



MERRY CHRISTMAS

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given



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# WELCOME AND NOTICES

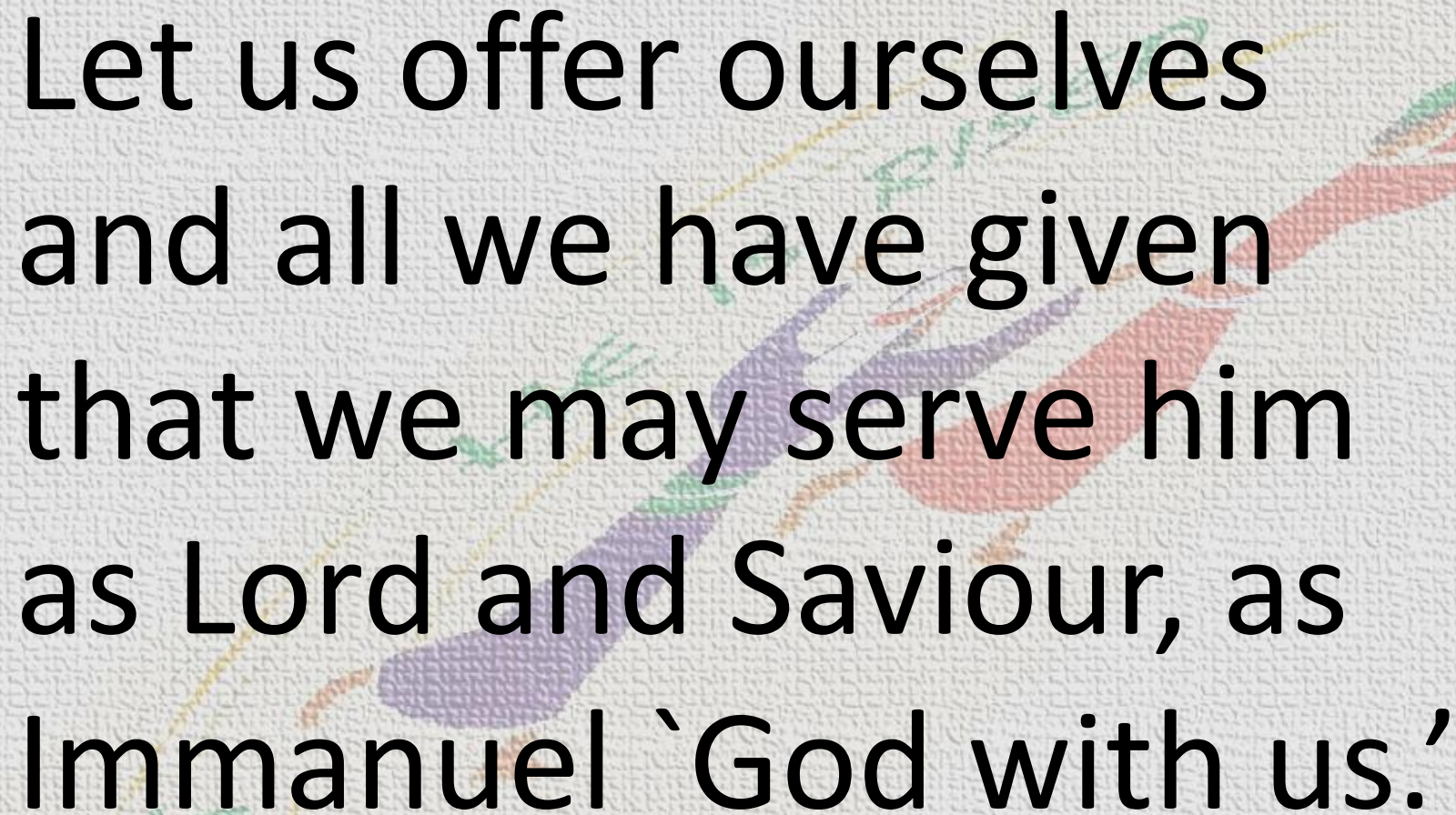


# LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES



In the joy of this Christmas Day let us open our hearts and lives to God, that we may receive him as Light and Word, as Bread and Wine.

Let us offer ourselves  
and all we have given  
that we may serve him  
as Lord and Saviour, as  
Immanuel `God with us.'





