

Three days that changed the world (4)



A mock trial

Luke 22: 66 – 23: 25

Communion service for 27th March 2022



Bowthorpe
Church

Welcome
please
Come In



Welcome and notices

- Lent course this Tuesday
session 4



Call to worship

‘In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.



14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

(Daniel 7:13-14)



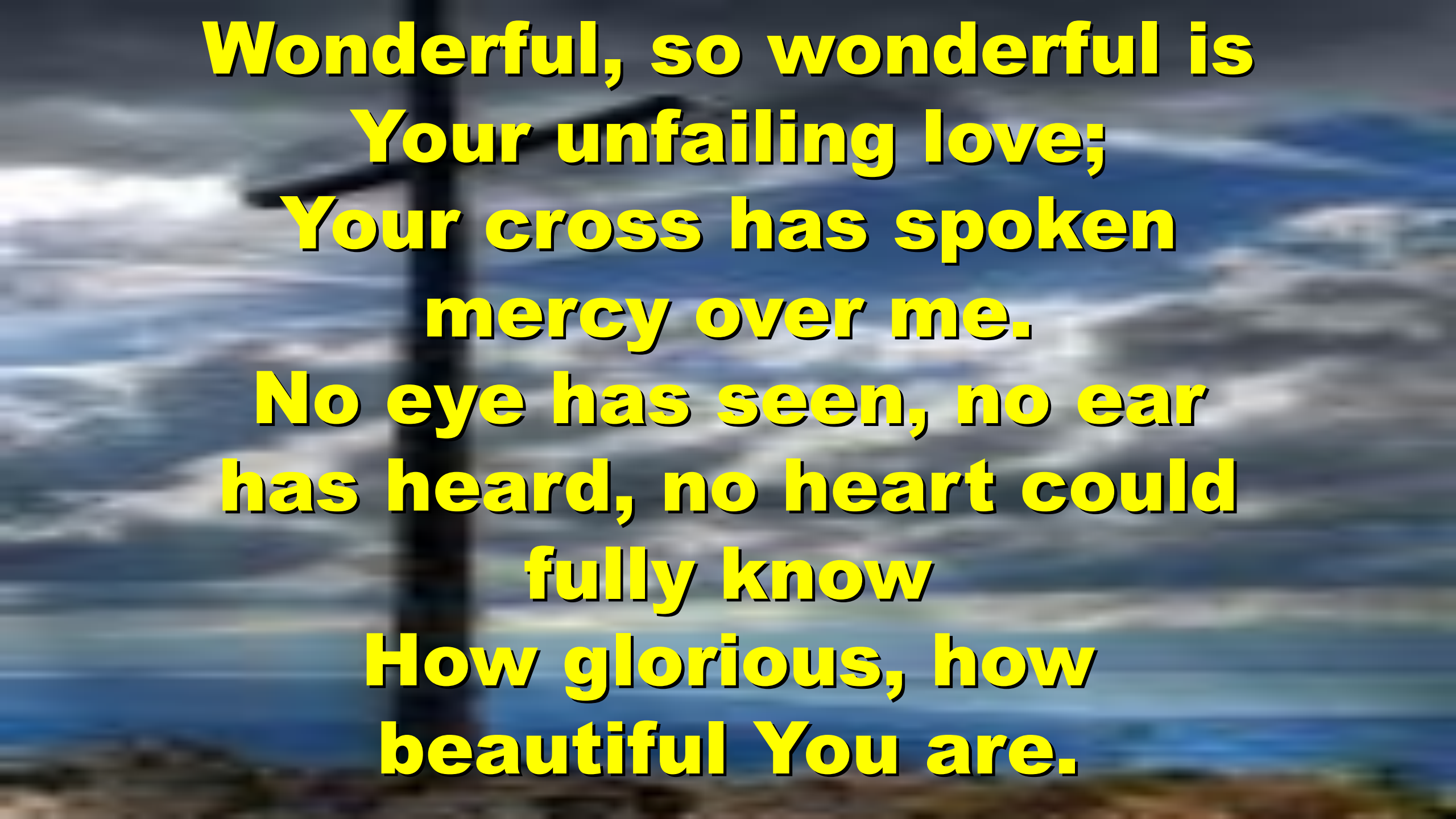
Opening prayer

God of life and truth, we gather before you with joy on this Mothering Sunday. Open our hearts to your love, our minds to your truth, and our lives to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Songs

