



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 12, 2026
9:00 am*

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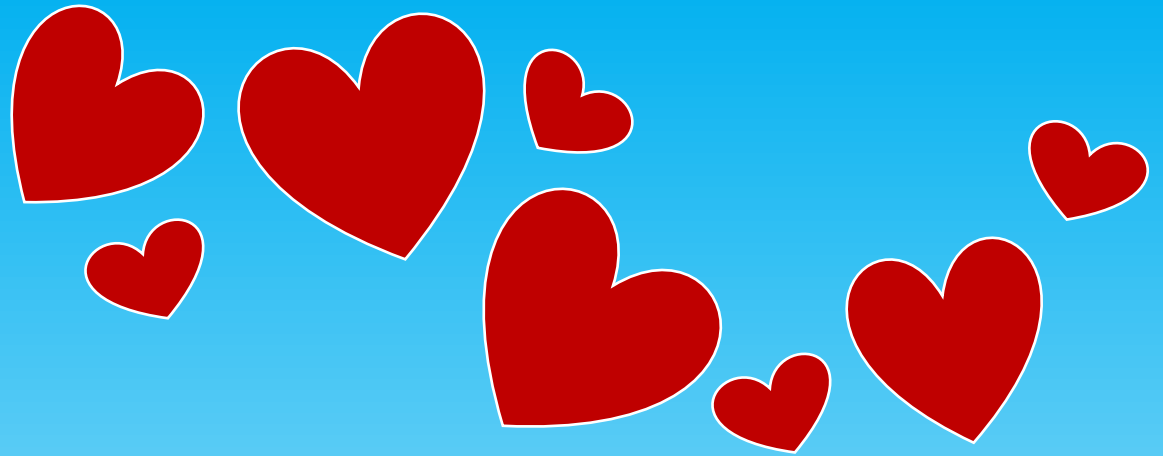


Welcome and Announcements

**Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation
classes will continue through May 6
(except on April 22).**



Wednesday evening meals
will continue through
Wednesday, May 6.
Serving begins at 5:00 pm.



Registration for summer programs at Camp Emmaus are still open!



Zion offers camperships.

Welcome Gideons

Sharing the Peace

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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- 1. That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2. O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**



**3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**



Thanksgiving for Baptism

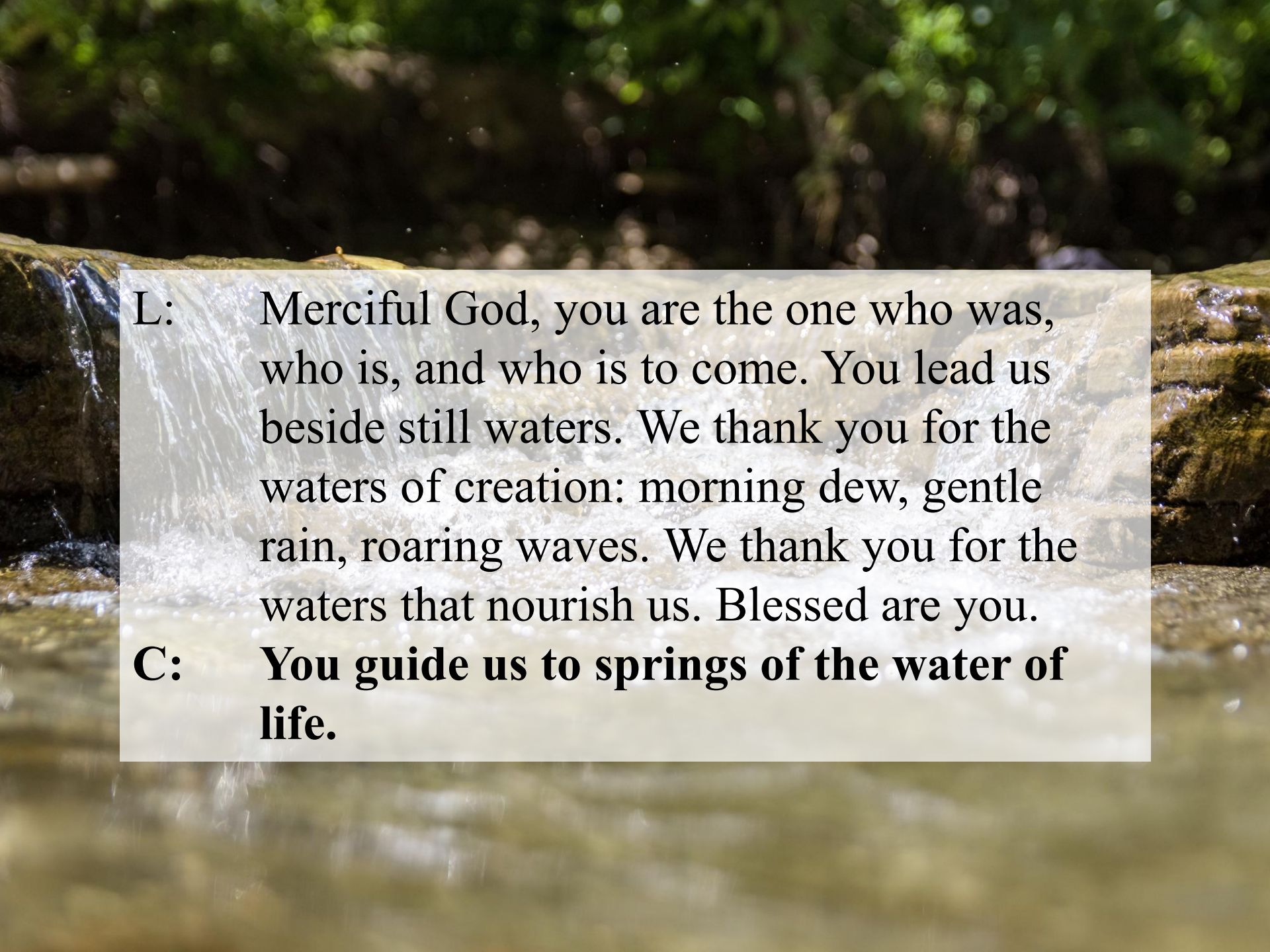
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

