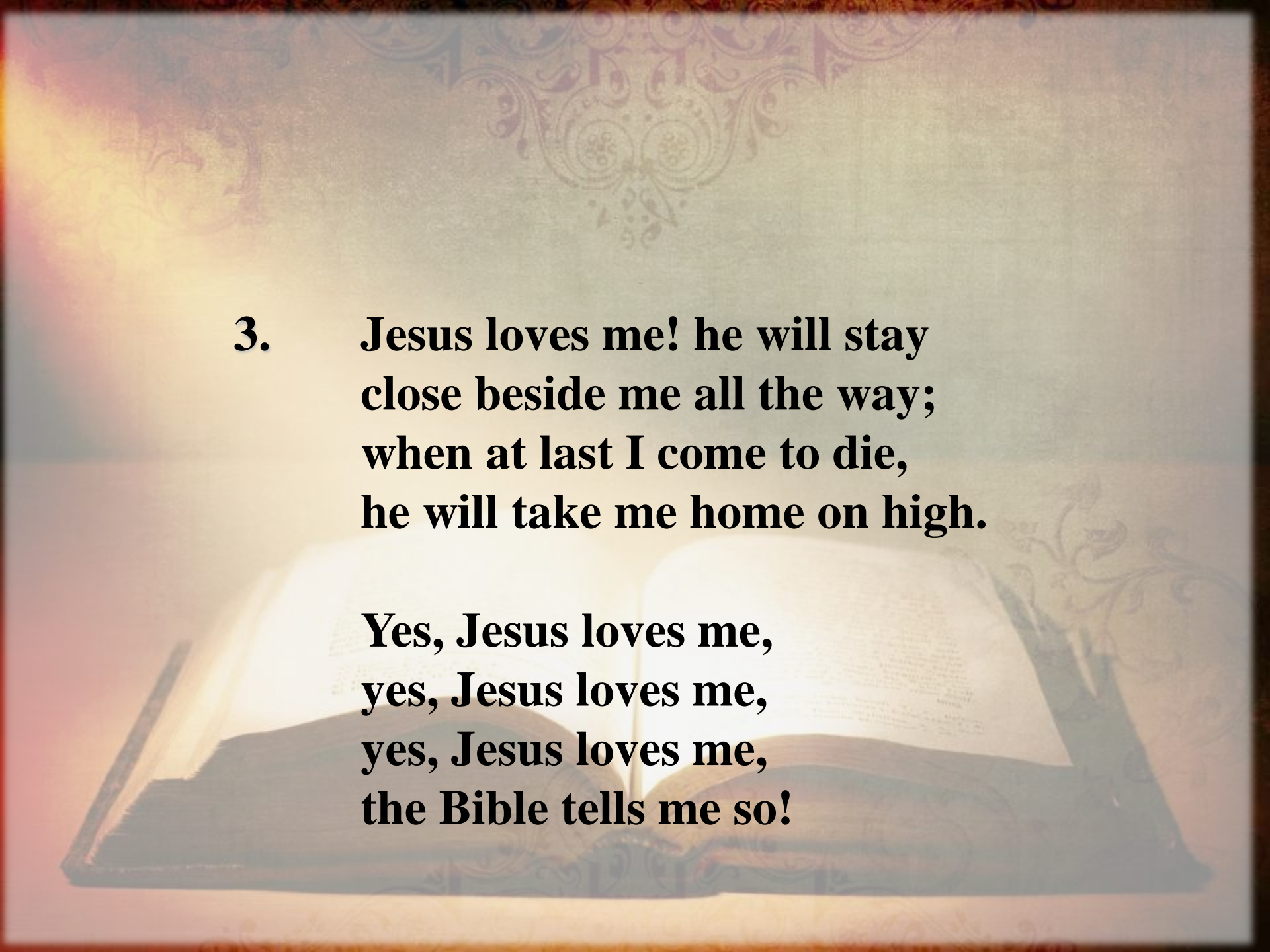
- 1. Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

**2. Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

An open Bible is shown in the background, with its pages slightly blurred. The text is overlaid on the Bible, and the overall image has a soft, warm glow.

An open Bible is shown in the lower half of the image, with its pages slightly blurred. The background features a soft, warm glow with intricate, light-colored floral and scrollwork patterns. The overall tone is peaceful and spiritual.

**3. Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

L: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

L: ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

**C: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L: ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

C: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

L: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**C: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



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? You have the



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Luke
the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Kamarra Brunelle

Children of the Heavenly Father

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- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2. God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish,
from all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

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



Create in Me a Clean Heart

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me your free spirit.**

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: 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.

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

C: **Amen.**

On Our Way Rejoicing

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1. **On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?**

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

**2. Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.**

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace.
Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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