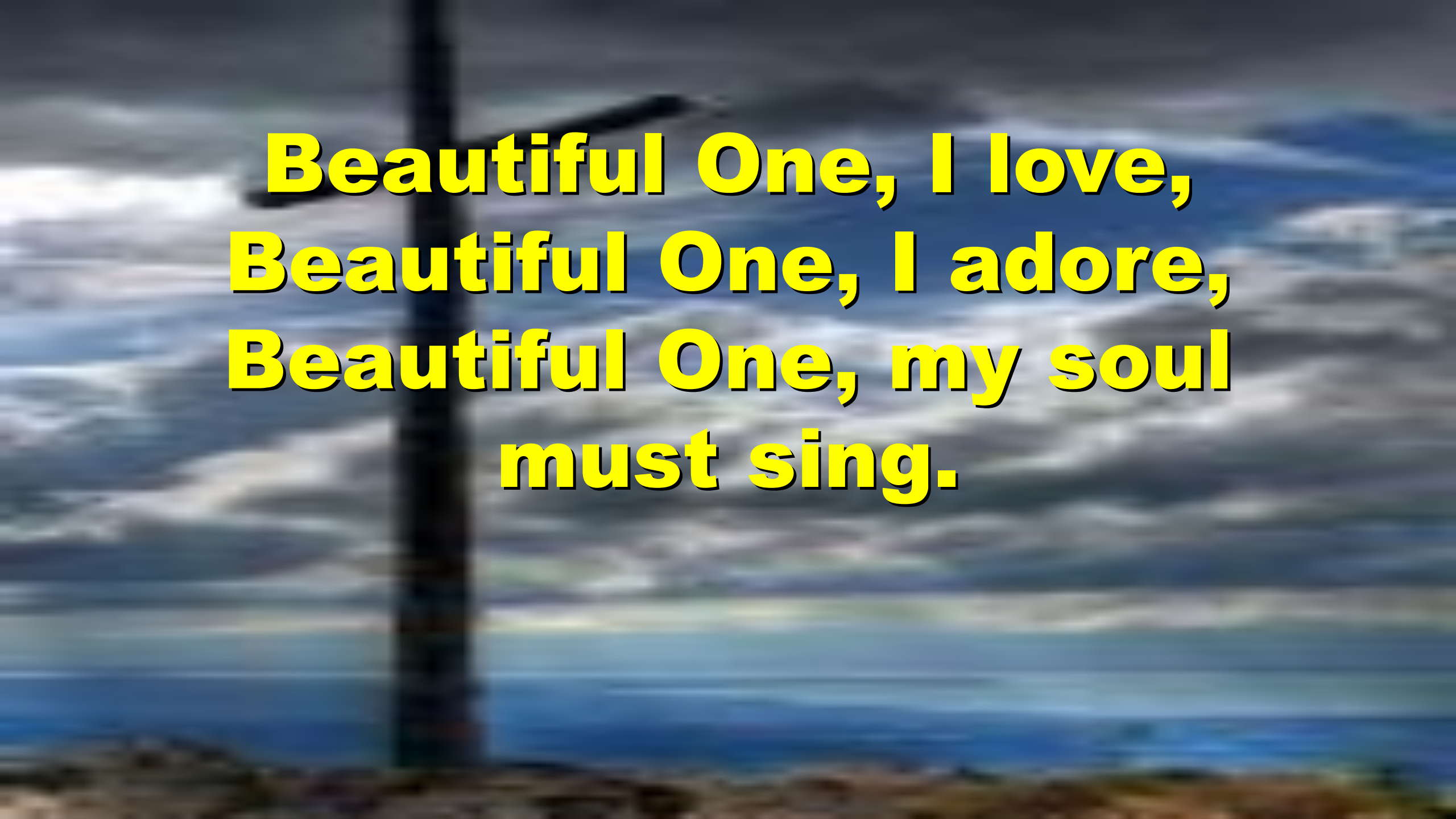
- Wonderful so wonderful
- This is Amazing Grace
- When I survey the wondrous cross