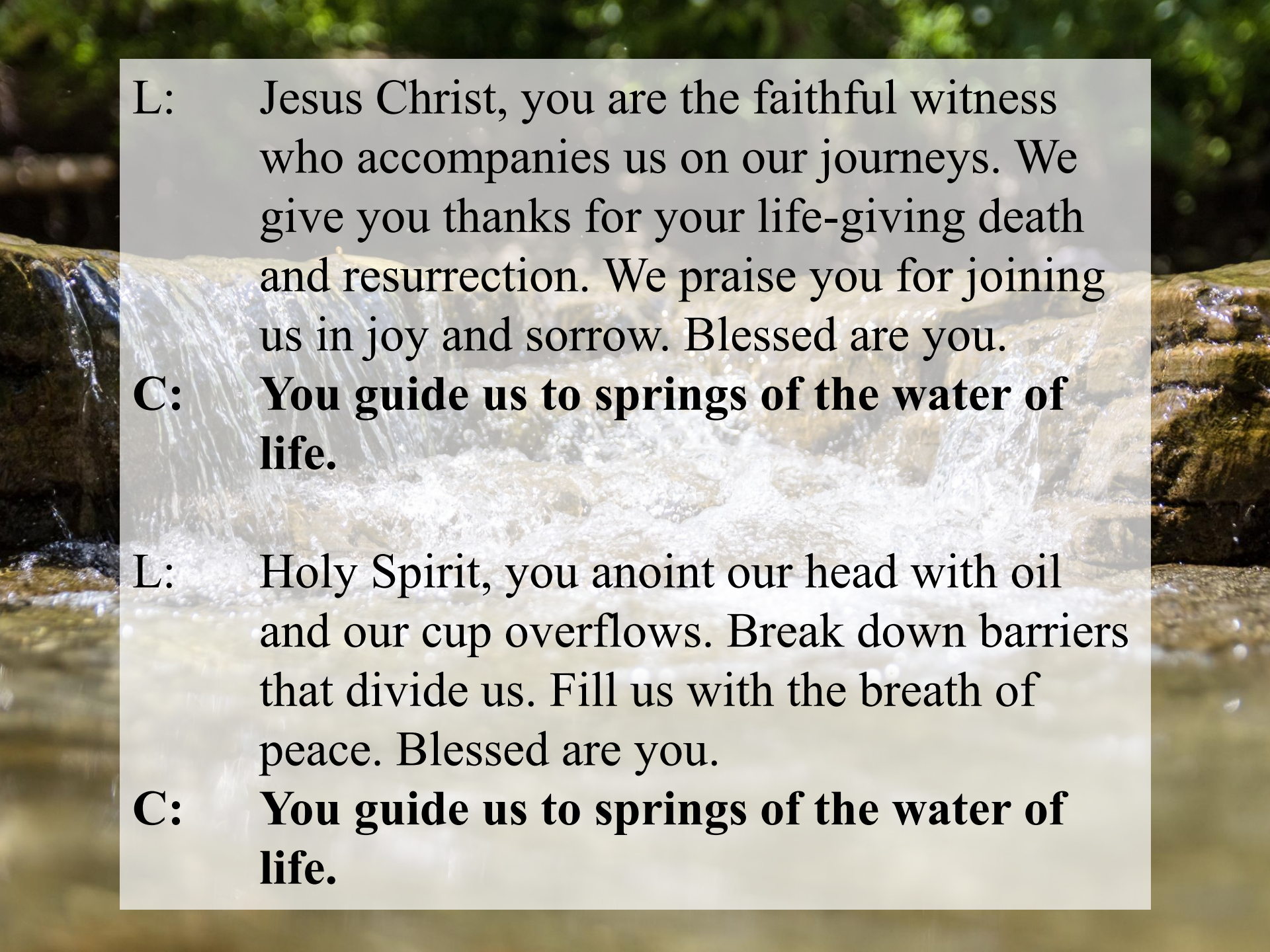
C: **Amen.**

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.



L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

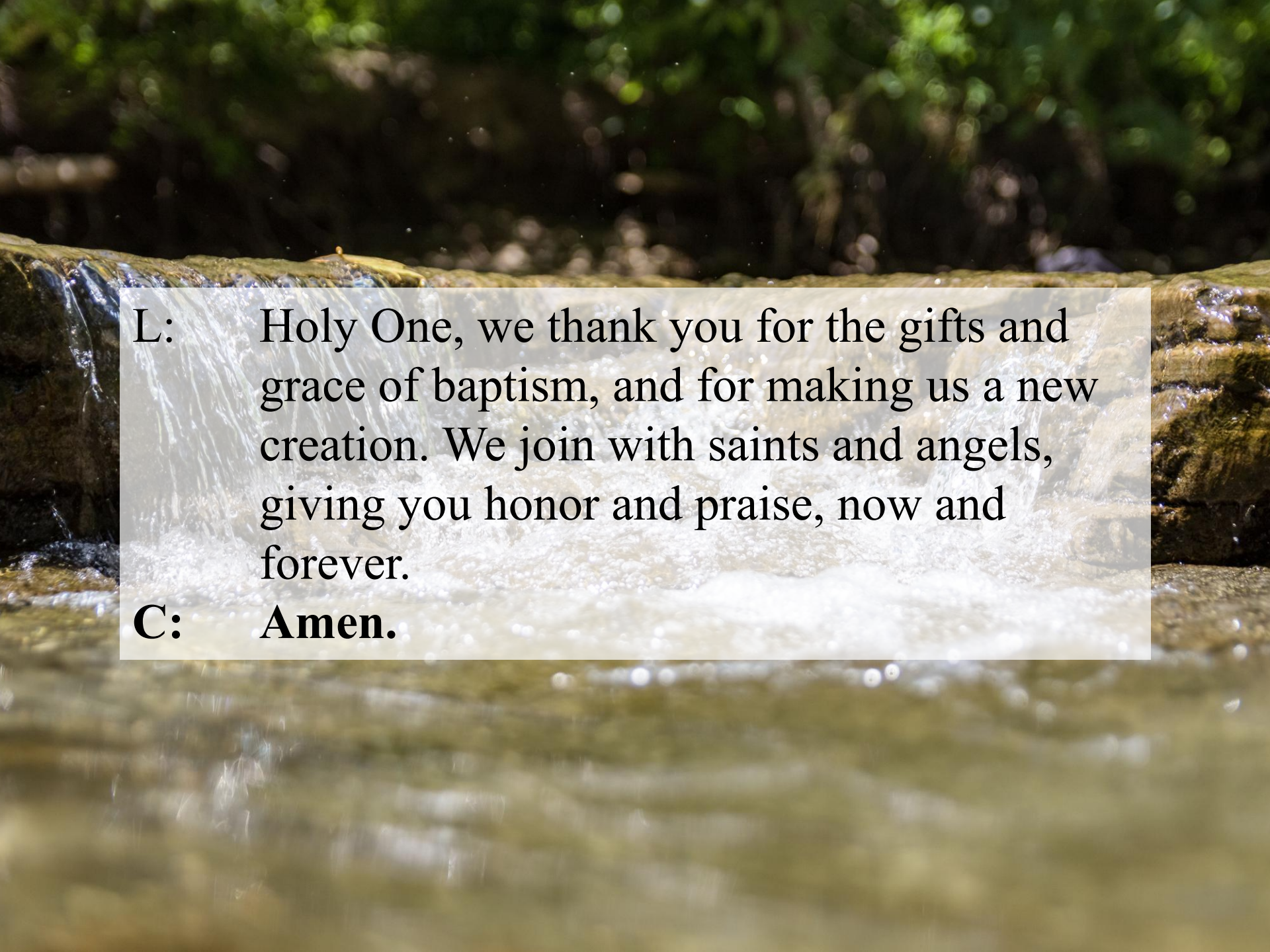
A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The background is filled with vibrant green foliage, slightly out of focus, which adds to the natural and serene atmosphere of the scene.

L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.



L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

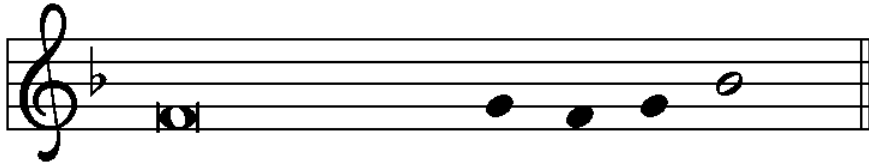


Greeting

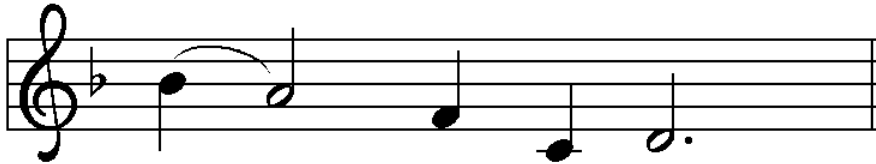
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

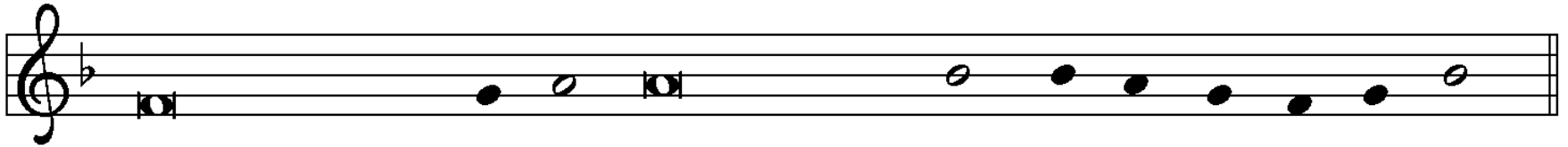
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



