

MAKING SENSE OF THE TIMES (4)

Pride comes before a fall

Daniel 4:28-37



13th February 2022



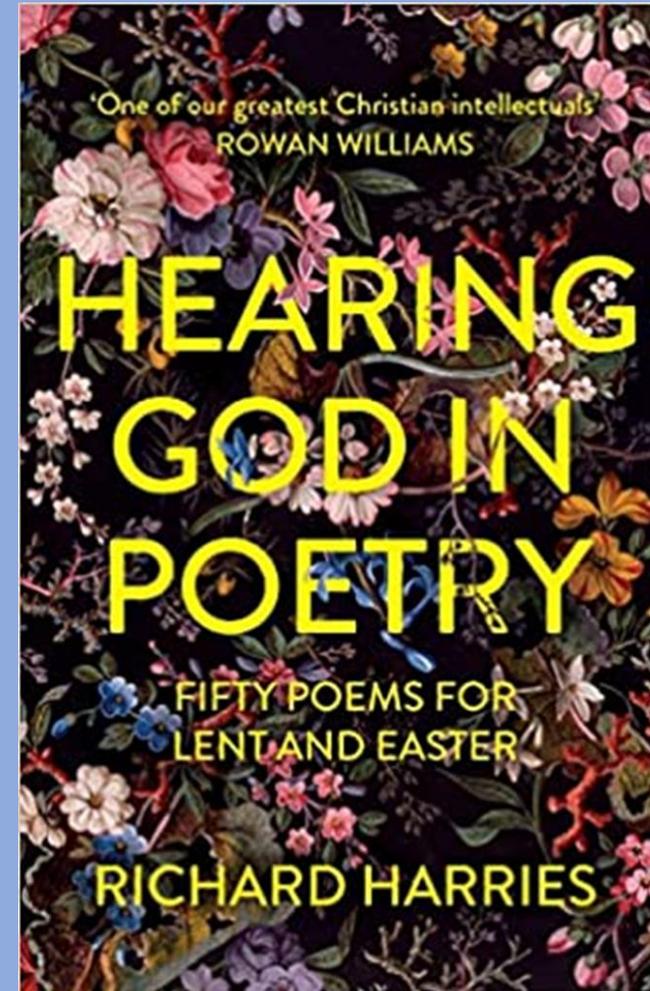
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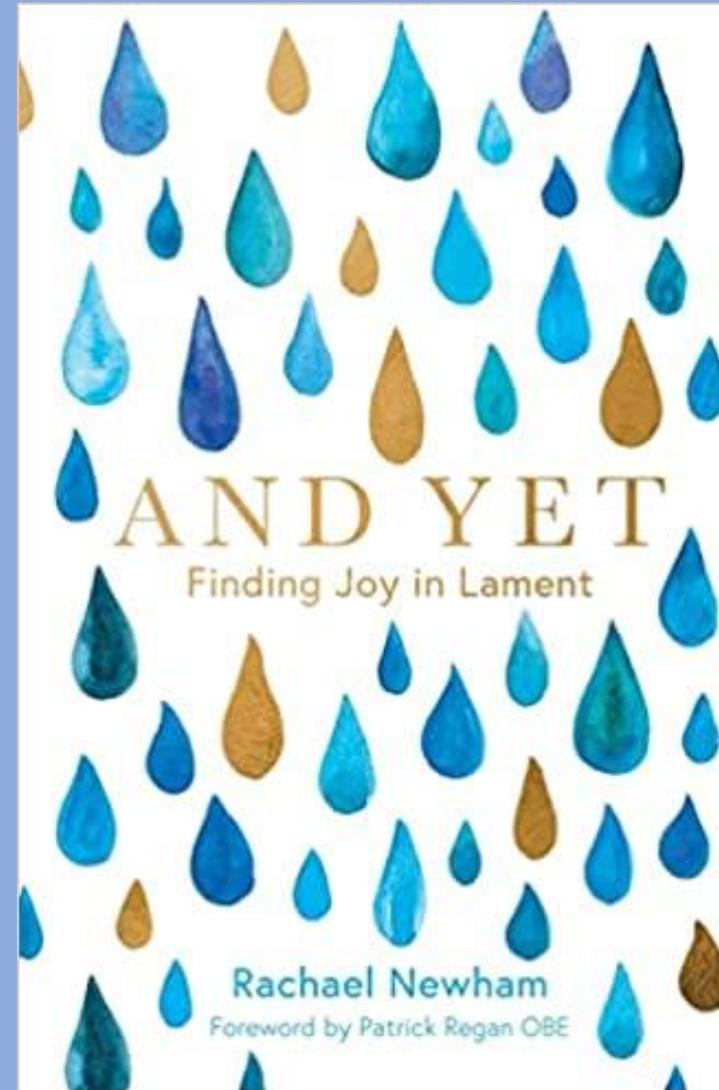
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- Film shown Sunday 6th March at 16:00 in the church



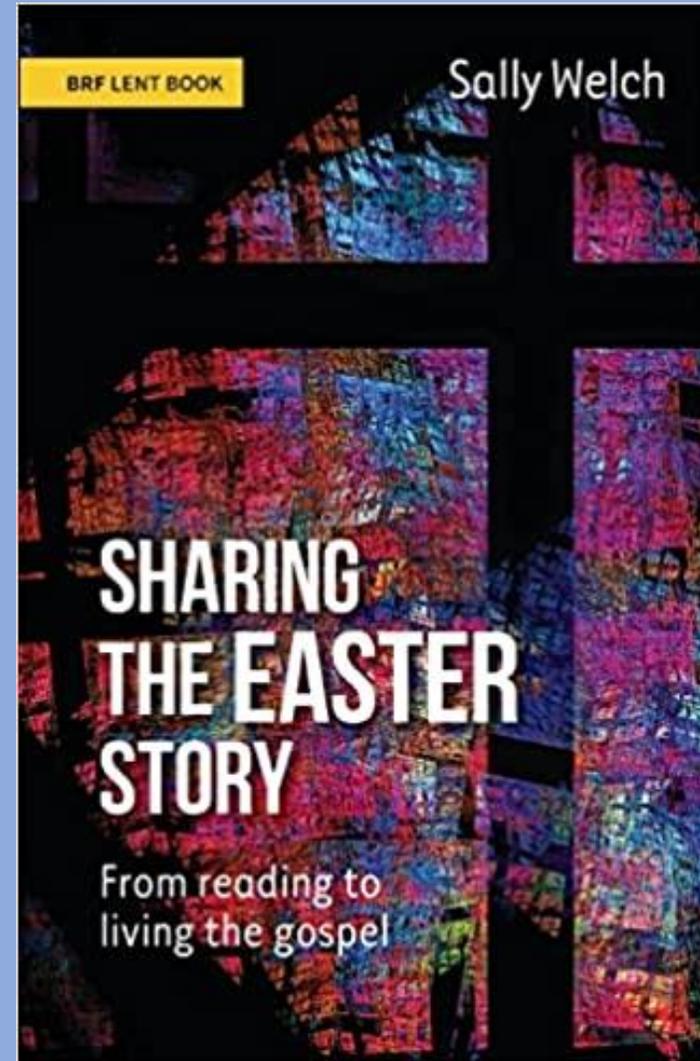
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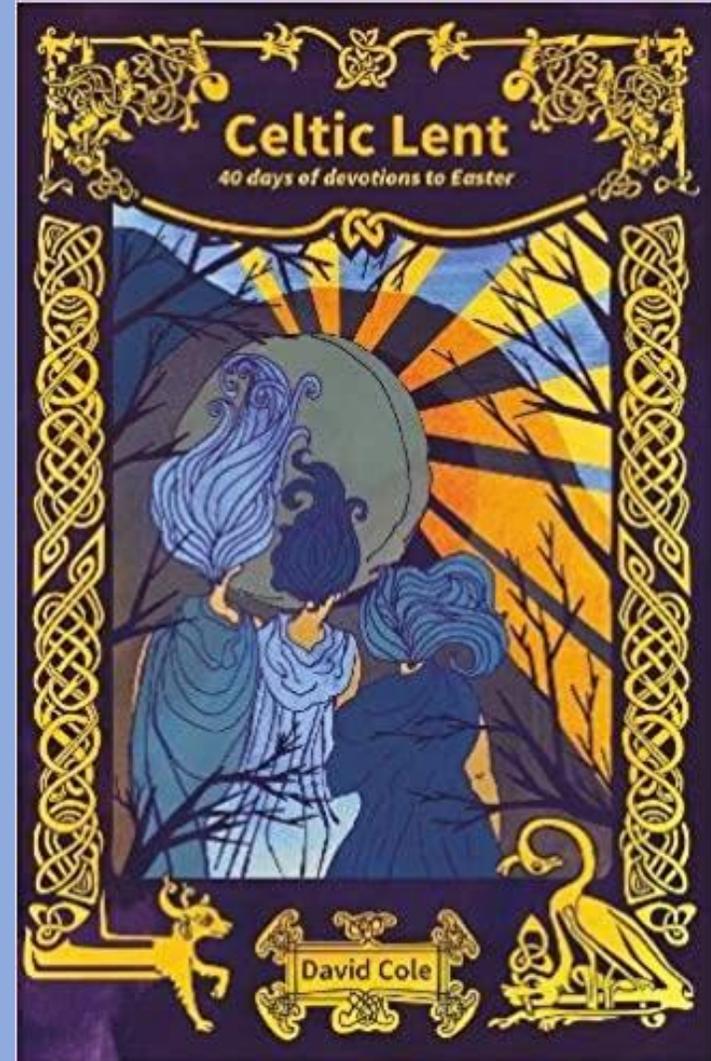
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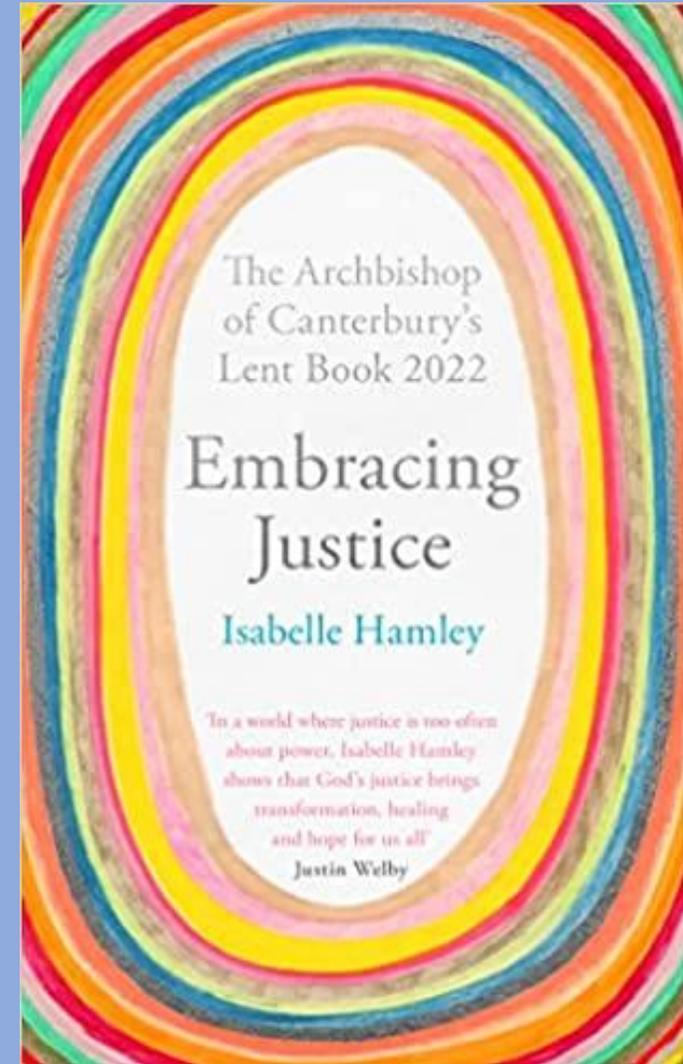
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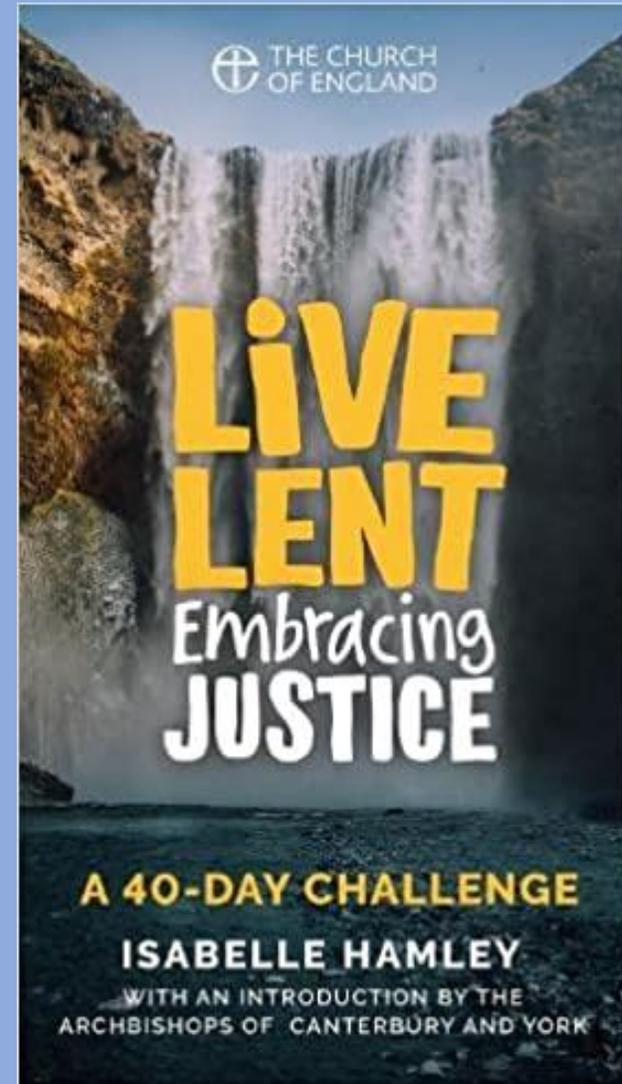
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CALL TO WORSHIP