**HARK THE  
HERALD  
ANGELS SING**

God our Father, you invited  
Mary to be part of your  
plan of salvation, becoming  
the mother of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Like Mary, move in us  
today.

**Glory to you, God our  
Father.**

A colorful, abstract drawing of a dove in flight, rendered in purple, red, and green, set against a background of faint, repeating text.



Lord Jesus Christ,  
You came down from  
heaven in humility and  
poverty. Receive our lowly  
worship.

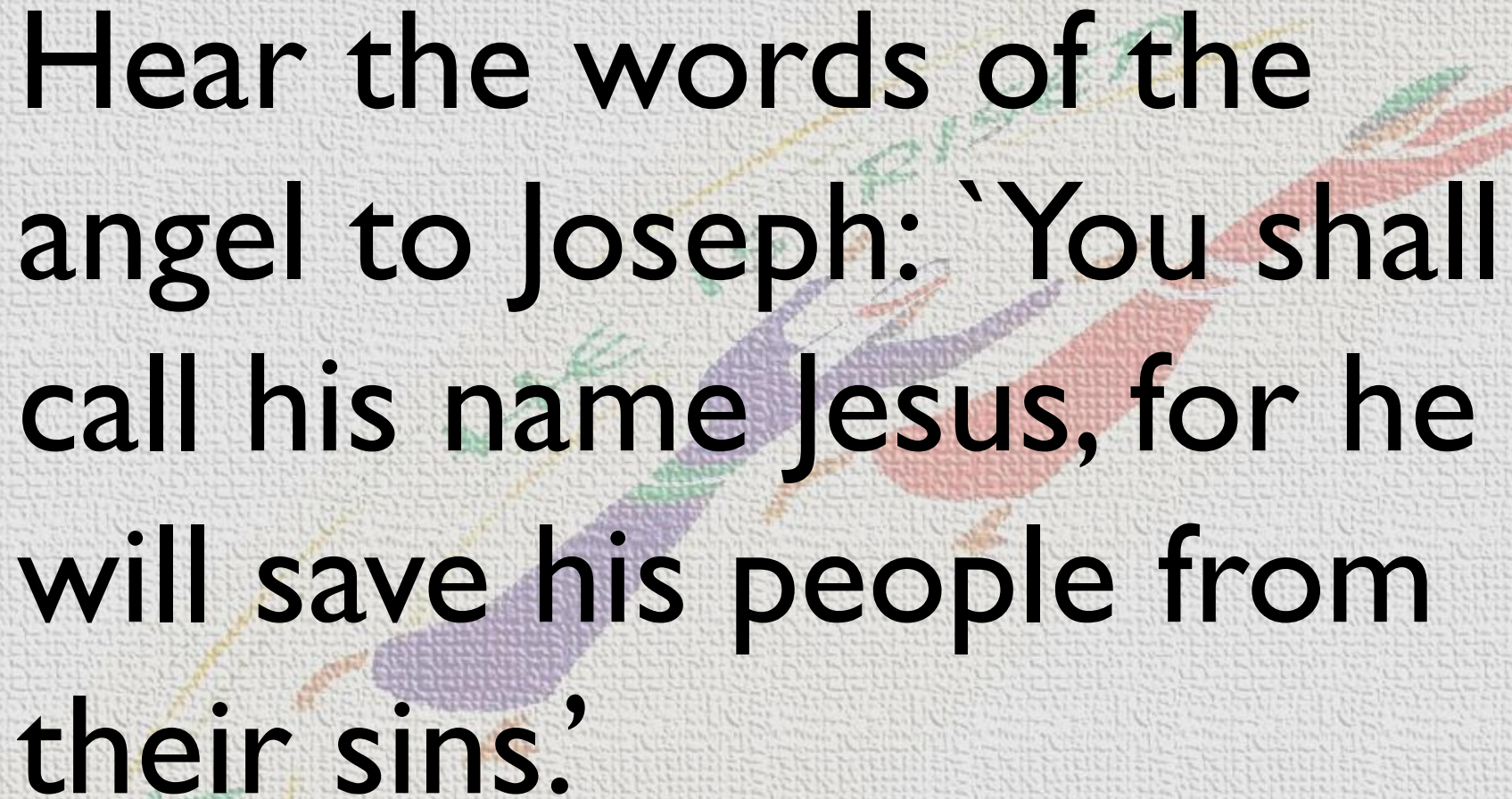
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus.**

