



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

5:45 pm

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Baptize Me, John

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In the name of the Father up above

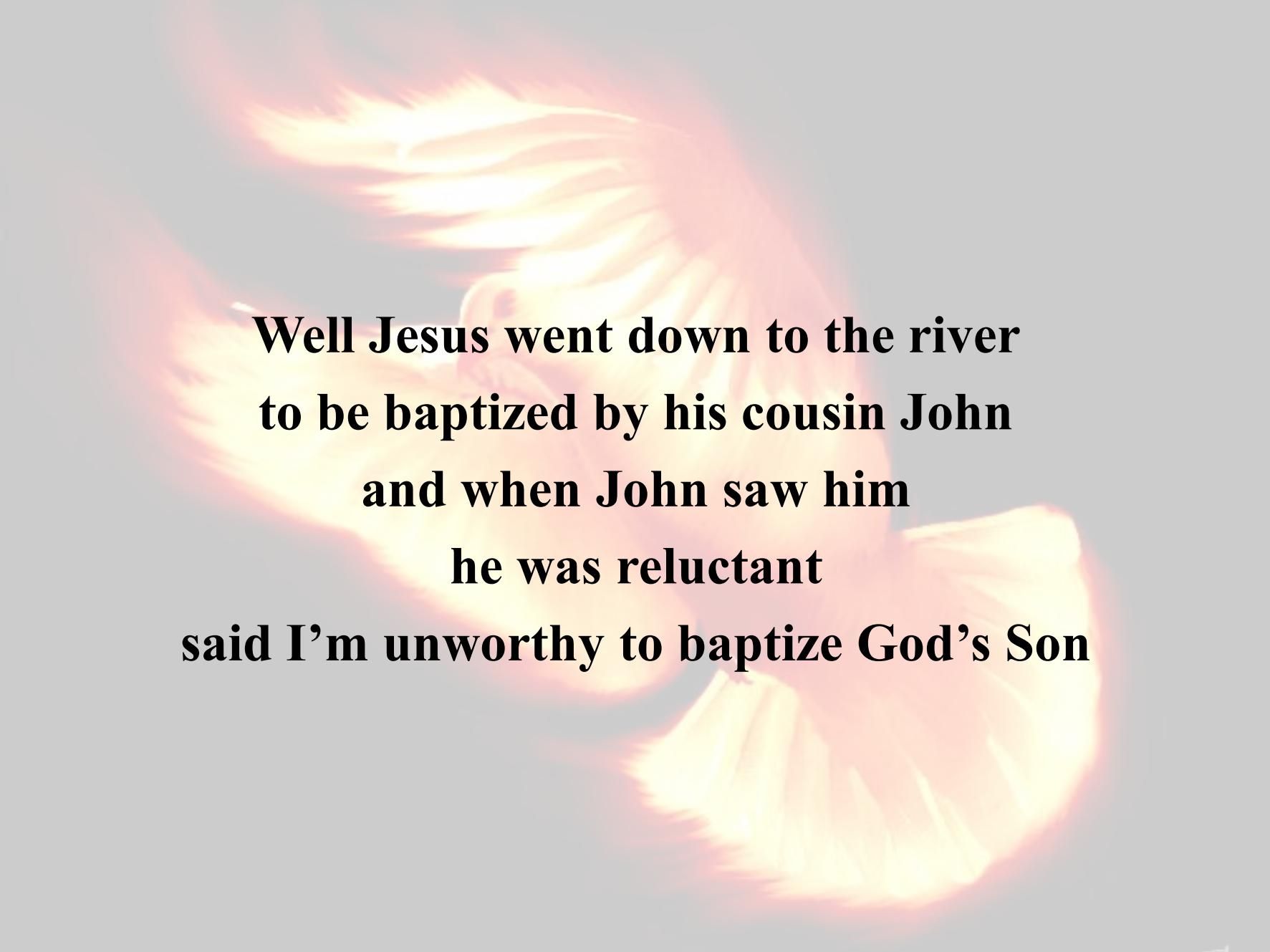
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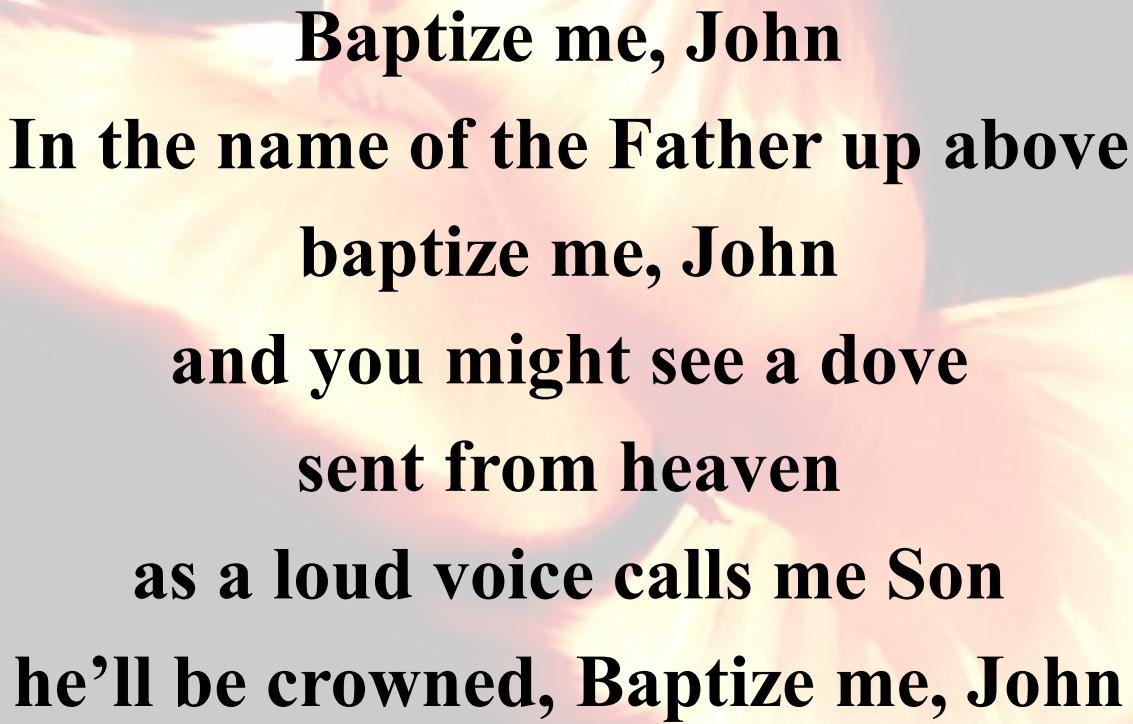
Sent from heaven

as a loud voice calls me Son

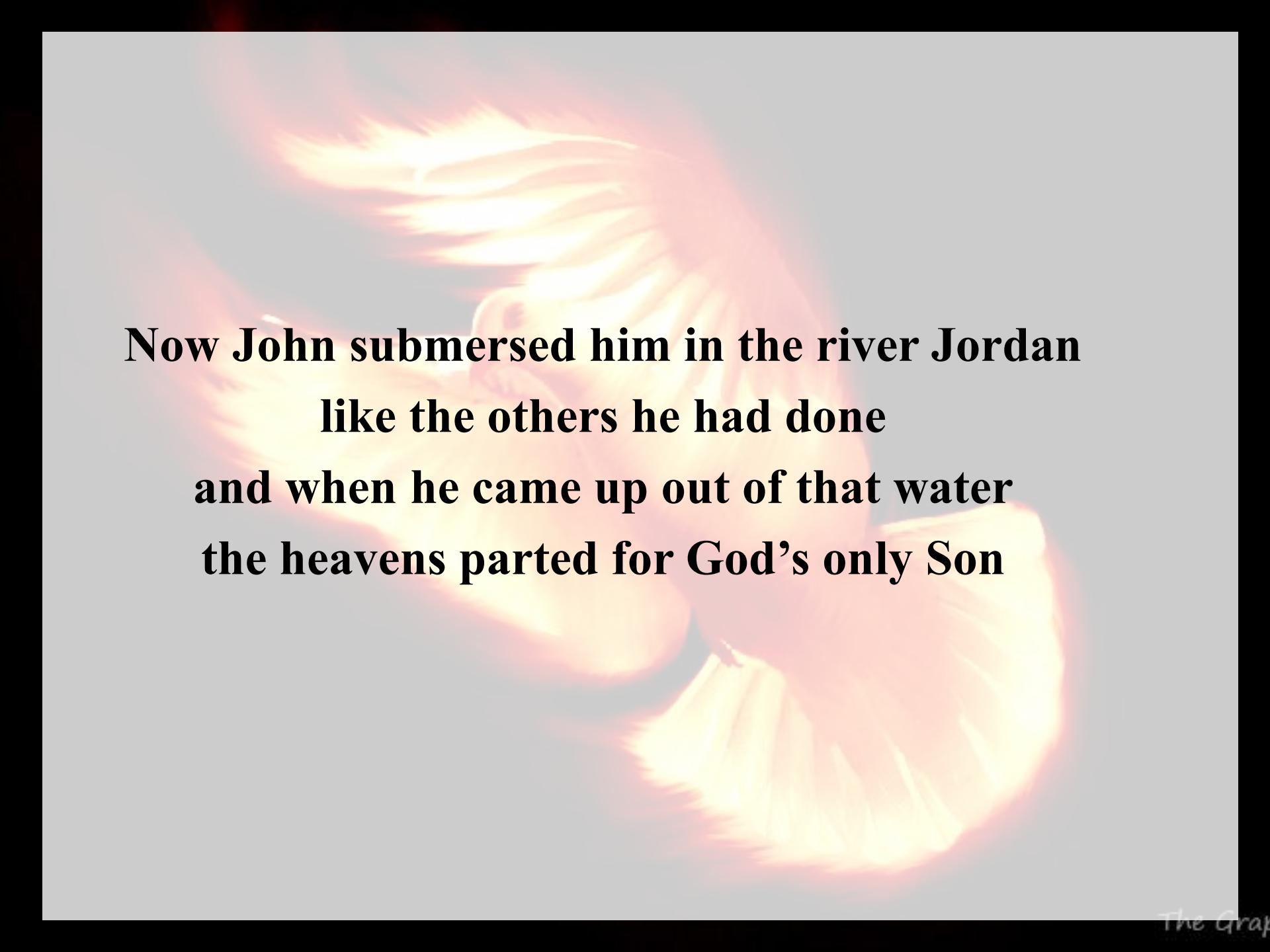
He'll be crowned, Baptize me, John



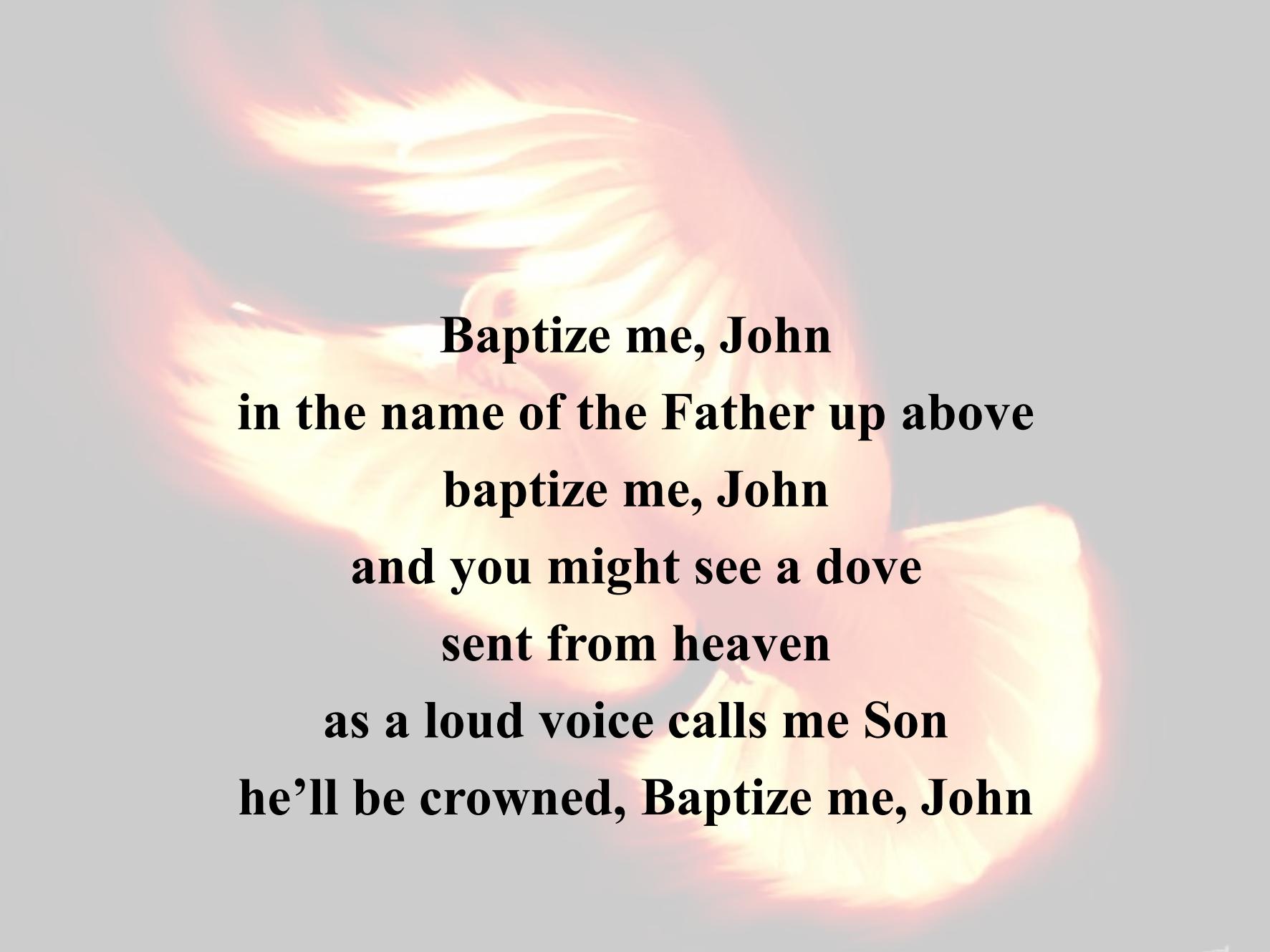
**Well Jesus went down to the river
to be baptized by his cousin John
and when John saw him
he was reluctant
said I'm unworthy to baptize God's Son**



**Baptize me, John
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baptize me, John
and you might see a dove
sent from heaven
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**Now John submersed him in the river Jordan
like the others he had done
and when he came up out of that water
the heavens parted for God's only Son**



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Welcome and Announcements



Are you interested
in becoming a
member of Zion or
maybe you have
some questions on
what it means to be
a member of Zion?

Join Pastor Linda for a new member coffee on
Sunday, January 25, at 10:30 am in Room 2/3.

Would you like to support your friends, neighbors, and coworkers when they're struggling, but don't know how?



FREE 2-hour training at Zion

Monday, January 26

6:00 pm

A light supper will be provided by the
Congregational Care Committee at 5:30 pm.

Pre-registration
is required.
Space is limited.

COMET helps people take the next step after noticing someone might be struggling. This training teaches simple tools to reach out to help someone to shift their mental health path to a place of wellness and away from mental health crisis. This training doesn't expect community members to "fix it," but instead trains people to feel comfortable initiating a supportive conversation. Register by 1/21 by emailing or calling the church office.

Join us for a

CRAFTERNOON

Sunday, February 1

11:30 to 2:30

at Zion

- ❖ bring your own project to work on
- ❖ help tie senior gift blankets
- ❖ participate in a mug exchange
(bring a mug, get a mug!)
- ❖ learn how to make a cake-in-a-mug
- ❖ make a mug rug
- ❖ make small kindness cards in
celebration of kindness month
(February)
- ❖ see more details in the Messenger

Freewill baked potato bar lunch



it's all about the mugs!