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and
he will direct make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6).



SONG

- Come, now is the time to worship
- All my days
- Water you turned into wine (Our God is greater)



**Come, now is the
time to worship,
Come, now is the time
to give your heart.
Come, just as you are
to worship,
Come, just as you are
before your God. Come!**

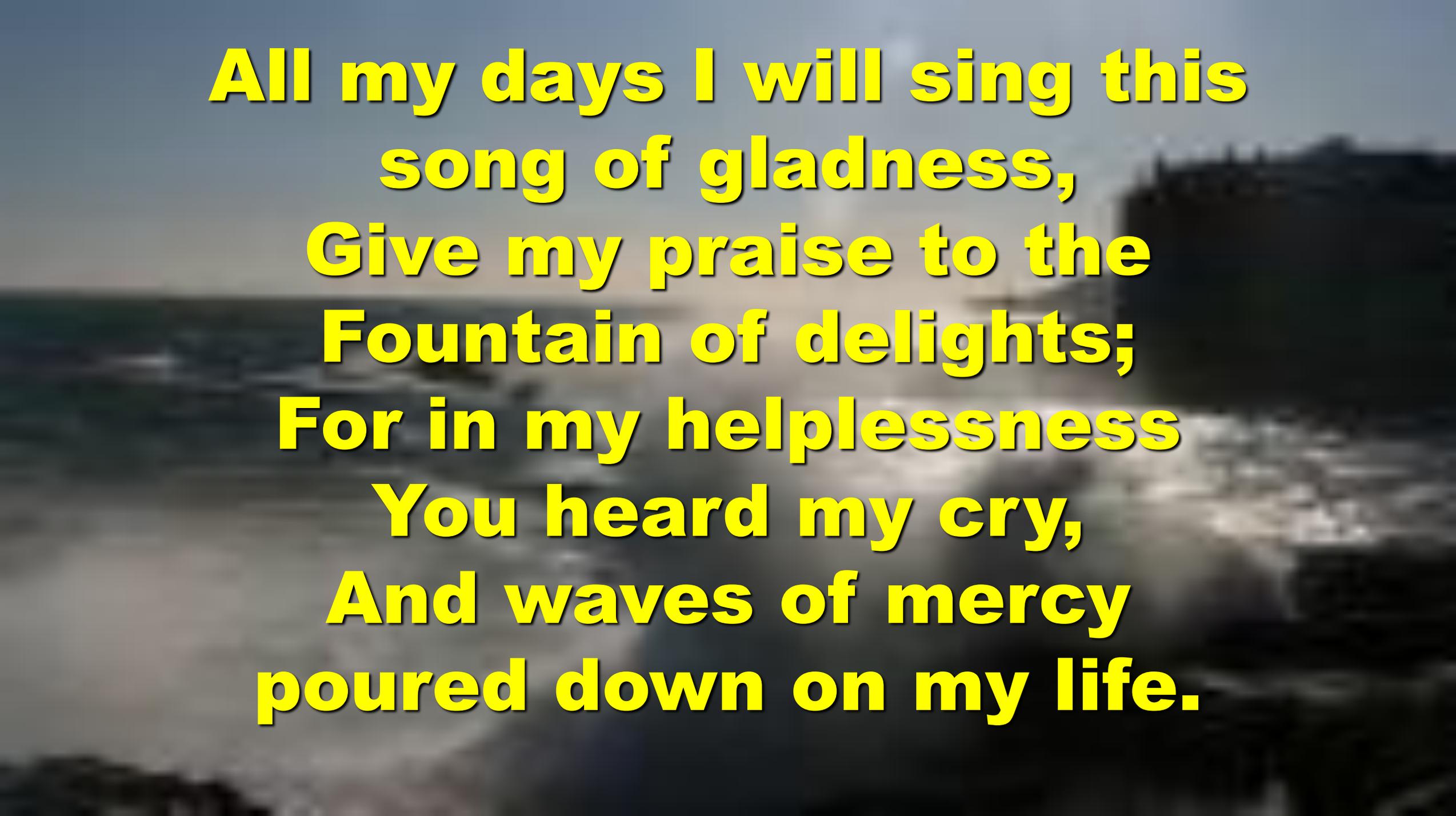
**One day every tongue
will confess You are God,**

**One day every knee
will bow,**

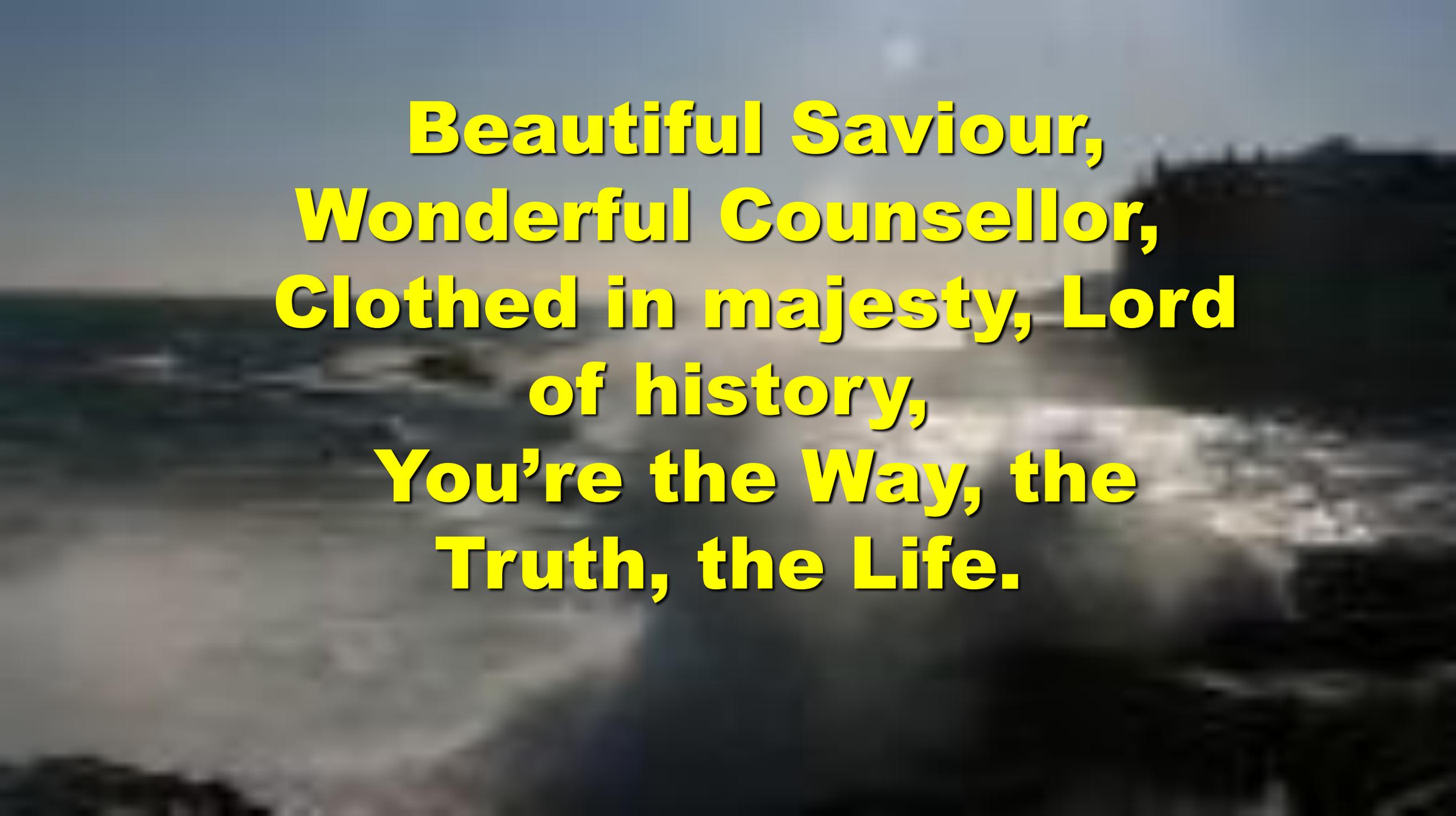
**Still the greatest
treasure remains
for those who gladly
choose You now.**

