

For we know,

brothers and sisters loved by God,

*that He has
chosen you.*

1 Thes. 1:4

May 2,
2021

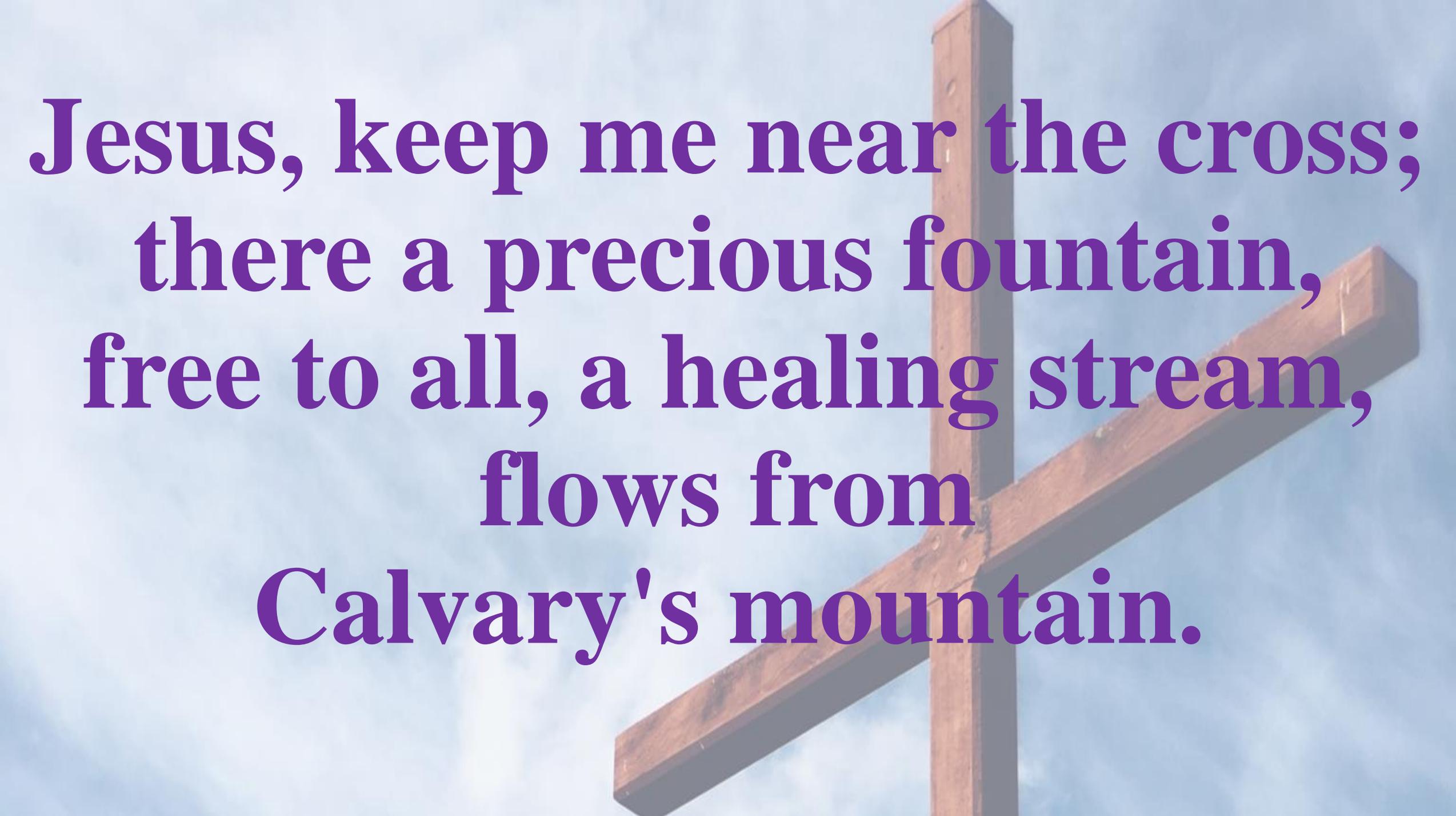
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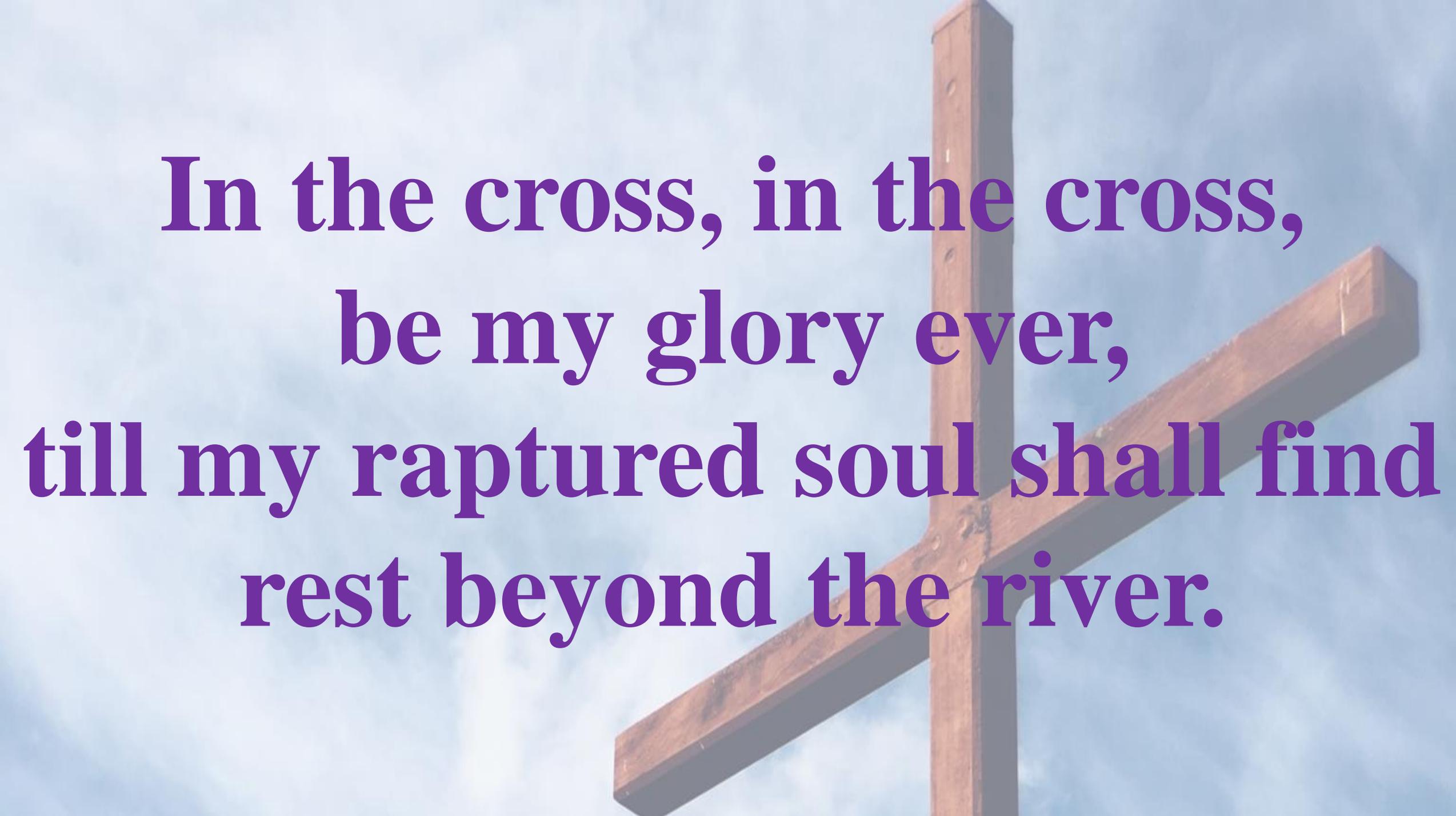


Jesus Keep Me
Near the Cross

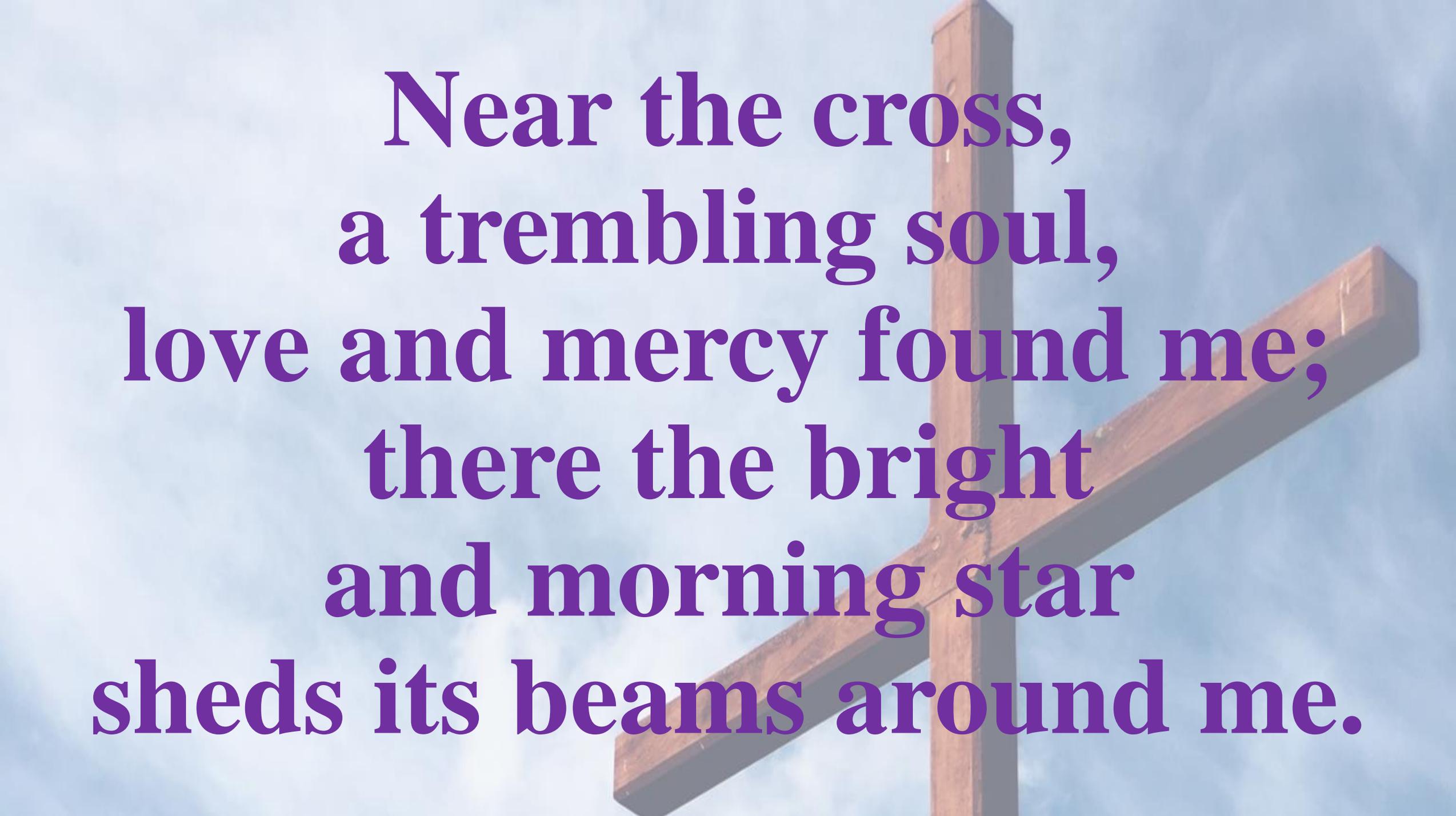
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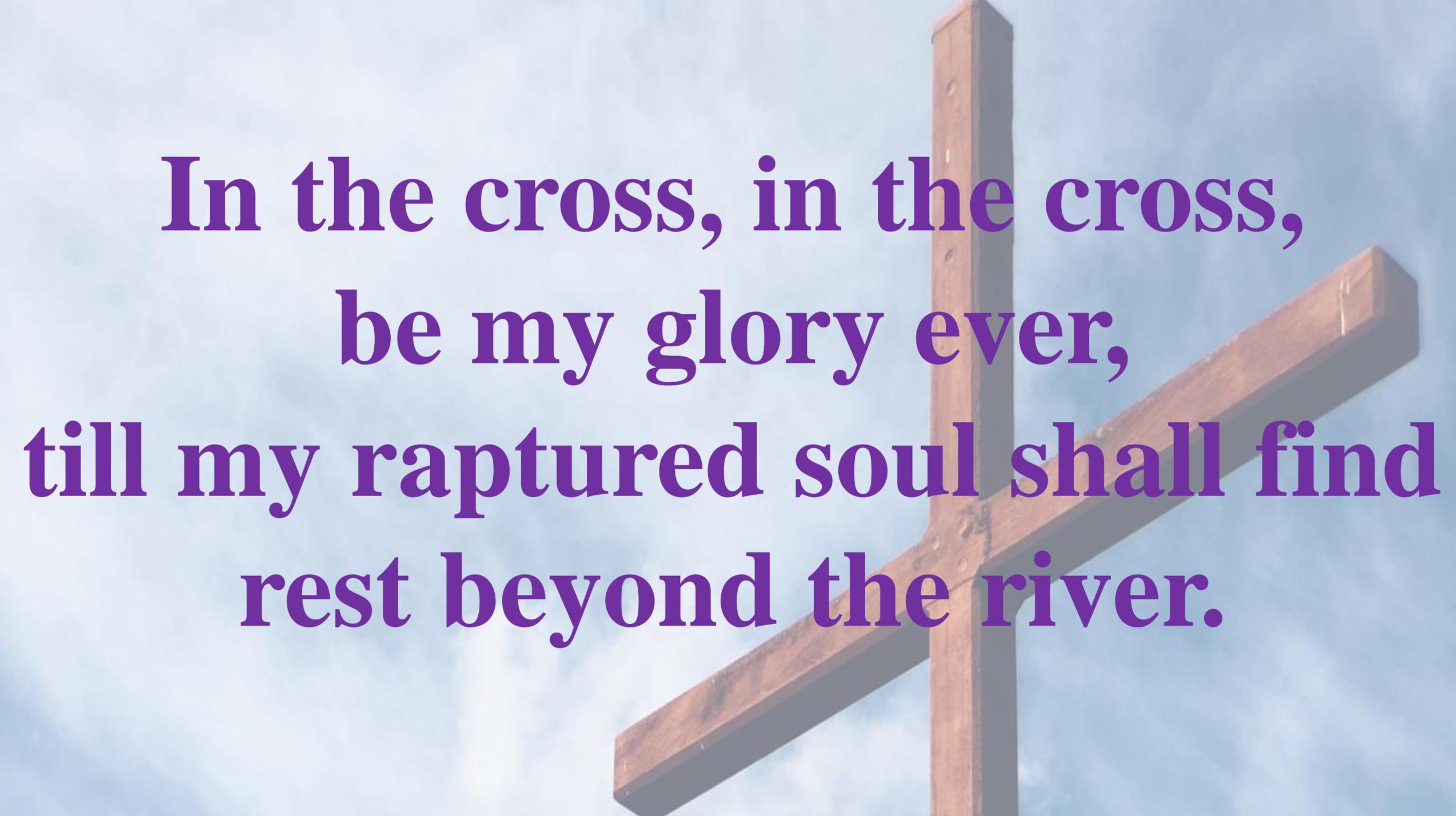
**Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from
Calvary's mountain.**

