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Zion Lutheran Church*

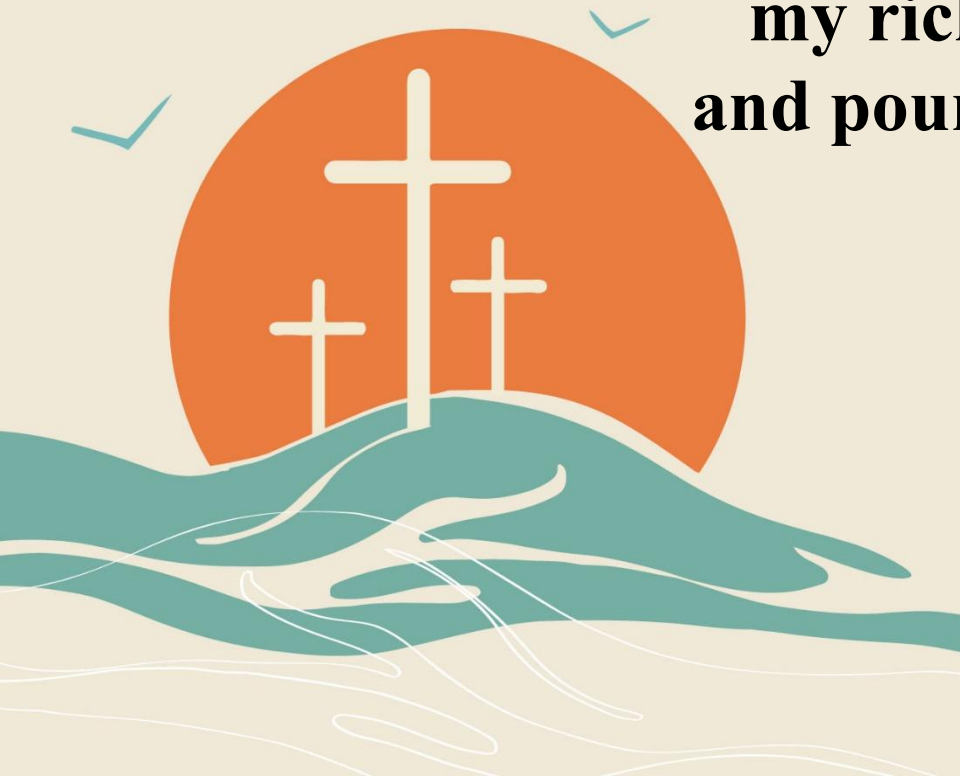
*Wednesday, April 22, 2026
5:45 pm*

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The Wonderful Cross

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**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**



**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**



**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find
that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
all who gather here by grace
draw near and bless your name.**



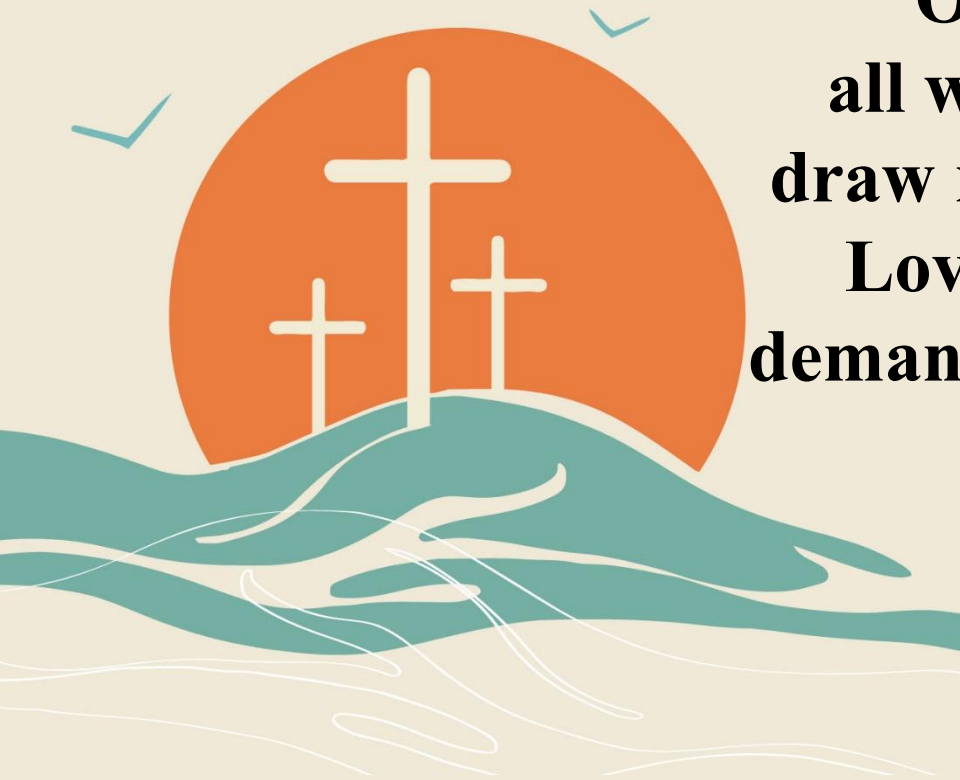
**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**



