

JESUS IS

SERIOUS ABOUT FAITH

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The background of the image is a dark blue night sky filled with stars. A prominent, bright star with a four-pointed starburst effect is positioned in the upper center. Below the text, the silhouettes of three figures are visible against the dark sky, appearing to be in a state of worship or prayer. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

A CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-2

L: The heavens declare the
glory of God;

**P: and the firmament shows
His handiwork.**



L: Day unto day utters
speech,

**P: and night unto night
reveals knowledge. Amen**



A man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe over a brown tunic, stands in a desert landscape. He is holding a small brown lamb close to his chest. In the background, a flock of white and black sheep is grazing on a hillside. The sky is overcast and the terrain is arid with low hills.

Savior,
Like a Shepherd
Lead Us

PSALM 23

#381 UMH

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures
feed us,**



**for our use thy
folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us,
thine we are.**

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Thou hast bought us,
thine we are.**



**We are thine, thou dost
befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin
defend us,
seek us when
we go astray.**



**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Hear, O hear us when we pray.**



**Thou hast promised to
receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and
power to free.**



**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
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**Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.**



**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
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Lent

2021





So we reach Jerusalem.

The city of our God.

**Amazing, isn't it, that the
center of the world,
the place that symbolizes the
presence of God, is a city!
A city is people, houses close
together and crowded streets,**

**thorough-fares and commerce,
schools and churches.**

**Sometimes we think we must
leave the city to find Him,
Venture to the isolation of
mountains or forests or lakes.**

But He is here, in the city.

**Forgive us Lord, when we often
escape the city,
if not in body, then in spirit,**

**especially its poor and
homeless and needy,
to seek our comfort and
consolation far from the
brokenness and despair
at the heart of cities.**

**Forgive us Lord that we care so
little for our neighbors,
that we so seldom think of
those we encounter
in the congestion and
busyness of urban life.**

**When Yahweh builds Zion
anew, He will be seen in His
glory; He will answer the
prayer of the abandoned,
He will not scorn their
petitions.**

**When Jesus entered Jerusalem,
the whole city was in turmoil.**

“Who is this?”

**the people asked,
and the crowds answered:**



**This is the prophet Jesus from
Nazareth in Galilee.**

**Jesus from Nazareth, who
loved Jerusalem.**

**He was presented there,
in the temple, as a baby.**

**He visited, so eager
and wise, at twelve.**

**The devil took him to
Jerusalem to tempt him.
In Jerusalem he had cried out
during the Feast of
Tabernacles,**

**“If anyone is thirsty, let them
come to me!”**

**“Jerusalem, Jerusalem,” he says
now, “you that kill the
prophets and stone those who
are sent to you!**

**How often I have longed to
gather your children,
as a hen gathers her chicks
under her wings,
and you refused!”**



Awake, awake!

To your feet, Jerusalem!

Seek the Lord

while He is still to be found,

Call to Him

while He is still near.

Responsive Reading

#751 UMH
Psalm 19:7-14

Leader:

The law of the Lord is
perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE:

the testimony of the Lord is
sure, making wise the
simple;

Leader:

the precepts of the Lord
are right, rejoicing the
heart;

PEOPLE:

the commandment of the
Lord is pure, enlightening
the eyes;

Leader:

the fear of the Lord is
clean, enduring for ever;

PEOPLE:

the ordinances of the Lord
are true, and righteous
altogether.

Leader:

More to be desired
than gold, even much
fine gold;

PEOPLE:

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the
honeycomb.

Leader:

Moreover by them is your
servant warned; in keeping
them there is great
reward.

PEOPLE:

But who can understand
one's own errors? Clear me
from hidden faults.

Leader:

Also keep your servant
from the insolent; let them
not have dominion over
me!

PEOPLE:

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great
transgression.

PEOPLE:

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer. Amen.



THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water. Their arms are raised high in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. In the clear blue sky above, a white dove is visible, symbolizing peace or the Holy Spirit. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual joy and celebration.

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People



THE LORD'S

OUR FATHER, WHO ART
IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE
THY NAME. THY KINGDOM
COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON
EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE
US OUR TRESPASSES AS

PRAYER

WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO
TRESPASS AGAINST US,
AND LEAD US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER
US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE
IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE
POWER, AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER. AMEN.

Children's Time!