Holy Spirit of God, You  
Brought joy to simple  
shepherds when they saw  
the Messiah. Bring joy to  
us in our worship today.  
**Glory to you, Holy Spirit.**

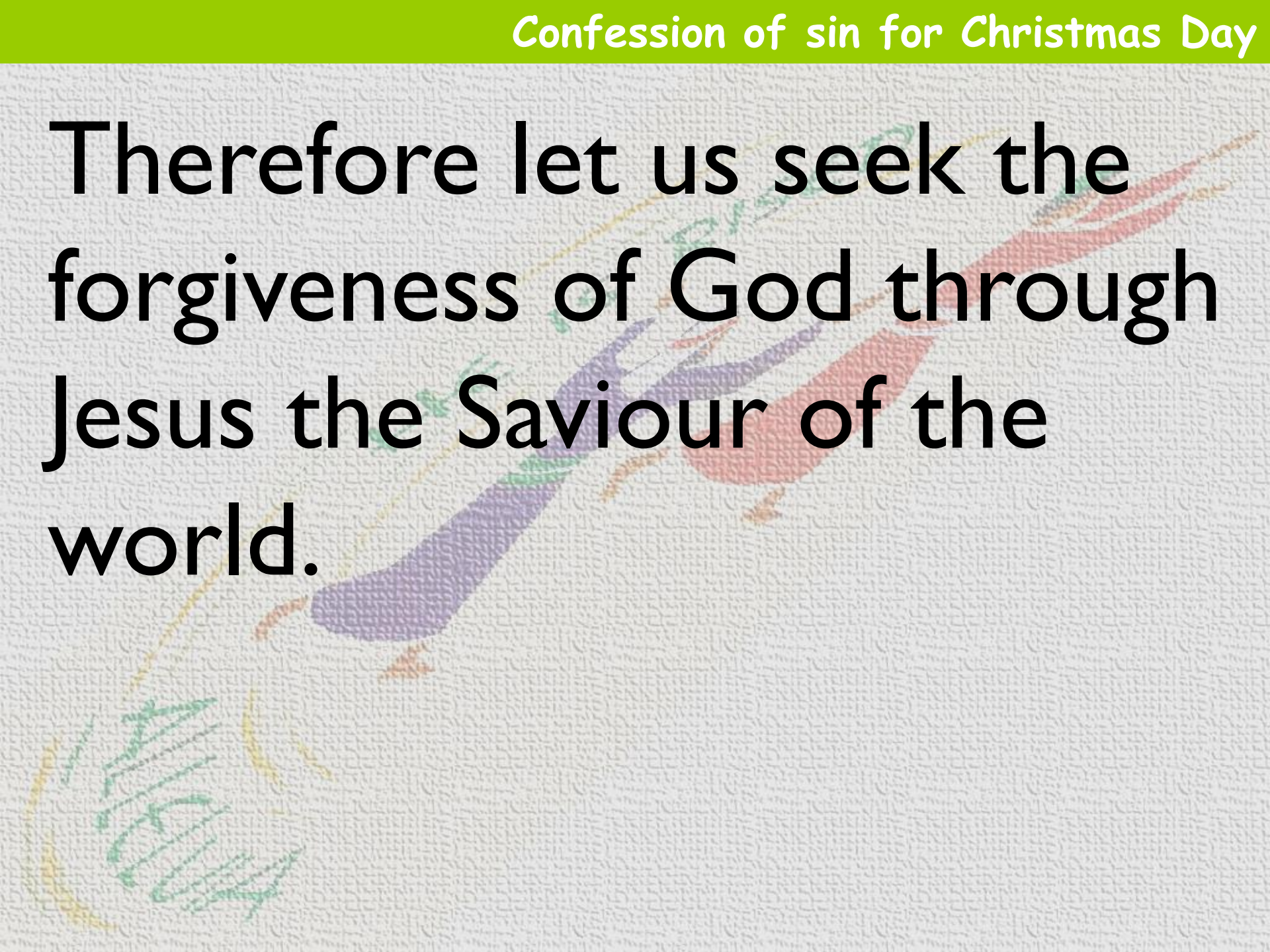
**Glory to you, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



Hear the words of the  
angel to Joseph: 'You shall  
call his name Jesus, for he  
will save his people from  
their sins.'



Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.



Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess we stand in  
your presence as your  
children but we have  
sinned:

**Forgive us, Lord.**

Your Son our Saviour was  
born in poverty and placed  
in a manger. Forgive us for  
always wanting more.  
**Forgive us, Lord.**

The shepherds went  
around telling everyone  
about the birth of your  
Son. Forgive us for keeping  
silent about you.

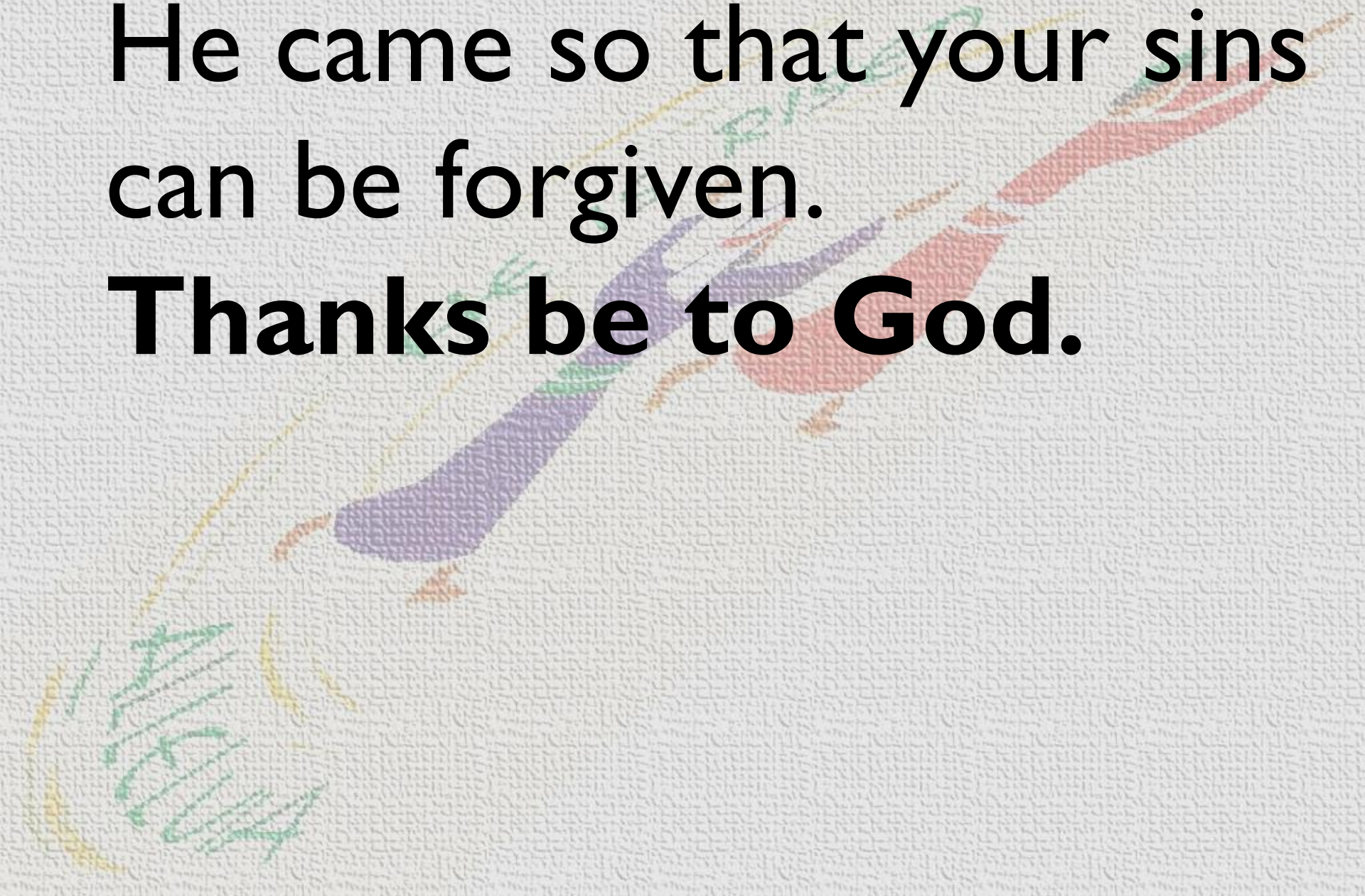
**Forgive us, Lord.**



May God forgive us  
that we may behold the  
glory of his Son, the  
Word made flesh, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

He came so that your sins  
can be forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**





# BLESSING OF PRESENTS

**JESUS, JOY OF THE  
HIGHEST HEAVEN**



# LUKE 2: 1 - 7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.



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4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to



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him and was expecting a child.