(Repeat)

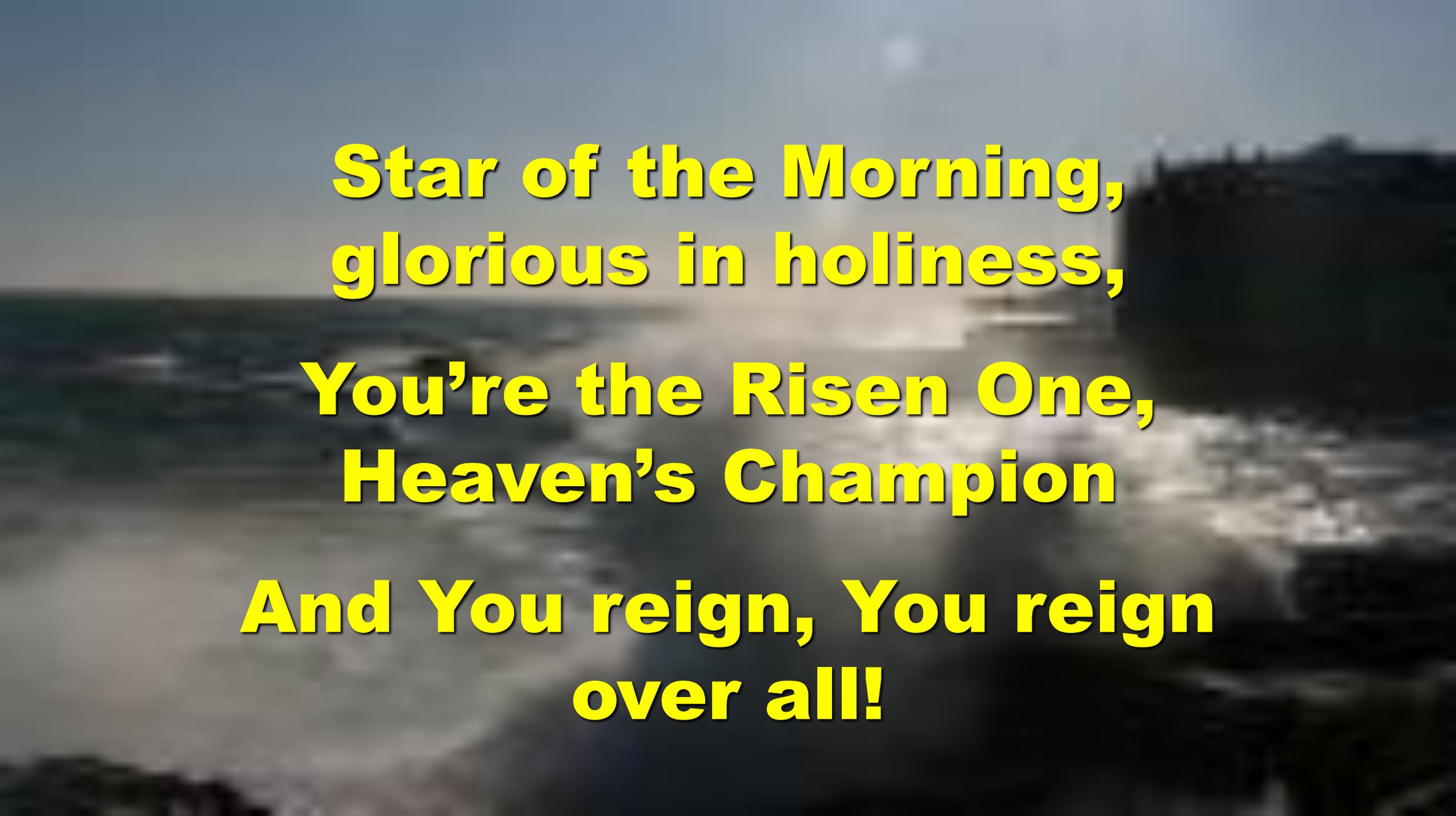
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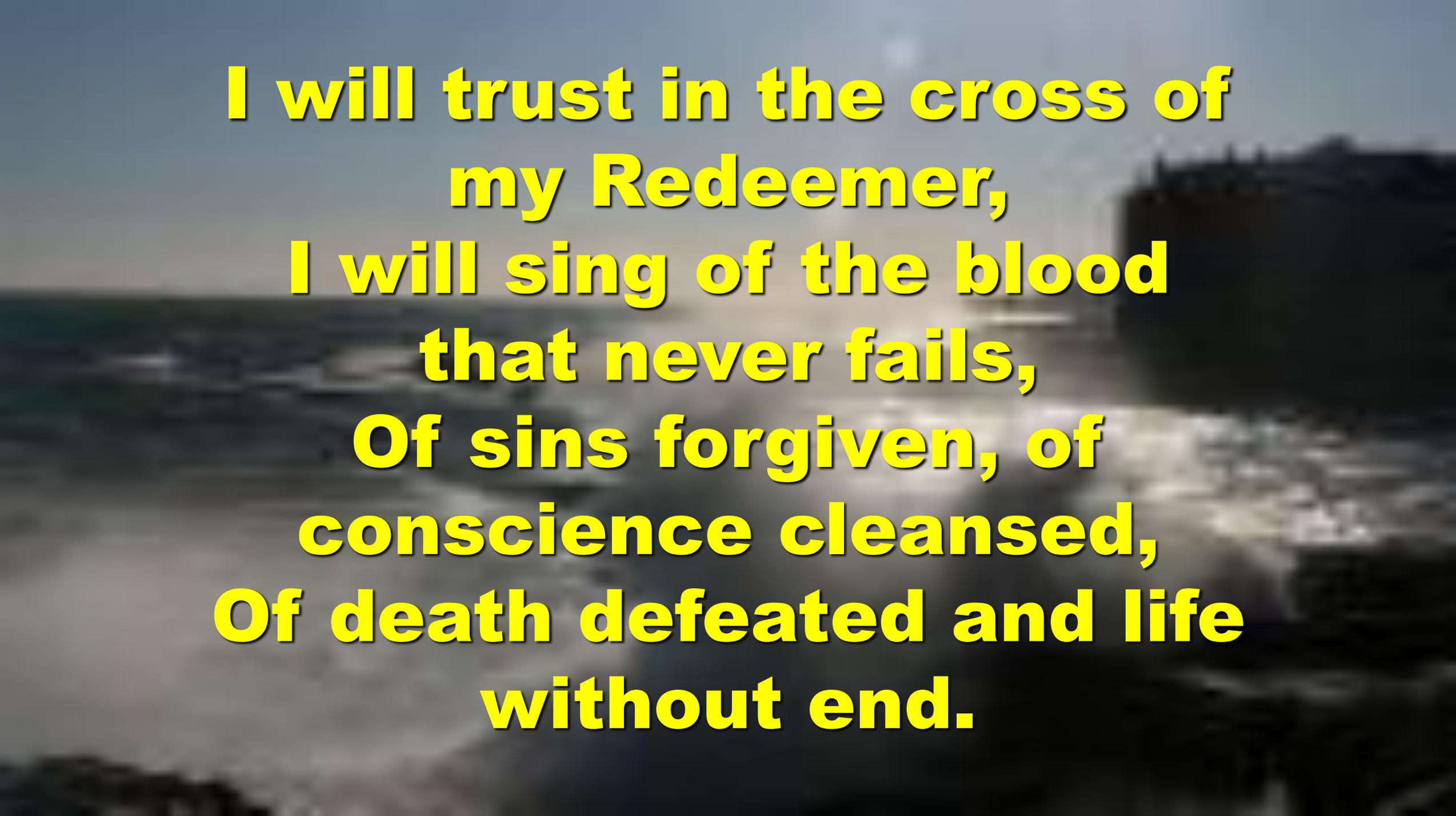
**All my days I will sing this
song of gladness,
Give my praise to the
Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness
You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy
poured down on my life.**