**Wonderful, so wonderful is
Your unfailing love;
Your cross has spoken
mercy over me.**

**No eye has seen, no ear
has heard, no heart could
fully know**

**How glorious, how
beautiful You are.**



**Beautiful One, I love,
Beautiful One, I adore,
Beautiful One, my soul
must sing.**

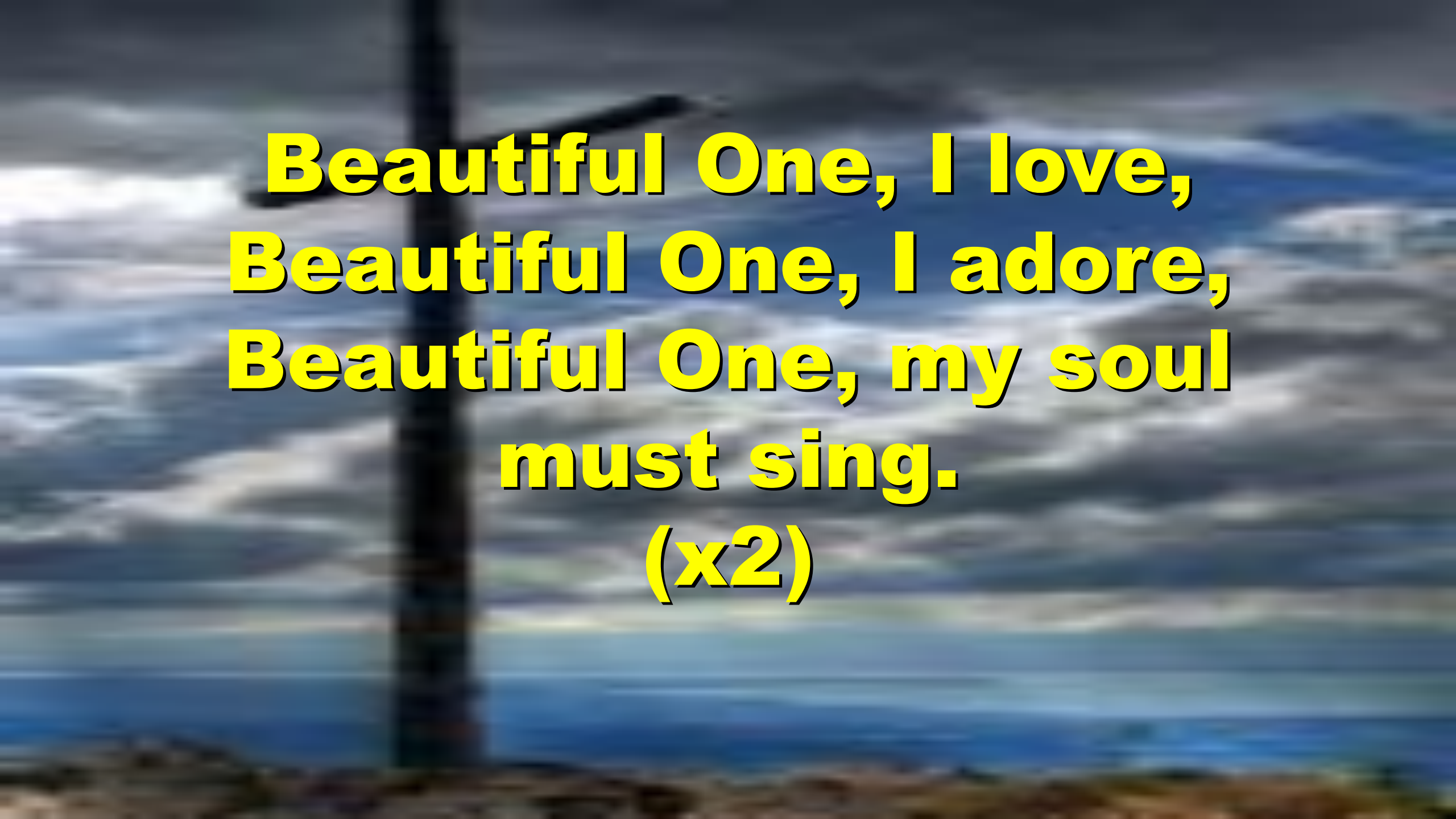


**Powerful, so powerful,
Your glory fills the skies,**

**Your mighty works
displayed for all to see.**

