



“Freedom in This World
and For the Next!”

John 8: 31-36



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
DeRidder, LA

Welcome
We are glad you're here

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Online/Sanctuary Worship

A photograph of a sandy beach with waves on the left and a trail of footprints leading from the water towards the right. The text is overlaid in the center.

Call to Worship

Step by Step

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* Call To Worship

Leader: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Congregation: Give to us the vision of truth and justice, that by our counsel all nation and peoples may work together.

Leader: Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of
forbearance, that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.

**Congregation: Forgive our shortcomings
as a nation; purify our hearts to see and
love the truth. We pray all these things
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

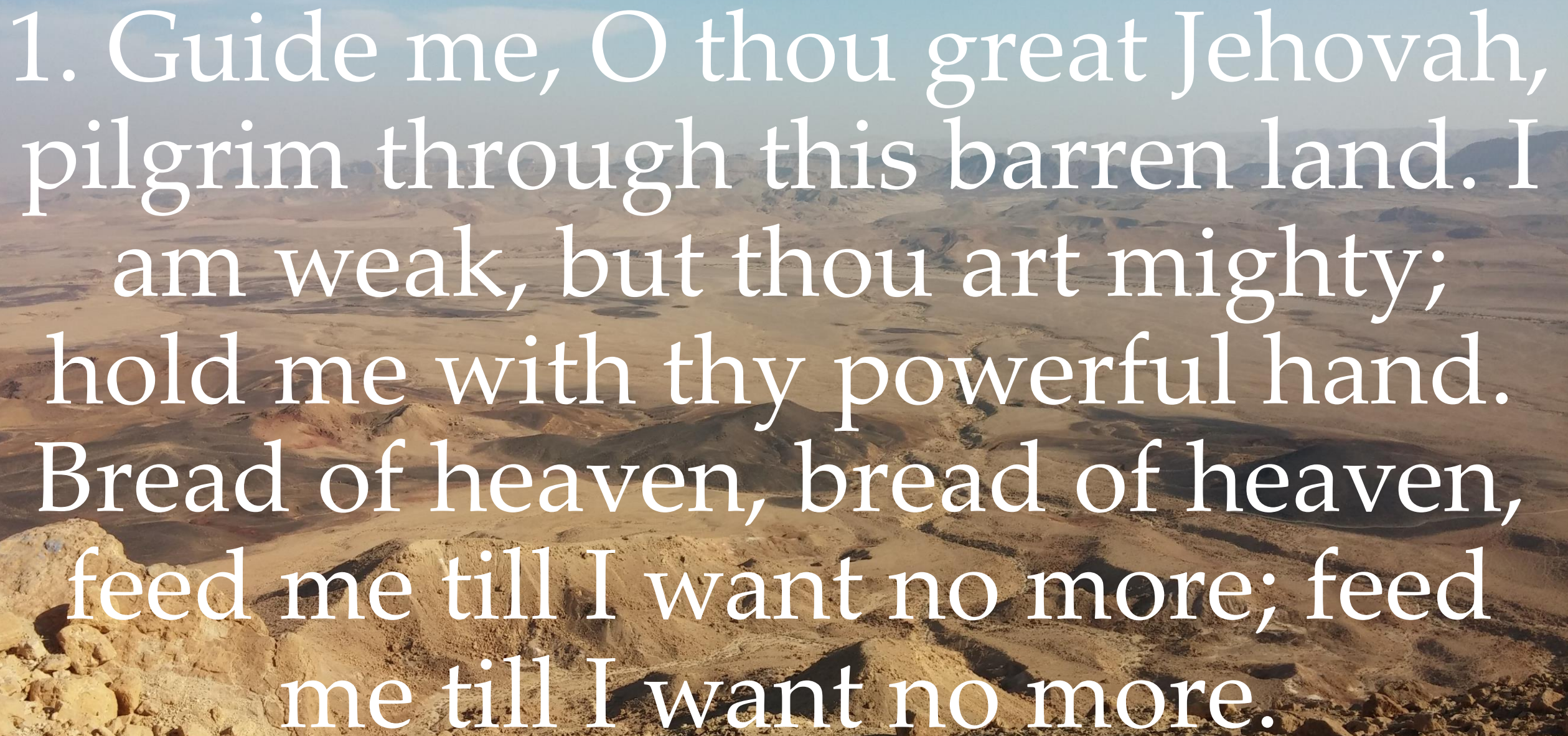




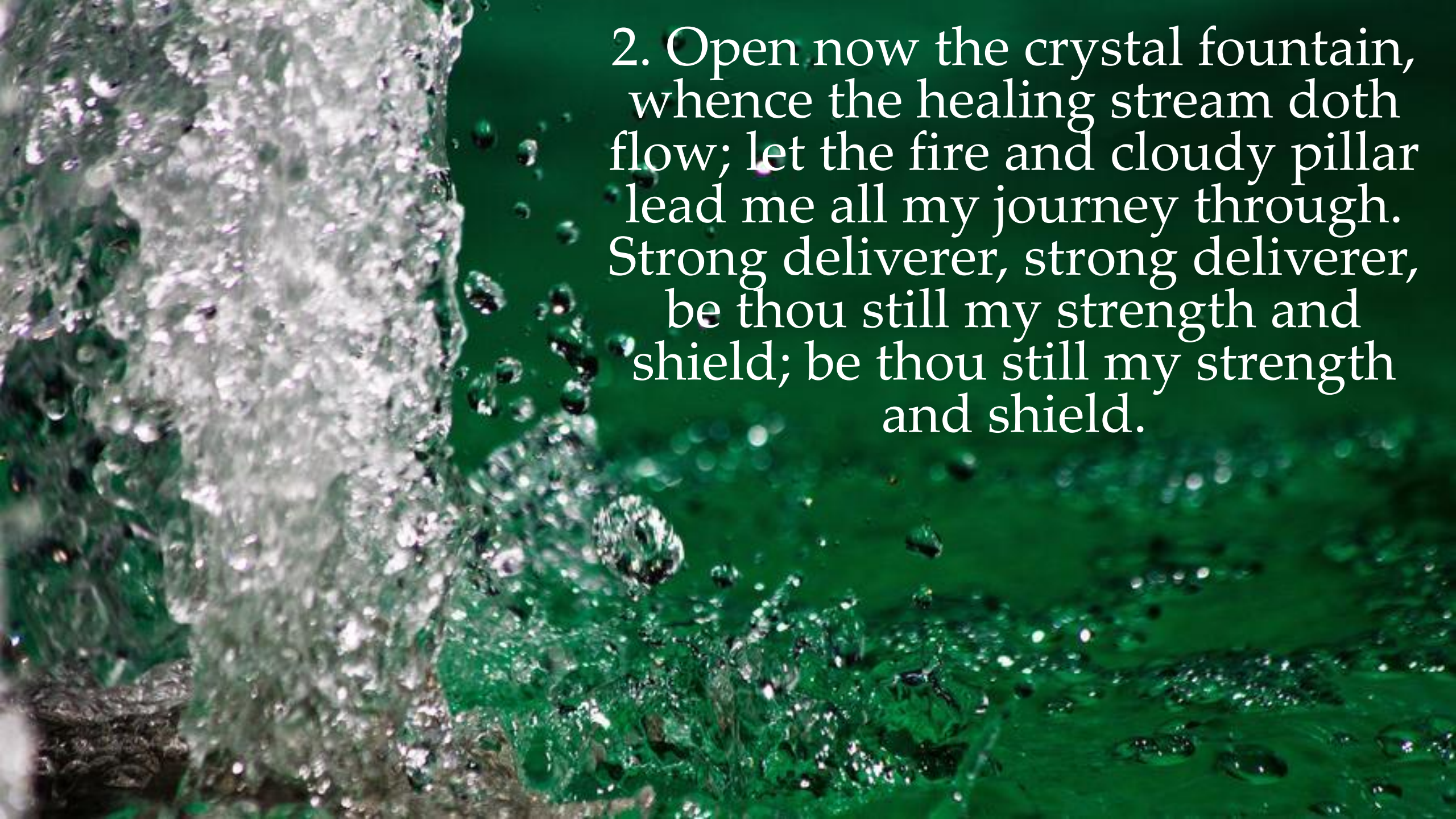
*Hymn of Praise

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

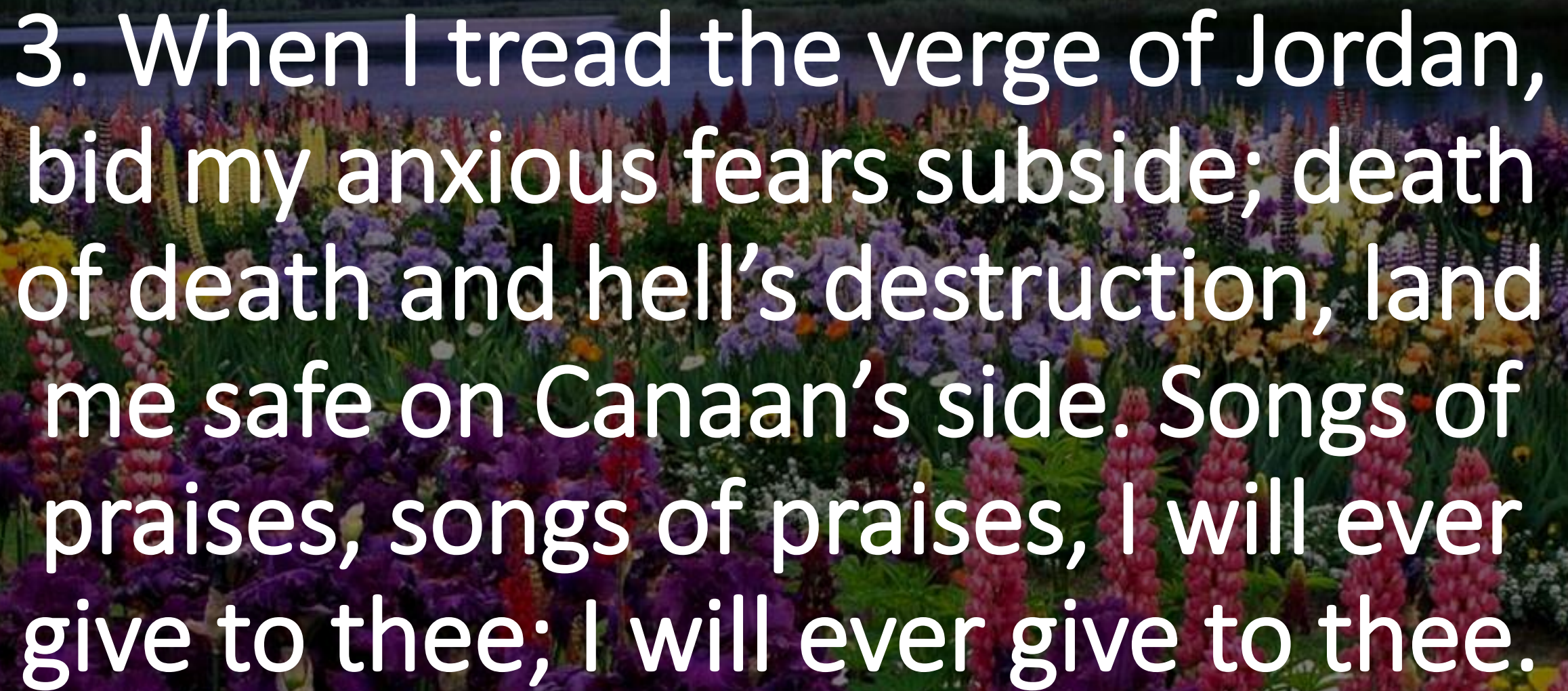
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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land. I
am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed
me till I want no more.



2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth
flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and
shield; be thou still my strength
and shield.

The background image is a composite of three distinct natural scenes. The top portion shows a calm lake reflecting a range of rugged, forested mountains under a clear sky. The middle and bottom portions are filled with a dense, vibrant field of various flowers, including tall purple and pink lupines, yellow wildflowers, and other colorful blooms. The text is overlaid on this composite image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside; death
of death and hell's destruction, land
me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of
praises, songs of praises, I will ever
give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

***Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth: And in
Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried;**

the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 life everlasting. Amen.



Announcements

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Gordon Jenkins

(J. Rathburn)

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(J. Rathburn)

Avery Mayes

(J. Rathburn)

Cathy Lott

(D. & V. Allen)

Jayne Stewart

(M. Bailey)

Family of Richard Threeton

(L. Schultz)

Family of Karen Rocker

(L. Schultz)

Emmadean Lambert

Judy Barbay

(L. Schultz)



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Kayetha Wilson

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(M. & P. Launey)

George LeRay

Hannah Woodard

(J. Schwarze)

Eleanor Marcello

All Emergency Personnel

City of DeRidder

State of Louisiana

The United States of America

Our World

Our Enemies

Our Church

Those Who Have Hurt Us

An American flag is shown waving against a dark blue background. The flag is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its pole visible. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, and the flag is slightly tilted. The text "Sung Response America" is overlaid on the right side of the flag.

Sung Response *America*

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1. My country,
'tis of thee,
sweet land of
liberty, of thee I
sing; land where
my fathers died,
land of the
pilgrim's pride,
from every
mountainside,
let freedom
ring!



