

A close-up photograph of two white lilies in full bloom. The lilies have six large, trumpet-shaped petals that are slightly curved. The centers of the flowers are visible, showing several stamens with dark brown anthers and a central pistil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a garden setting.

*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 5, 2026
9:00 am*

Photo by Vicki Dalager



L: Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ is risen indeed!

C: Alleluia!

A close-up photograph of a white lily flower. The petals are pure white with a slight yellowish tint at the base. The stamens are a vibrant orange-red color, with their filaments extending outwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white. The word "Welcome" is written in a black, italicized serif font on the left side of the image.

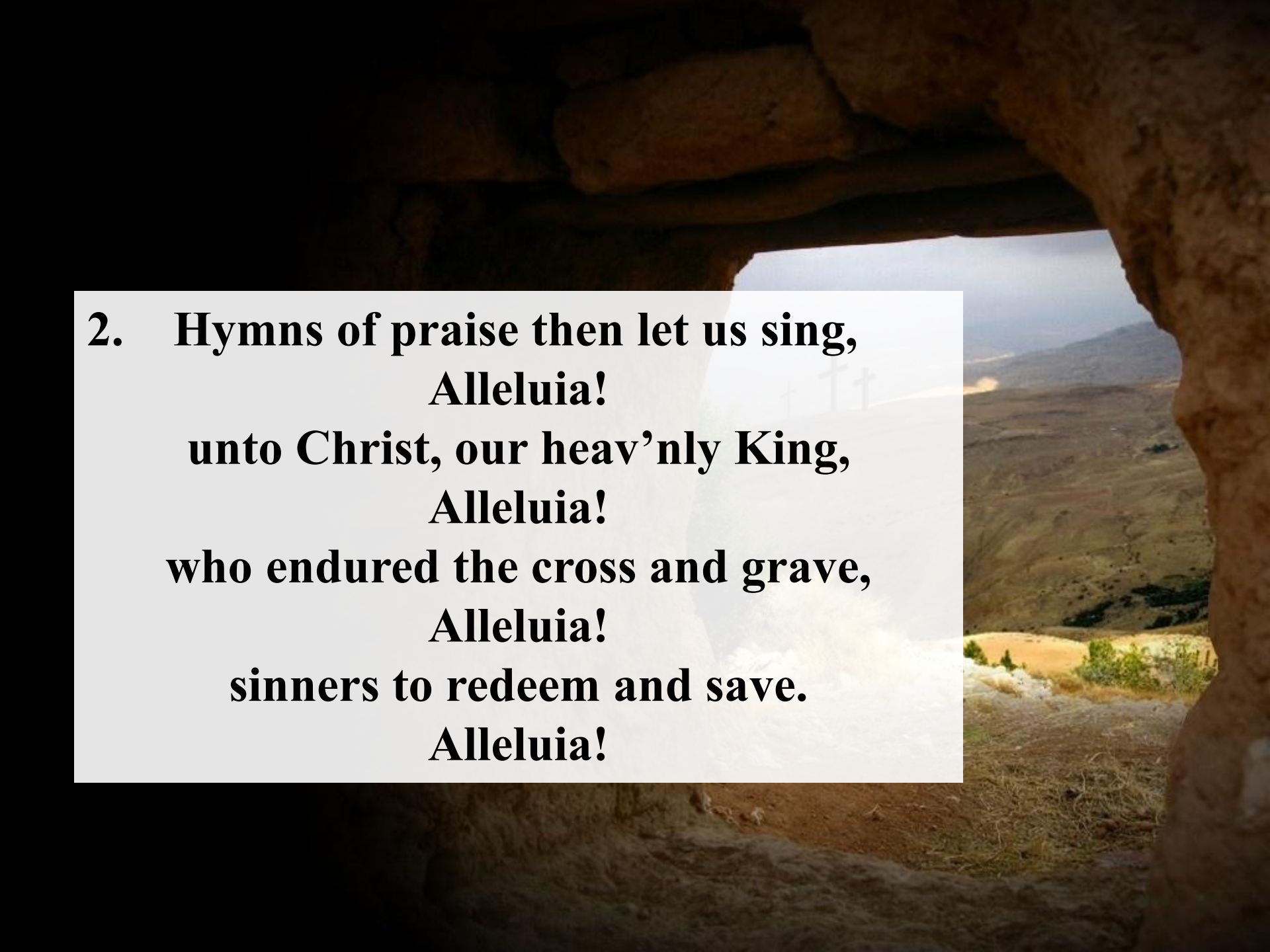
Welcome

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

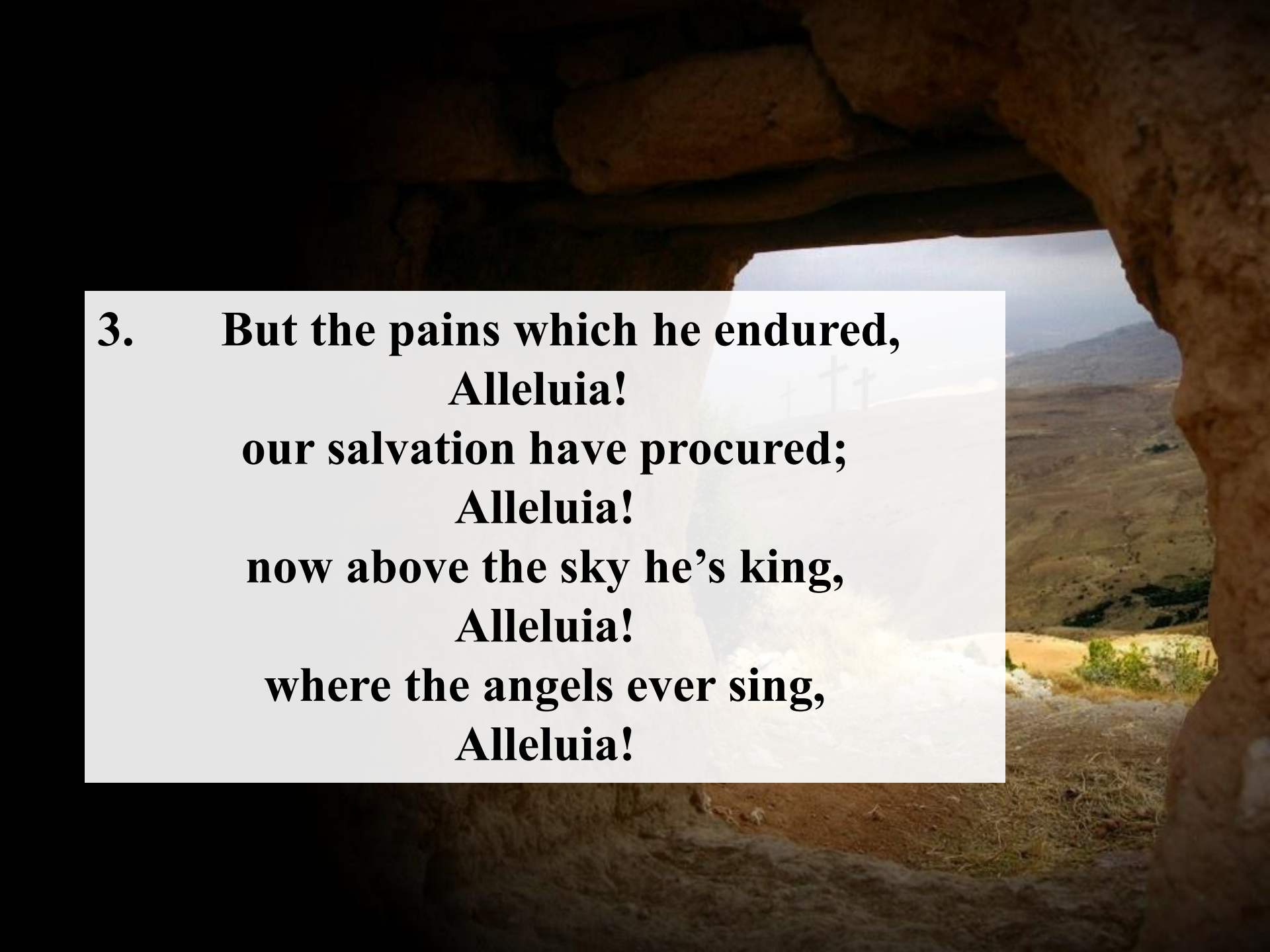
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- 1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss,
Alleluia!**



**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!

C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ is risen indeed!

C: Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

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

C: Amen.