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Welcome and Announcements



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

Sharing the Peace

Call to Worship

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L: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

C: **The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.**

L: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

C: **Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

Hosanna

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**Praise is rising,
eyes are turning to you,
we turn to you.
Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for you,
we long for you;**

**'Cause when we see you,
we find strength to face the day;
In your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away.**

Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have your way among us.
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

**Hear the sound of
hearts returning to you,
we turn to you.
In your kingdom
broken lives are made new.
You make us new;**

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we find strength to face the day;
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Confession and Forgiveness

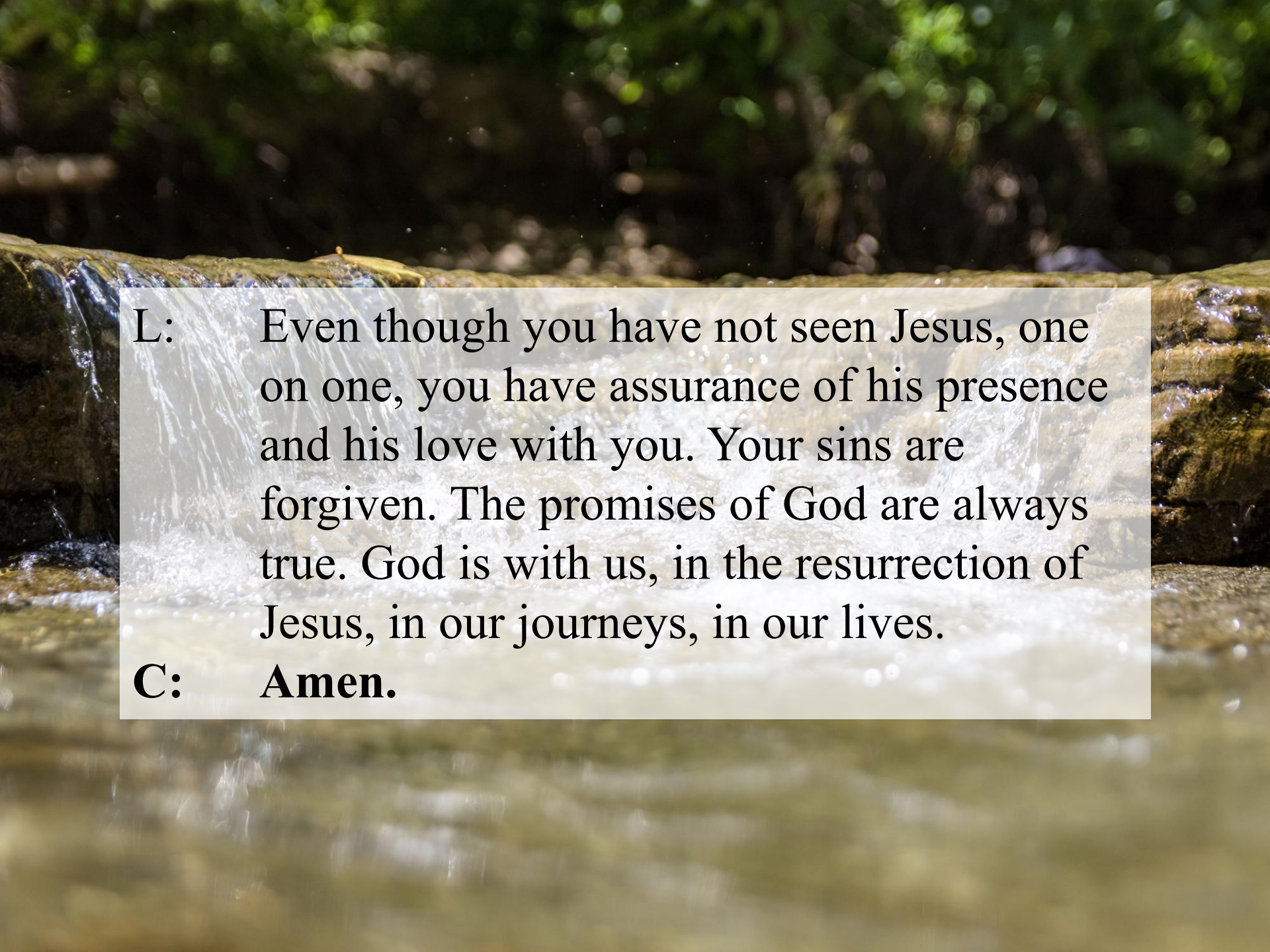
Adapted from: Worship Connection: Third Sunday of Easter A by Nancy C. Townley

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing and mercy, first in silent prayer...

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, and the surrounding foliage is vibrant green. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the waterfall.

L: God of glory,

C: you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You are with us when we remain hidden out of fear, doubt, and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road in our everyday lives. But we don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Open our hearts to you, to see and tell all you have done in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name.