Zion is hosting a Blood Drive!

**Tuesday, February 3,
from 12:30 to 6:00 pm**

The planners are looking for donors *and* volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for:

- Contacting possible donors
- Help clear tables and chairs prior to the drive
- Greet donors, check ID's, and keeping track of names

Contact Trent Hard to volunteer at 701-238-4139.

Come and join us for a meal before worship!



All are
welcome!
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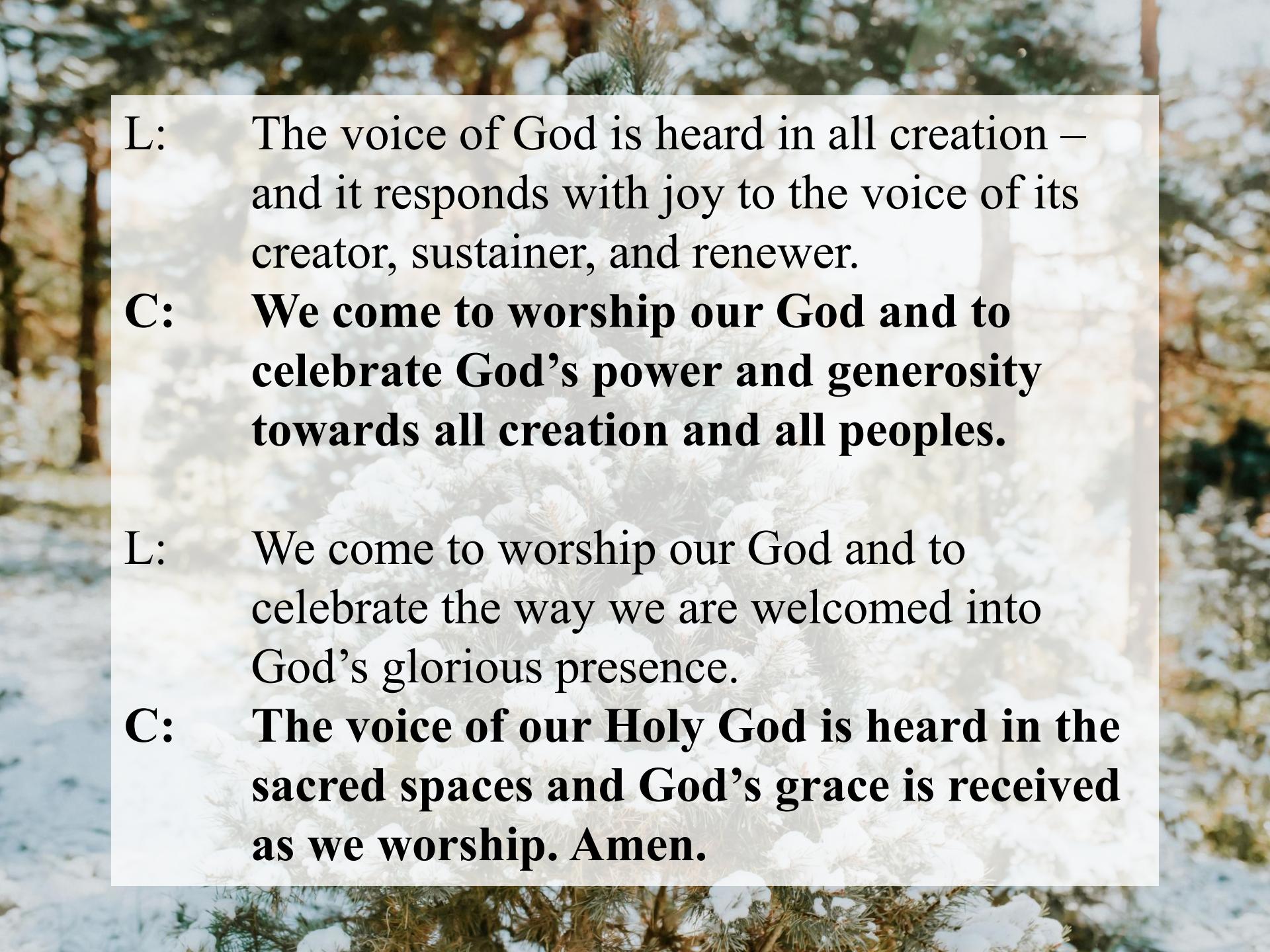
Sharing the Peace



Call to Worship

L: The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

C: **We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the mystery and reality that is God's everlasting glory.**



L: The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its creator, sustainer, and renewer.

C: **We come to worship our God and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.**

L: We come to worship our God and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

C: **The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.**

Living Hope

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**How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

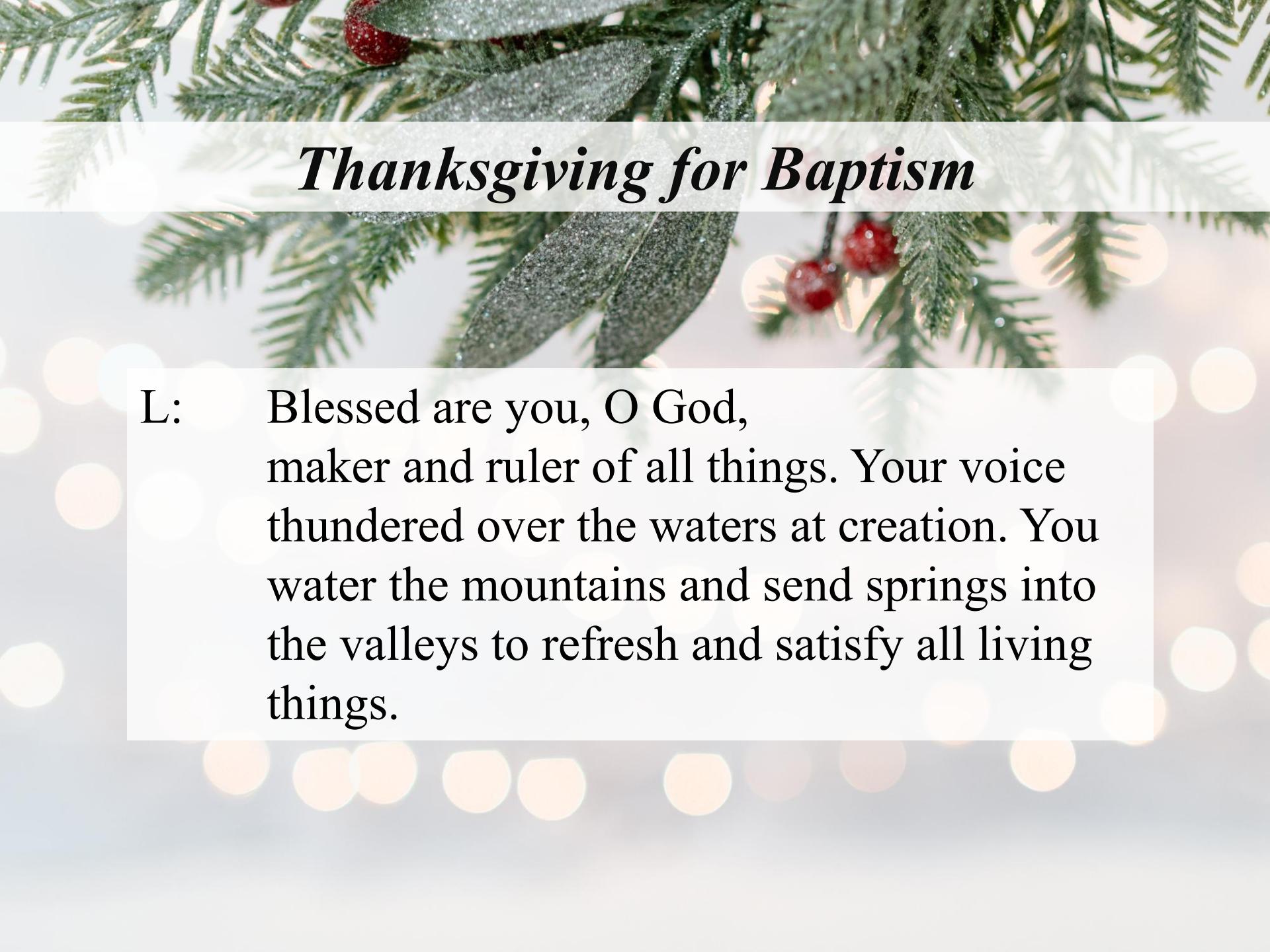
**Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
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Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
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Jesus, yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in your name.
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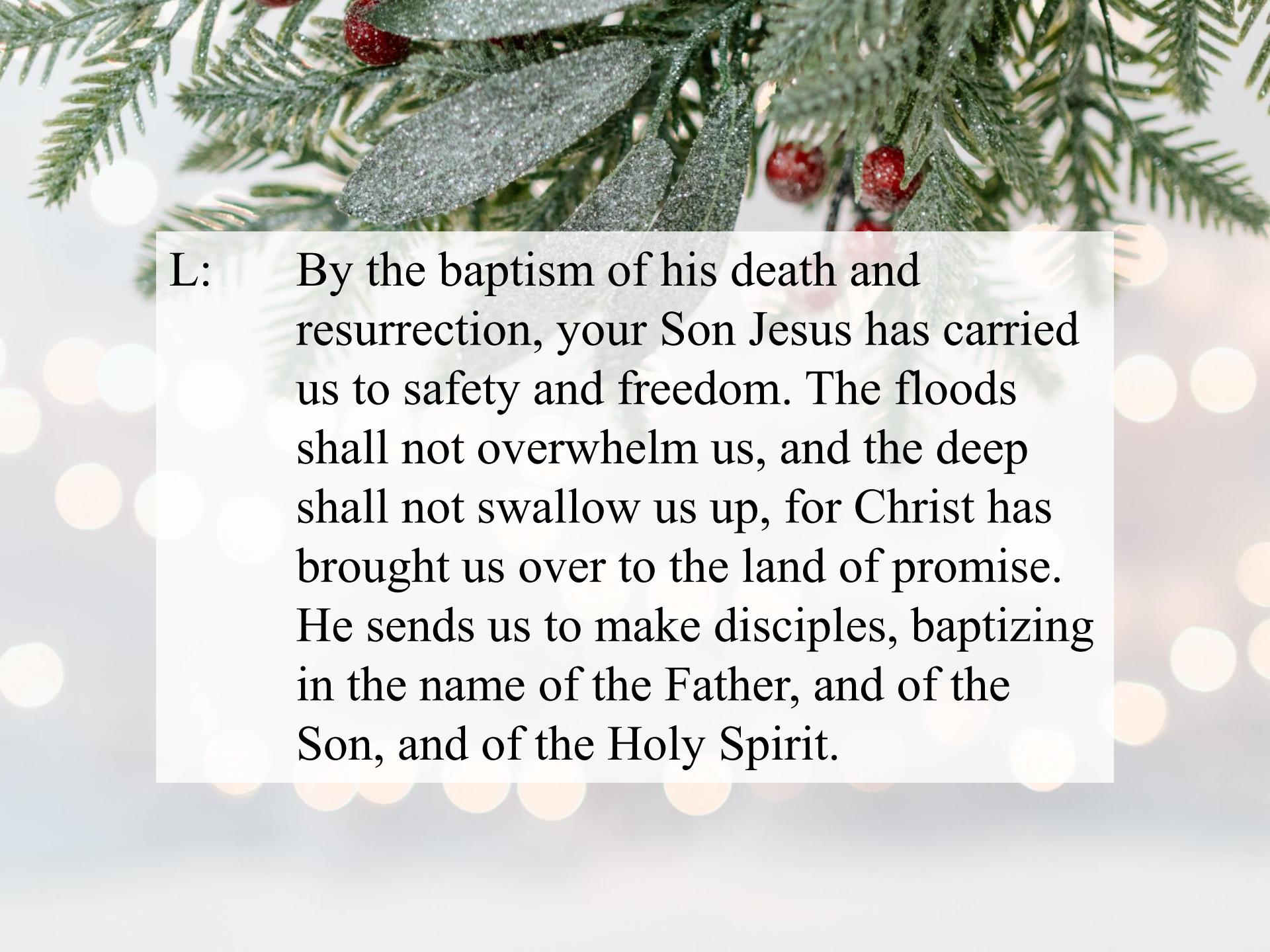
Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Blessed are you, O God,
maker and ruler of all things. Your voice
thundered over the waters at creation. You
water the mountains and send springs into
the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living
things.

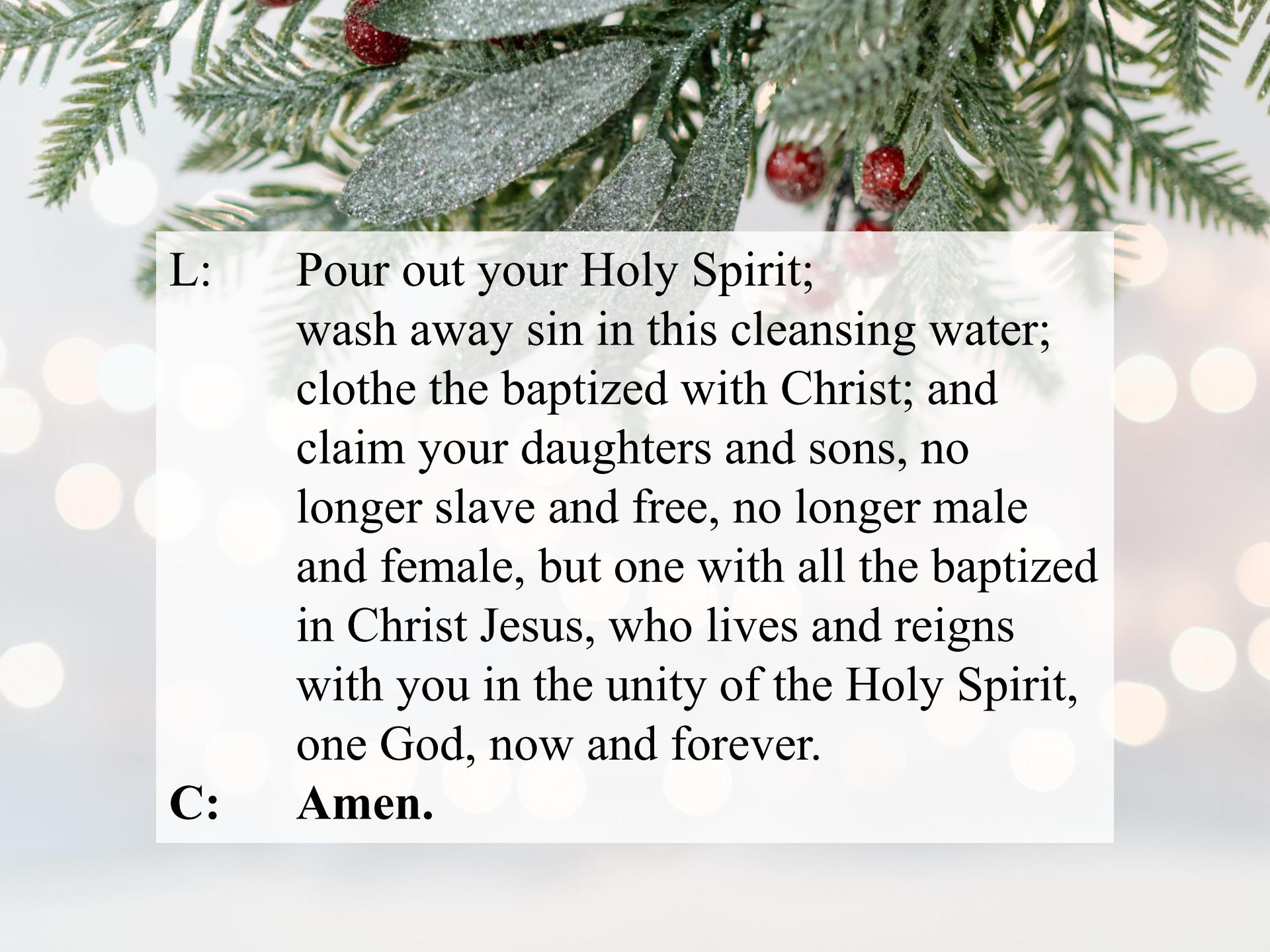


L: Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.