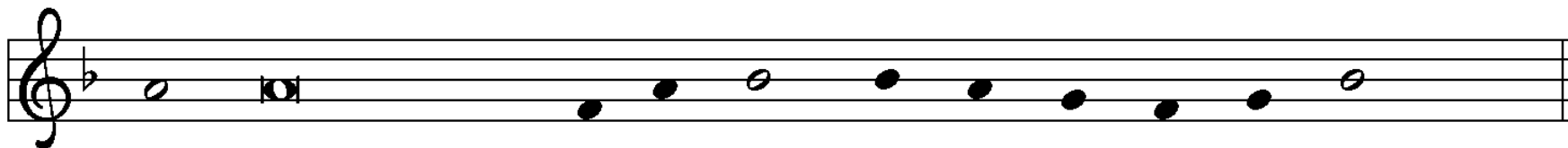
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



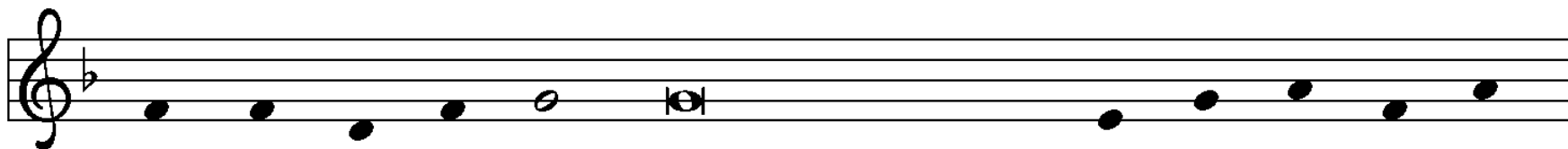
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



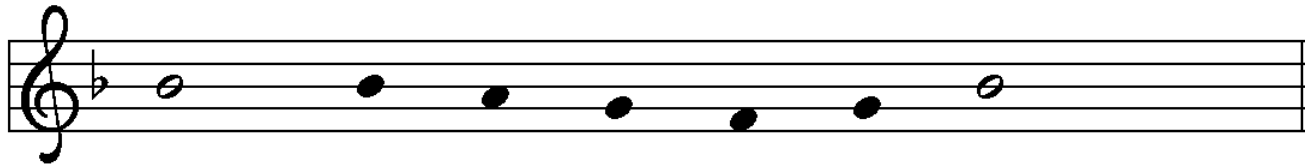
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



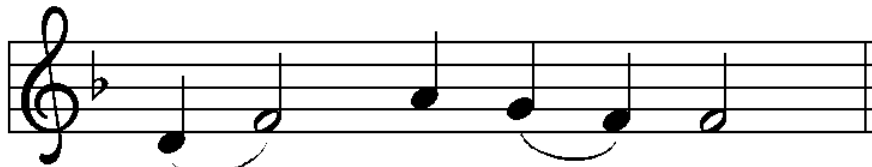
Lord, have mer - cy.



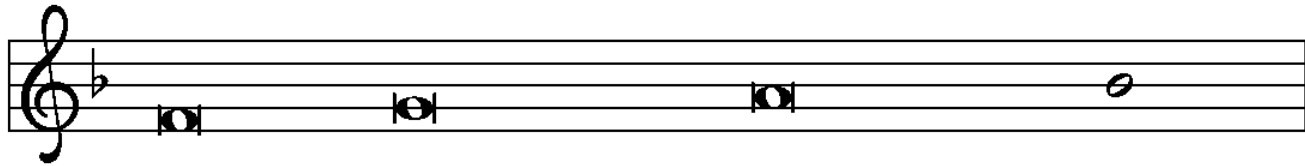
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



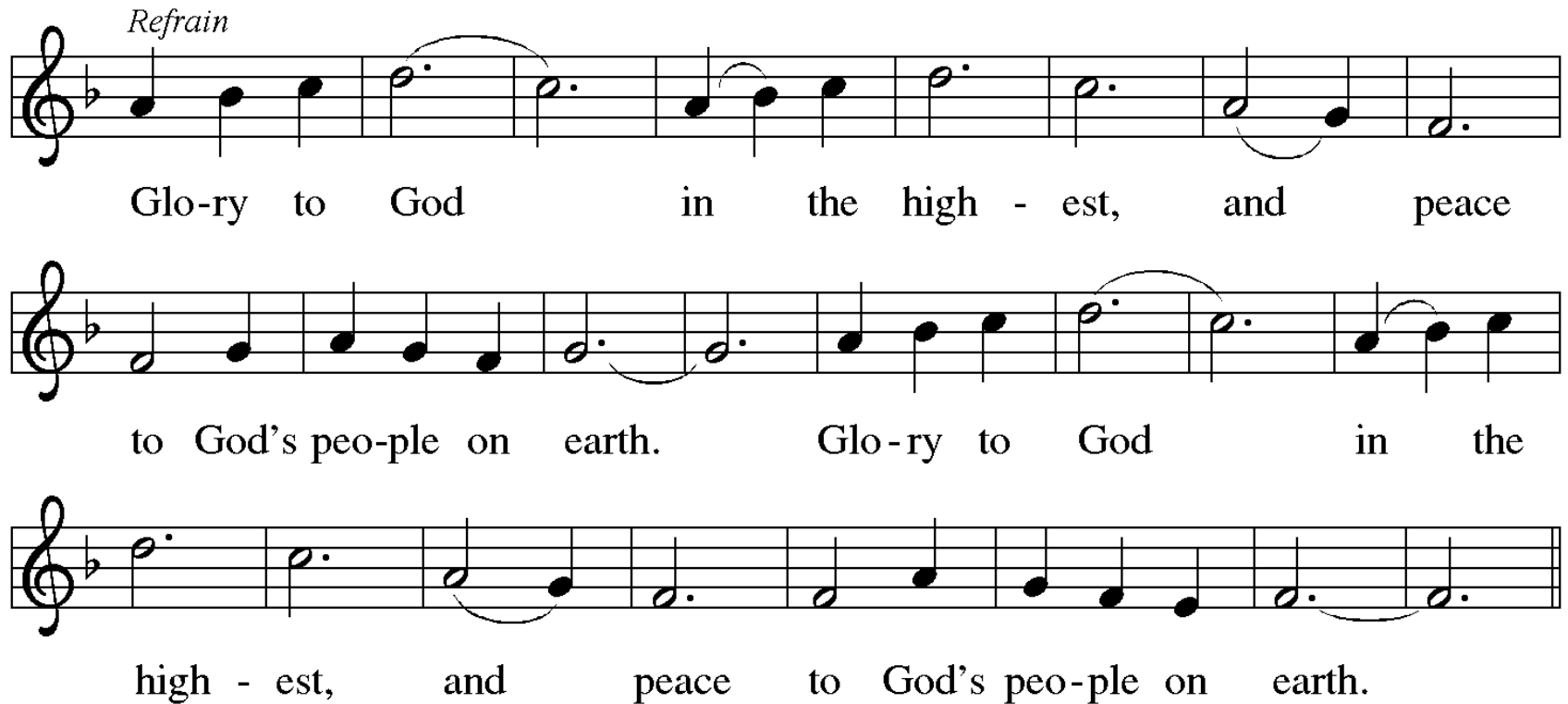
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

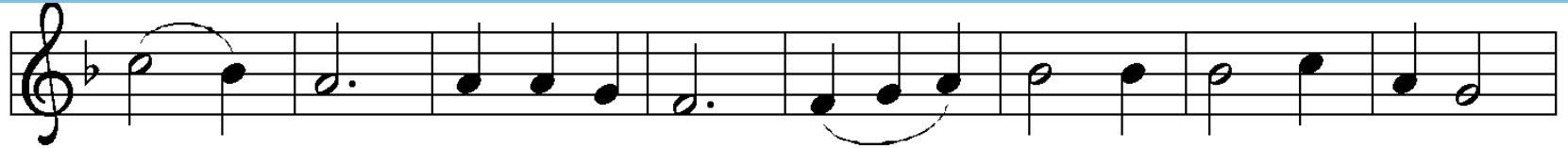


The image shows three staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some notes beamed together and some having slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

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

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



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

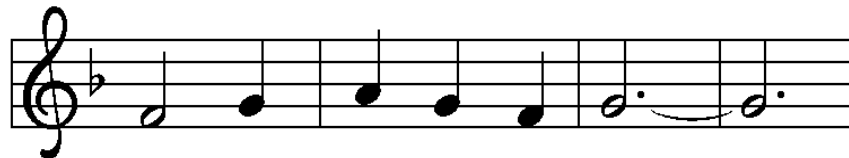


we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



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



to God's peo-ple on earth.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*A Message for
All God's Children*



First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him,
‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not
be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue
rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in
hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your
presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

L: ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

C: ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

L: ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant
land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me
counsel; my heart teaches me night after
night.

