PRE SERVICE SONG:

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Come live in me
All my life take over,
Come breathe
in me and I will
rise on eagles'
wings.

Here I am waiting
Abide in me I pray
Here I am longing
for You.

Hide me in Your love,
Bring me to
my knees,
May I know
Jesus more
and more.

Come live in me
All my life take over,
Come breathe
in me and I will
rise on eagles'
wings.

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DON’T BE AFRAID
JUST BELIEVE!

Luke 8: 49 – 56
28th June 2026

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WELCOME:

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

“God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear even if the world blows up and the mountains crumble into the sea.

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Let the oceans roar and foam; let the mountains tremble! The Commander of the armies of heaven is here among us. He, the God of Jacob, has come to rescue us.”
Psalm 46:1- 3, 7 (Living Bible)

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SONGS:

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Men of faith, rise up
and sing
Of the great and
glorious King;
You are strong when
you feel weak,
In your brokenness
complete.

Shout to the north
and the south,
Sing to the east
and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven
and earth.

Rise up women
of the truth,
Stand and sing to
broken hearts,
Who can know the
healing power
Of our glorious King
of love.

Shout to the north
and the south,
Sing to the east
and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven
and earth.

We've been through
fire, we've been
through rain;
We've been refined by
the power of His name.

We've fallen deeper in
love with You,
You've burned the
truth on our lips.

Shout to the north
and the south,
Sing to the east
and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven
and earth.

Rise up church with
broken wings;
Fill this place with
songs again,
Of our God who reigns
on high:
By His grace again
we'll fly.

Shout to the north
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Sing to the east
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Lord of heaven
and earth.

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Jesus, what a
beautiful name.
Son of God, Son of
Man,
Lamb that was slain.

Joy and peace,
strength and hope,
Grace that blows all
fear away.
Jesus, what a
beautiful name.

Jesus, what a
beautiful name.
Truth revealed, my
future sealed,
Healed my pain.

Love and freedom, life
and warmth,
Grace that blows all
fear away.
Jesus, what a
beautiful name.

Jesus, what a
beautiful name.
Rescued my soul,
my stronghold,
Lifts me from shame.

Forgiveness, security,
power and love,
Grace that blows all
fear away.
Jesus, what a
beautiful name.

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To You the glory,
to You the power,
To You the honour
forever more.

Your love
brings healing,
Your love's eternal,
Your love's the answer,
The hope of the world,
The hope of the world.

Holy One, my life
is in Your hand;
My song an offering
of my heart,
Redeemed,
washed clean,
By faith I stand secure.
In You, Jesus, I live.

To You the glory,
to You the power,
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OPENING PRAYER:

Loving Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us together today. Some of us arrive full of energy and hope. Others come carrying worries that no one else can see.

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Some are grieving.
Some are searching. Some aren't quite sure what they believe, yet you welcome every one of us.
Open our hearts to your presence.
Quiet the noise within us.

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Help us hear your voice through scripture, prayer, music and one another. When fear feels louder than hope,
help us to trust you. When life feels overwhelming, help us to remember that you are with us.

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As we worship today, renew our faith, strengthen our love, and send us out ready to share your peace with the world.
In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**

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CONFESSION:

Gracious God, You know us better than we know ourselves. You know the times when we have trusted you, and the times when fear has taken over. We confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart.

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We have not always loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have been impatient, slow to forgive, and reluctant to show compassion. We have turned away from those in need, kept silent when we should have spoken, and spoken when silence would have been kinder.

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Forgive us for the ways we have hurt others, whether by what we have done or by what we have failed to do. Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Free us from guilt and shame. Give us the courage to begin again, walking in the way of Jesus, sharing his love and living in his peace. **Amen**.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news. God's love is greater than our failures. In Jesus Christ we are offered forgiveness, new life and peace. When we turn to God with honest hearts,

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we are not rejected but welcomed, not condemned but restored. So receive God's forgiveness, trust in God's grace, and live as people who are loved beyond measure. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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NOTICES:

- Tuesday 10.00am to 12 noon - Hope Café
- Wednesday 10.00am - Holy Communion
- Thursday 9.30am -- Tots
- Friday 10.30am to 12 noon -- Food Bank

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COMING UP:

- Sunday 5th July, Fellowship lunch after church
- Tuesday 7 July 7.30pm, Church Council meeting

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SHARING TIME

WHAT HAS GOD DONE THIS WEEK?

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OFFERTORY SONG:

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O Lord Your Word
is eternal
Standing firm in the
heaven's above
Your faithfulness shall
continue
Your promise of love.

O Lord Your Word
will sustain me
Day by day, O giver
of life
I will delight in
Your promise
Your promise of love.

Only Your Word brings
healing to the hurting
Only Your Word brings
light into the night
Only Your Word will satisfy
my hunger
Only Your Word O Lord
It's Your promise of love.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We say together the words on the screen:

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Gracious God, take what we offer today—our time, our talents, our treasure— and use them to make a difference in our world. Accept these gifts as a sign of our hearts. May they bring hope and help to those in need. Amen

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PRAYER FOR SUNDAY CLUB:

Loving God, thank you for every young person in our church family. As they go to Sunday Club, be with them. Help them to have fun, to make friends, to ask questions,

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and to discover more about your love for them. Bless those who lead and help today. Give them wisdom, patience and joy as they share the good news of Jesus. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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READING:

Luke 8: 49 – 56
Followed by

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

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REFLECTION:

“DON’T BE AFRAID – JUST BELIEVE”

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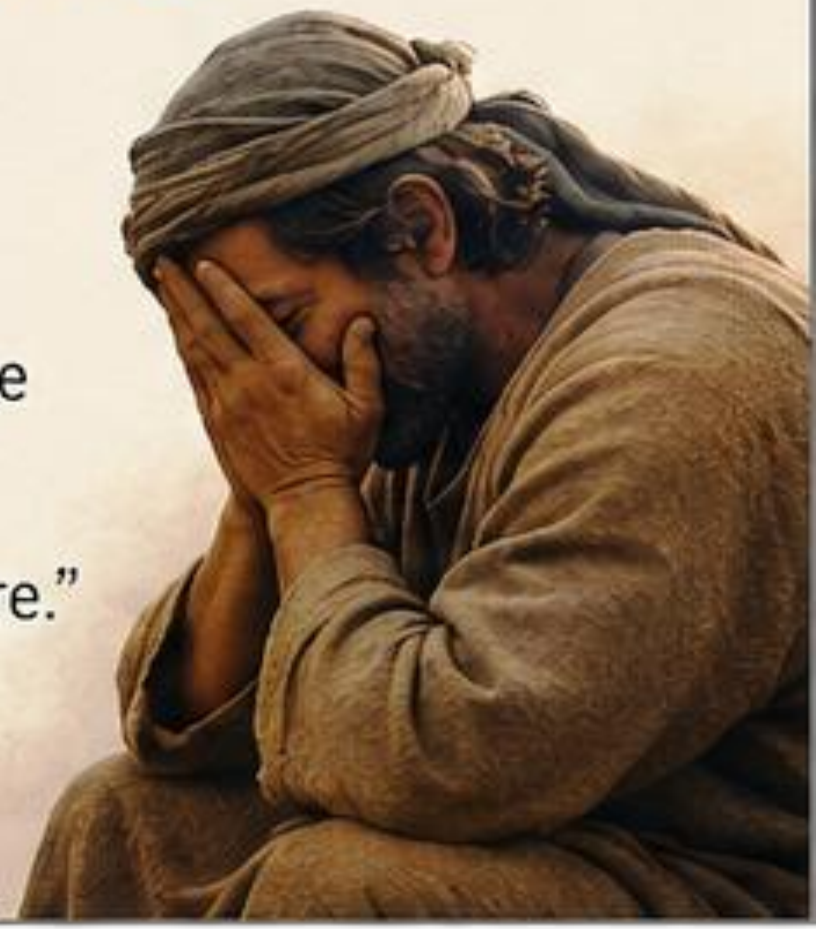
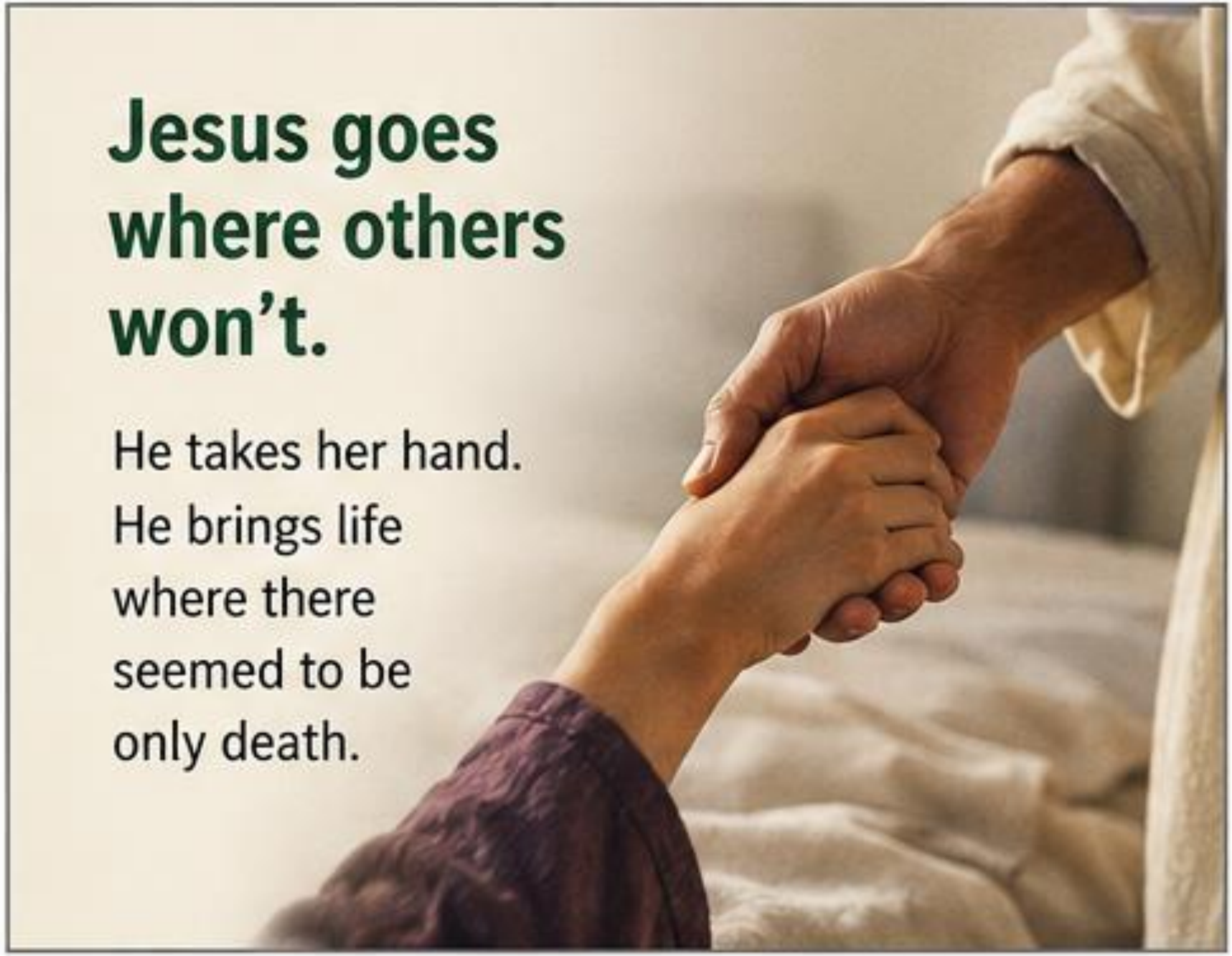
Don't Be Afraid.
Just Believe.
LUKE 8:49–56