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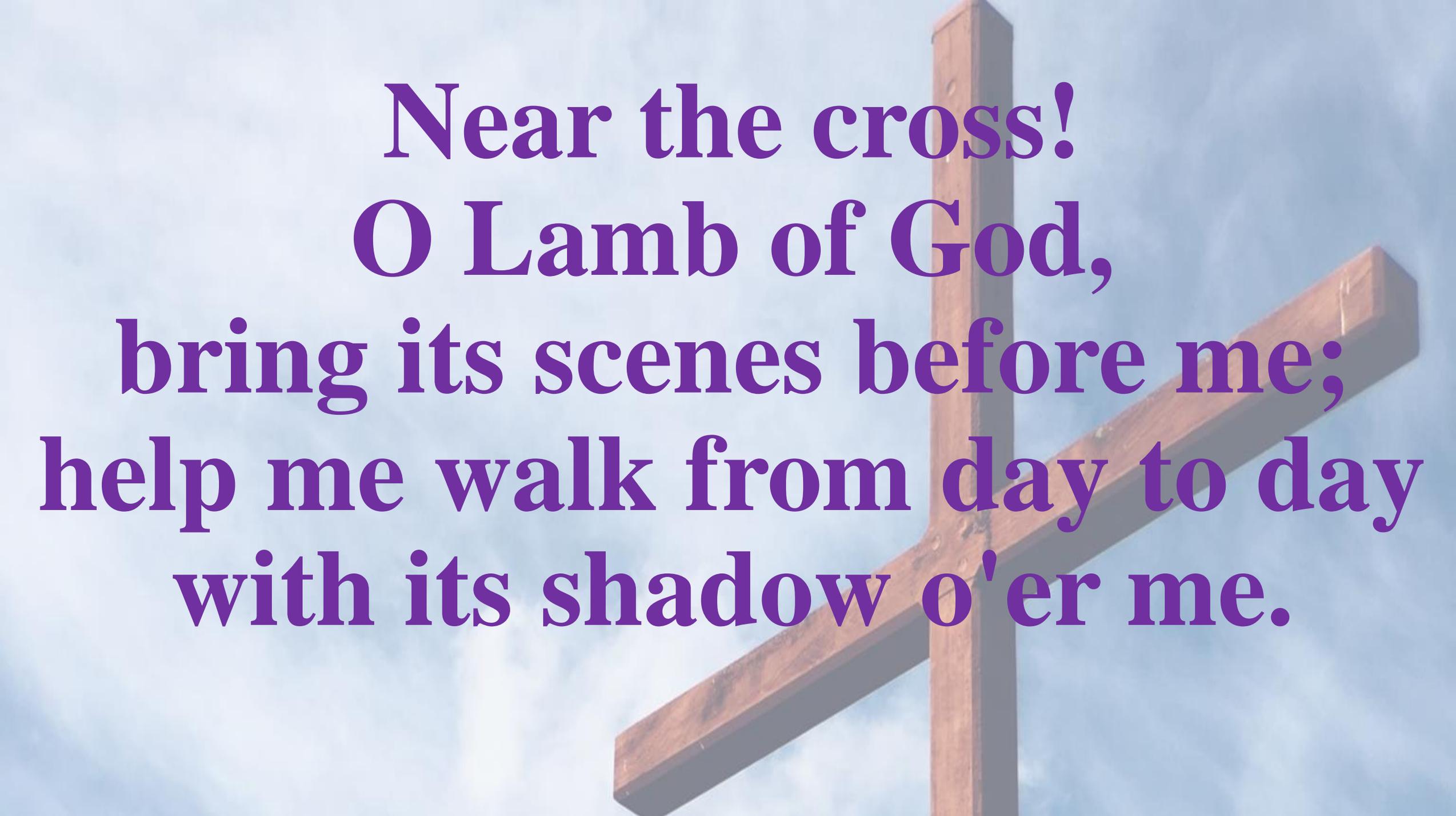
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be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

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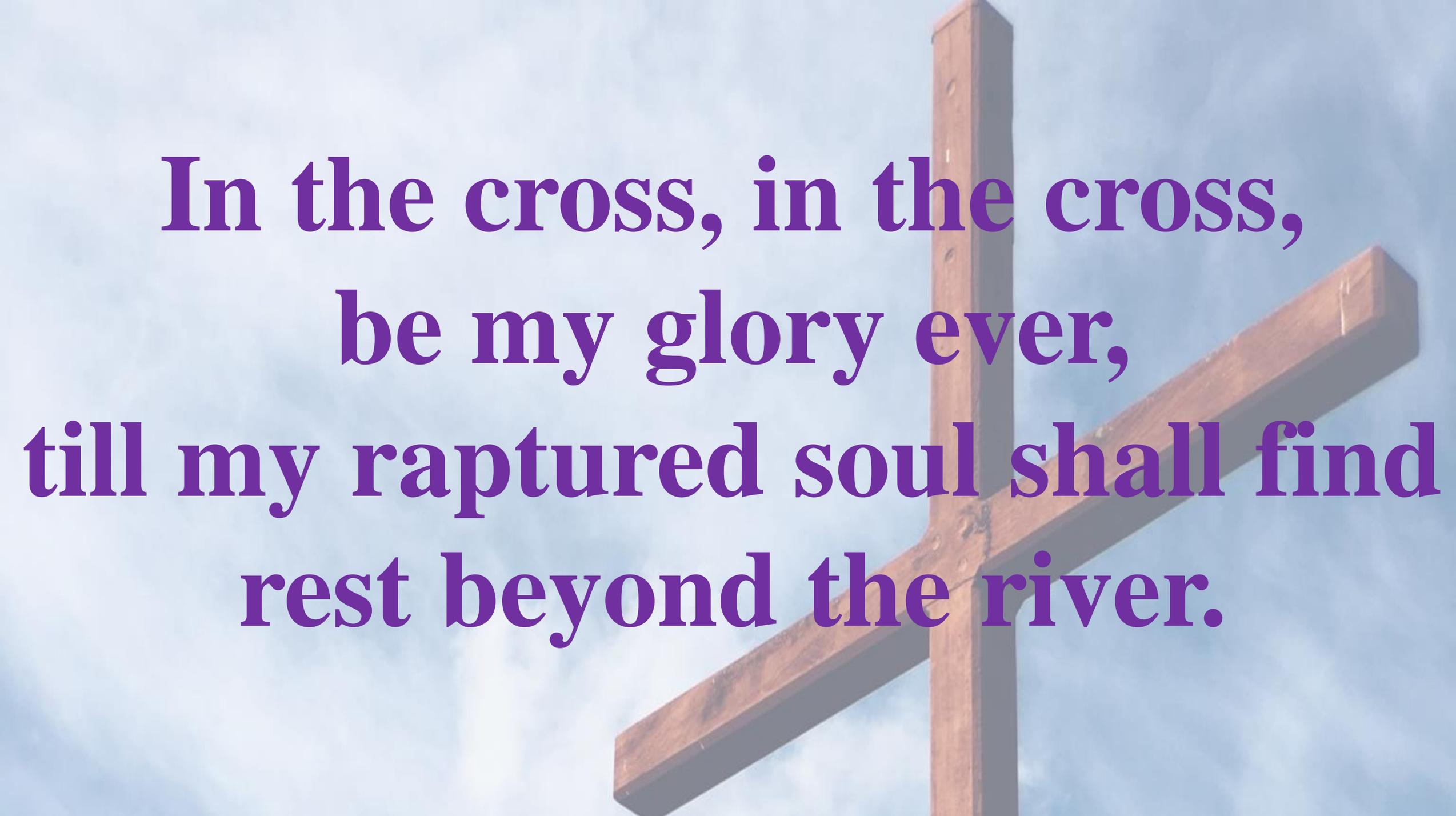
**Near the cross,
a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright
and morning star
sheds its beams around me.**

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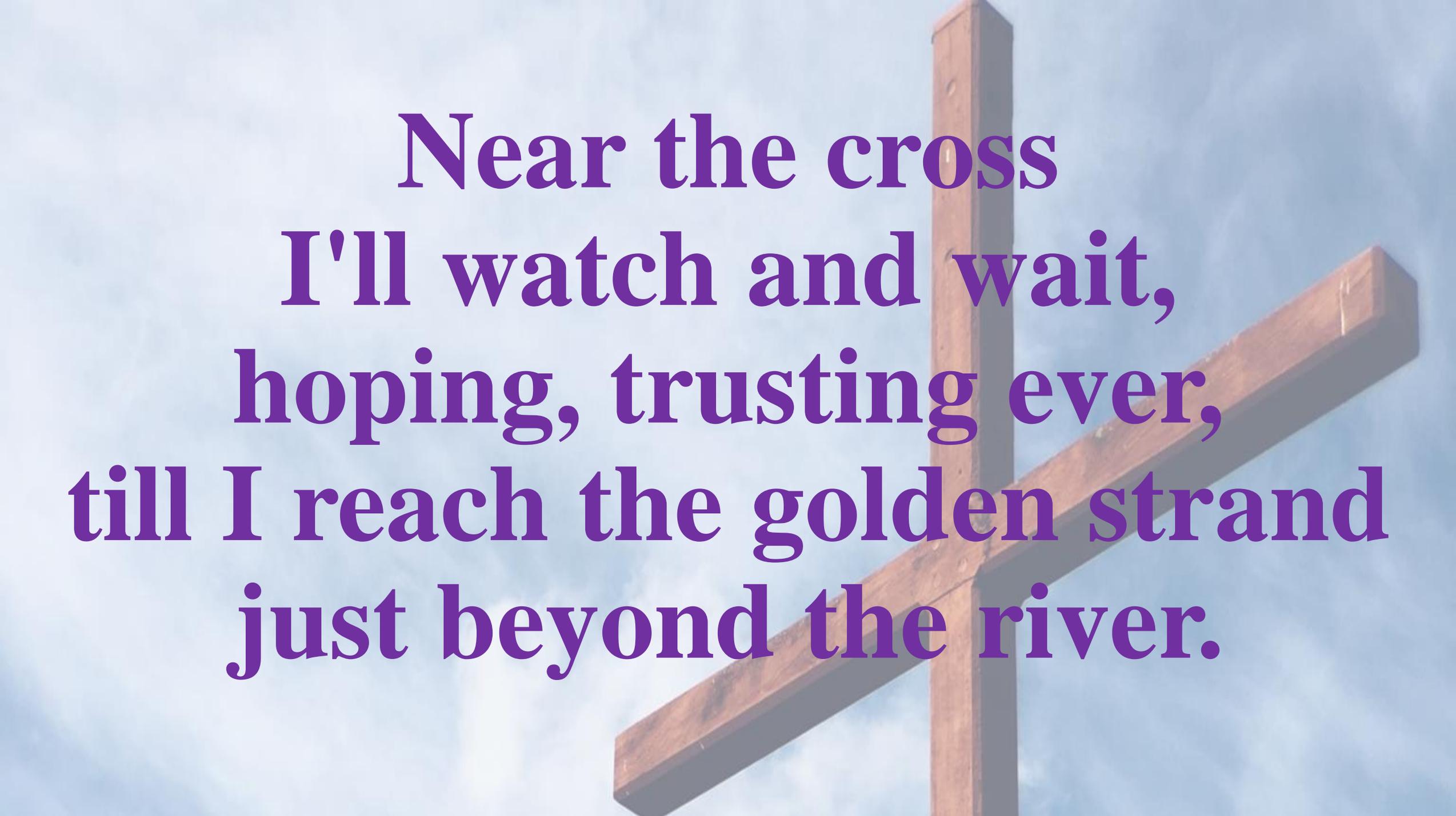
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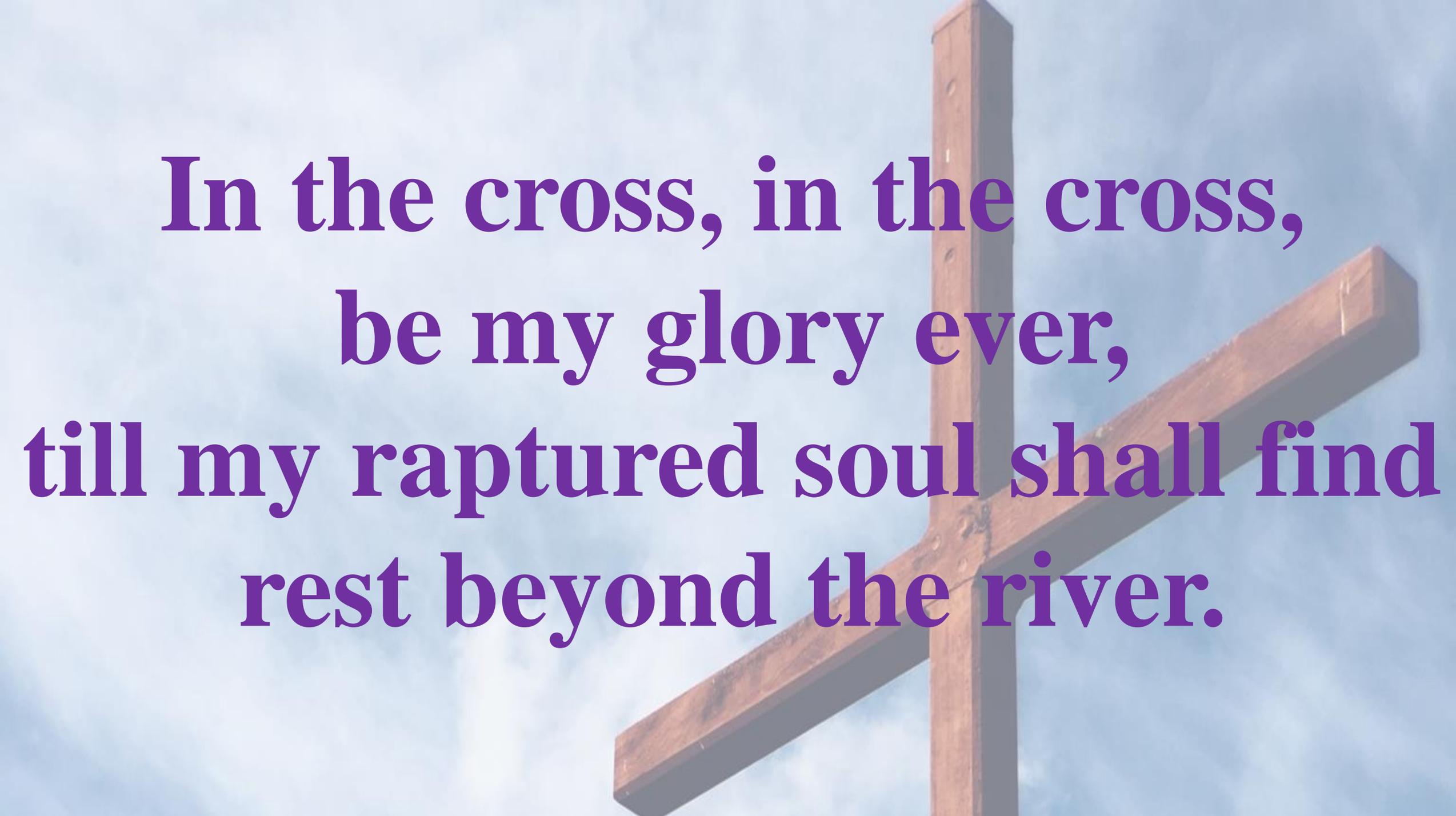
**Near the cross!
O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.**

