

*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*



*Wednesday, April 30, 2025
5:45 pm*

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Jesus Does

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**Who tells the sun to rise every morning,
colors the sky with the shades of his glory,
wakes us with mercy and love?
Jesus does.**

**Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow,
cries for injustice, feels every sorrow,
carries the pain of his children?
Jesus does.**

So we sing:
Praise to the Father who gave us the Son.
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner,
he saved me from who I was.
('Cause) that's what Jesus does.

**Who understands the heart of the sinner,
showers his grace over all our mistakes,
washes us clean with his blood?
Jesus does.**

**Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness?
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave?
Who has the power to save?
Jesus does.**

So we sing:
Praise to the Father who gave us the Son.
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner,
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('Cause) that's what Jesus does.

**Oh what a friend,
oh what a Savior,
he's always been good,
he's always been faithful.
He came to my rescue
when I needed him most
and saved my soul.**

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Welcome and Announcements



The Sound System is down ☹️



**Please sit near the
front of the Sanctuary.**

Wednesday Night Worship Schedule

May 7

5:15 pm	Church School
5:15 pm	Pre-Confirmation
5:45 pm	Worship
6:30 pm	Confirmation

May 14

5:15 pm	Church School
5:15 pm	Pre-Confirmation
5:45 pm	Worship
6:30 pm	Confirmation

May 21

No Wednesday Night Worship
for now

Sharing the Peace

Here I Am to Worship

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**Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made
this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

**So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
humbly you came
to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

**So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

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And you're altogether lovely,
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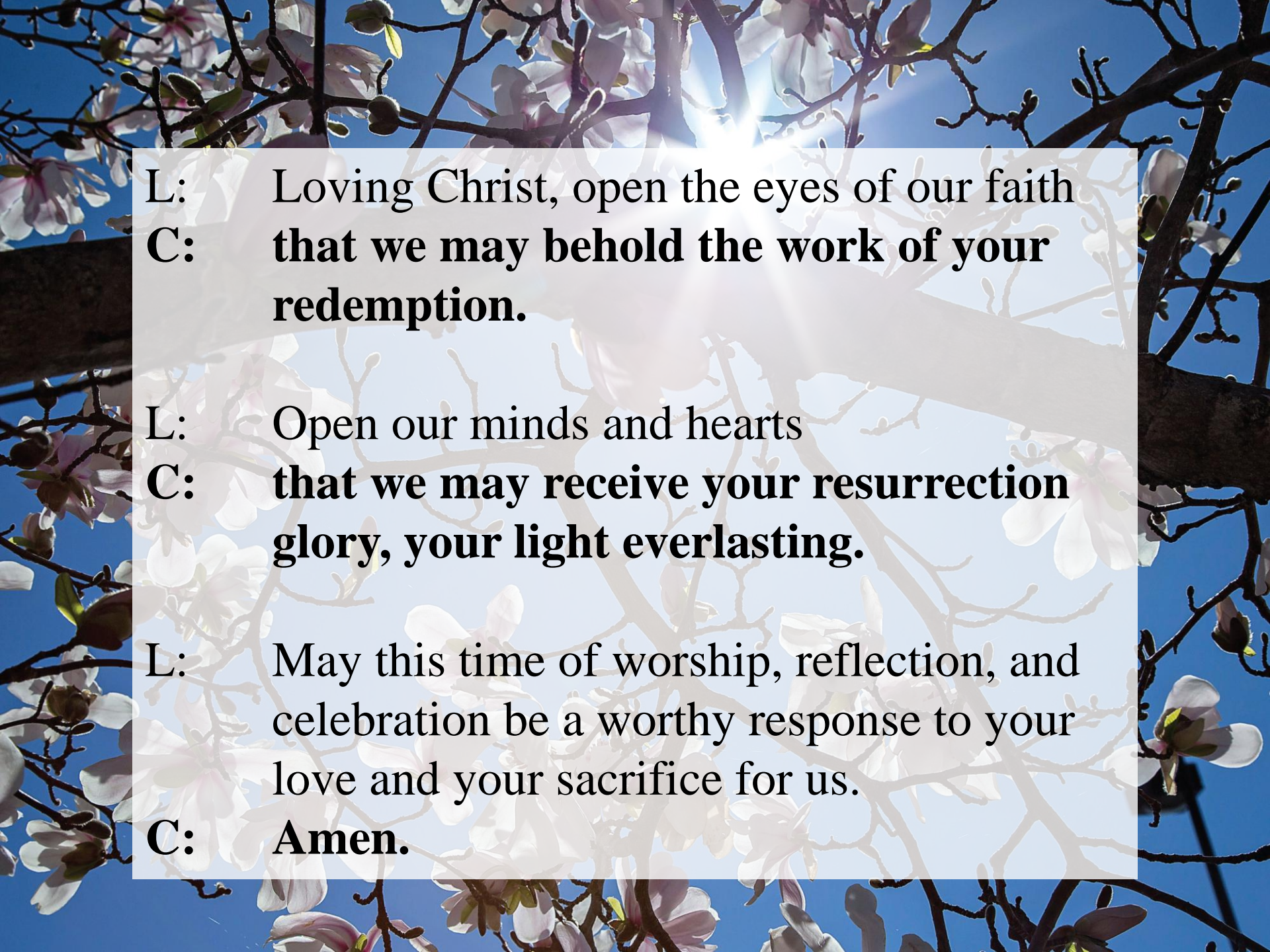
Call to Worship

L: Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on!