L: Even though you have not seen Jesus, one on one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. Your sins are forgiven. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives.

C: **Amen.**

*A Message for
All God's Children*



Noisy Offering!!!

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

**Proceeds will go towards the
Warroad Community Childcare Center.**



The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned

to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were

saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had

happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

God So Loved

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**Come all you weary,
come all you thirsty,
come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water,
come and thirst no more.**

**Come all you sinners,
come find his mercy.**

**Come to the table,
he will satisfy.**

**Taste of his goodness,
find what you're looking for.**

**For God so loved the world that he gave us
his one and only Son to save us.**

Whoever believes in him will live forever.

**Bring all your failures,
bring your addictions.**

**Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there
with open arms.**

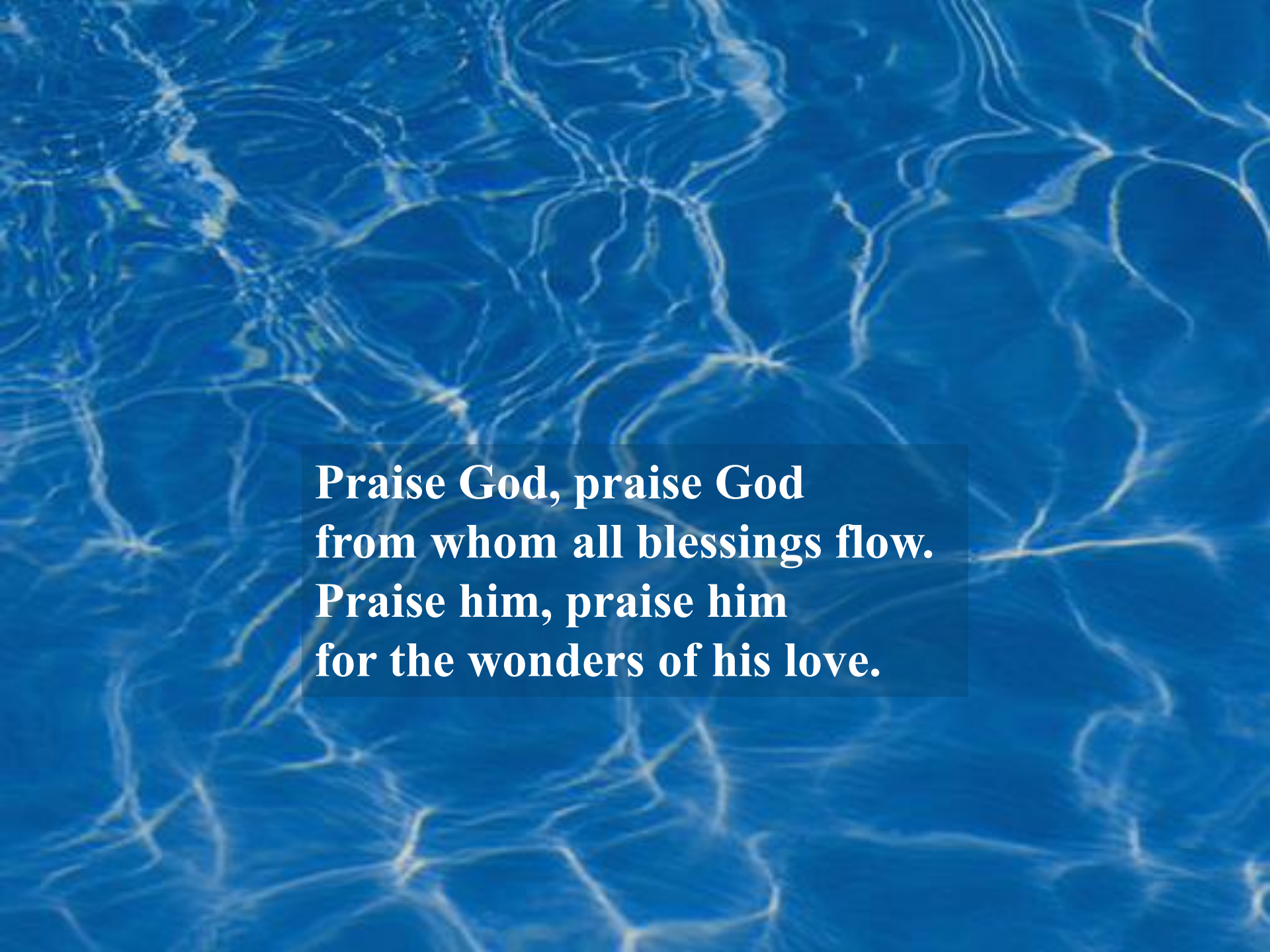
**For God so loved the world that he gave us
his one and only Son to save us.**

Whoever believes in him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.

Now it is well I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.