Choir Anthem

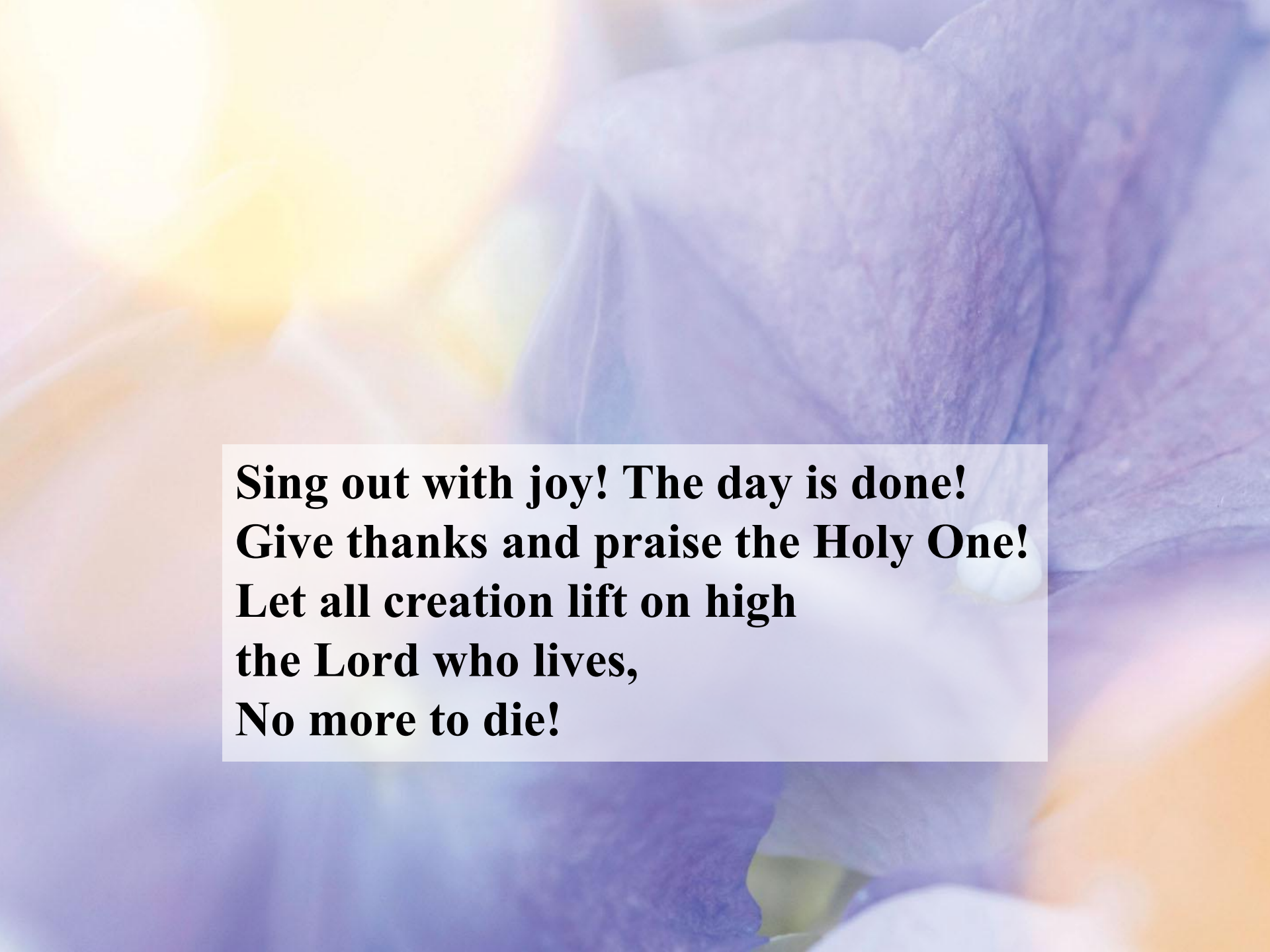
“Alleluia! Christ is Risen”

**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.**



**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!**

*A Message for
All God's Children*





First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

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

L: ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

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

L: ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts
valiantly!”

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

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

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

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

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

L: ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

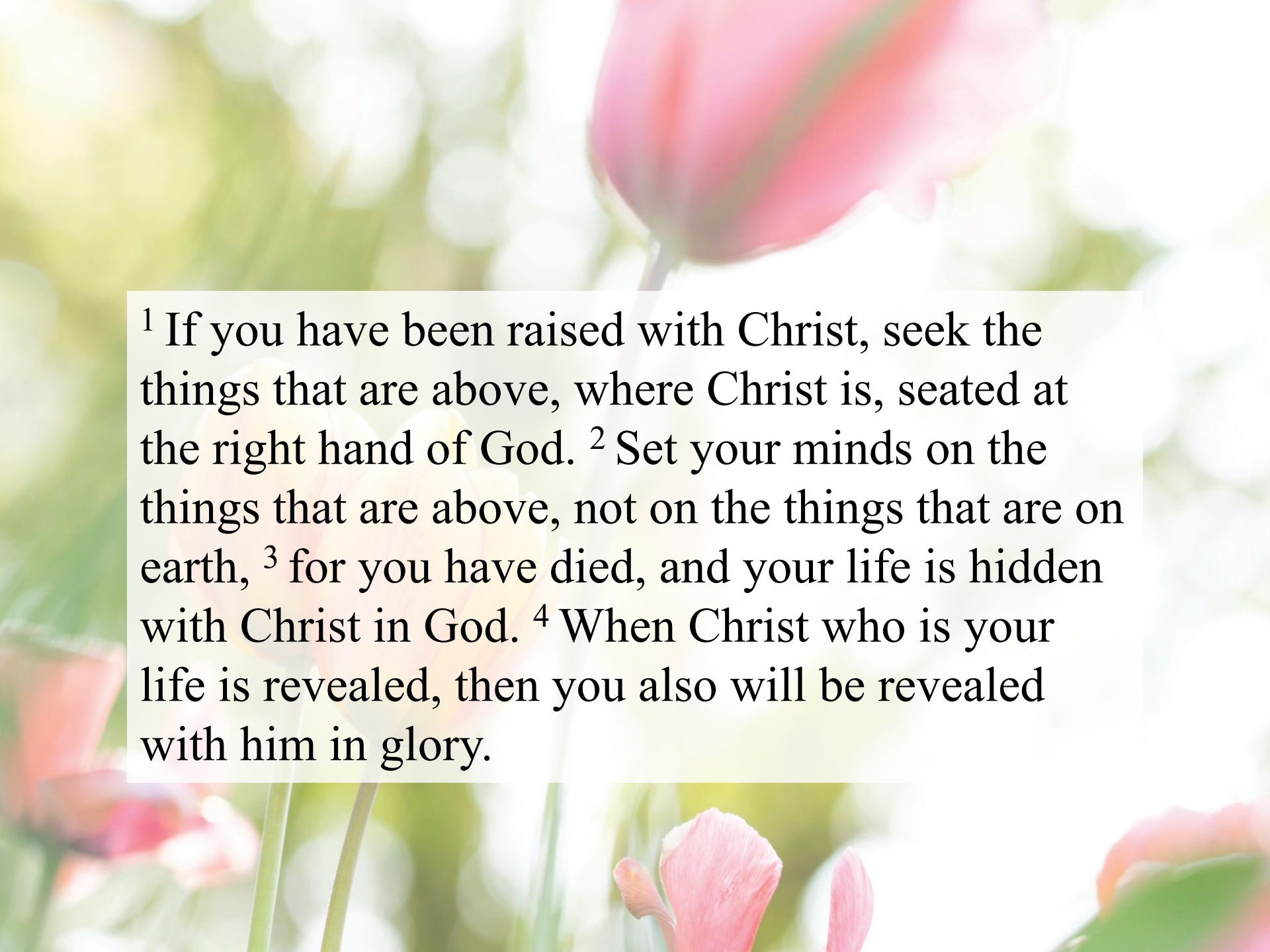
**C: ²³ By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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



Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.



¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

A photograph of a forest floor covered in fallen leaves, with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