**C: ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall
not be shaken.**



L: ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

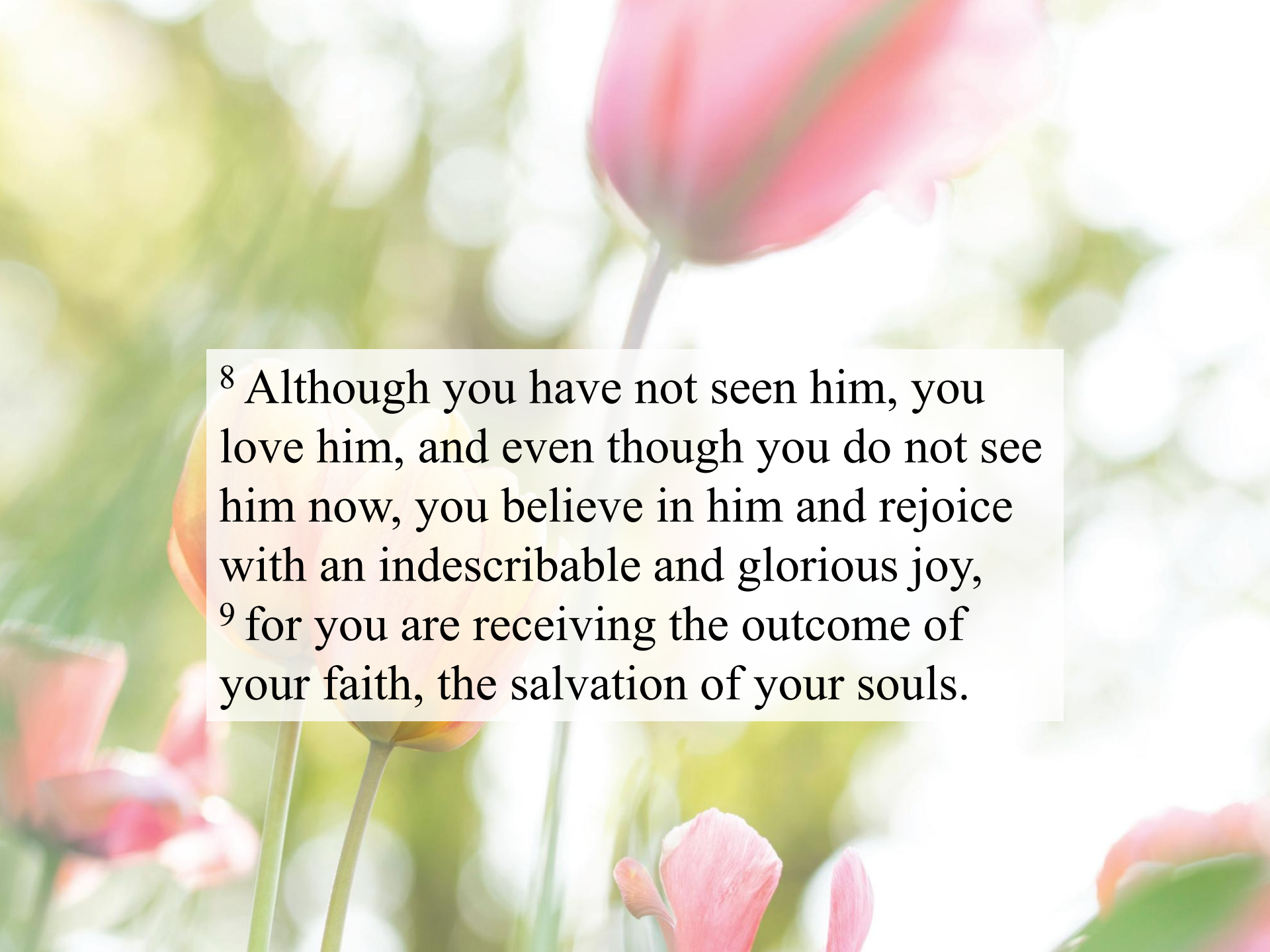
L: ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

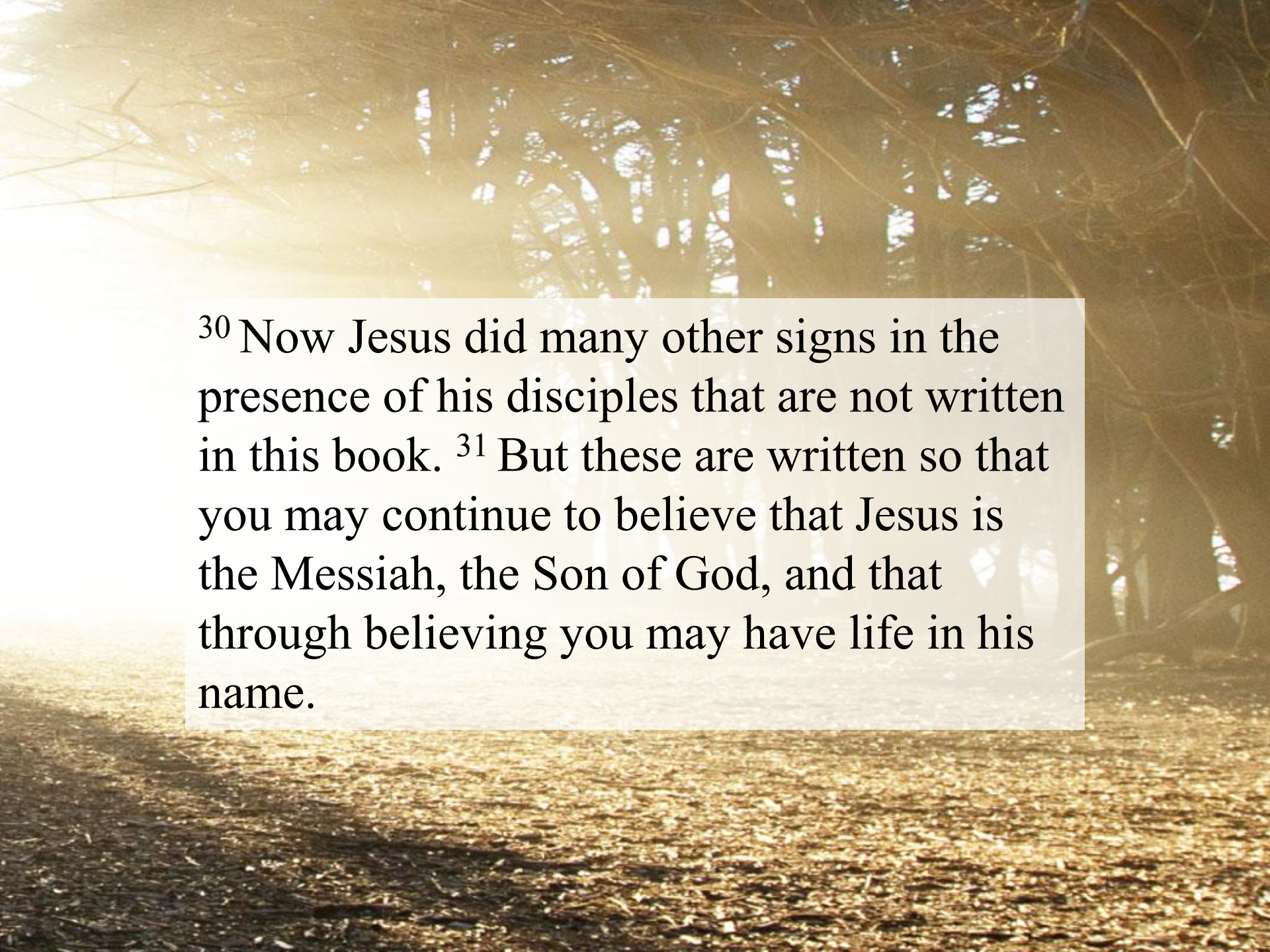
Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.