L: By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

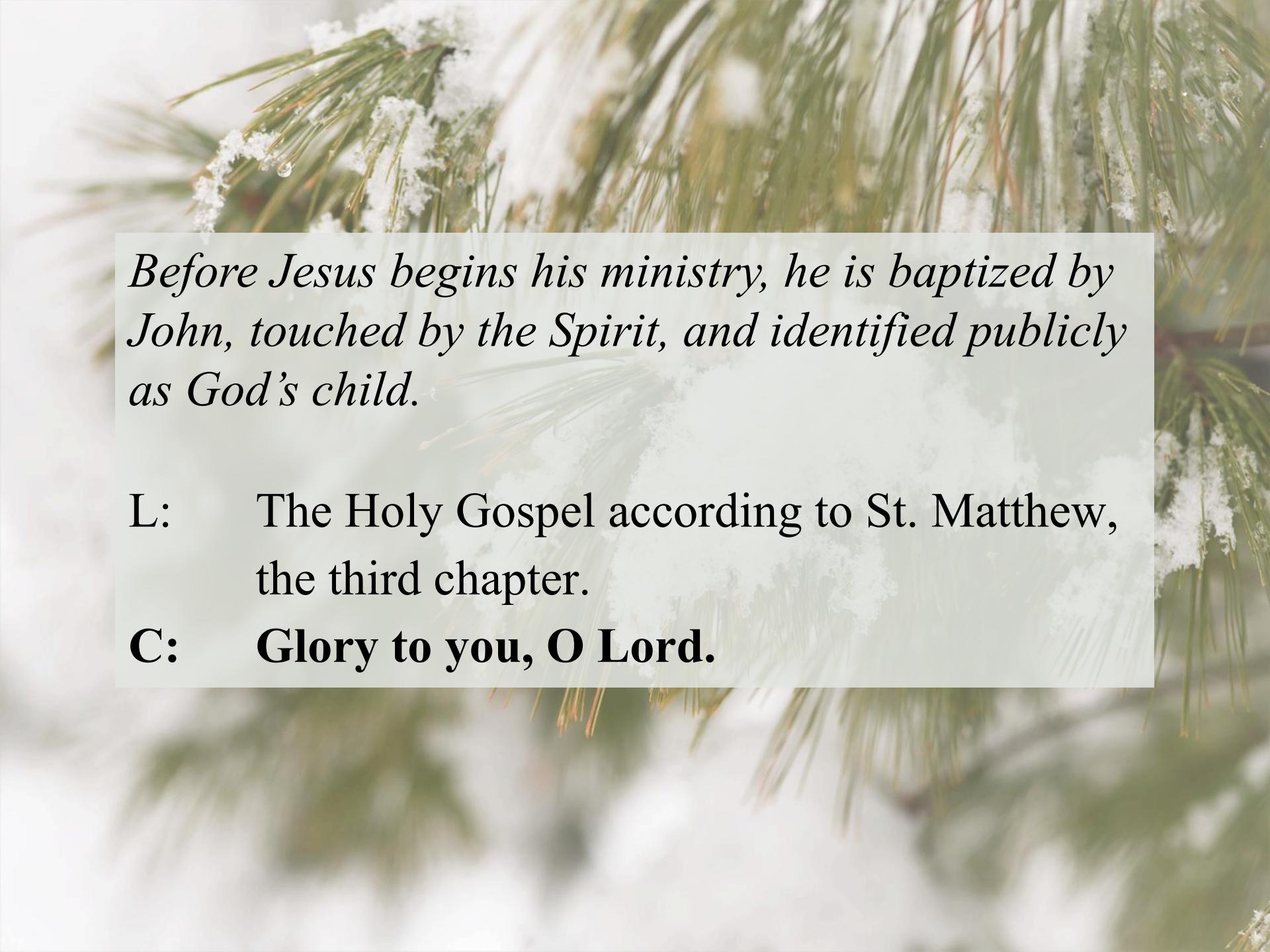


L: Pour out your Holy Spirit;
wash away sin in this cleansing water;
clothe the baptized with Christ; and
claim your daughters and sons, no
longer slave and free, no longer male
and female, but one with all the baptized
in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

A Message for All God's Children





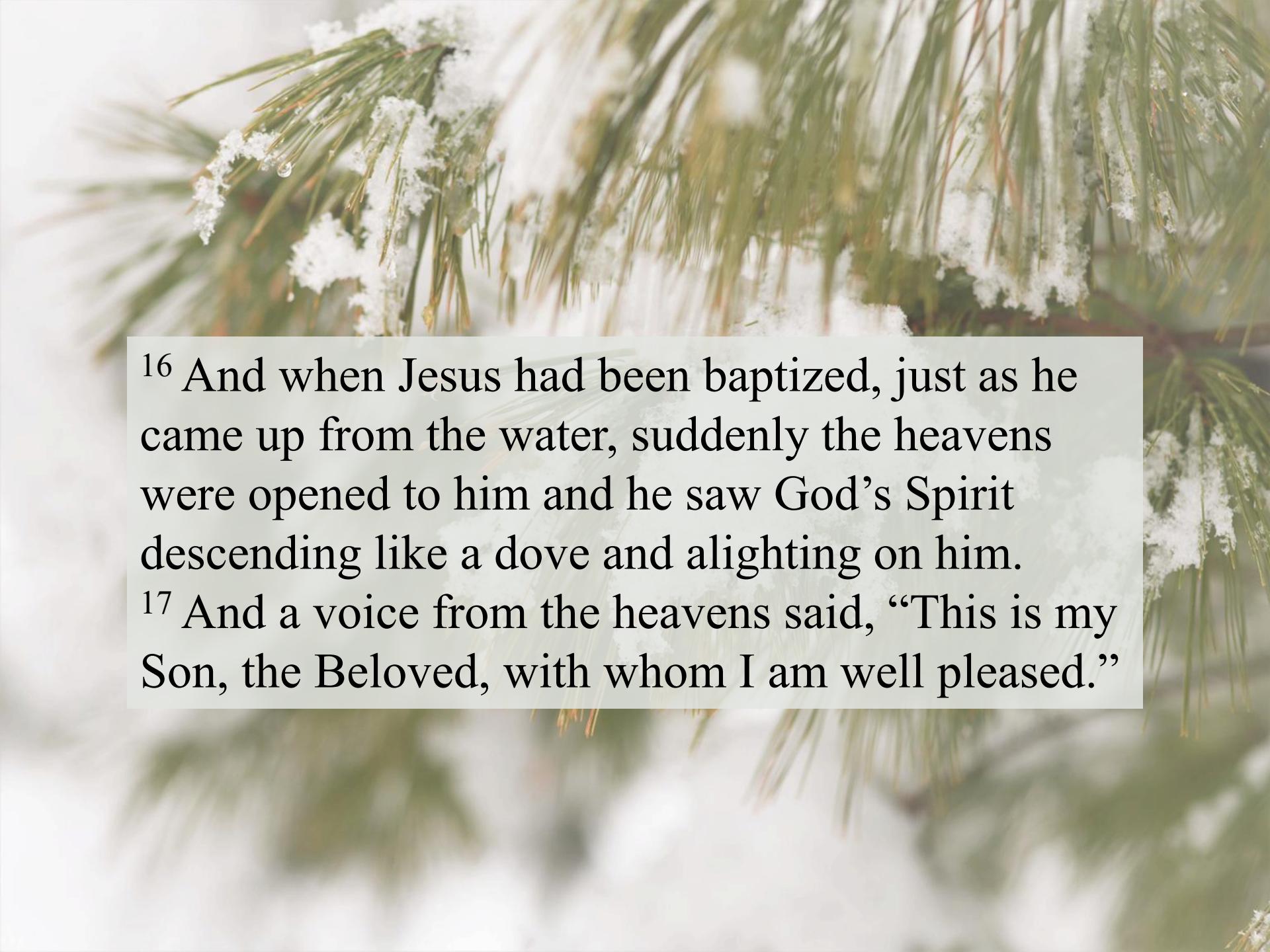
Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the third chapter.

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

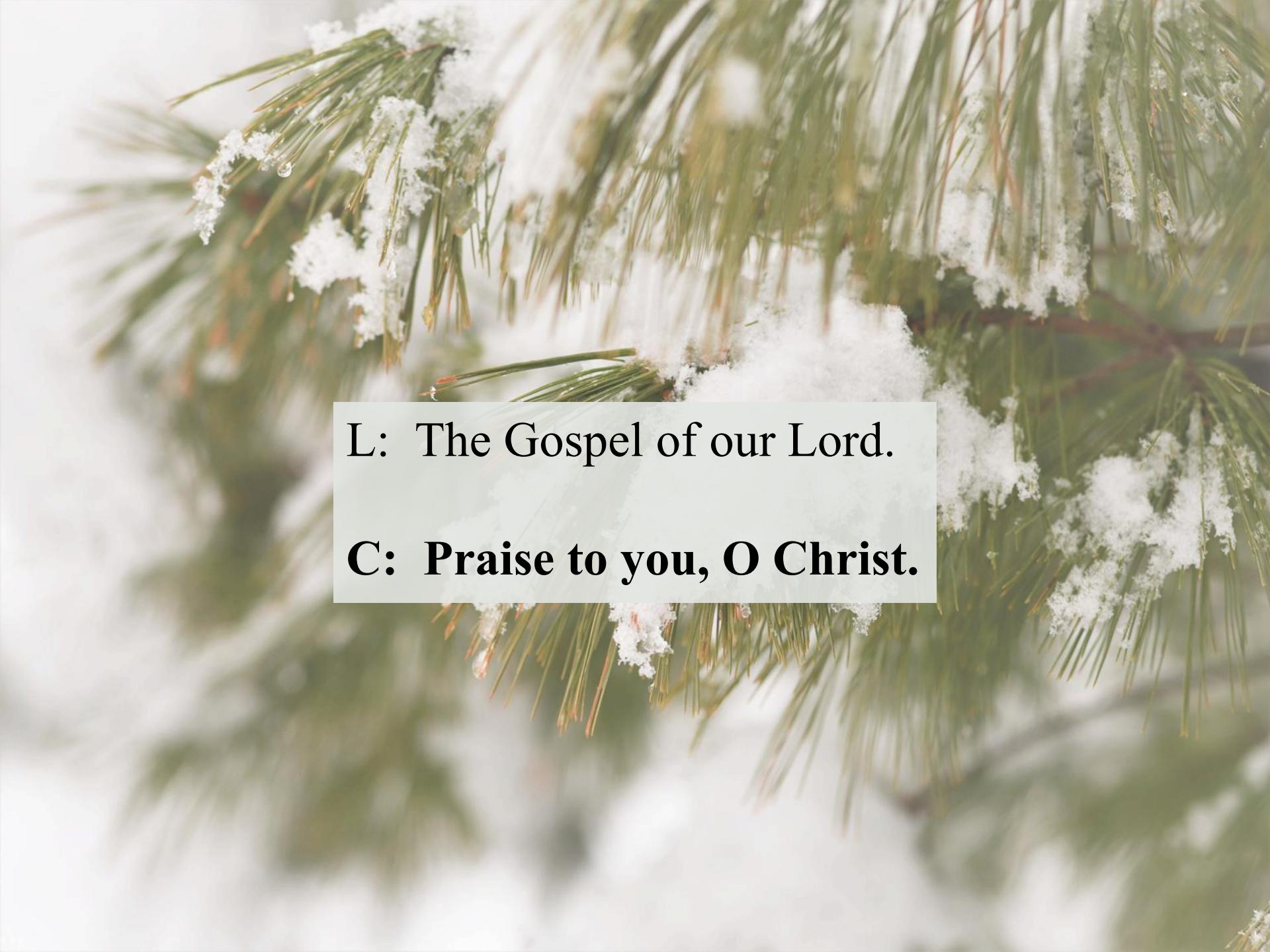
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.



¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.

¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message



Your Grace is Enough

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**Great is your faithfulness, oh God of Jacob;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy
and nothing can keep us apart.**



**So remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise, O God.**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.**



**Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven's victory,
and all your people sing along.**

**So remember your people,
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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.