When fear has the last word ...

- A desperate father
- A frightening delay
- A devastating message
- Voices that say, “Don’t bother any more.”



Jesus says:
“Don’t be afraid;
just believe.”
Faith is trust –
even when
we can’t see
the way ahead.

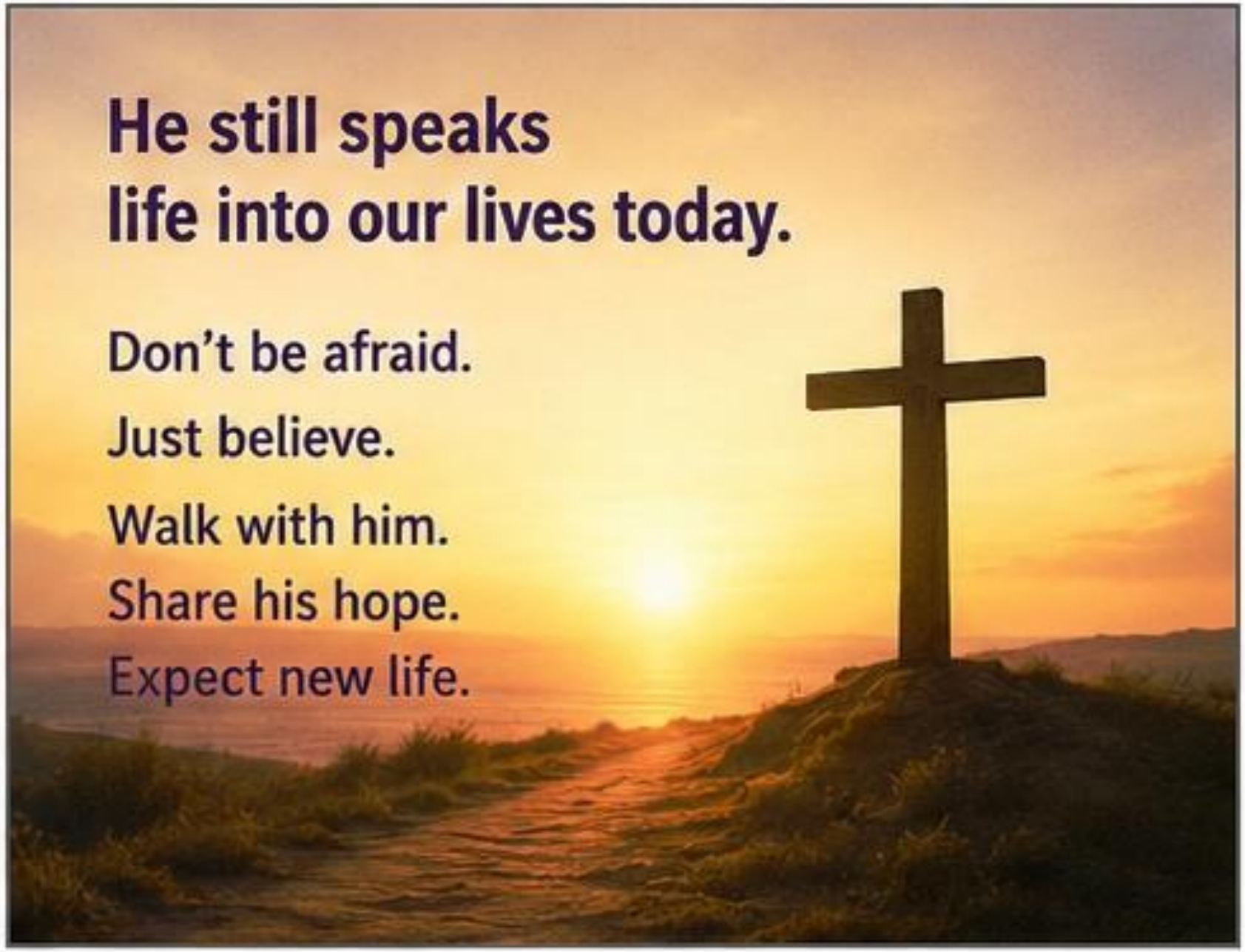

Jesus goes where others won't.
He takes her hand.
He brings life where there seemed to be only death.

New life,
then everyday life.

Hope is stronger
than fear

God cares for
the ordinary

We are called to carry
this hope to others


He still speaks
life into our lives today.
Don’t be afraid.
Just believe.
Walk with him.
Share his hope.
Expect new life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