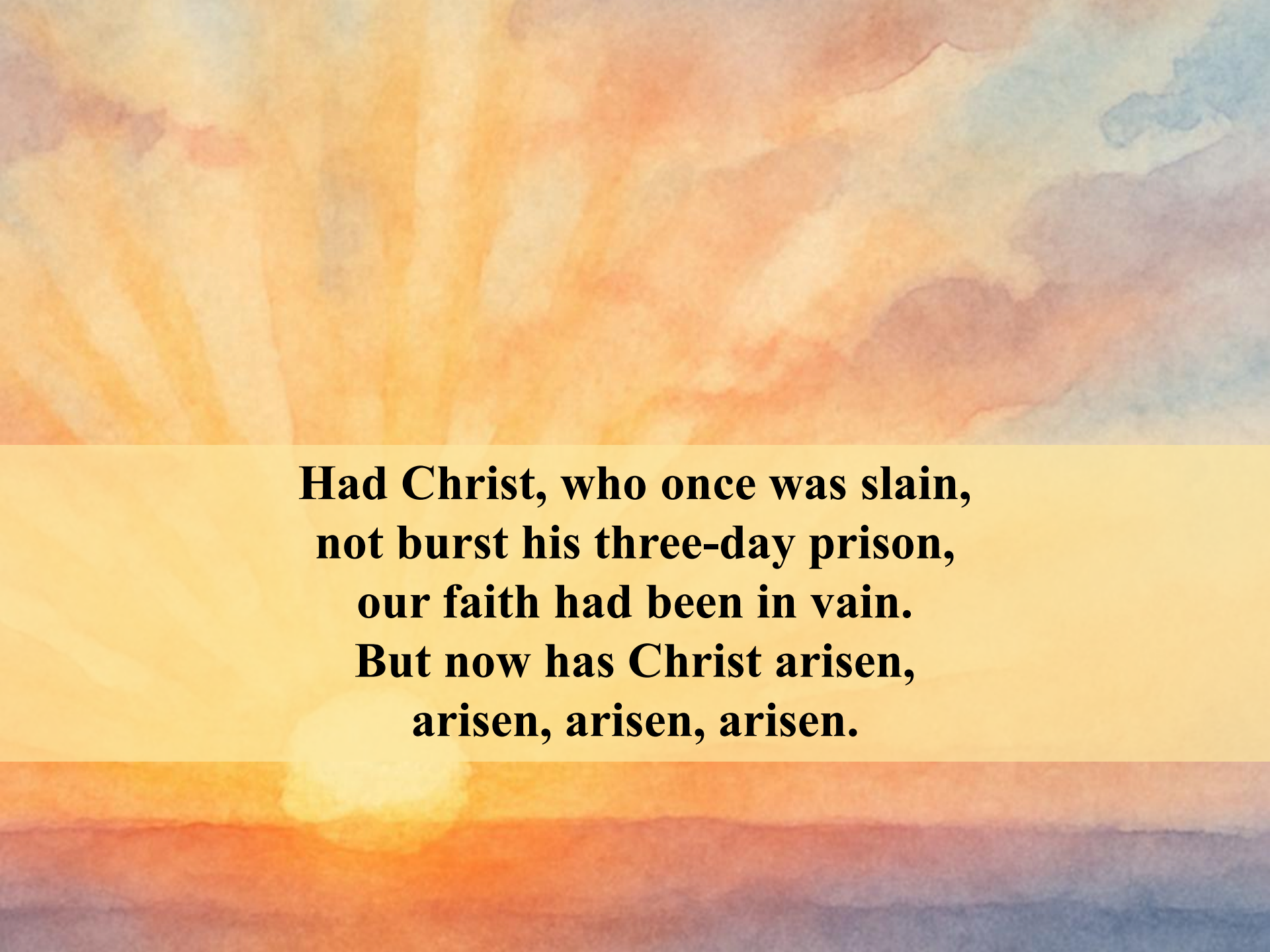
Message

This Joyful Eastertide

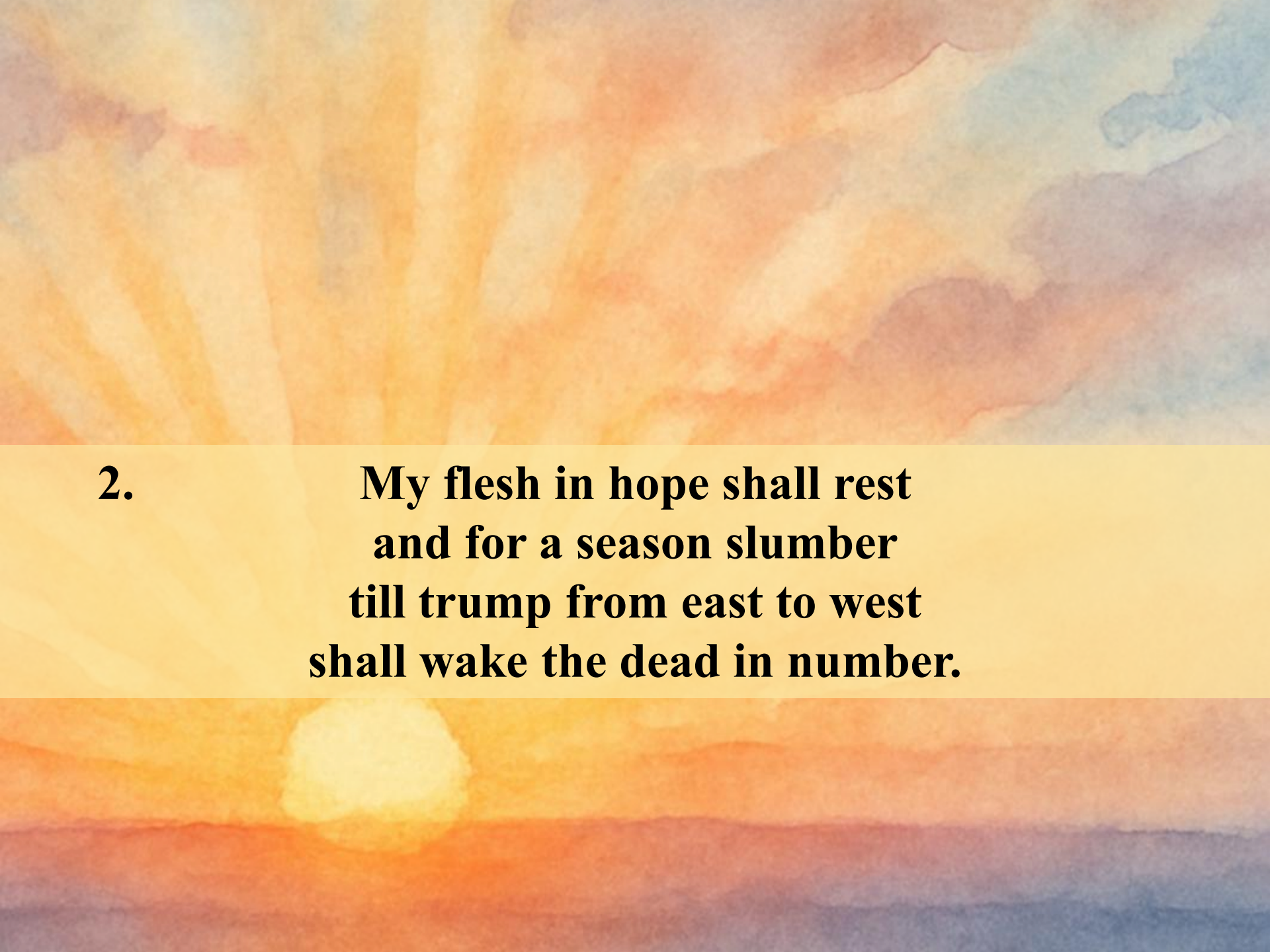
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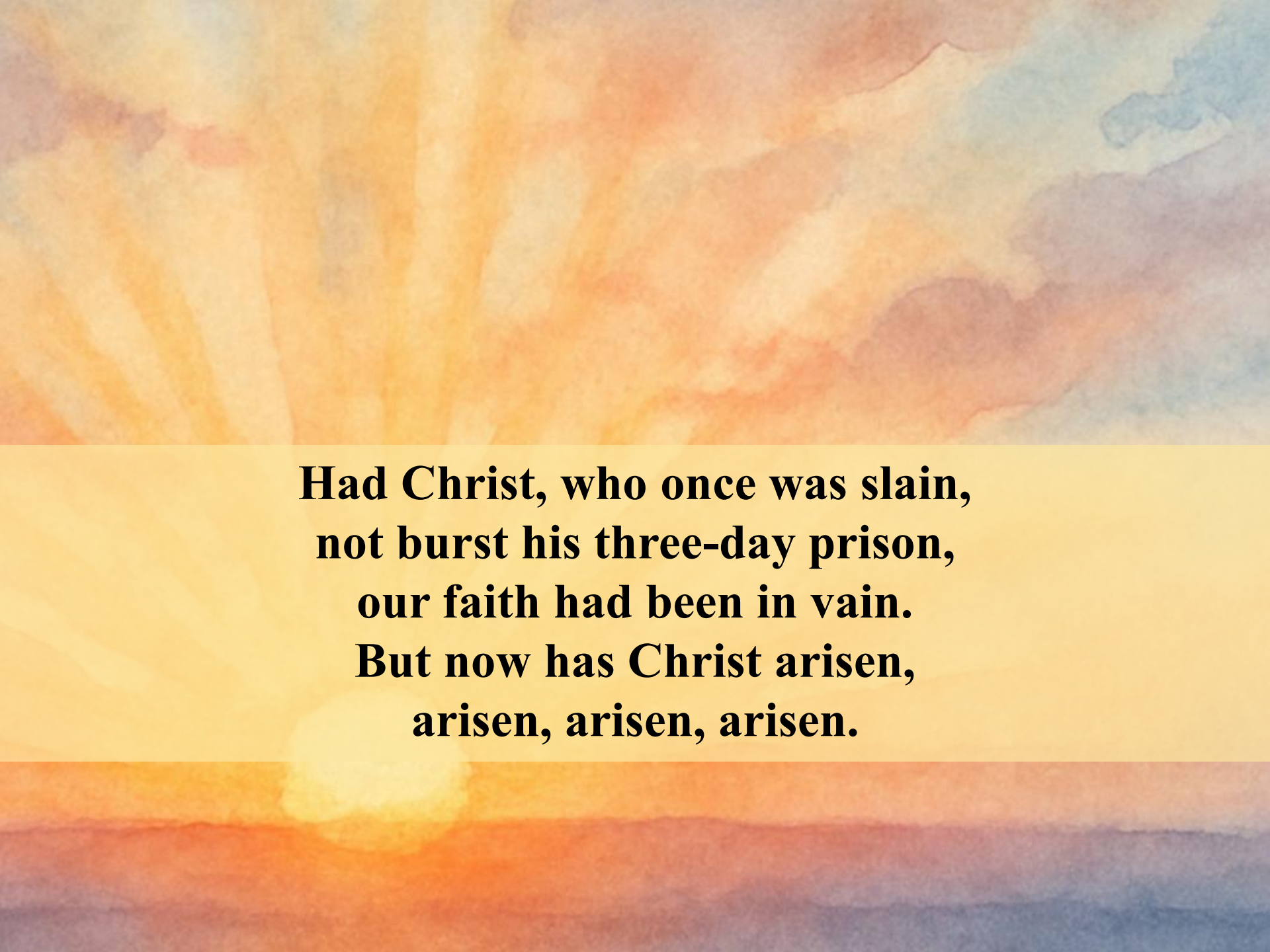