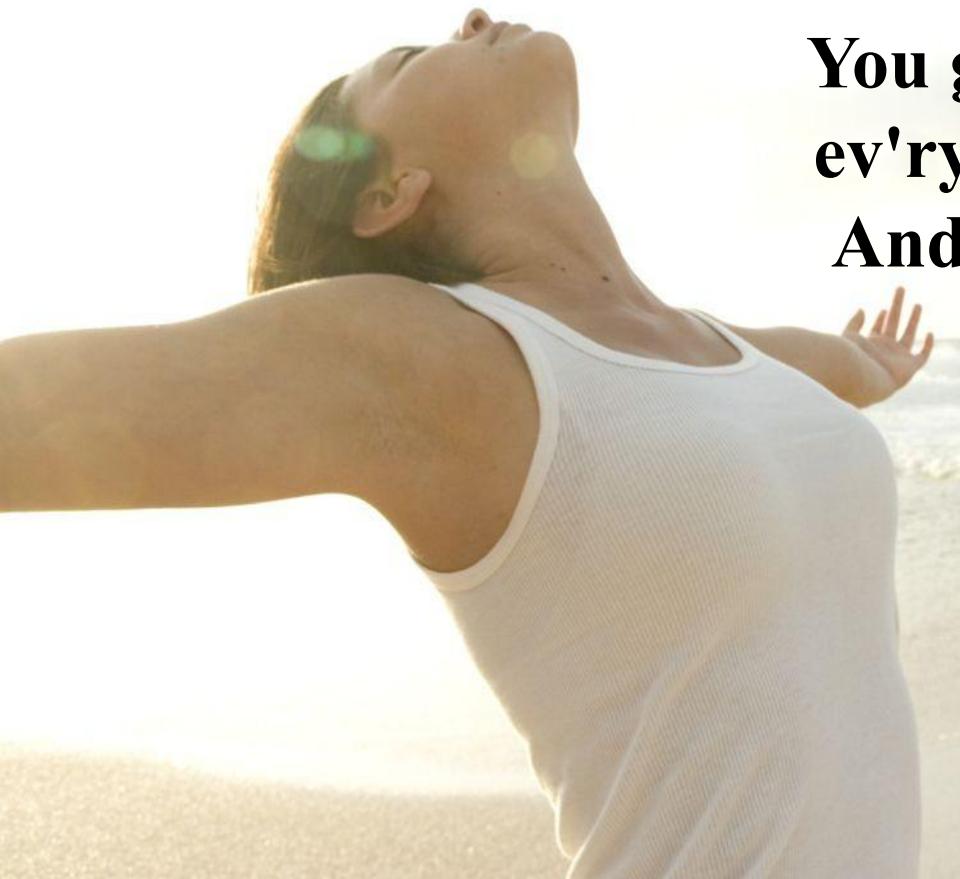


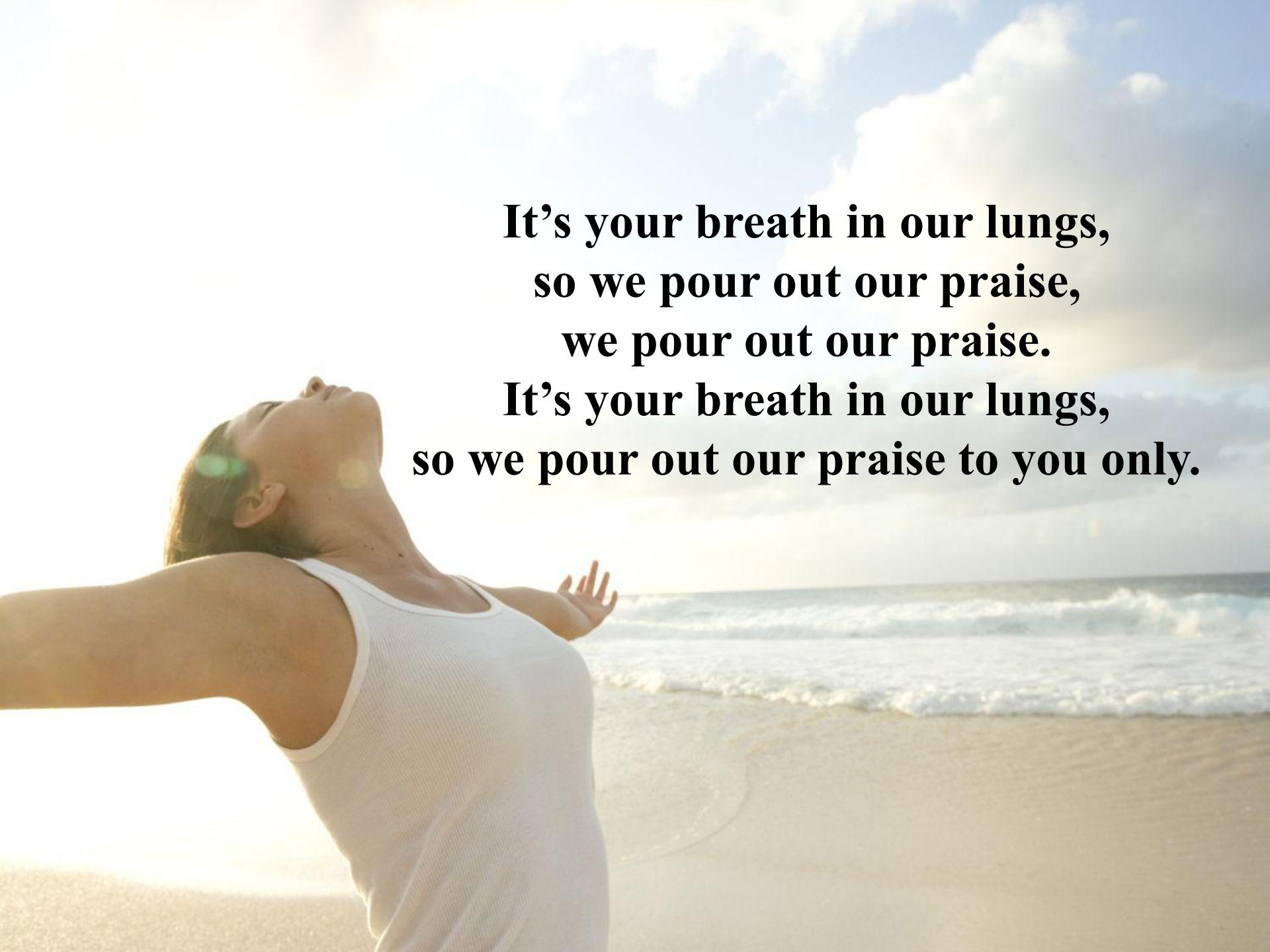
Offering

Great Are You Lord

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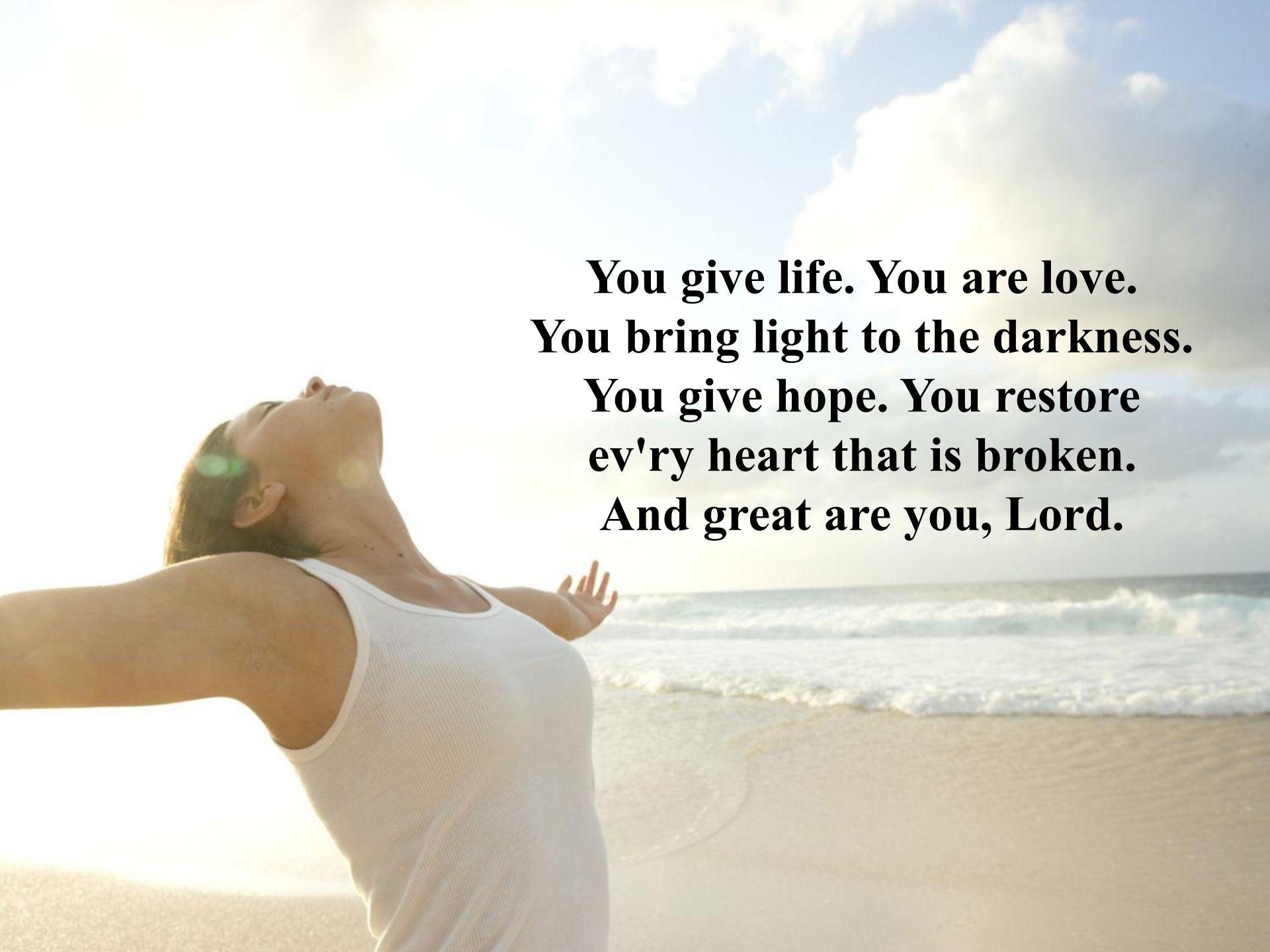
**You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.**



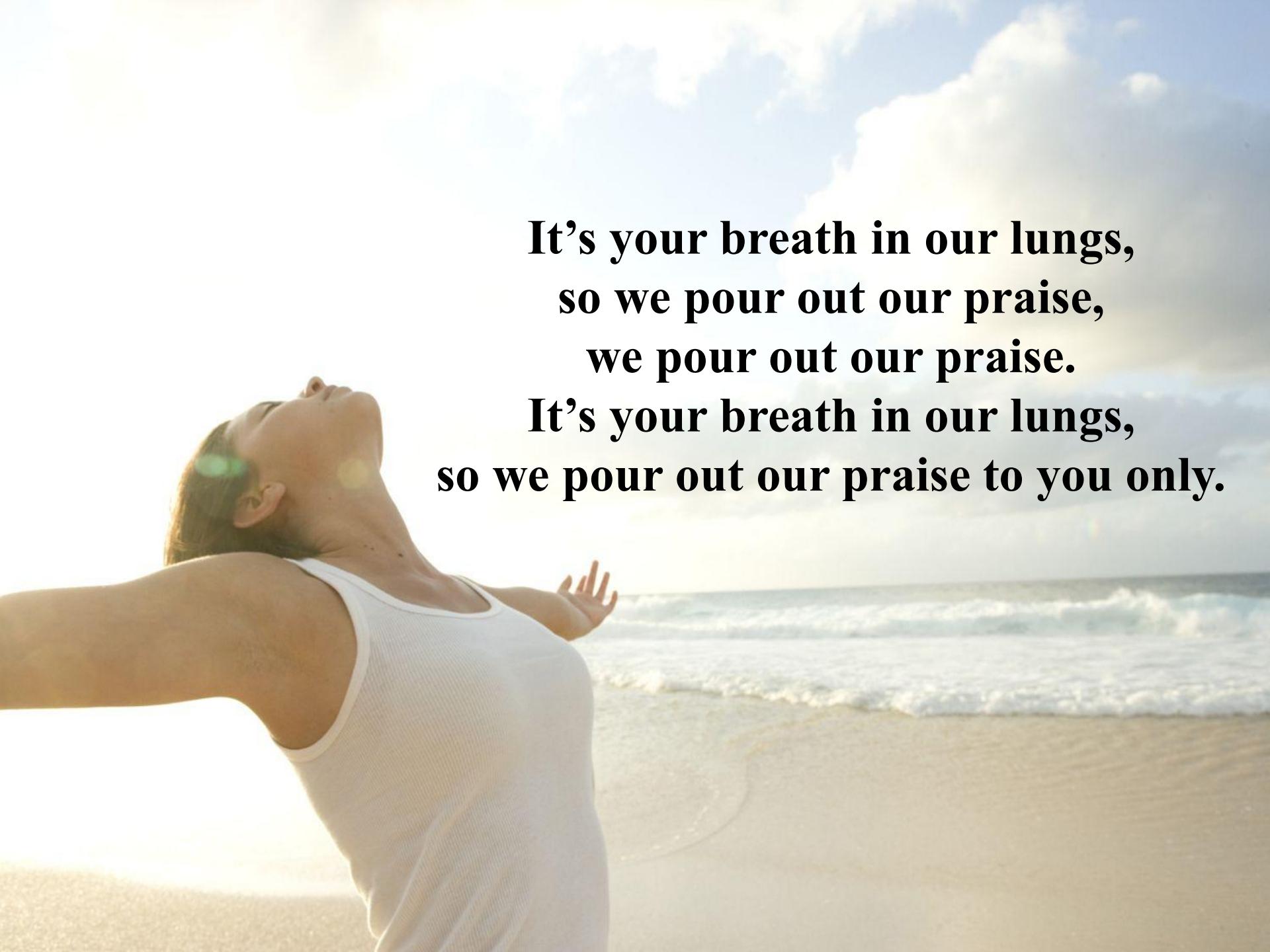
A photograph of a woman with her back to the camera, standing on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white tank top and has her arms outstretched wide. Her head is tilted back, looking up towards the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. In the background, the ocean waves are visible under a sky with scattered clouds.