4. Our fathers'
God, to thee,
author of liberty,
to thee we sing;
long may our
land be bright
with freedom's
holy light; protect
us by thy might,
great God, our
King.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer





Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom
All Blessings Flow*

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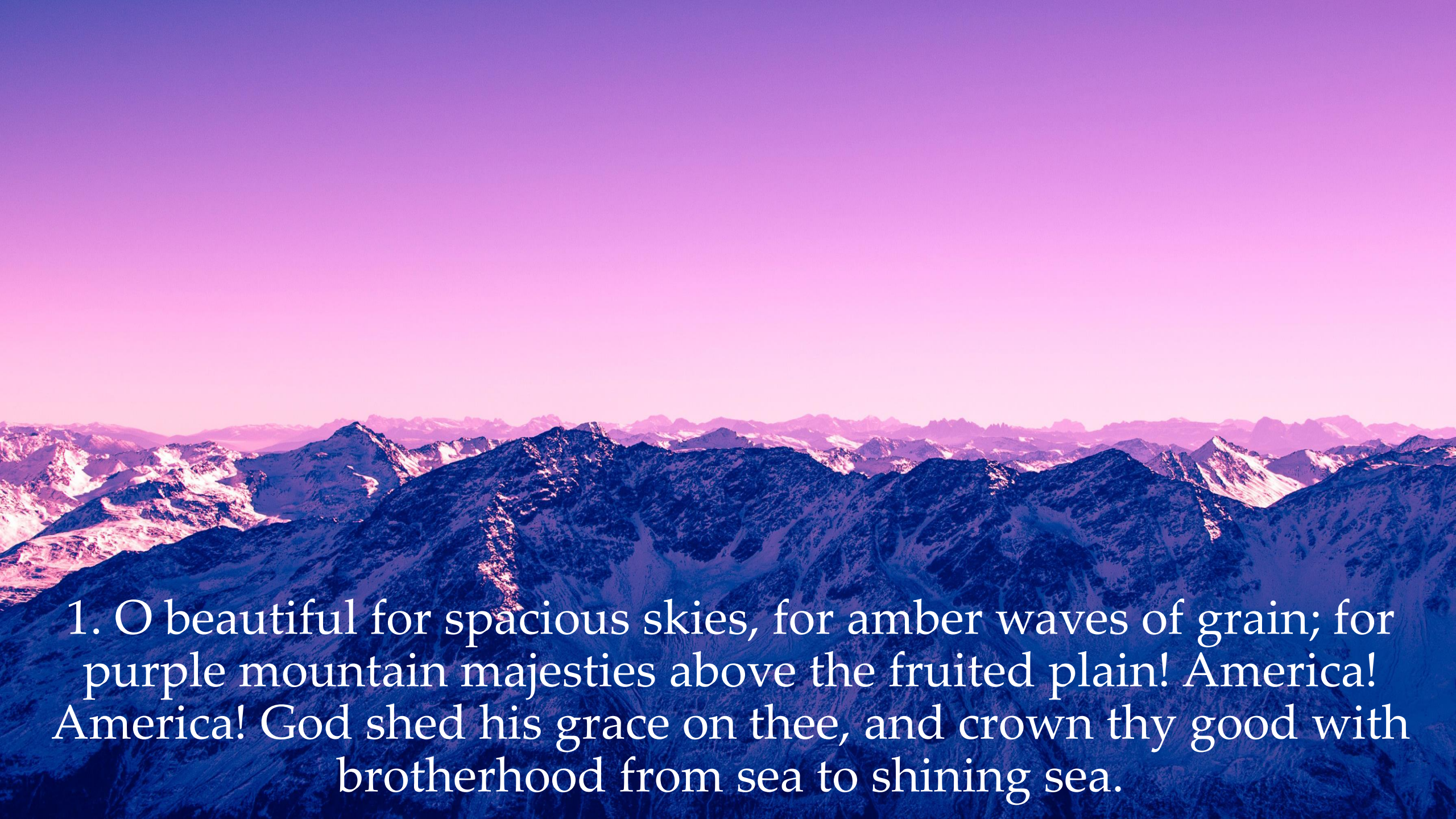
Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of
all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the
Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn of Faith

America the Beautiful

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A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are rugged and covered in patches of snow, with some peaks reaching into a clear, bright blue sky. The lighting suggests a sunny day, with shadows cast across the mountain slopes.

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for
purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America!
America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

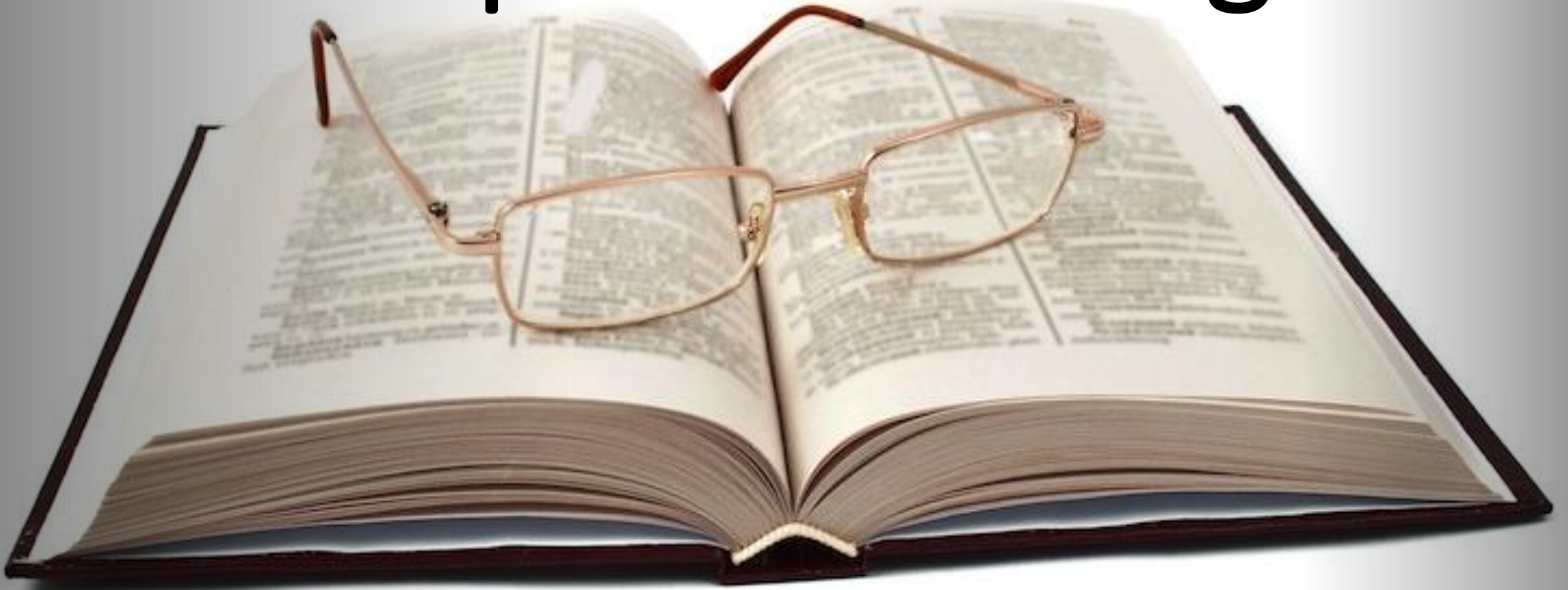
2. O beautiful for
heroes proved in
liberating strife, who
more than self their
country loved, and
mercy more than life!
America! America! May
God thy gold refine, till
all success be
nobleness, and every
gain divine.





3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees
beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears! America! America!
God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in
self control, thy liberty in law.

Scripture Reading



John 8: 31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.

What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.



