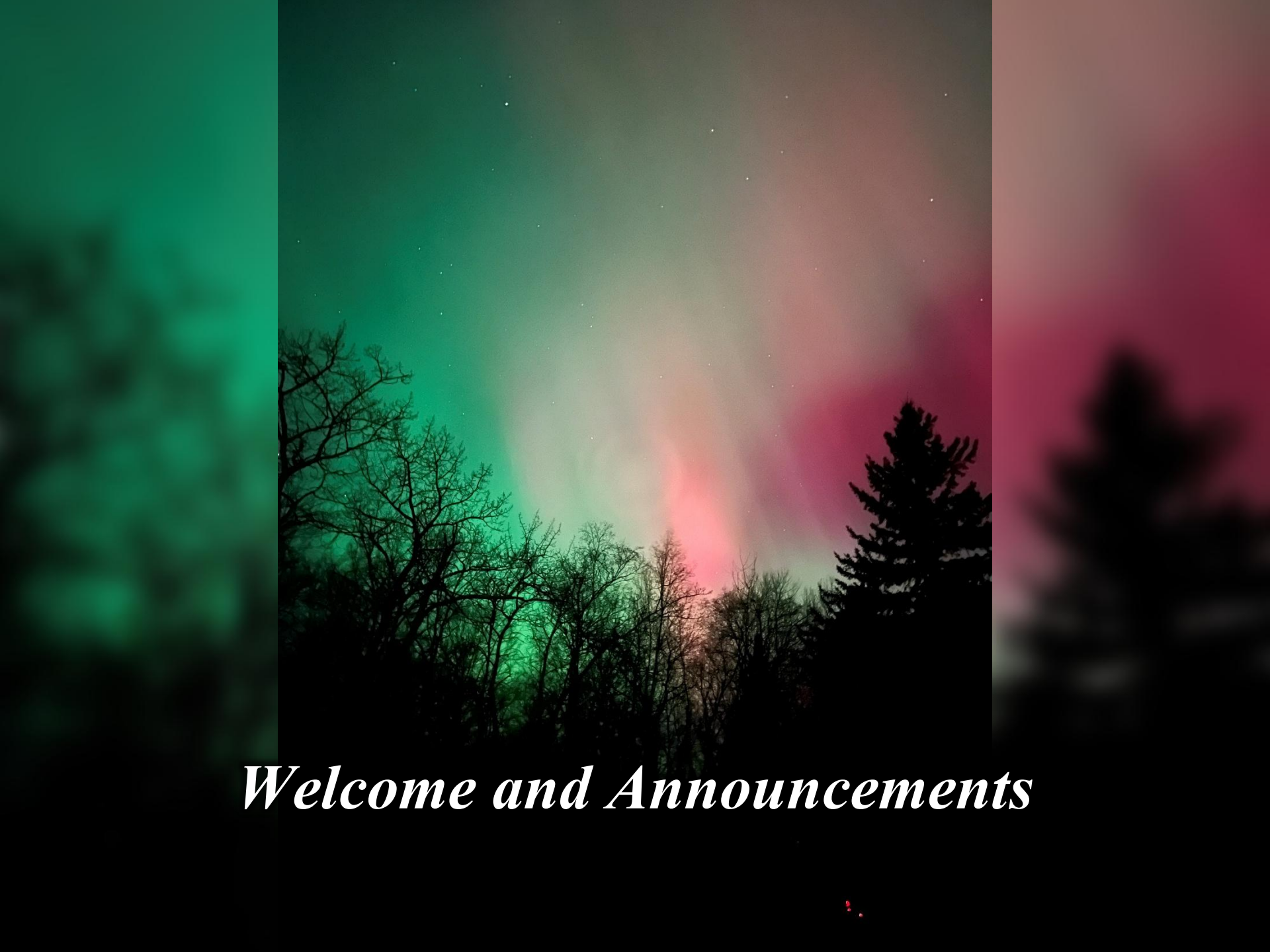




# *Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, November 16, 2025  
9:00 am*

Northern Lights  
Photo by Joleen Kezar



*Welcome and Announcements*



# Noisy Offering

will be collected TODAY  
and Wednesday, November 19.  
All proceeds will go towards  
WeCare



Join us for a

# CRAFTERNOON

Sunday, November 23

11:30 to 2:30

at Zion

- ❖ bring your own project to work on
- ❖ help tie senior gift blankets
- ❖ learn how to make a bun look like a mini pumpkin (free)
- ❖ make a sea glass ornament (\$1)
- ❖ craft a bulky yarn snowman (\$7, sign up in the Gathering Space)



Freewill soup & bread lunch



*Sunday November 30*

*Zion Lutheran  
Church of Warroad*

*2:00 pm*

(Optional \$5 gift exchange)

*Hosted by Esther Work Group of Zion*

ANTICIPATING

*Advent*

**Ladies! You are cordially invited** to an afternoon of sweets, music, fellowship and reflection on the season of Advent. Baskets will be available for monetary donations to the **We Care Project** as well as an area for non-perishable food items for the local **Food Pantry**. There will be a **Secret Pal Drawing** for 2026 and collection of your **Red Stockings** for 2025.





# Warroad Area Community Thanksgiving Meal!

**Reservations are not required  
but are appreciated.**

**How to reserve your spot:**

- On Facebook (search for Warroad Community Thanksgiving Dinner)
- Email  
WarroadThxgiving@hotmail.com
- Call 218-469-0178

**Thursday, November 27  
at 12:00 pm**

**\*Freewill donations accepted,  
but not necessary.**



For anyone who has lost someone or  
feels sad or lonely during the holidays...

*Blue  
Christmas Service*

at Zion Lutheran Church

**December 11**

**6:30 pm**

Refreshments following service

You are invited to bring a framed picture  
of a loved one to place on the altar.

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee

# *Sharing the Peace*

# **My Lord, What a Morning**

ELW #438

Text: African American spiritual. Music: African American spiritual. Public domain.

**My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**1. You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**2.           You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**3. You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.**

# *Confession and Forgiveness*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

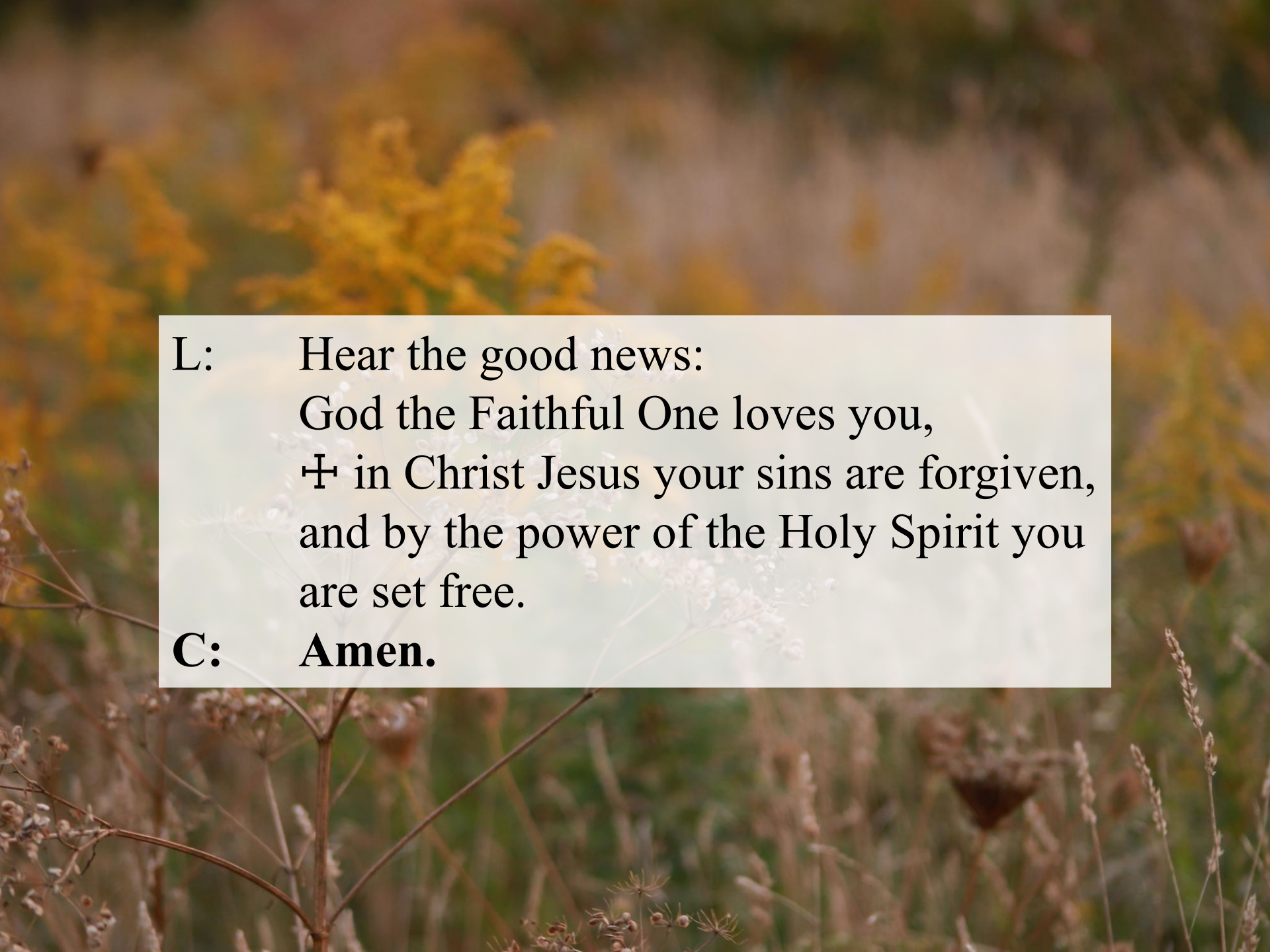
**C: Amen.**

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

*Silent Reflection*

**L:** Faithful God,

**C:** you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.



L: Hear the good news:  
God the Faithful One loves you,  
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you  
are set free.

**C: Amen.**

A background image of a field of sunflowers. A large sunflower is in sharp focus in the center, with its yellow petals and brown center clearly visible. Other sunflowers are blurred in the background, and the sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and natural.