**The beauty of Your
majesty awakes my heart
to sing**

**How marvellous, how
wonderful You are.**

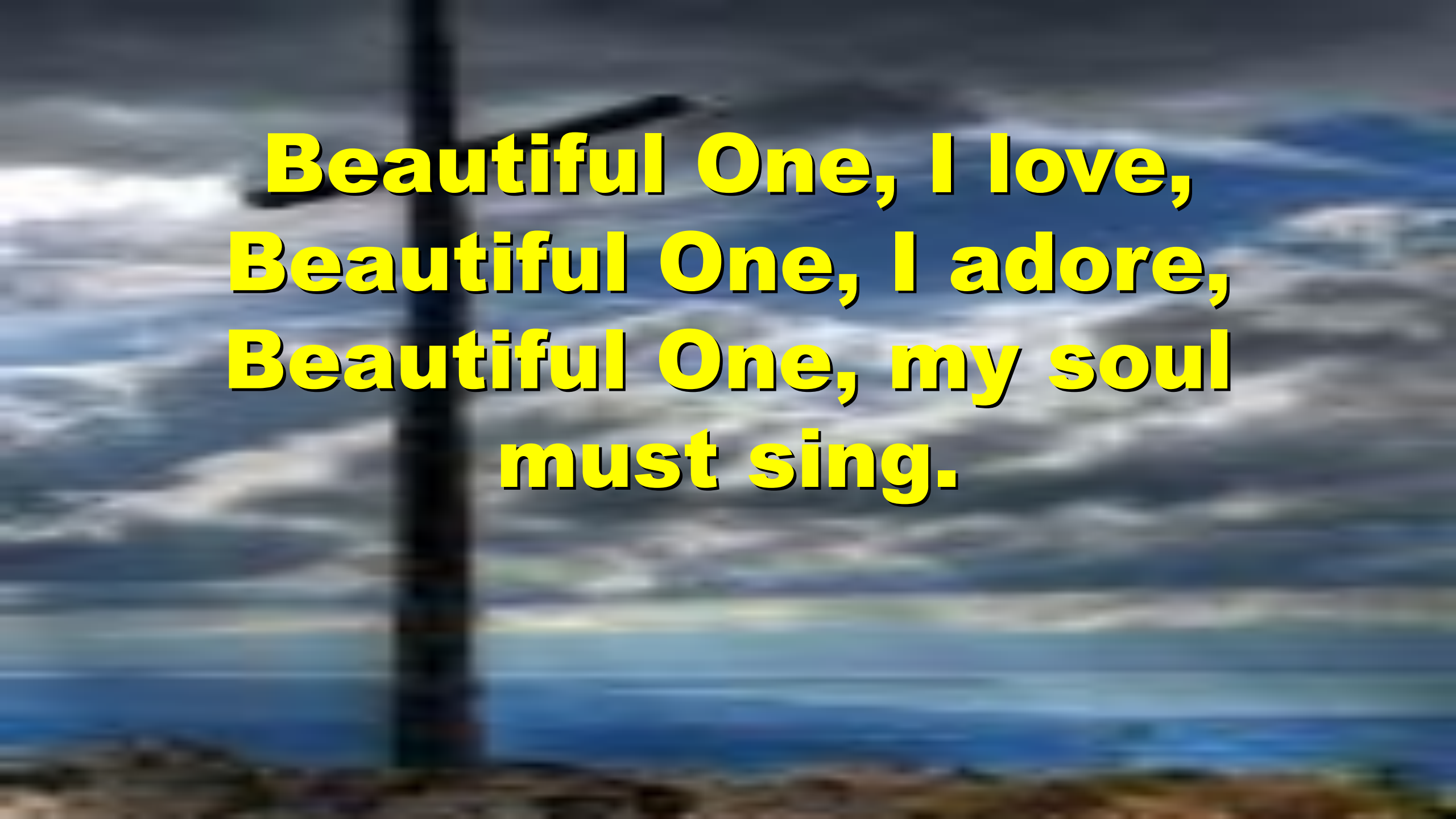


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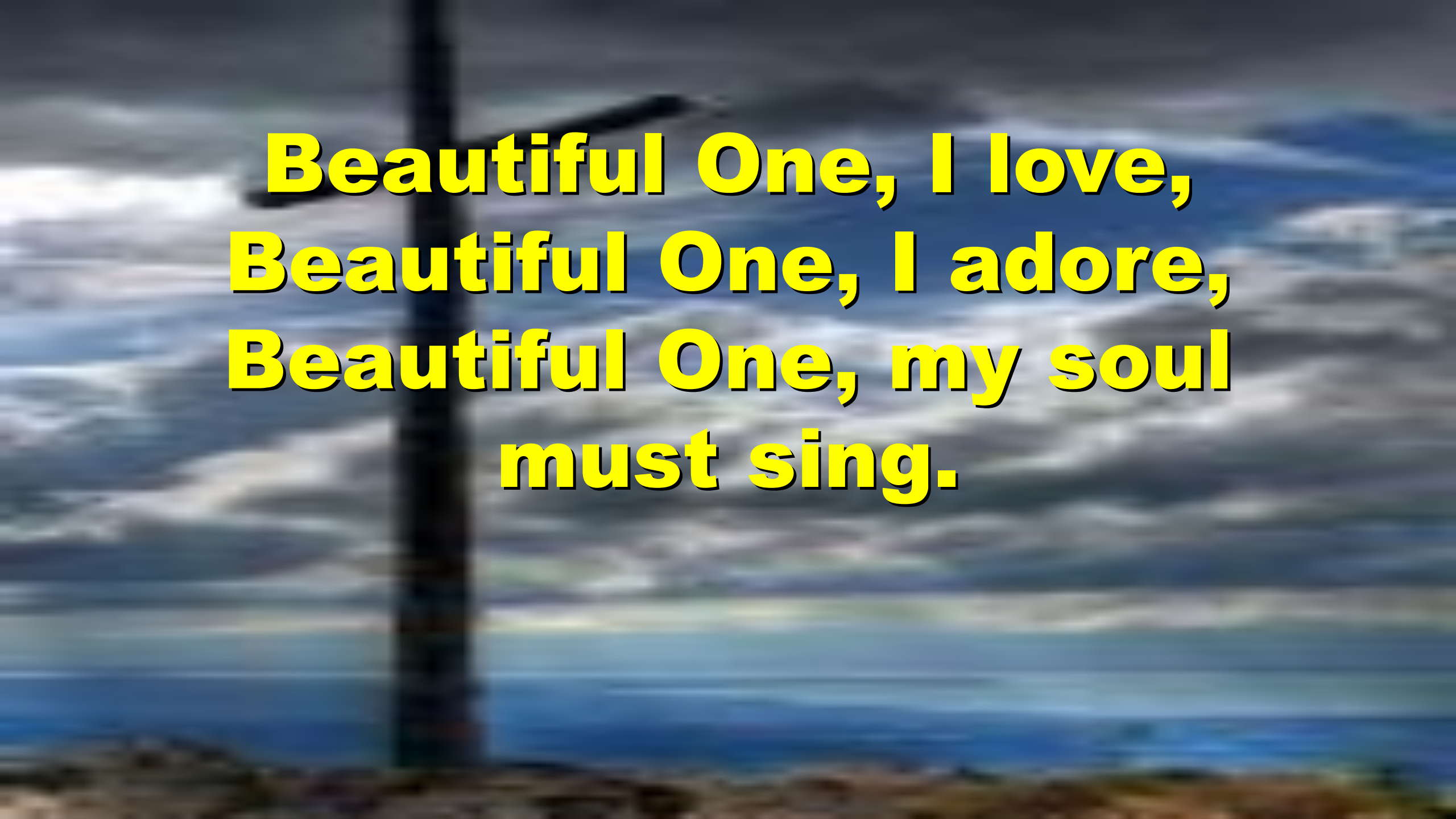
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**You opened my eyes to
Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart
with this love,
'Cos nothing on earth is
as beautiful as You.**