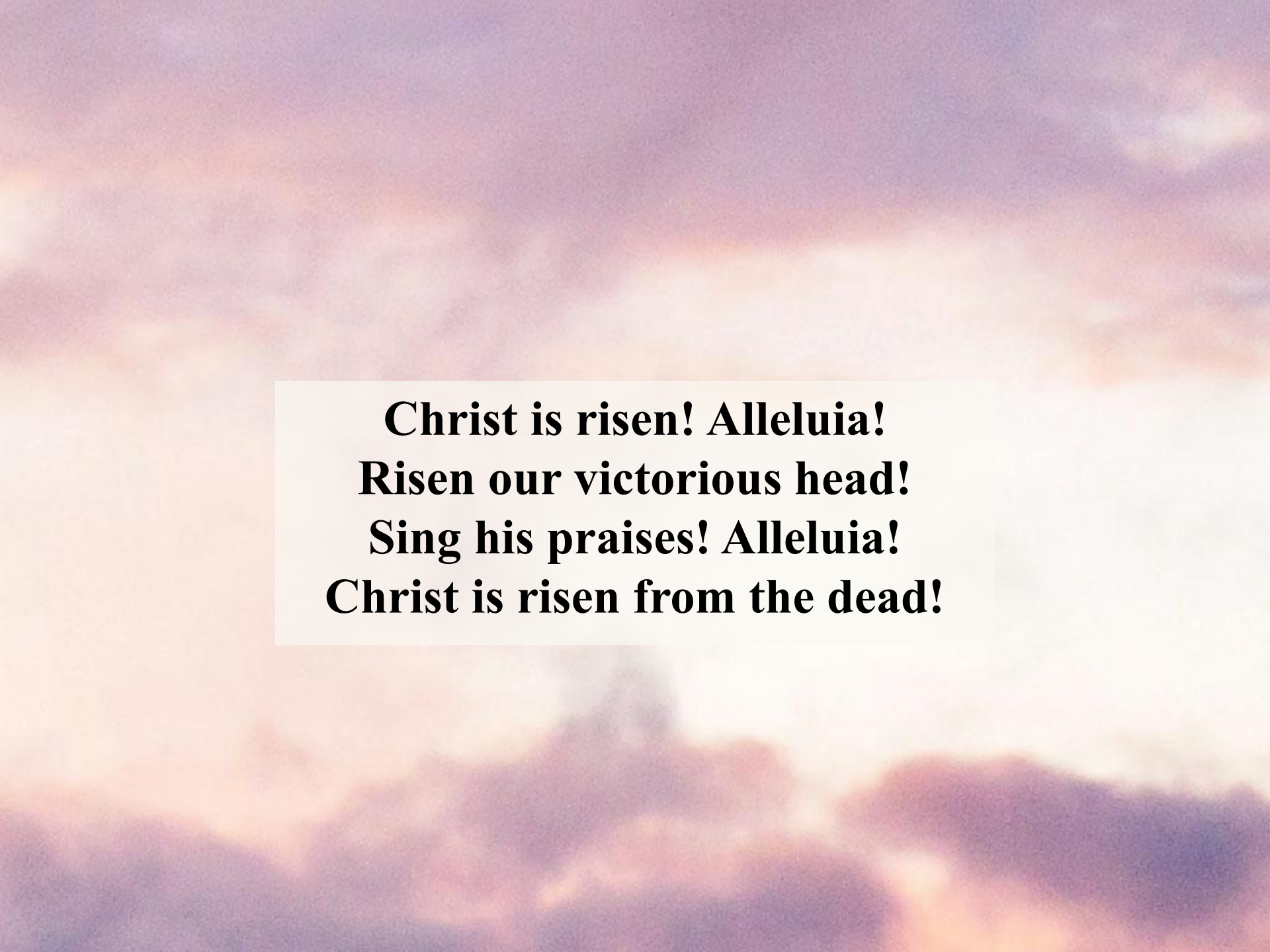
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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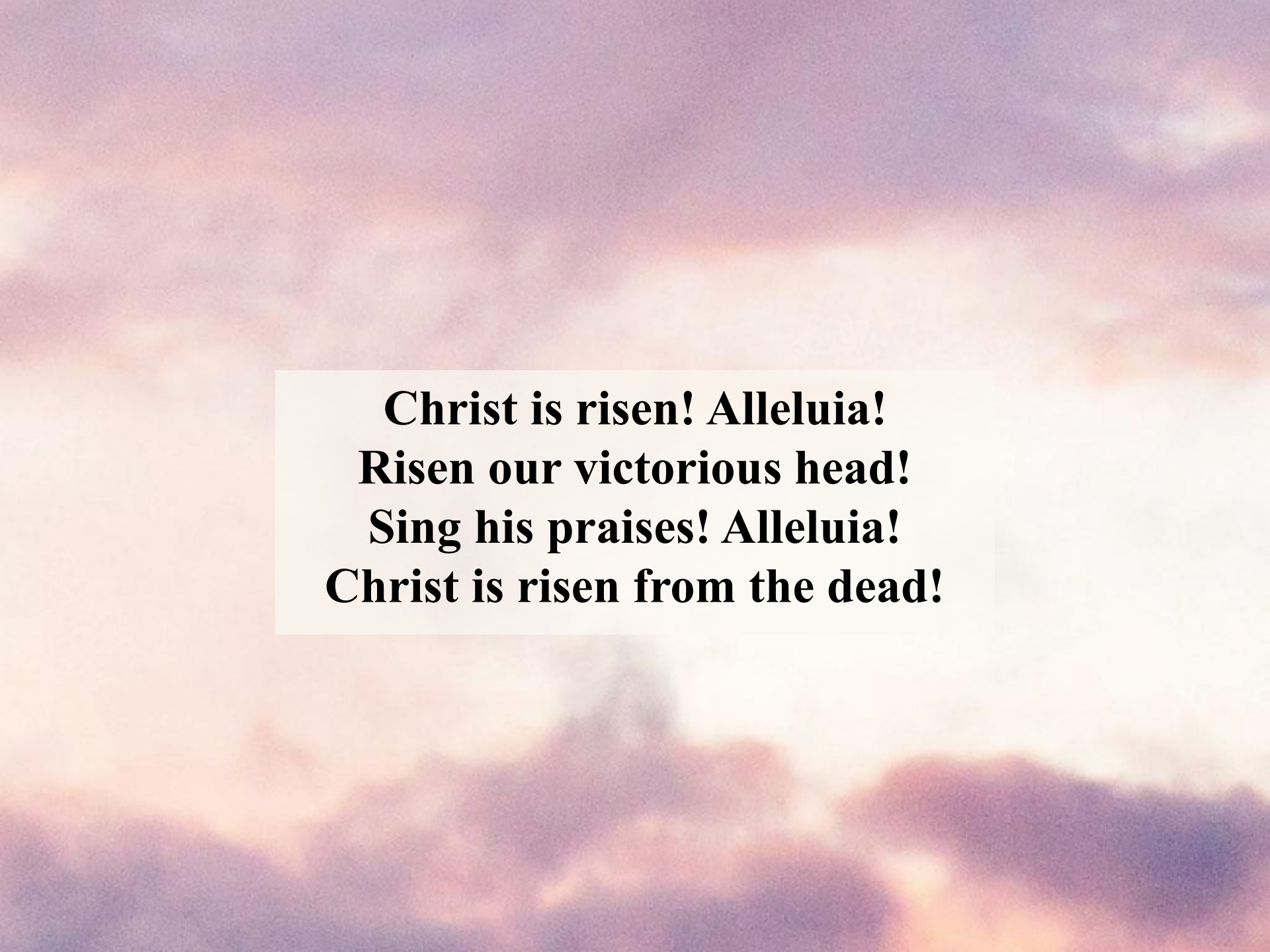
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.**



**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.**

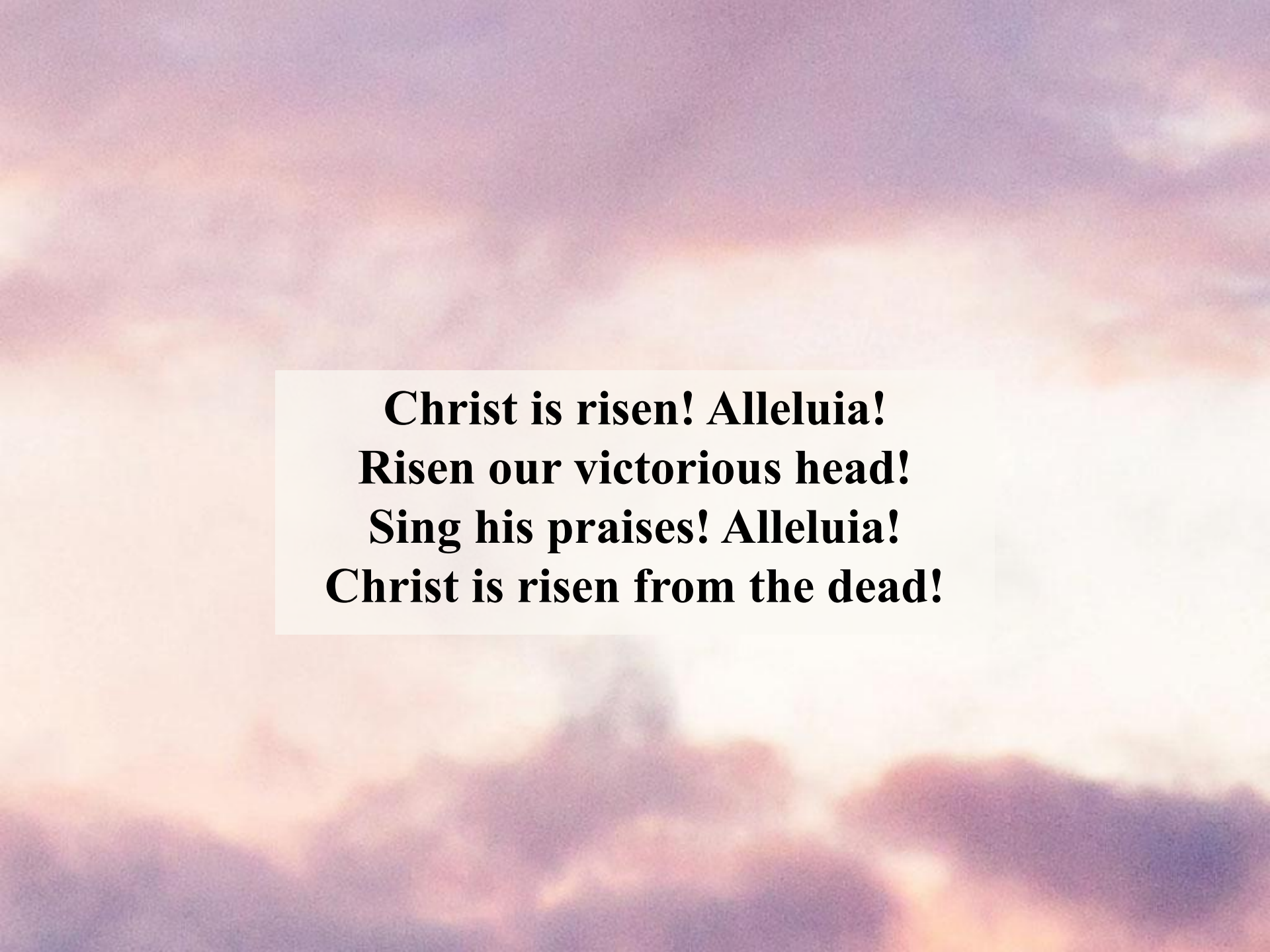


**Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!**

3.

**Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.**

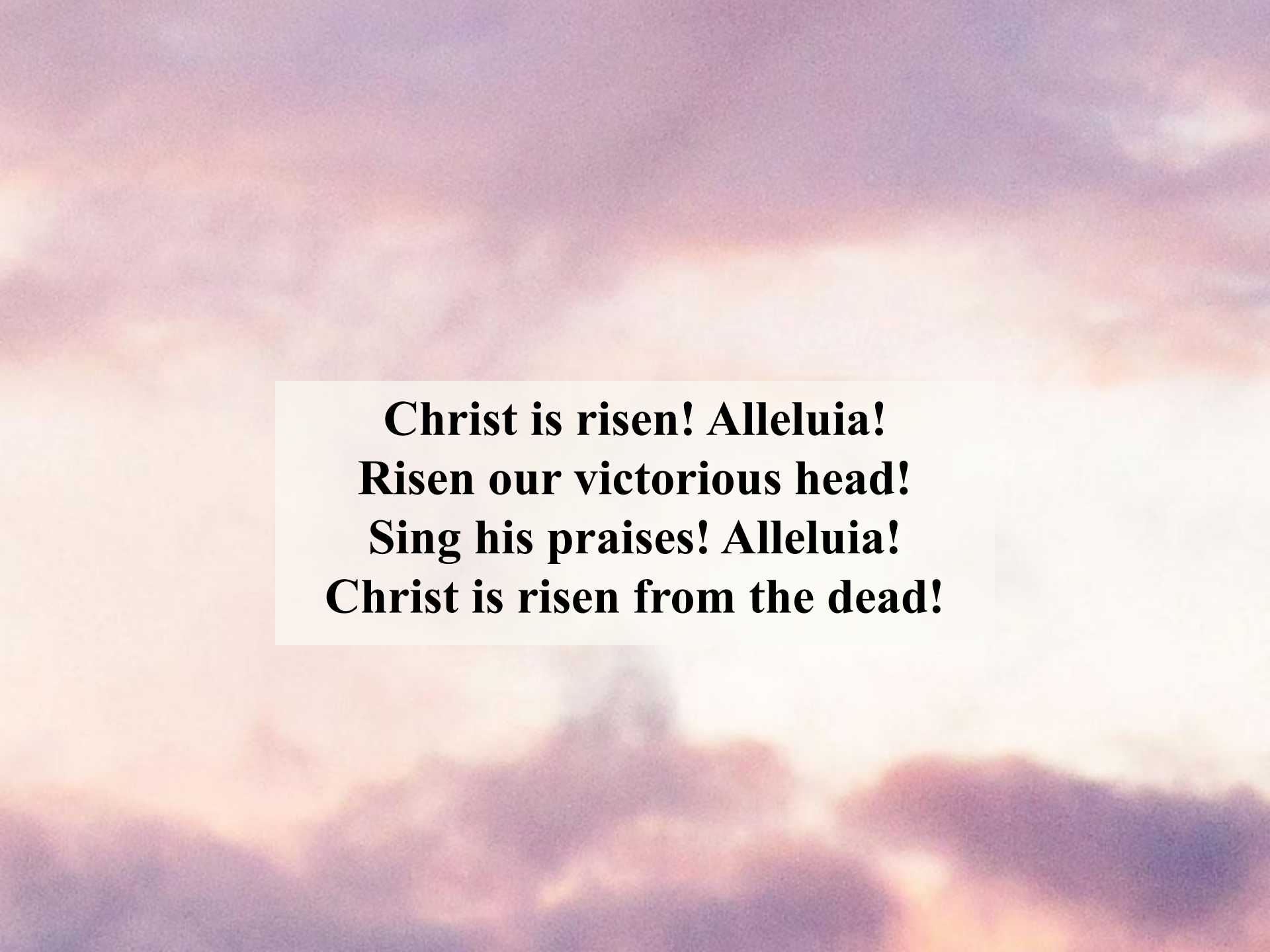
**See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.**



**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!**

Nicene Creed


**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

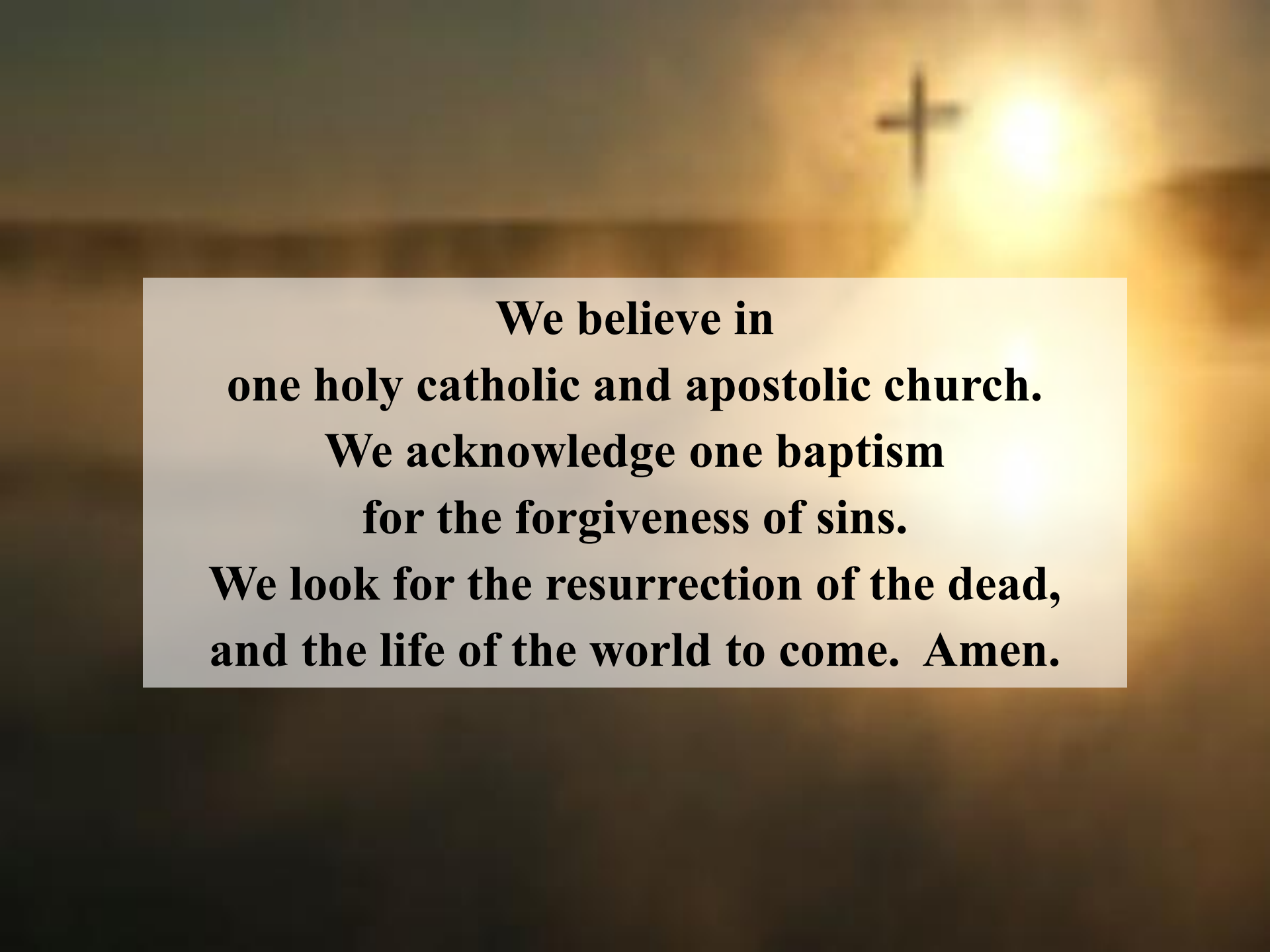
**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**



**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**



**We believe in
one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a vast field of golden wheat. The sun is positioned high in the sky, creating a strong lens flare effect that washes over the scene with a warm, golden light. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame. The overall mood is peaceful and abundant.

Offering

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

**1. Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.**

(Repeat)

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

2.

**Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful Gospel.**

(Repeat)

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to
give you glory. You have set a table
before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of
Jesus, that goodness and mercy may
follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

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.**

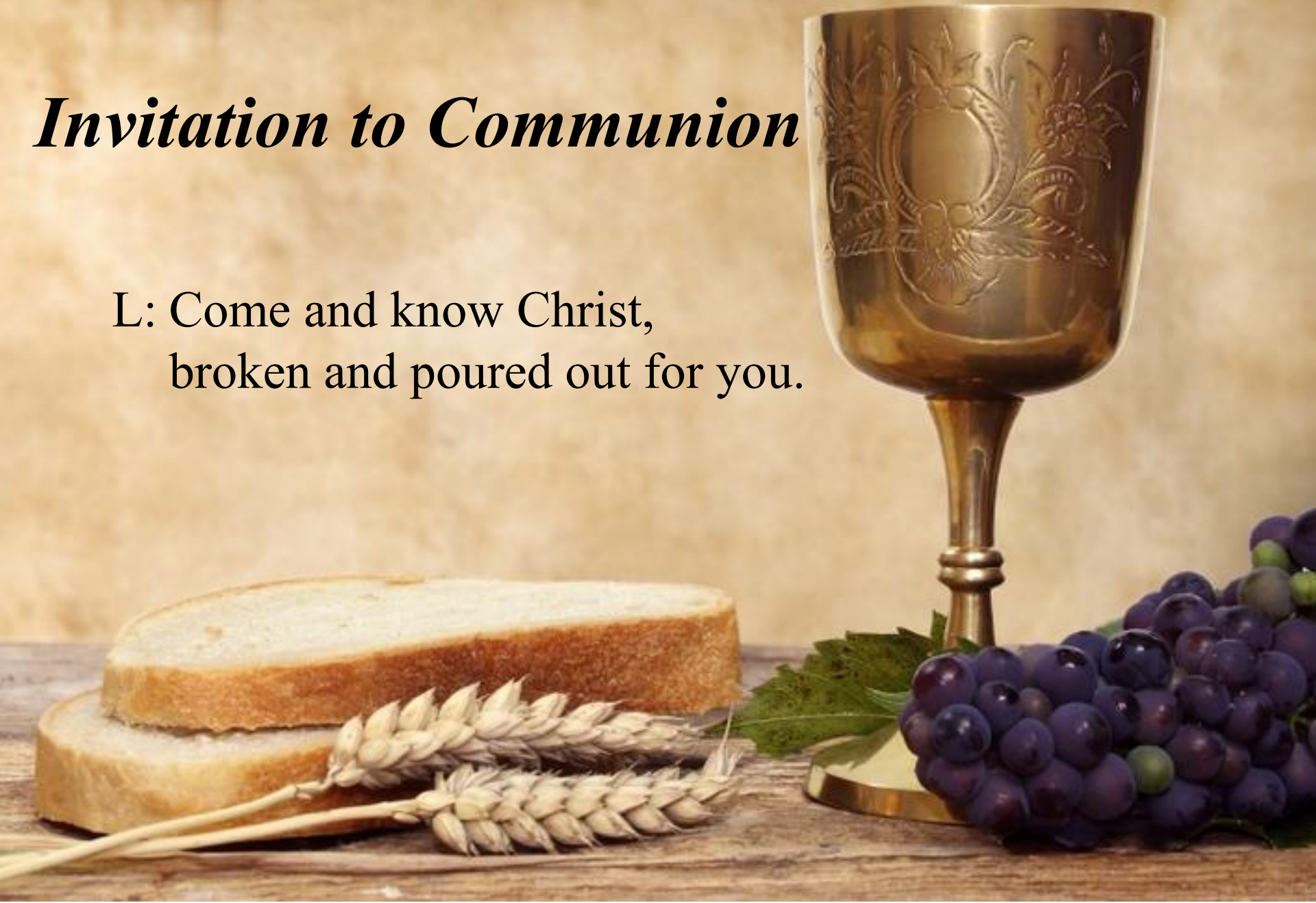
**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.