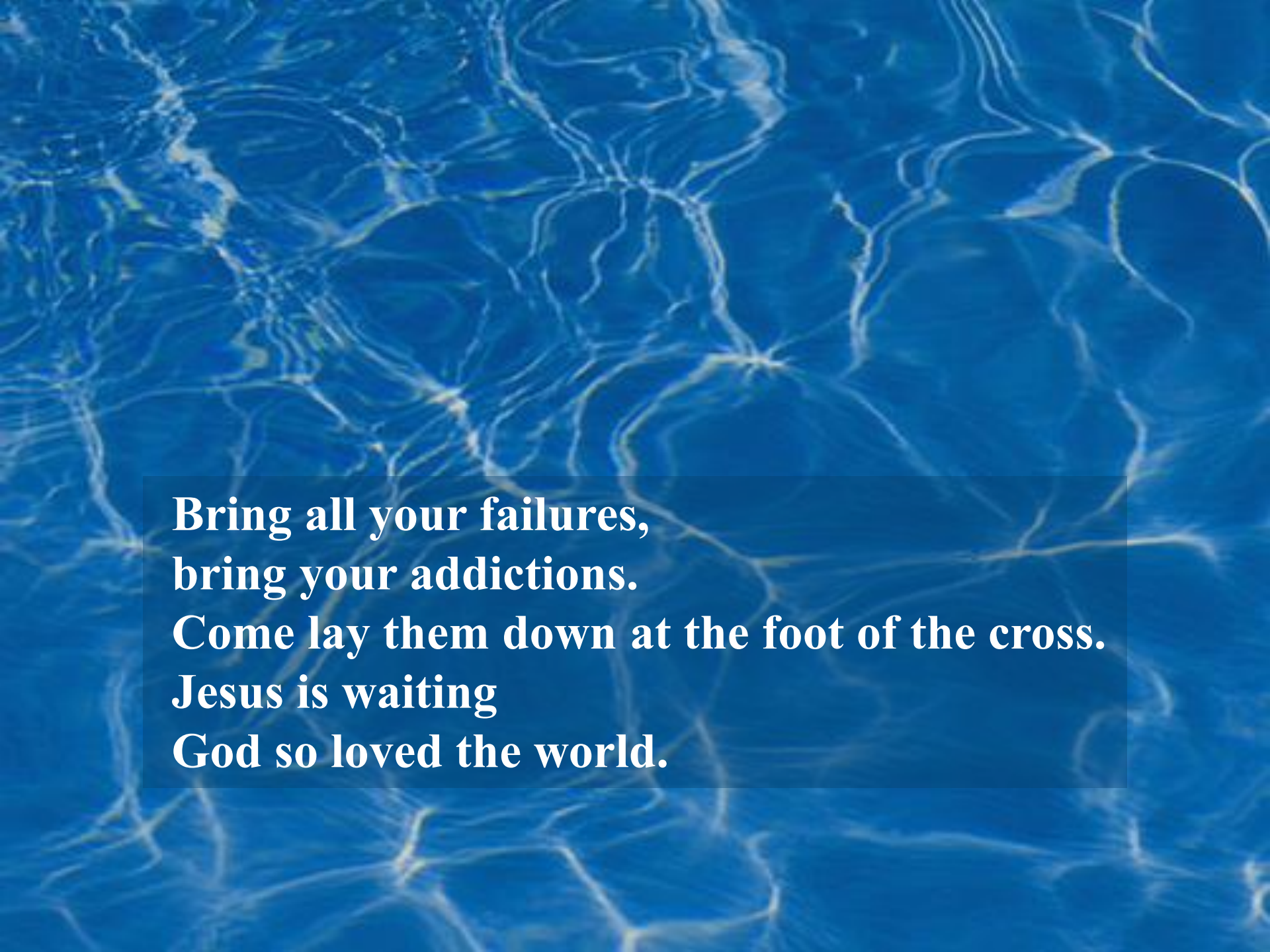
**Praise God, praise God
from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, praise him
for the wonders of his love.**

**Praise God, praise God
from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, praise him
for the wonders of his love.**

**For God so loved the world that he gave us
his one and only Son to save...**

**For God so loved the world that he gave us
his one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in him will live forever.**

**The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**



**Bring all your failures,
bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world.**

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

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 top half of the image. The wheat stalks are densely packed and their heads are in sharp focus, showing the intricate details of the grains. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by golden yellows and soft oranges.