C: **Your light has come into the world,**

L: and neither darkness, nor evil, nor even death itself could overcome it.

C: **And we, like “doubting” Thomas, have been witnesses to the resurrection story: wondering, bewildered, hoping, rejoicing...and sometimes doubting.**



L: Loving Christ, open the eyes of our faith
C: **that we may behold the work of your redemption.**

L: Open our minds and hearts
C: **that we may receive your resurrection glory, your light everlasting.**

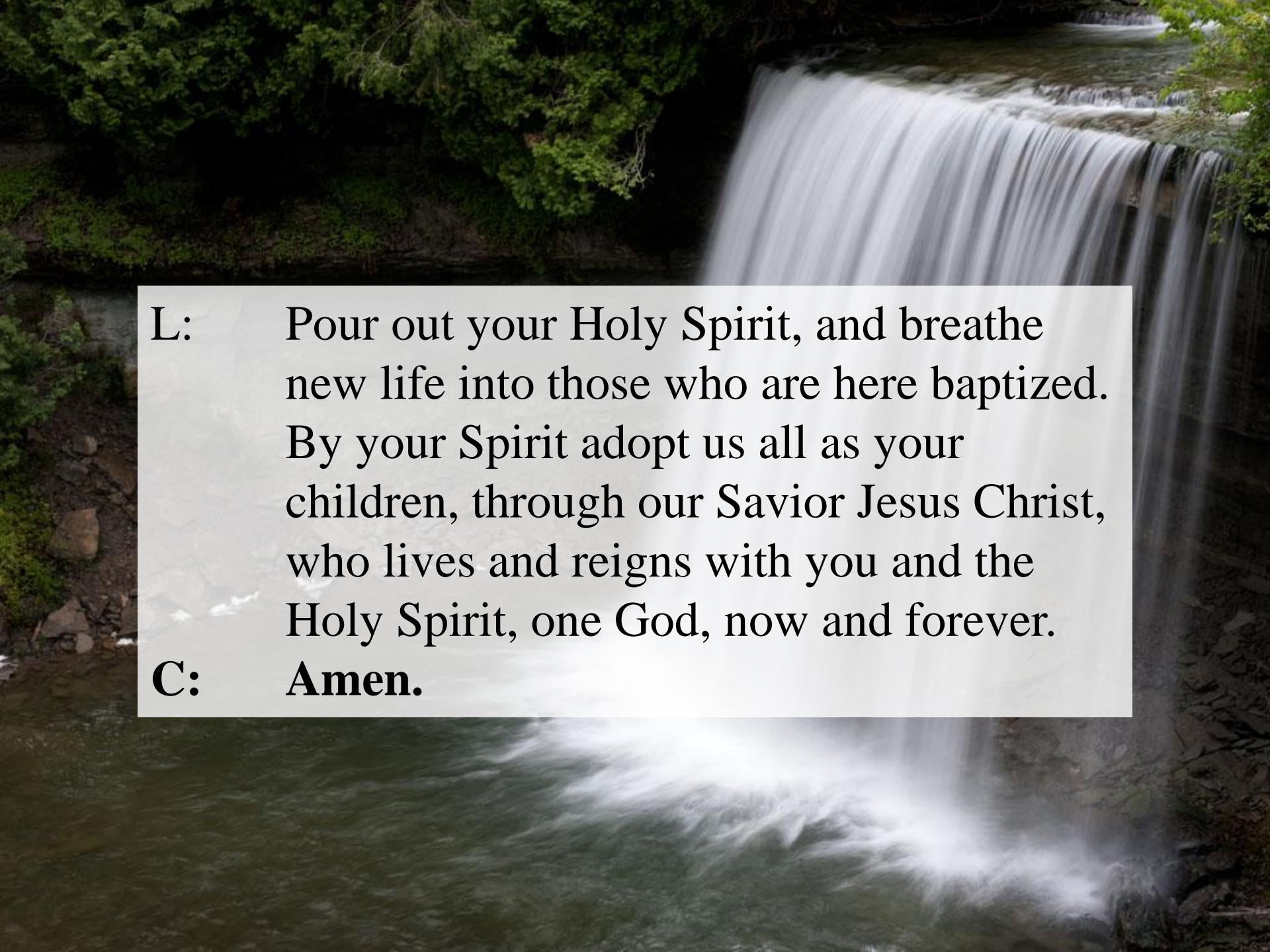
L: May this time of worship, reflection, and celebration be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us.