6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



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This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**





**CHRISTMAS DAY  
MESSAGE**



Responsive prayer

Jesus, present among us

**Let your love transform  
the world**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**



**Give us this day our daily  
bread.**

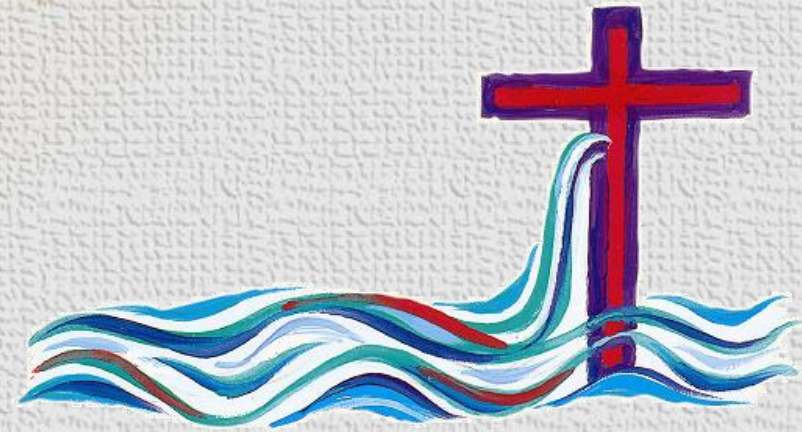
**Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive**

**those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**



**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**





HOLY CHILD

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to all in  
whom he delights.

The peace of the Lord be  
always with you.