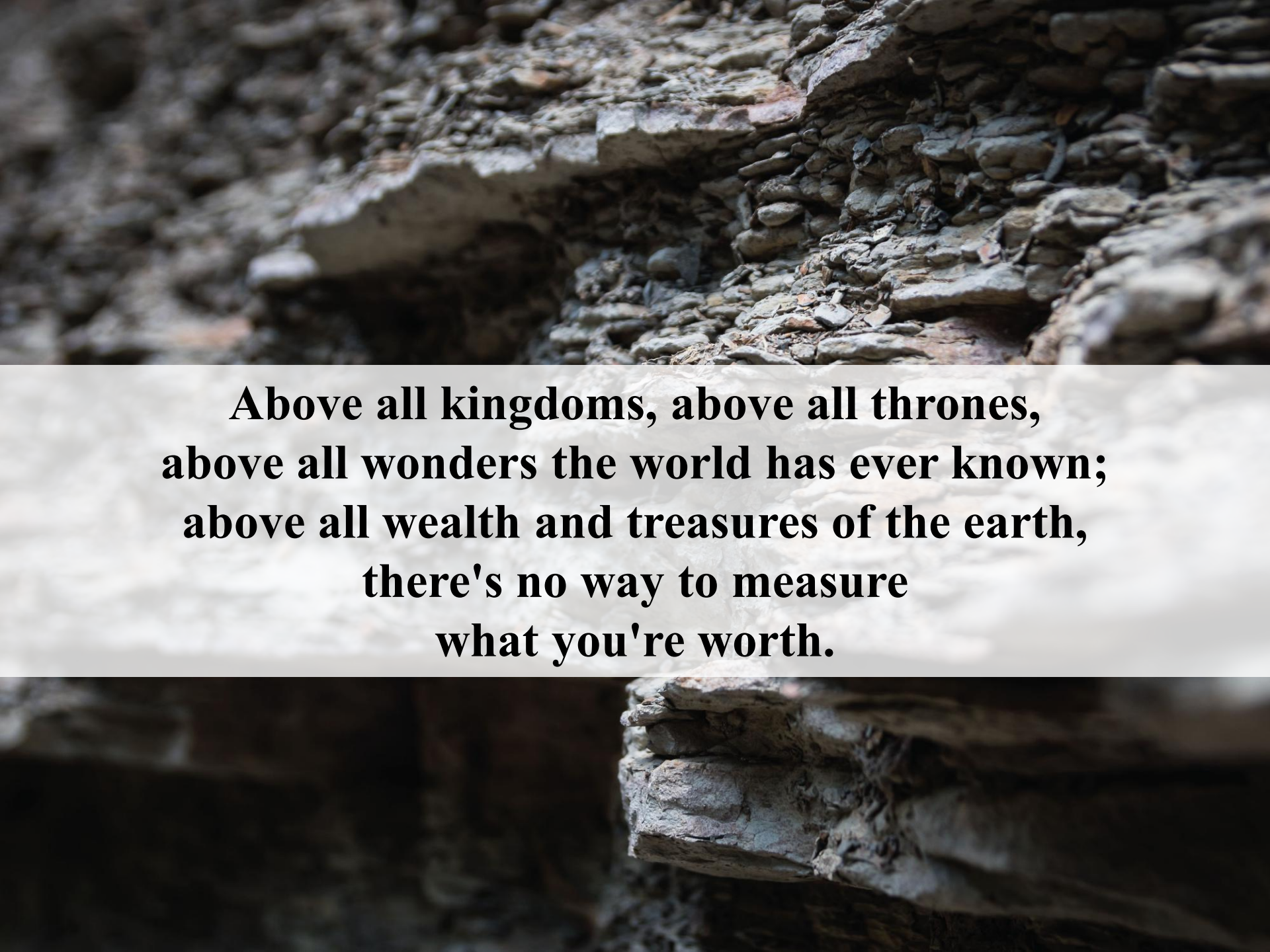
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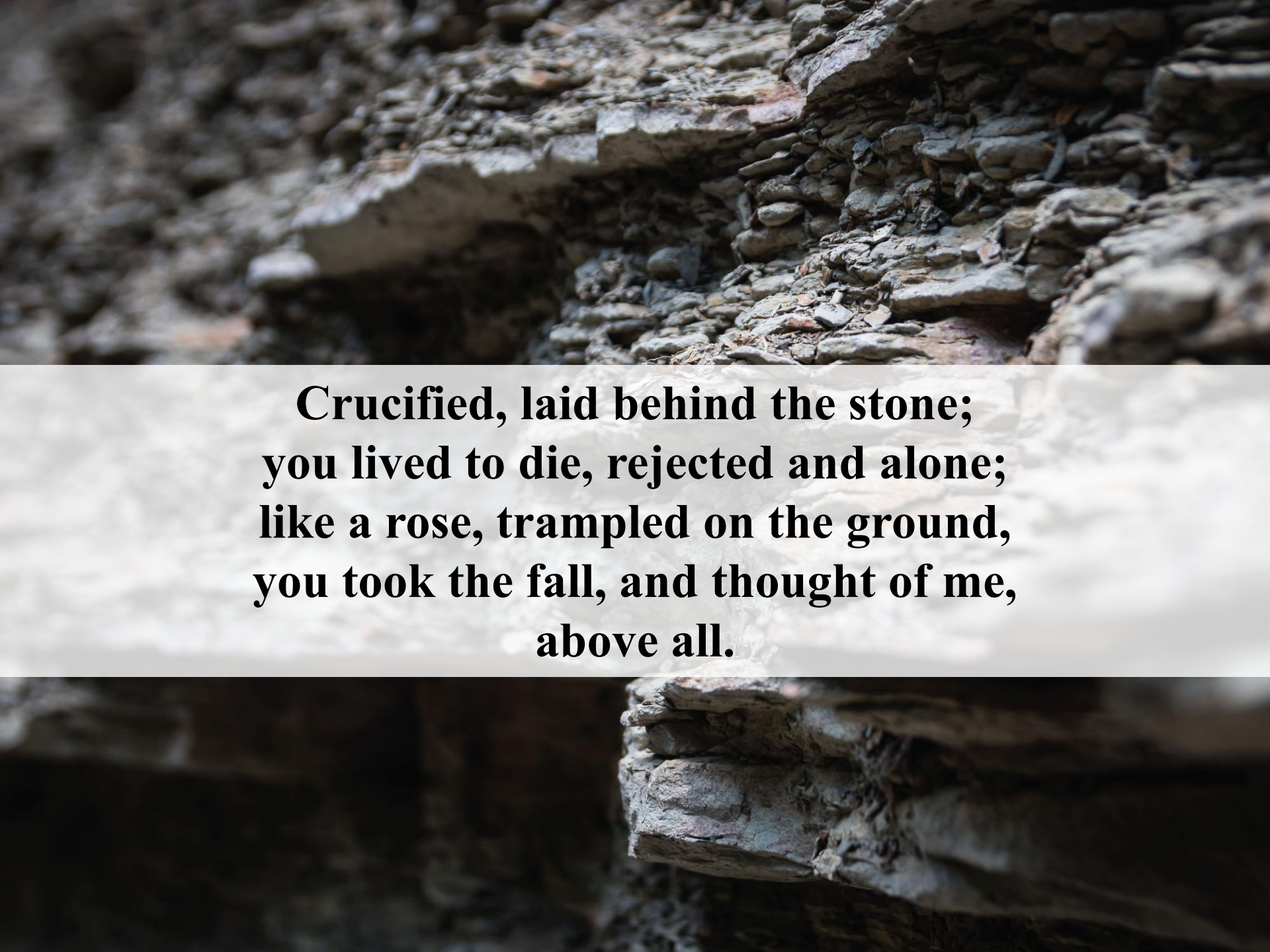
Above All