C: **Amen.**

A photograph of a waterfall in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls over dark rocks. The surrounding trees are green and dense. The waterfall is the central focus of the image.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

A long-exposure photograph of a waterfall, creating a soft, silky texture for the falling water. The waterfall is surrounded by dense green foliage and trees. The water flows over a series of rocks, creating a small pool at the base.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

A Message for All God's Children



The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The background of the image consists of soft, flowing fabric in shades of white and light green, creating a sense of movement and depth. The fabric folds and drapes, with some areas appearing brighter and others more shadowed, giving it a three-dimensional quality.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

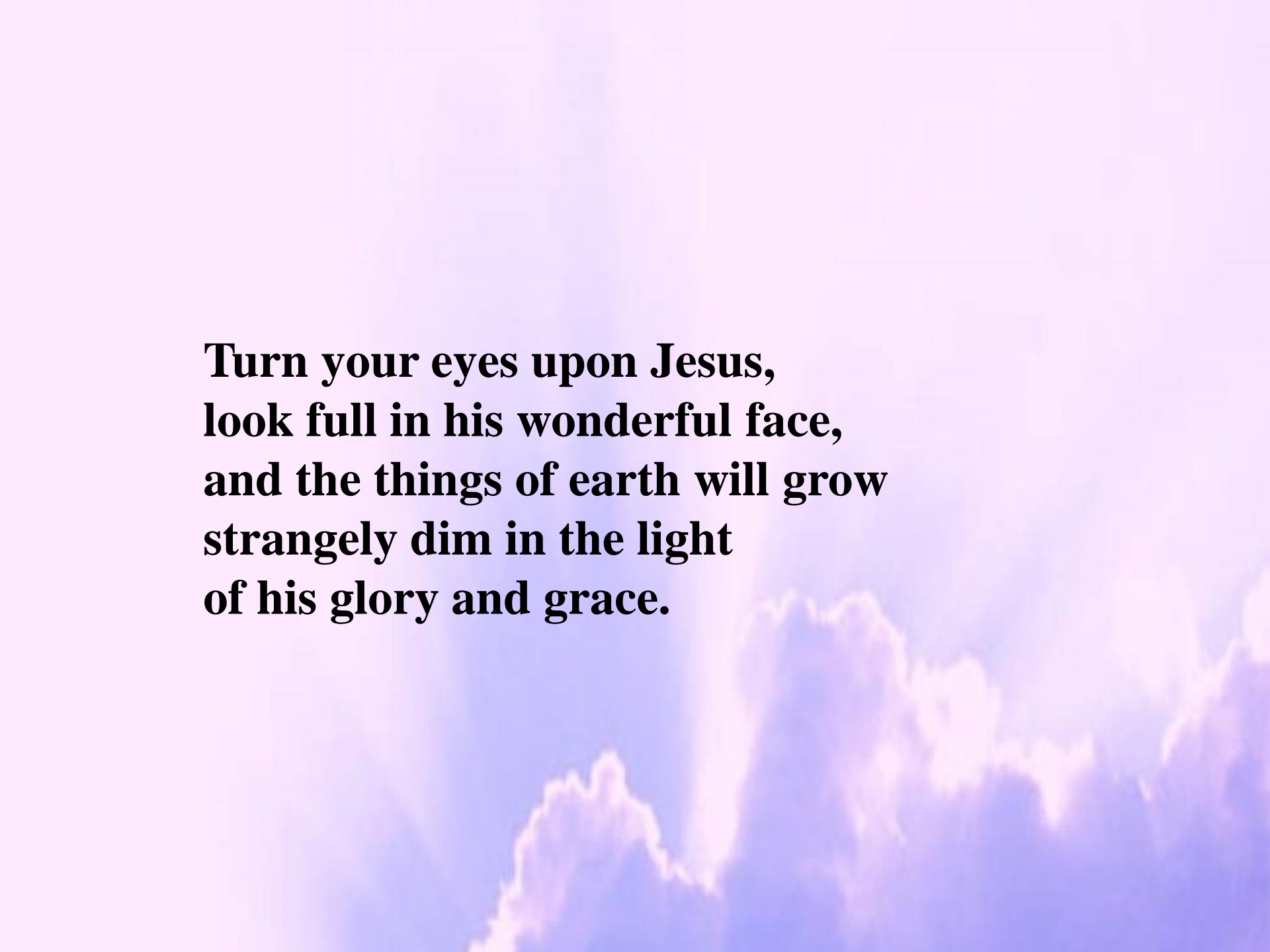
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