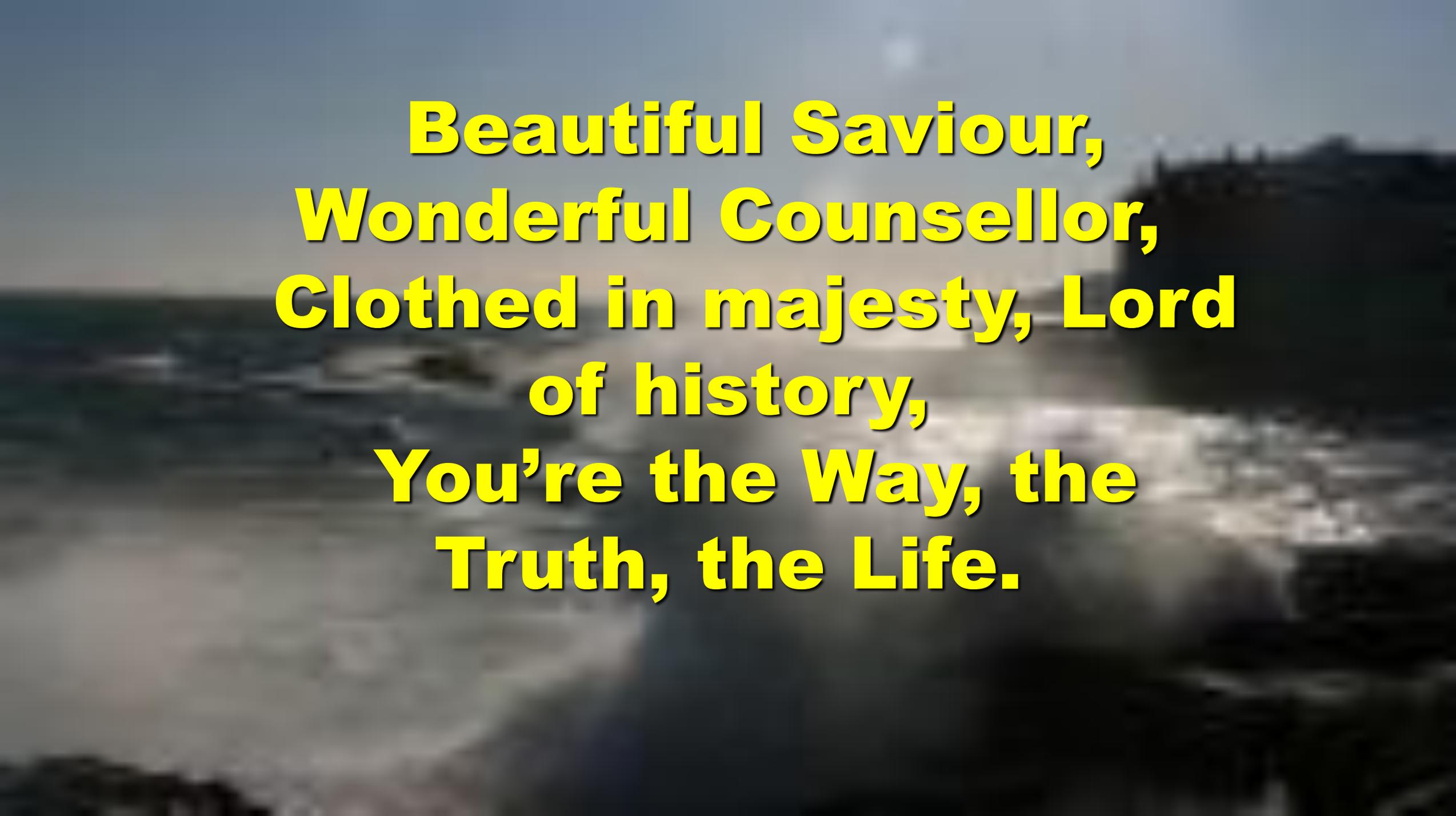
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Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord
of history,
You're the Way, the
Truth, the Life.**



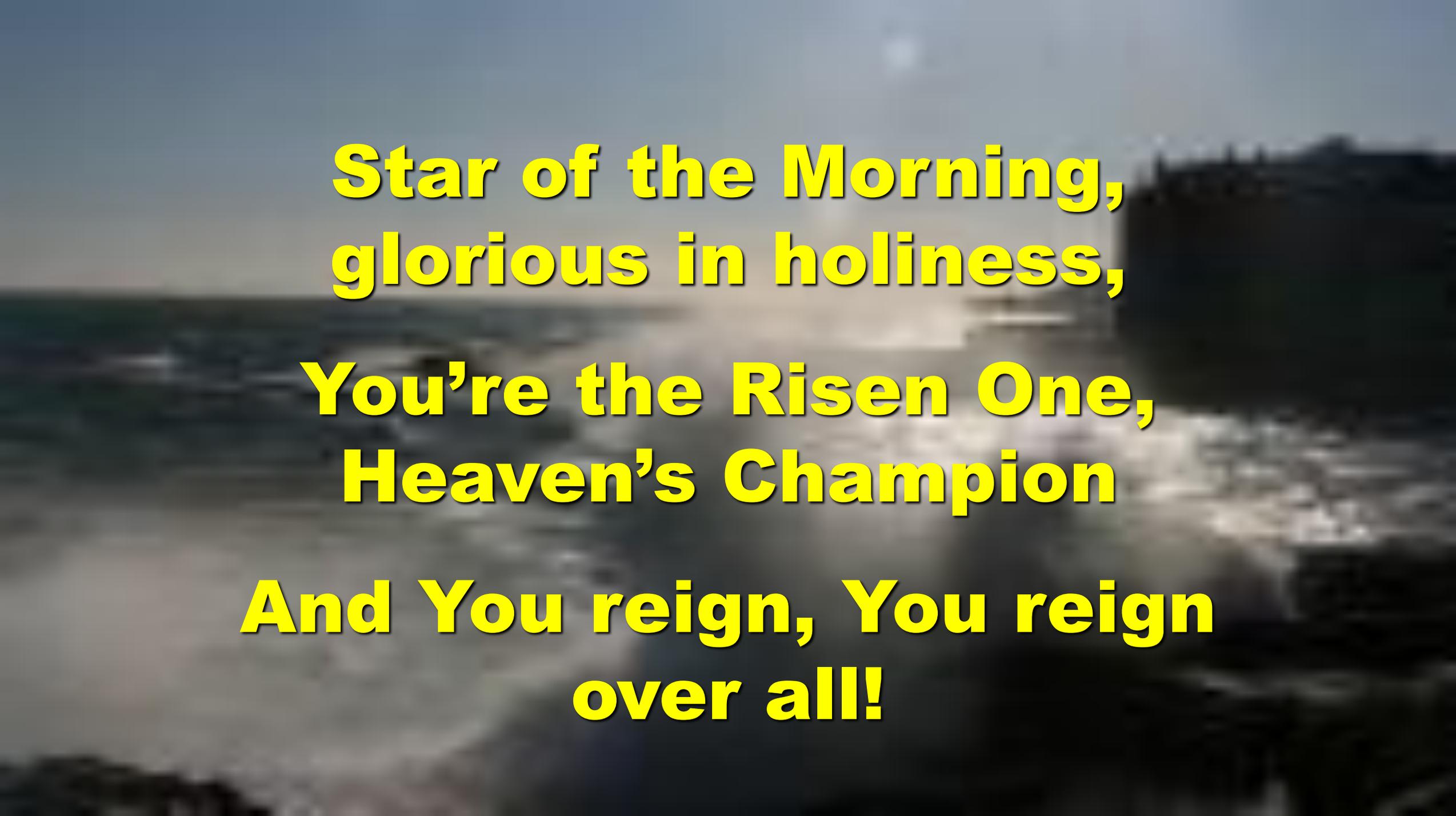
**Star of the Morning,
glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One,
Heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign
over all!**

A scenic view of a river flowing through a valley with mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

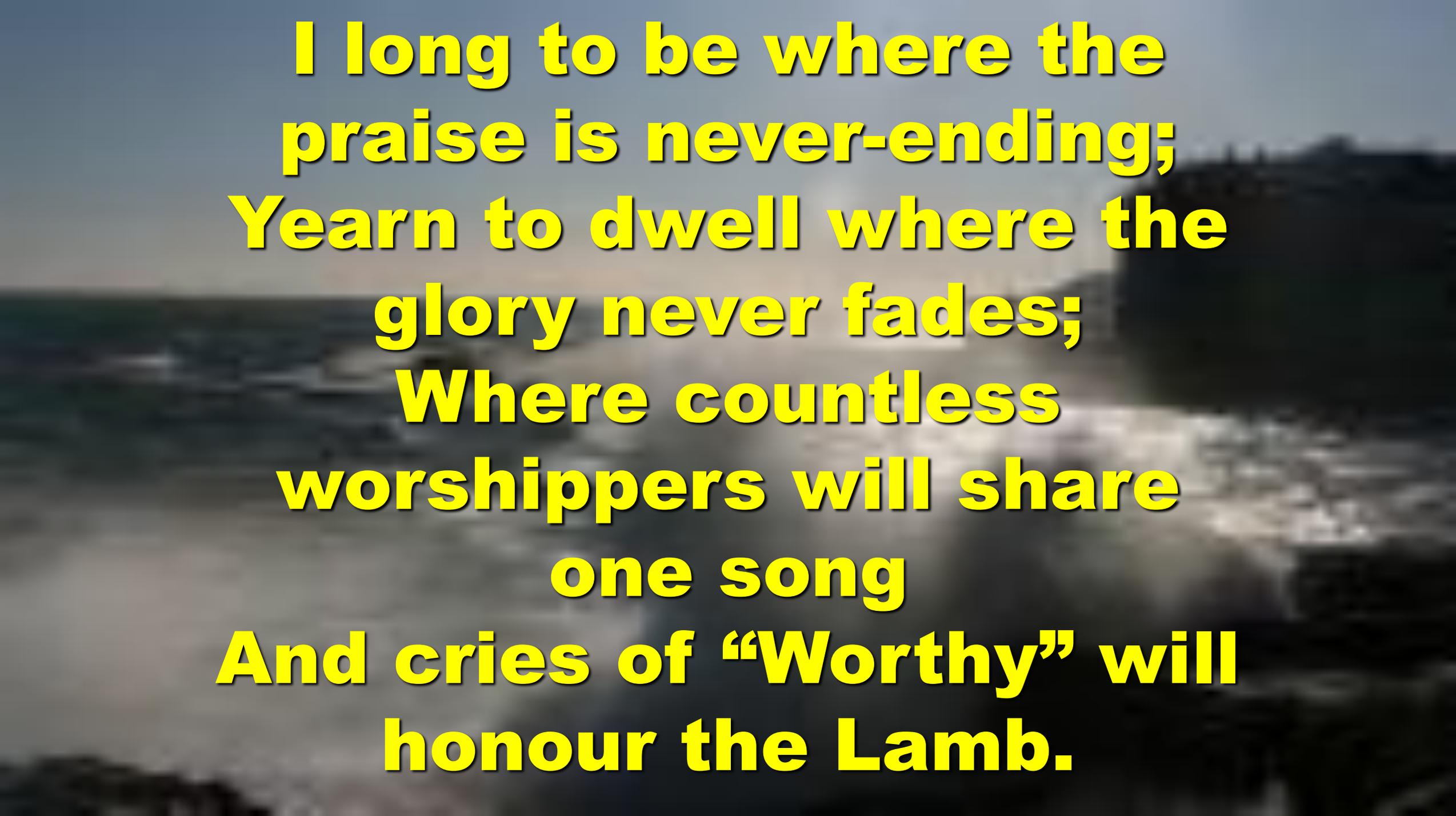
**I will trust in the cross of
my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood
that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of
conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life
without end.**