- 1. This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.**



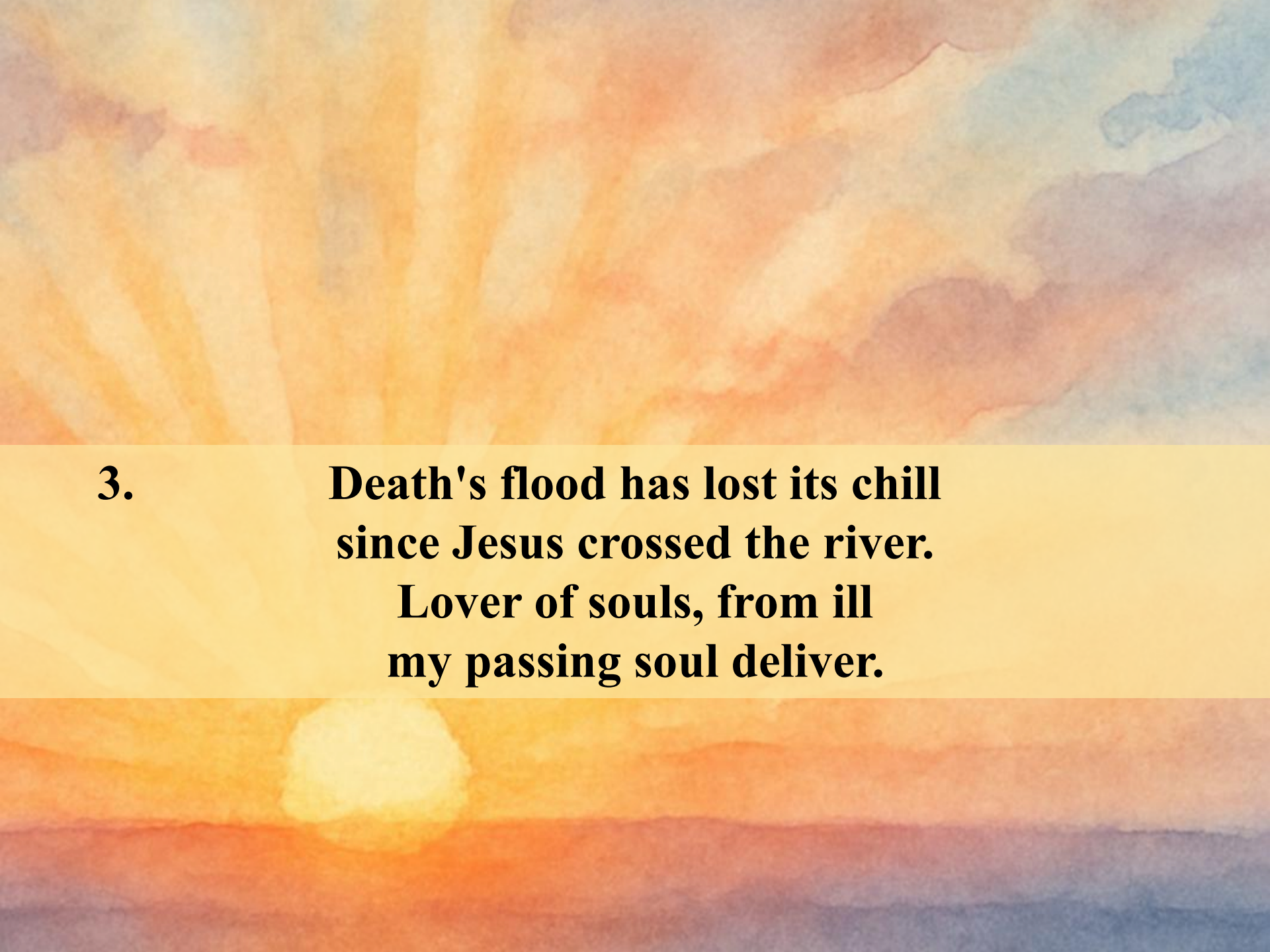
**Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.**