## *Greeting*

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

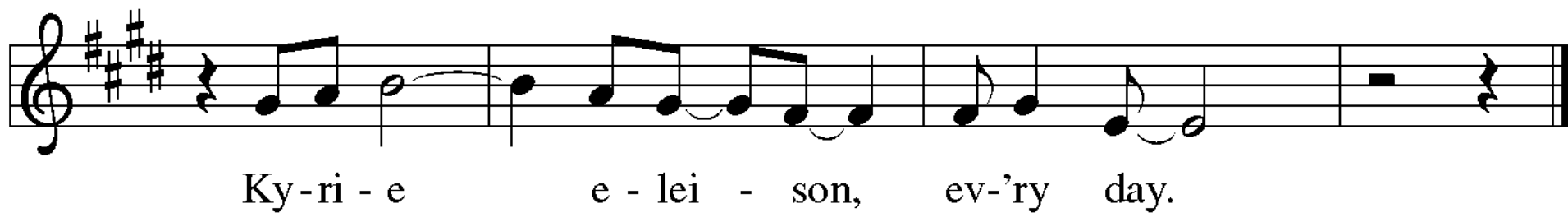
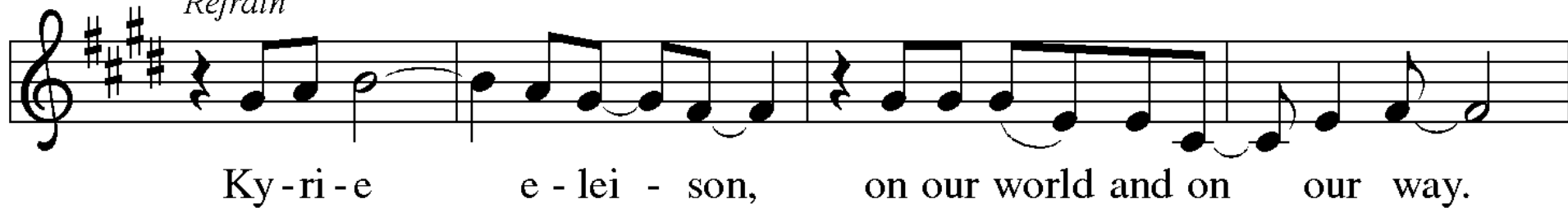
**C: And also with you.**

# *Kyrie*

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*All:*


*Refrain*




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*



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




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


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.

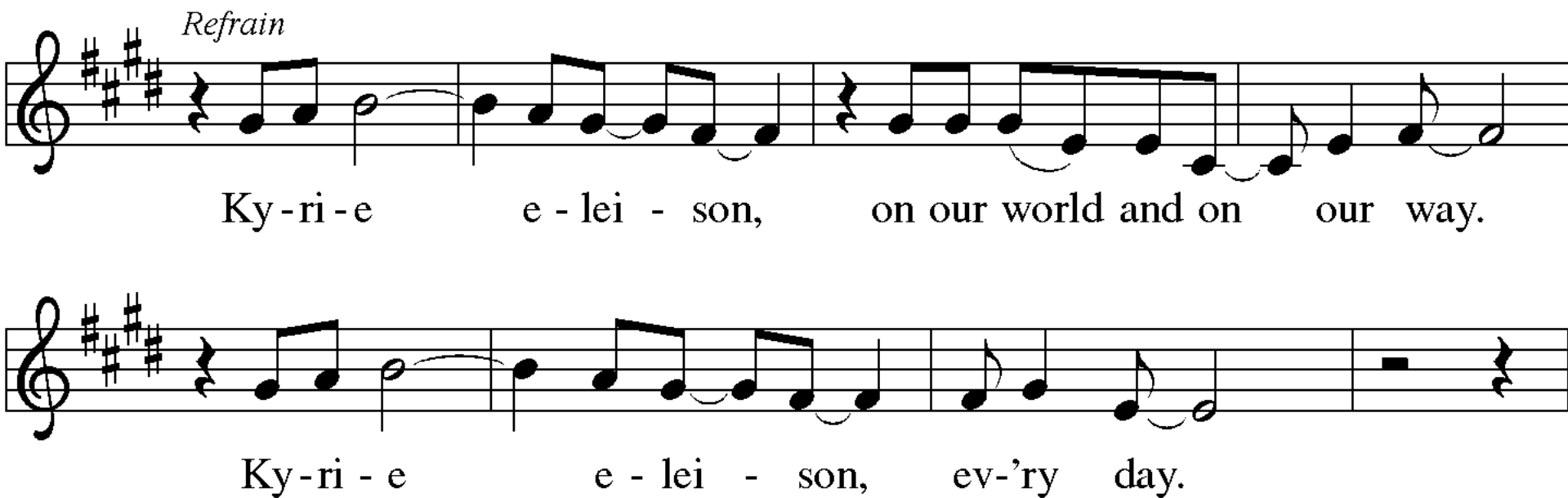


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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*

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

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

The image displays two staves of musical notation for a refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The lyrics 'Ky-ri - e' are aligned under the first three notes. The melody continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'e - lei - son,' are aligned under these four notes. The melody then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics 'on our world and on' are aligned under these notes. The melody continues with a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics 'our way.' are aligned under these notes. The second staff begins with the same treble clef and key signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The lyrics 'Ky-ri - e' are aligned under the first three notes. The melody continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'e - lei - son,' are aligned under these four notes. The melody then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'ev-'ry day.' are aligned under these notes. The staff ends with a double bar line.

# *Hymn of Praise*

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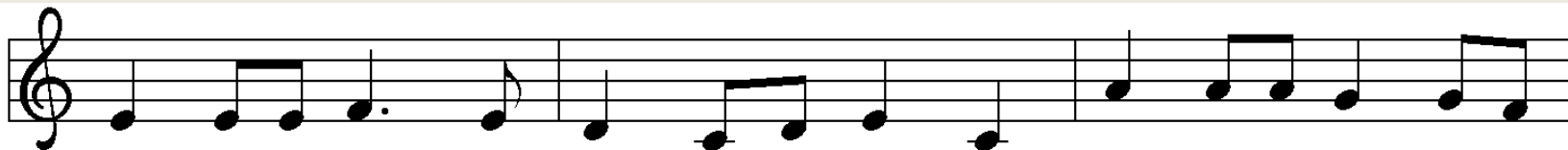
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

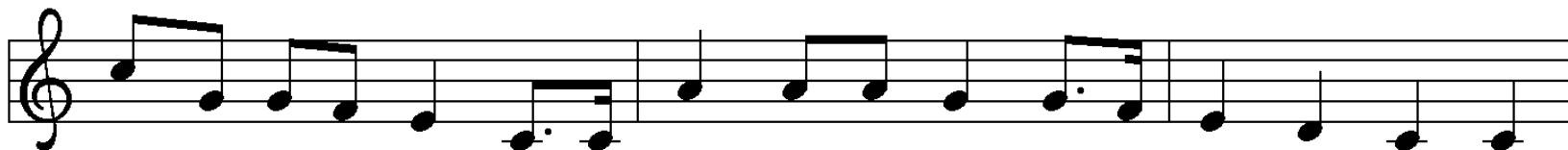


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*Refrain*



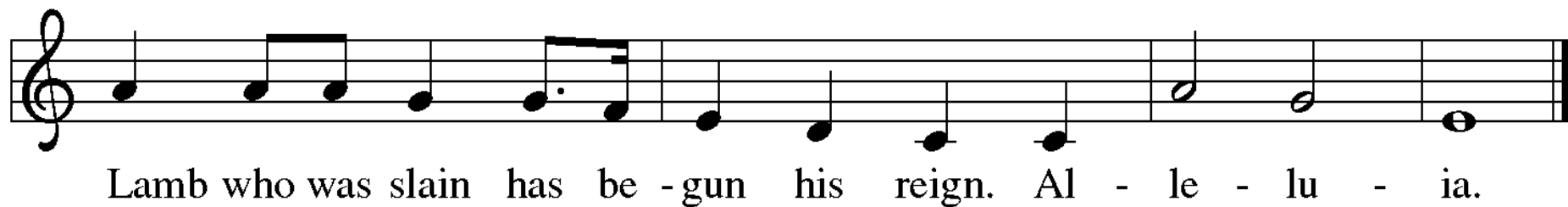
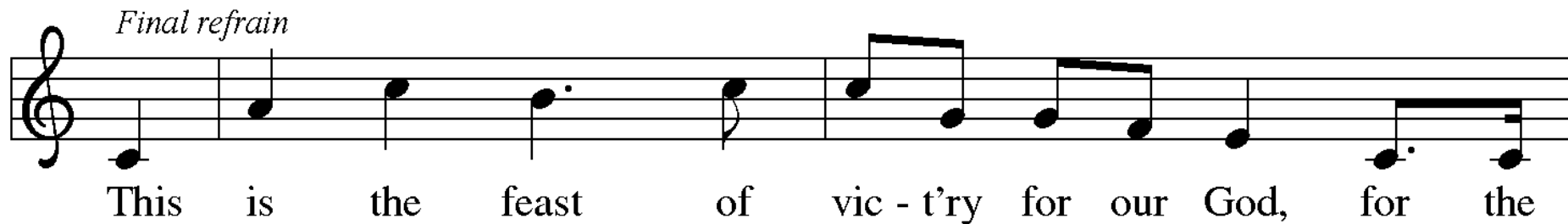
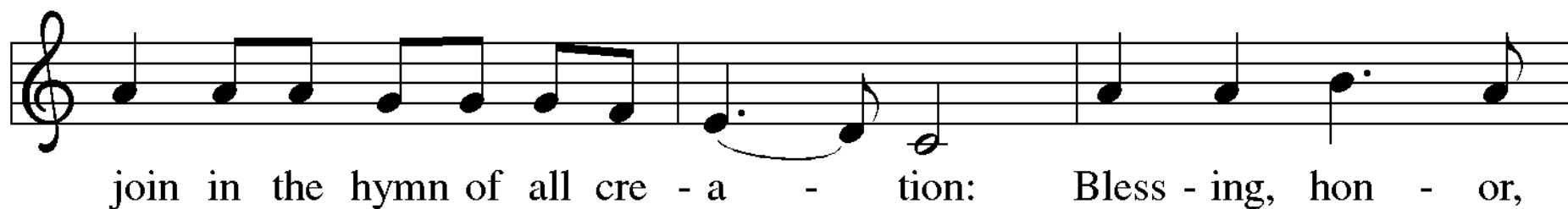
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



A photograph of a sunflower field. In the foreground, a single sunflower is in sharp focus, showing its bright yellow petals and dark brown center. The background is filled with other sunflowers and green foliage, all slightly out of focus. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the sunflower, containing two lines of text.