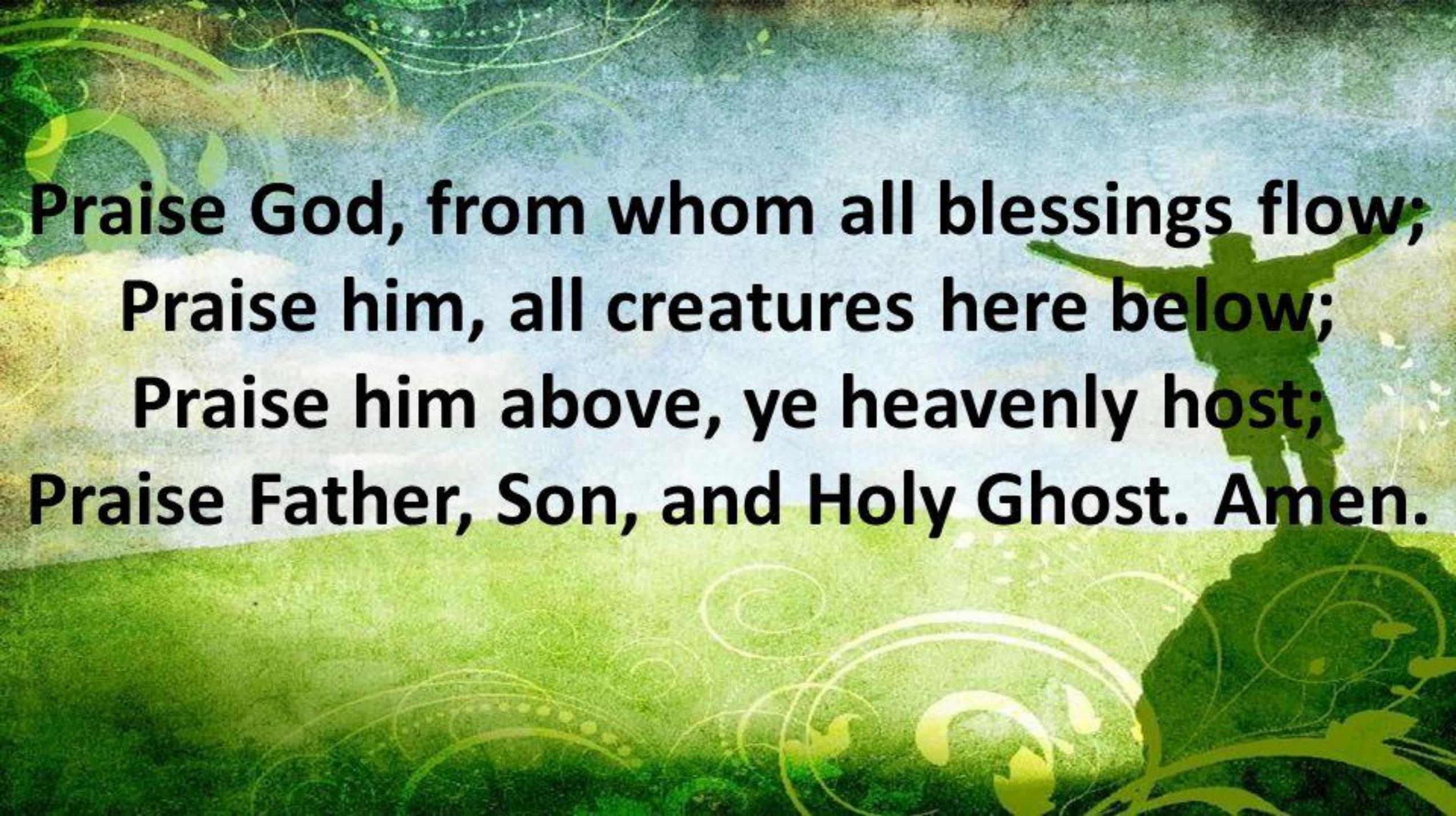
JESUS

LOVES the little
children...

with Bob

OFFERING

AN ACT OF WORSHIP



**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



Affirmation
of Faith



#881 UMH

**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 the life everlasting.
Amen.**

A misty landscape with a green field, trees, and a bright sun in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft glow and long shadows. The trees are silhouetted against the light, and the mist adds a sense of depth and atmosphere.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven,
to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!**

**Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe
thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.**

**Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

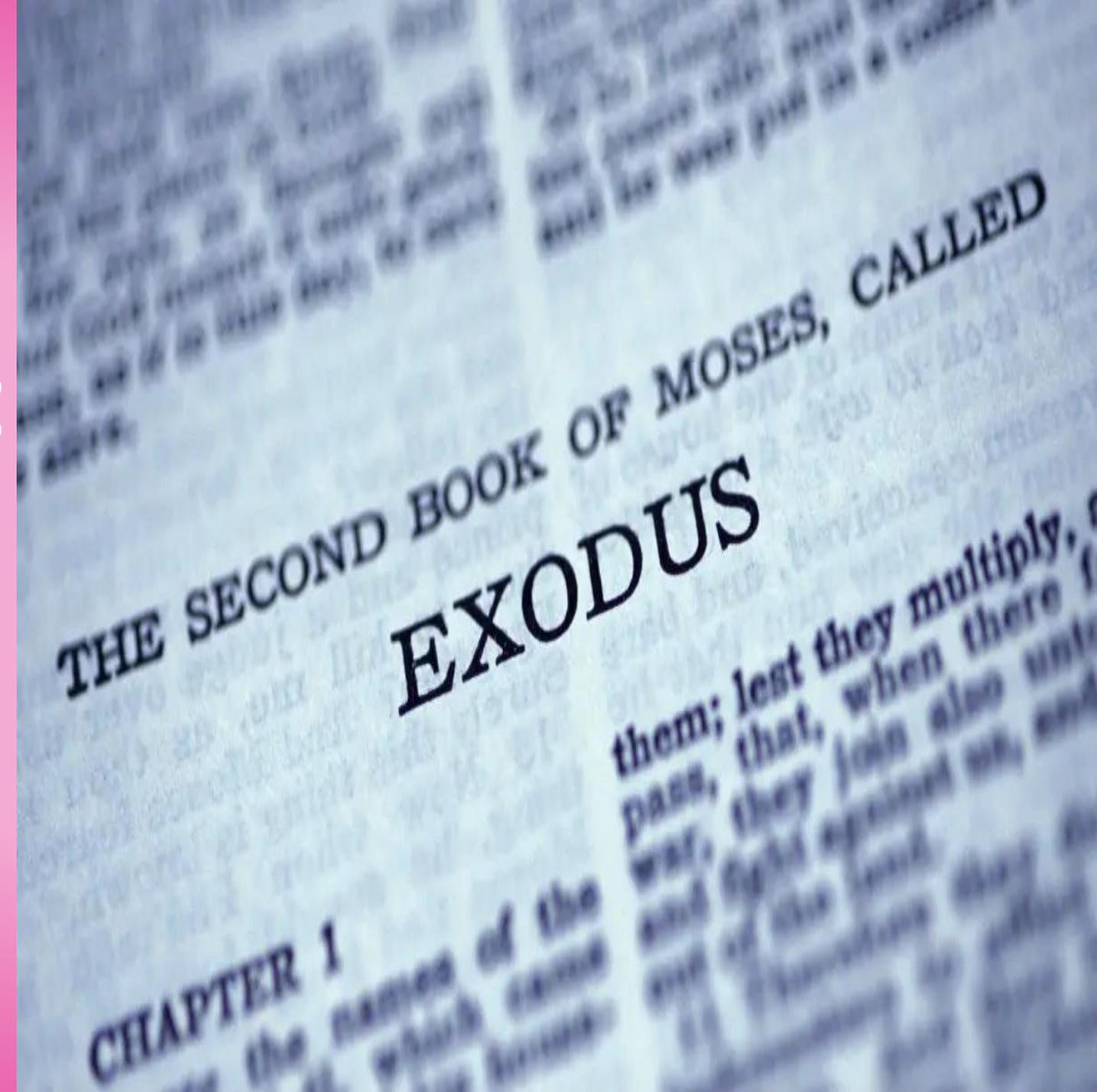
**Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