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**Near the cross
I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.**

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**In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**



A CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

By the Word of the Lord
the Heavens were made,

PEOPLE:

and all the host of them by
the breath of his mouth.

Leader:

He gathers the waters of
the sea together as a
heap;

PEOPLE:

He lays up the deep in
storehouses.

Leader:

Let us now Worship the
Lord!

All: Amen!



THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A person wearing a white, flowing robe stands waist-deep in a body of water, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The water splashes around them, and the sky is a clear, vibrant blue. In the upper center of the frame, a white dove is visible, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The overall scene conveys a sense of spiritual freedom and joy.

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.

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**



Offering

An Act of Worship

Doxology

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

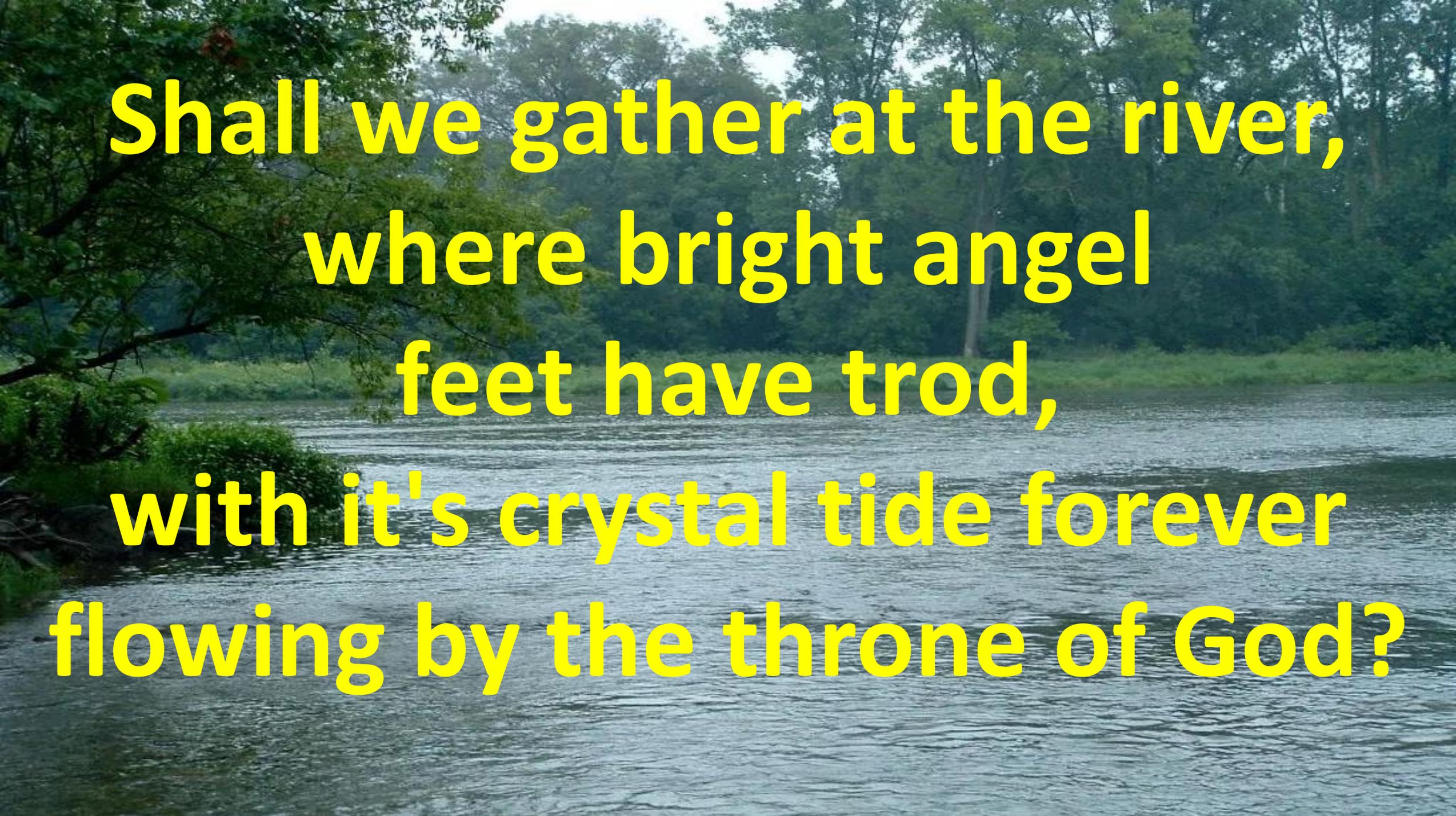
Amen





Shall we
Gather At the
River

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**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel
feet have trod,
with it's crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**



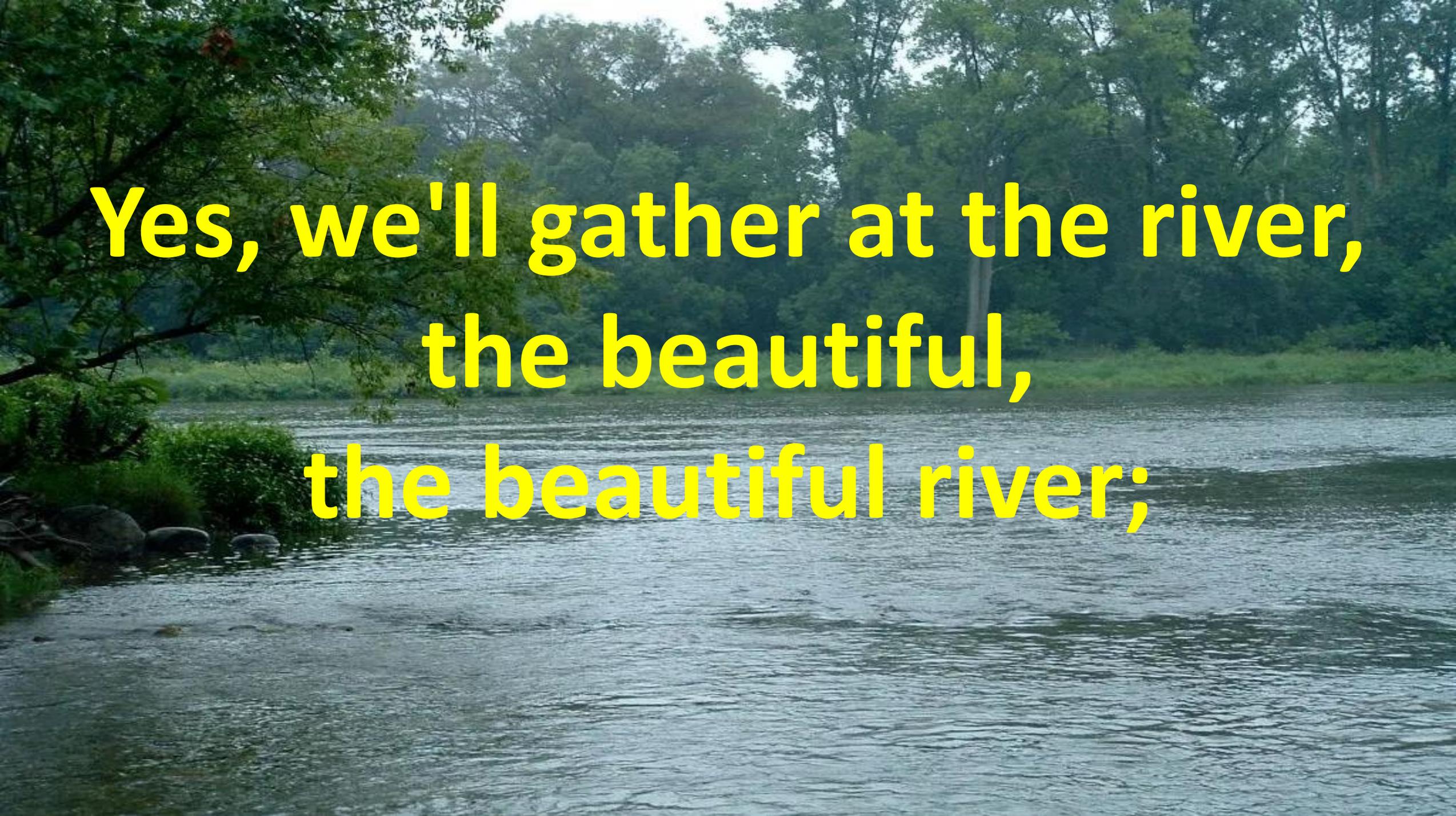
**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful,
the beautiful river;**