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

**L:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

# *A Message for All God's Children*



A close-up photograph of a child's hands holding a large pile of US coins, including pennies, nickels, and dimes. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with the left hand holding a thick stack and the right hand holding a smaller pile. The background is a large, out-of-focus pile of similar coins, creating a sense of abundance. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white rectangular box containing text.

**Noisy Offering!!!**

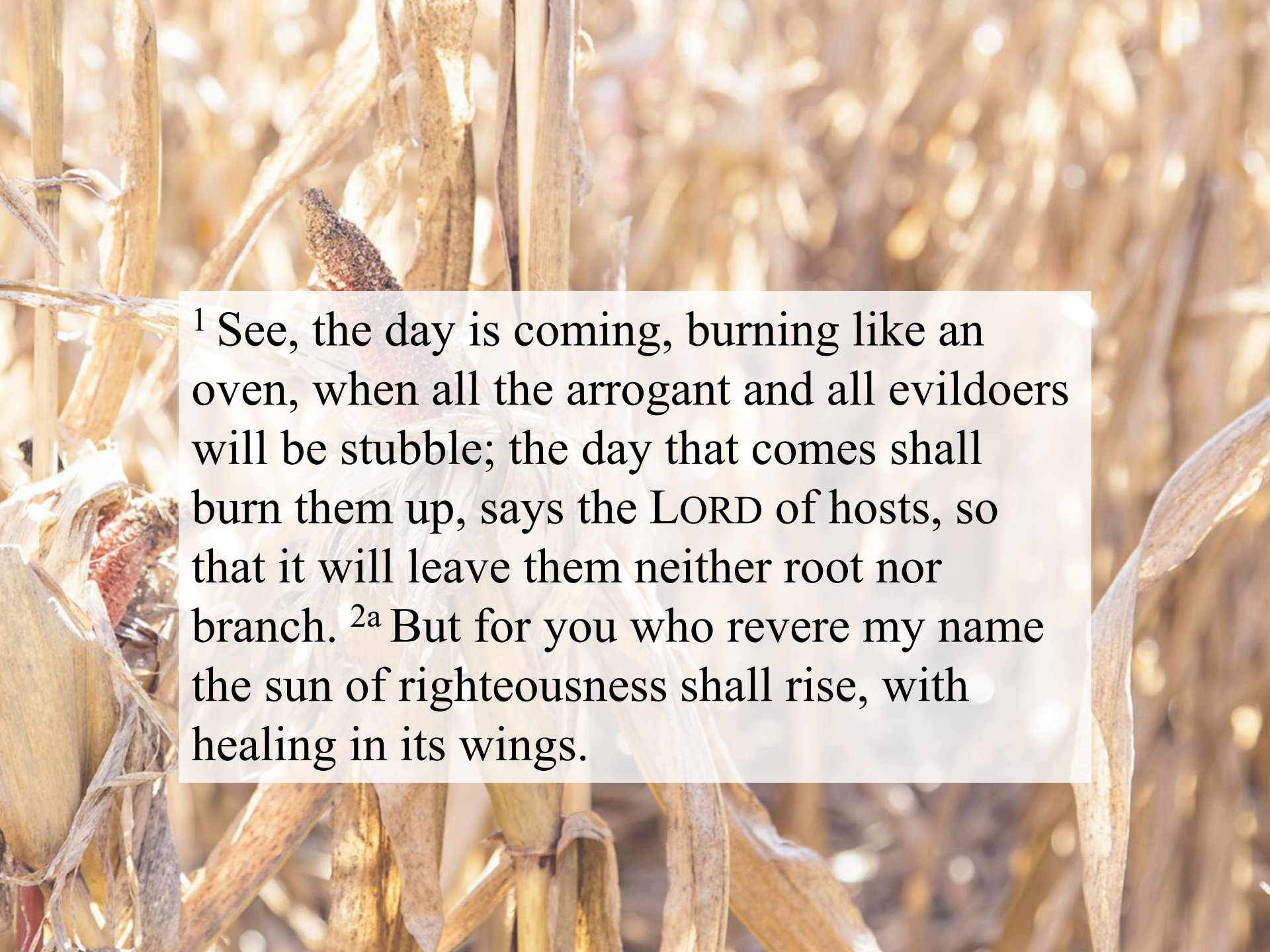
**Drop your change in the buckets  
and make some noise!**

**Proceeds will go towards  
WeCare.**



## **First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*



<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.



L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 98

L: <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.


C: <sup>2</sup> **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: <sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: <sup>4</sup> **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: <sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**



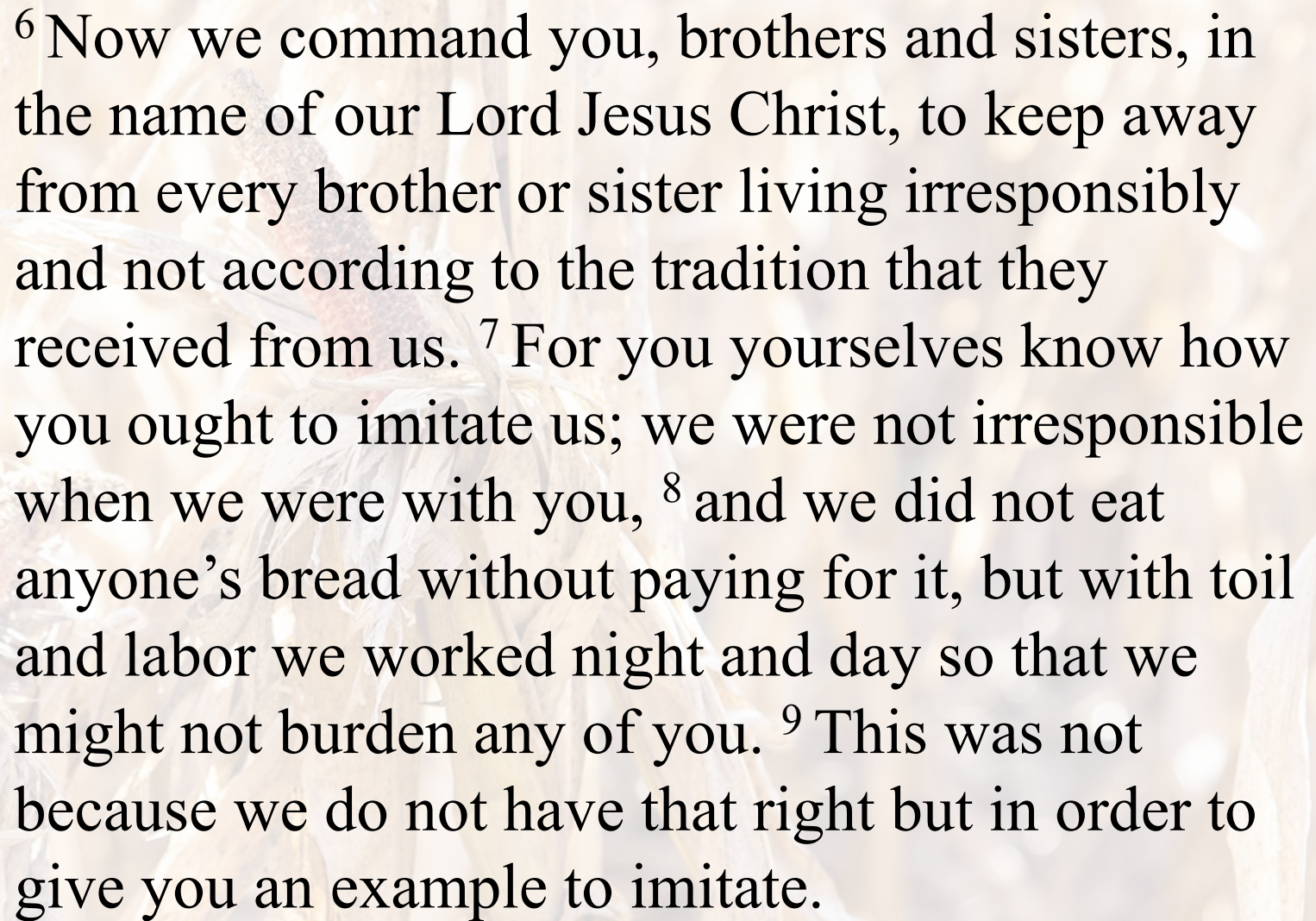
L: <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, and let  
the hills ring out with joy before the  
LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