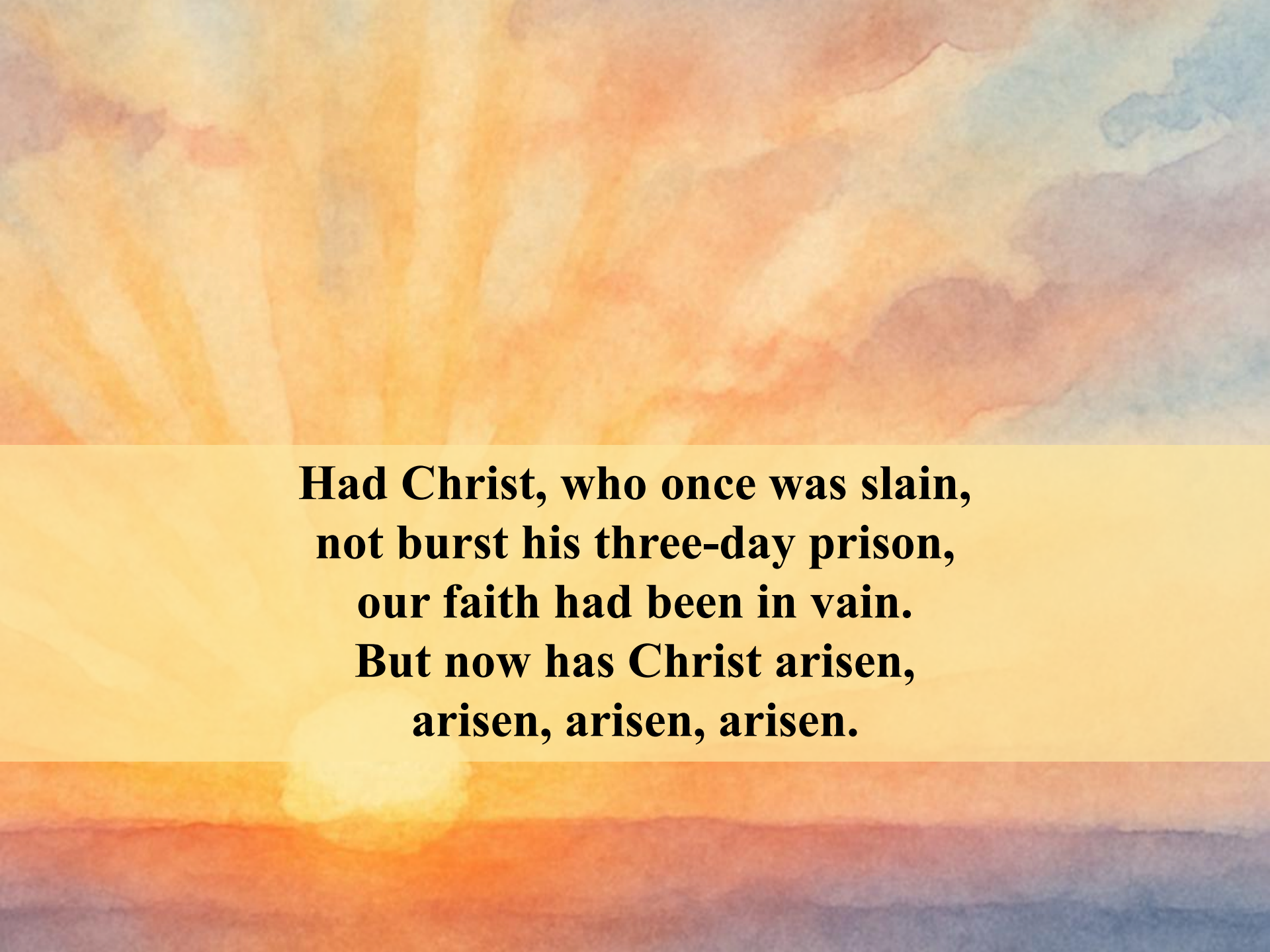
**2. My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.**



**Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.**



**3. Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.**



**Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.**

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 field of golden wheat. The sun is high in the sky, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere and a prominent lens flare in the lower-left quadrant. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame.

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.

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.

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 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.**