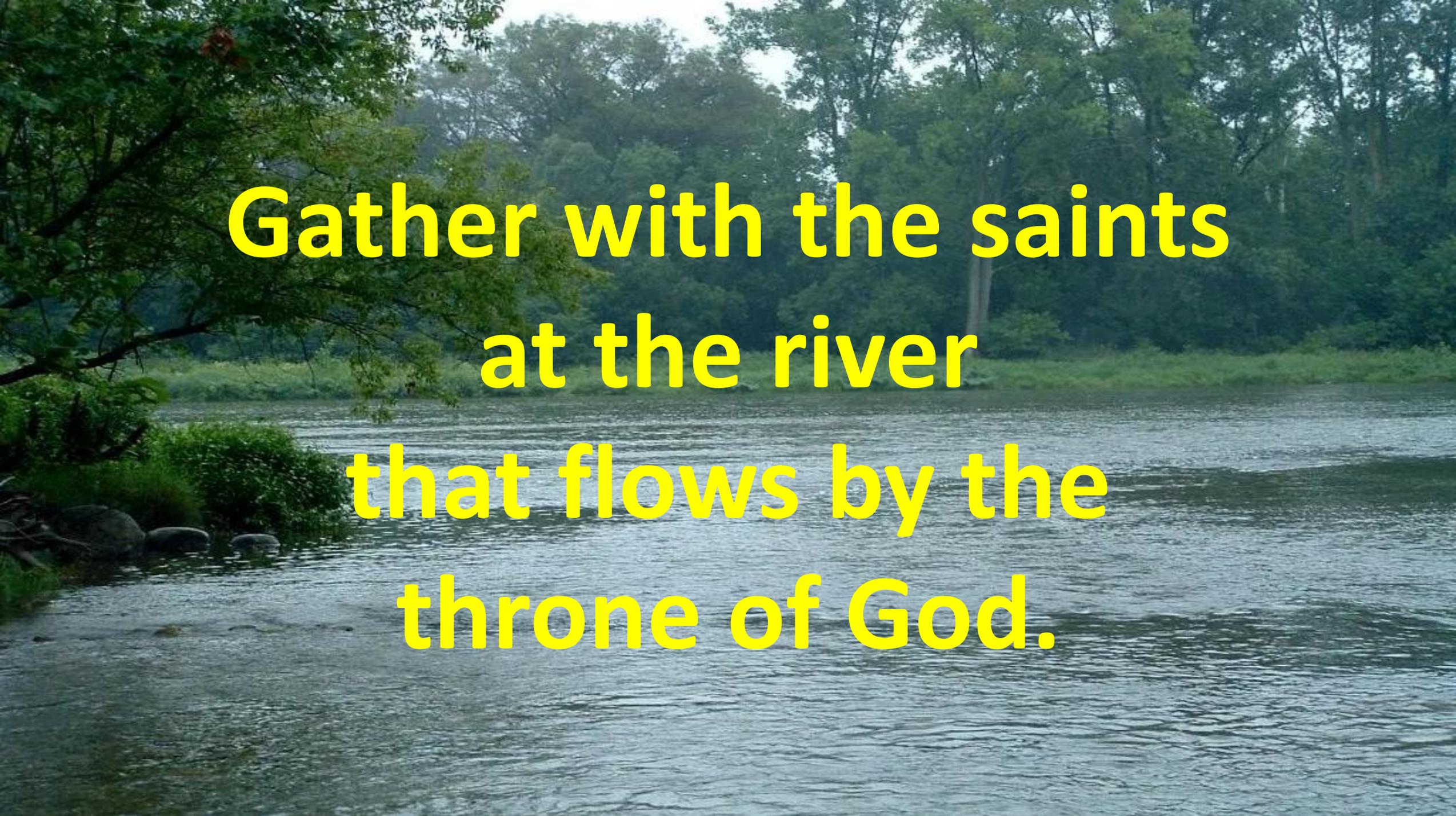
**Gather with the saints
at the river
that flows by the
throne of God.**

A scenic view of a river flowing through a dense forest. The water is a silvery-blue color, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. The banks are lined with tall, leafy trees, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow, bold font.

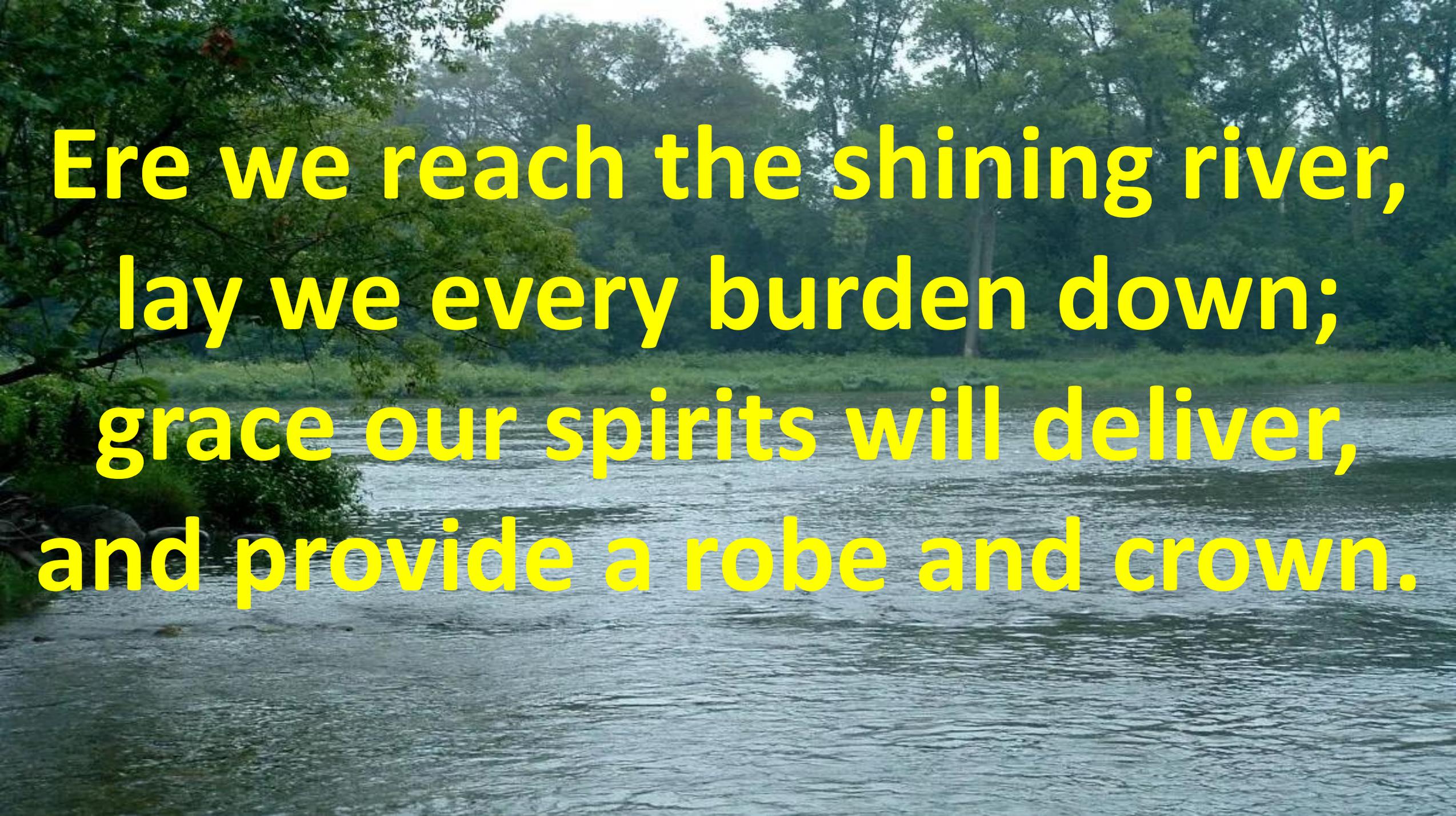
**On the margin of the river,
washing up it's silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.**



**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful,
the beautiful river;**



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that flows by the
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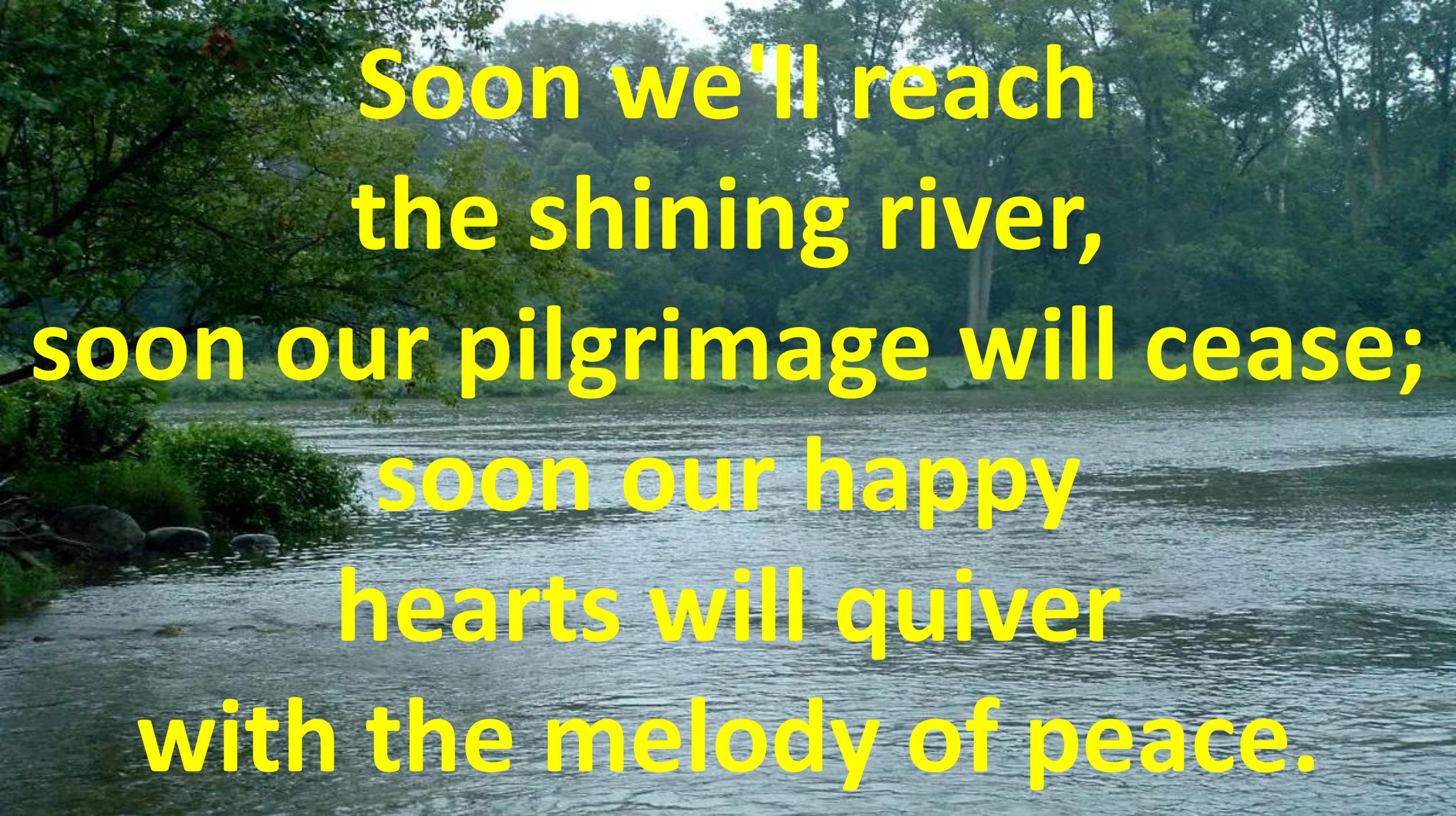
**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.**



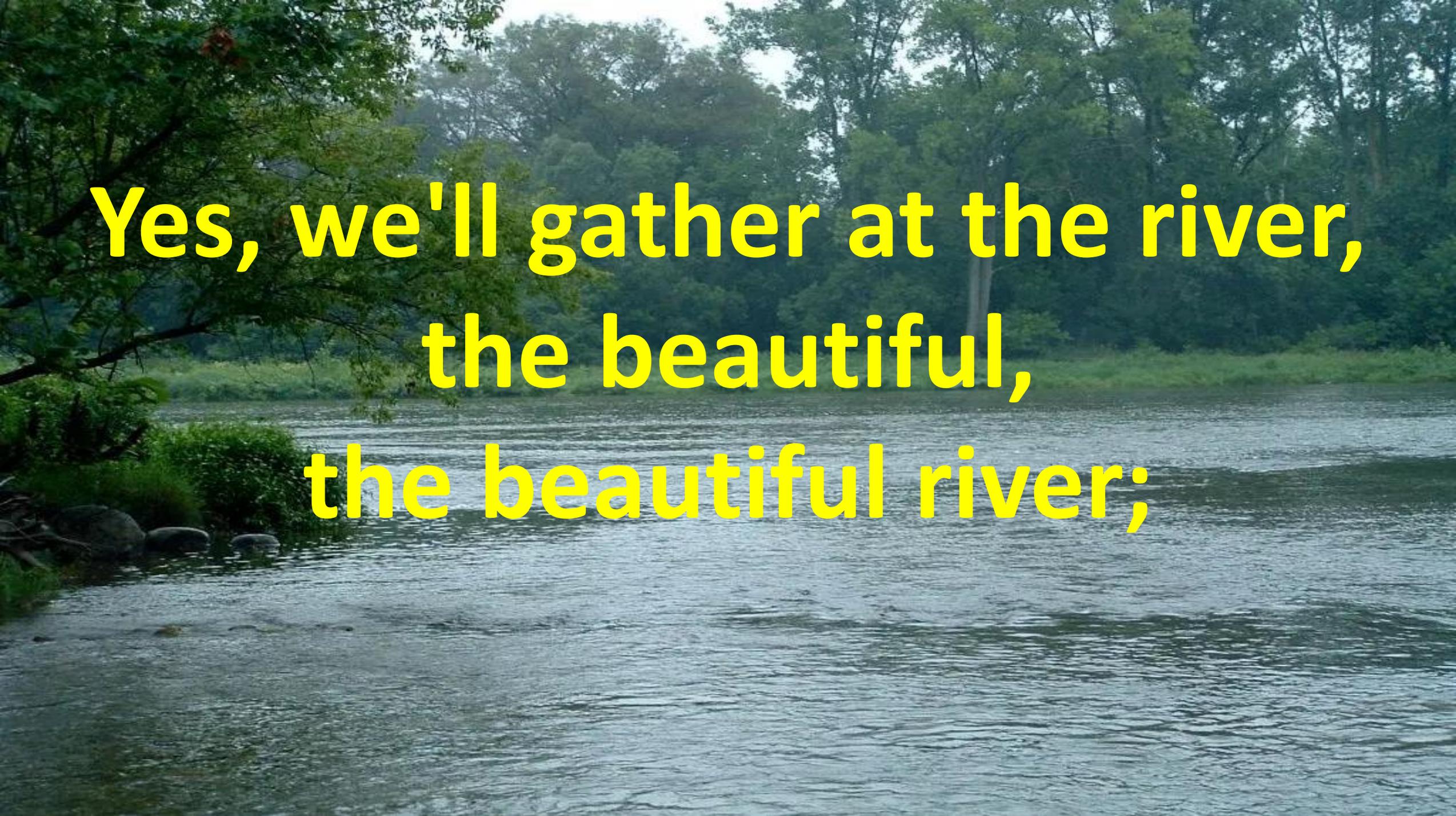
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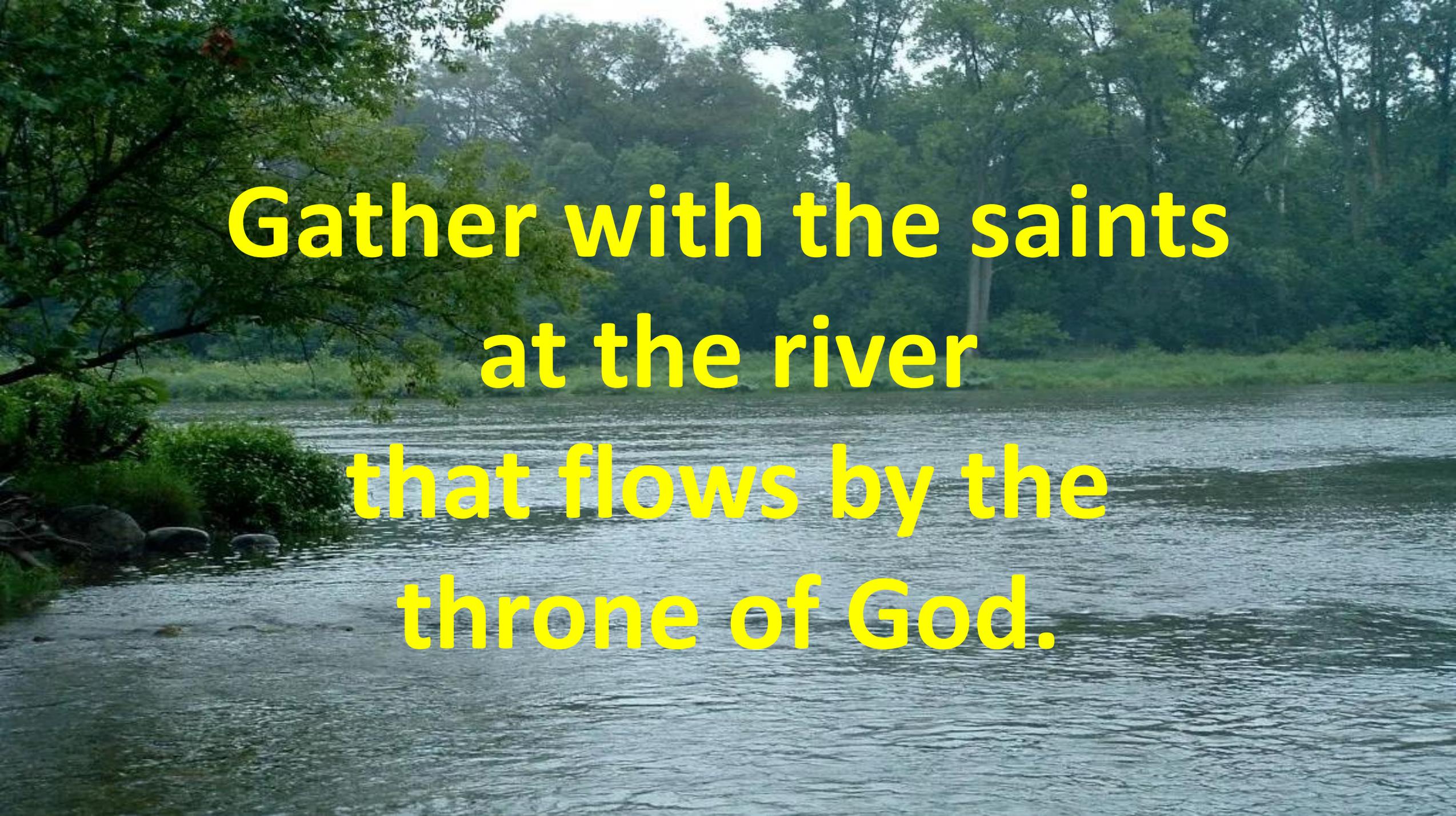
**Gather with the saints
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throne of God.**