**And also with you.**

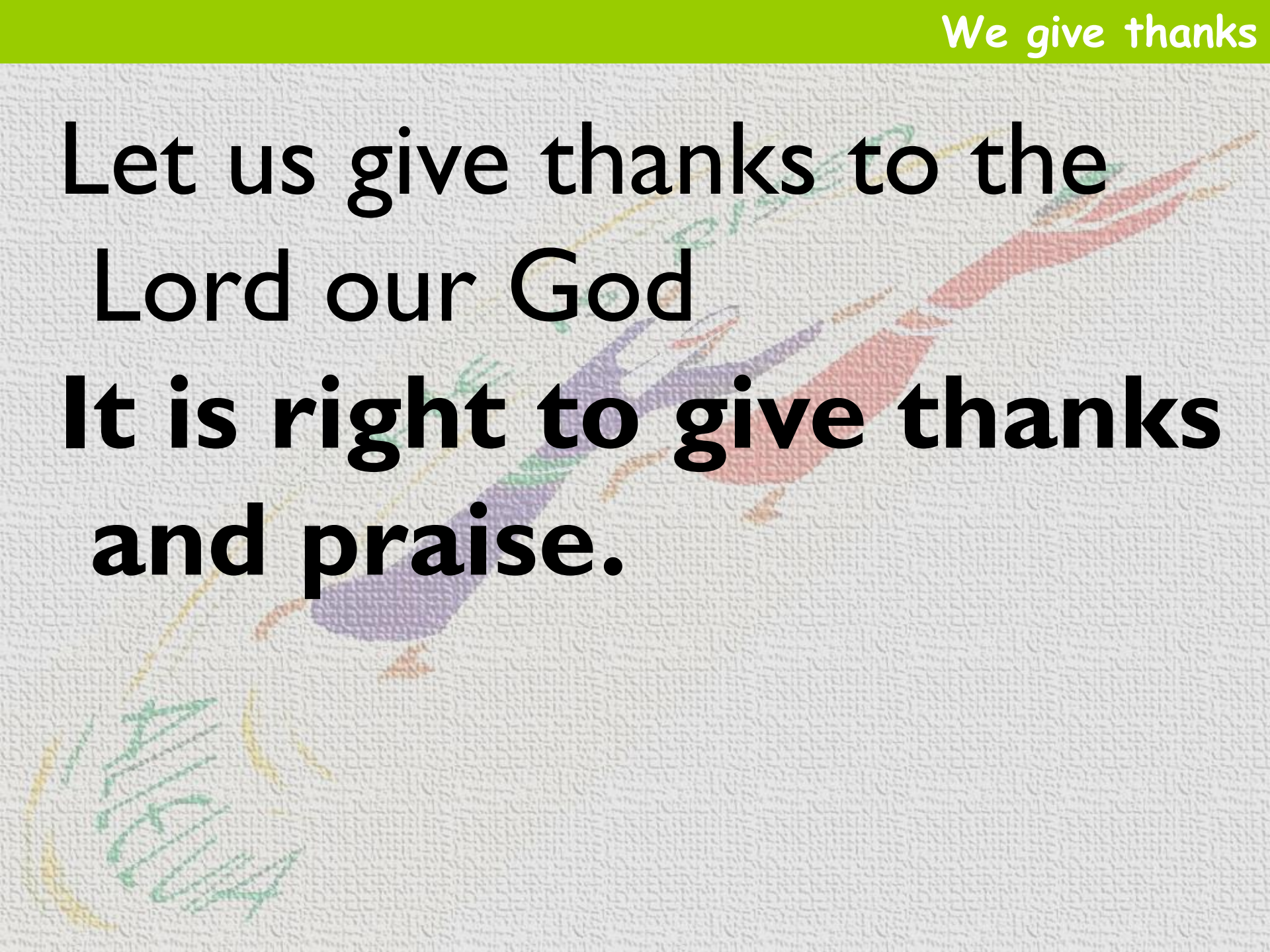


The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the  
Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks  
and praise.**

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Father, it is our joy and delight to offer you our thanks and praise. Through your Word you spoke creation into existence, and made us in your image.

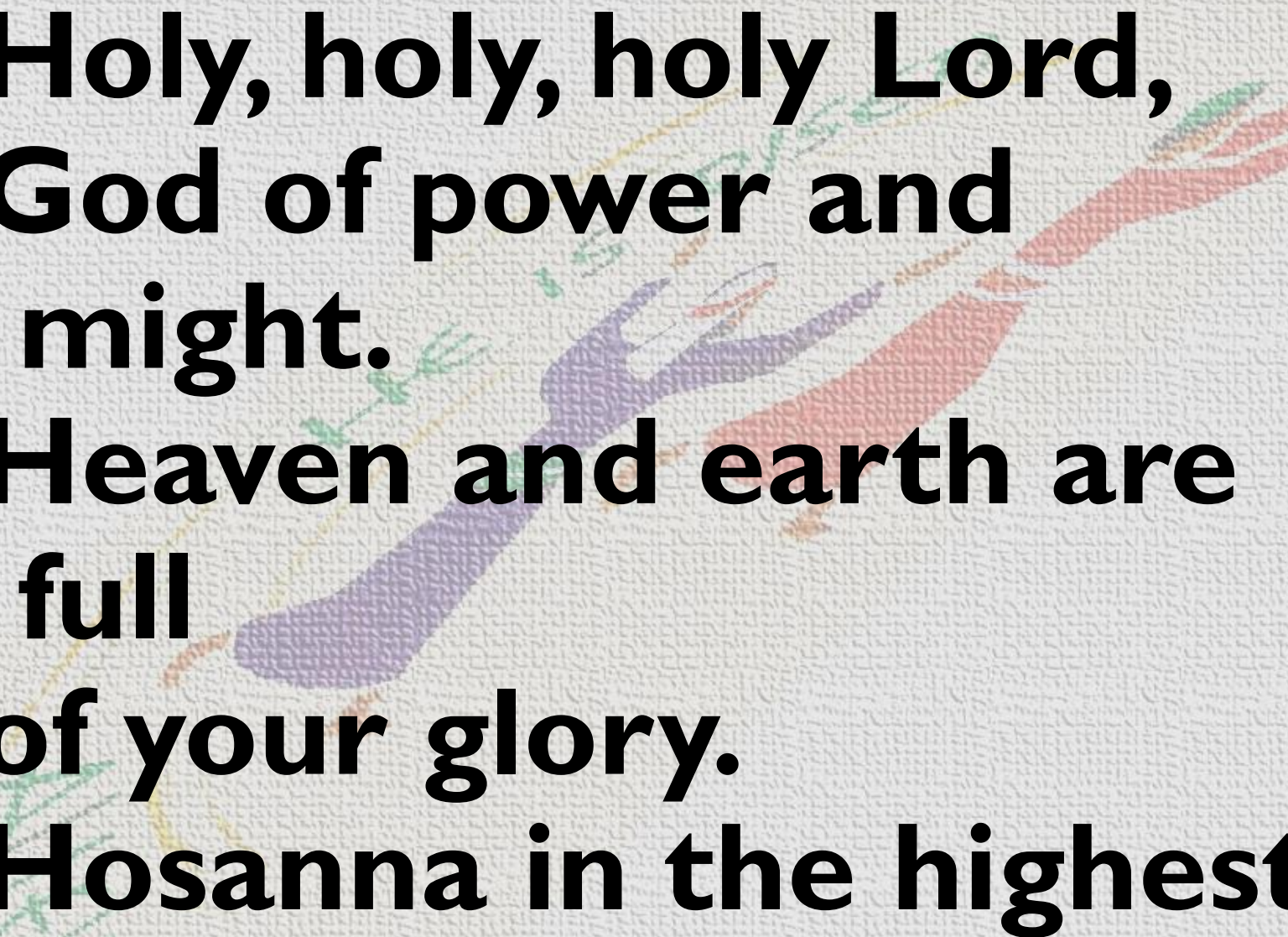
When we disobeyed you  
you did not leave us in  
darkness but sent your  
Son, the Word made  
flesh, to be the light of  
the world.