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

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

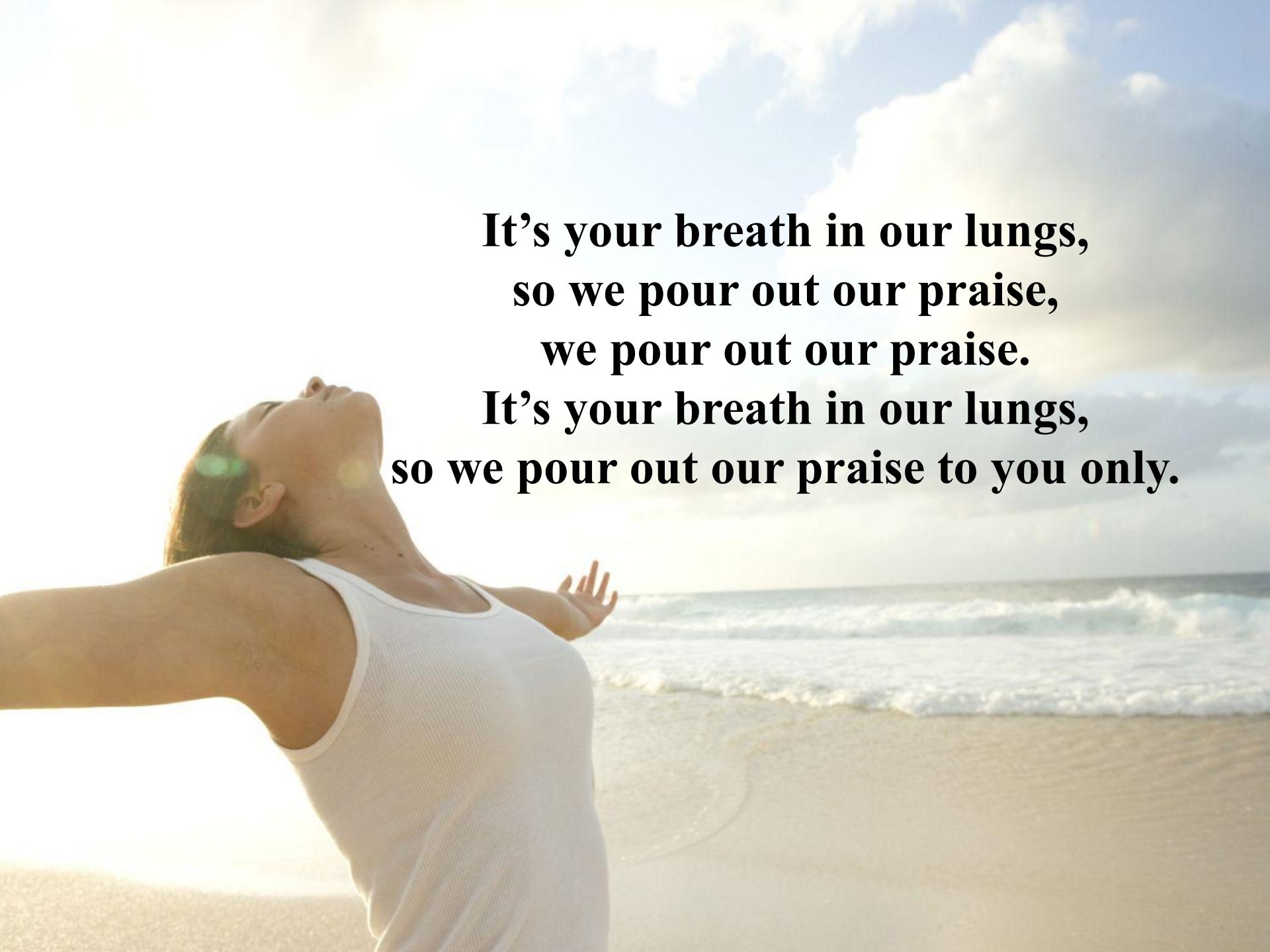
A photograph of a woman with her arms outstretched, looking up at the sky, set against a backdrop of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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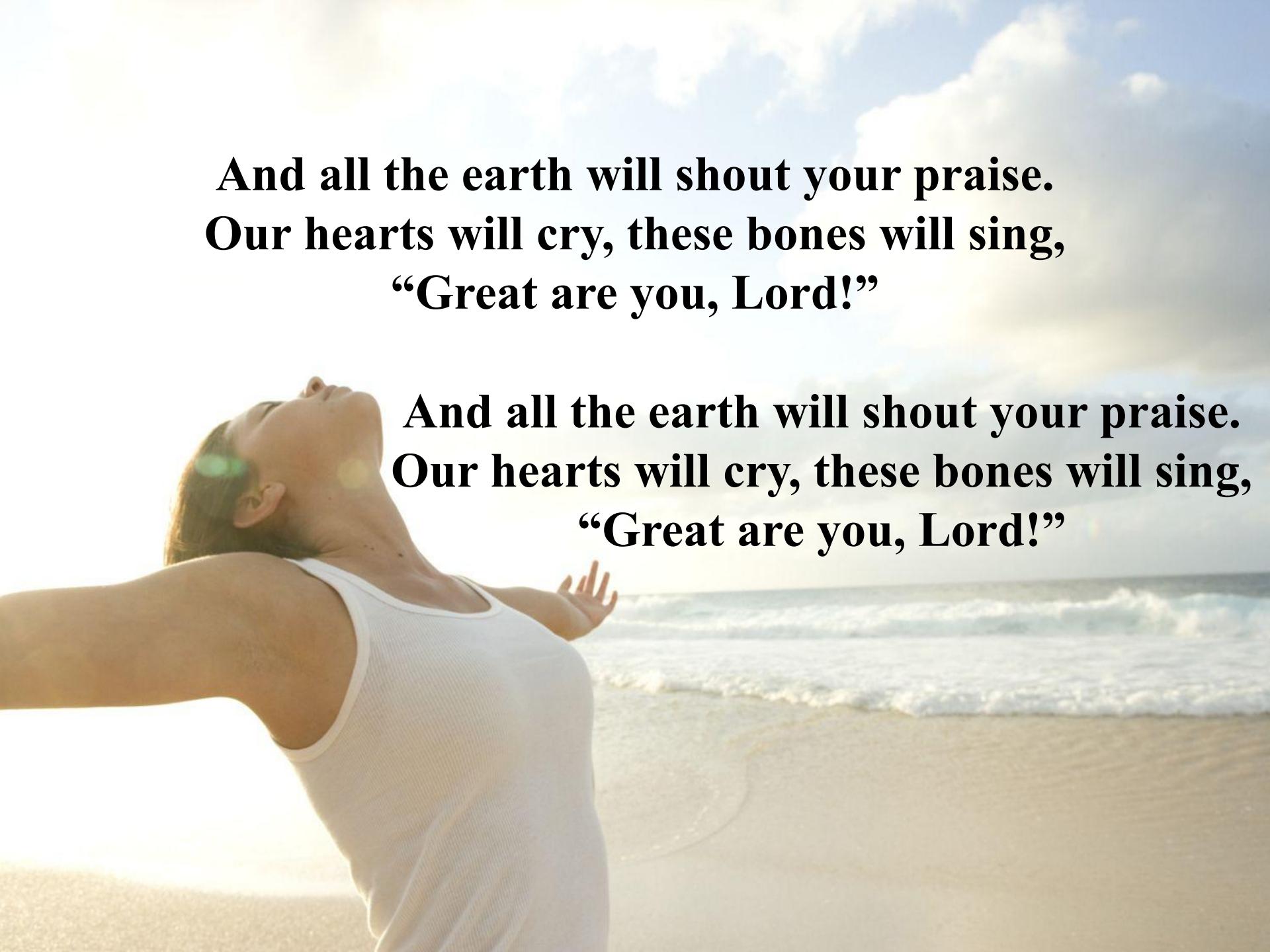
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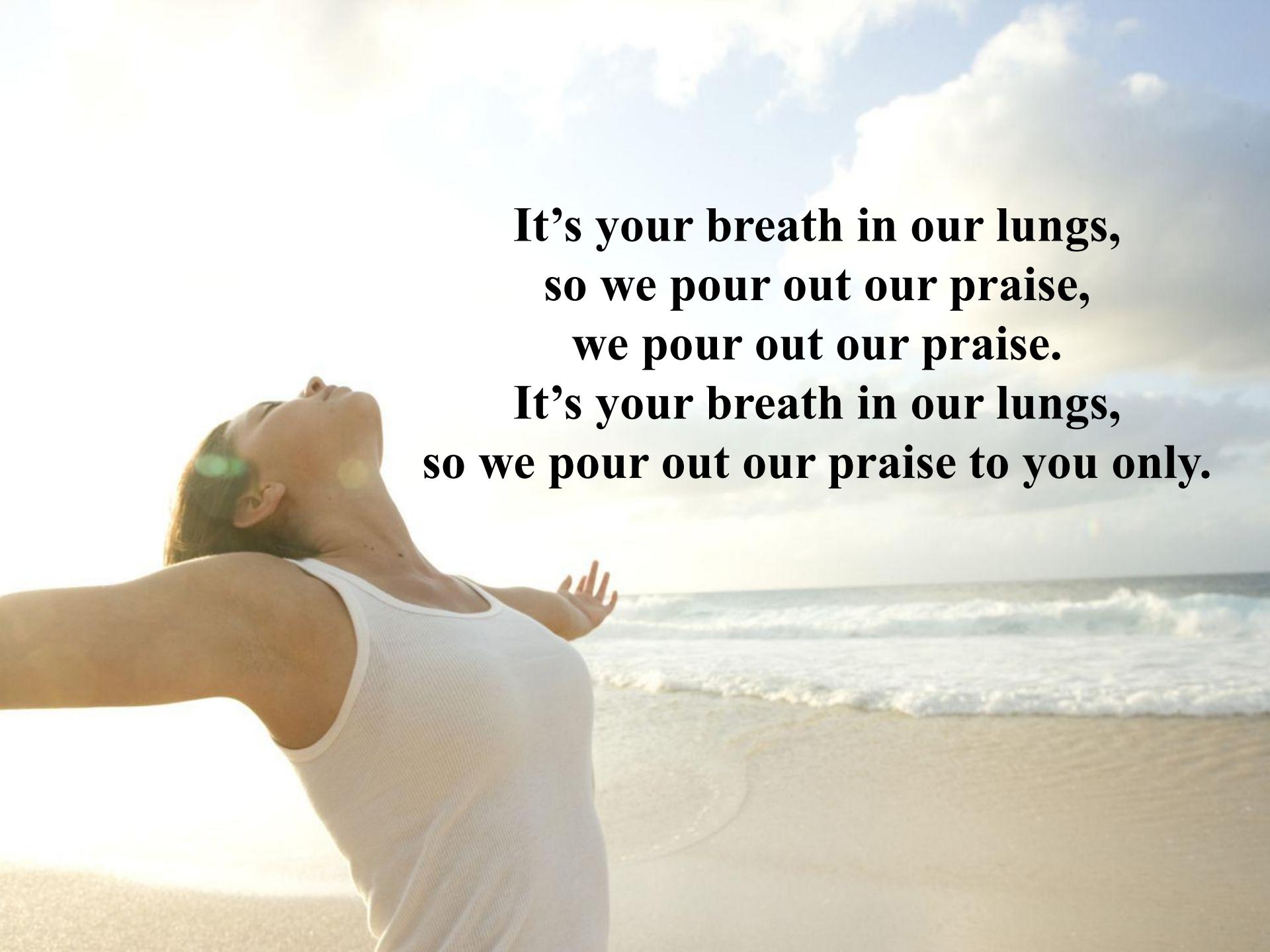
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Offering Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you and to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. May these gifts and the service of our lives be tangible and worthy signs of our response.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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 God strengthen you and bless you with peace; may Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; and may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

C: **Amen.**

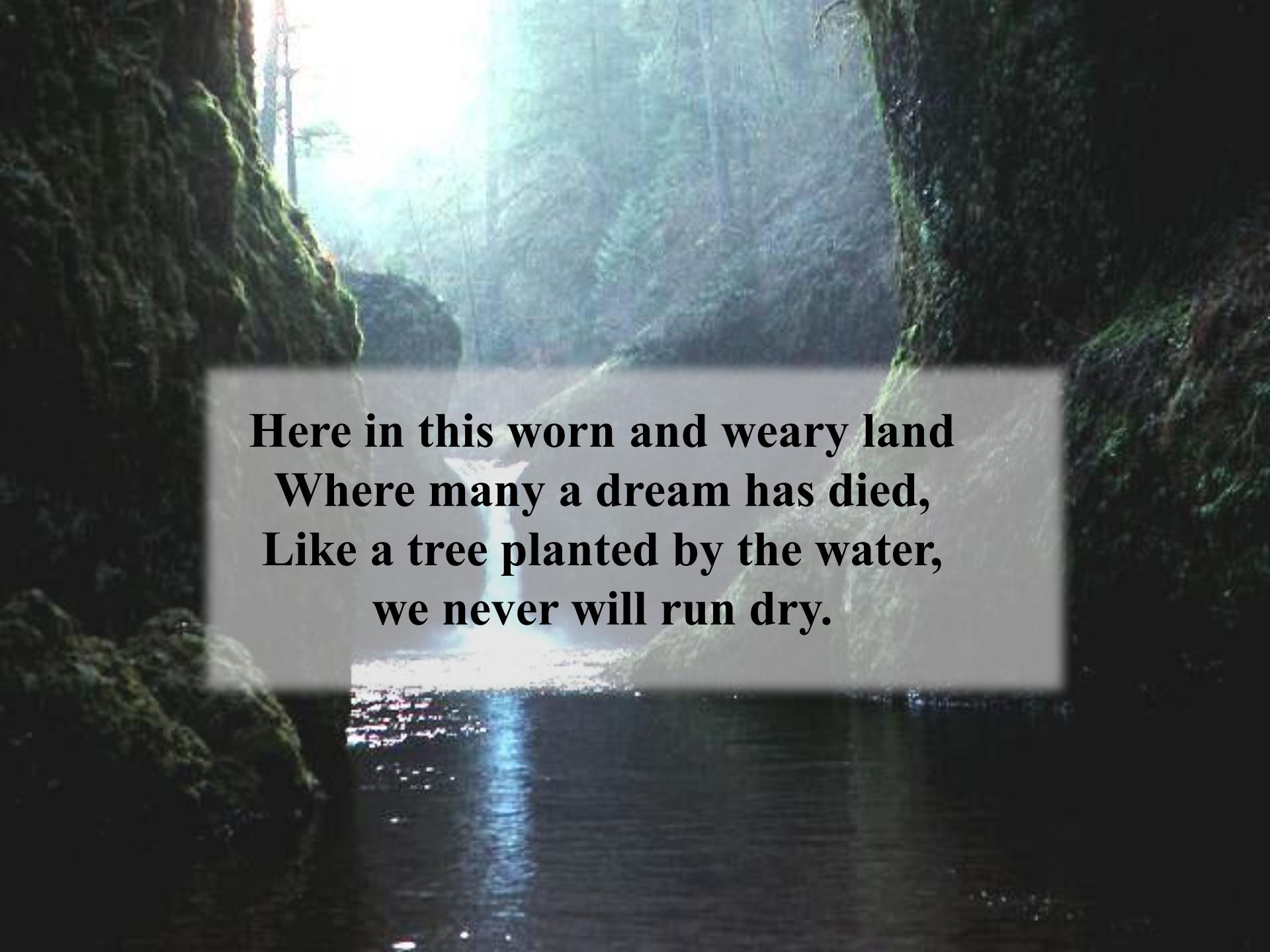
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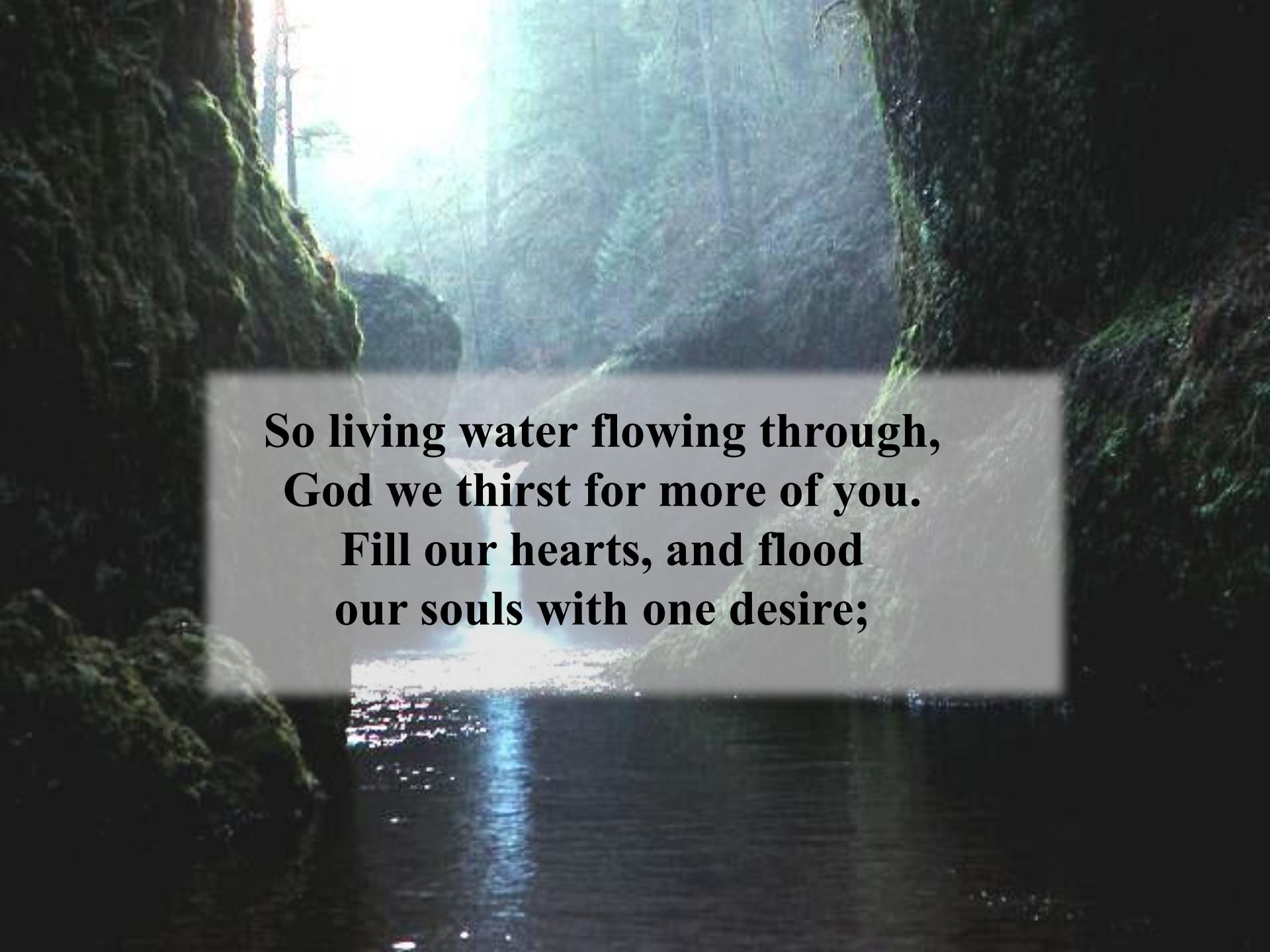
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Oh, Oh