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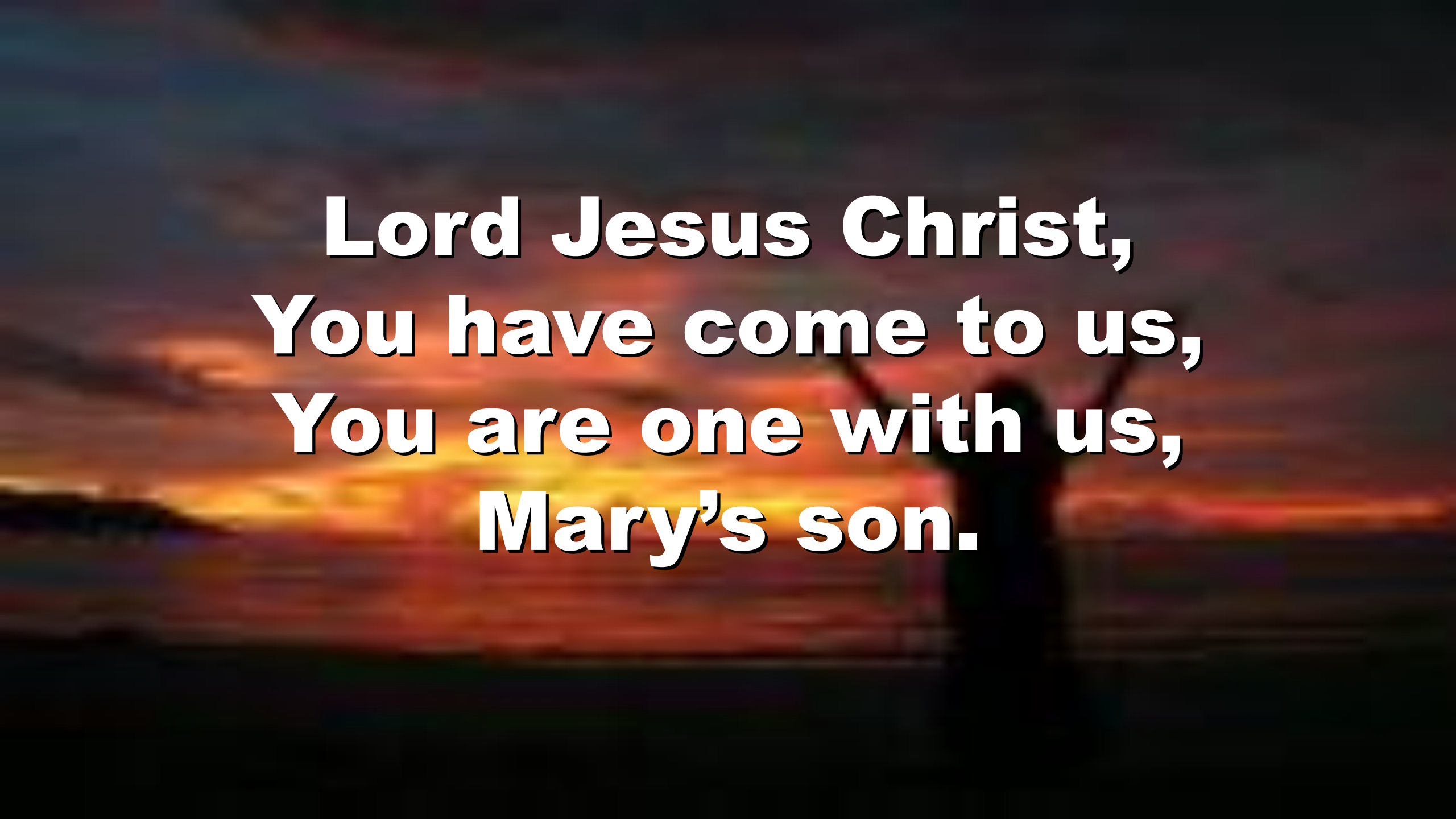
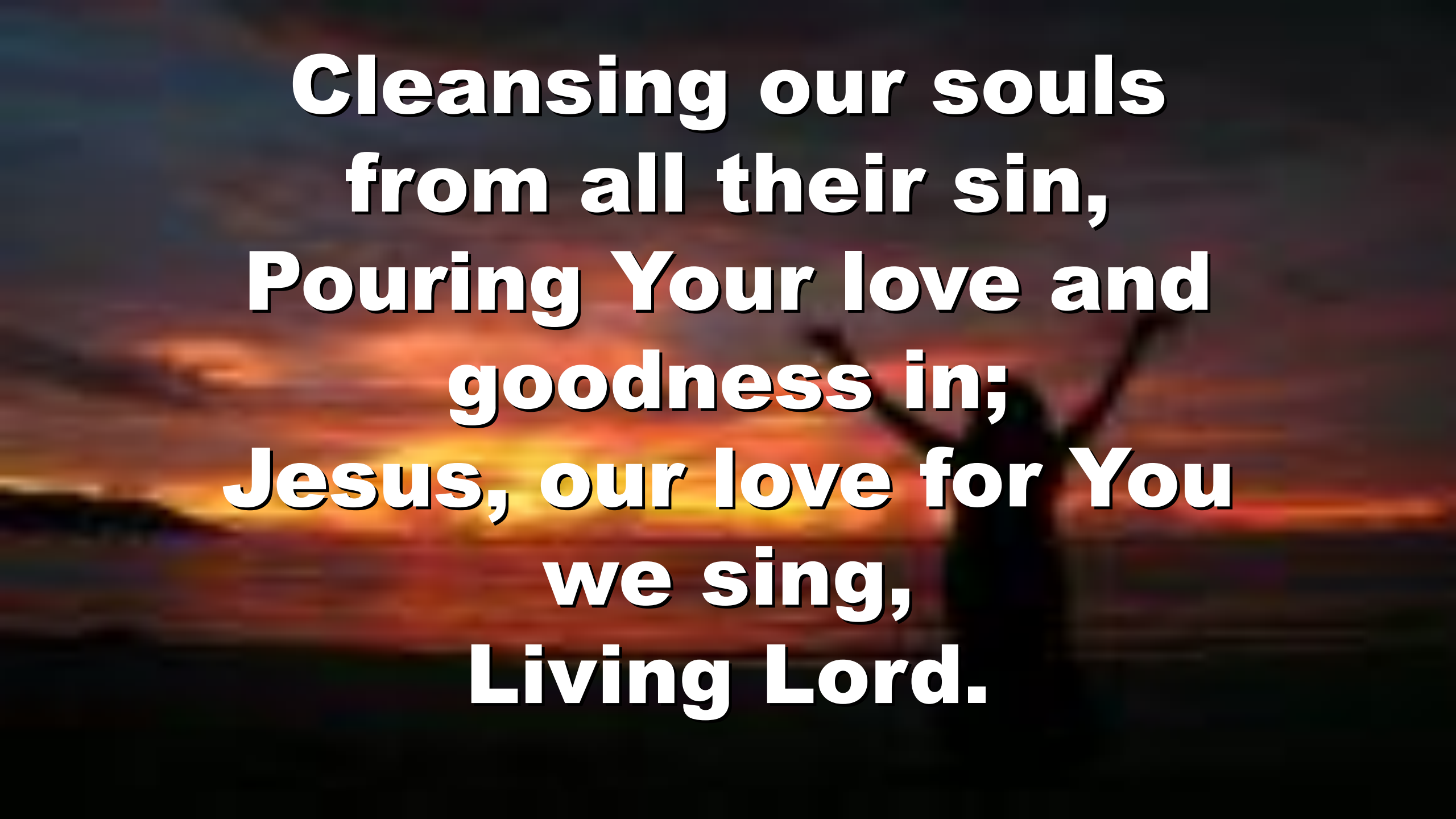