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Sermon



Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

A circular stained glass window with a geometric leaded glass pattern. In the center is a golden chalice filled with red wine. Below it, a round brown loaf of bread sits on a red circular base. To the left of the chalice is a bunch of dark purple grapes. To the right is a single green leaf. The entire central scene is framed by a circular border containing two bunches of dark purple grapes at the top and two sheaves of golden wheat at the bottom, all set against a blue background.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

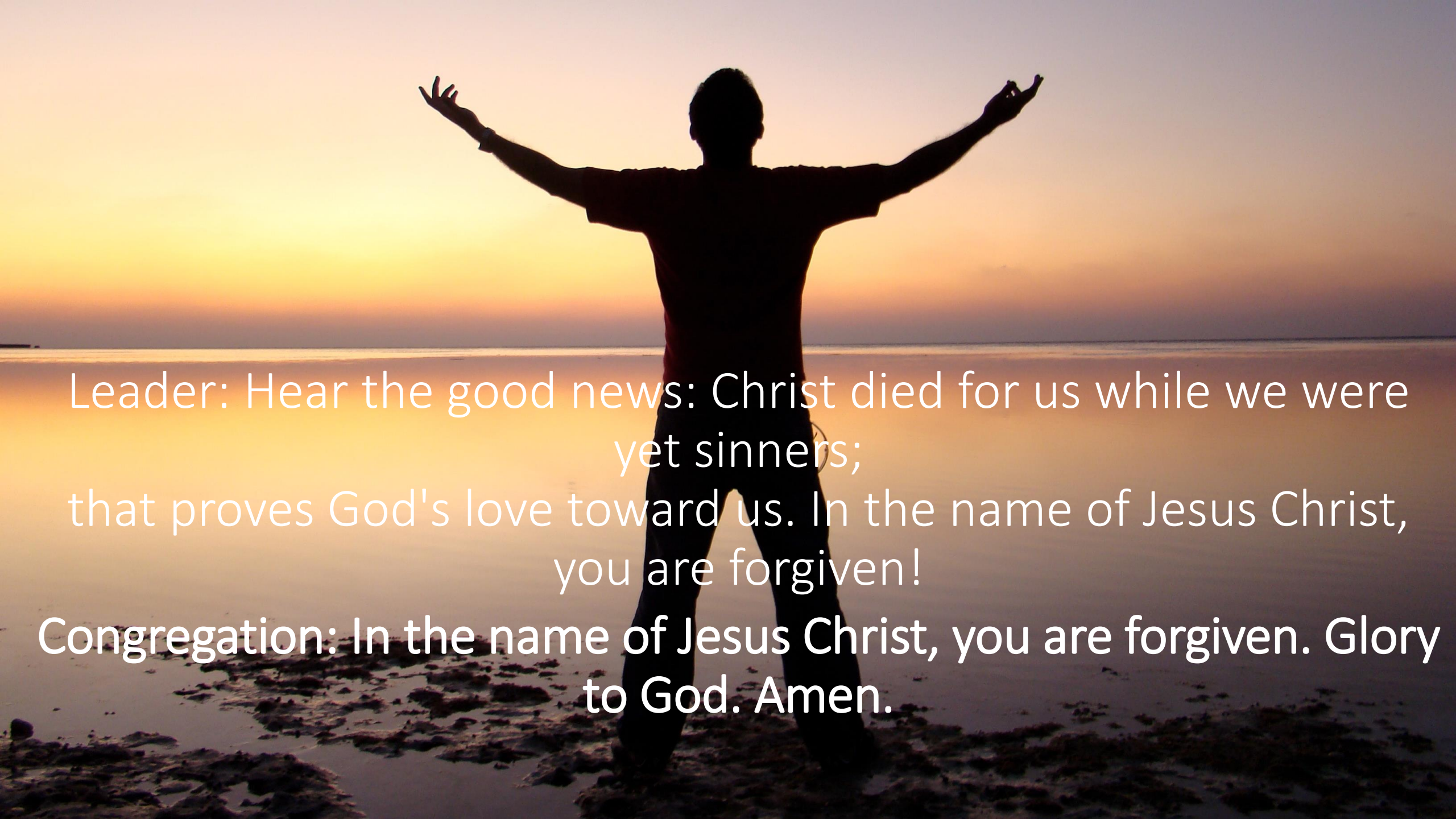


Congregation:

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory
to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

A still life image of a Thanksgiving meal. In the foreground, a turkey is partially visible, along with a loaf of bread and a glass of wine. The background is dark and out of focus.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

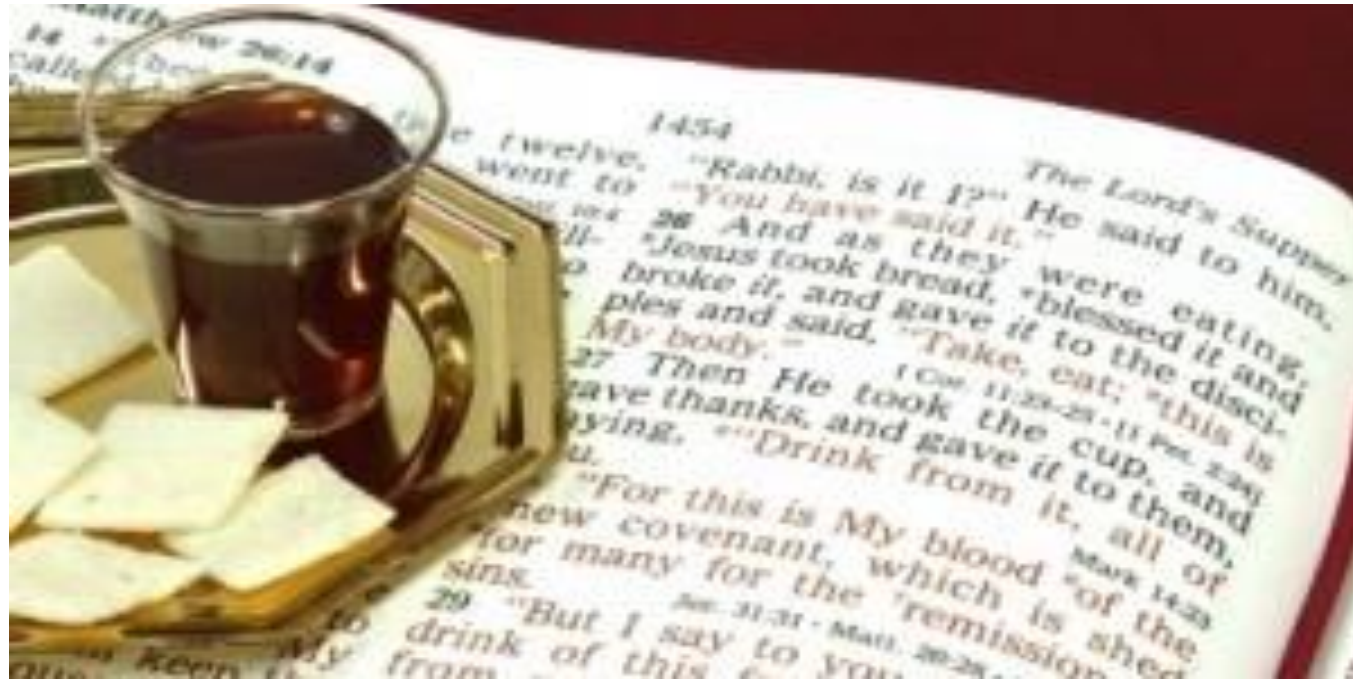
Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