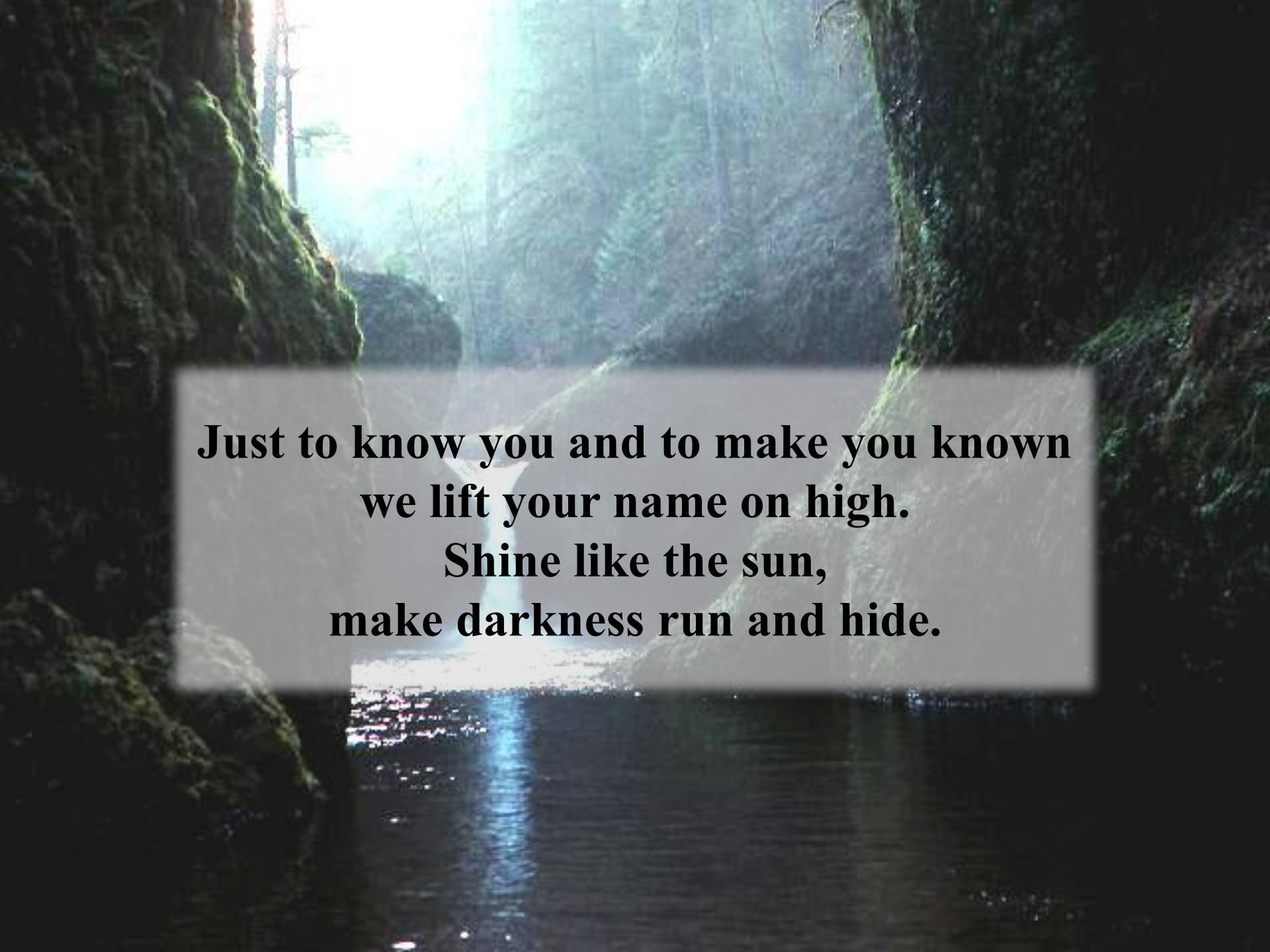
A photograph of a misty, forested landscape. In the foreground, a dark, calm body of water reflects the surrounding greenery. The middle ground is filled with dense, misty forest. In the background, a bright, sunlit area is visible, suggesting a clearing or a path through the trees. The overall atmosphere is serene and somewhat mysterious.

**Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water,
we never will run dry.**

A photograph of a narrow, misty valley. The sides are steep, covered in dense green vegetation and moss. A bright, hazy opening at the top lets in light, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The foreground is dark and shadowed.

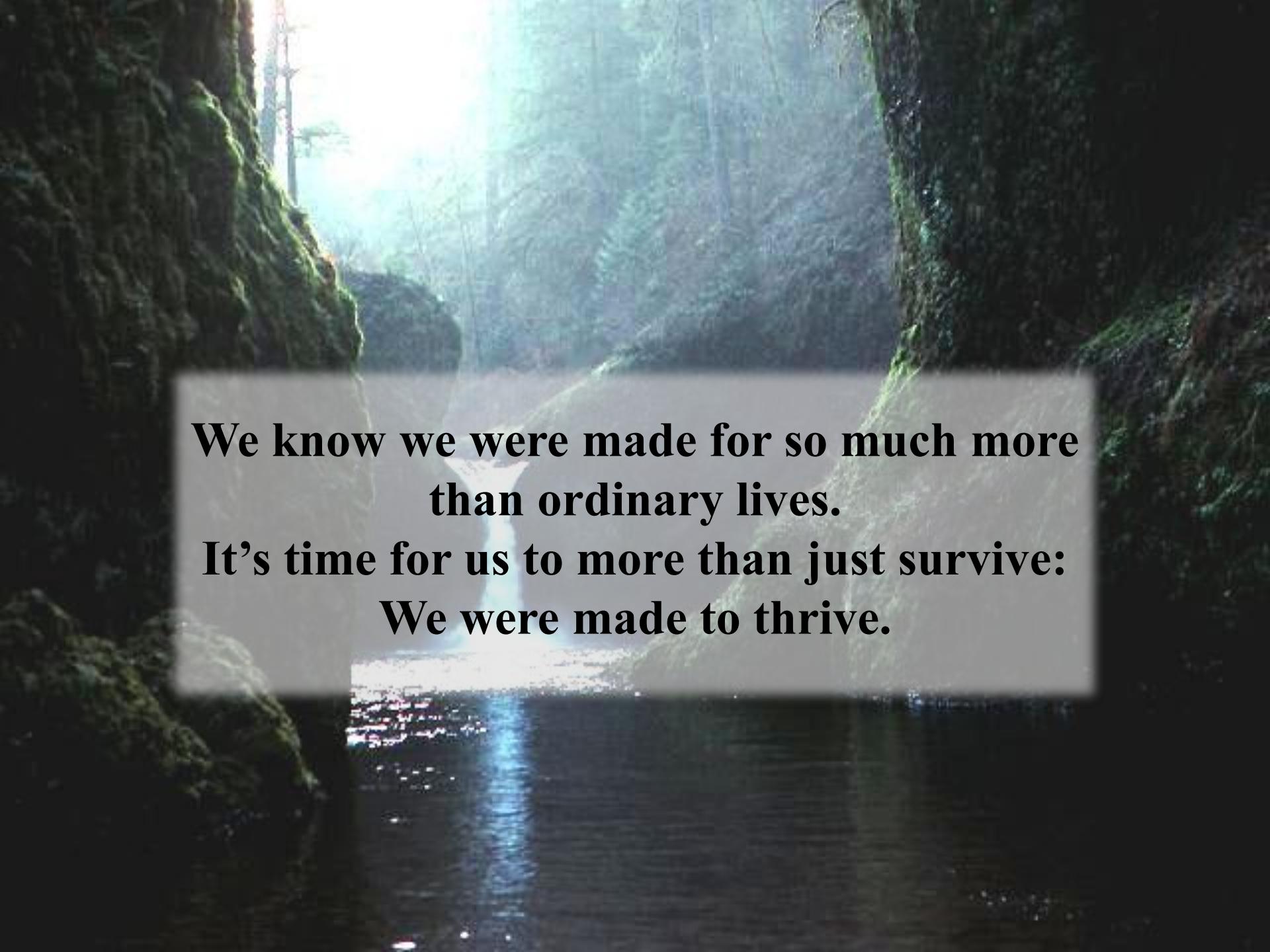
**So living water flowing through,
God we thirst for more of you.**

**Fill our hearts, and flood
our souls with one desire;**

A photograph of a deep, narrow valley. The sides are steep and covered in dense green vegetation and moss. A bright, hazy opening at the top of the valley lets in light, creating a misty atmosphere. In the distance, a city skyline with numerous lit buildings is visible across a body of water. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

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we lift your name on high.**

**Shine like the sun,
make darkness run and hide.**

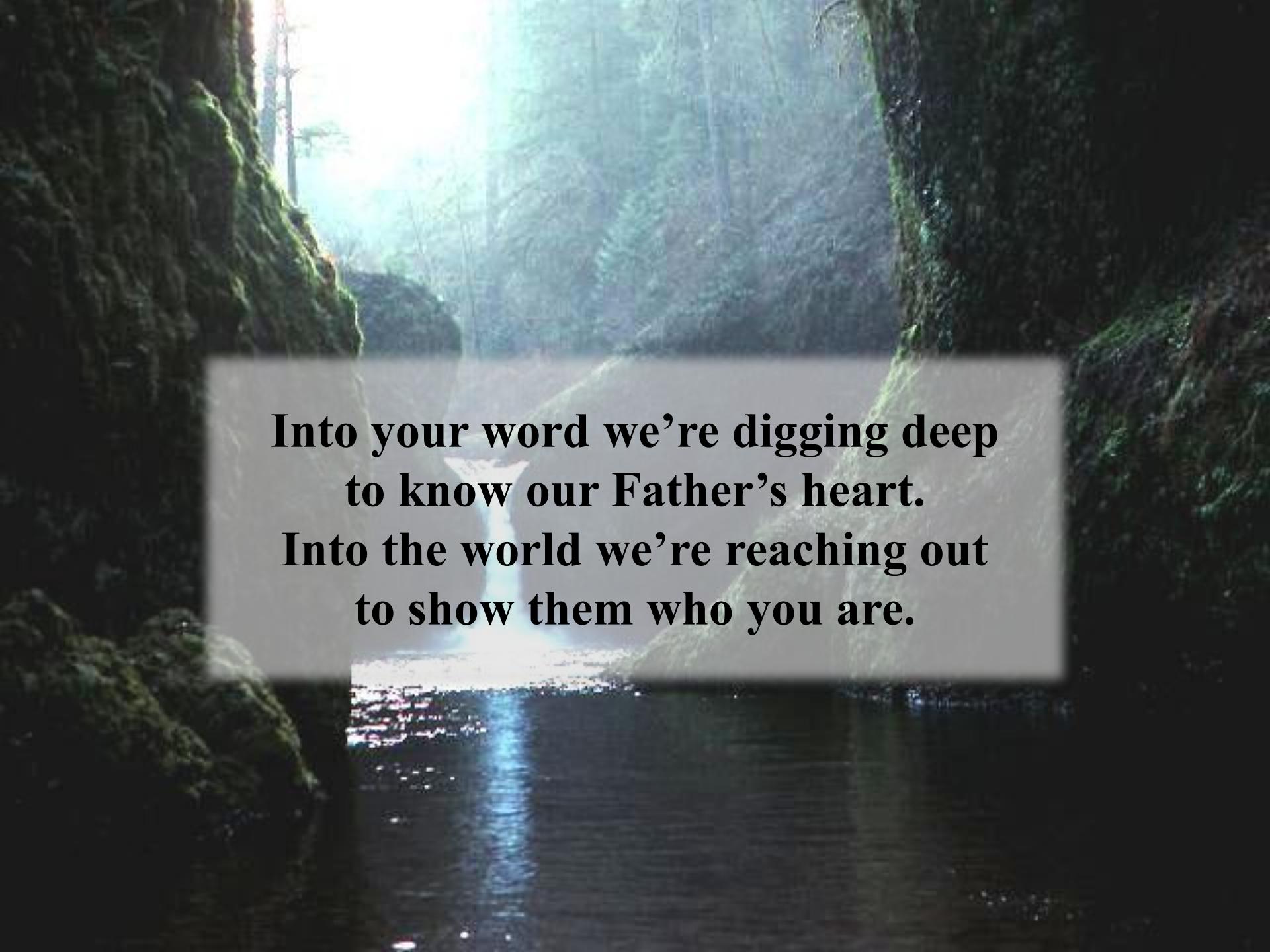


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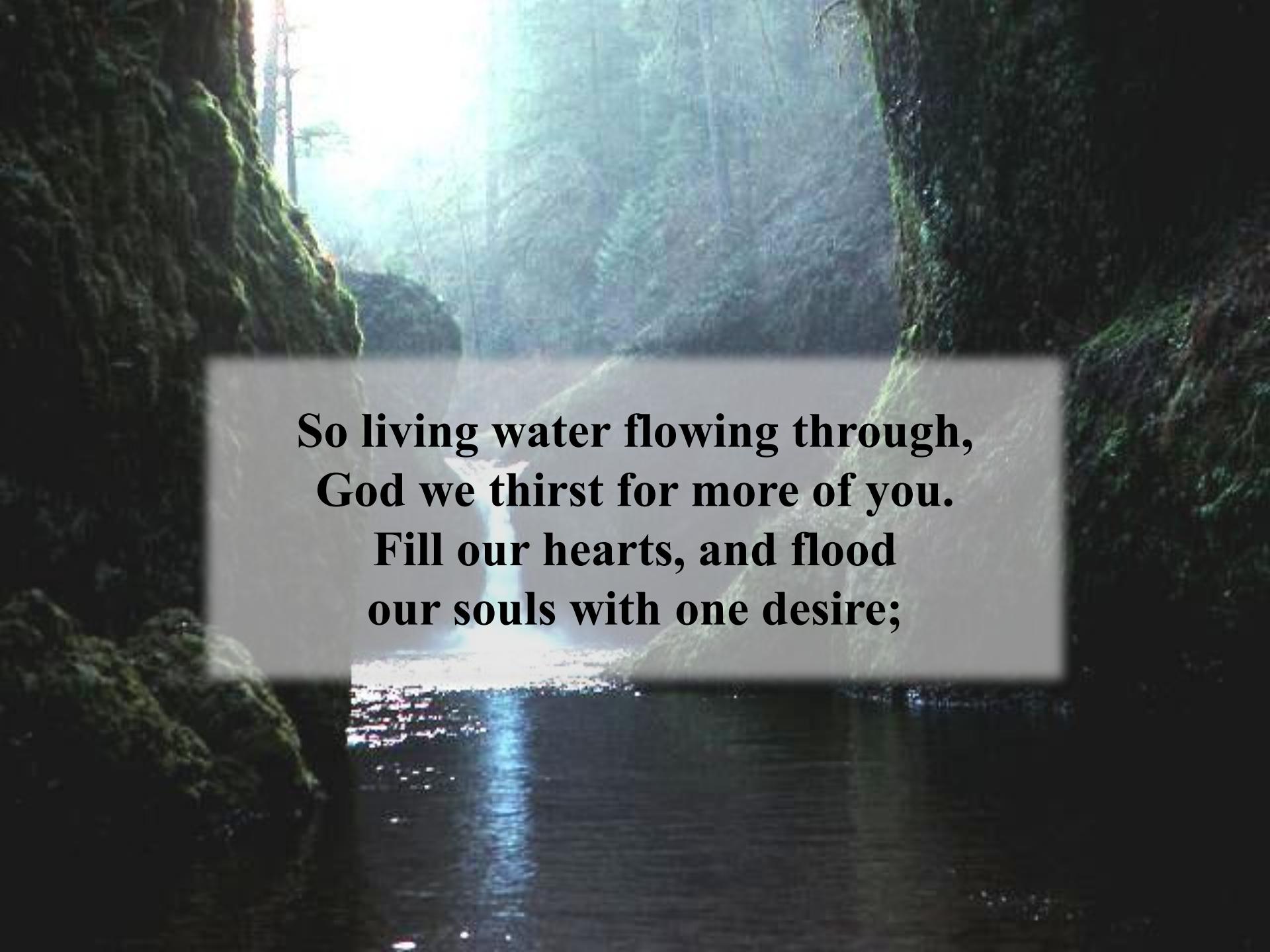
A photograph of a river flowing through a narrow, mossy canyon. The river is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. A waterfall is visible at the bottom of the canyon. The walls of the canyon are covered in green moss and are illuminated by sunlight coming from the top left.