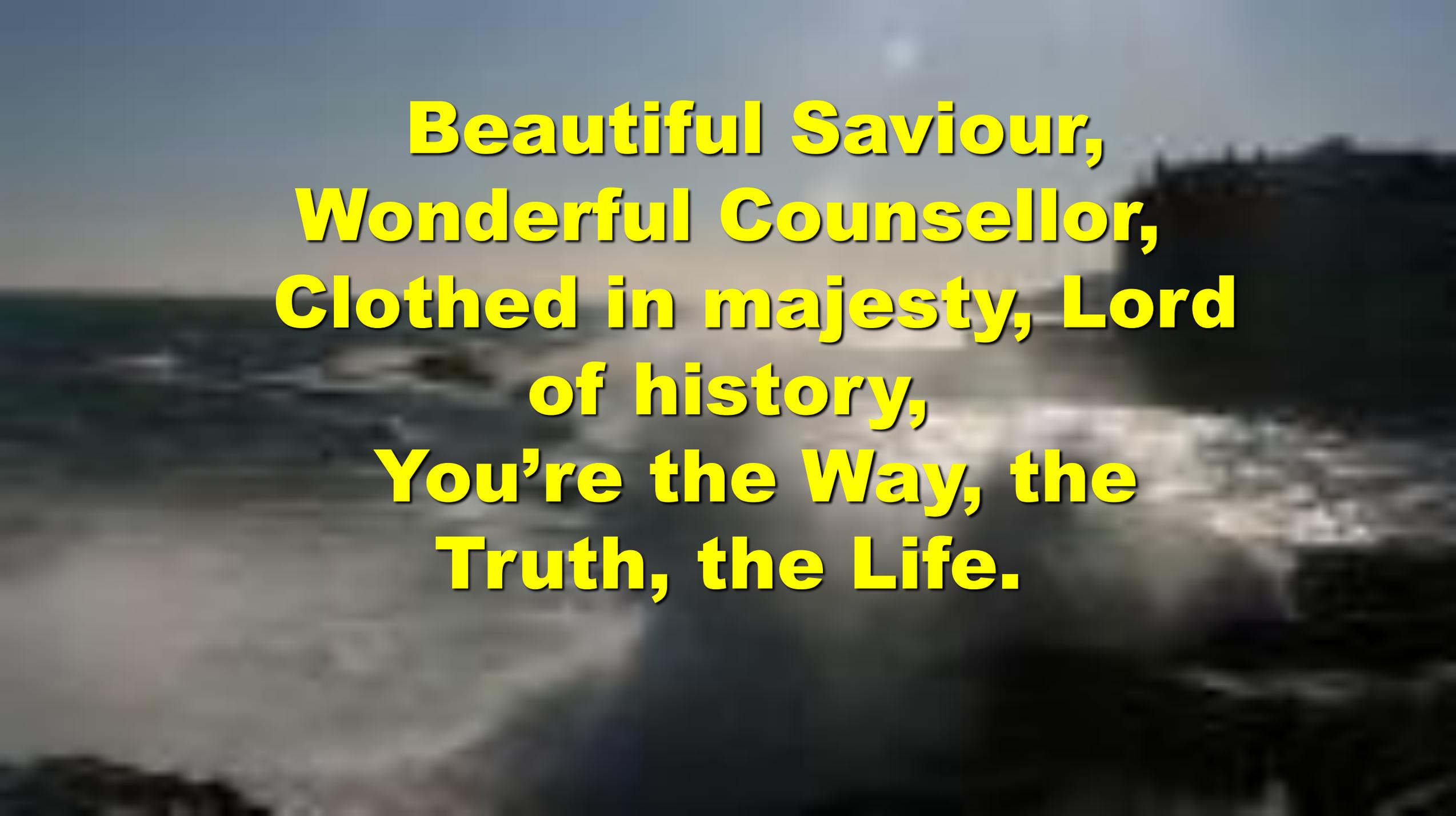
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A scenic view of a lake at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a bright sun low on the horizon. In the background, a large, illuminated building with a prominent tower is visible. The water in the foreground is dark, with some white foam from a waterfall or rapids on the right side.

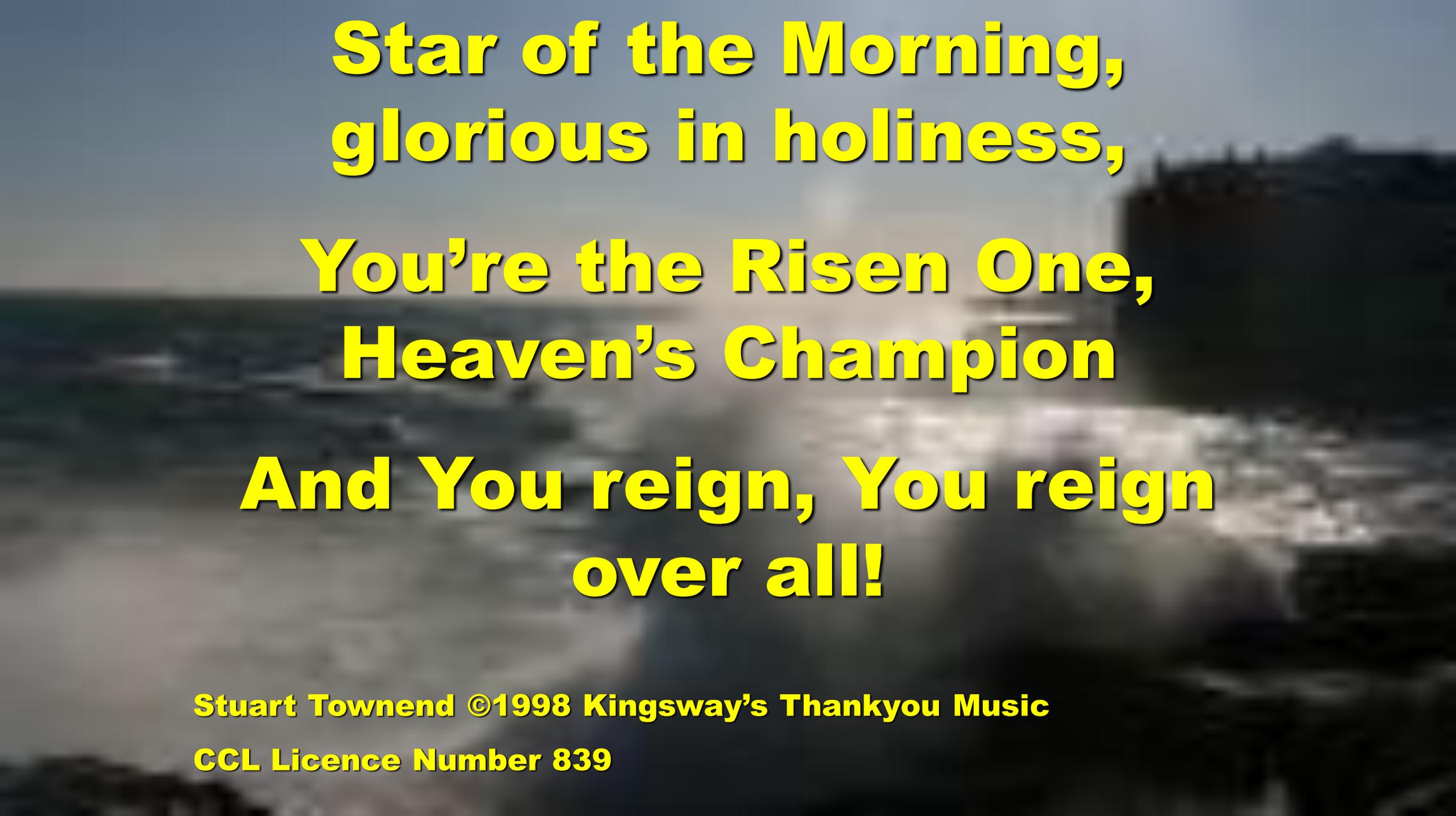
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And You reign, You reign
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**I long to be where the
praise is never-ending;
Yearn to dwell where the
glory never fades;
Where countless
worshippers will share
one song
And cries of “Worthy” will
honour the Lamb.**



**Beautiful Saviour,
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**Water you turned
into wine**

**Opened the eyes
of the blind**

There's no one like you

None like you



Into the darkness

you shine

Out of the ashes

we rise

There's no one like you

None like you



**Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God you are higher
than any other**



Our God is Healer
Awesome in power
Our God
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**And if our God is for us
then who could ever
stop us**

**And if our God is with
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Our God
(repeat)



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OPENING PRAYER

Most loving and faithful God, whose kingdom endures from generation to generation, we honour your holy name and worship you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We



offer you the praise of our lips
and the love in our hearts.

Accept our worship in the name
of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**



CONFESSION

In Psalm 130 it declares, 'If you,
O LORD, kept a record of sins, O
LORD, who could stand?
But with you there is
forgiveness.'



Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim upon us.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your constant love; in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.



Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Give me the joy of your help again and strengthen me with a willing spirit. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Therefore, to all who truly repent
this is his gracious word:
'Your sins are forgiven.'
Amen. Thanks be to God.



OFFERTORY

All we have and all we are we
give to you, Lord, for the sake of
your eternal kingdom; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PRAYER FOR SUNDAY CLUB

Lord, we thank you for the children of this church, those present and those absent. Now bless those present as they go to Sunday Club; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO THE REFLECTION

**Pride goes before
destruction, and an
haughty spirit before a
fall.**

—Proverbs 16:18



Daniel 4:28-37

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 he said,



‘Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?’