**Soon we'll reach
the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy
hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.**



**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful,
the beautiful river;**



**Gather with the saints
at the river
that flows by the
throne of God.**

grace, seasoned with ſalt, that you may know how yee ought to anſwere euery man.

7 All my ſtate ſhall Tycheus declare vnto you, who is a beloued brother, and a faithfull miniſter, and fellow ſeruant in the Lord:

8 whom I haue ſent vnto you for the ſame purpoſe, that hee might know your eſtate, and comfort your hearts.

9 With Onesimus a faithfull and beloued brother, who is one of you. They ſhall make known vnto you all things which are done here.

10 Ariſtarchus my fellow priſoner ſaluteth you, and Marcus ſiſters ſonne to Barnabas, (touching whome yee receiued commandements; if he come vnto you, receiue him:)

11 And Ieſus, which is called Juſtus, who are of the circumciſion. Theſe onely are my fellow workers vnto the kingdome of God, which haue bene a comfort vnto me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a ſeruant of Chriſt, ſaluteth you, alwaies labouring ſeruently for you in prayers,

that ye may ſtand perfect, and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I beare him record, that hee hath a great zeale for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

14 Luke the beloued phyſician, and Demas greet you.

15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, & the church which is in his houſe.

16 And when this Epiſtle is read amongſt you, cauſe that it be read alſo in the church of the Laodiceans: and that ye likewiſe reade the Epiſtle from Laodicea,

17 And ſay to Archippus, Take heed to the miniſterie, which thou haſt receiued in the Lord, that thou fulfill it.

18 The ſalutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Written from Rome to the Colloſſians, by Tycheus and Onesimus.



THE FIRST EPISTLE OF Paul the Apoſtle to the Theſſalonians.

CHAP. I.

1 The Theſſalonians are giuen to vnderſtand both how mindfull of them S. Paul was at all times in thank-giuing, & prayer: 5 and alſo how well he was perſwaded of the truth, and ſinceritie of their faith, & conuerſion to God.



Daul and Siluanus, and Timotheus, vnto the Church of the Theſſalonians, which is in God the Father, and in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt: grace be vnto you, and

peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

2 We giue thanks to God alwaies

for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

3 Remembering without ceasing your worke of faith, and labour of loue, and patience of hope in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in the ſight of God and our Father:

4 Knowing, brethren || beloued, your election of God.

5 For our Goſpel came not vnto you in word onely: but alſo in power, and in the holy Ghoſt, and in much aſſurance, as yee know what maner of men we were among you for your ſake.

6 And yee became followers of vs, and of the Lord, hauing receiued the word in much affliction, with ioy of the holy Ghoſt:

7 So that ye were enſamples to all that beleene in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For

NEW

TESTAMENT:

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THESSALONIANS

1:1-10

Today's Message

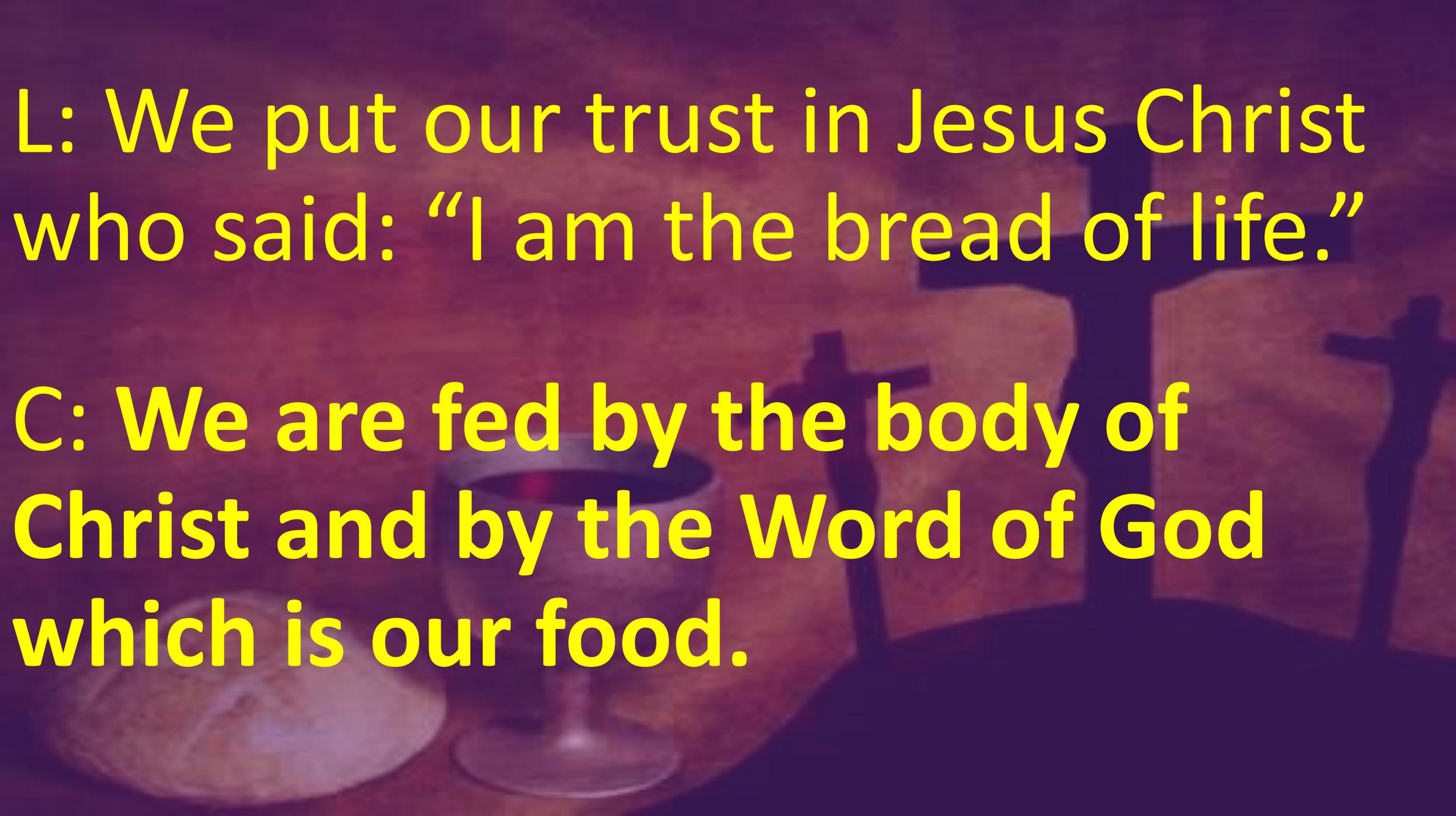
**TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD,
WE MUST FIRST RECEIVE HIS WORD.**

Pastor Gary Spraker

HOLY COMMUNION

“DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.”



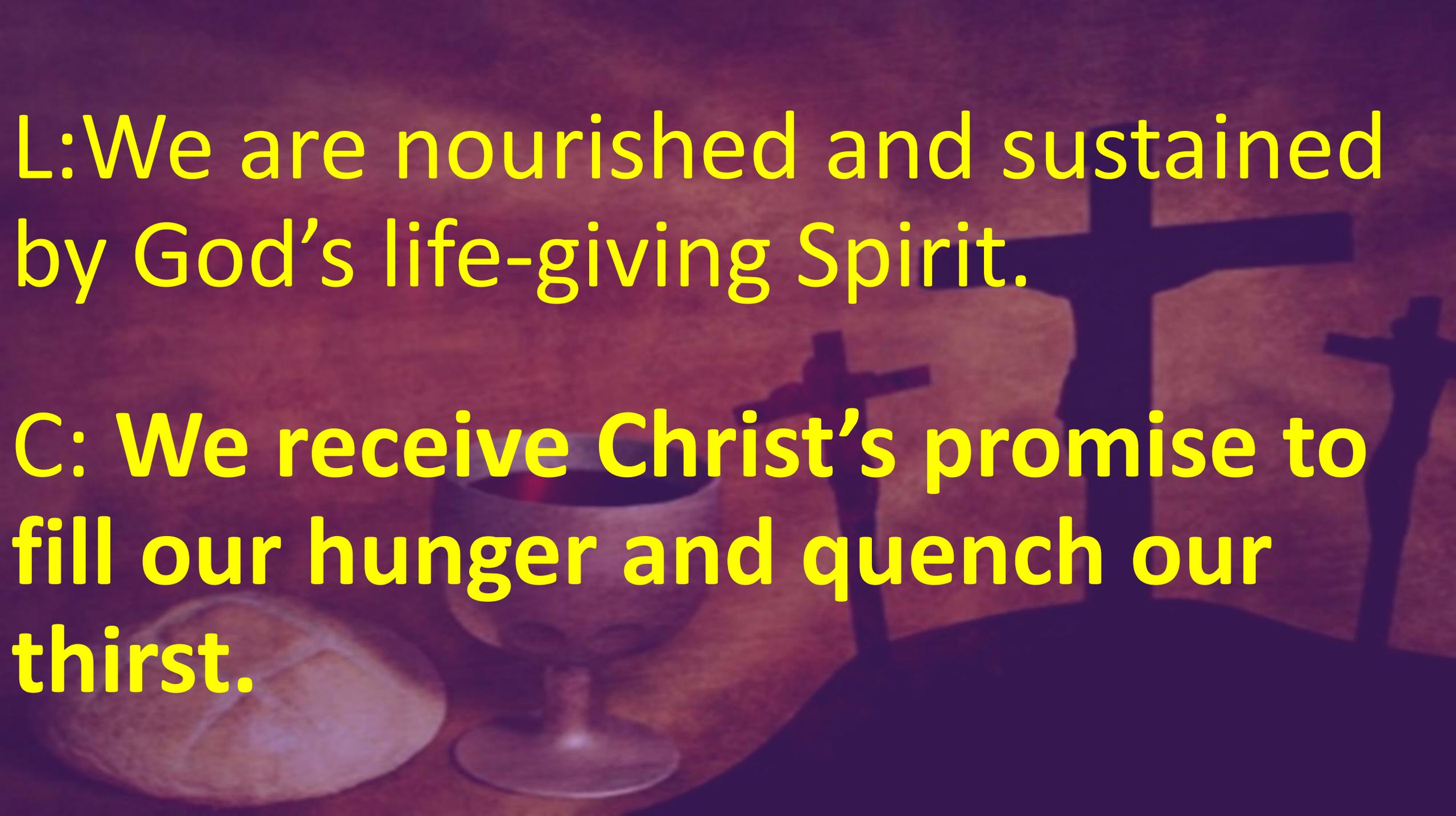


L: We put our trust in Jesus Christ who said: "I am the bread of life."