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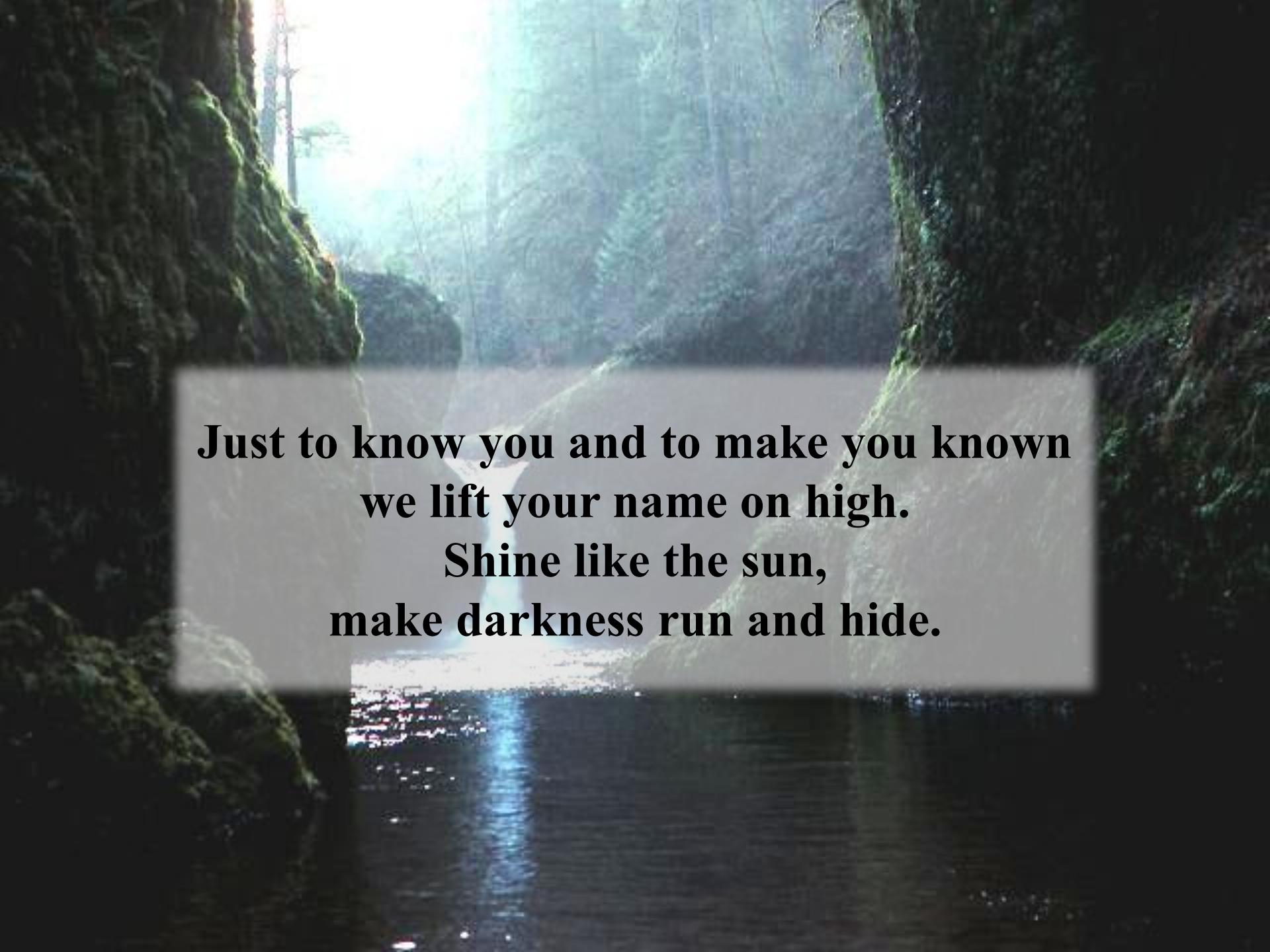
**Into your word we're digging deep
to know our Father's heart.**

**Into the world we're reaching out
to show them who you are.**

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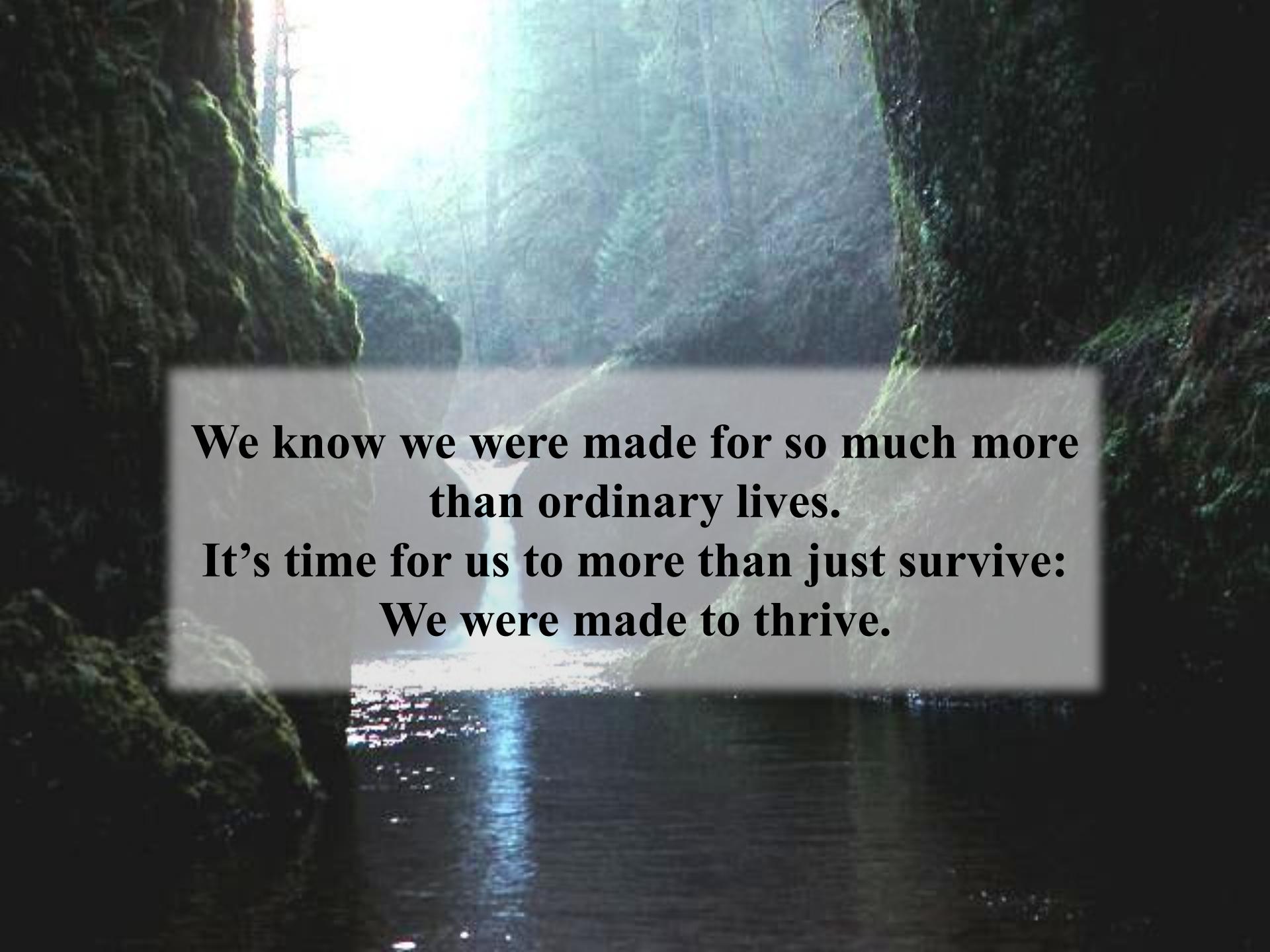
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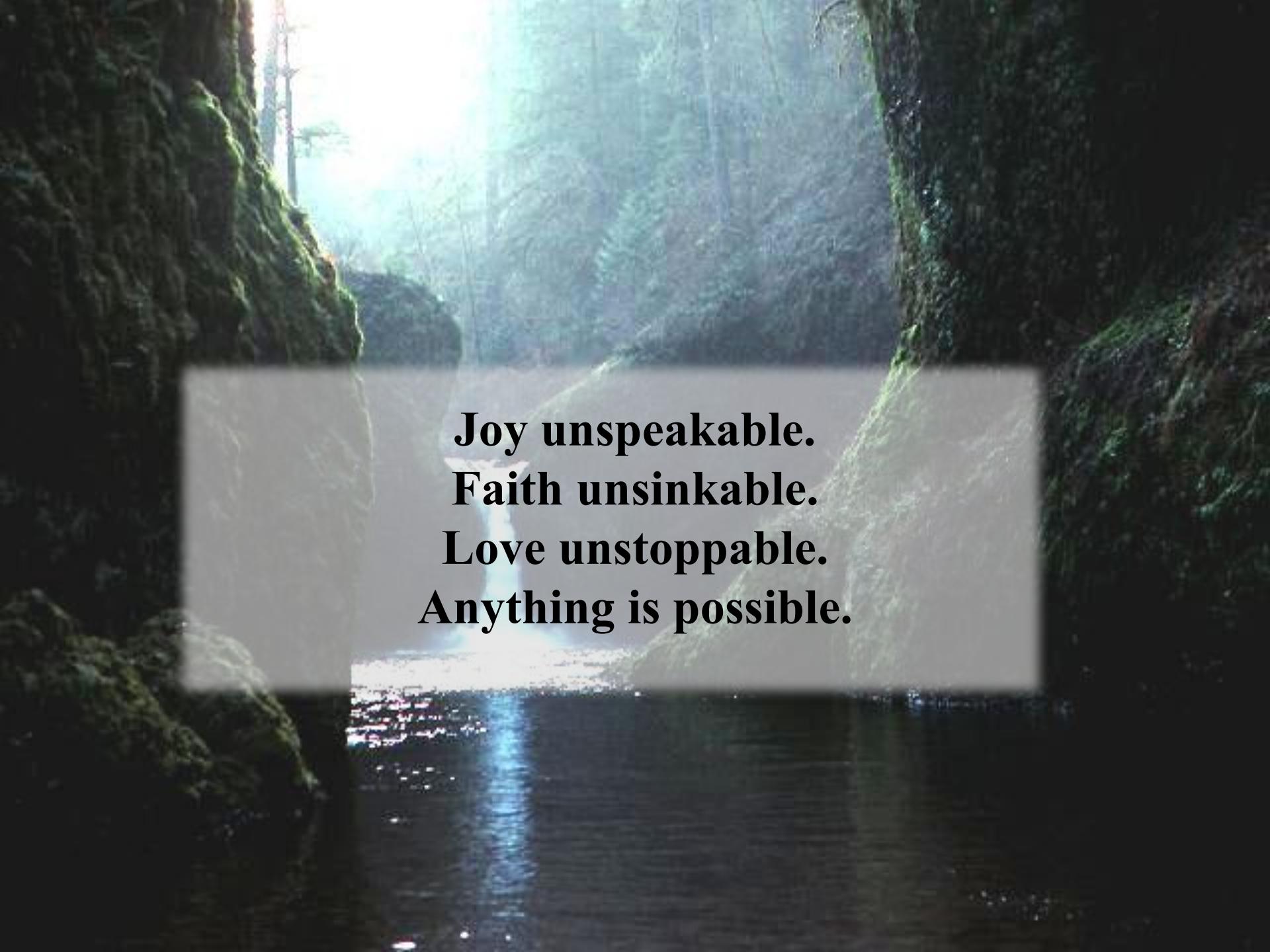
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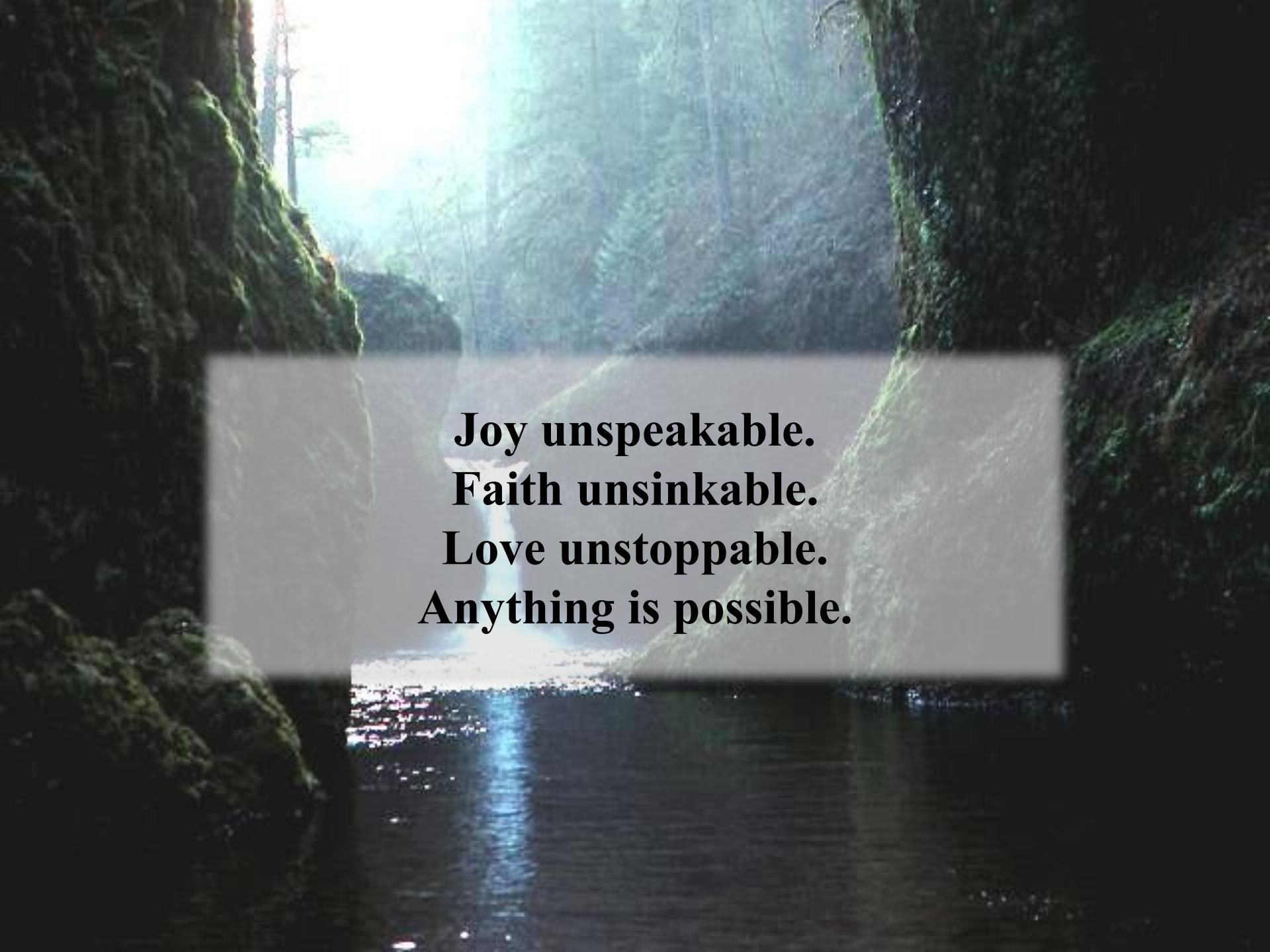