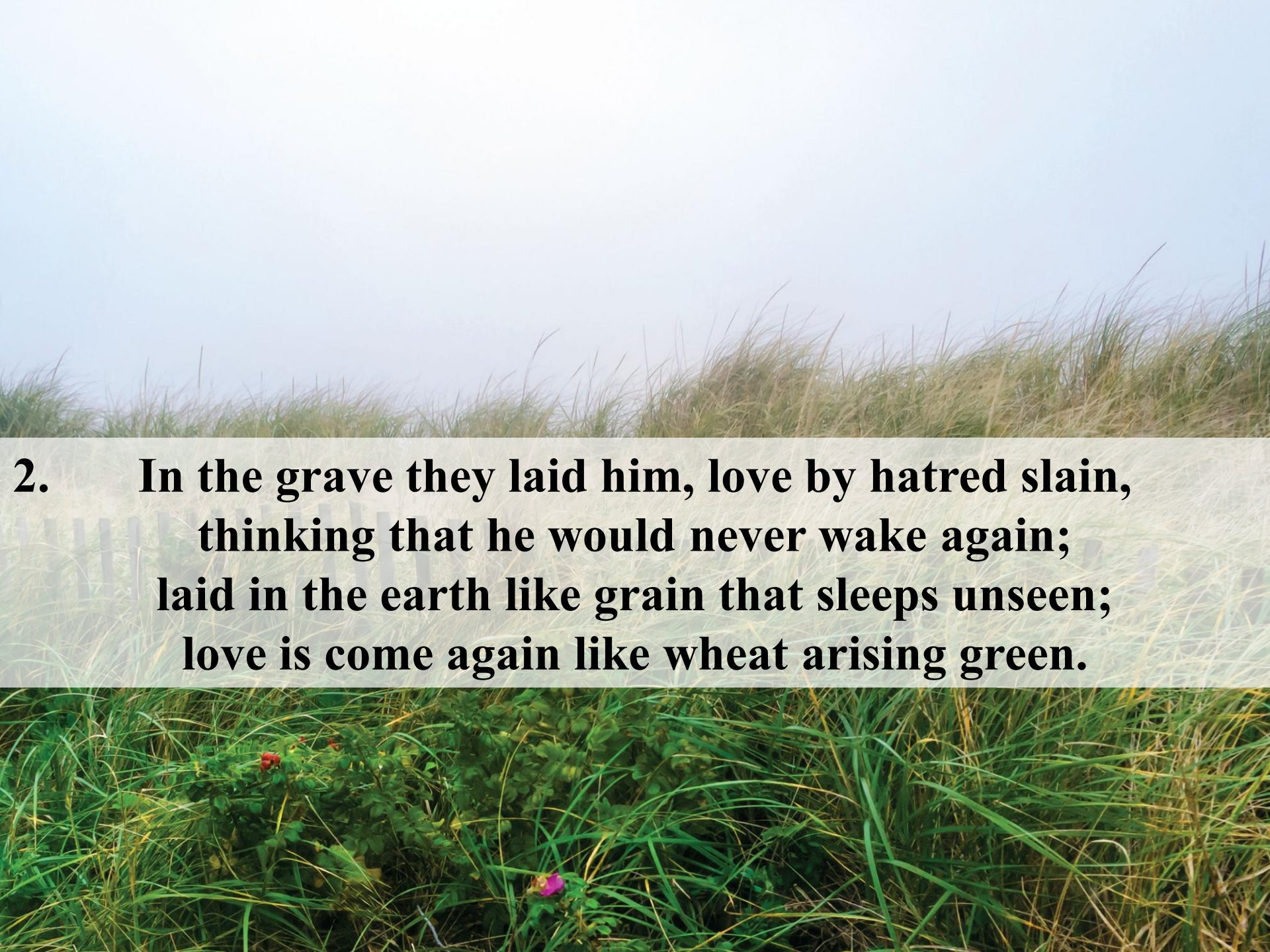
Now the Green Blade Rises

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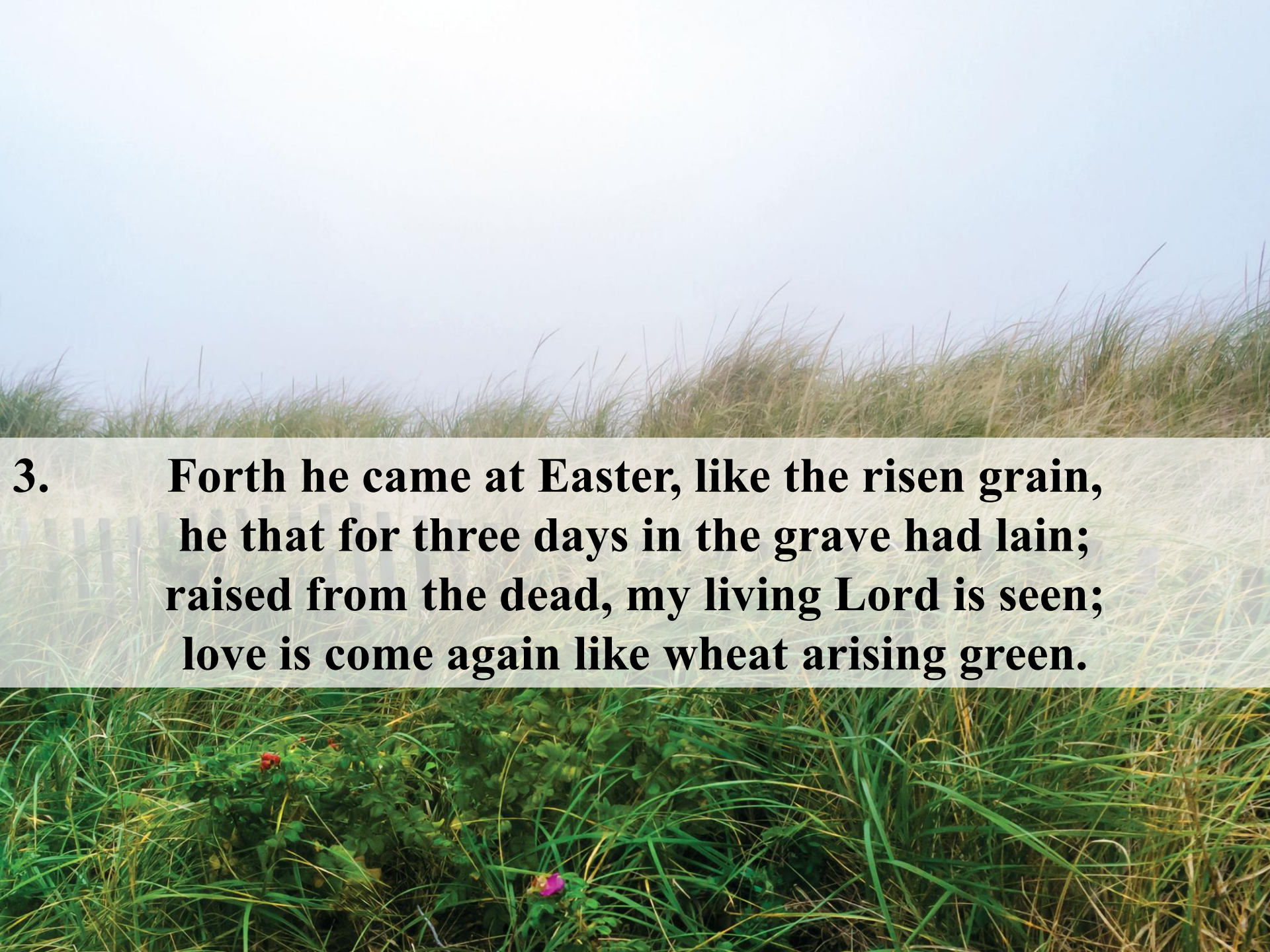
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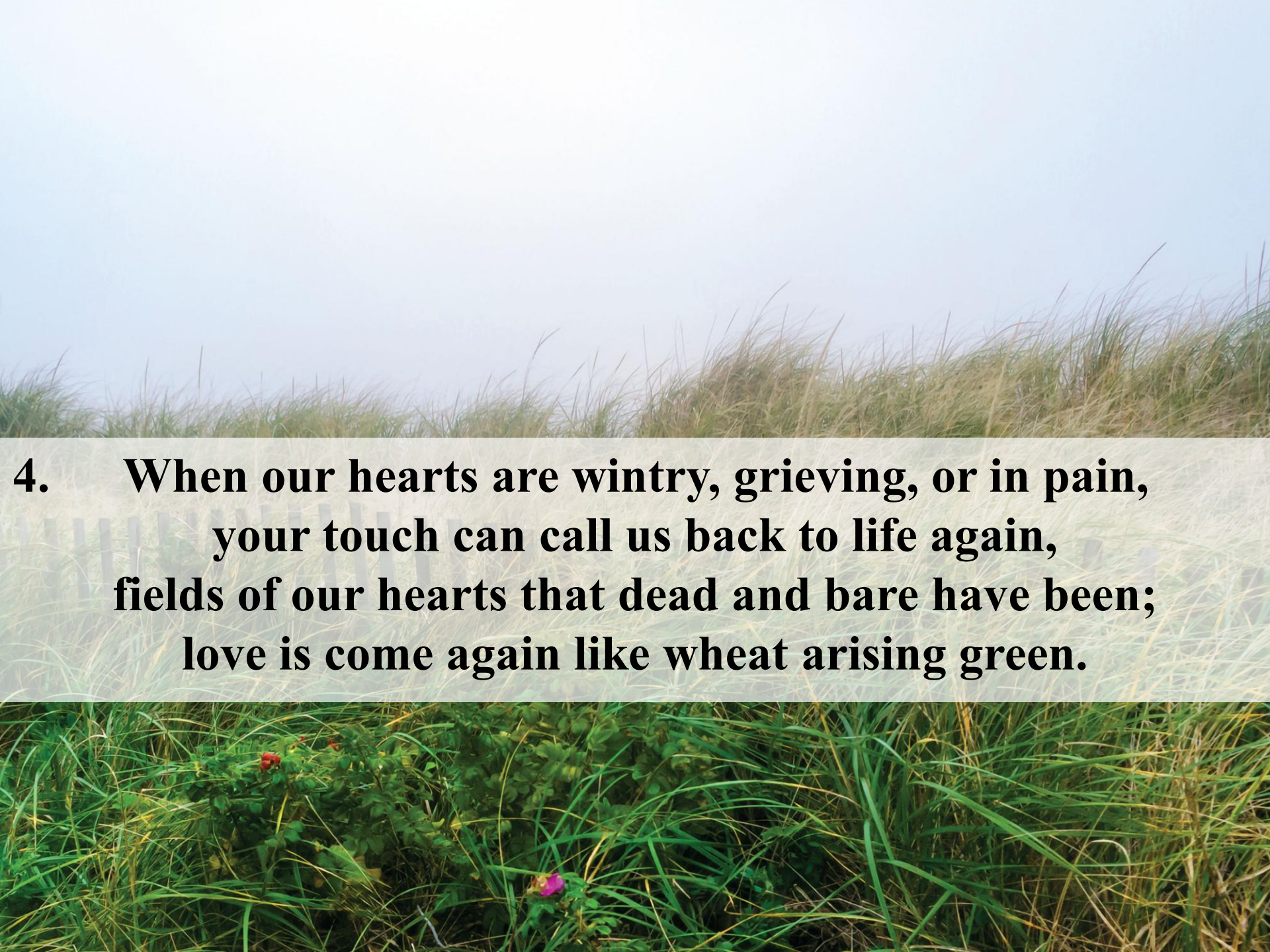
- 1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**



**2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**



**3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**



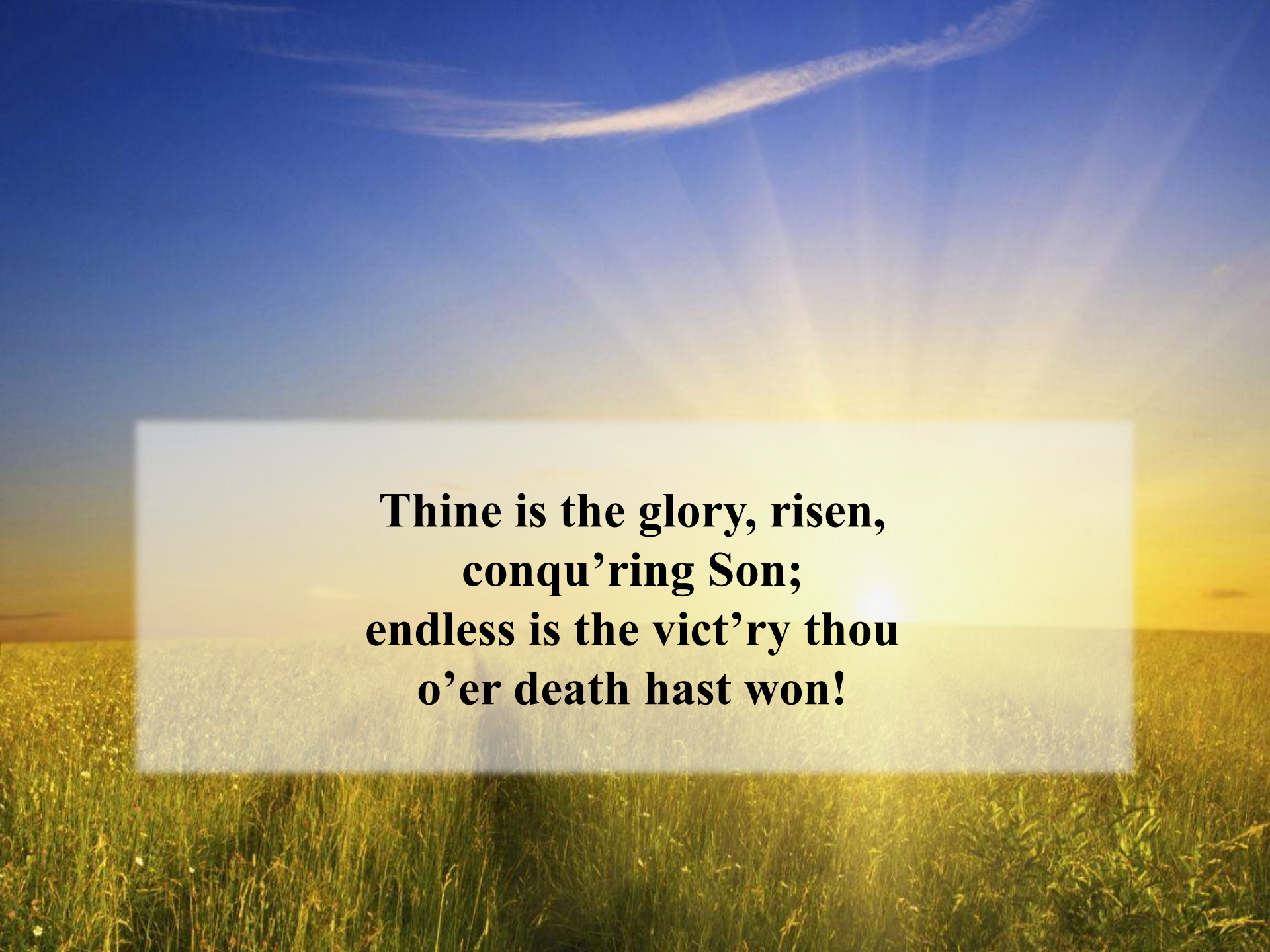
**4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Thine is the Glory