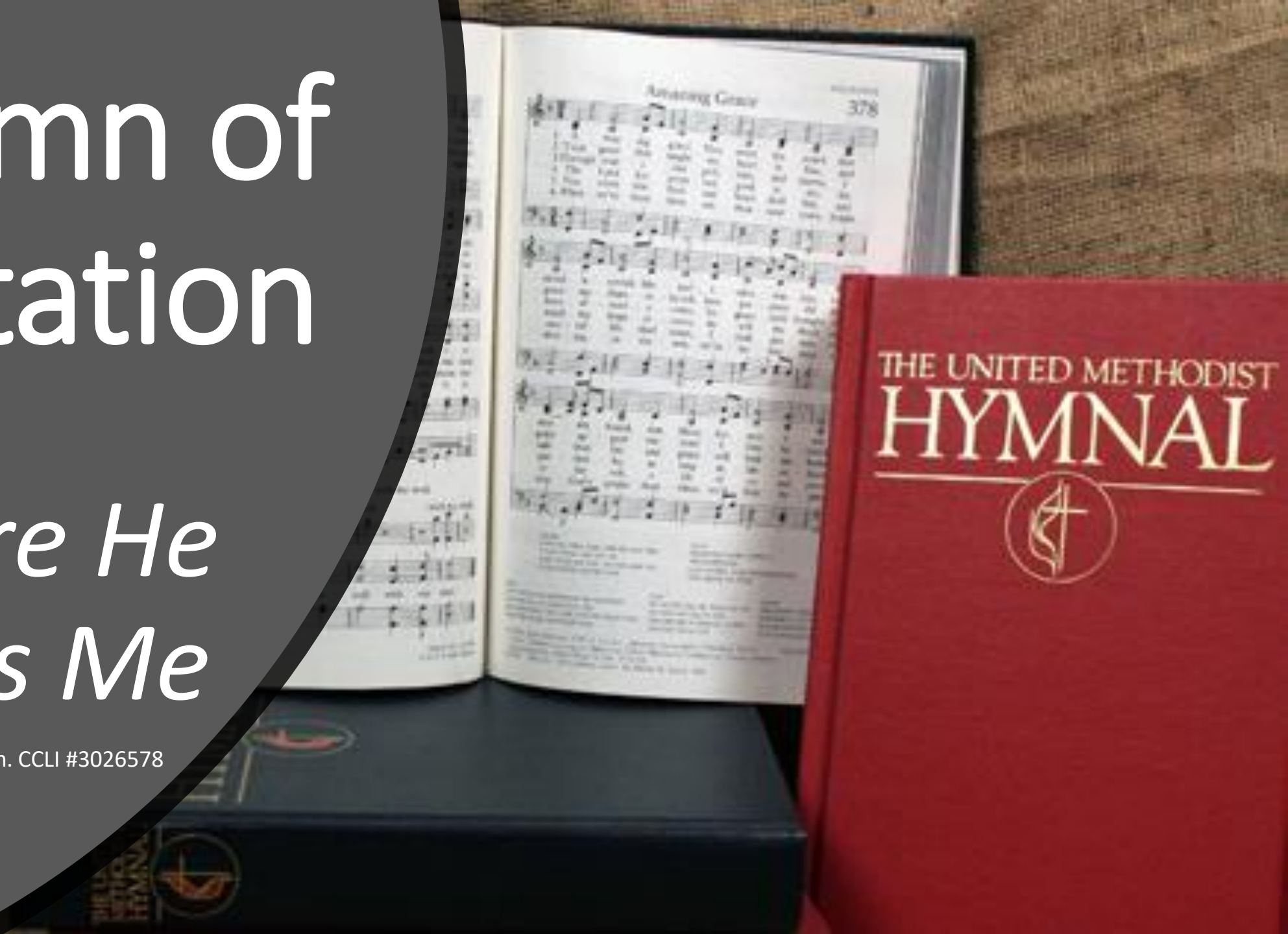


Communion Liturgy & *Receiving of the Elements*

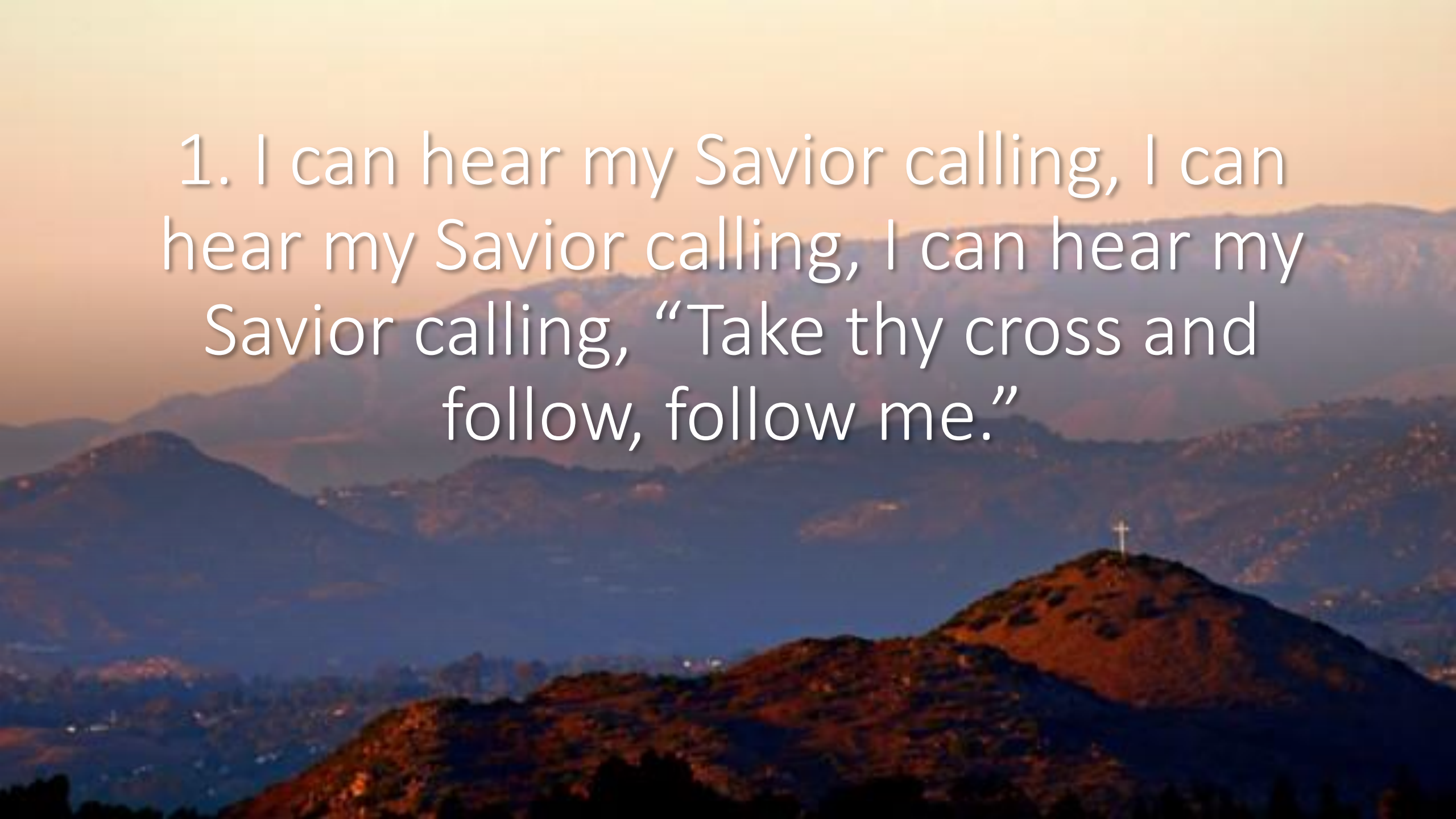
*Hymn of Invitation

*Where He
Leads Me*

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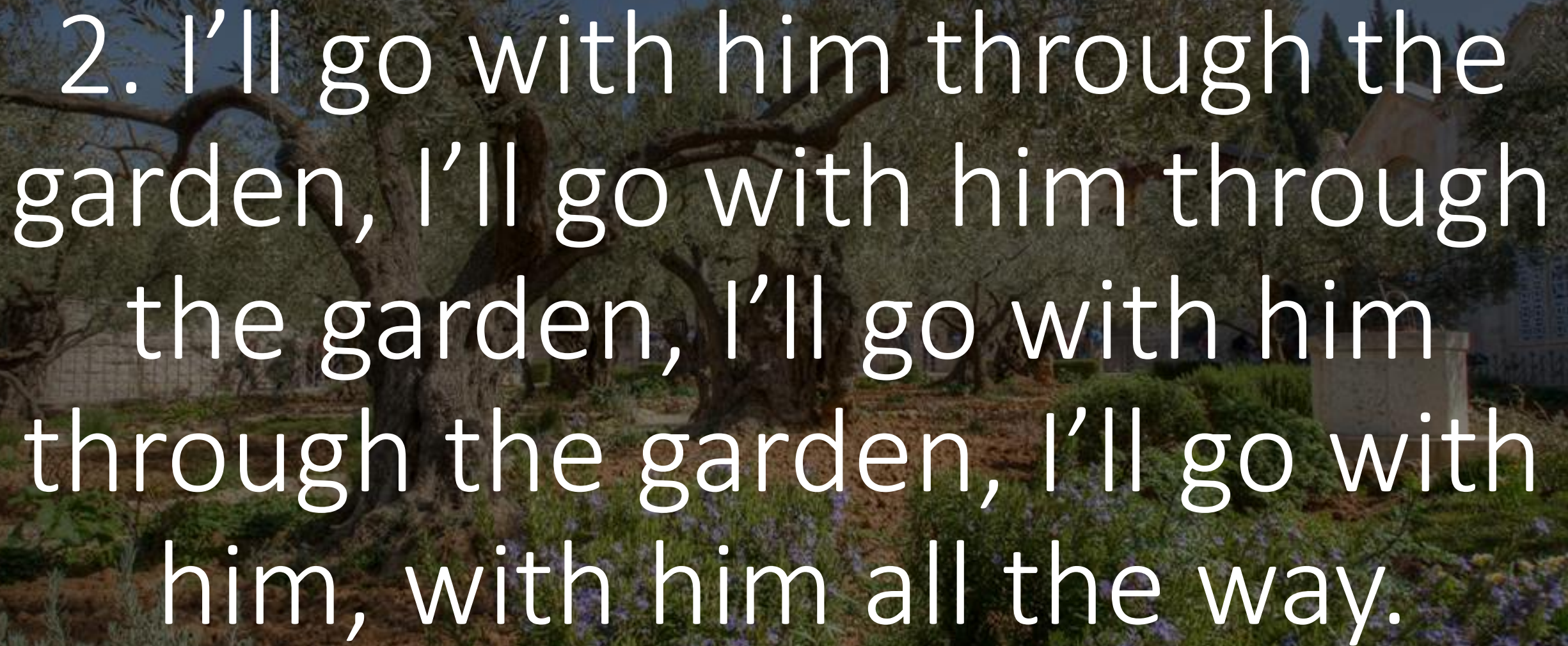


1. I can hear my Savior calling, I can