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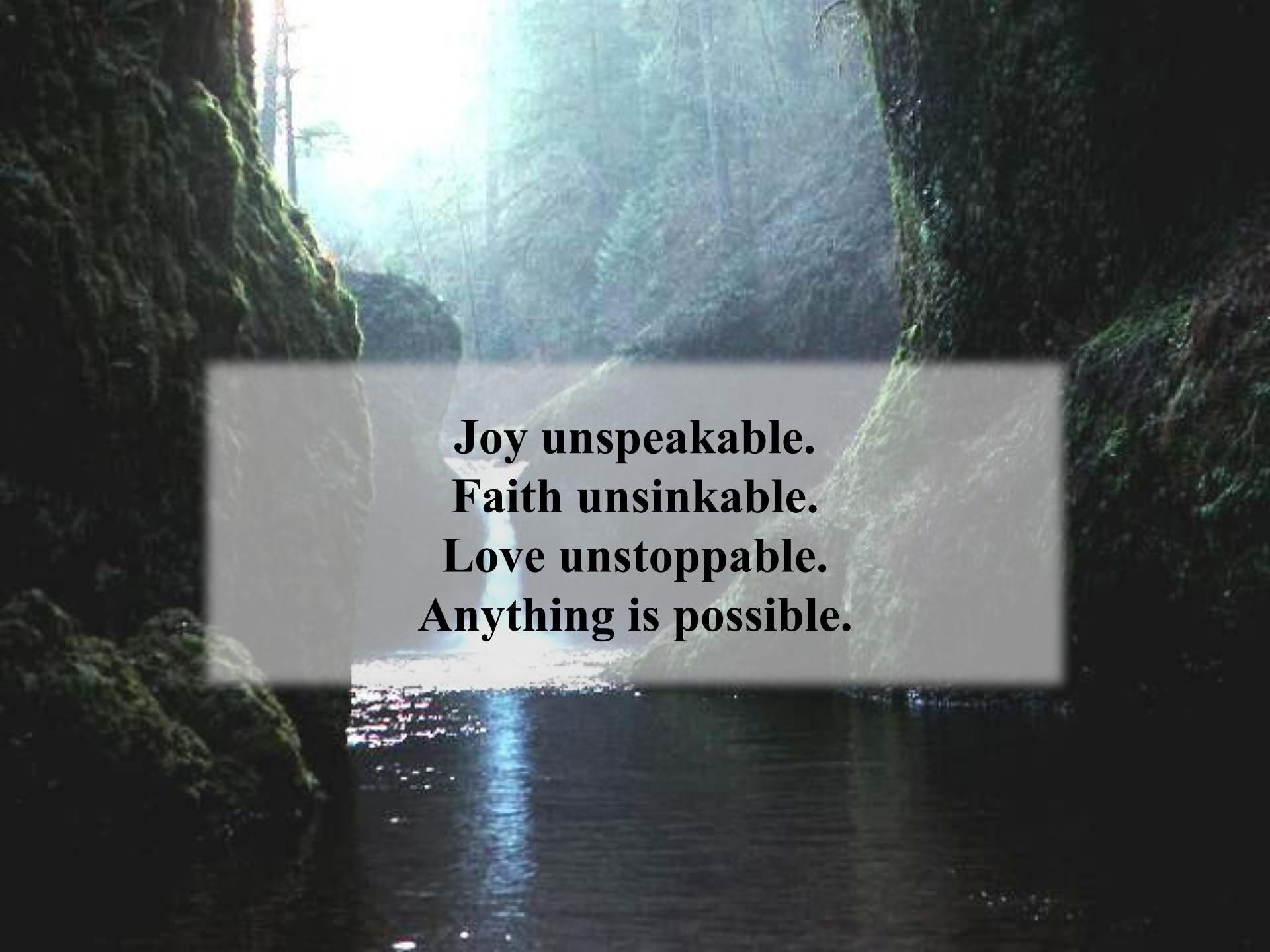
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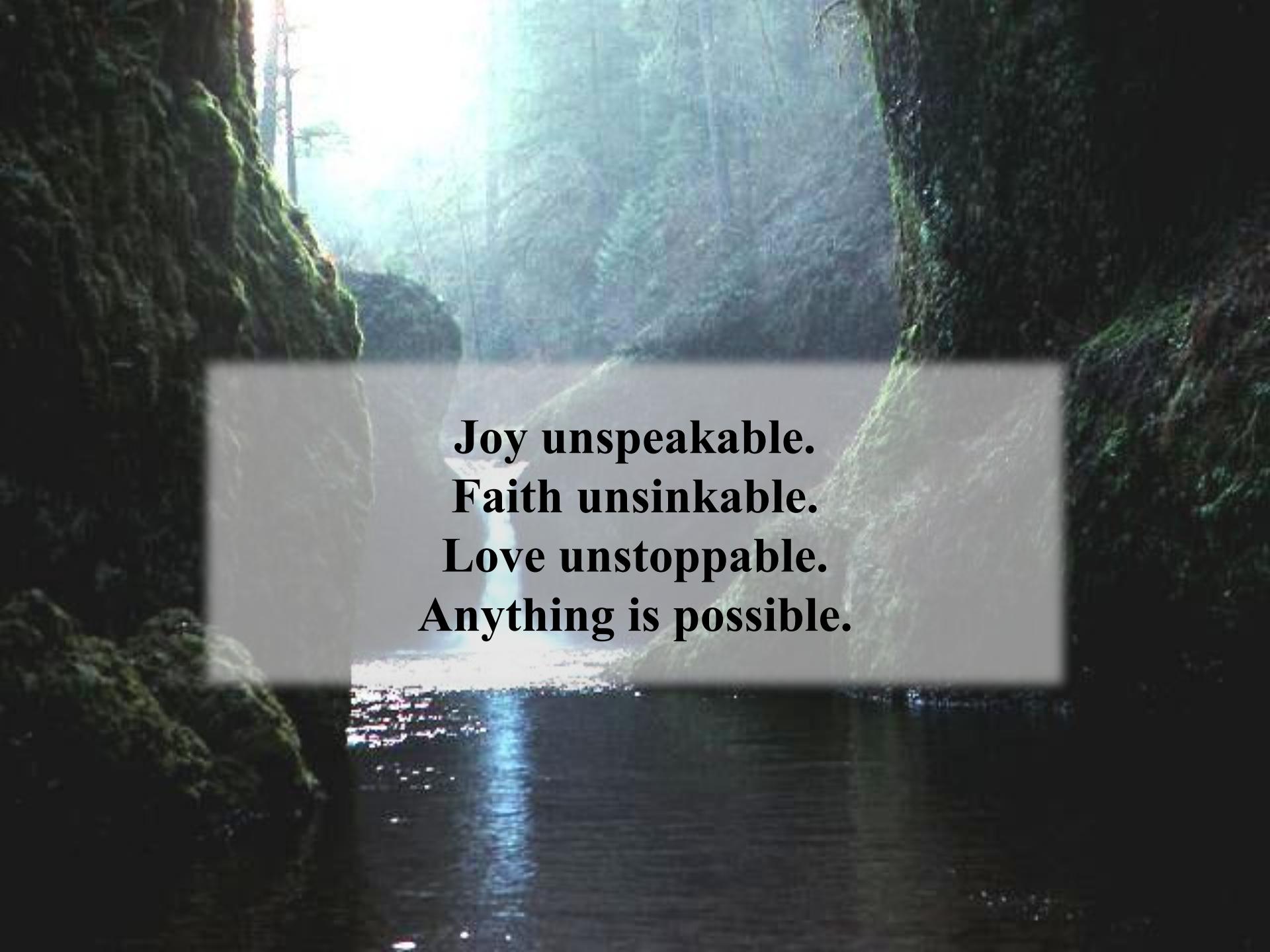
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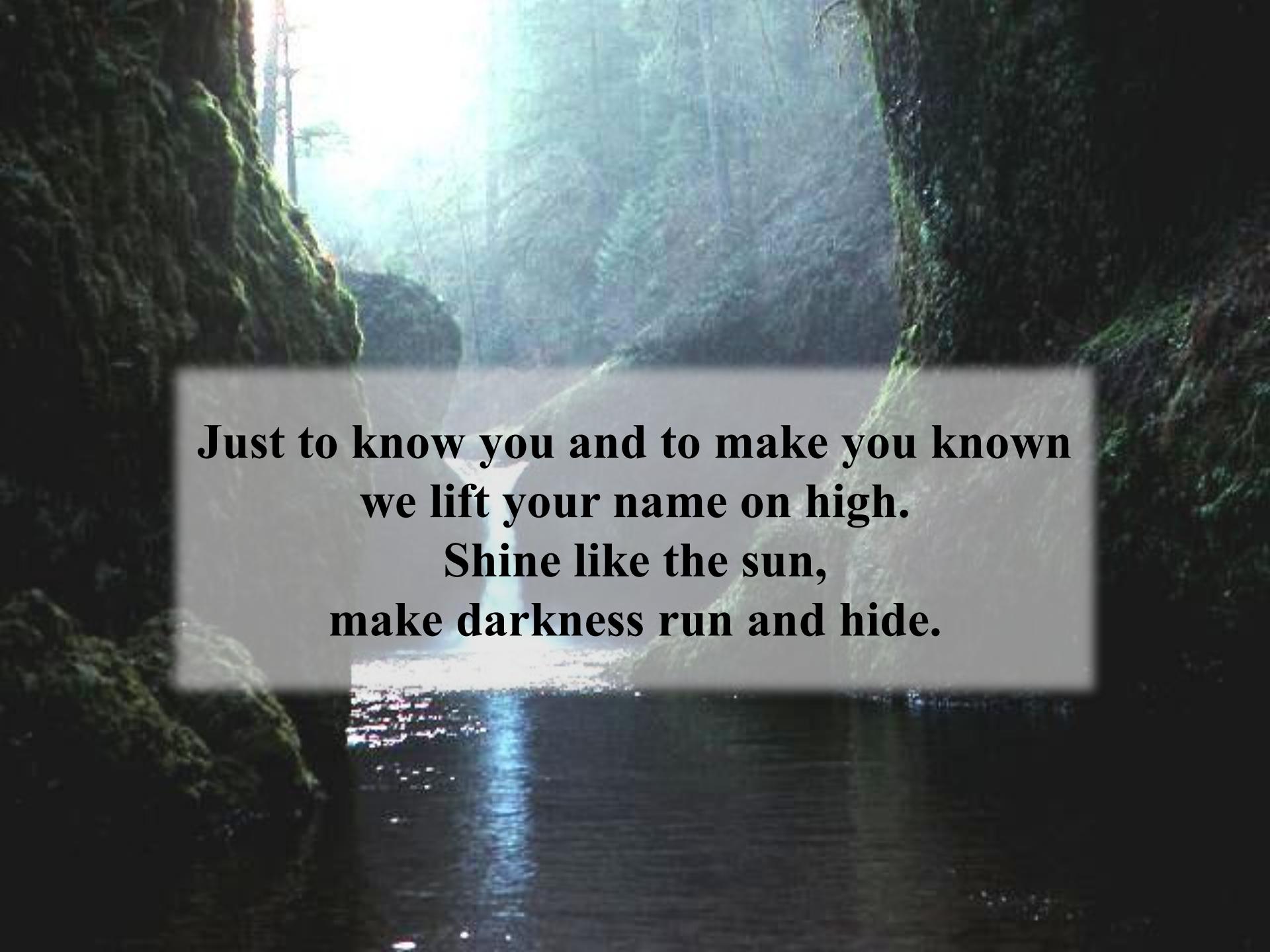
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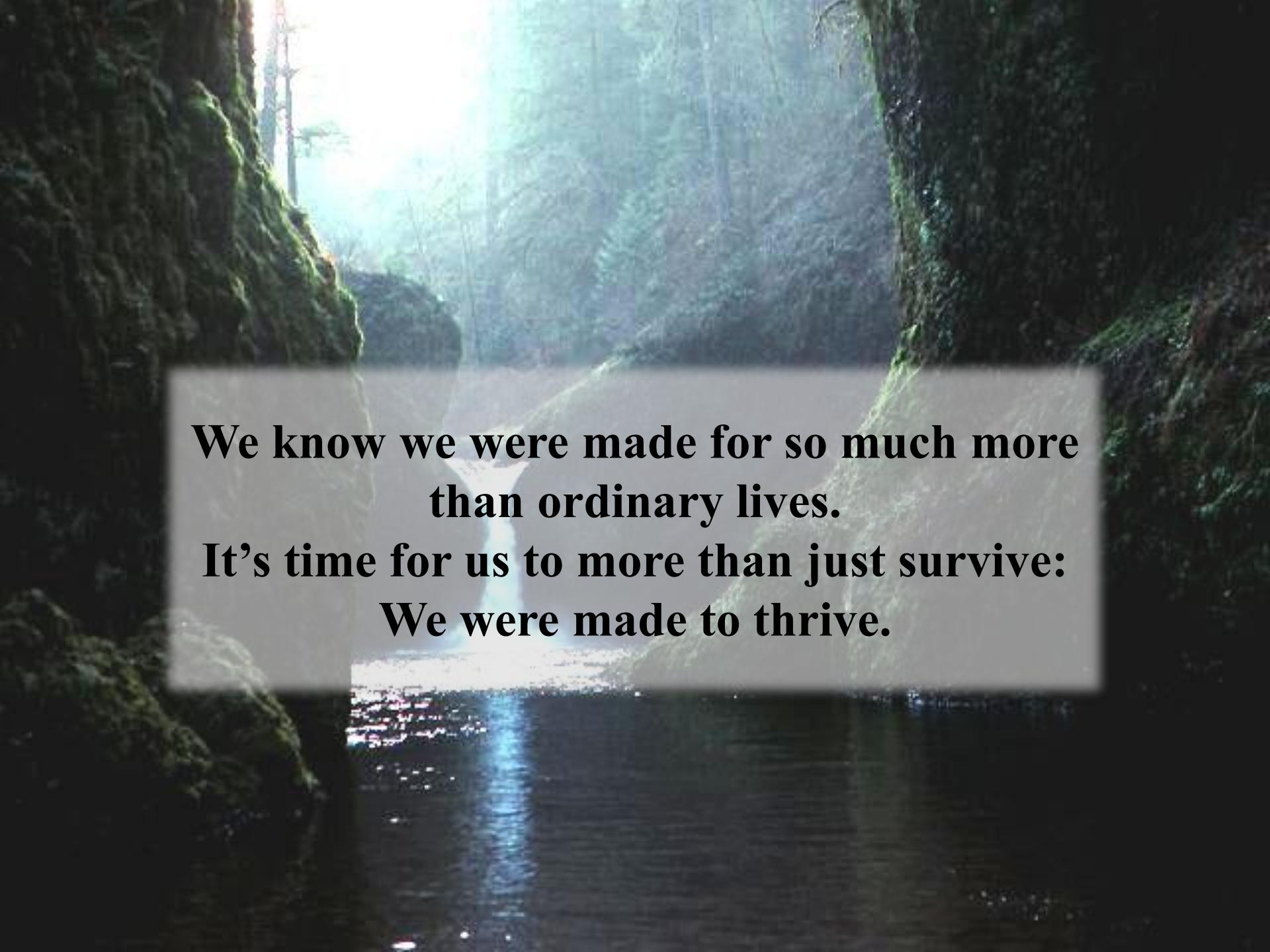


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**Oh, Oh
Oh, Oh**

A photograph of a deep, narrow canyon. The walls are dark and covered in dense green moss. The floor of the canyon is dark and appears to be a reflective surface. At the far end of the canyon, there is a bright, glowing opening where light is streaming in, creating a strong contrast with the dark interior. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene.

We were made to thrive.

Dismissal

L: Go now in peace to love and serve
the Lord, our light, our salvation.
C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!