31 Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven,



‘This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: your royal authority has been taken from you. 32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the OX.



Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.'

33 Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was

fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.



34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes towards heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives for ever.



His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from
generation to generation. 35 All the
peoples of the earth are regarded as
nothing. He does as he pleases with
the powers of heaven and the
peoples of the earth. No one can

hold back his hand or say to him:

‘What have you done?’

36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honour and splendour were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisors and nobles sought me out,



and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.



This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



REFLECTION: PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL



PRAYERS

Lord Jesus, we thank you for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, for her devotion to serving this country and more importantly her devotion to you, her Lord. Please bless the Queen in this Platinum Jubilee year, and bless all those who serve you of whatever rank.

Lord Jesus, we pray for world leaders, for humility and recognition that you are the world's true king. We pray for our government, to lead by example and to honour the pledges they made at COP26.



We pray for our denominational leaders, that they may have Godly wisdom as they serve your church. Lord Jesus, we pray for your Church, especially in those parts of the world where to call you Lord is not safe.



We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters this week in Afghanistan, that whatever threats they are facing at the hands of the Taliban, they would remain faithful to you. We also pray that your gospel may



be heard and that lives would be transformed to the glory of your name.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the recently departed, those whom we have known and loved, and pray for all



those who are grieving the death of a loved one. We thank you that you are the Lord of life and conqueror of death, giving us hope not just for this life but for eternity.



Finally, we pray for ourselves. You know our needs, and we bring them to you in a moment of silence.



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.**

Your kingdom come,

**Your will be done on earth as in
heaven**

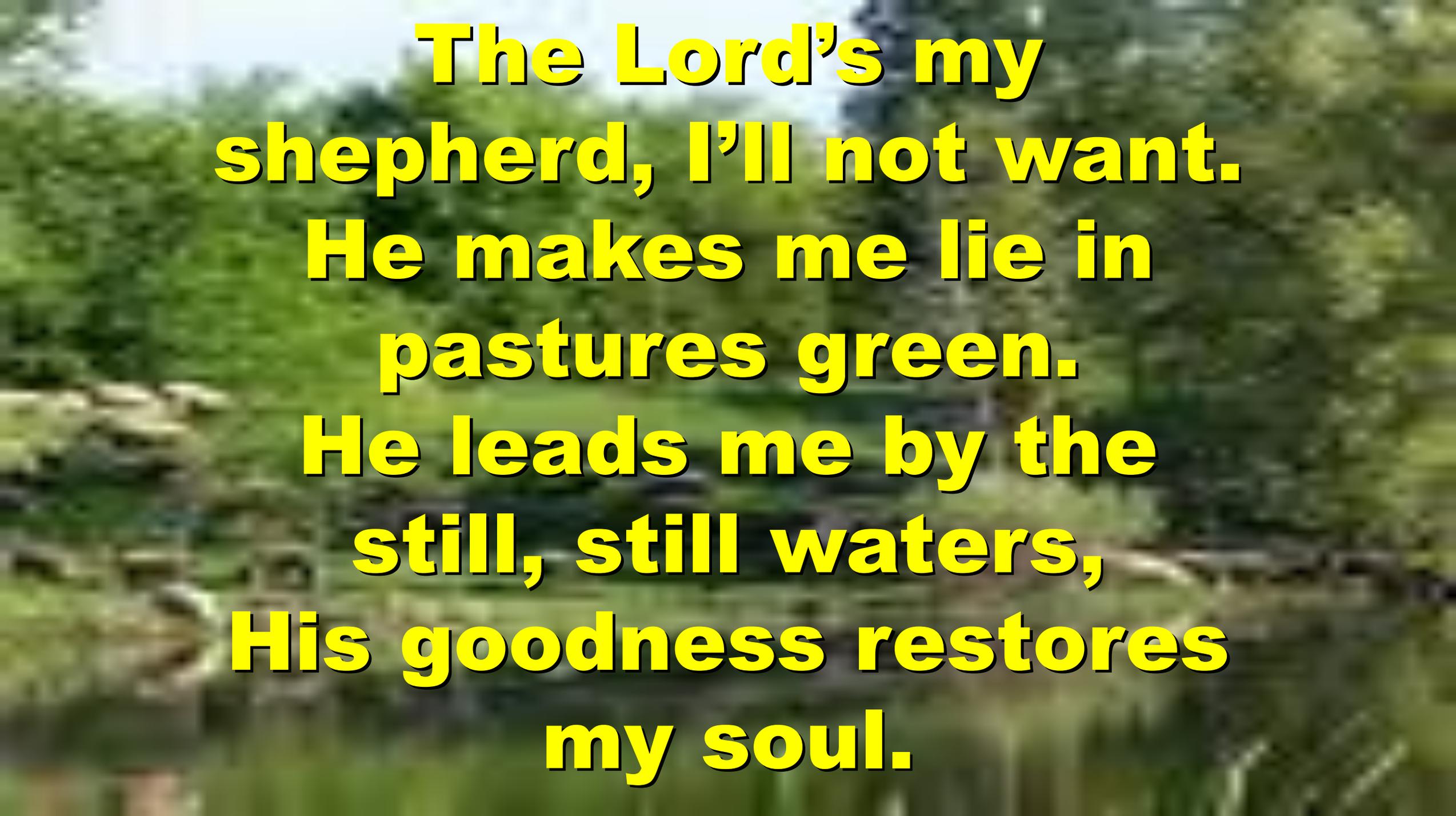


**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil.**

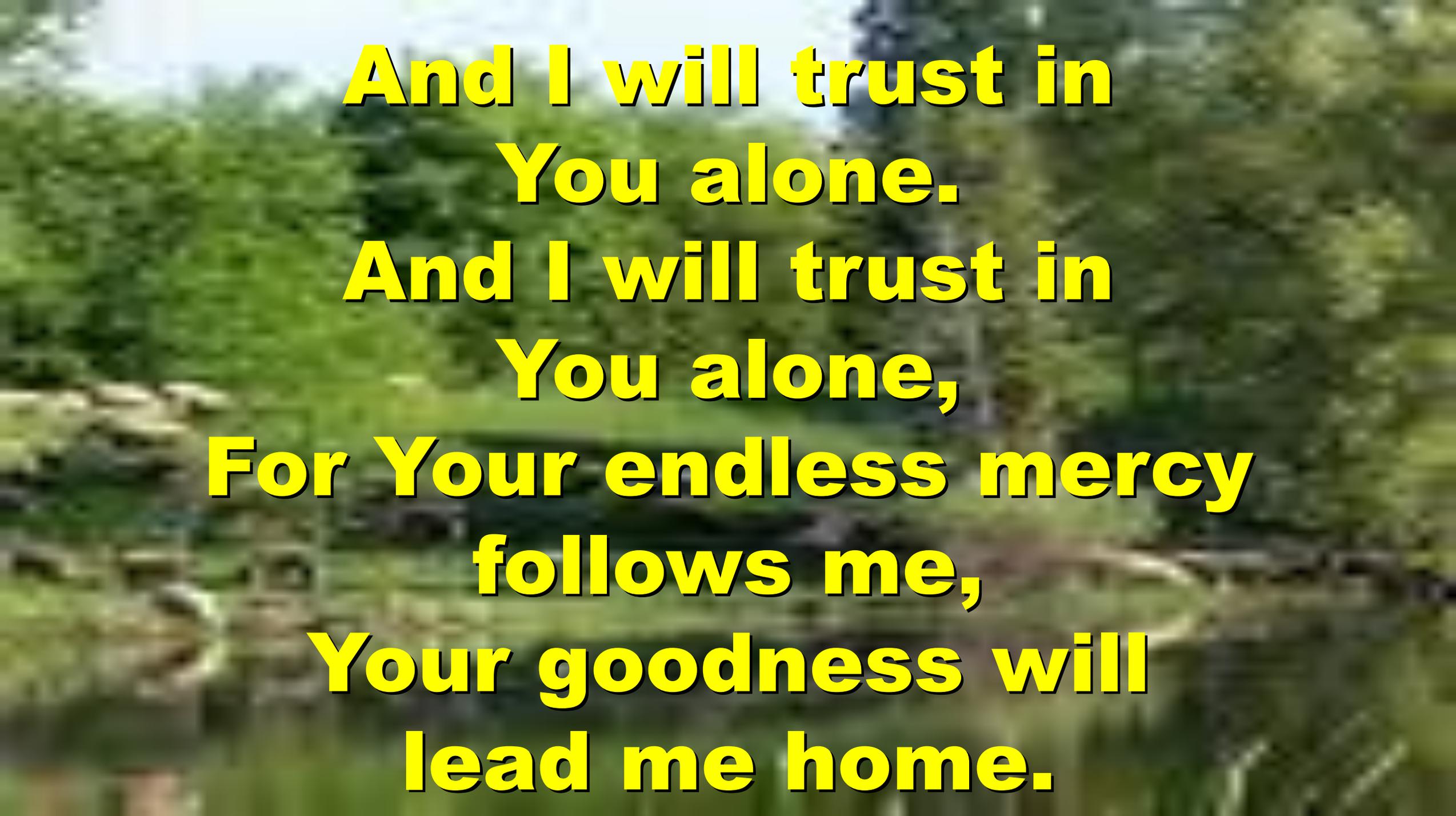


**For the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.**





**The Lord's my
shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in
pastures green.
He leads me by the
still, still waters,
His goodness restores
my soul.**