hear my Savior calling, I can hear my
Savior calling, "Take thy cross and
follow, follow me."



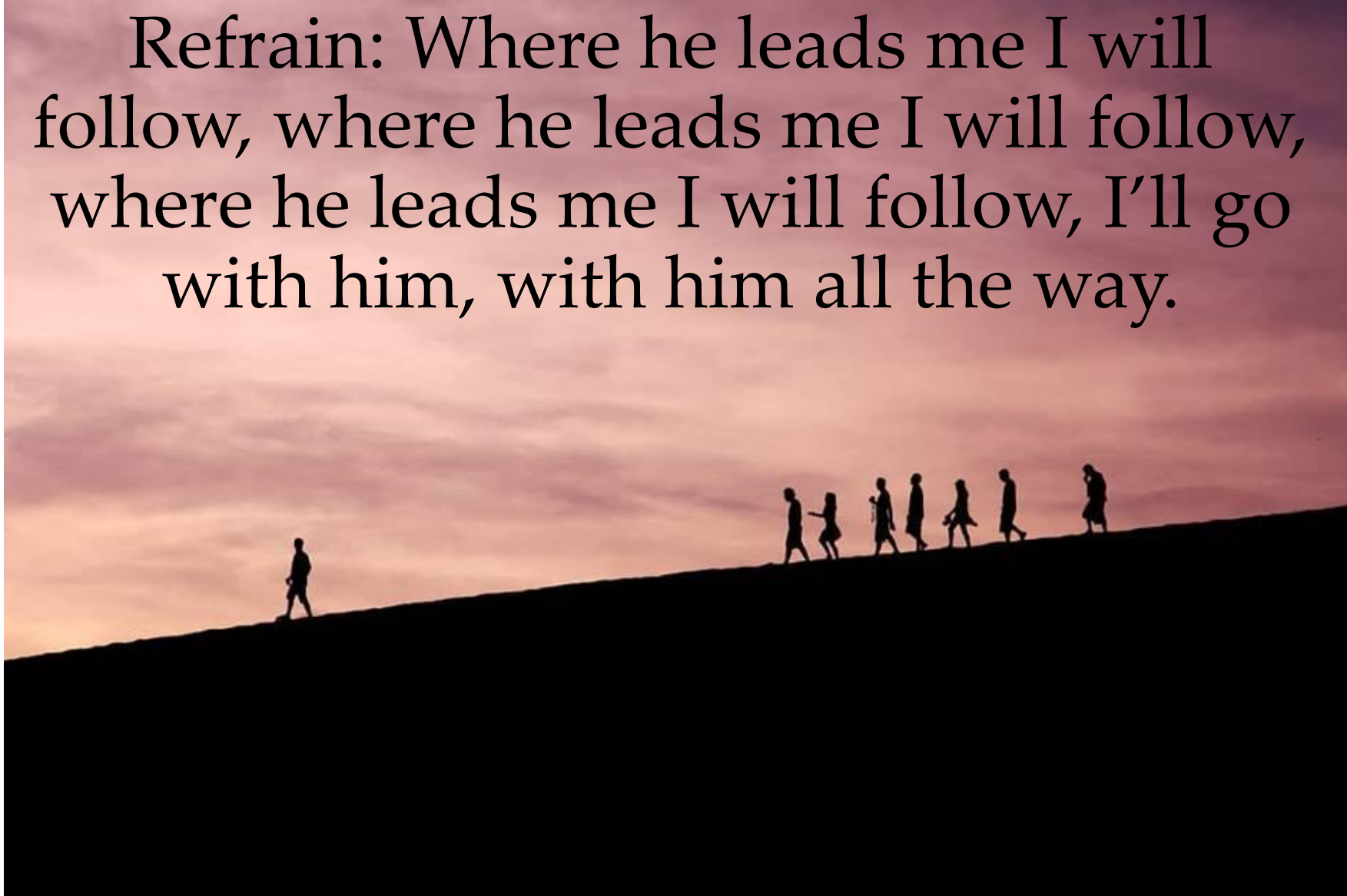
Refrain: Where he leads me I will
follow, where he leads me I will
follow, where he leads me I will
follow, I'll go with him, with him
all the way.