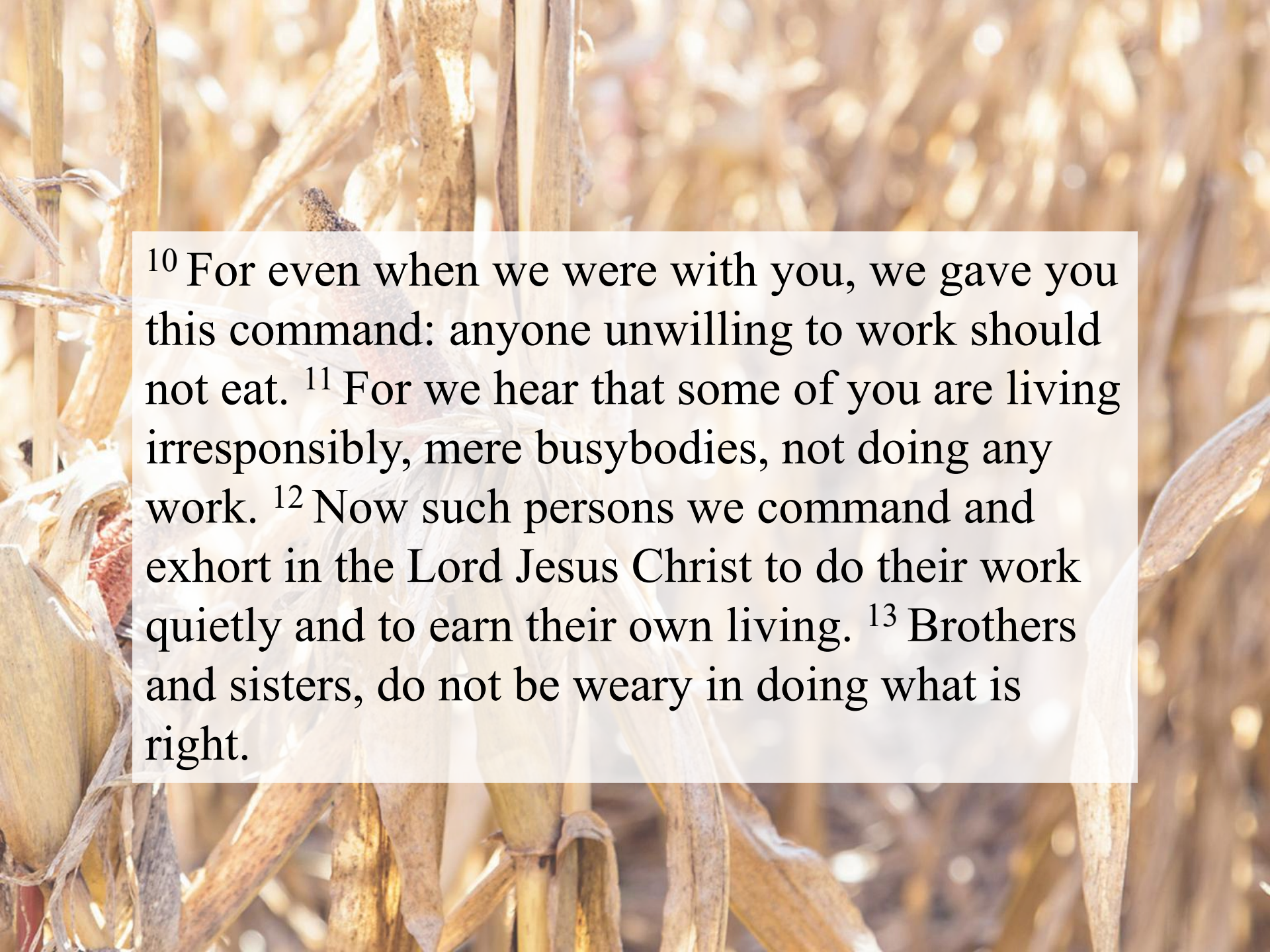
L: <sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the world with  
righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*



<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate.



<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

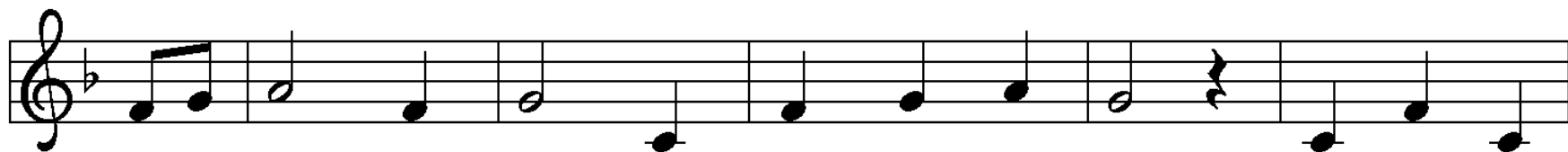


L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# *Gospel Acclamation*

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



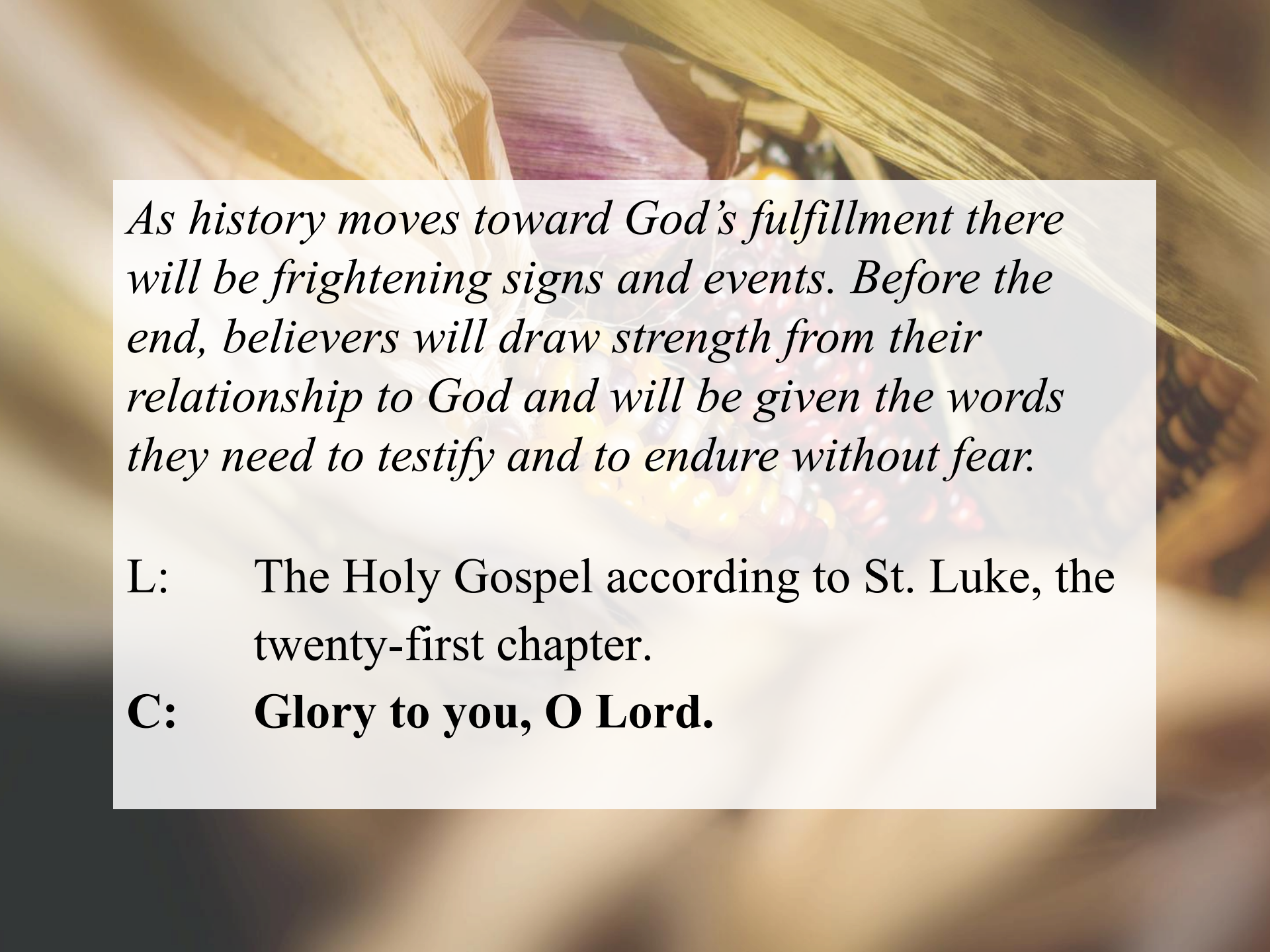
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Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

## Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

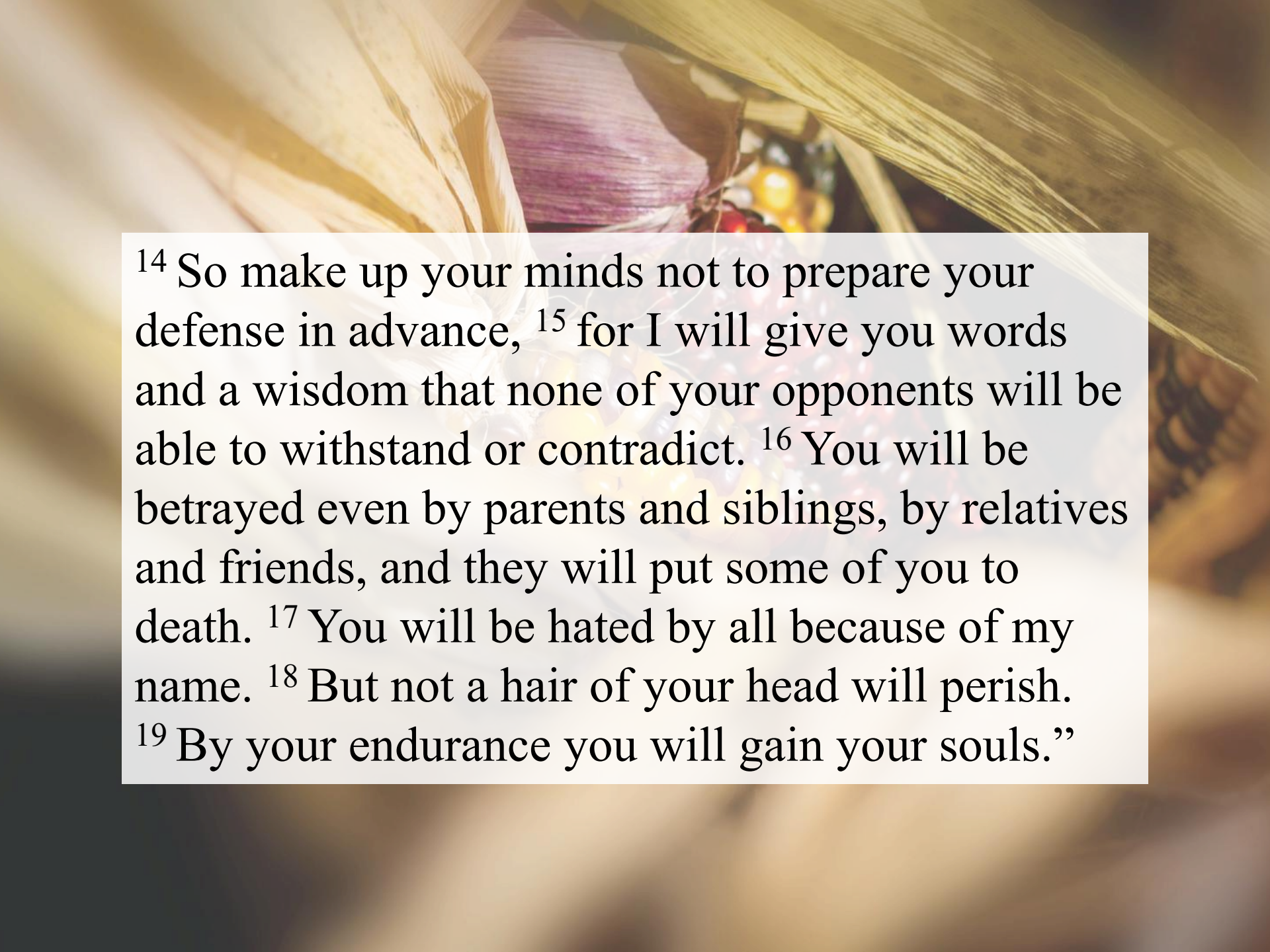
<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

<sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify.



<sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

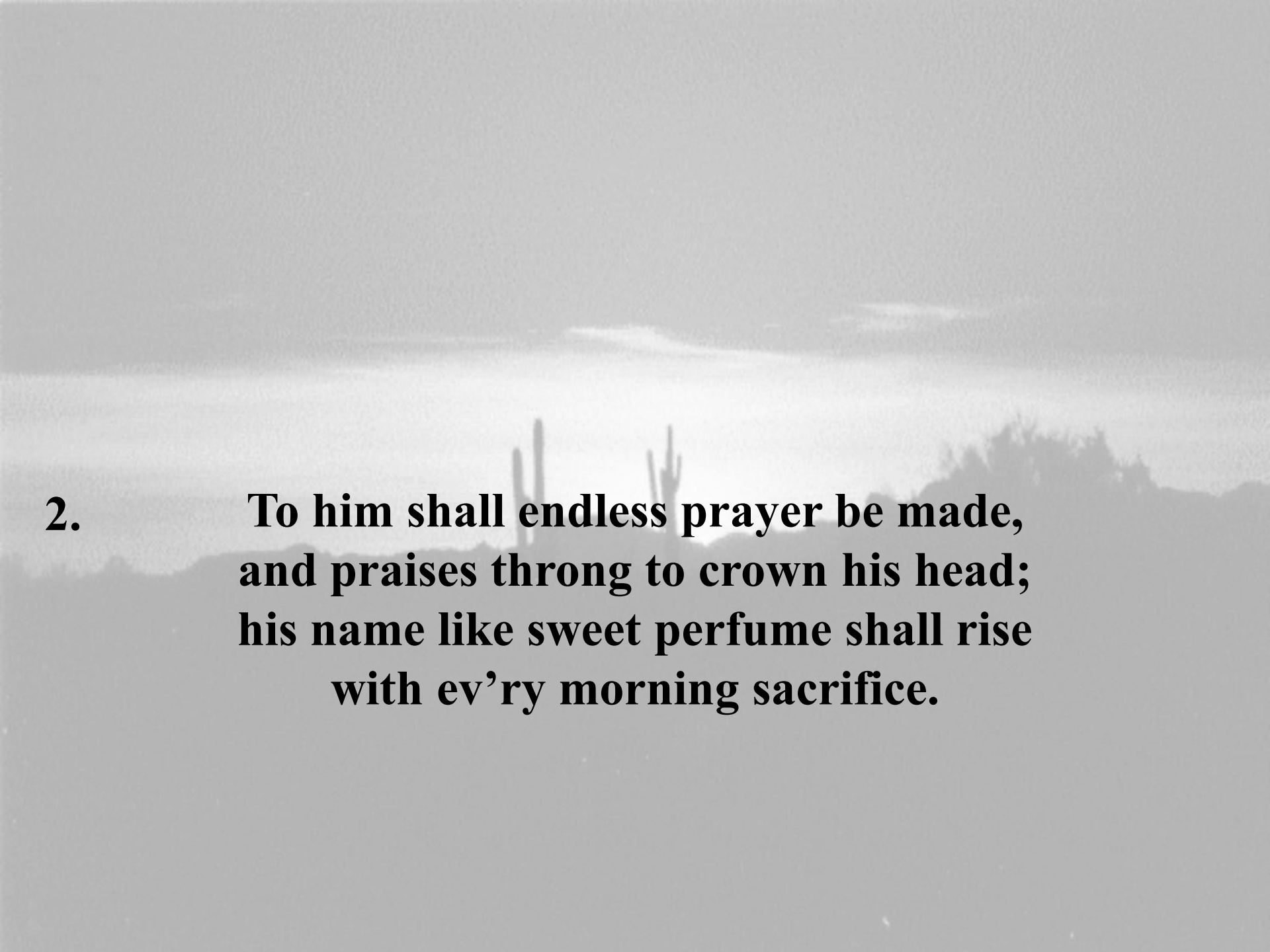
*Message*

# Jesus Shall Reign

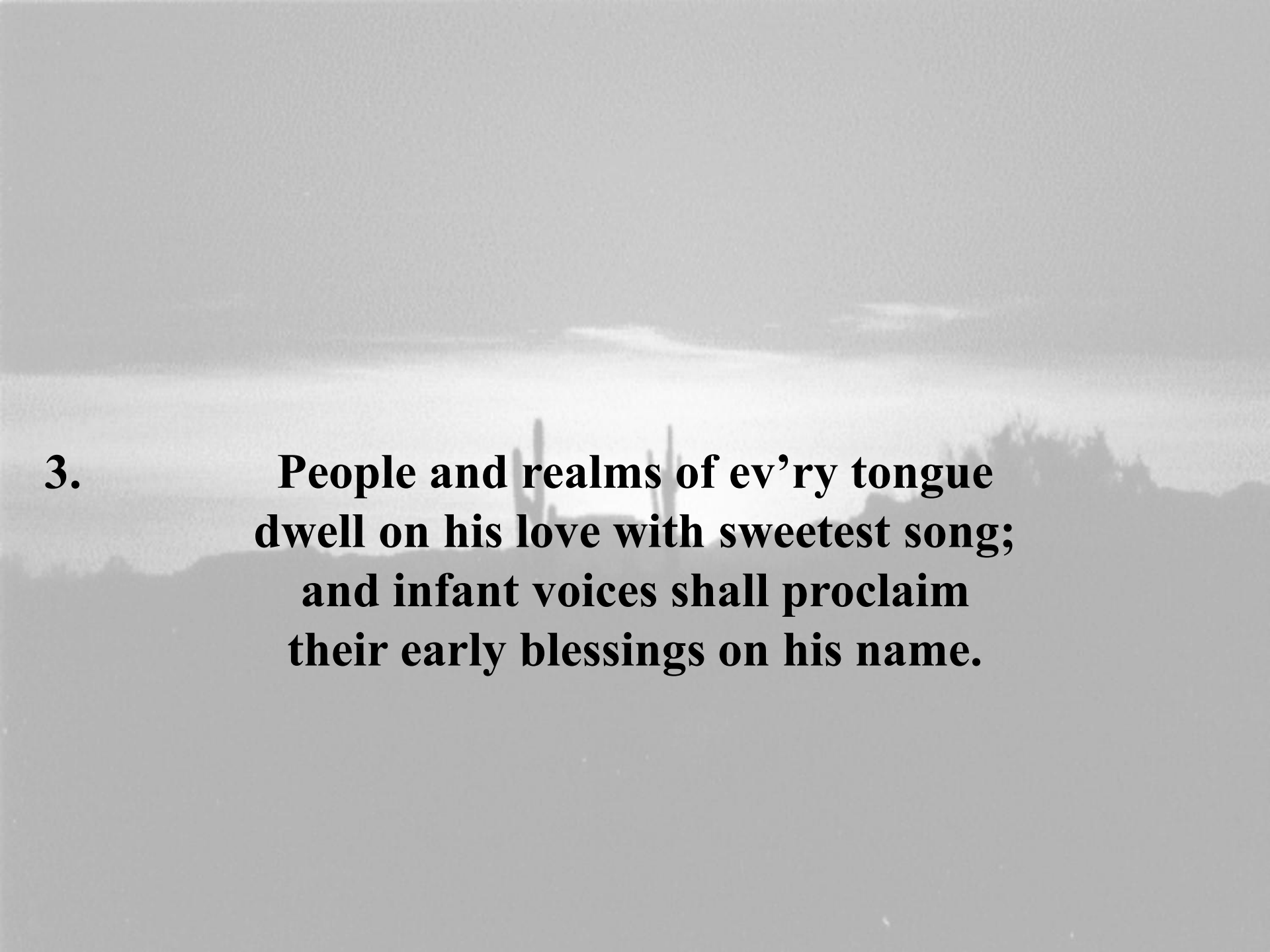
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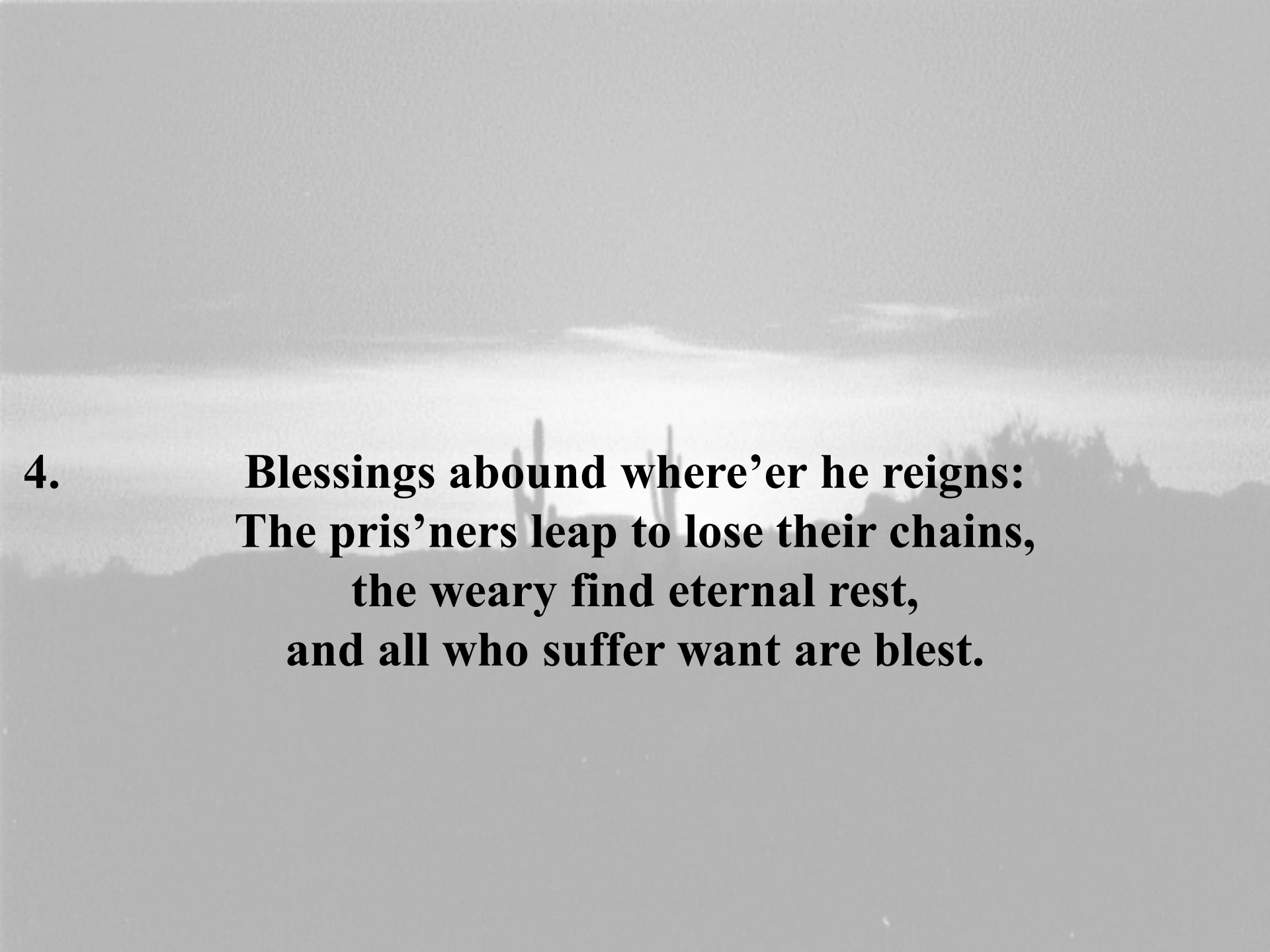
1. **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**