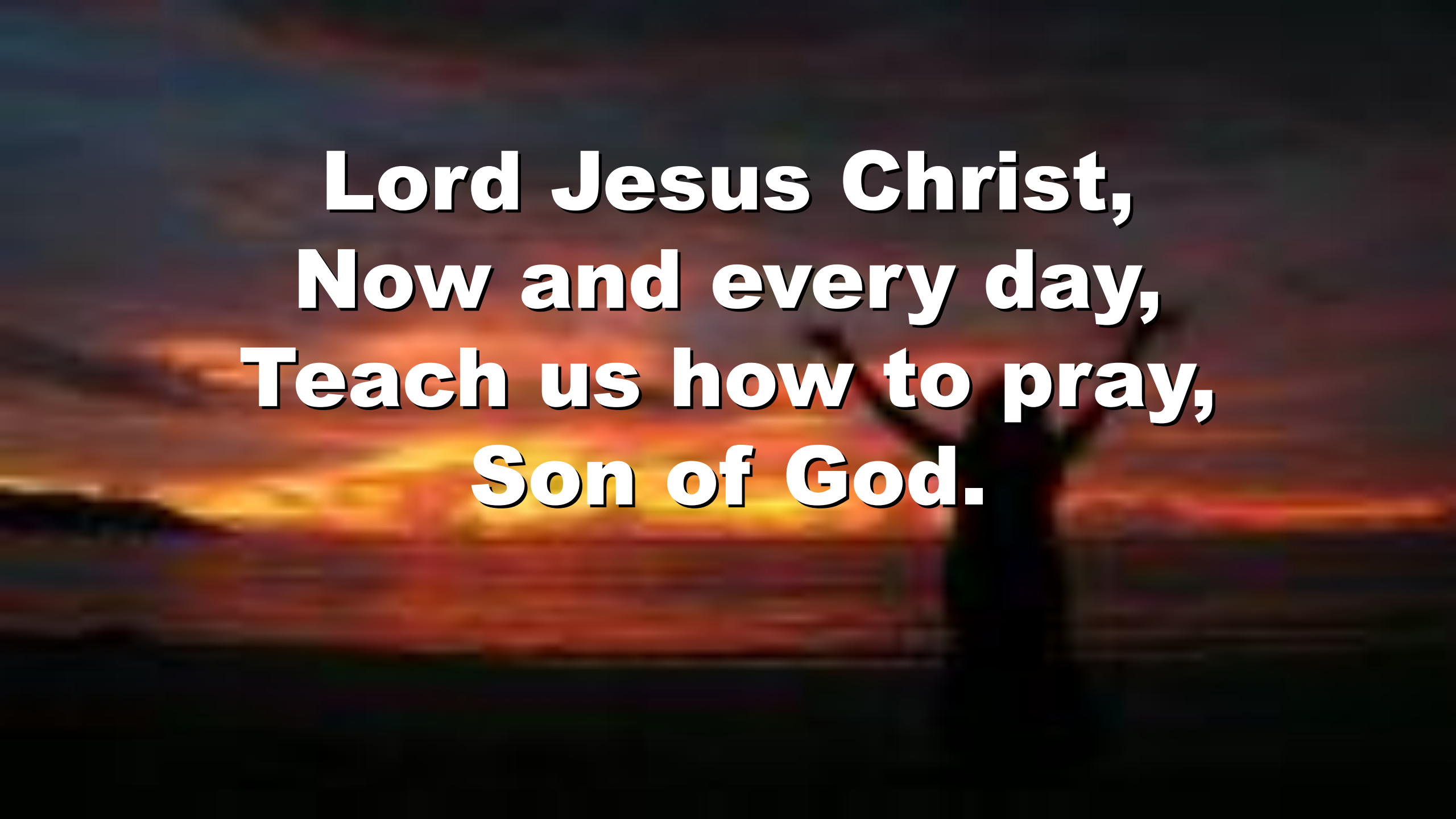
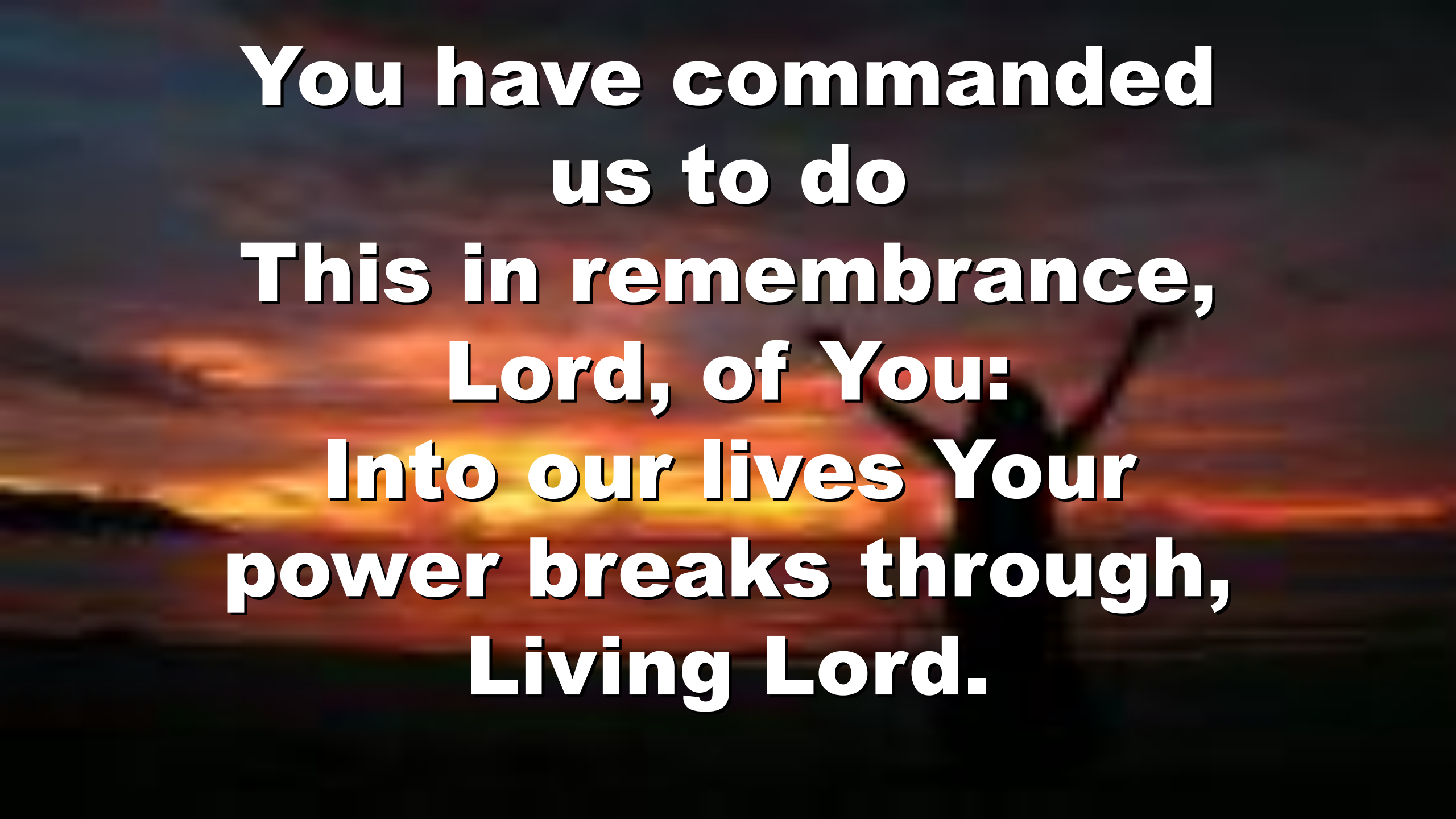
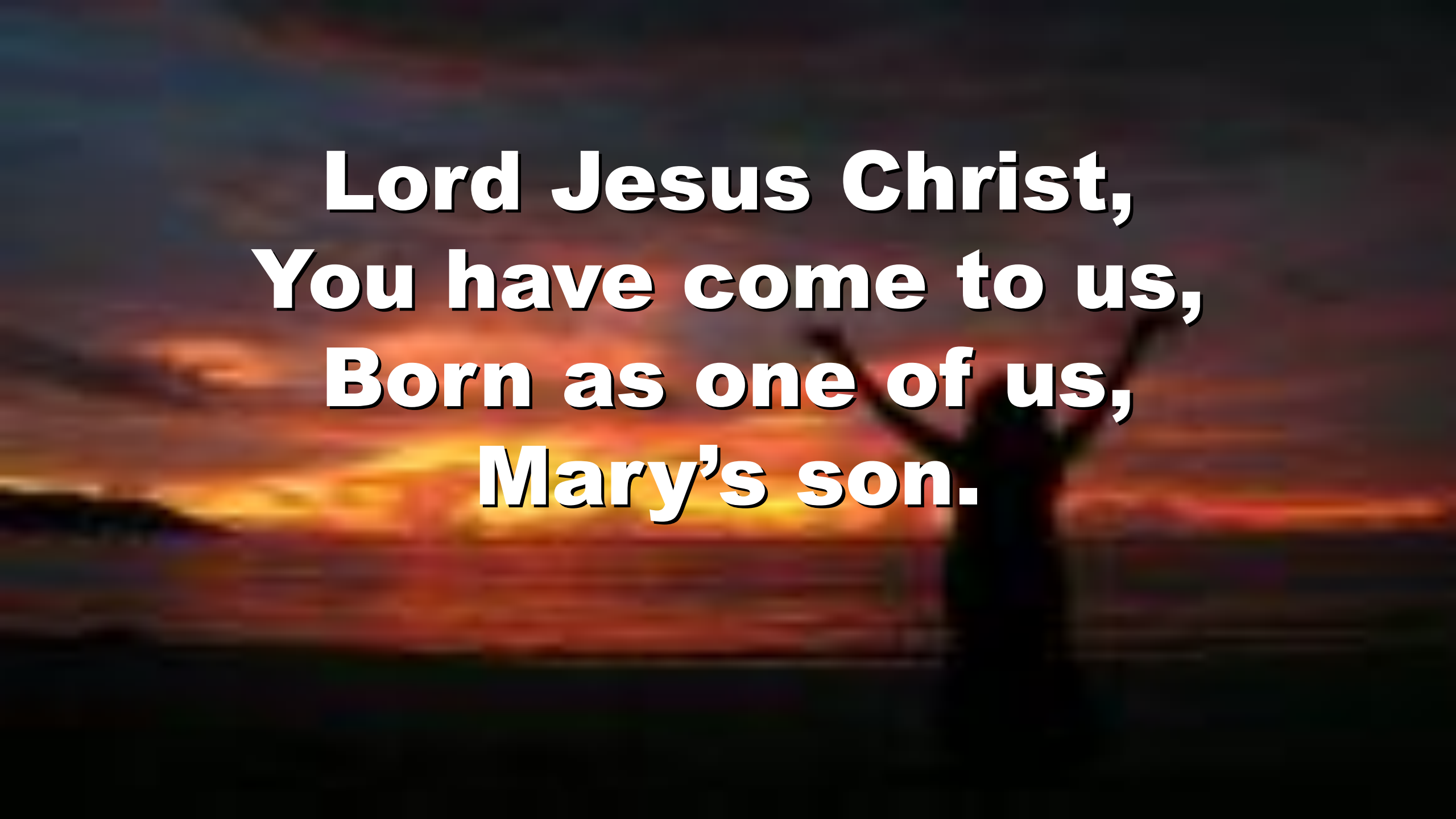