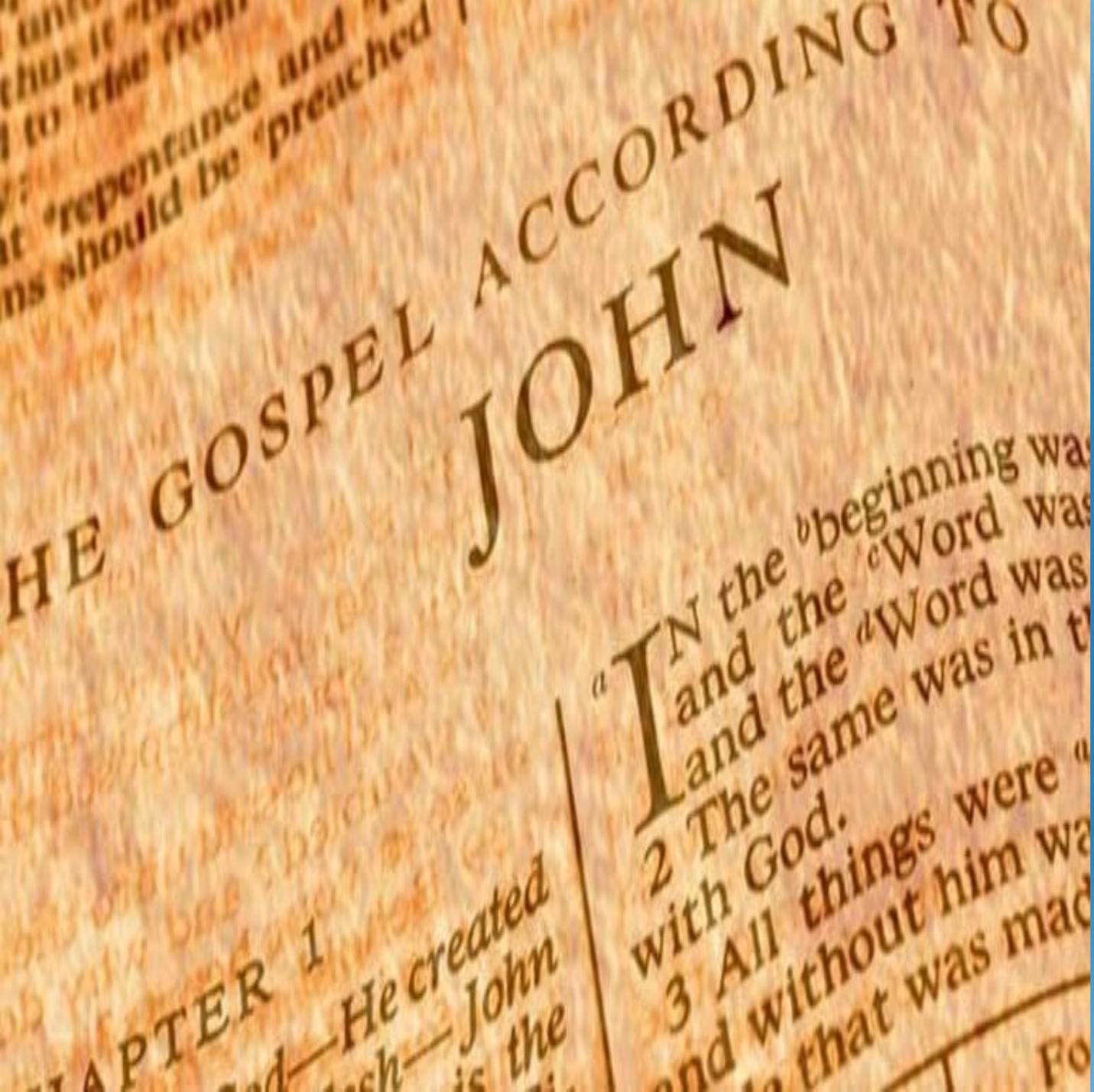
**Thee we would
be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise
thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;**

**changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast
our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

OLD TESTAMENT:
EXODUS
2:11-22



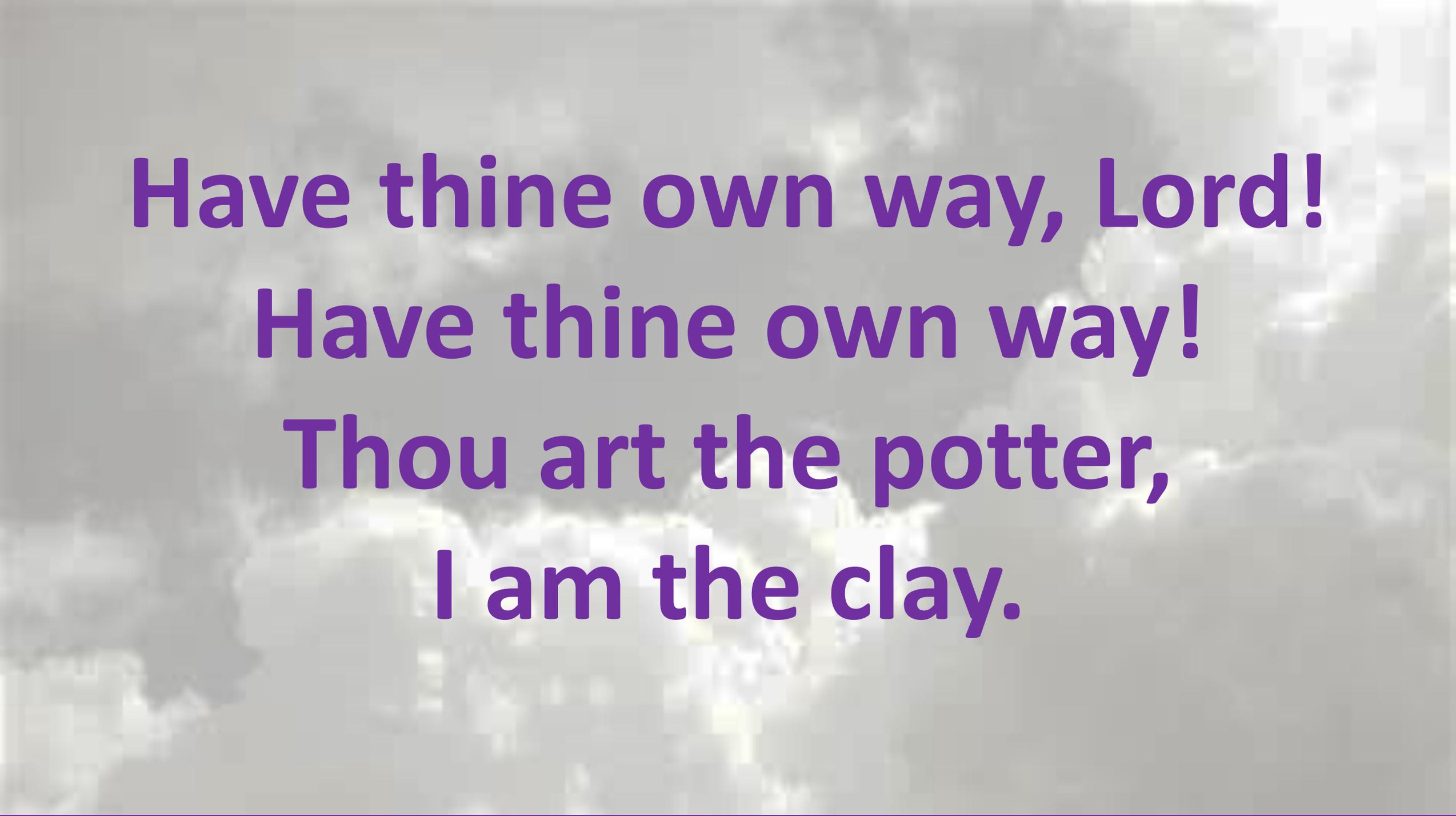


NEW
TESTAMENT:
JOHN
2:13-22



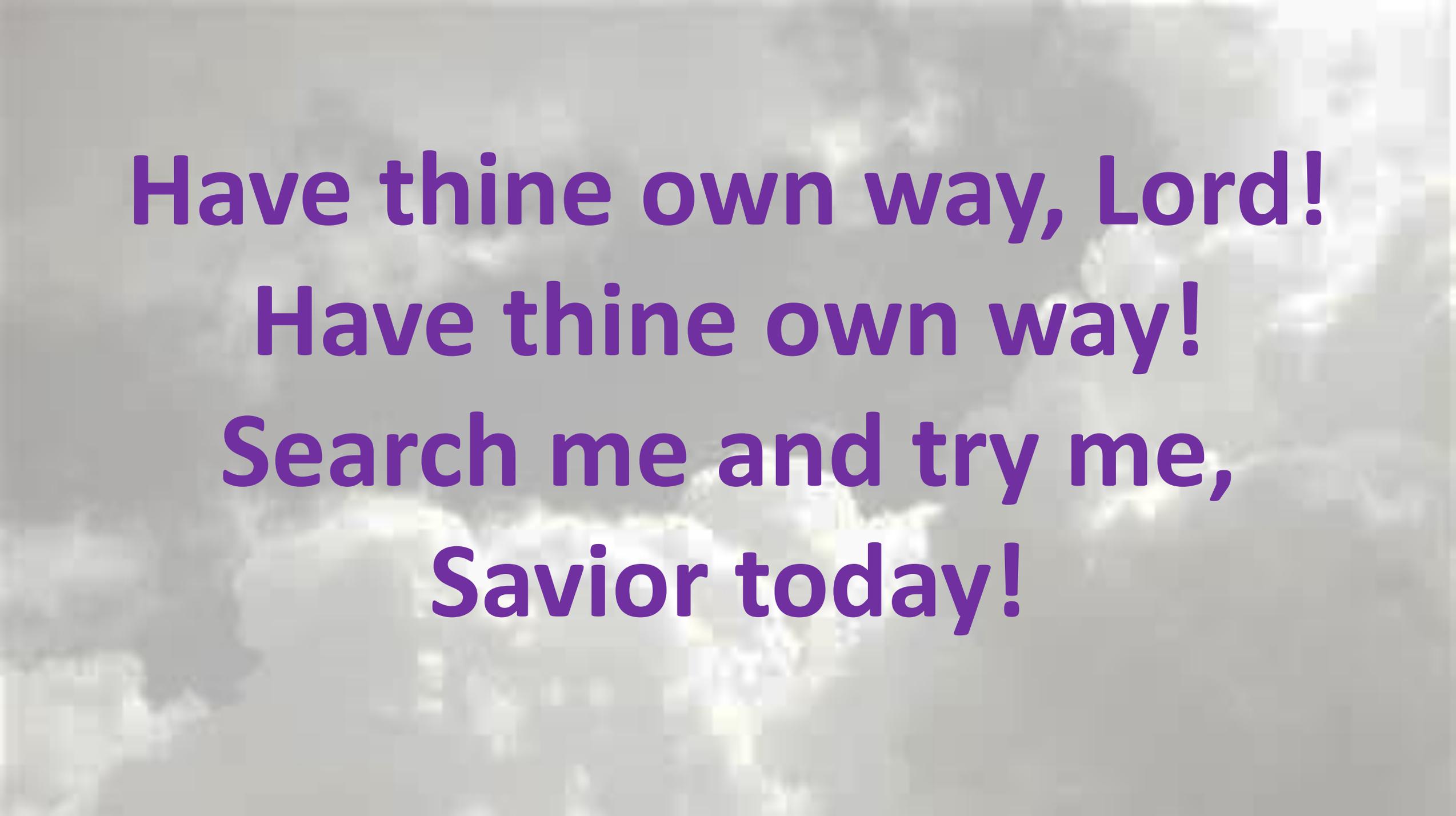
HAVE
THINE
OWN WAY,
LORD

UMH #382



**Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.**



Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!