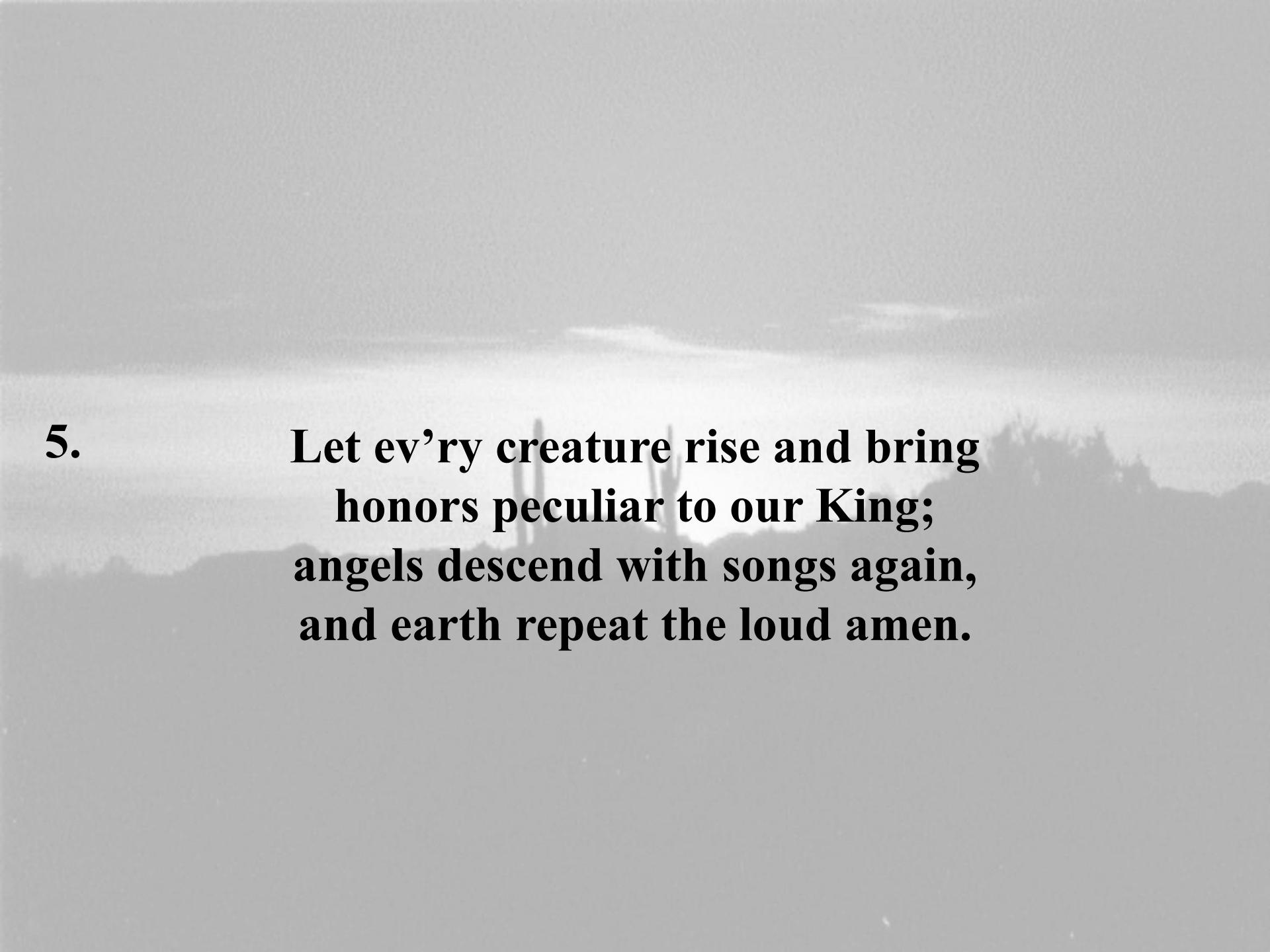
**2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**



**3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**



**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**



**5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.**



## *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: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A large, rectangular hay bale sits in the center-left of a grassy field. The background is a dense line of trees silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and a warm, orange glow that fills the entire scene. The foreground shows some out-of-focus green foliage.

*Offering*  
with  
*Choir Anthem*  
“Lead Me, Lord”

# **Shall We Gather at the River**

ELW #423 vv. 1-2

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**1. Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**



2.

**On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** God of healing and hope,  
you bless those who are hungry, promising  
to fill them with good things. Fulfill that  
promise through us and these, your gifts.  
Nourish us with the abundance of your  
feast and unite us into the blessed body of  
Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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

*Words of Institution*



# *Eucharistic Prayer*

L: For as often as we eat this bread  
and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

L: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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.**

# ***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.*






# Canticle of the Turning

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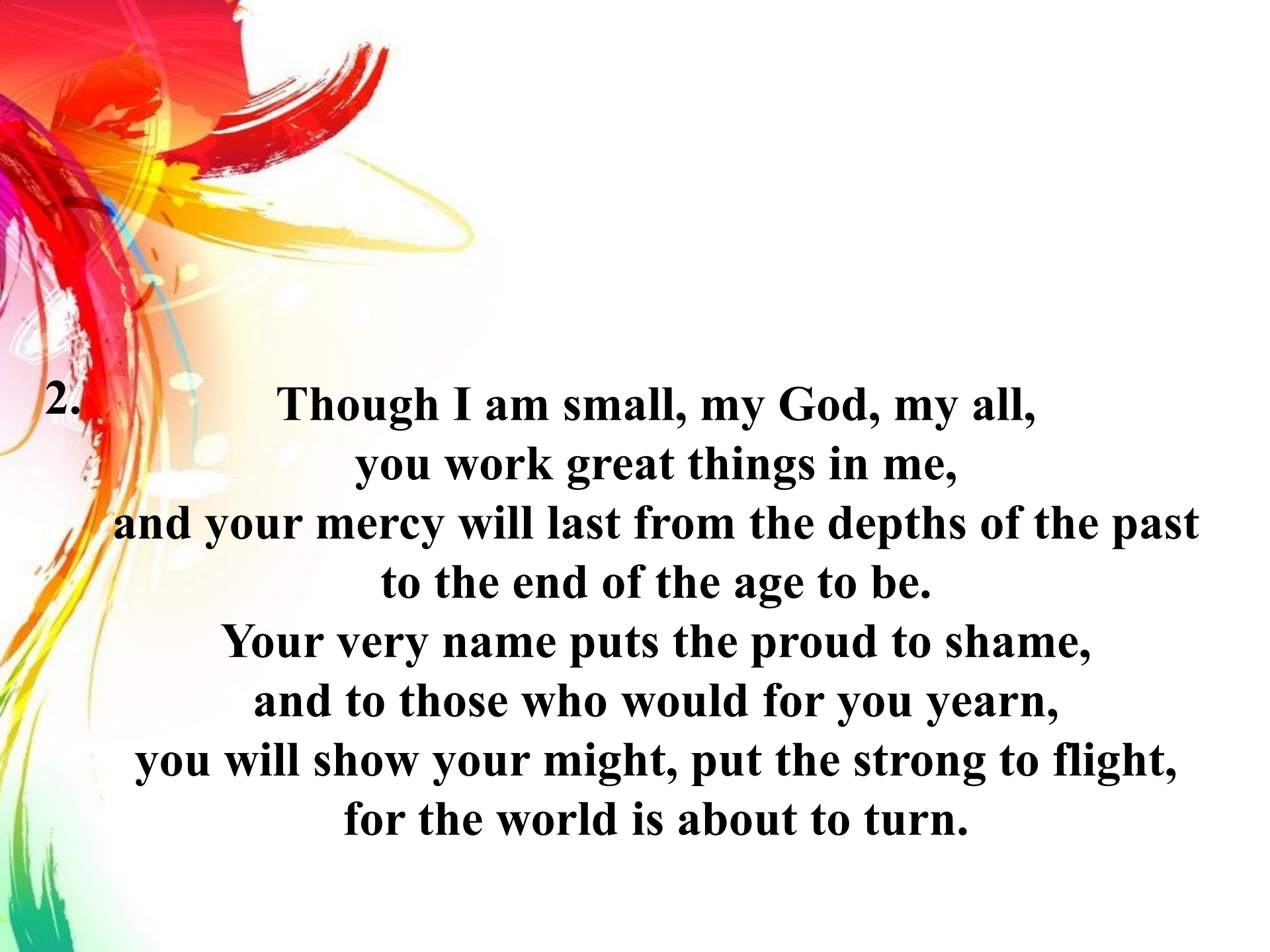
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**1.**