(Repeat)



**Beautiful One, I love,
Beautiful One, I adore,
Beautiful One, my soul
must sing.**



**Beautiful One, I love,
Beautiful One, I adore,
Beautiful One, my soul
must sing.**

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**Who breaks the power of
sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings**

**Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would
take my place
That You would
bear my cross
You lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos
back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory,
the King of Glory**

**Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all
of its brilliance
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would
take my place
That You would
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All that You've done for me**

**Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain**

**Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave**

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who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy**

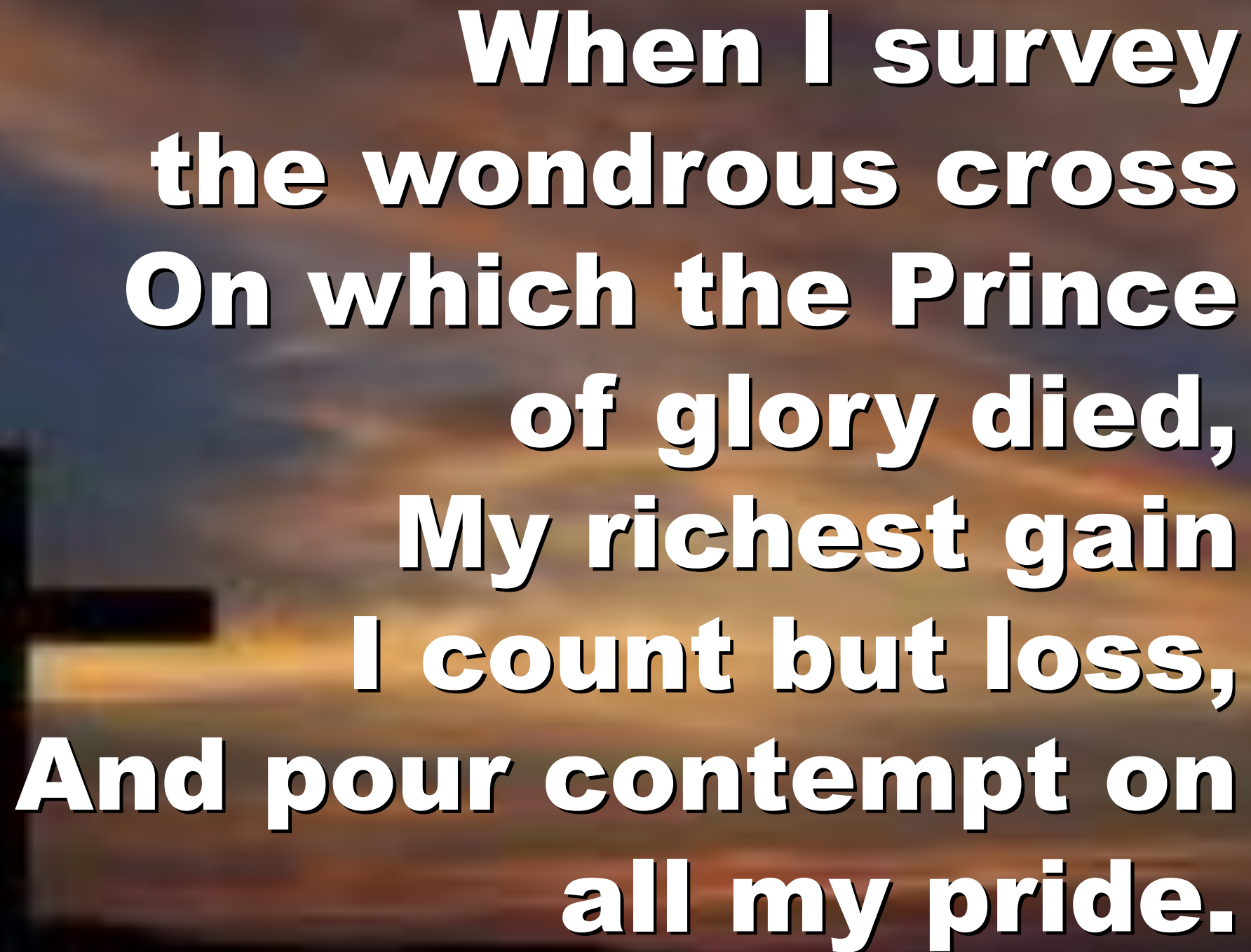
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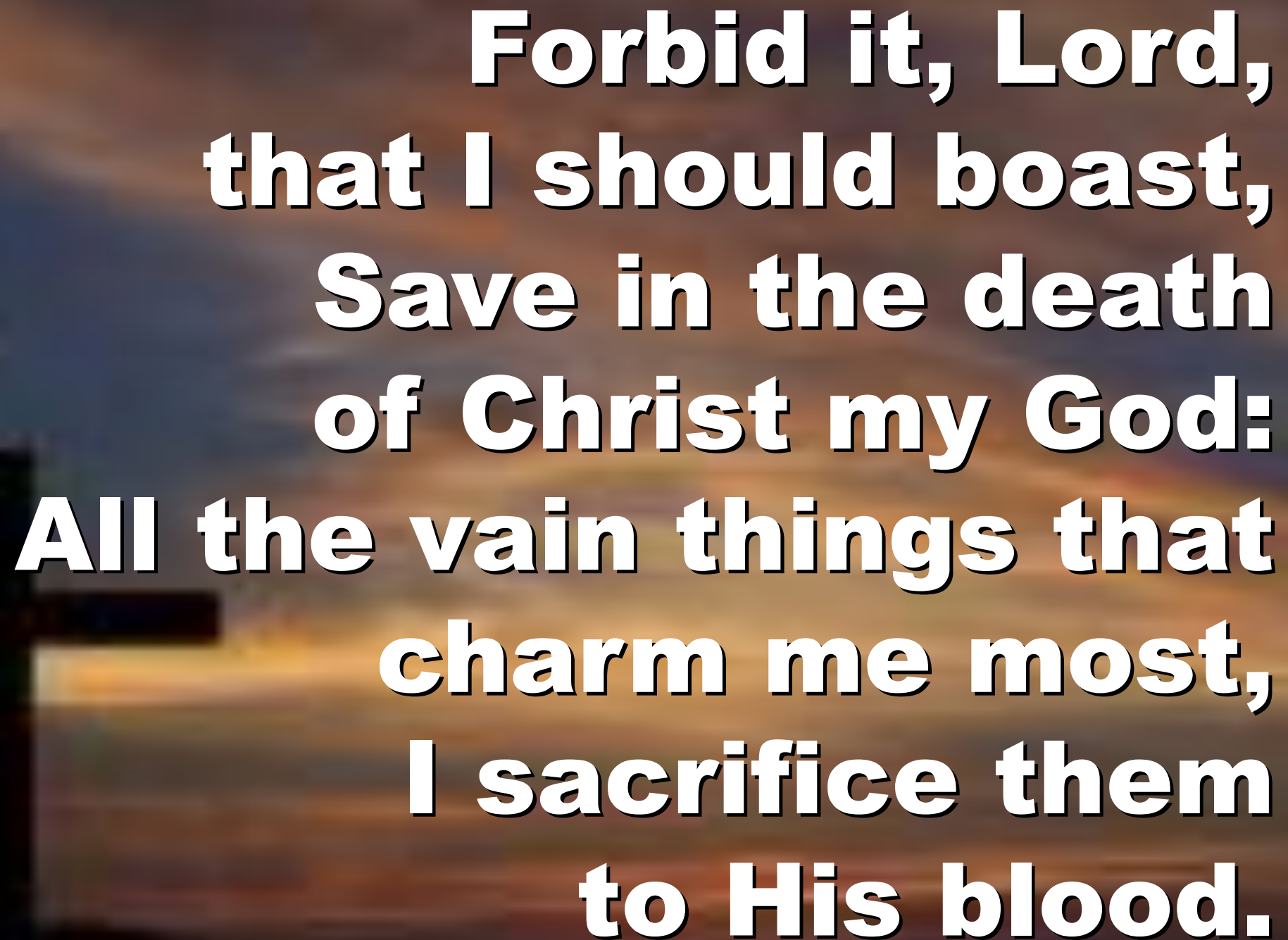
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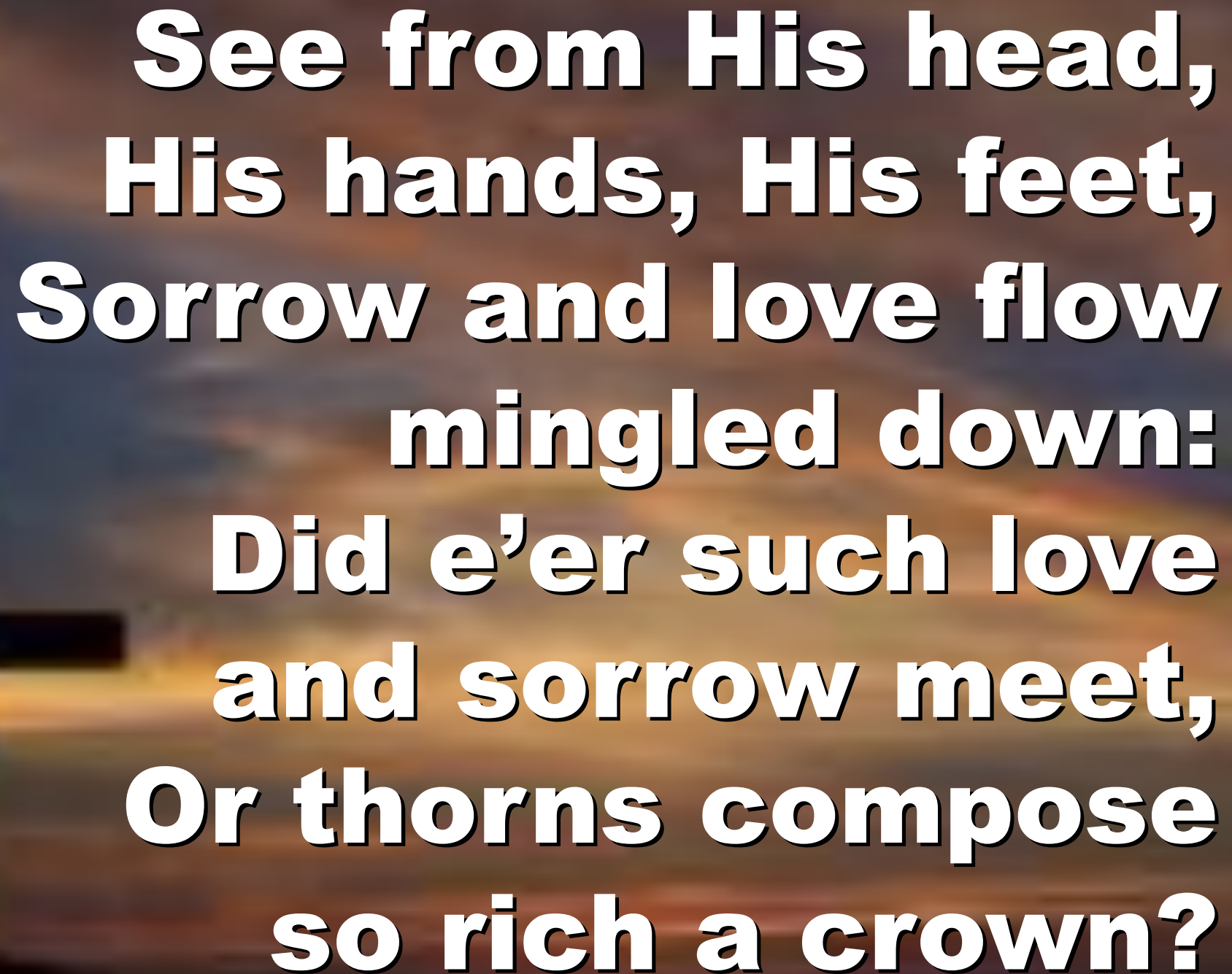
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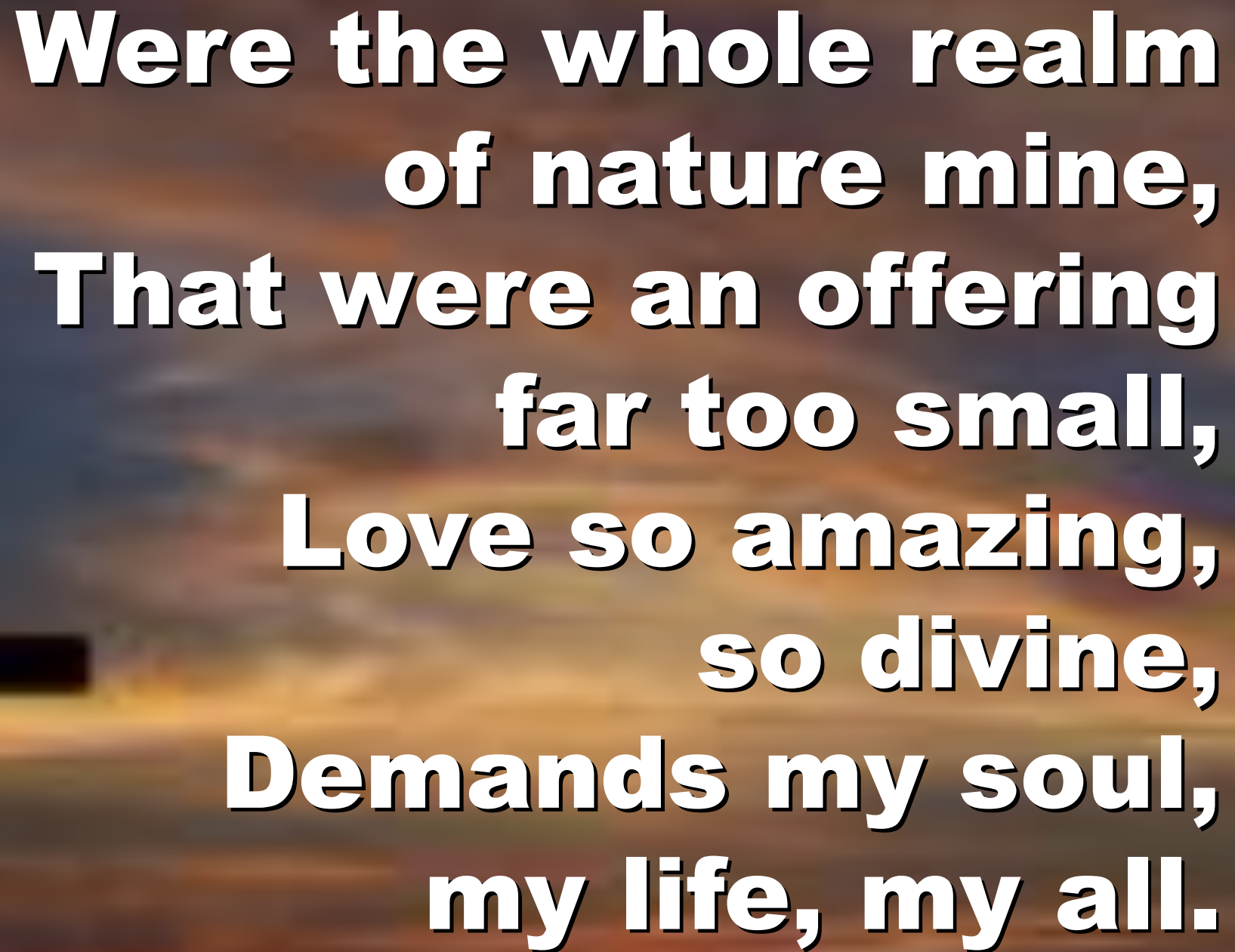
**When I survey
the wondrous cross
On which the Prince
of glory died,
My richest gain
I count but loss,
And pour contempt on
all my pride.**