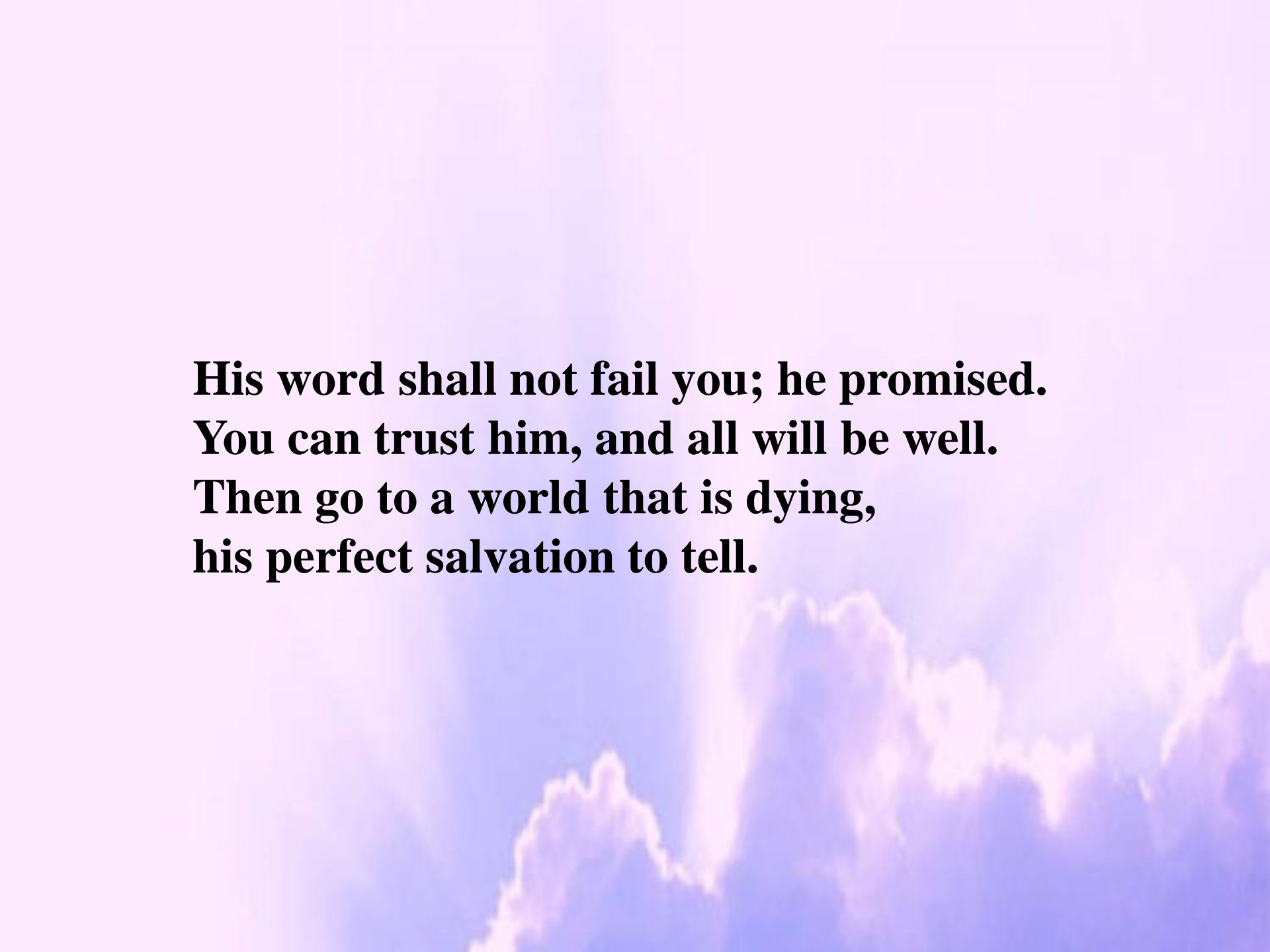
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Find Light)