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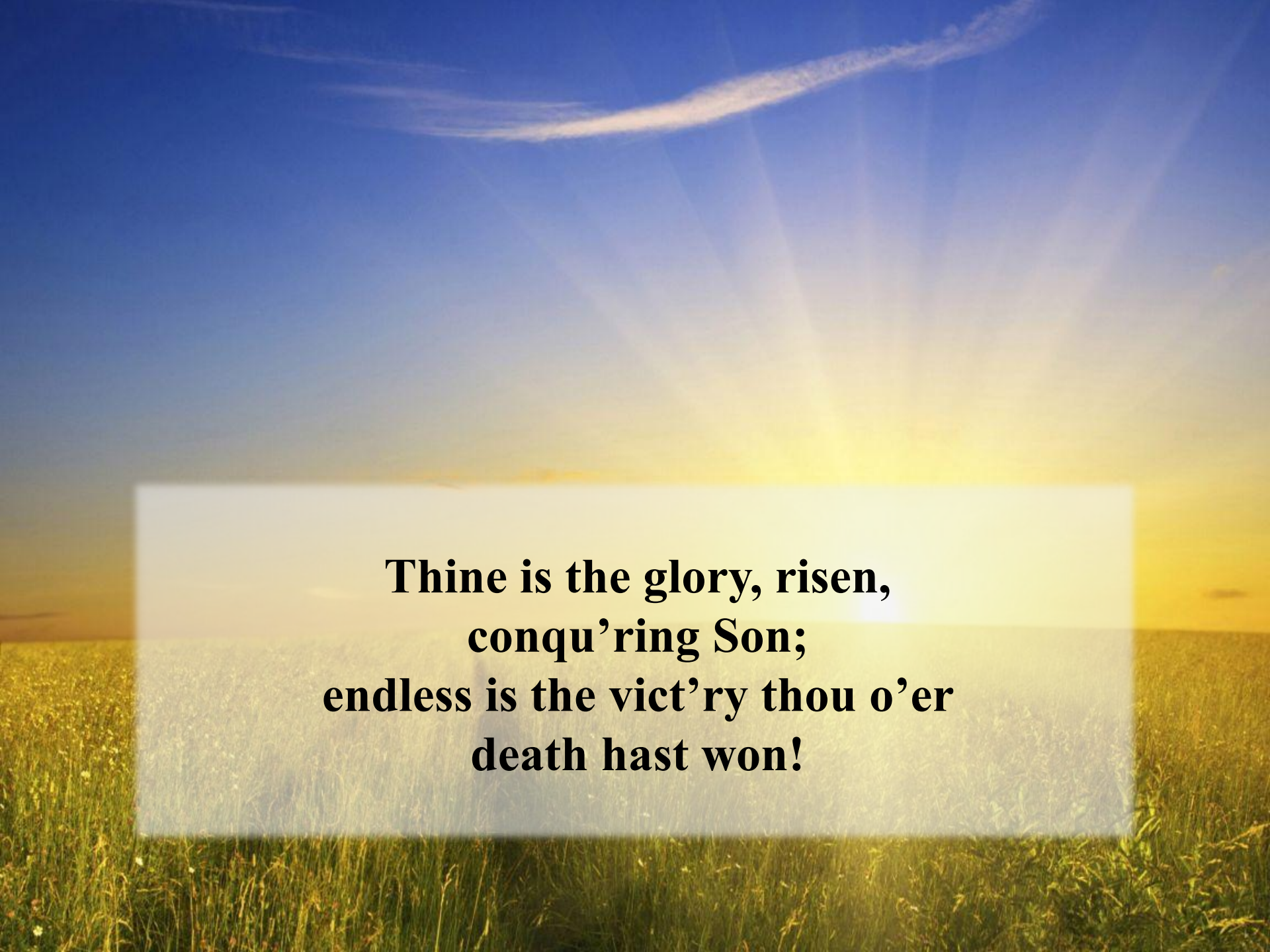
- 1. Thine is the glory,
 risen, conqu'ring Son;
 endless is the vict'ry
 thou o'er death hast won!
 Angels in bright raiment
 rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave clothes
 where thy body lay.**

A landscape photograph of a field at sunset. The sky is a gradient of blue and yellow, with a bright sun on the right side. A white rectangular text box is centered in the middle of the image. The text is in a bold, black, serif font.

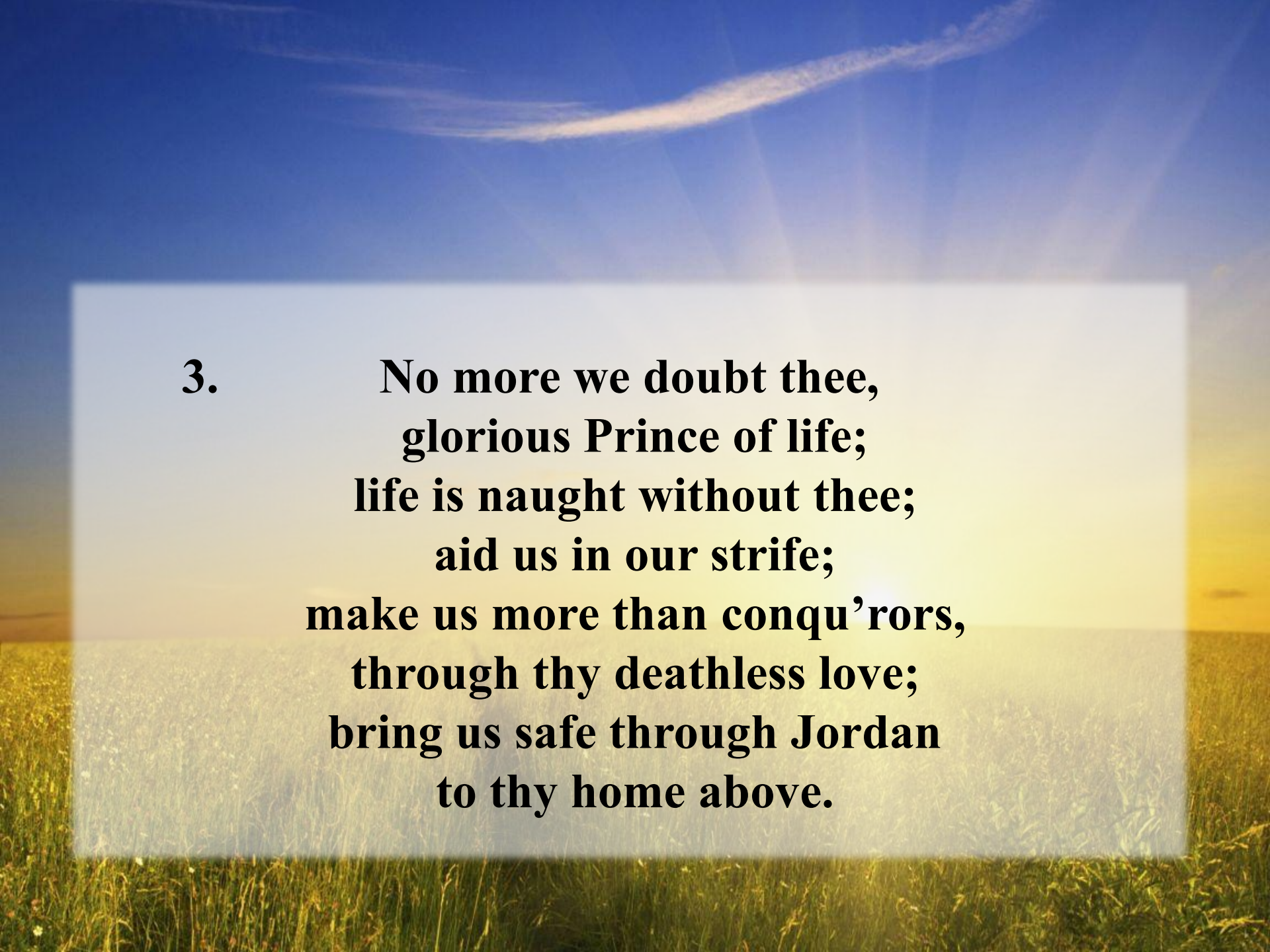
**Thine is the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou
o'er death hast won!**