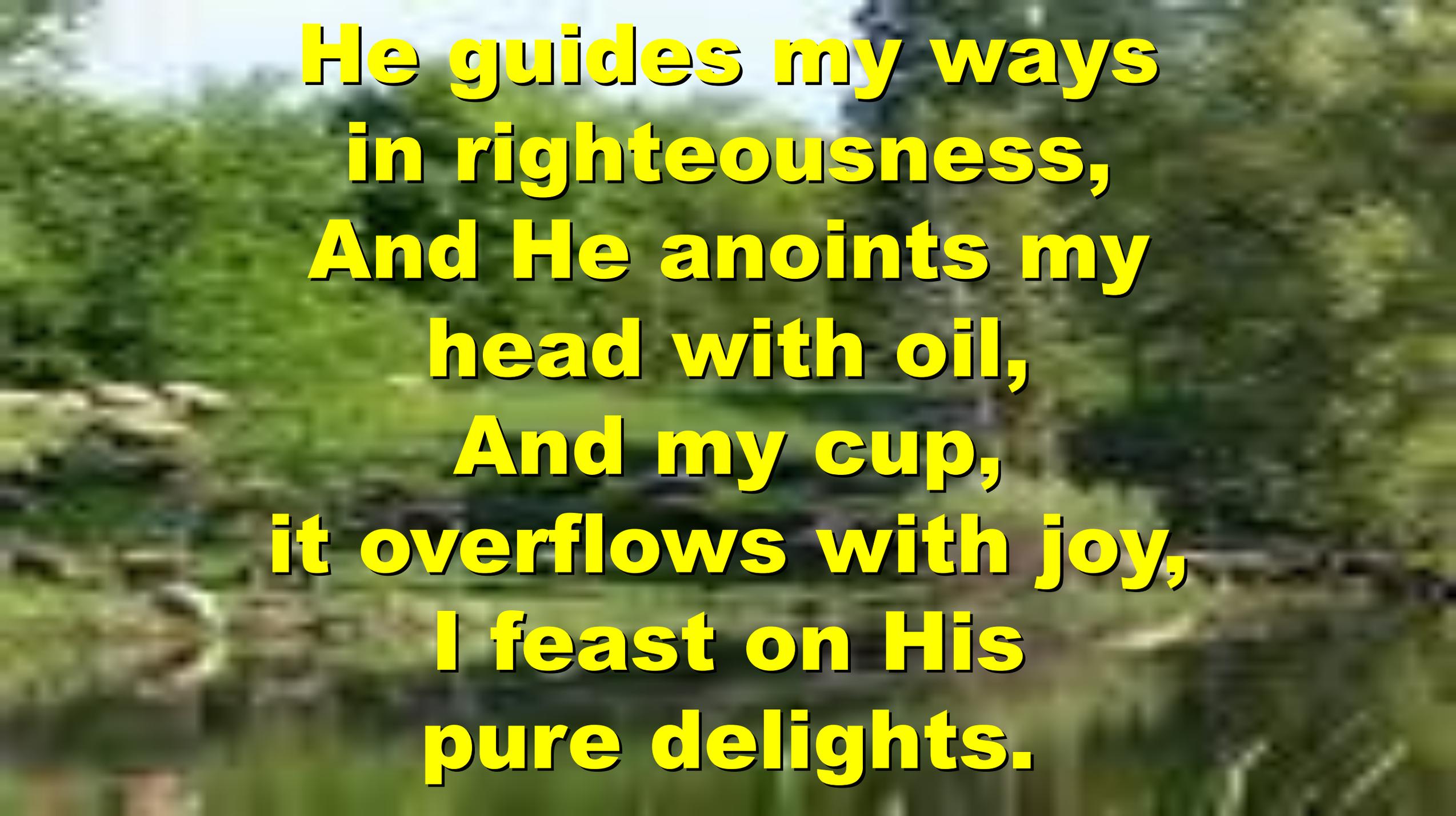


**And I will trust in
You alone.**

**And I will trust in
You alone,**

**For Your endless mercy
follows me,**

**Your goodness will
lead me home.**



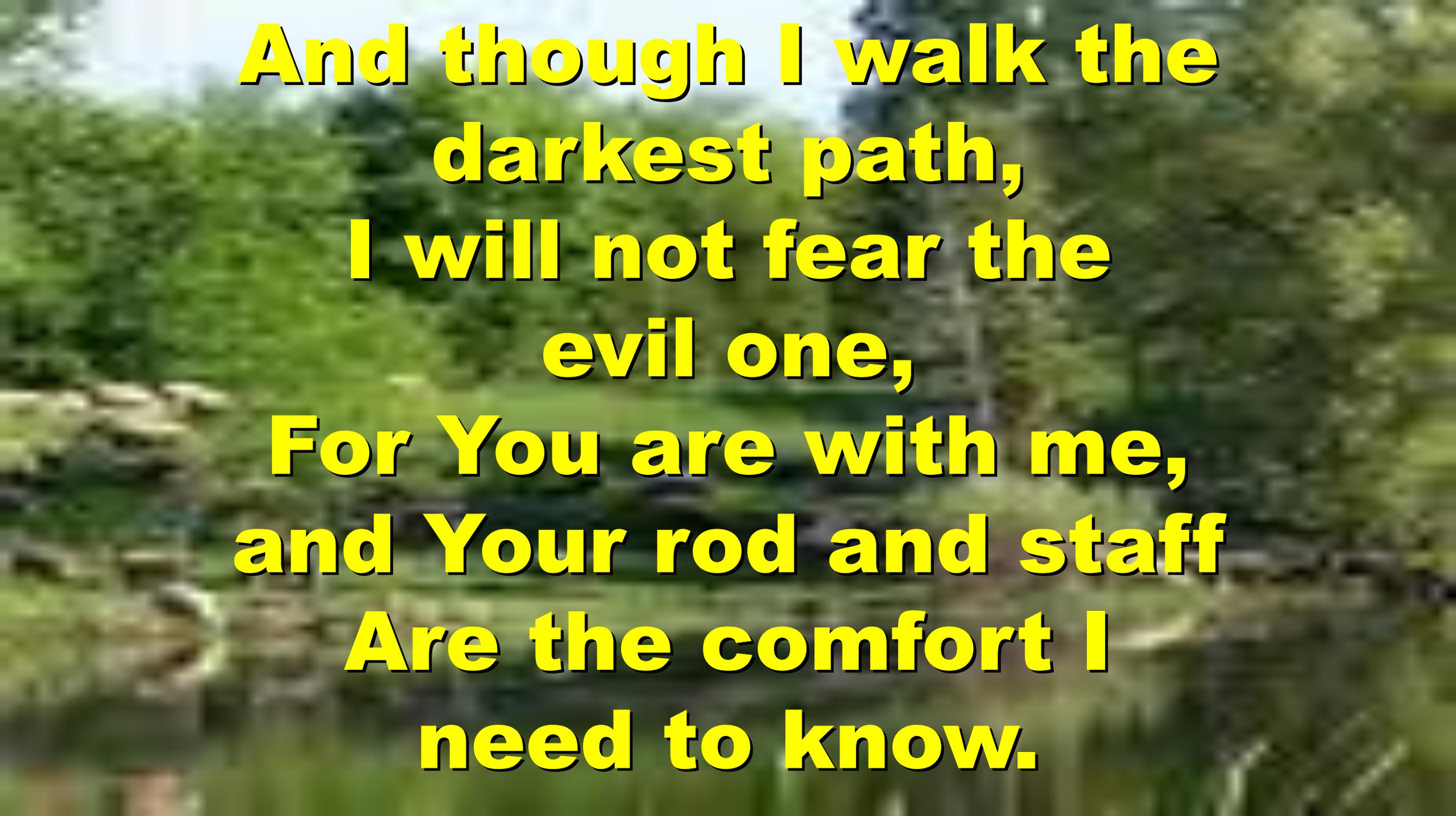
**He guides my ways
in righteousness,
And He anoints my
head with oil,
And my cup,
it overflows with joy,
I feast on His
pure delights.**

**And I will trust in
You alone.**

**And I will trust in
You alone,**

**For Your endless mercy
follows me,**

**Your goodness will
lead me home.**



**And though I walk the
darkest path,
I will not fear the
evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I
need to know.**

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HOLY COMMUNION

We read in Scripture that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat.



This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people for the



forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, gracious God, with this bread and this cup we remember that our Lord offered his life for us. Believing the witness of his resurrection and ascension, we look for his coming in glory, and our sharing in his great and promised feast.



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood
of Christ and that we may live to
your praise and glory with all your
saints in light.



Join our prayers and the prayers of
all your people on earth and in
heaven with the intercession of
Christ, our great high priest,
**through whom, with whom, and
in whom, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,**



**all worship and honour are
yours, almighty God and Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. **Christ is the Bread of life.**

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ. **Christ is the true Vine.**



The Body of Christ broken for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.



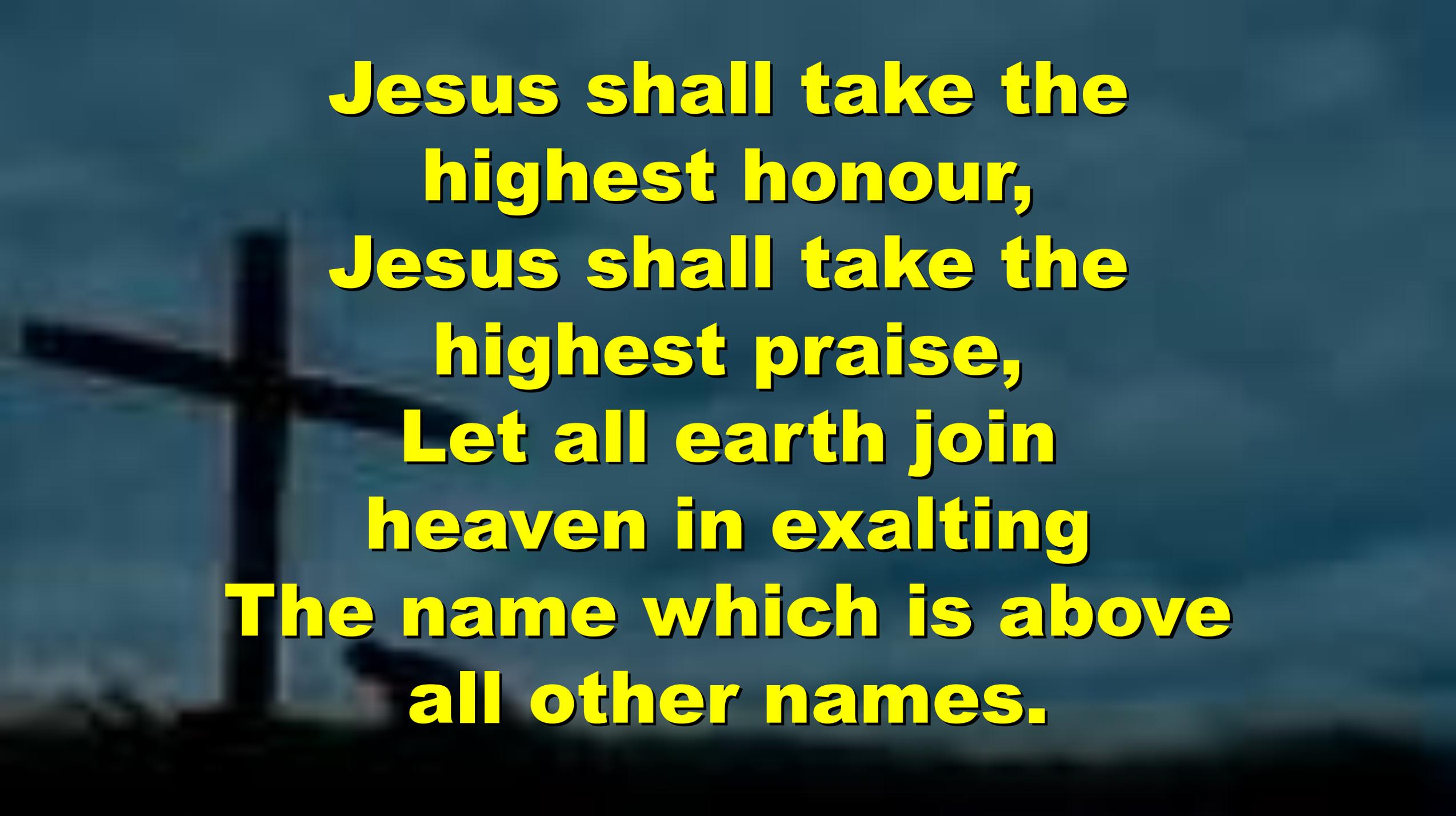
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you, God, for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation which you give for the life of the world.