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**Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
you were here before the world began.**

A close-up photograph of a rocky, layered cliff face. The rocks are dark and textured, with some lighter-colored layers visible. A white text overlay is centered on the image.

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure
what you're worth.**



**Crucified, laid behind the stone;
you lived to die, rejected and alone;
like a rose, trampled on the ground,
you took the fall, and thought of me,
above all.**

Offering Prayer

L: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, and their bread. We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

C: May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those
who suffer; beside the sinner; among the
poor; with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

L: Remembering his love for us
on the way, at the table, and to the end, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

L: Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

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

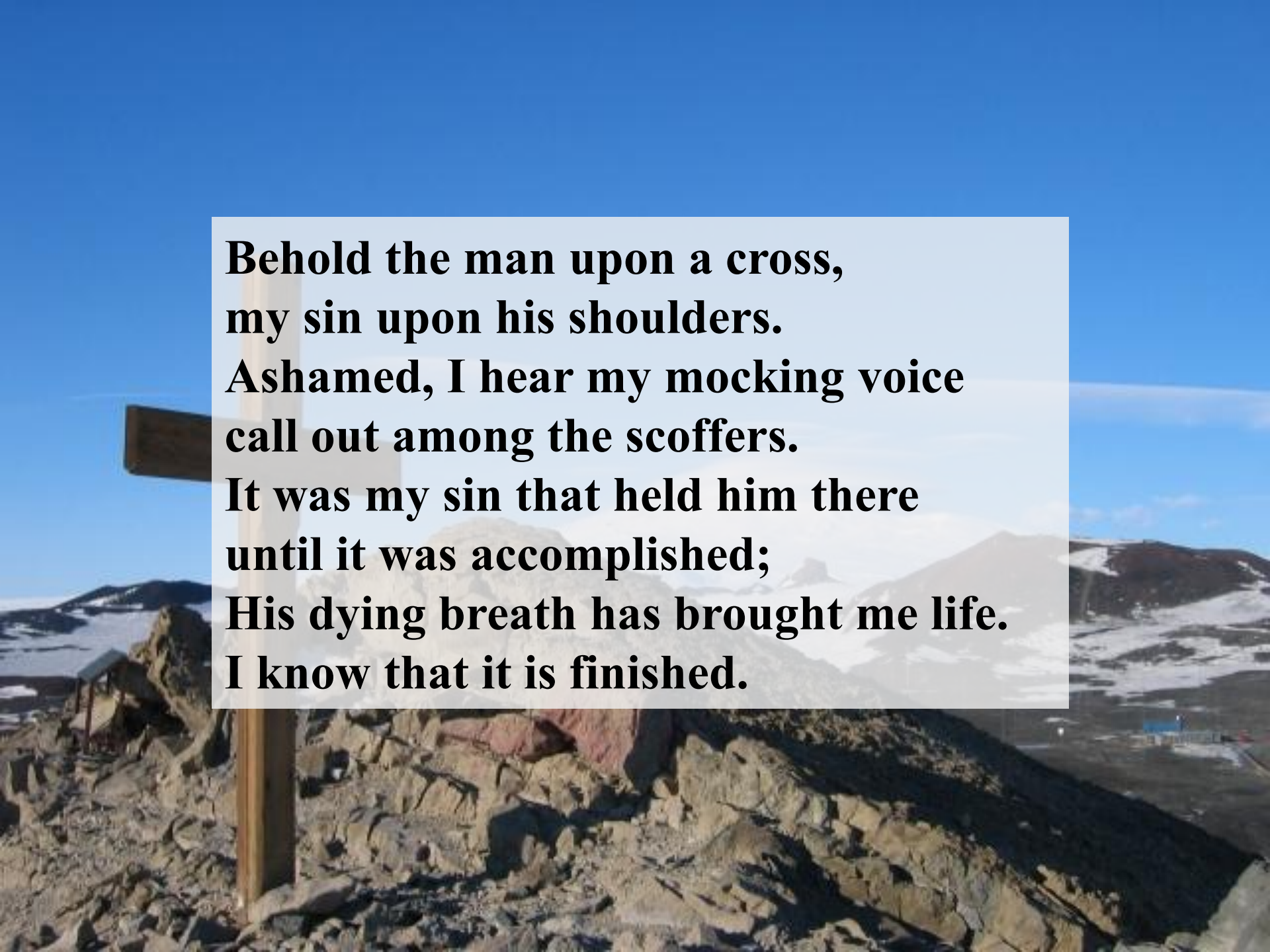
An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