C: We are fed by the body of Christ and by the Word of God which is our food.

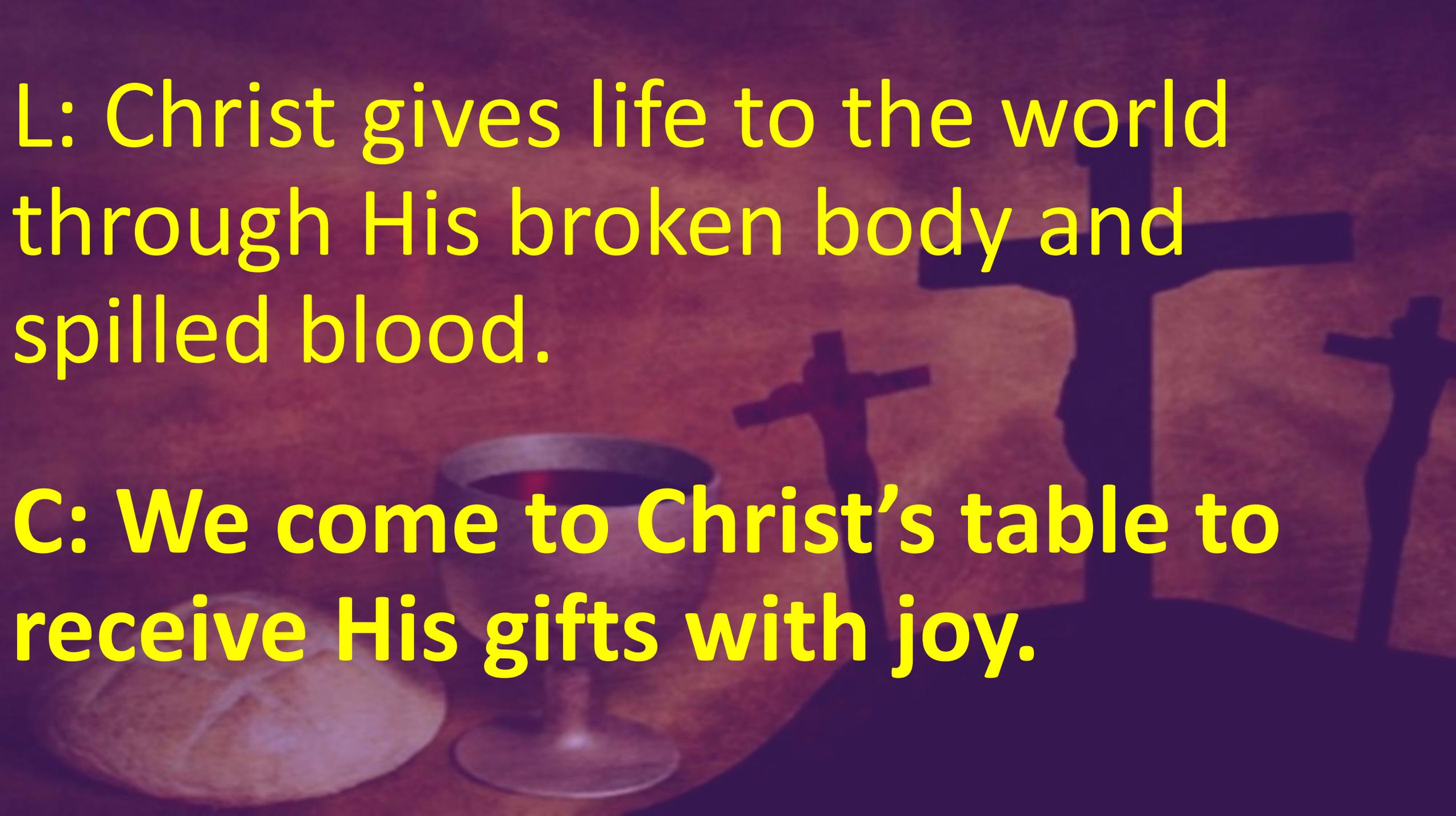
L: We are nourished and sustained by God's life-giving Spirit.

C: We receive Christ's promise to fill our hunger and quench our thirst.



L: Christ gives life to the world through His broken body and spilled blood.

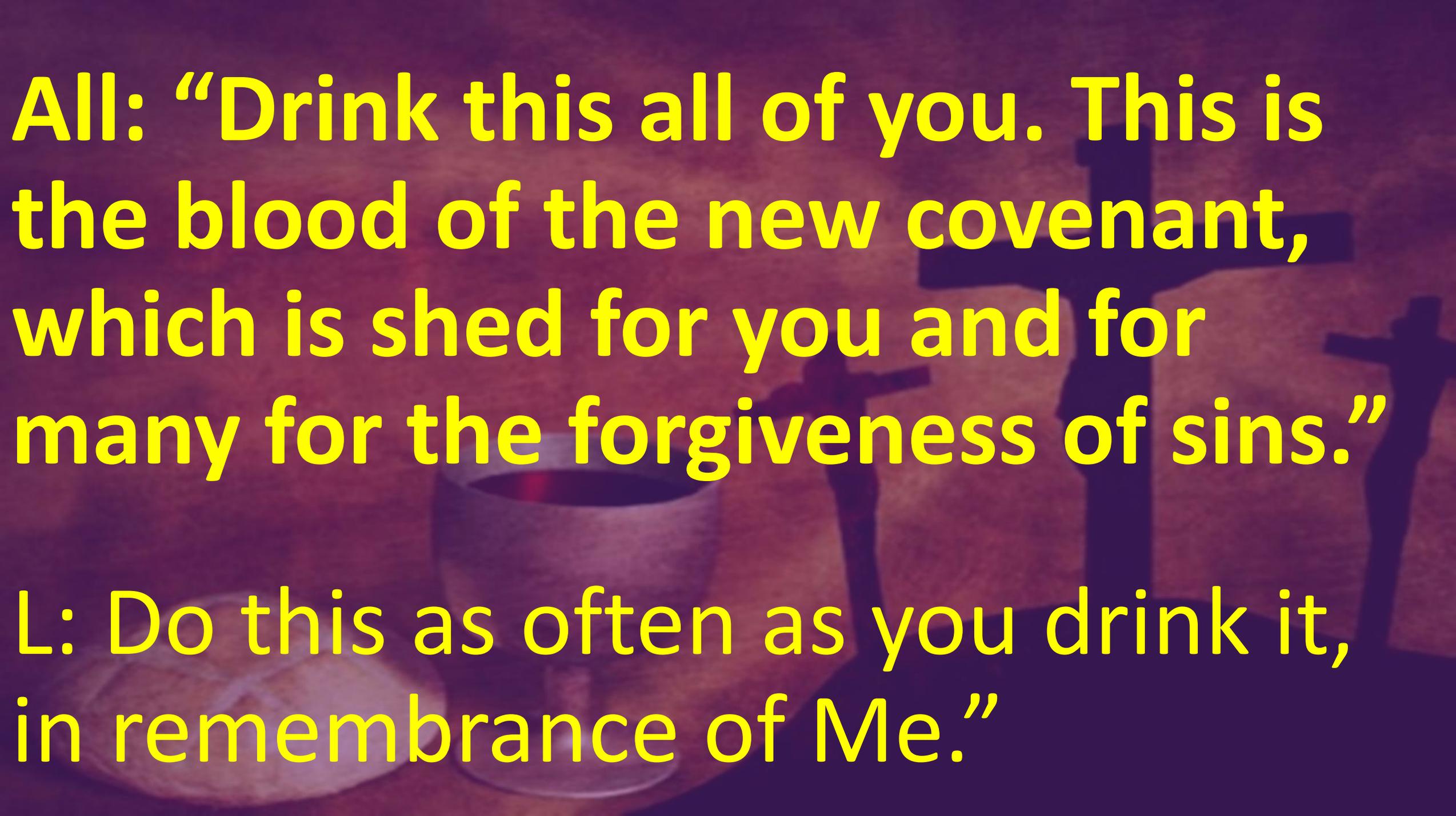
C: We come to Christ's table to receive His gifts with joy.



All: Christ is our living bread!
Thanks be to God!

L: In the same way He took the cup
and said:



A still life photograph featuring a silver chalice filled with red wine, a round piece of bread on a white plate, and several dark wooden crosses of varying sizes. The scene is set against a dark, textured background, possibly a wall or a backdrop, with a warm, low-key lighting that creates soft shadows and highlights the metallic sheen of the chalice and the texture of the bread.

All: “Drink this all of you. This is the blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

L: Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

L: Father, in obedience to Your Son Jesus Christ, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, His victory on the cross, lifting our hearts to you in joyful thanksgiving.



L: We praise You for Your whole creation, that through it we may see your glory; and we thank you, that as Jesus Christ, we die to sin and are raised to new life.



All:

Christ has died;

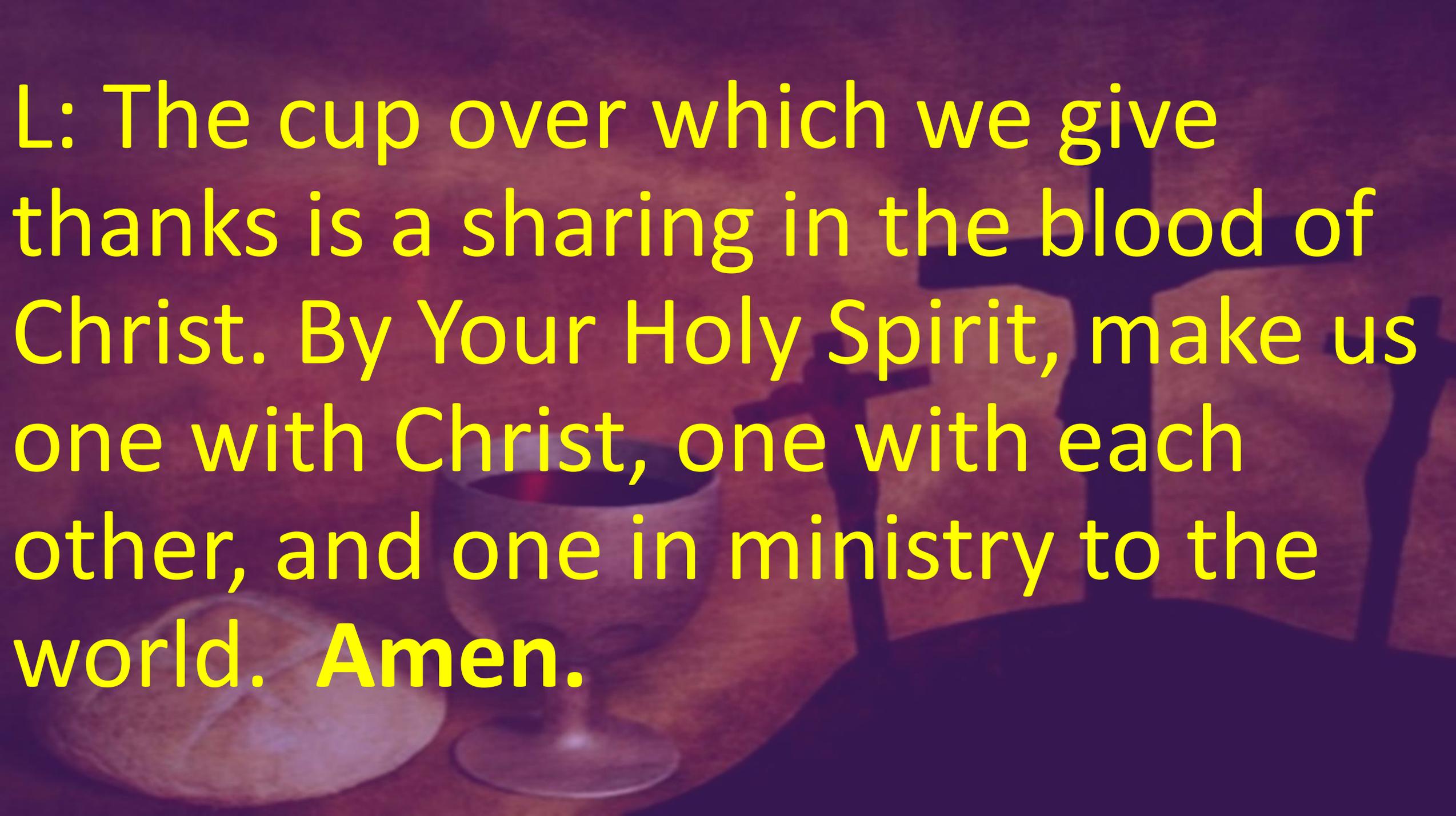
Christ is risen;

Christ will come again!