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**




**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**

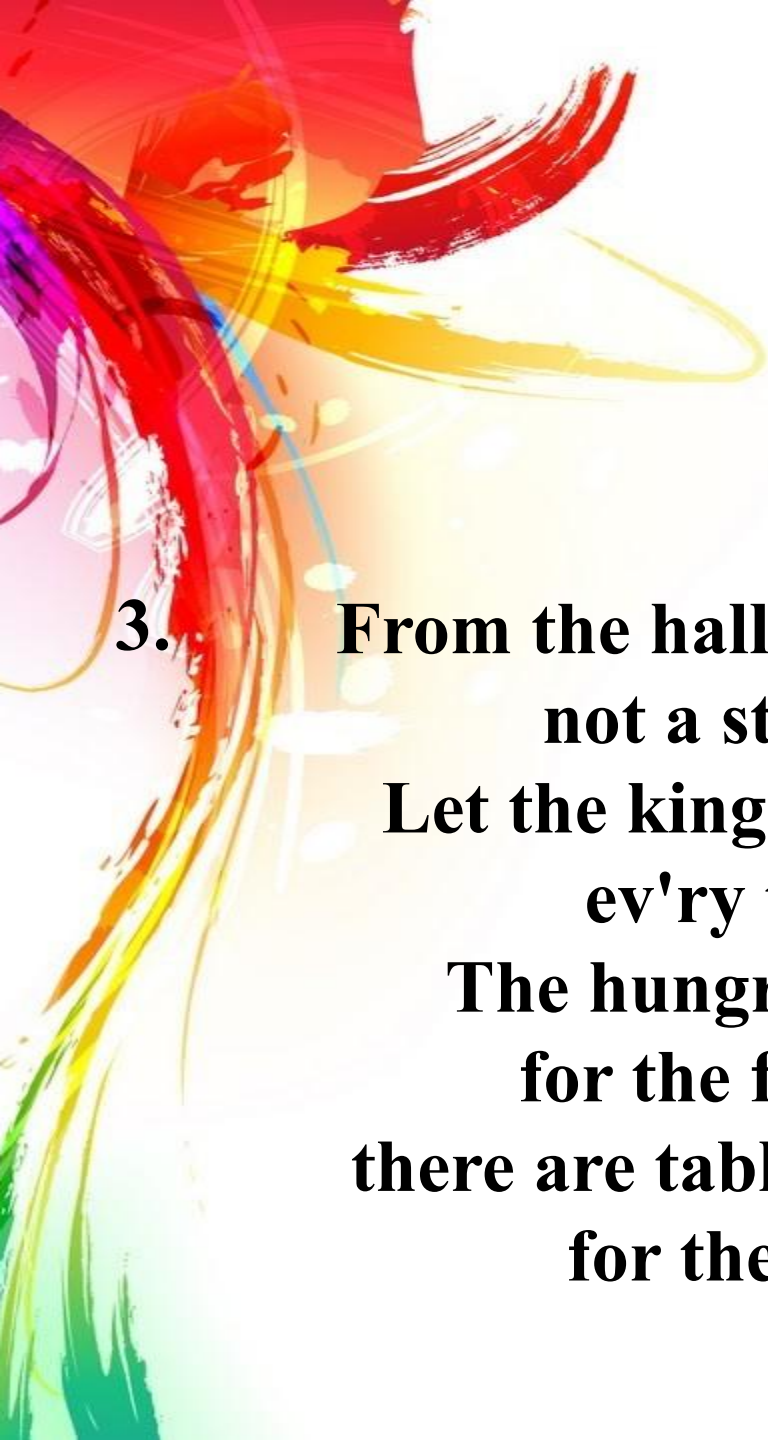


**2.        Though I am small, my God, my all,  
             you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
             to the end of the age to be.**


**Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
             and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
             for the world is about to turn.**



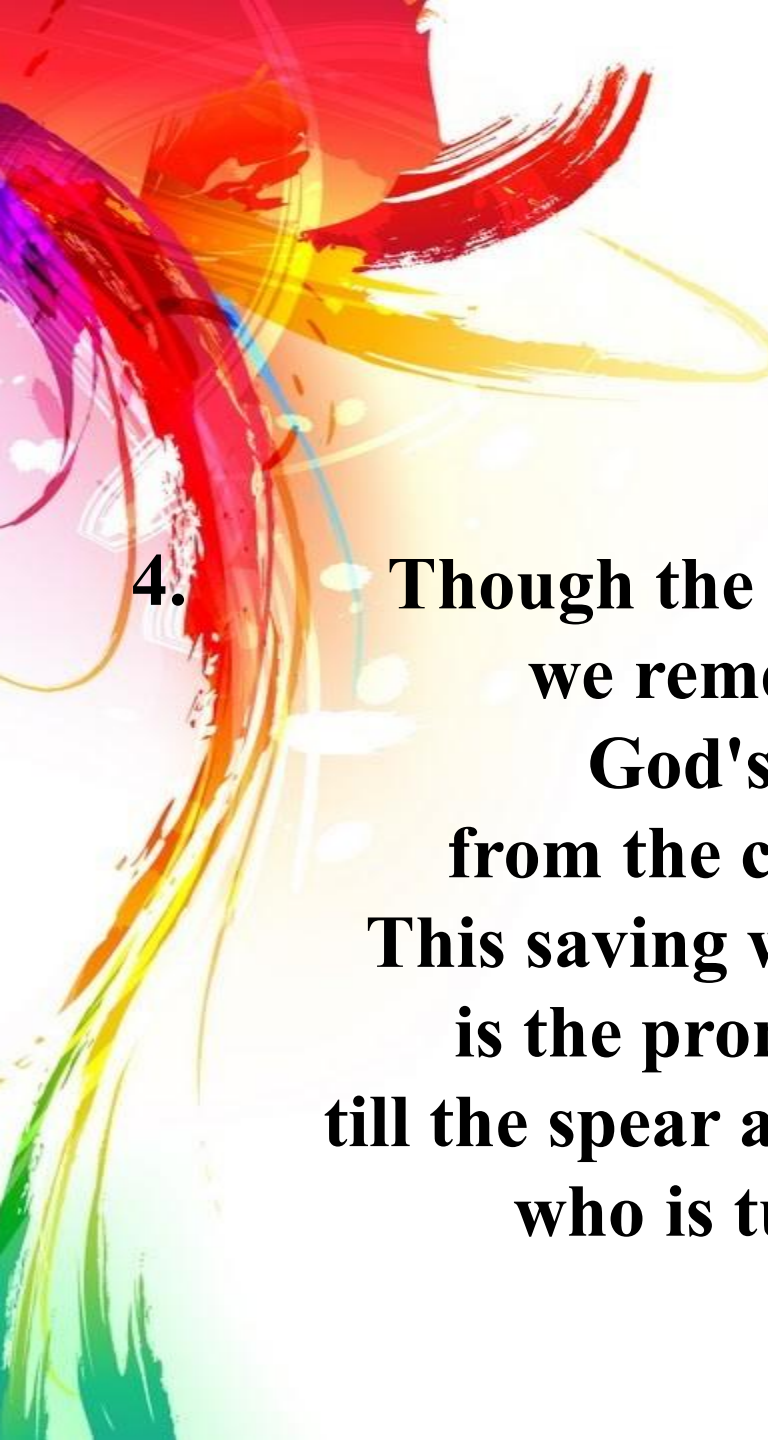
**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**




**3. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.**



**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**



**4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.**



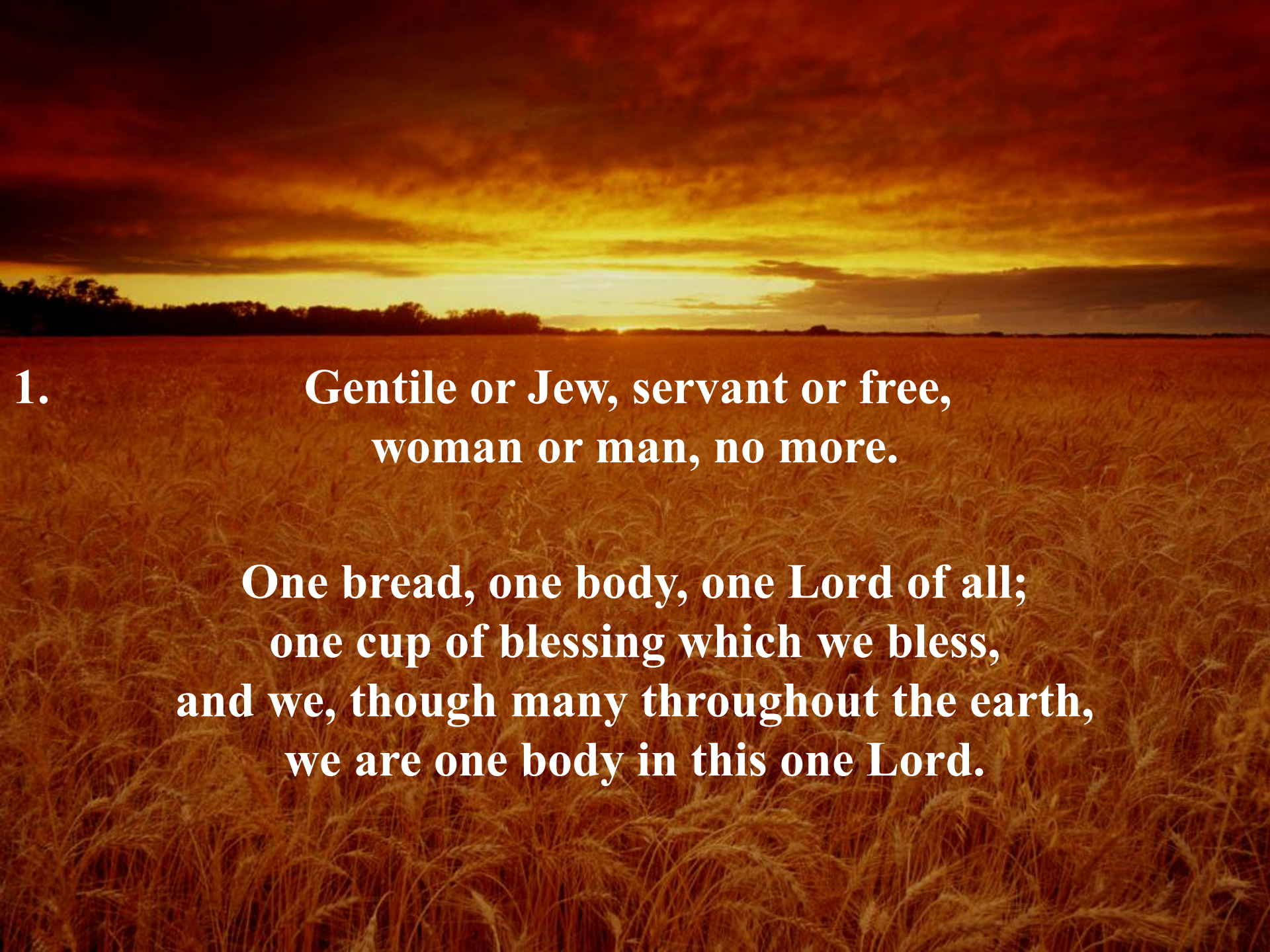
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# One Bread, One Body