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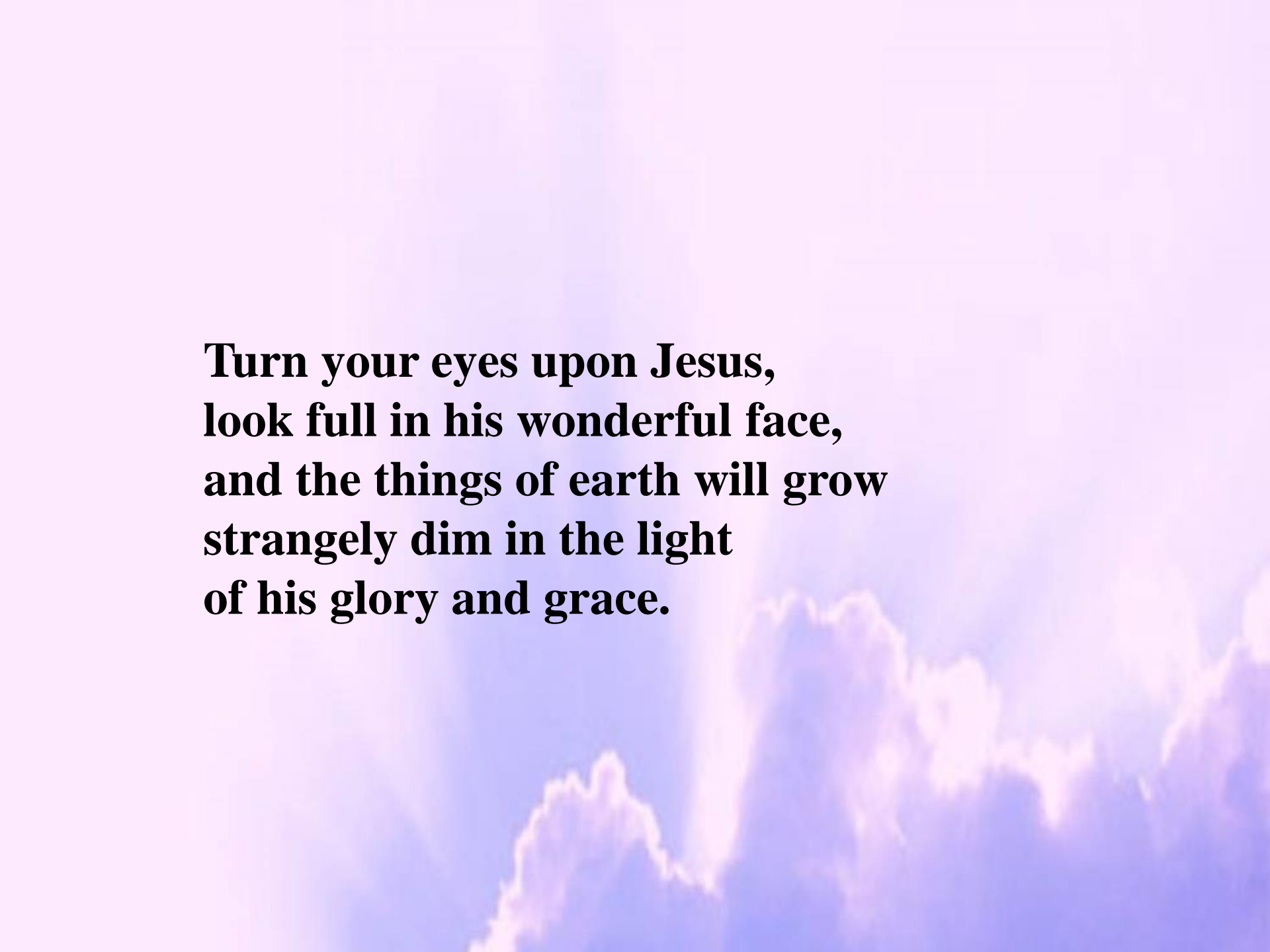
**O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
Find light when you look at the
Savior and a life more abundant and free.**



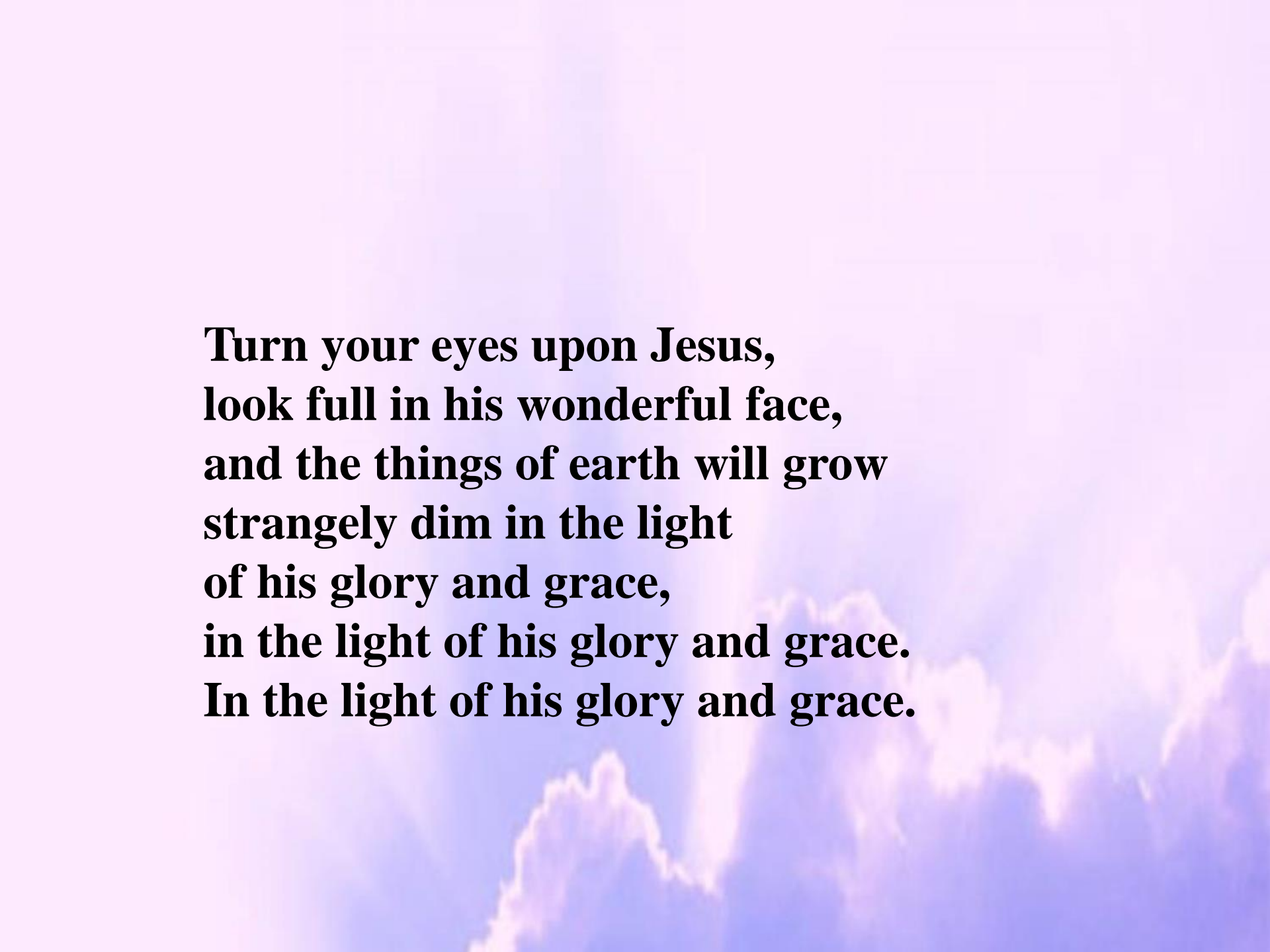
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim in the light
of his glory and grace.**