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's son.


Cleansing our souls
from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and
goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You
we sing,
Living Lord.


Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day,
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.


You have commanded
us to do
This in remembrance,
Lord, of You:
Into our lives Your
power breaks through,
Living Lord.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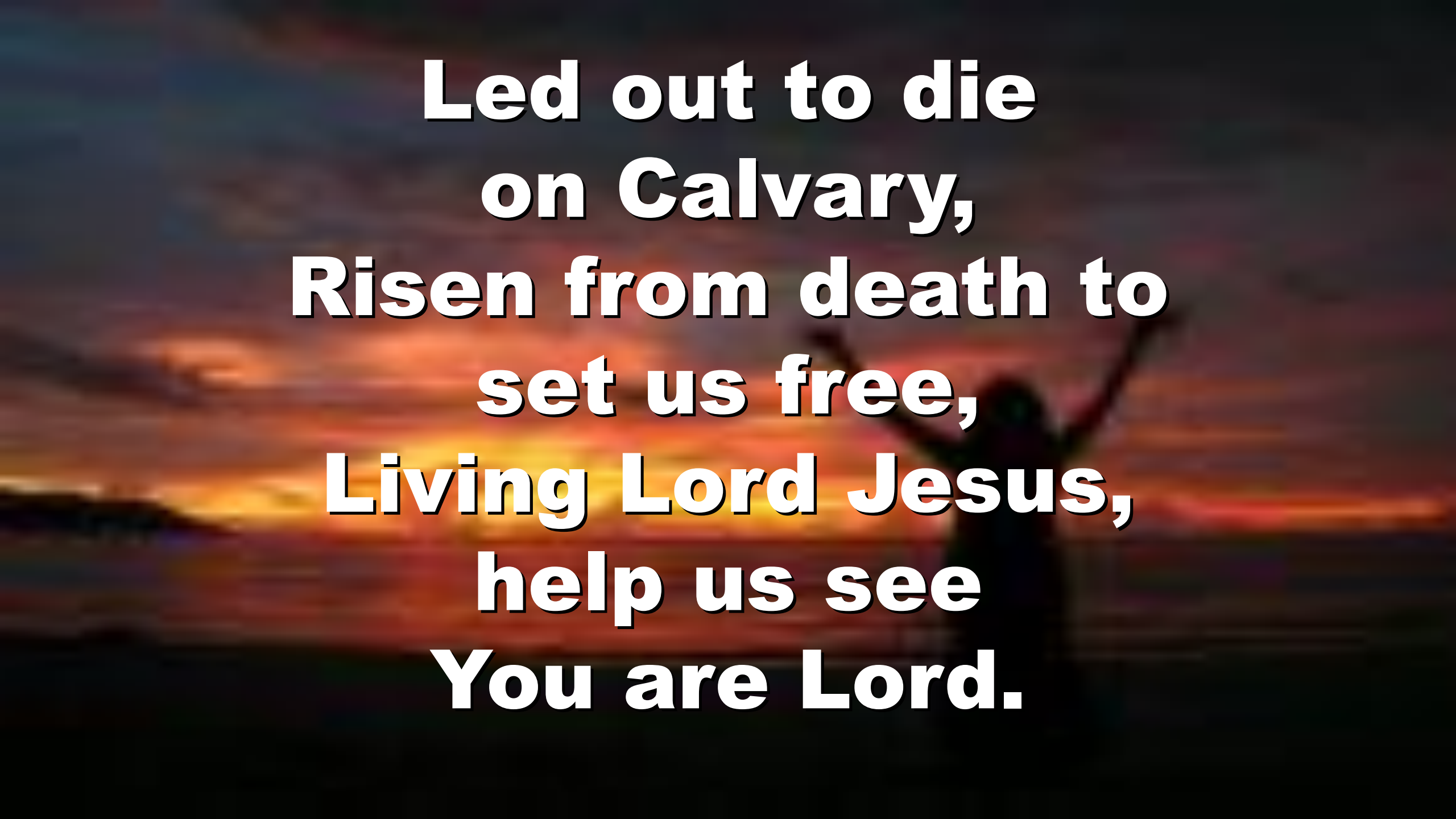
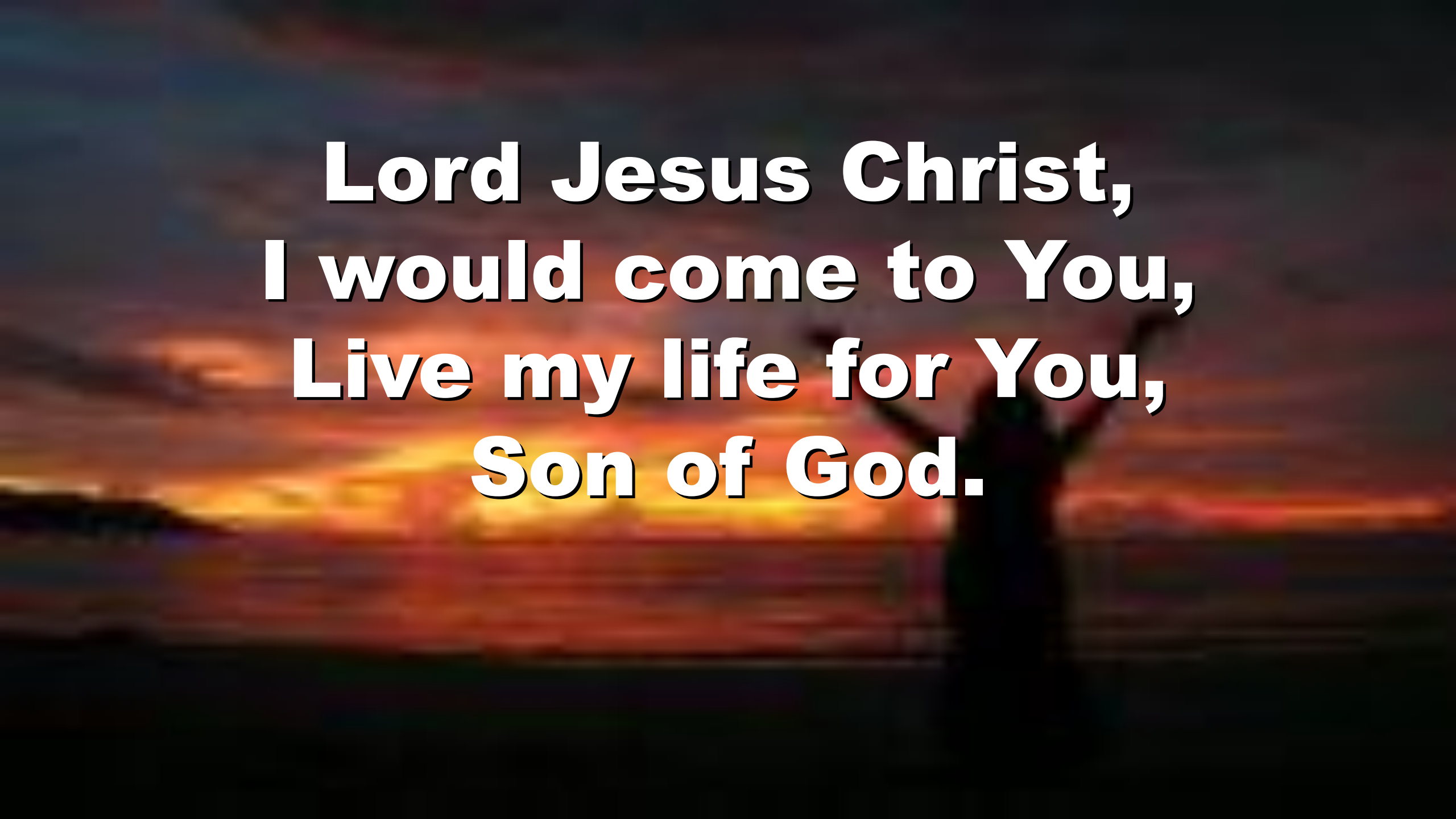
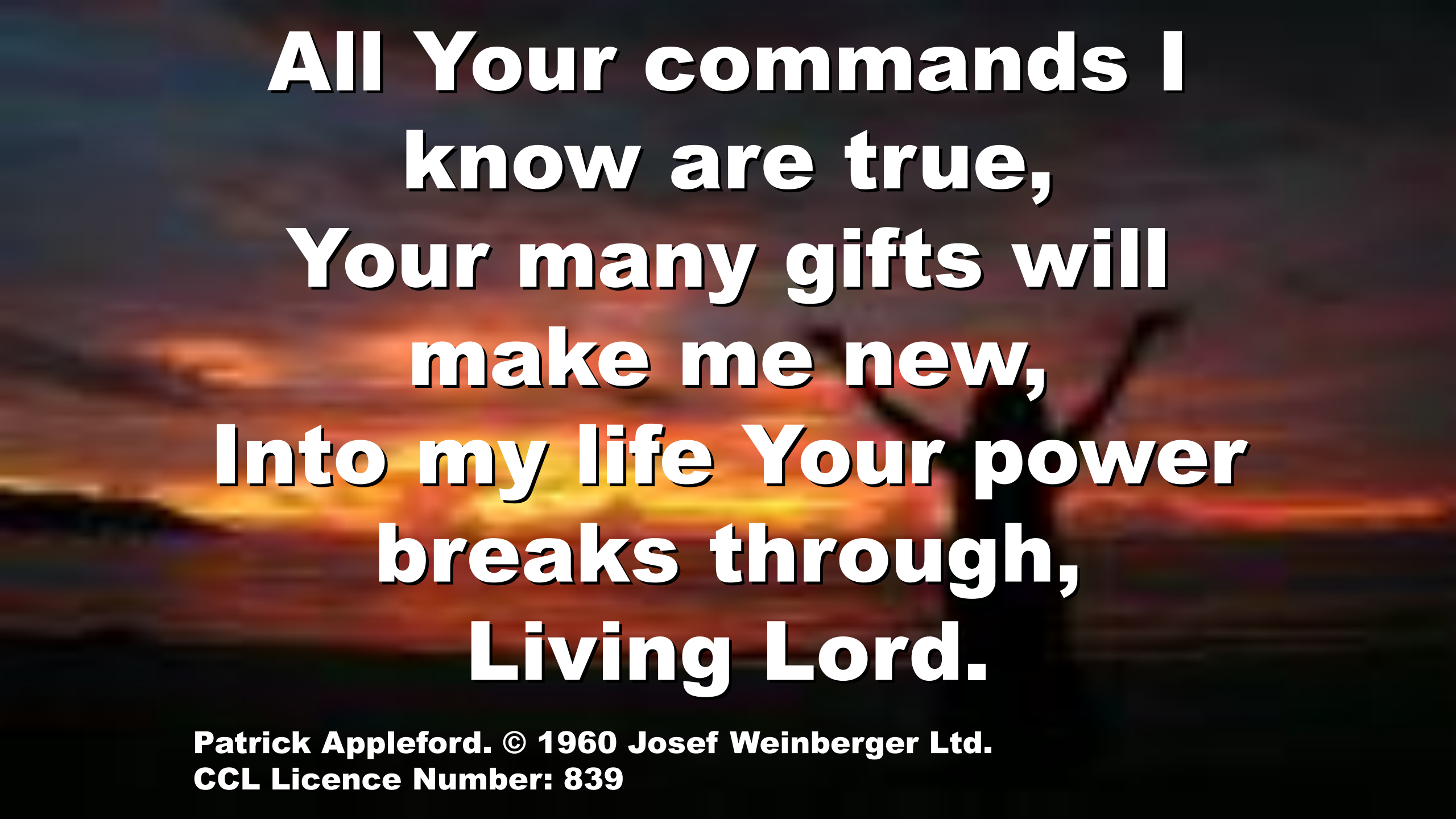
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's son.