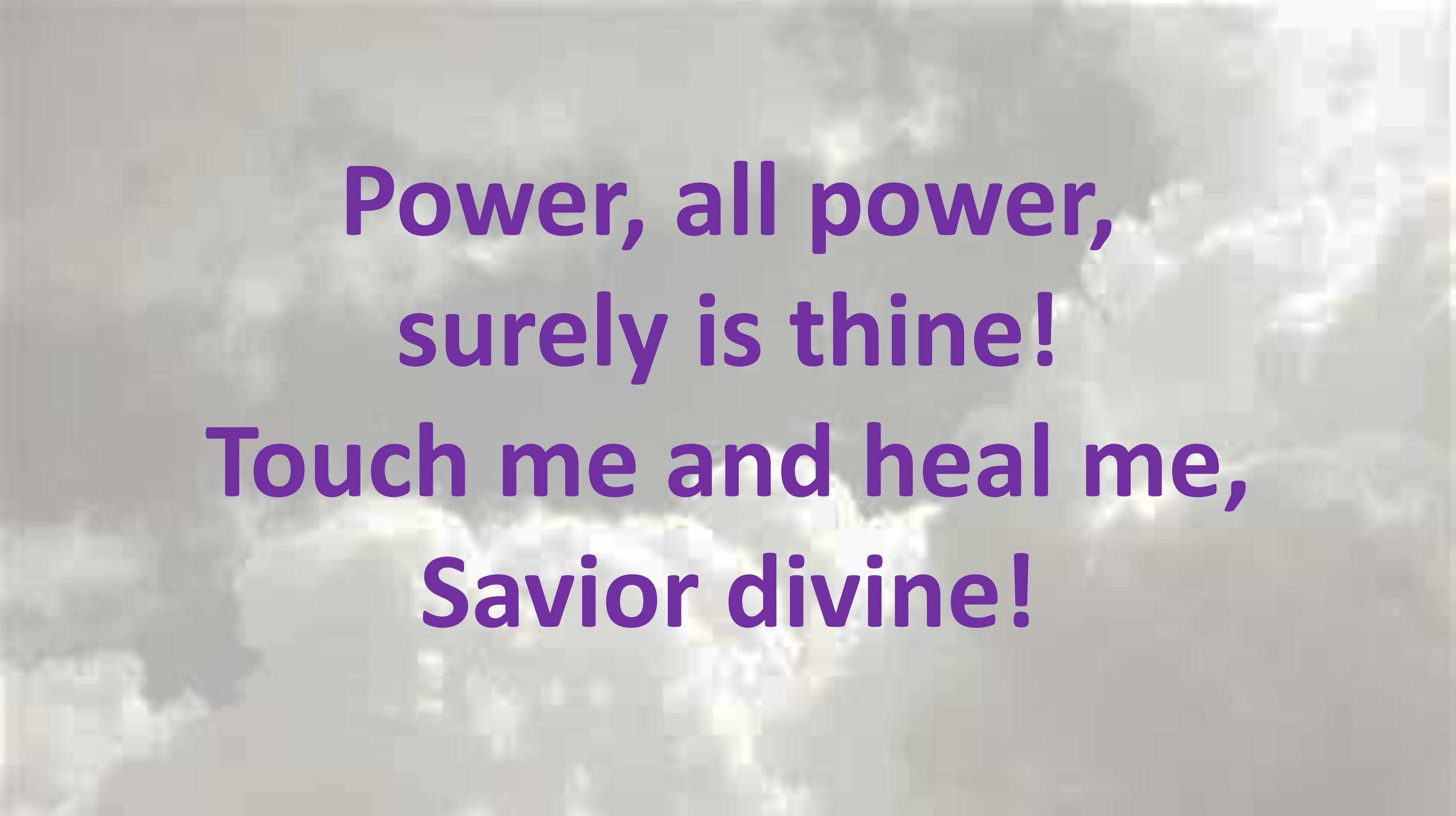
**Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.**

Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary,

help me I pray!



**Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.**



**Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!**

Today's Message

Cleaning the Temple

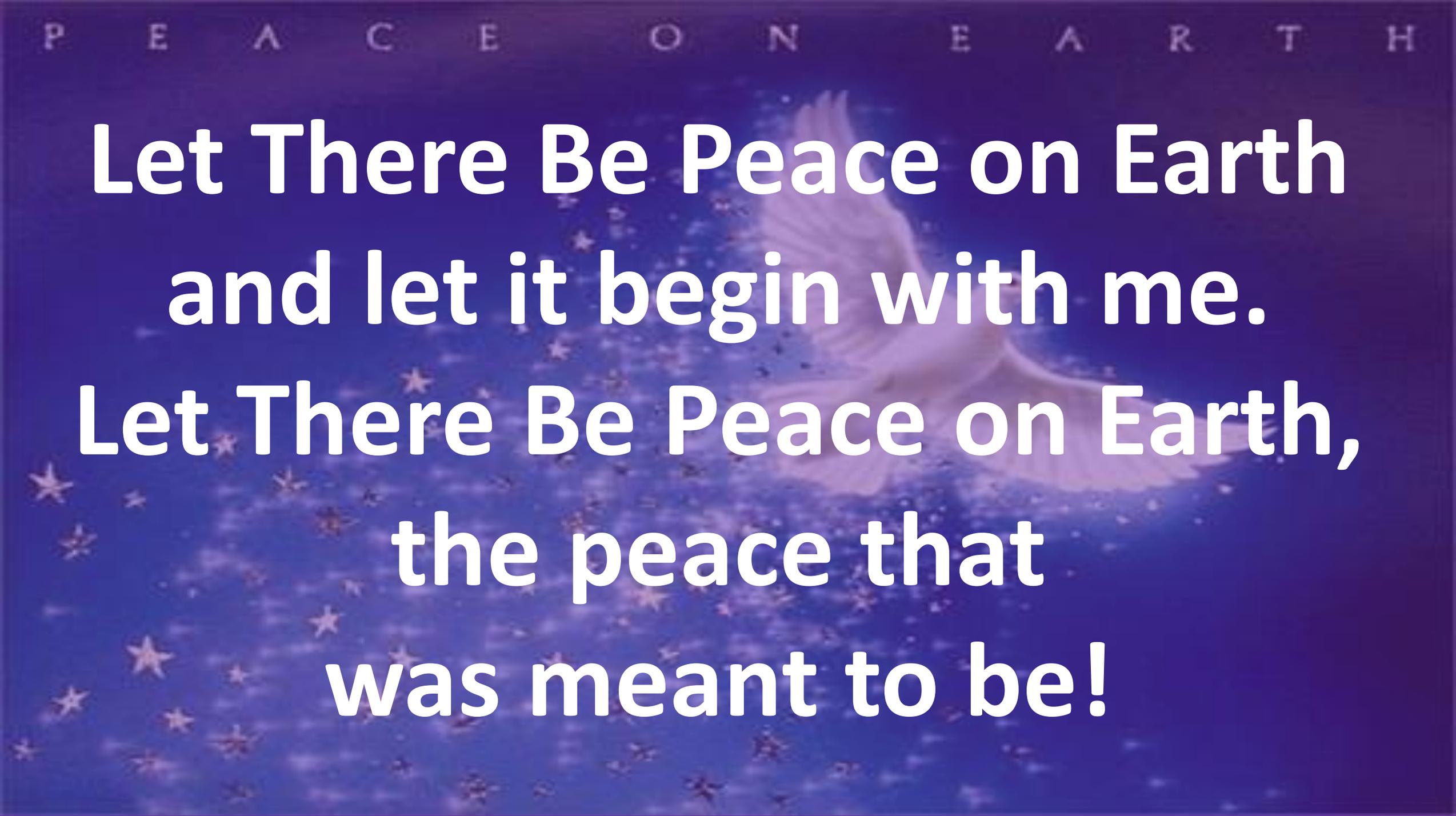
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Let There Be Peace on Earth

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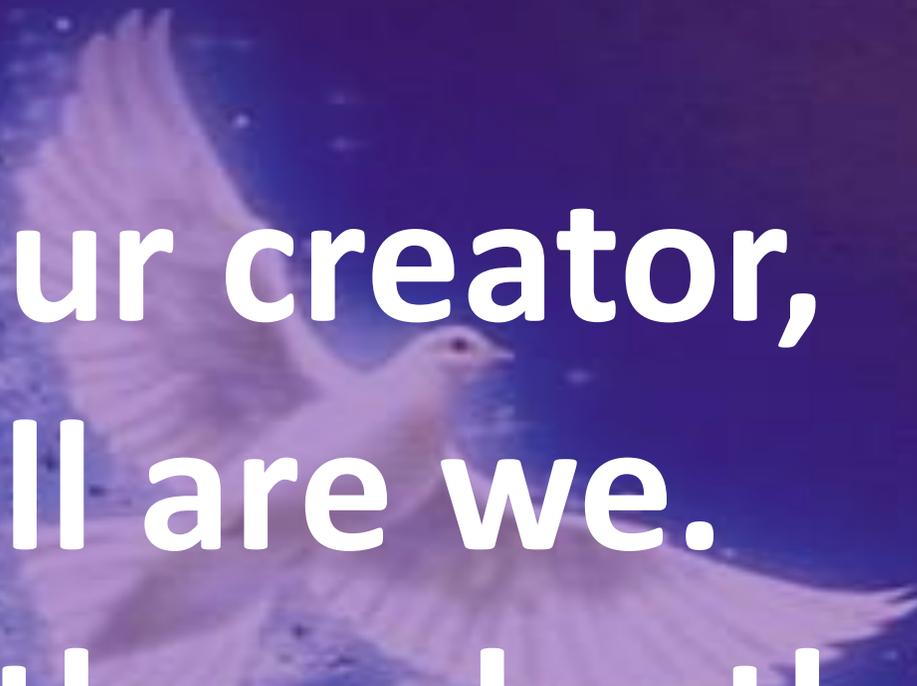