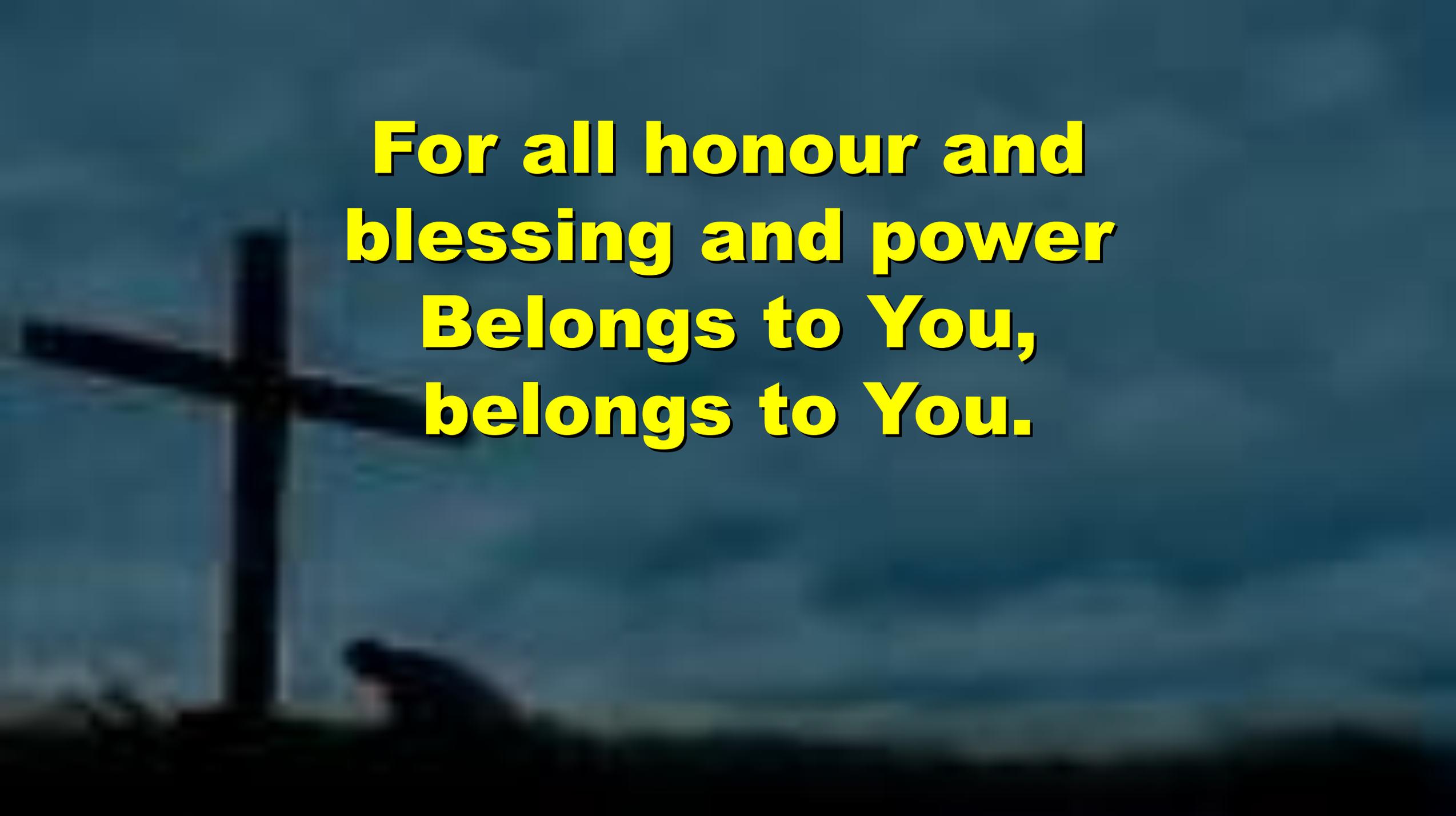
**With this food for our journey
bring us with your saints to the
feast of your glory. Amen.**



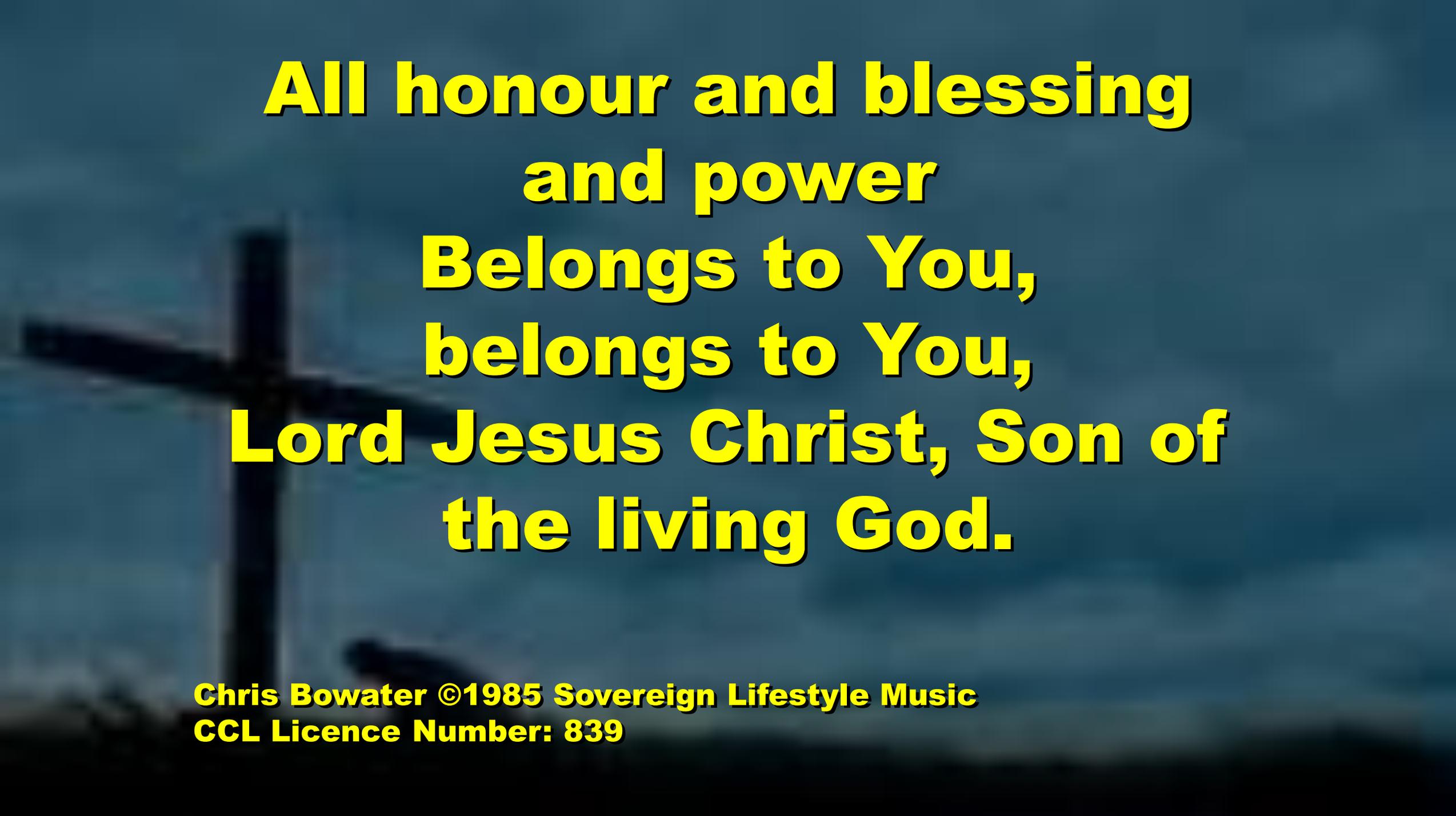
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**Jesus shall take the
highest honour,
Jesus shall take the
highest praise,
Let all earth join
heaven in exalting
The name which is above
all other names.**

**Let's bow the knee in
humble adoration,
For at His name every
knee must bow;
Let every tongue confess
He is Christ,
God's only Son.
Sovereign Lord we give
You glory now,**

A large wooden cross is visible on the left side of the image, set against a dark, cloudy sky. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams. The background is a deep blue-grey color with soft, white clouds. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

**For all honour and
blessing and power
Belongs to You,
belongs to You.**



**All honour and blessing
and power
Belongs to You,
belongs to You,
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of
the living God.**

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Great God and Lord of all, we give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your eternal kingdom.



May we walk in humility before
you, and know the truth of your
sovereignty over all our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