Led out to die
on Calvary,
Risen from death to
set us free,
Living Lord Jesus,
help us see
You are Lord.


Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to You,
Live my life for You,
Son of God.



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THE PEACE:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace *(Colossians 3:15)*

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The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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HOLY COMMUNION:

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

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In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

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On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

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Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

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At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

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Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

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As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

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With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

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**but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

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THE BREAKING OF BREAD:

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

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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

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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.

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

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CLOSING SONG:

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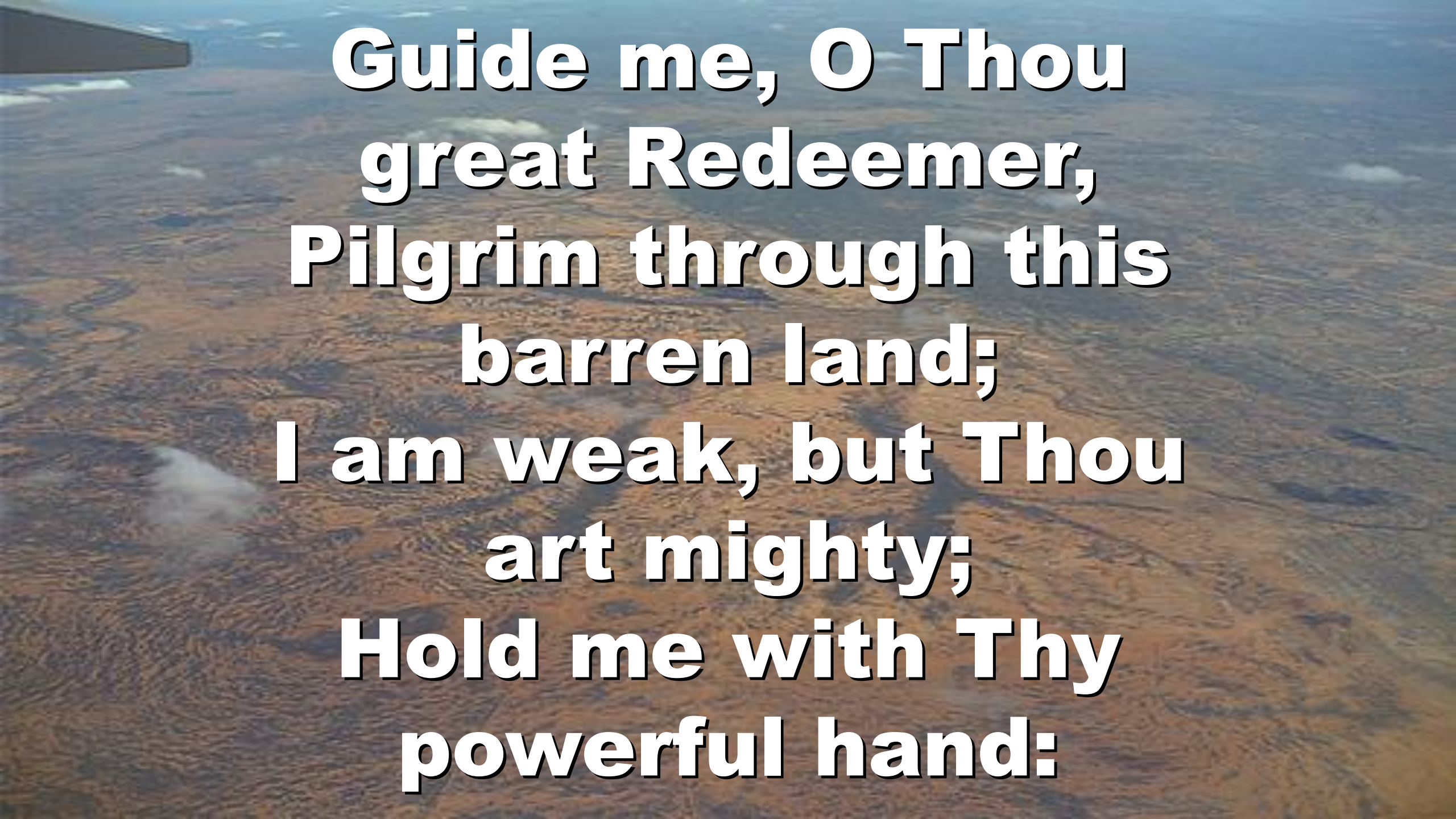
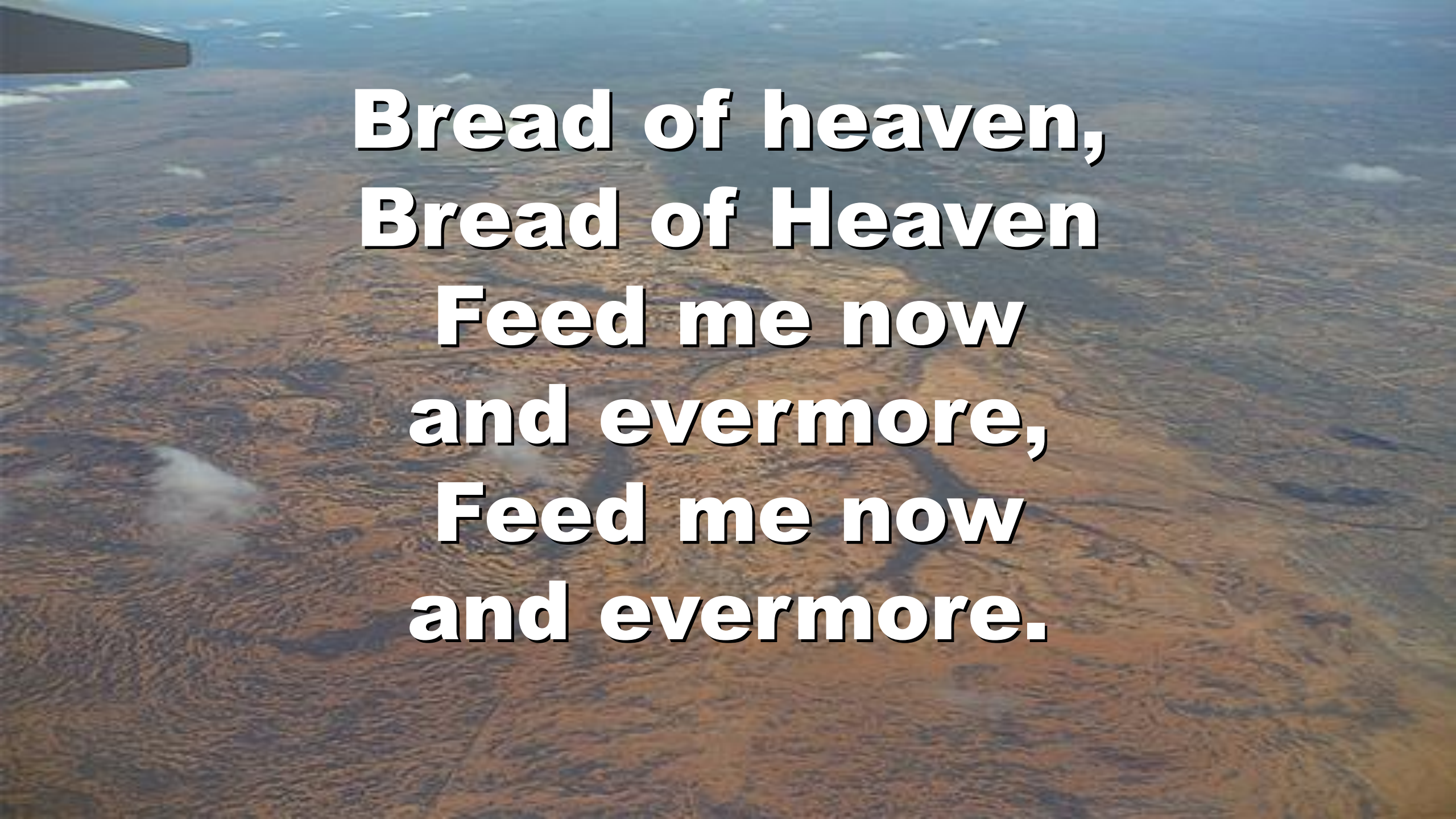
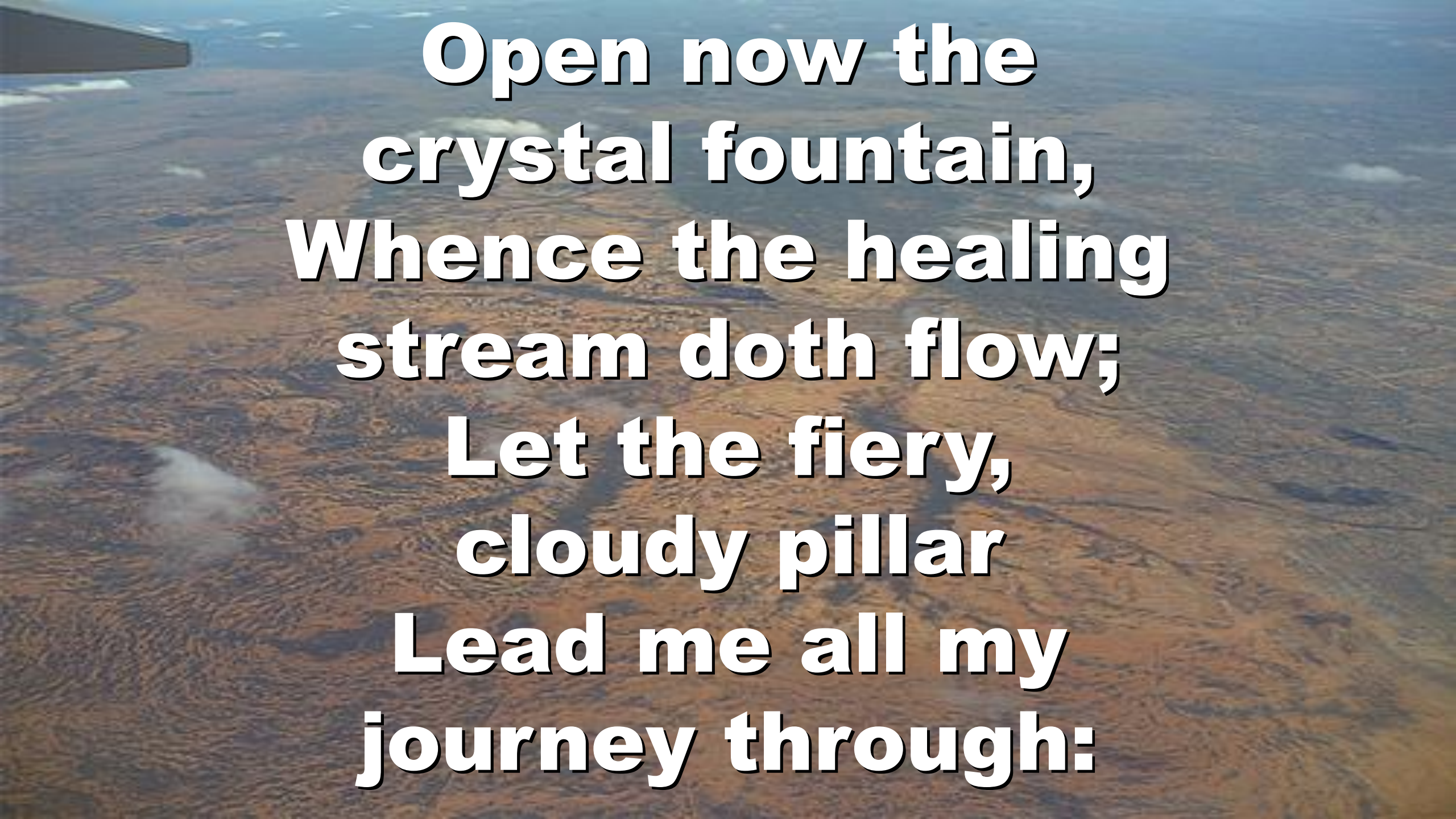
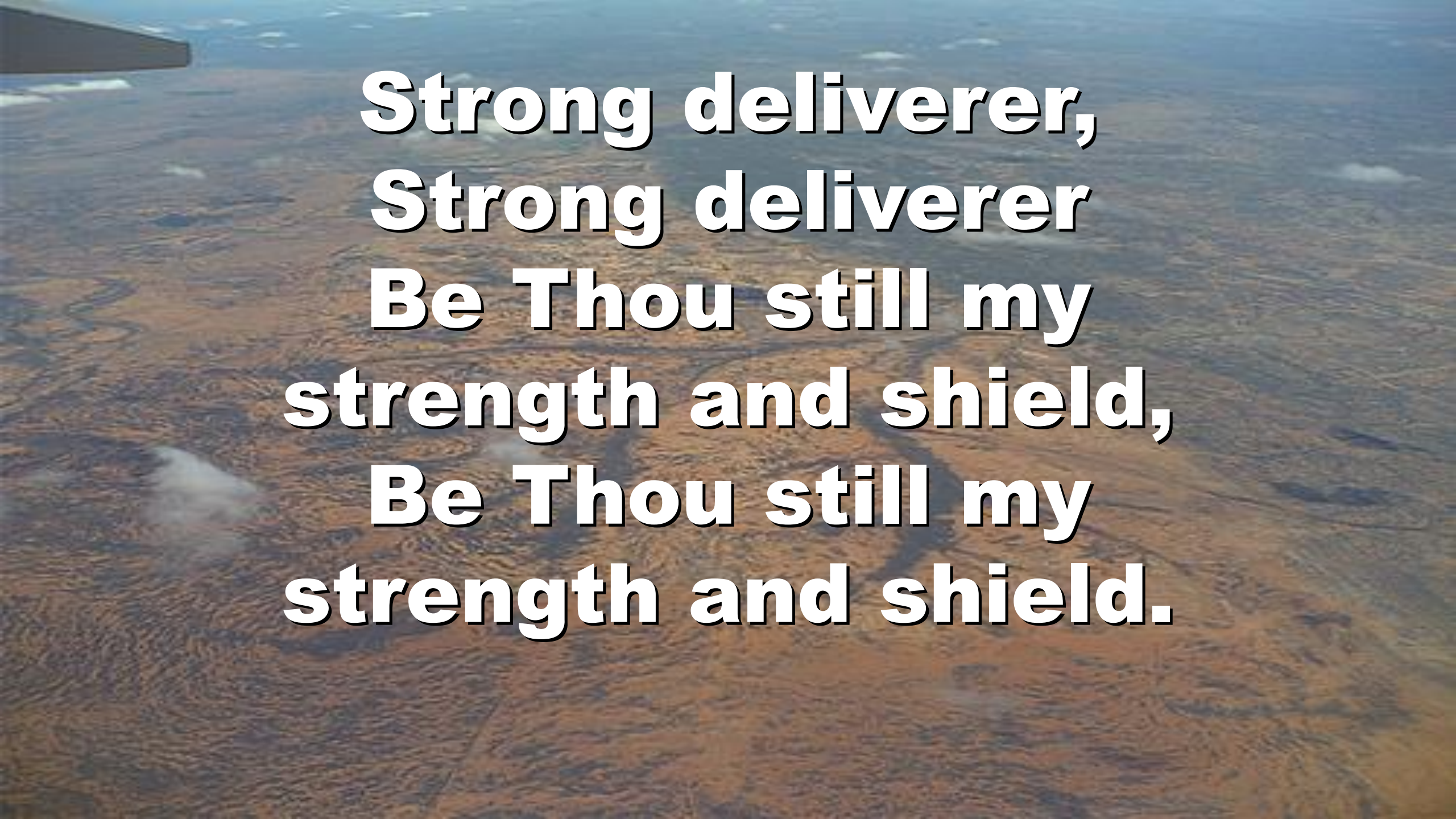
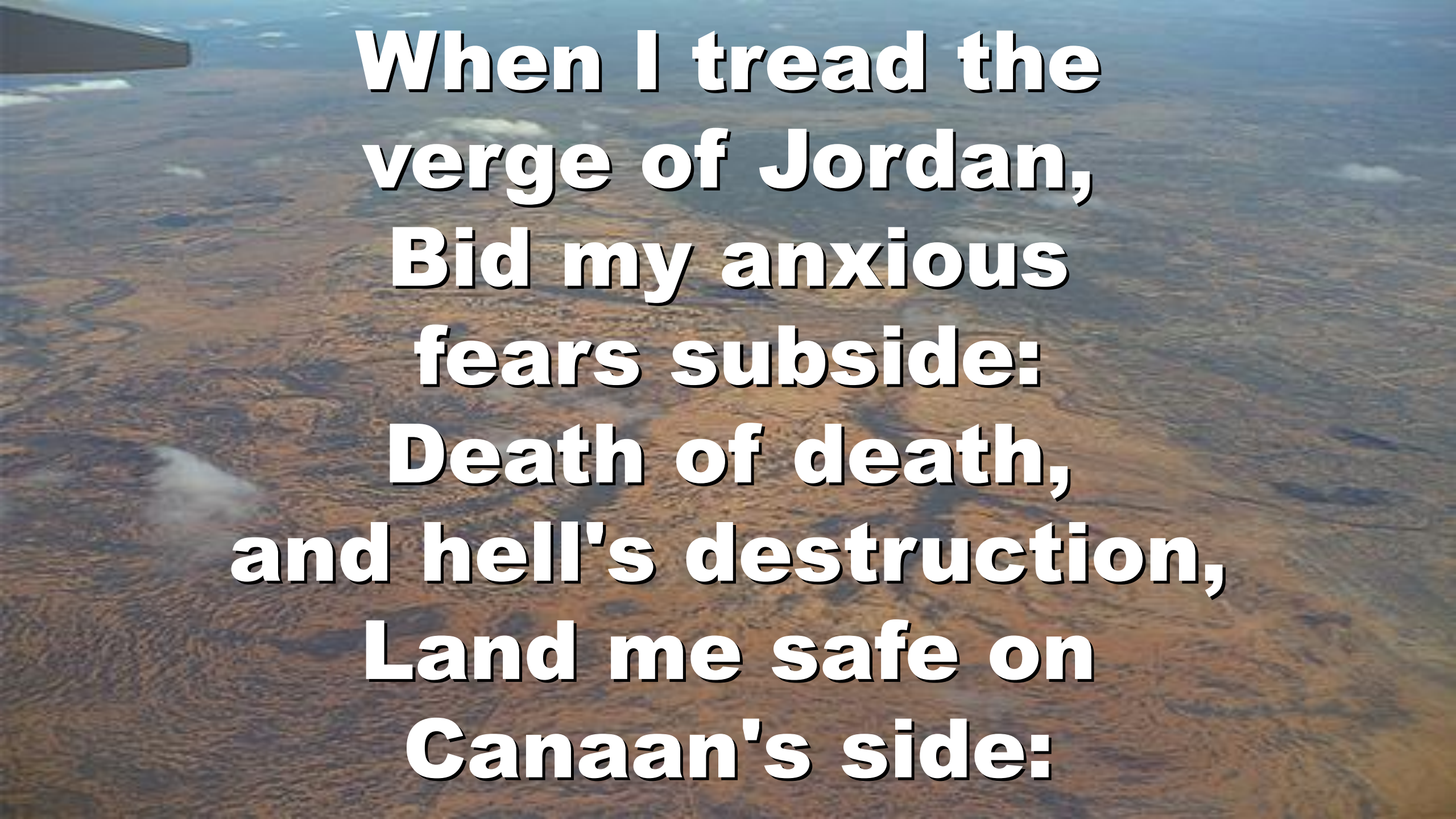
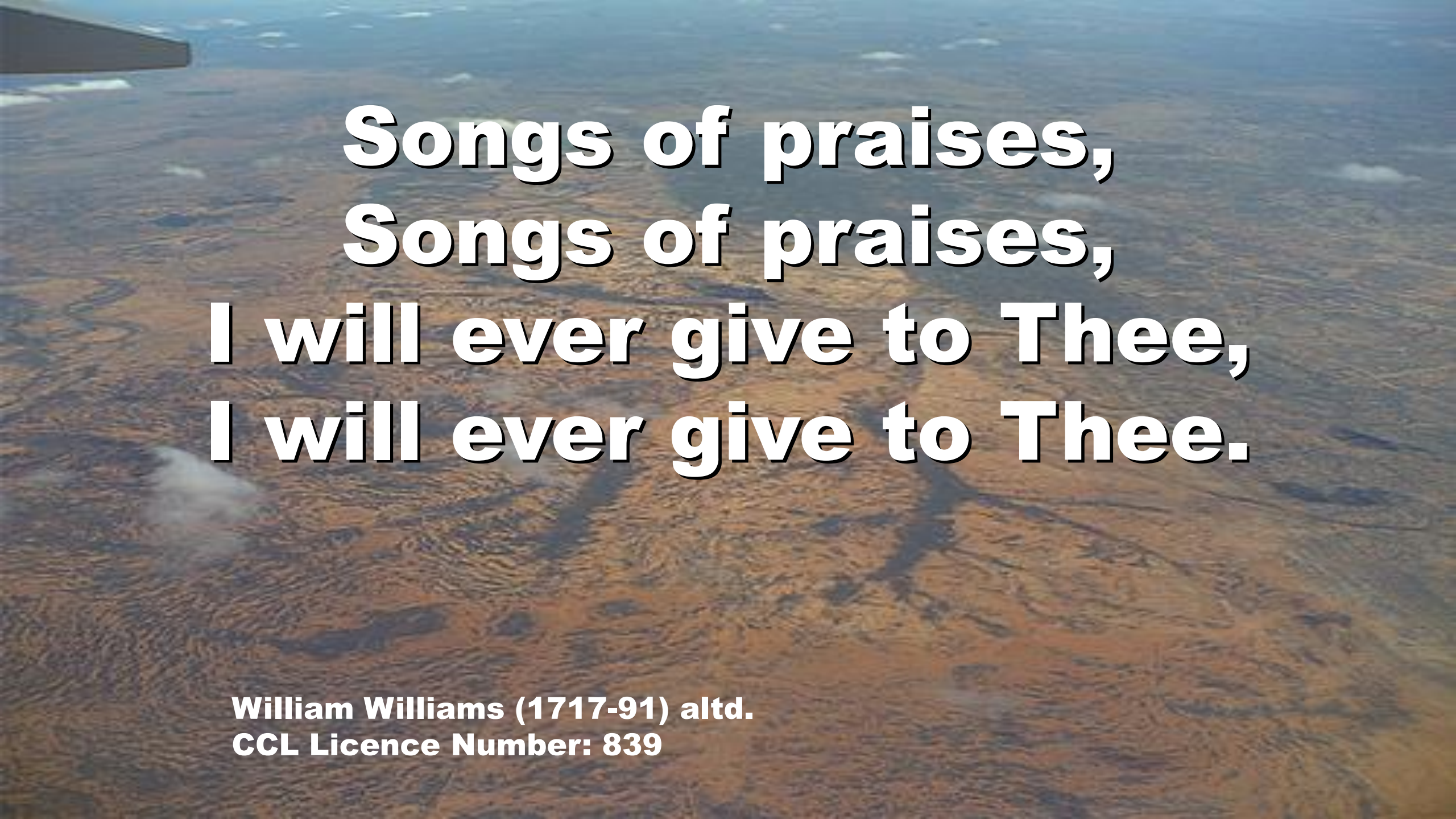

Guide me, O Thou
great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this
barren land;
I am weak, but Thou
art mighty;
Hold me with Thy
powerful hand:


Bread of heaven,
Bread of Heaven
Feed me now
and evermore,
Feed me now
and evermore.


Open now the
crystal fountain,
Whence the healing
stream doth flow;
Let the fiery,
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.


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:



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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING:

Faithful God, thank you for meeting us today. As we leave this place, help us to carry your hope into the week ahead. When we meet fear, help us to choose trust.

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When we meet sadness, help us to bring compassion. When we meet division, help us to be peacemakers. Take us by the hand, lead us in your love, and help us to recognise the new life you are bringing, often in quiet and unexpected ways. **Amen**.

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And now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us, and those we love, and those we find difficult to love, today and always. **Amen**.

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Go in peace to love and serve and share the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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