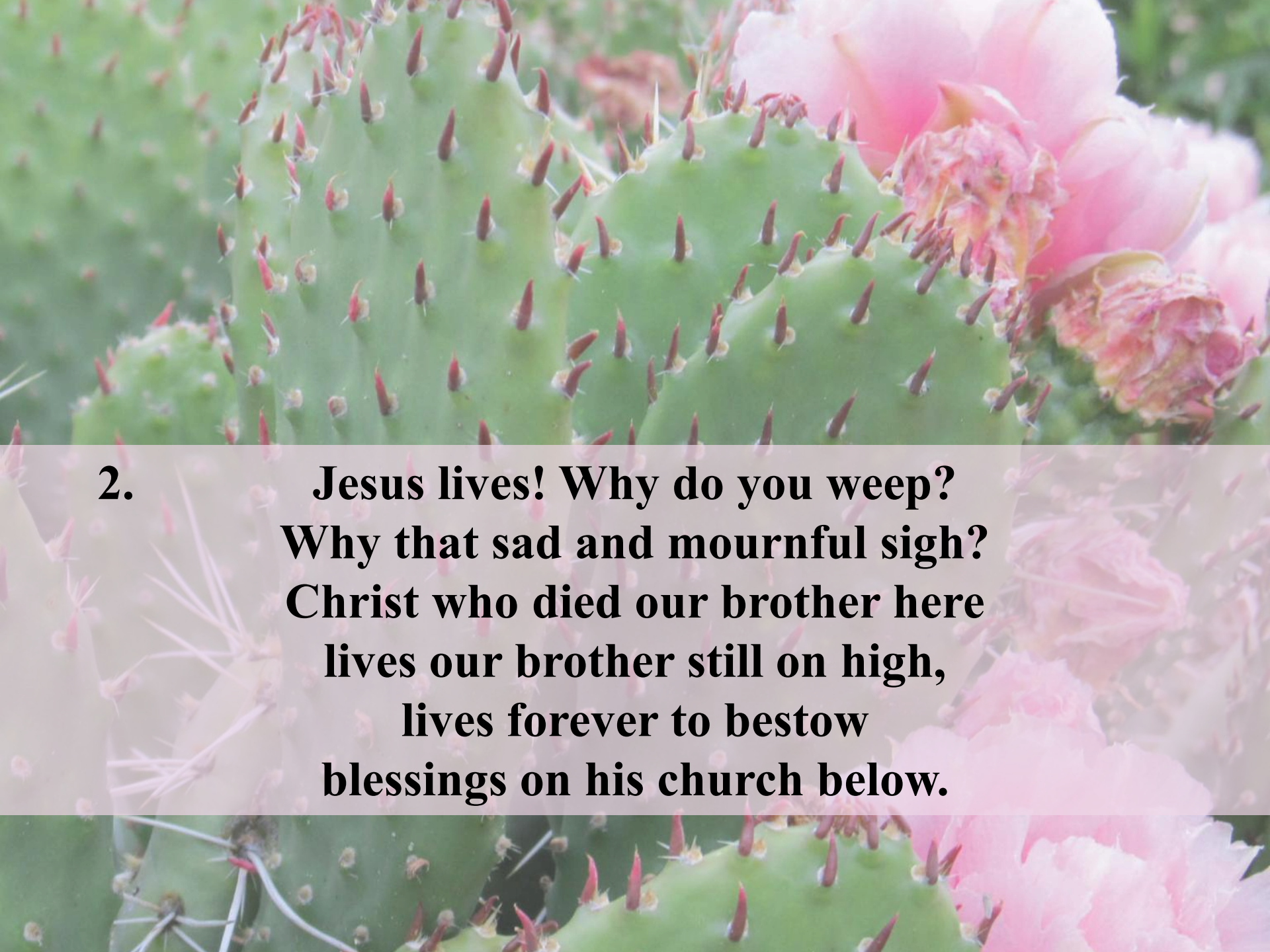


Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

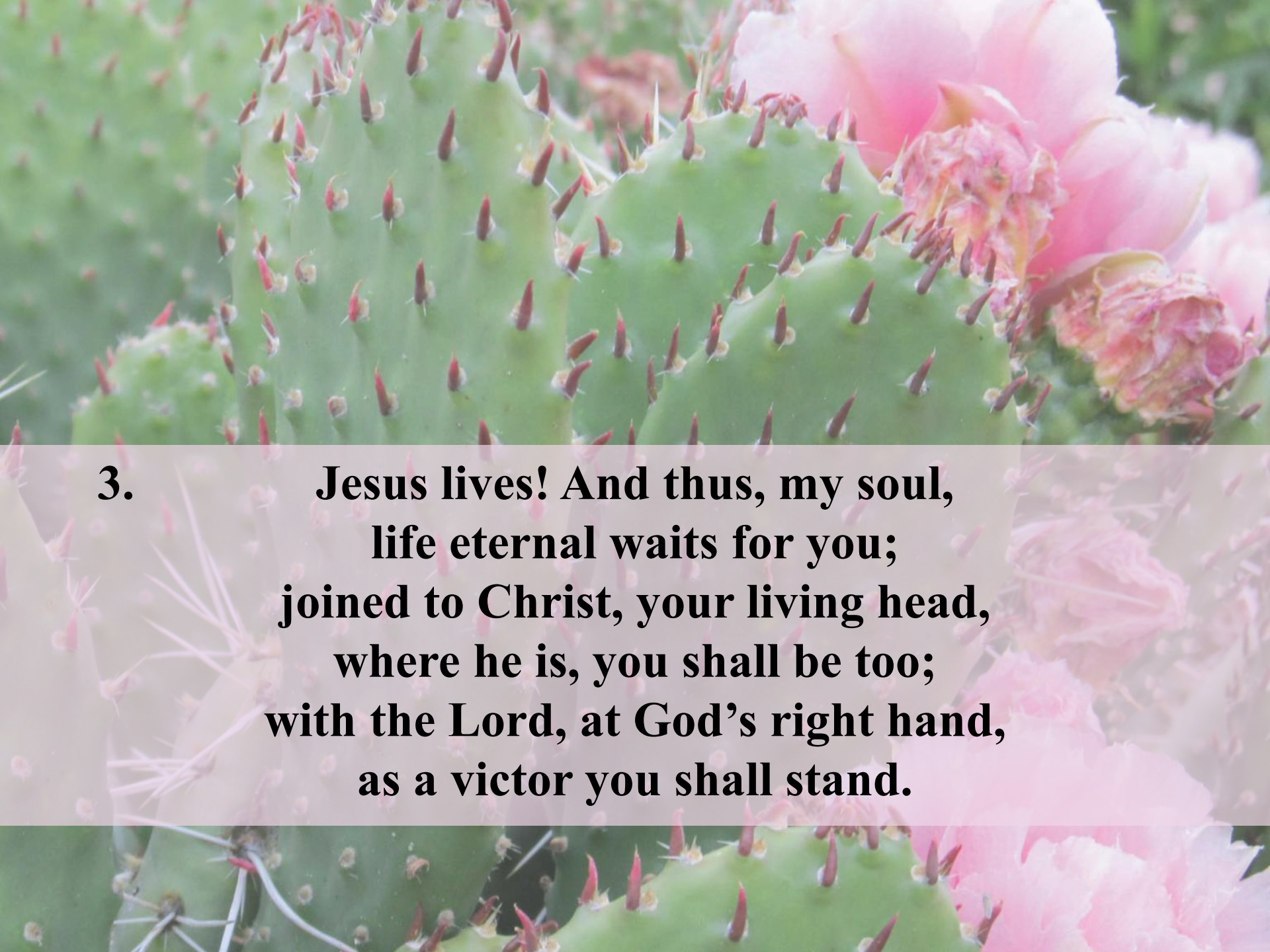
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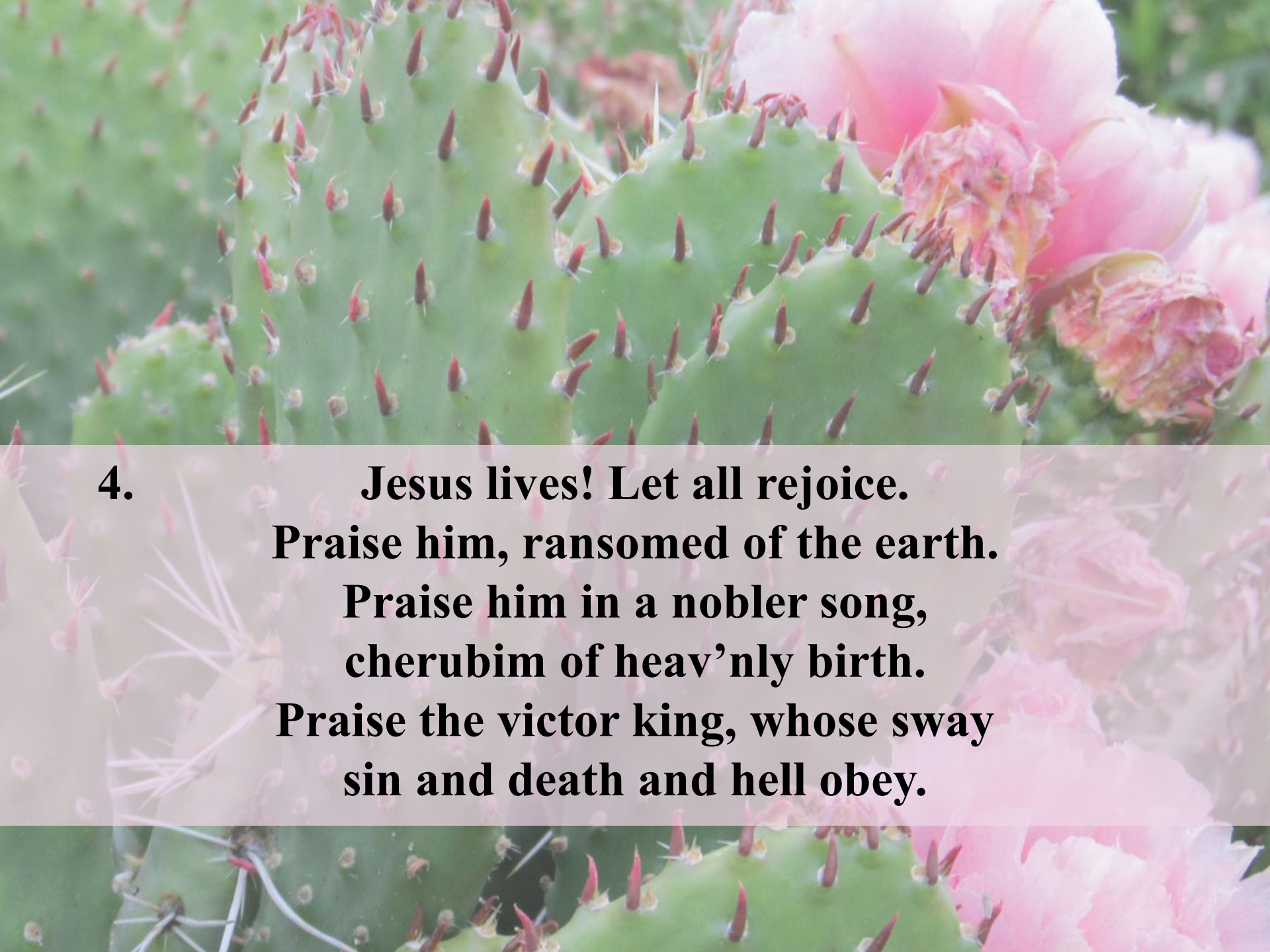
- 1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.**



**2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.**



**3. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.**



**4. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.**



5.

**Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!**



Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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