Emptying himself of all  
but love, he was born of  
Mary, shared our human  
nature and died on the  
cross.

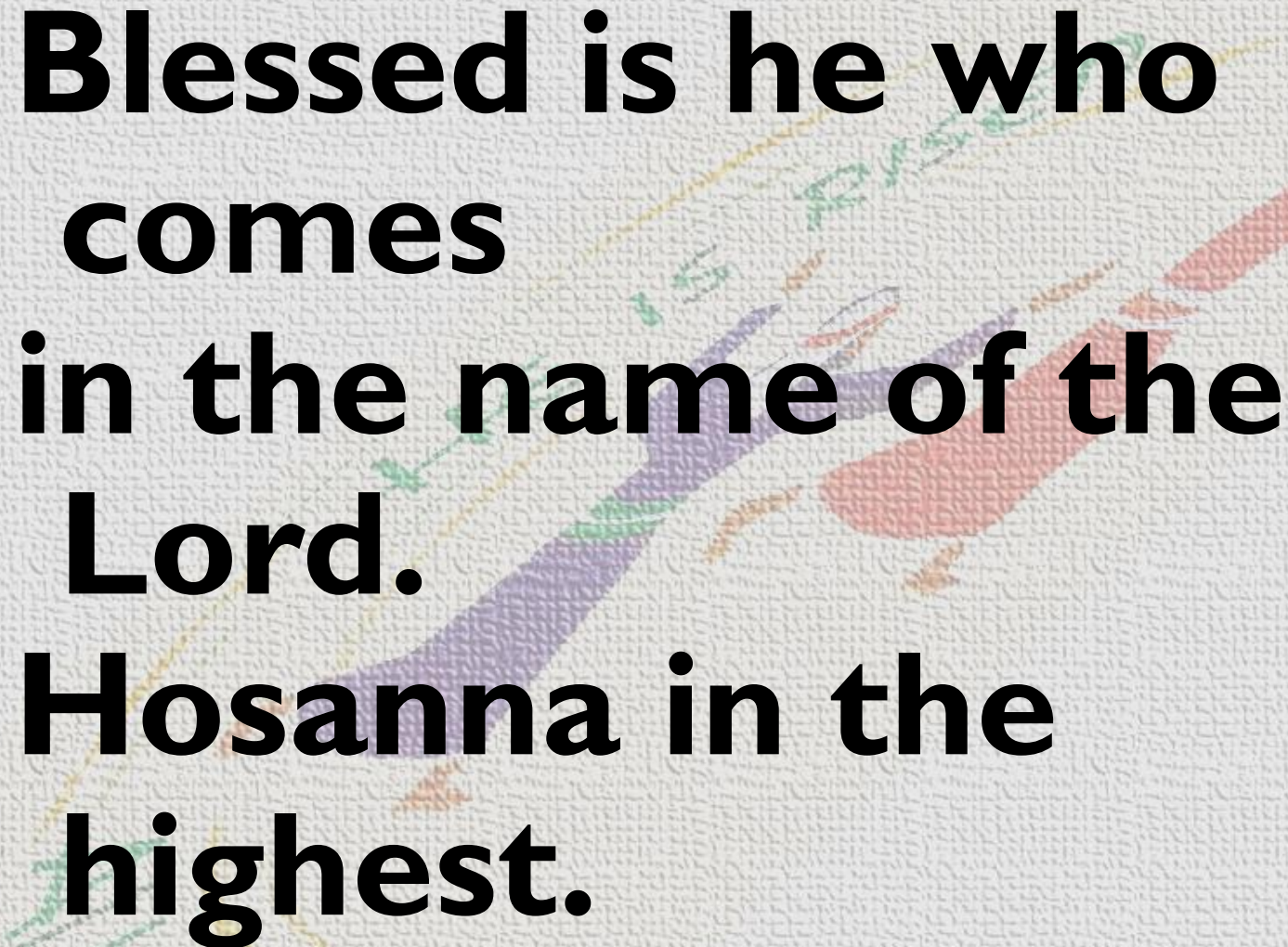
Yet you raised him from death; and through him you have sent your holy and life-giving Spirit to make us a people of light.