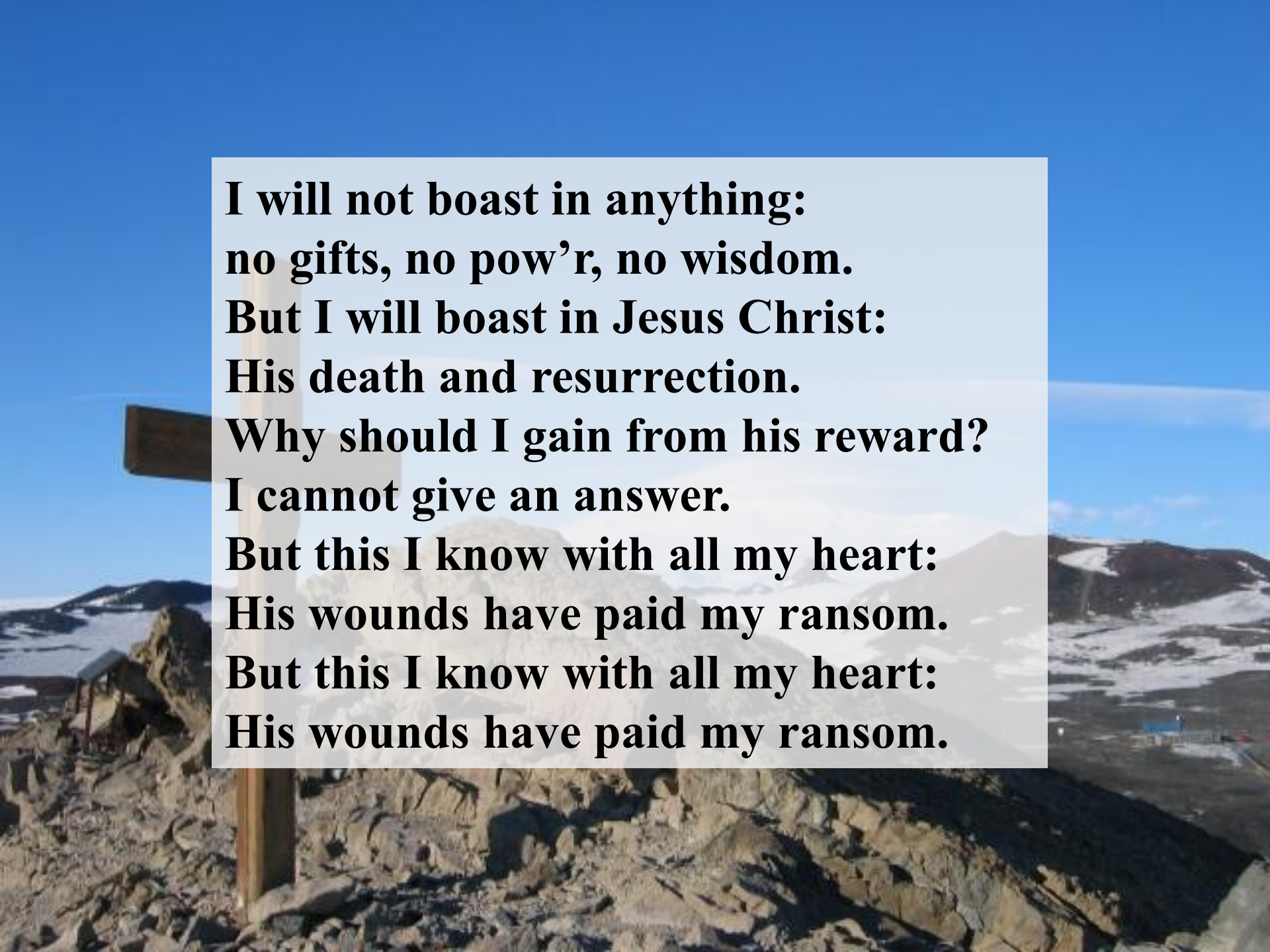
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.**