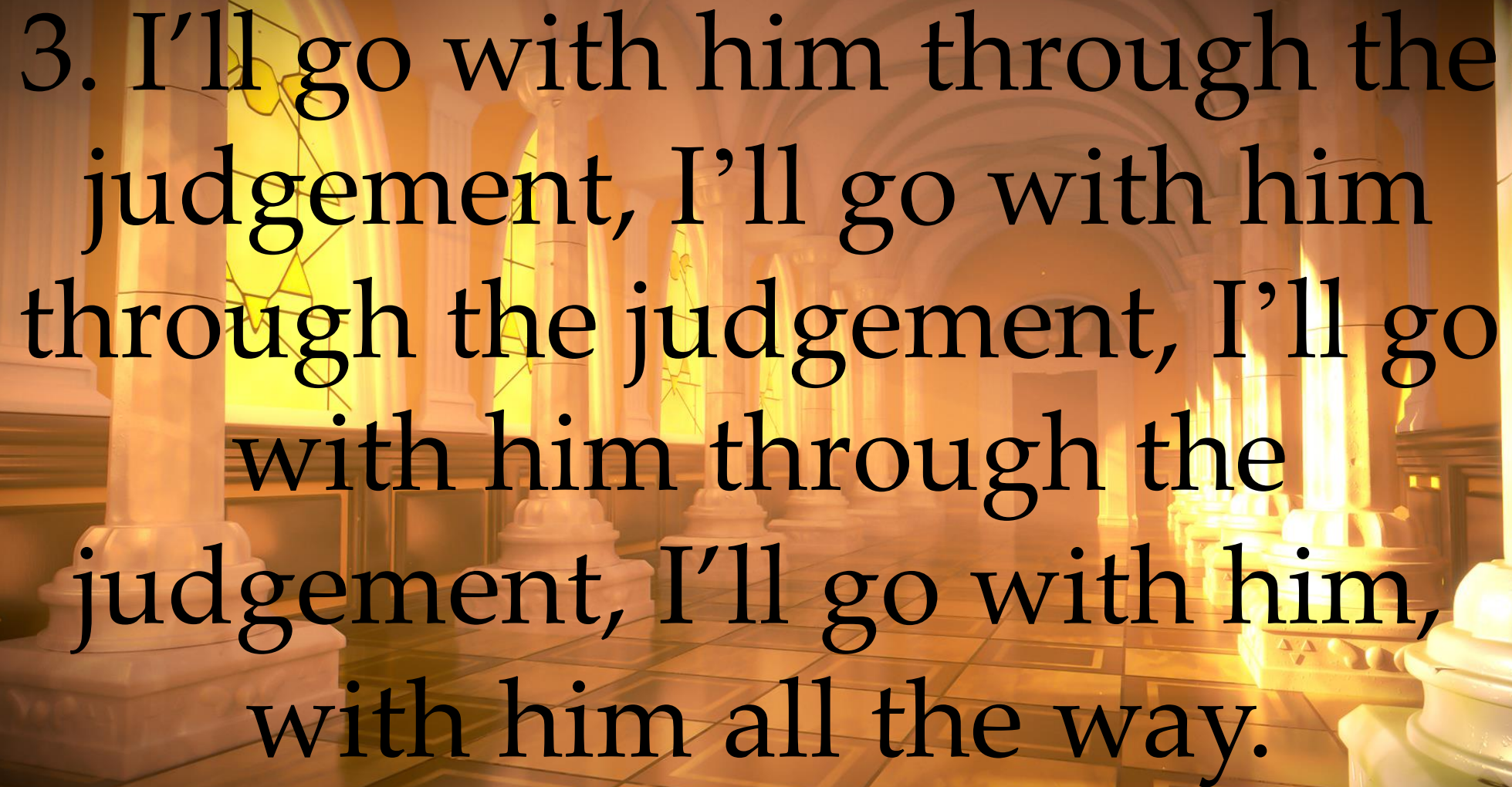




2. I'll go with him through the
garden, I'll go with him through
the garden, I'll go with him
through the garden, I'll go with
him, with him all the way.

Refrain: Where he leads me I will
follow, where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow, I'll go
with him, with him all the way.