**Let There Be Peace on Earth
and let it begin with me.
Let There Be Peace on Earth,
the peace that
was meant to be!**

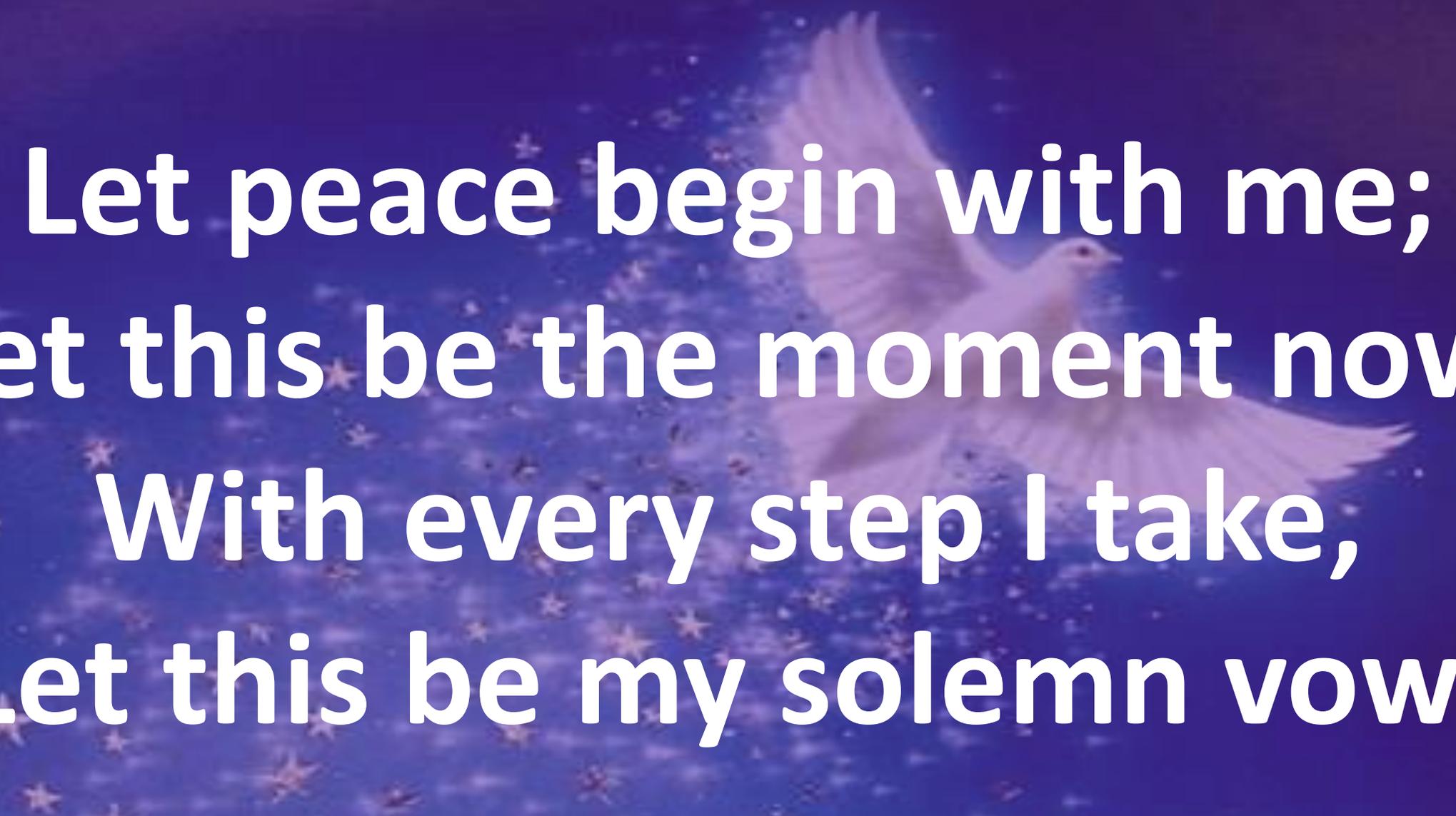
P E A C E O N E A R T H

**With God our creator,
Children all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.**



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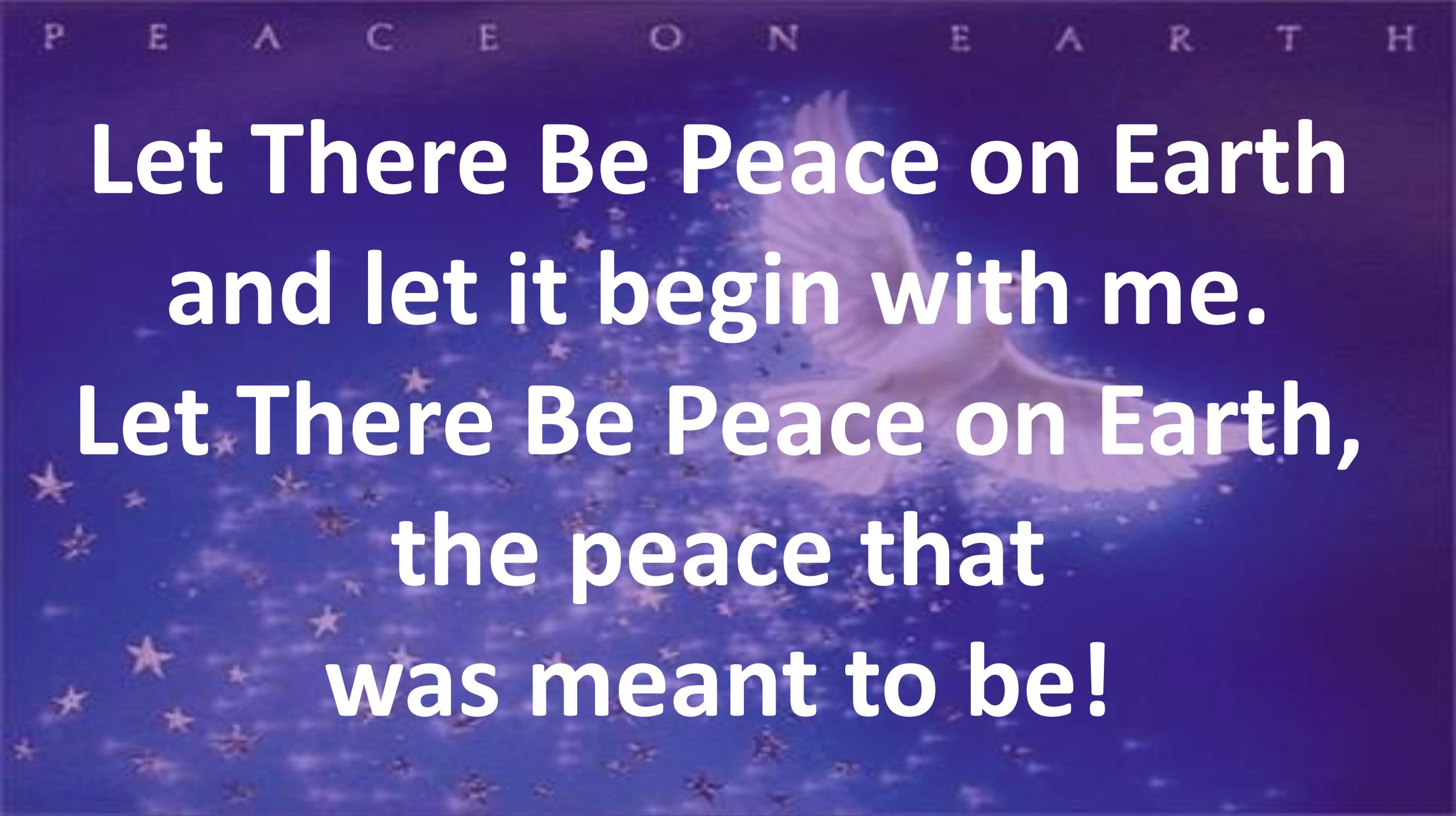
**Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:**