And so with angels and  
archangels, and with all  
the company of heaven  
we proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and  
saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and  
might.  
Heaven and earth are  
full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who  
comes  
in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the  
highest.**





Holy and redeeming God,  
we see your grace and  
truth in Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who, on the night in  
which he was betrayed,  
took bread, gave thanks,

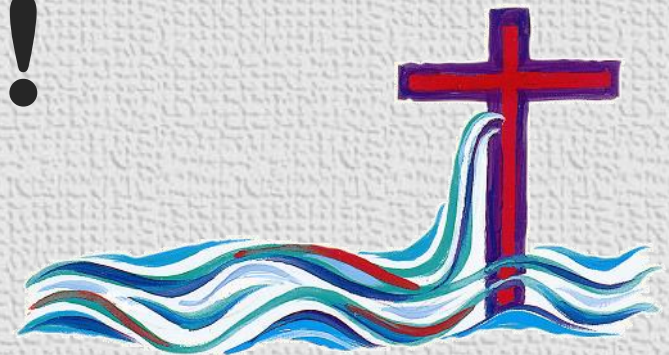
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant,

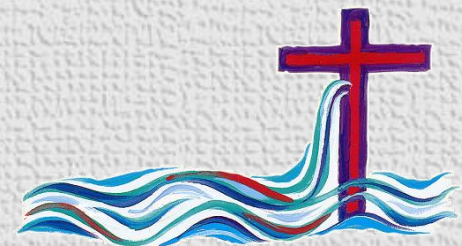
poured out for you and  
for many, for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this,  
whenever you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.'

And so in faith we  
proclaim:

**Christ is born!**  
**The Saviour has come!**  
**God is with us!**



And so, Father, we  
remember and celebrate all  
that Christ has done for us.  
Send your Holy Spirit that  
these gifts of bread and  
wine may be for us



the body and blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Through  
him we give ourselves to  
you. May your Spirit draw  
us together in the one  
Body of Christ.



Christ is the bread of life and the true vine, the light of the world.

**Lord God, you are here with us, bringing us light and life.**



THEY RECOGNISED HIM



AT THE  
BREAKING OF THE BREAD



The bread and wine are given

***Please stay in your seat to  
receive the bread.***



THEY RECOGNISED HIM



AT THE  
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Son of Mary, Son of God,  
we have rejoiced at the  
news of your birth; help  
us to proclaim that message  
in word and deed, to your  
praise and glory. **Amen.**



Go, praising God for his gift of grace, and share your Christmas joy with a world in need of good news.



And the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, the  
Son and the Holy Spirit be  
with you this Christmas  
Day and for ever more.  
**Amen.**



JOY TO THE  
WORLD

joy



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Almighty, the Father, the  
Son and the Holy Spirit be  
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Day and for ever more.  
**Amen.**



Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ,**

**Amen.**