**Forbid it, Lord,
that I should boast,
Save in the death
of Christ my God:
All the vain things that
charm me most,
I sacrifice them
to His blood.**

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**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?**



**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.**

Confession

Let us come before the Lord with
humble hearts and confess our
sins.



Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.



**In your mercy forgive what we have
been, help us to amend what we
are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our
God. Amen.**



Assurance of pardon

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

Amen.



Offertory and Sunday Club prayers

Loving God, in your generosity
you have given us life through
your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. Now bless these gifts and
our lives for your kingdom's sake.



We pray now for the Sunday Club,
that both the children and adults
would know the joy of your
presence and the power of your
Holy Spirit that together they may
grow closer to you; in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Luke 22: 66 – 23: 25

66 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.



67 'If you are the Messiah,' they said, 'tell us.' Jesus answered, 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, 68 and if I asked you, you would not answer. 69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the



right hand of the mighty God.' 70
They all asked, 'Are you then the
Son of God?' He replied, 'You say
that I am.' 71 Then they said, 'Why
do we need any more testimony?
We have heard it from his own lips.'



23 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, 'We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.' 3 So Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the king of



the Jews?’ ‘You have said so,’ Jesus replied. 4 Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, ‘I find no basis for a charge against this man.’ 5 But they insisted, ‘He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.’



6 On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. 7 When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.



8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. 9 He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the

teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. 11 Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. 12 That day Herod and Pilate became friends – before this they had been enemies.



13 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. 15 Neither



has Herod, for he sent him back to us;
as you can see, he has done nothing to
deserve death. 16 Therefore, I will
punish him and then release him.’
18 But the whole crowd shouted, ‘Away
with this man! Release Barabbas to us!’
19 (Barabbas had been thrown into



prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) 20 Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. 21 But they kept shouting, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' 22 For the third time he spoke to them: 'Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty.



Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.' 23 But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided to grant their demand. 25 He released the man who had



been thrown into prison for
insurrection and murder, the one
they asked for, and surrendered
Jesus to their will.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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Reflection



Prayers of intercession



**When the music fades,
all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring
Something that's of
worth that will bless
Your heart.**

**I'll bring You more
than a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You
have required.**

**You search much
deeper within
Through the way
things appear;
You're looking into
my heart.**

**I'm coming back to the
heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the
thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.**

**King of endless worth,
no one could express
How much
You deserve.
Though I'm weak and
poor, all I have
is Yours,
Every single breath.**

**I'll bring You more than
a song,
For a song in itself
Is not what You have
required.**

**You search much
deeper within
Through the way things
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The peace

The Lord calls us to be peacemakers.
He gives us his peace and invites us to share it.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



Communion prayer

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.



Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to
rescue us from sin and death. Your
Word goes out to call us home to the
city where angels sing your praise. We
join with them in heaven's song:



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

Father of all, we give you thanks for
every gift that comes from heaven. To
the darkness Jesus came as your light
with signs of faith and words of hope he



touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story. This is our song: Hosanna in the highest. The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.



This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the
highest.**



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Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.



This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the
highest.**



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Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.



Send your spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory
and power be yours for ever and
ever. Amen.**

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 BREAKING OF BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.**



THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life



Prayer after communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.



**Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen.**



**Thank You for
the cross Lord
Thank You for
the price You paid
Bearing all my
sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace**



**Thank You for
this love Lord
Thank You for the
nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your
cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness
and embrace**



**Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with
many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up**



Jesus Son of God
The King of Heaven
crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb



Last time:

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

(Repeat)

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



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.