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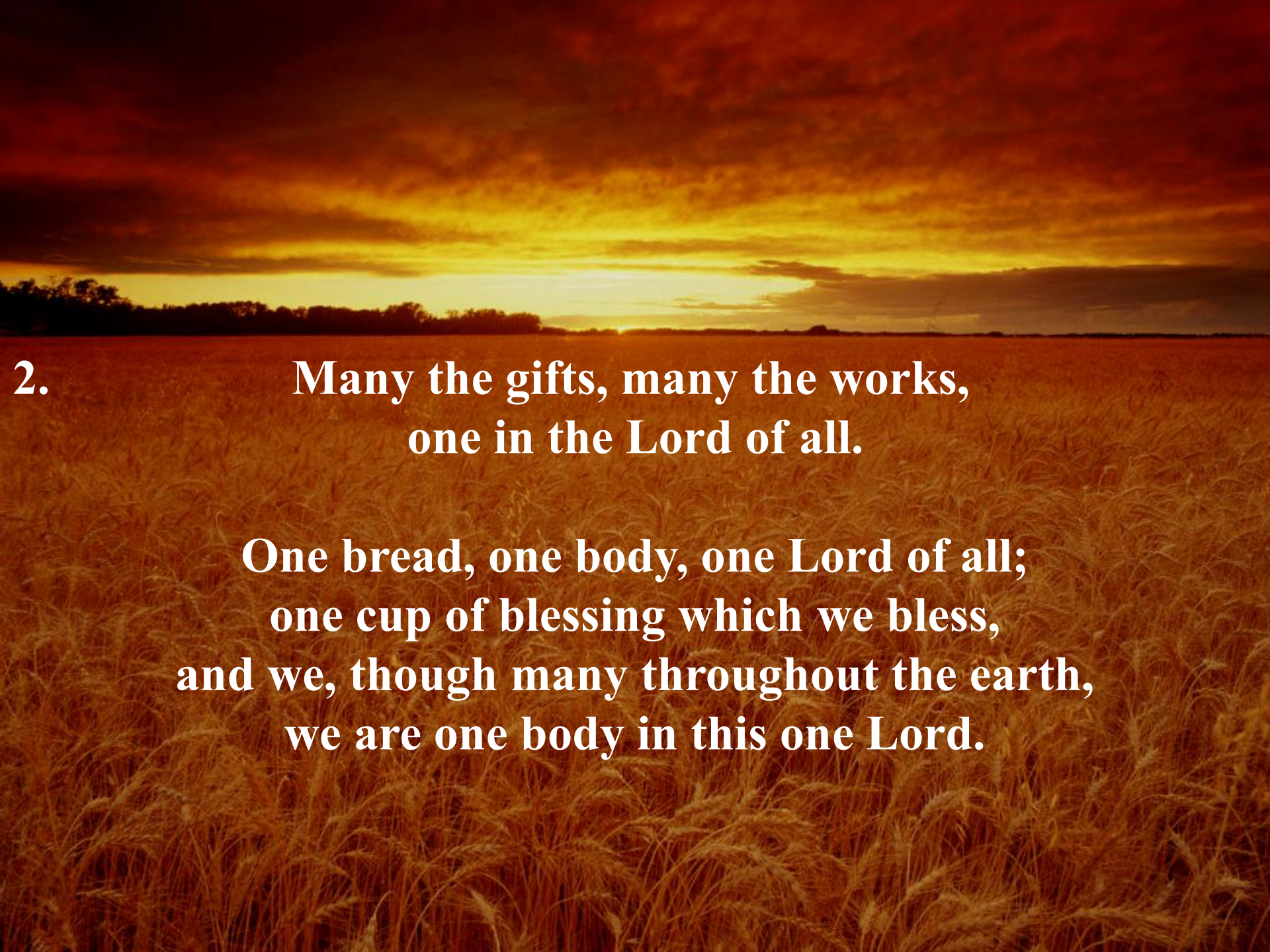
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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**



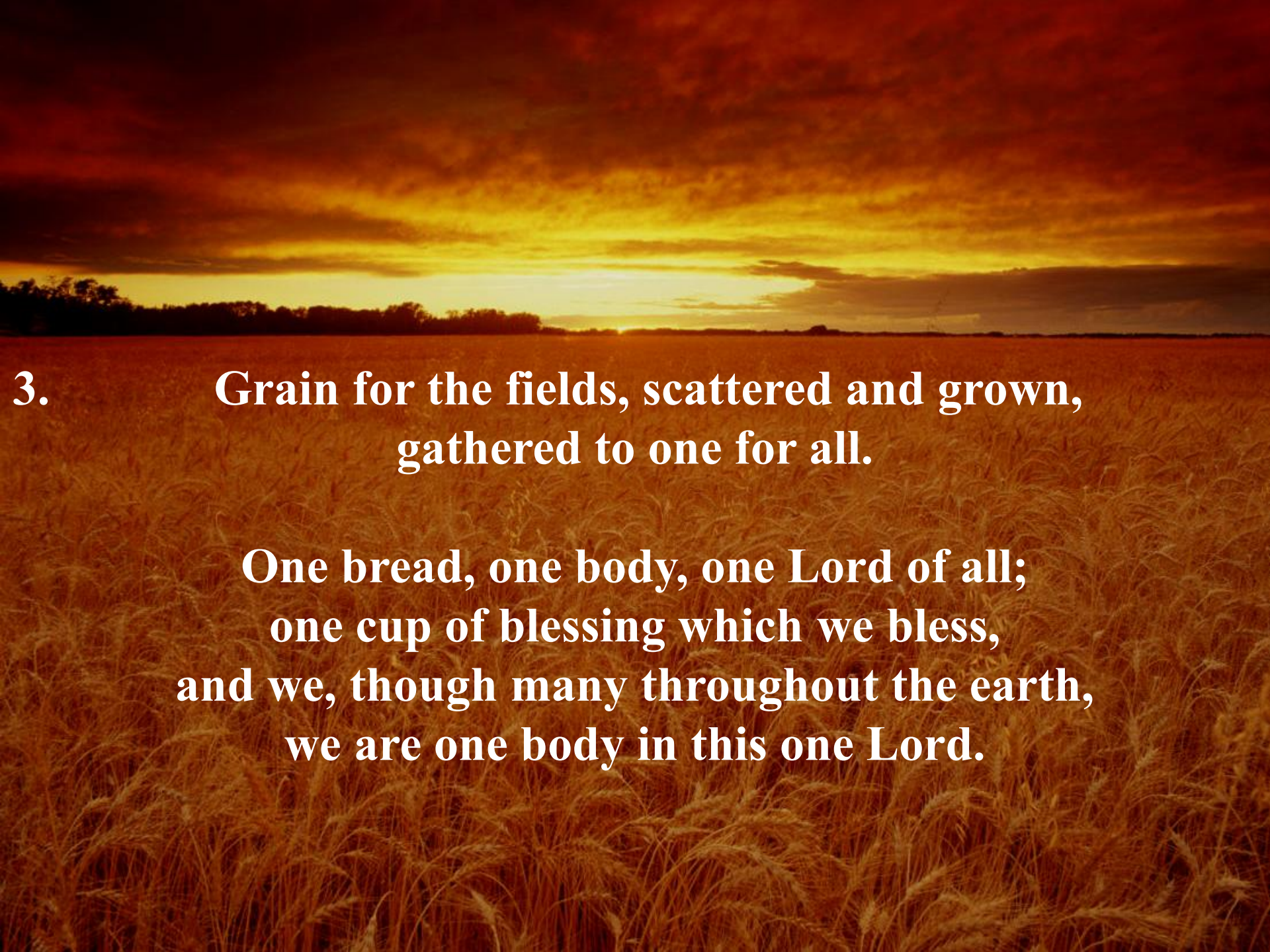
**1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**



**2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**



**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

# *Communion Blessing*



## *Prayer after Communion*

**L:** God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

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

# *Blessing*

L: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: **Amen!**

# **Soon and Very Soon**

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- 1.                   Soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
                 soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
                 soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
                 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
we're goin' to see the King.**

**2.**

**No more cryin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cryin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cryin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
we're goin' to see the King.**

**3.                   No more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King,  
                  no more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King,  
                  no more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
                  Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
we're goin' to see the King.**

**4.**

**Soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
we're goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

A red disc harrow is positioned in a field of tall grass and weeds. In the background, a church with a golden dome is visible through a hazy, overcast sky. The harrow's multiple dark, curved discs are prominent in the foreground.

# *Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*