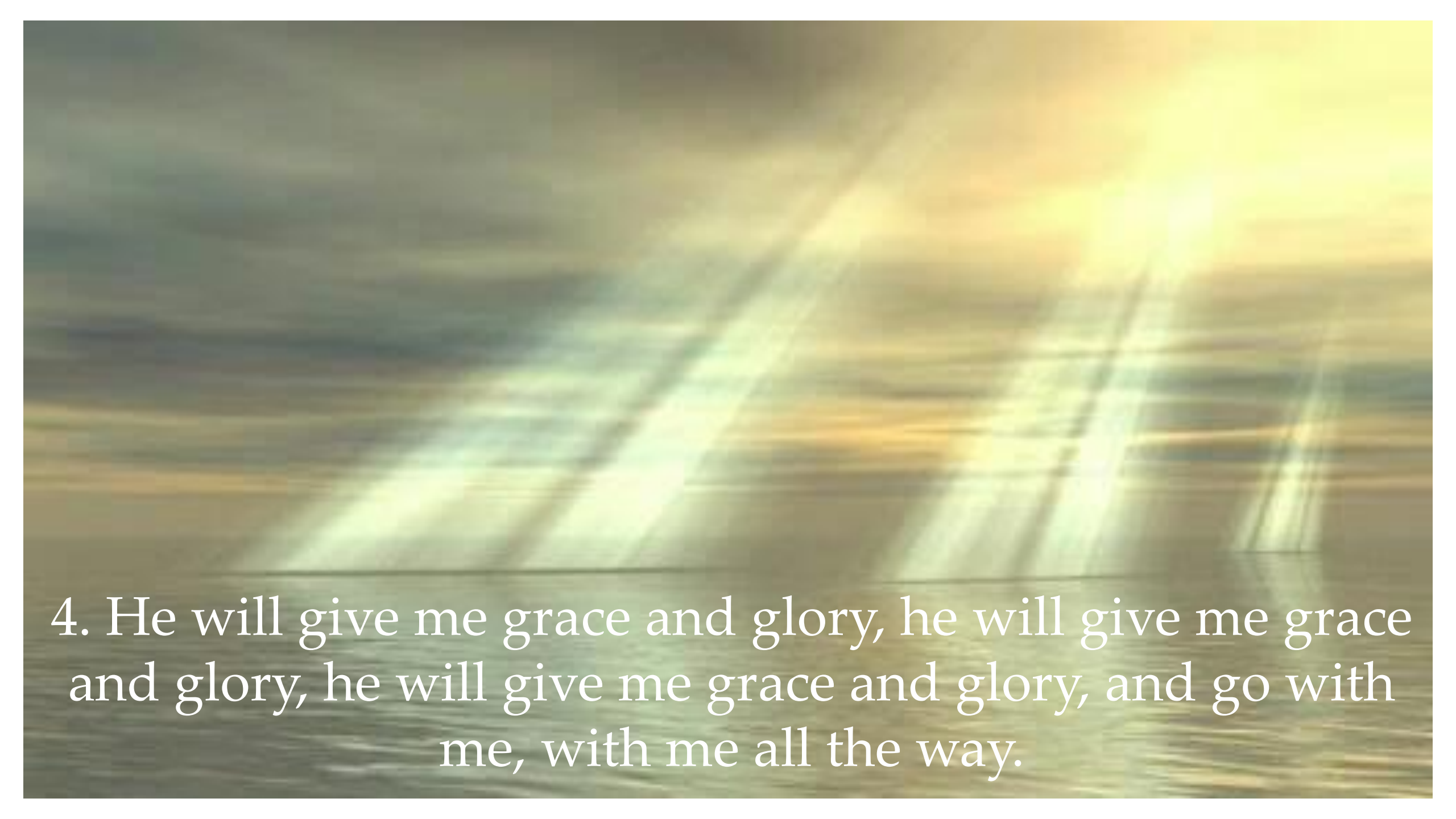




3. I'll go with him through the
judgement, I'll go with him
through the judgement, I'll go
with him through the
judgement, I'll go with him,
with him all the way.

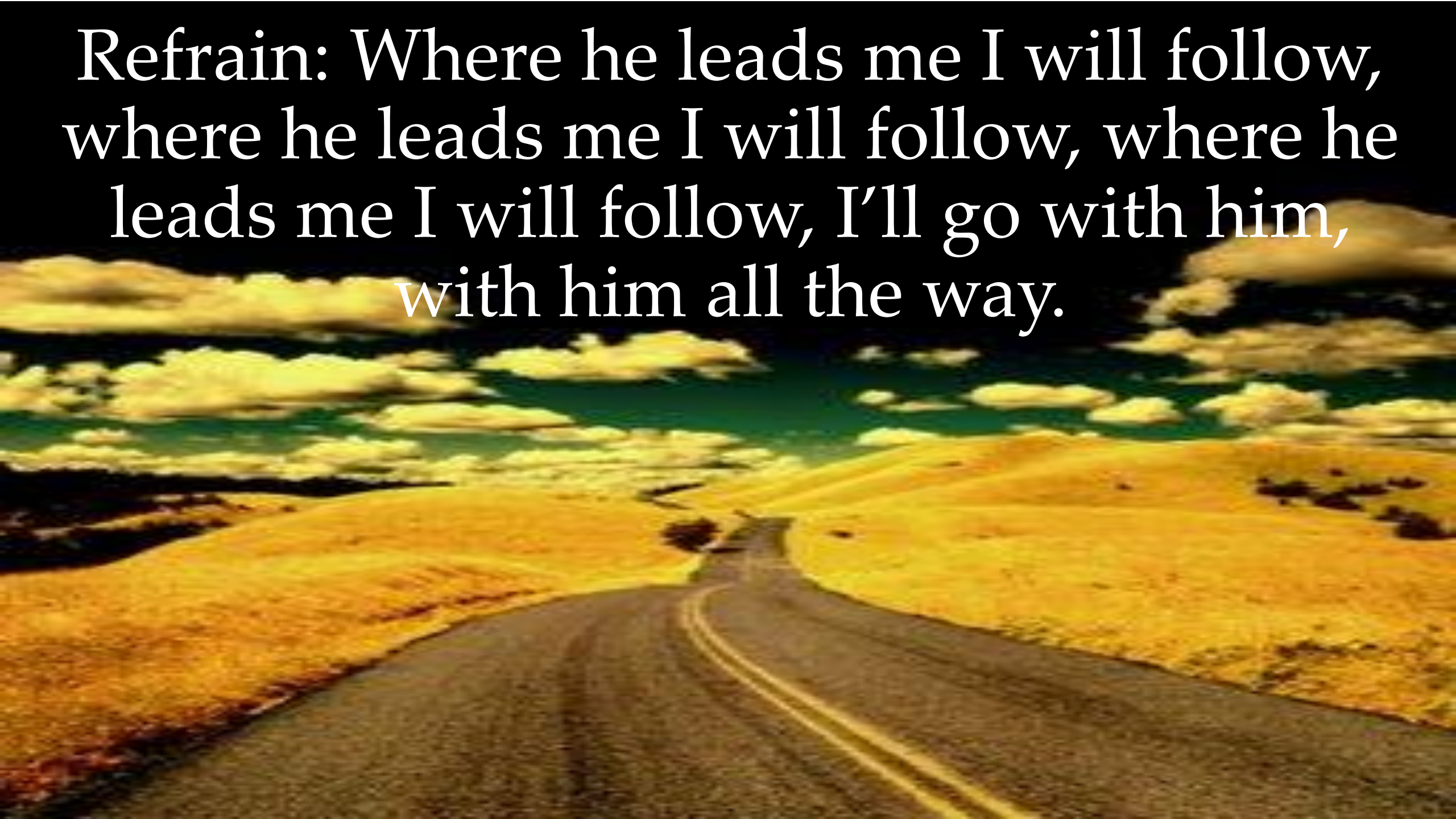


Refrain: Where he
leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I
will follow, where he
leads me I will follow,
I'll go with him, with
him all the way.



4. He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow, where he
leads me I will follow, I'll go with him,
with him all the way.





*Benediction



*Sending Forth

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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God be with you till we meet again; by his
counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep
securely fold you; God be with you till we meet
again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at
Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be
with you till we meet again.



Have a great week!