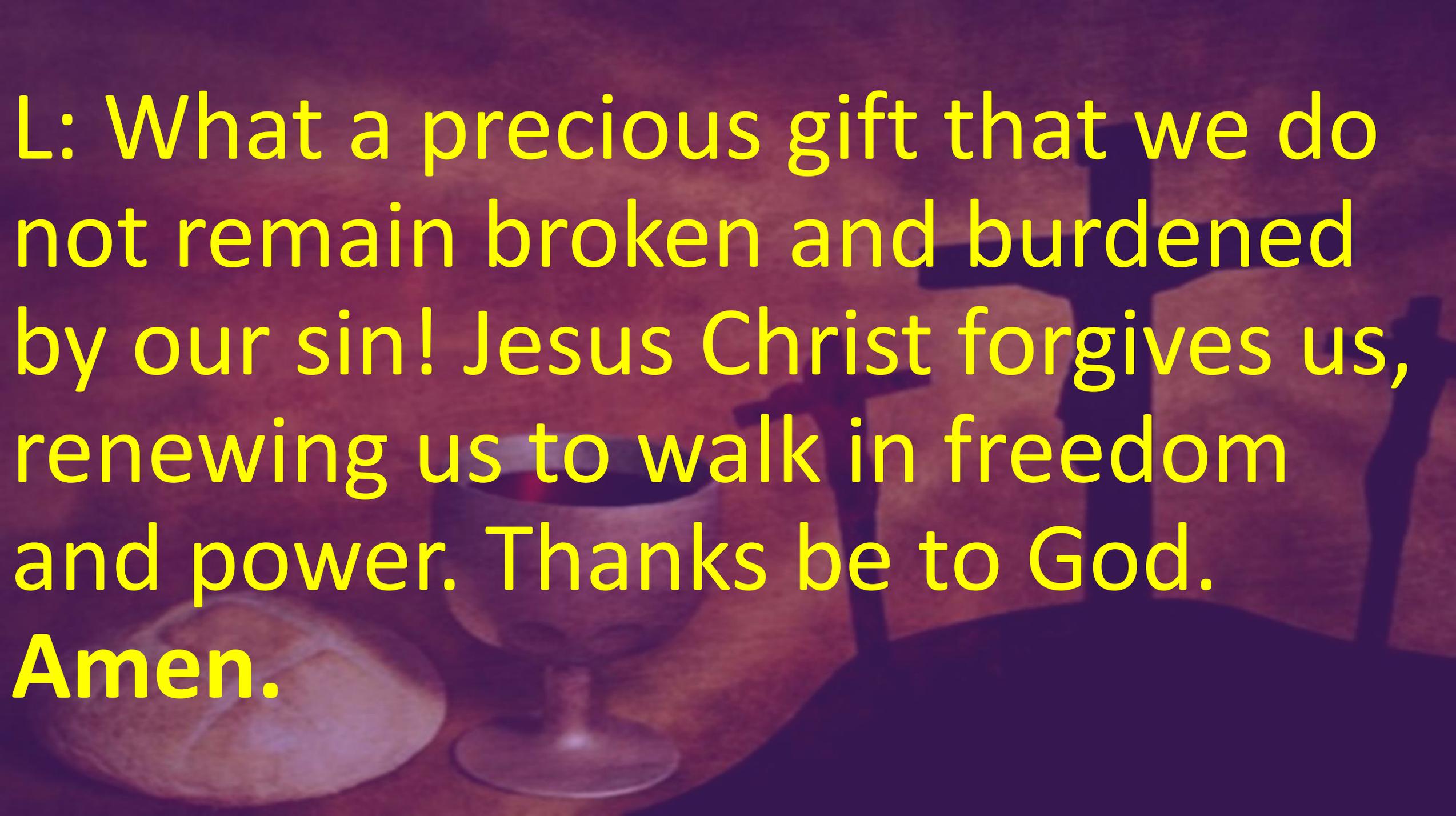


L: Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread, which we break, is a sharing in the body of Christ.



A photograph of a communion table. In the foreground, a silver chalice filled with red wine sits on a white cloth. To its left is a round, golden-brown loaf of bread. The background shows a dark wooden table and several wooden chairs with high backs, suggesting a church setting. The lighting is warm and focused on the communion elements.

L: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. By Your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. **Amen.**

A still life image of a communion table. In the foreground, a round, golden-brown loaf of bread sits on a small, light-colored plate. To its right is a silver chalice filled with red wine. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the silhouettes of wooden chairs. The overall lighting is warm and soft, creating a solemn and reverent atmosphere.

L: What a precious gift that we do not remain broken and burdened by our sin! Jesus Christ forgives us, renewing us to walk in freedom and power. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

L: On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to
God, broke it and said:

All: “Take and eat. This is my
body which is given for you. Do
this in remembrance of Me.”

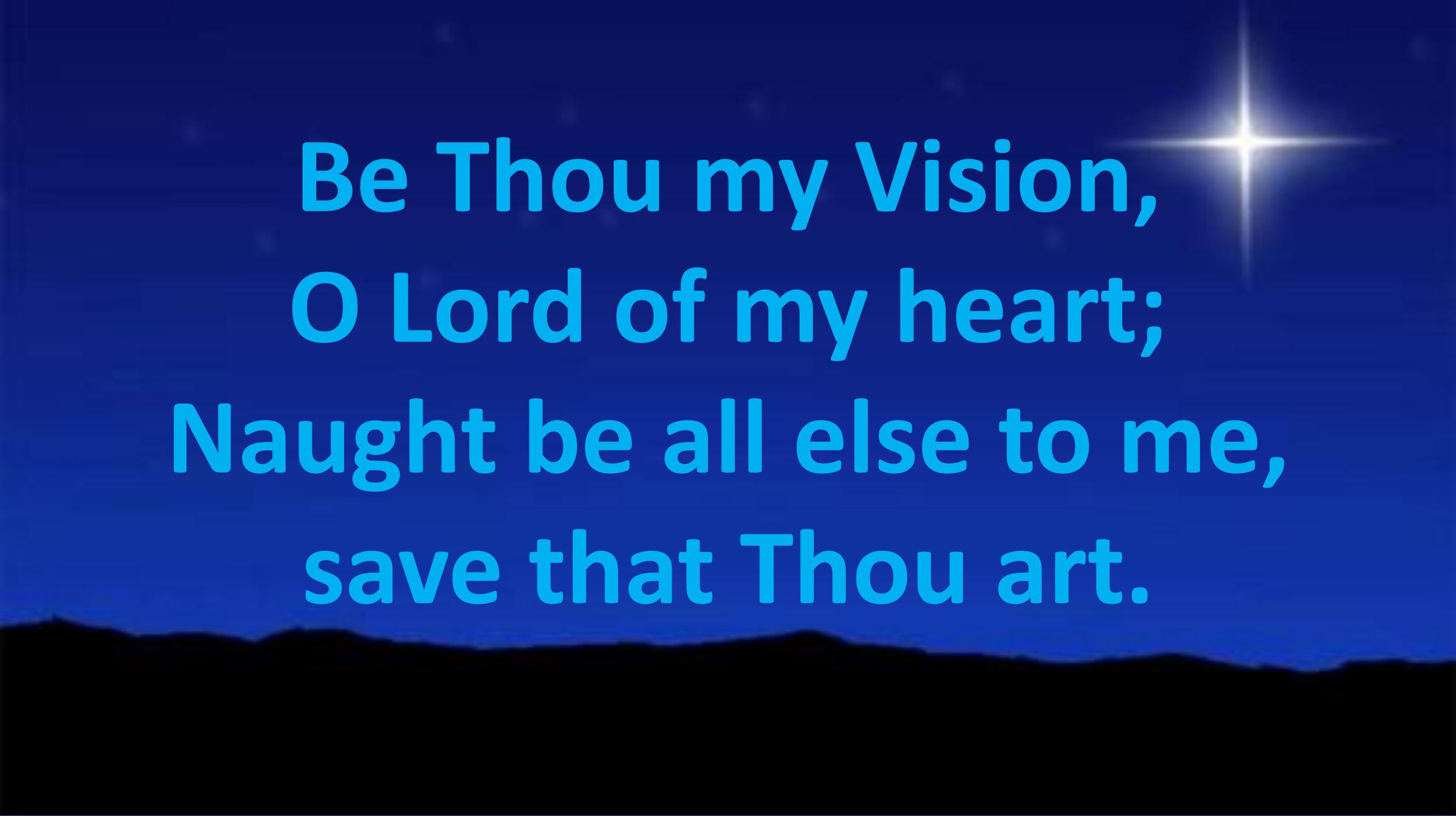
Come to the Table



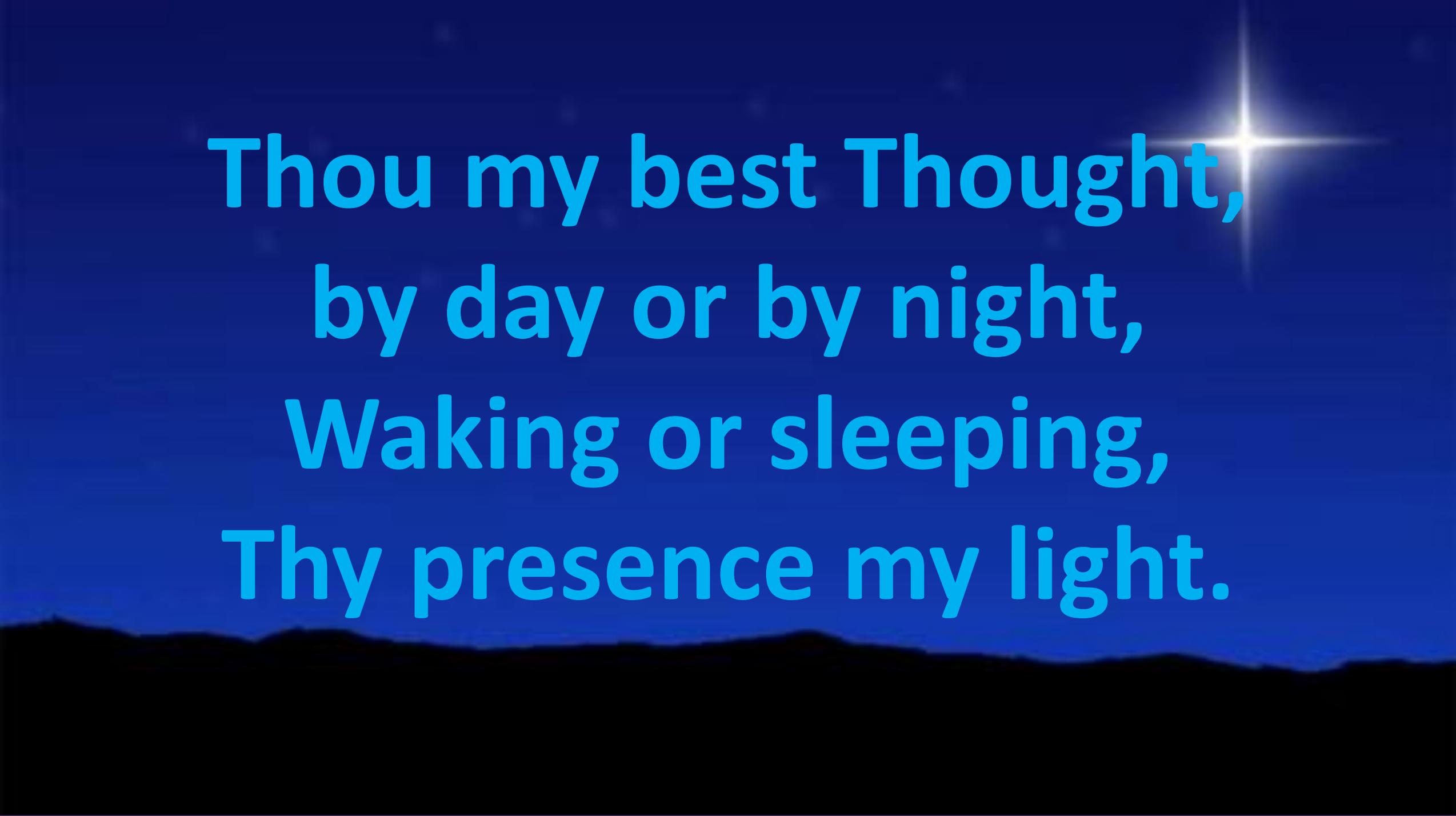
Be Thou My Vision

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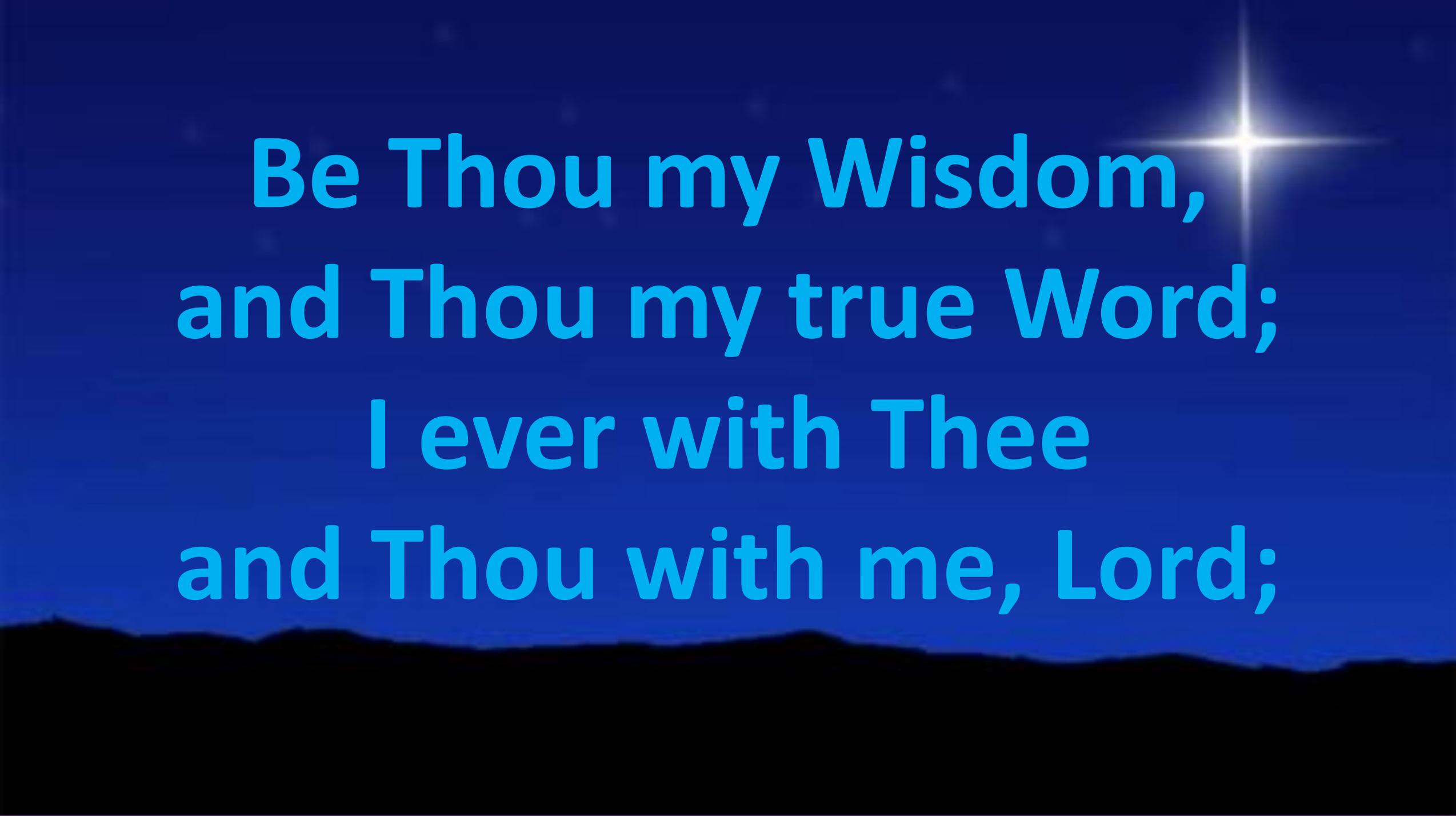
GodTube