P E A C E O N E A R T H

**To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.**

**Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.**

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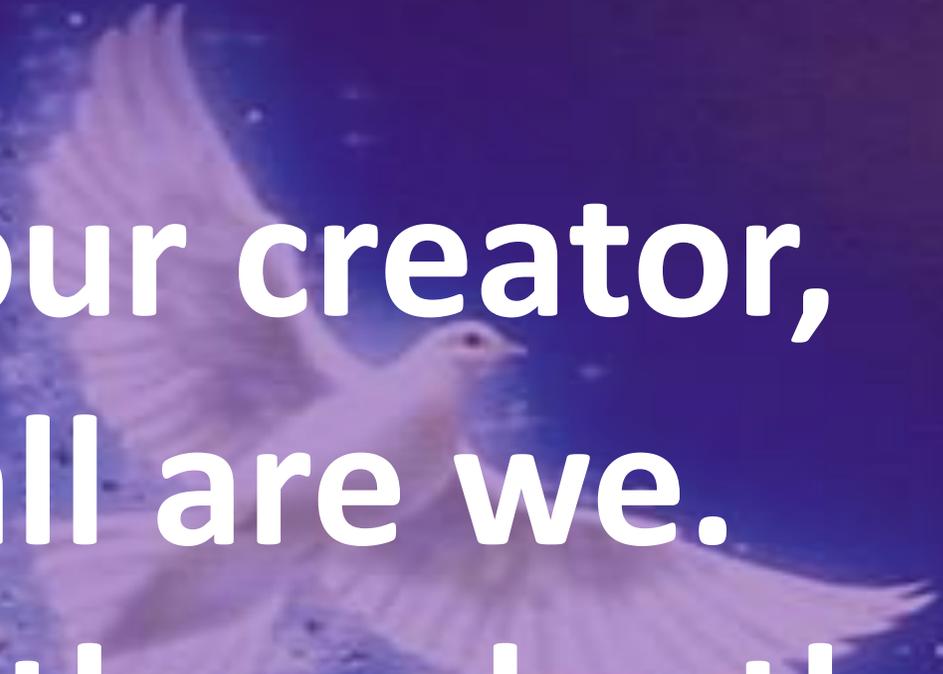


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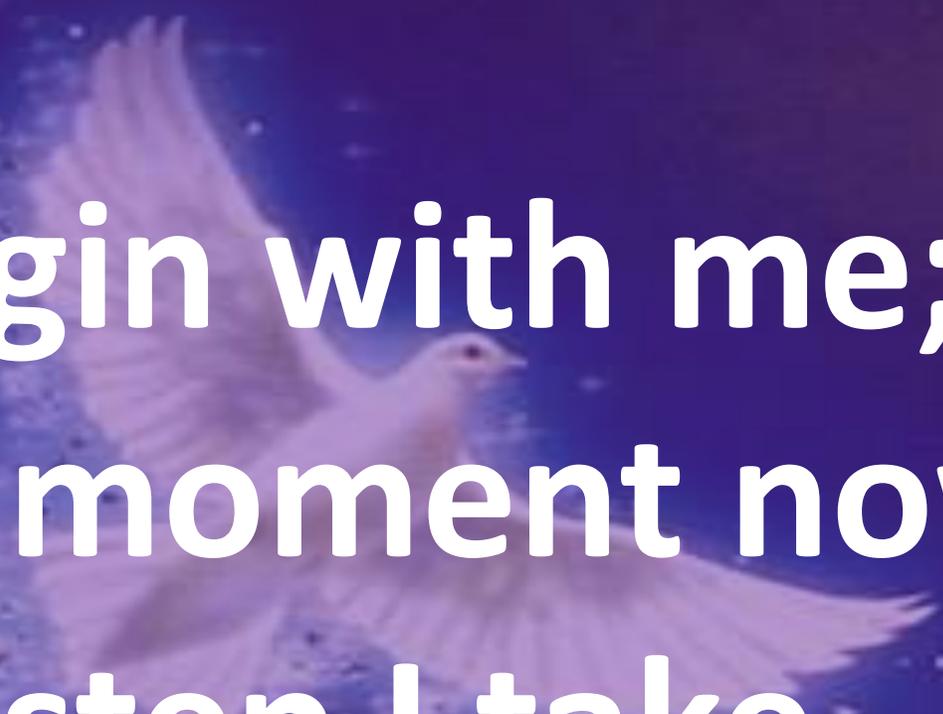
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**BENEDICTION &
GOD'S BLESSING**

2 Corinthians 13:14

There's Just

Something
about that

GOD
ELOHIM
EMMANUEL
SHEPHERD
YHWH
KING
of kings
HOLY
SPIRIT

JEHOVAH
JIREH
EL
ROI
CREATOR
GOD WHO SEES
LAMB OF GOD
ADVOCATE
WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR
SON of
MAN

EL OLAM
EVERLASTING
FATHER
JEHOVAH
JEHOVAH
SHAMMAH
MESSIAH
LION of
JUDAH
ABBA
SON of
GOD

JEHOVAH
SHALOM
PRINCE
of PEACE
RABBI
CHRIST

SAVIOR
LORD
LIVING
EL
GOD
EIYON
GOD
MOST
HIGH
GOD OF
ANGEL
ARMIES

I AM
ADONAI
BRIGHT
JEHOVAH
RAPHA
HEALER
STAR
WORSHIP
REDEEMER
LIVING
WORD
JEHOVAH
NISSI
VICOTRY

ALPHA AND OMEGA
BEGINNING AND END
BREAD
OF LIFE
JESUS
THE
WAY
OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS
SHADDAI

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Psalm 23

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!



There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus!



Like the fragrance after the
rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!



Let all Heaven and earth proclaim:

**Kings and kingdoms
will all pass away,**



**But there's something
about that name!**

Love Never Fails!

Thank God

for that!