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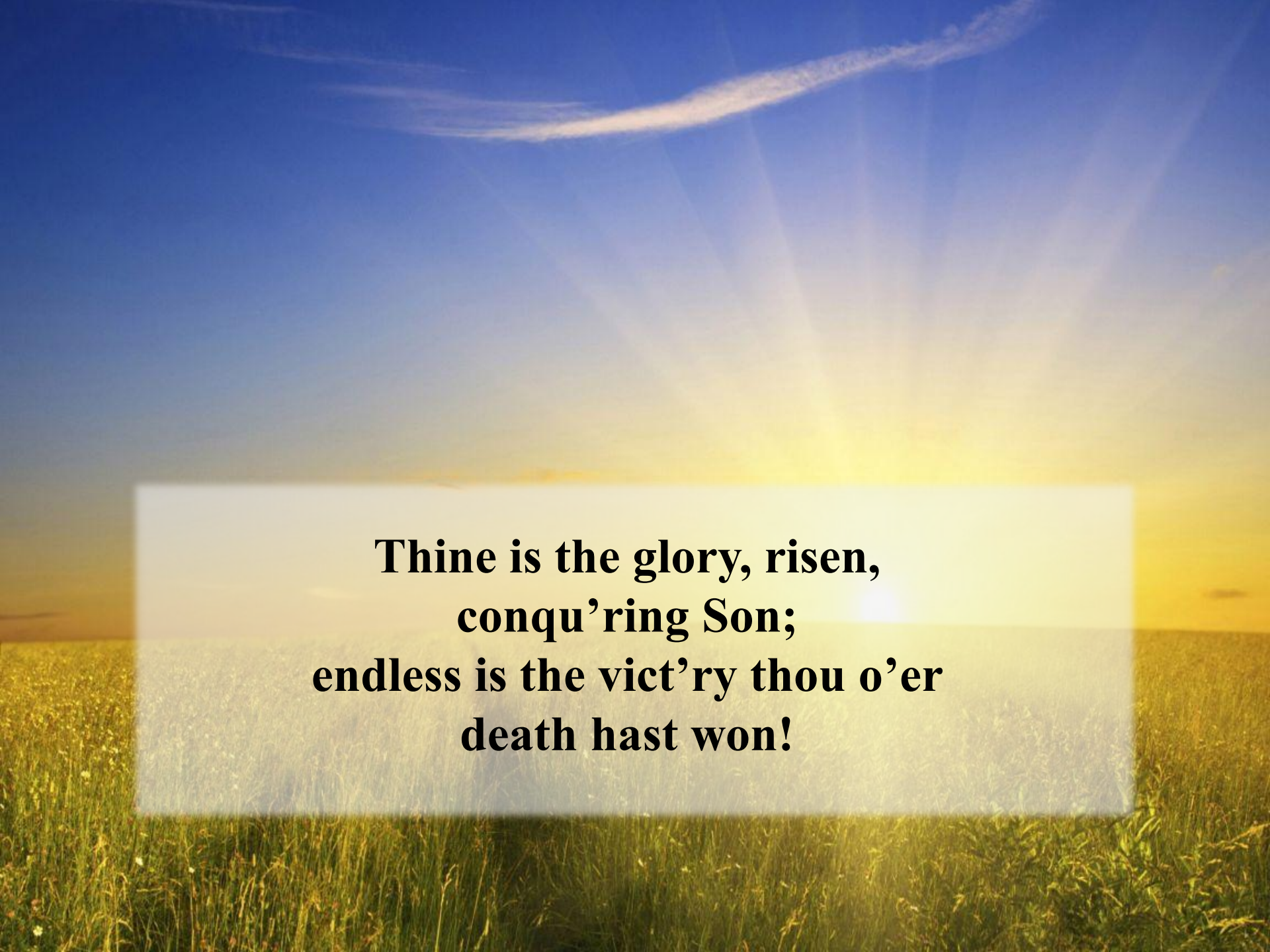
**Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting!**

A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant green field in the foreground, a bright sun on the horizon, and a clear blue sky with a prominent white comet-like streak. The text is centered in a white rectangular box.

**Thine is the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won!**



**3. No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.**

A photograph of a sunset over a field of tall grass. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long rays of light across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a pale yellow near the horizon. A white rectangular text box is centered in the lower half of the image.

**Thine is the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won!**

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done!

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

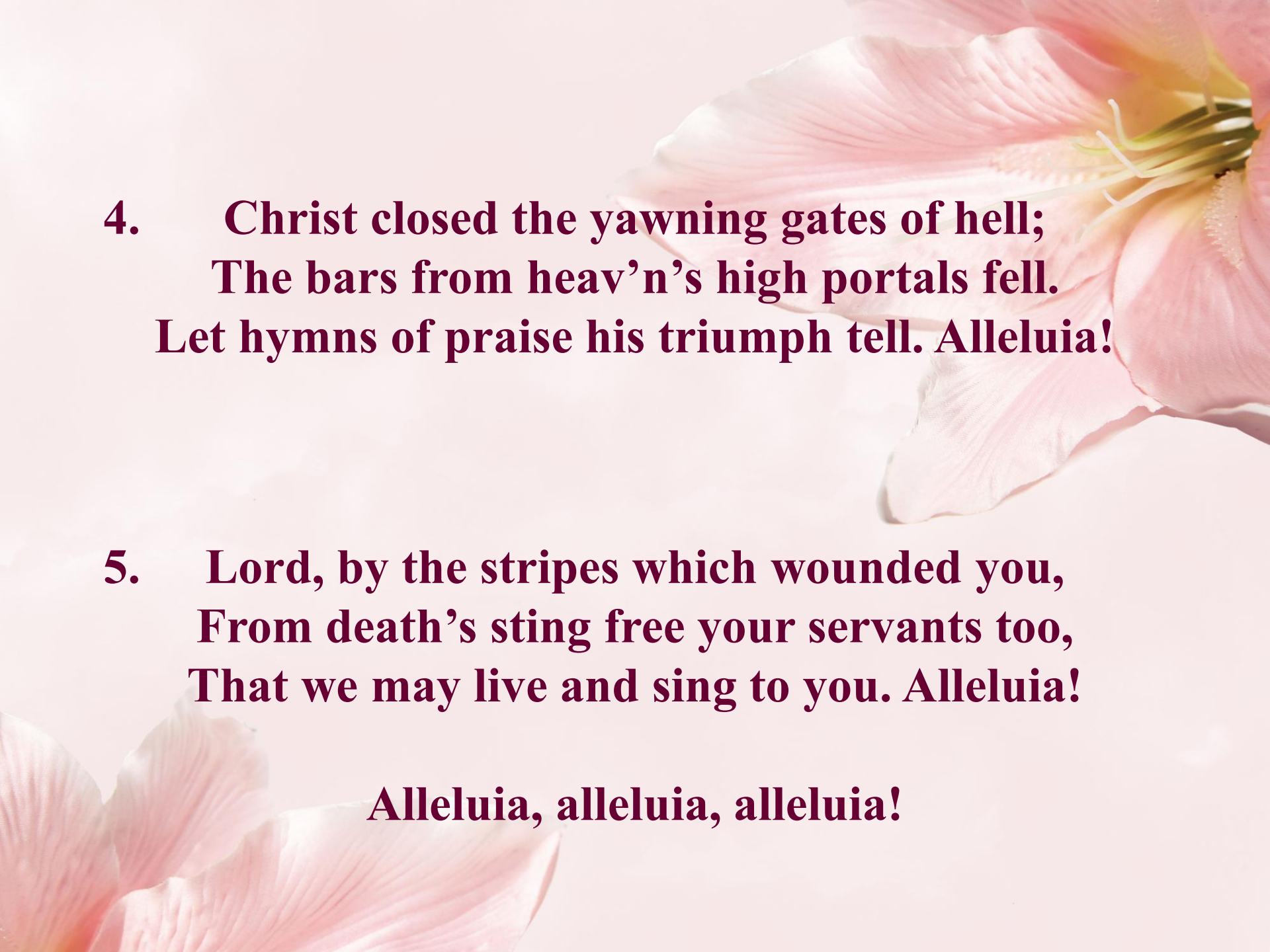
- 1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**



**2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**



**3. The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!**



**4. Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!**

**5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death's sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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- 1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**4. Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?**

**5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
hail, the resurrection, thou!**

**6. King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Holy One,
through this meal you have made your
home among us and are making all
things new. Send us now to speak peace
to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**



Blessing

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

A close-up photograph of a white lily flower. The petals are pure white with a slight yellowish tint at the base. The stamens are a vibrant orange-red color, with their filaments extending outwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white. The word "Announcements" is written in a black, italicized serif font in the lower-left quadrant of the image.

Announcements

Regular Wednesday Schedule
resumes on
Wednesday, April 8!

Meal at 5:00 pm
Pre-Confirmation at 5:15 pm
Worship at 5:45 pm
Confirmation at 6:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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!**



Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



*Easter
Blessings*