**His word shall not fail you; he promised.
You can trust him, and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell.**



**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.**



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look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim in the light
of his glory and grace,
in the light of his glory and grace.
In the light of his glory and grace.**



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.**

A close-up, low-angle shot of a dense field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are tall and slender, with their heads of grain clearly visible. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a bright sun low in the sky, which creates a soft, hazy atmosphere. Several circular lens flare effects are visible, adding a dreamy, ethereal quality to the image. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows, oranges, and soft whites.

Offering

There is a Redeemer

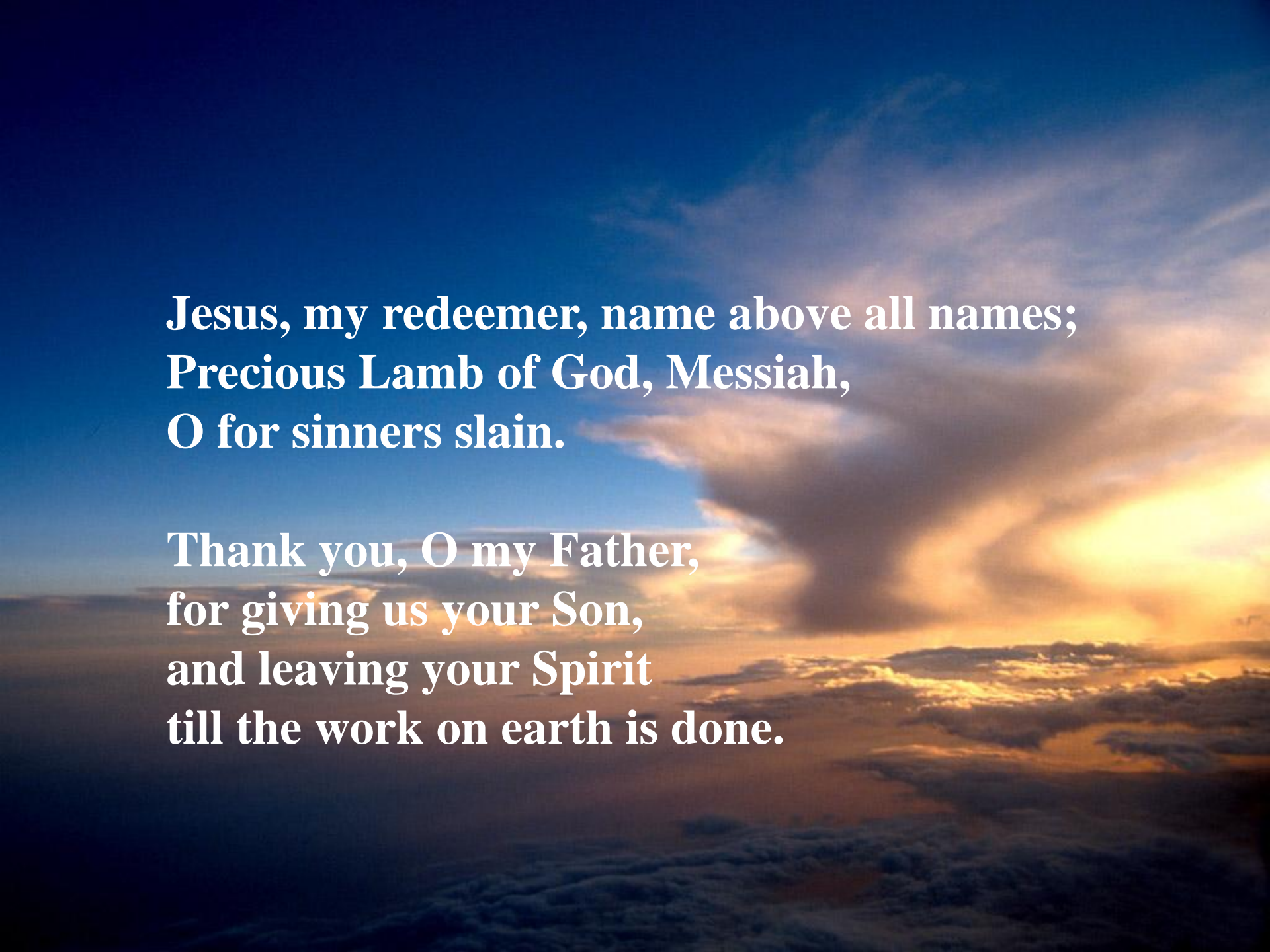
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**There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**



**Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**



**When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**

Offering Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for your abundant generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to be more generous, reflecting your love. Bless these offerings to further your kingdom and bless us as cheerful givers.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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: God grant us peace in our hearts,
grace in our words,
love in our hands,
joy in our souls and in the song
that our lives sing.

C: Amen.

You Are My All In All

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**You are my strength
when I am weak.**

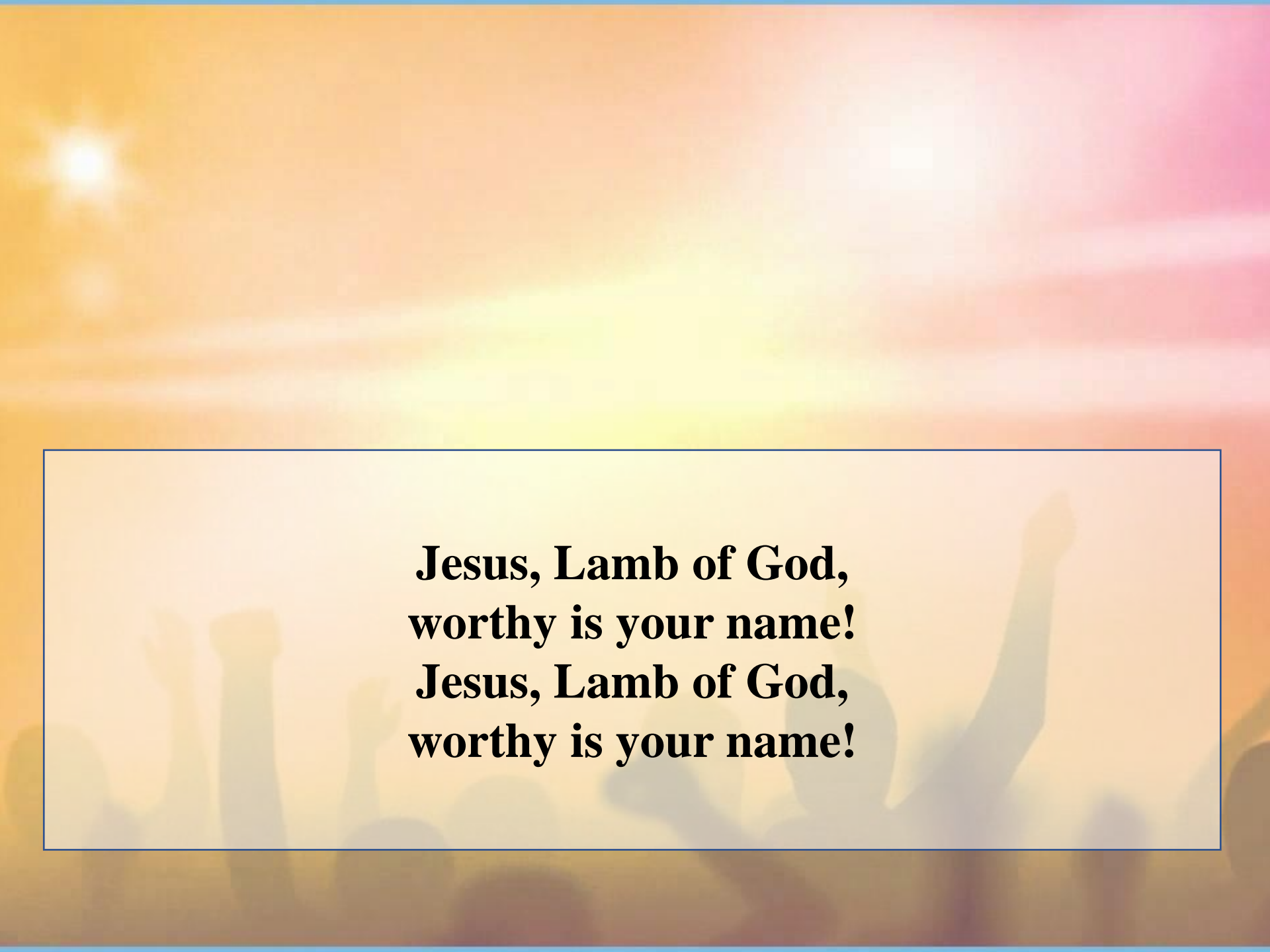
**You are the treasure
that I seek.**

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jew'l,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

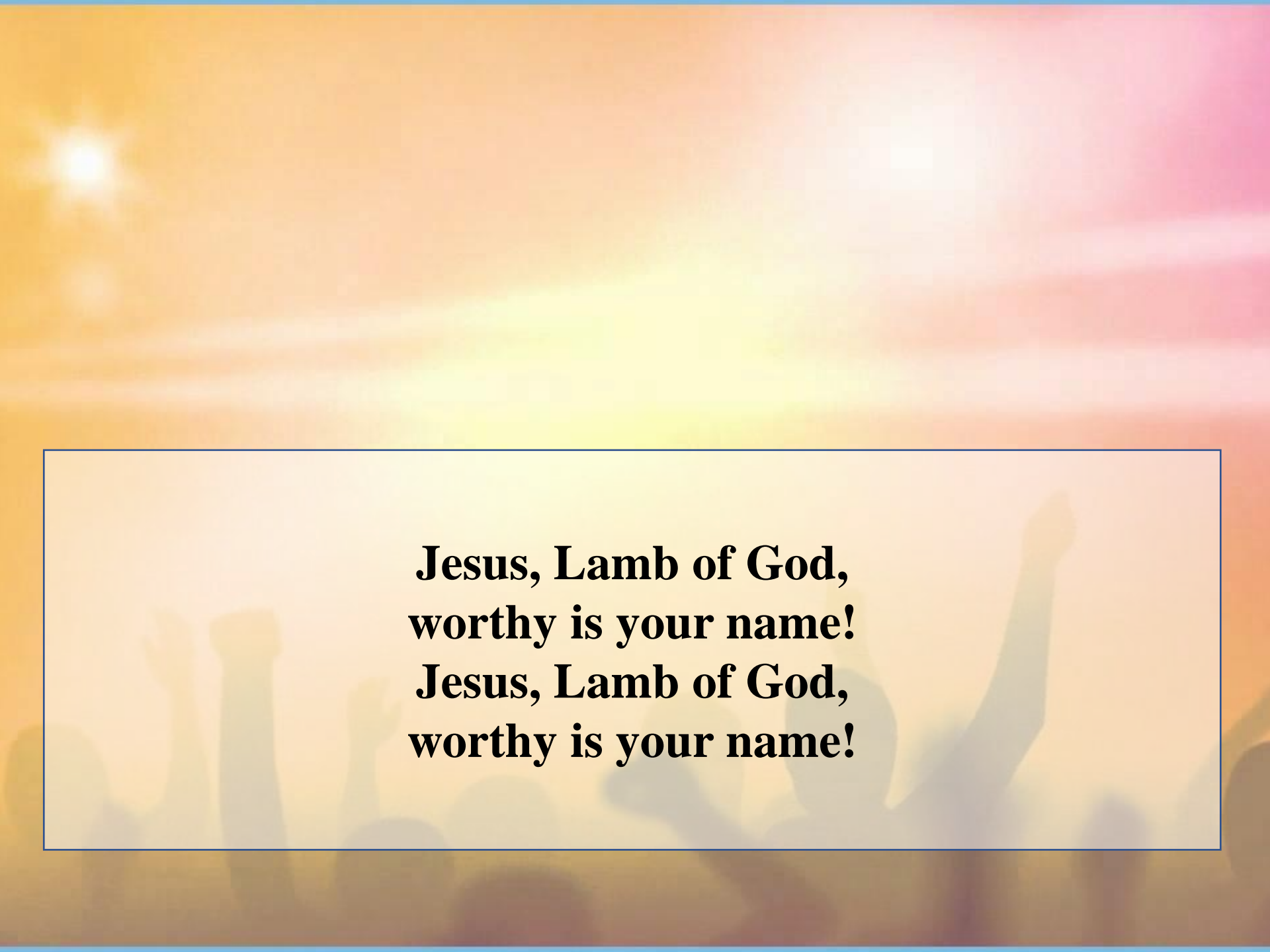
You are my all in all.



**Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!**

**Taking my sin,
my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless your name;
you are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**



**Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!**

Dismissal

L: Having shared in the gifts of God,
go now to bless others with what
they need for the day.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!