A wooden cross stands on a rocky mountain peak. The background shows a vast, snowy valley under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**



**I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.
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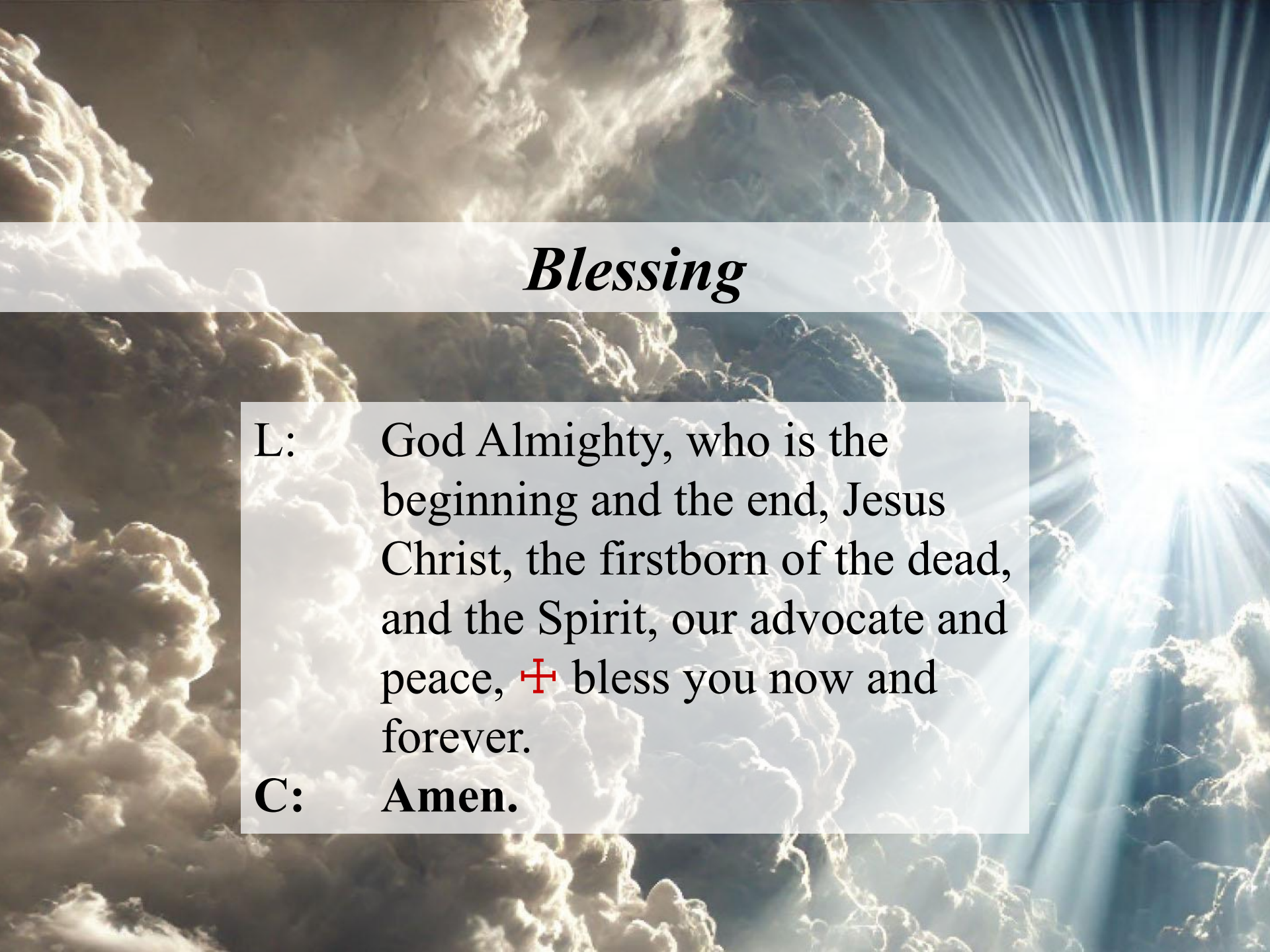
Communion Blessing



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.**

Are You Washed in the Blood?

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Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**Are you washed in the blood,
in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?**

Are your garments spotless?

Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**Are you washed in the blood,
in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**Are you washed in the blood,
in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

**Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean;
oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!**

**Are you washed in the blood,
in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**



Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

A scenic view of a waterfront town with colorful buildings and a body of water. The buildings are multi-story and feature various colors like blue, yellow, and red. The water is dark blue with some ripples. The sky is light blue with some clouds.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!