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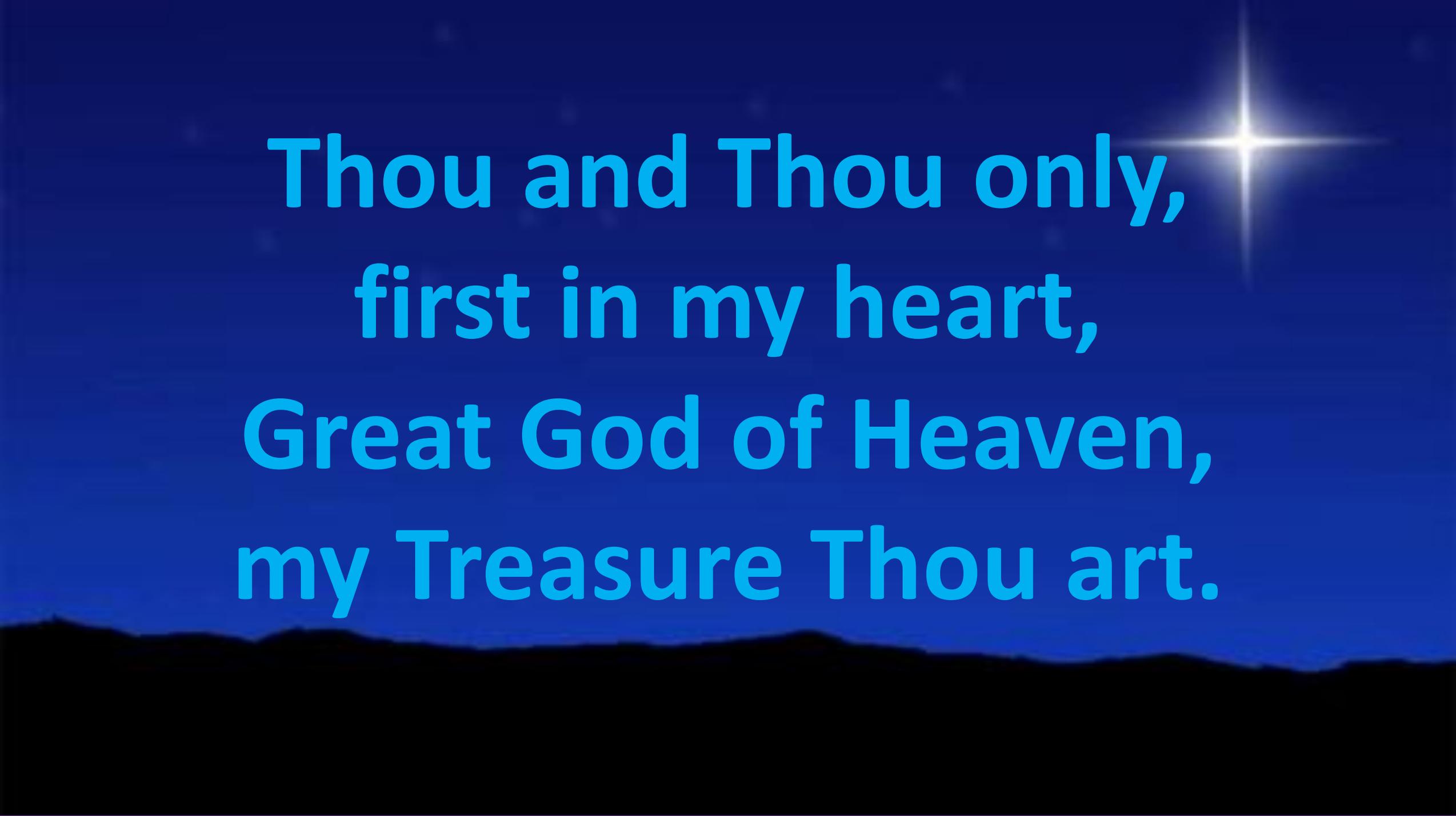
**Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.**



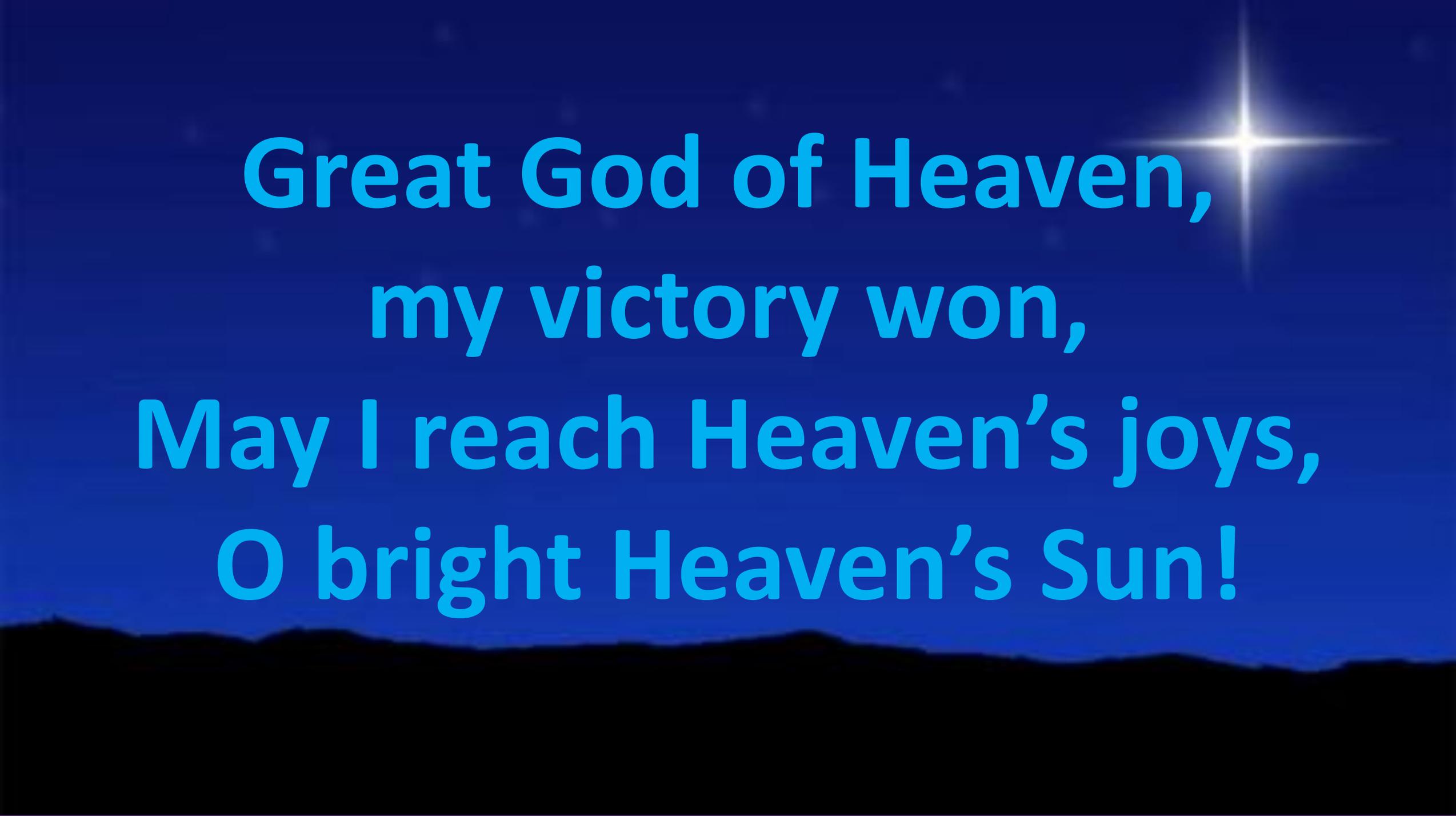
**Thou my best Thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.**

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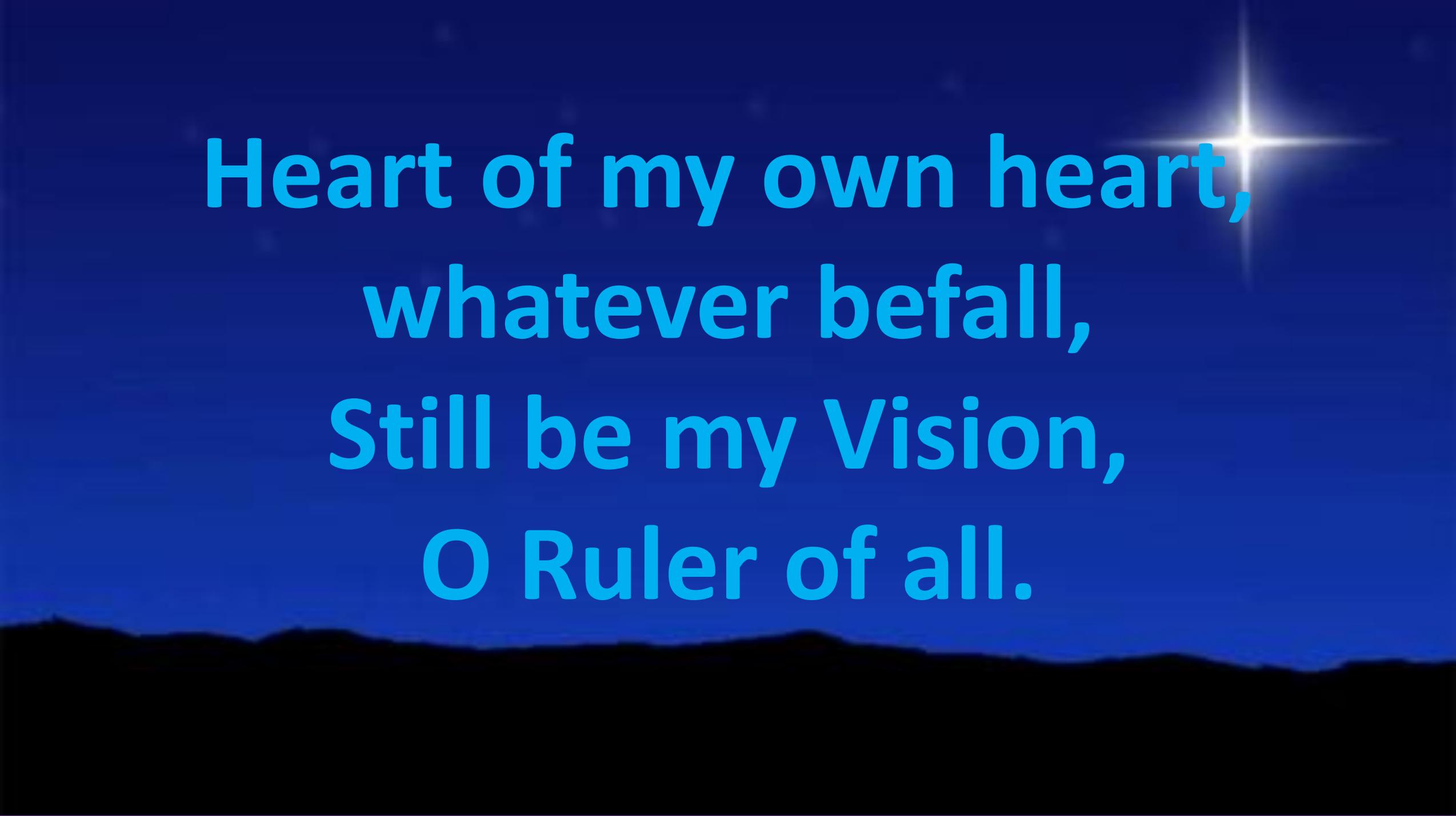
**Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;**

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**Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven,
my Treasure Thou art.**

A bright sun with a four-pointed starburst is positioned in the upper right corner of a clear blue sky. The bottom of the image features a dark, jagged silhouette of a mountain range. The text is centered and written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**Great God of Heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys,
O bright Heaven's Sun!**

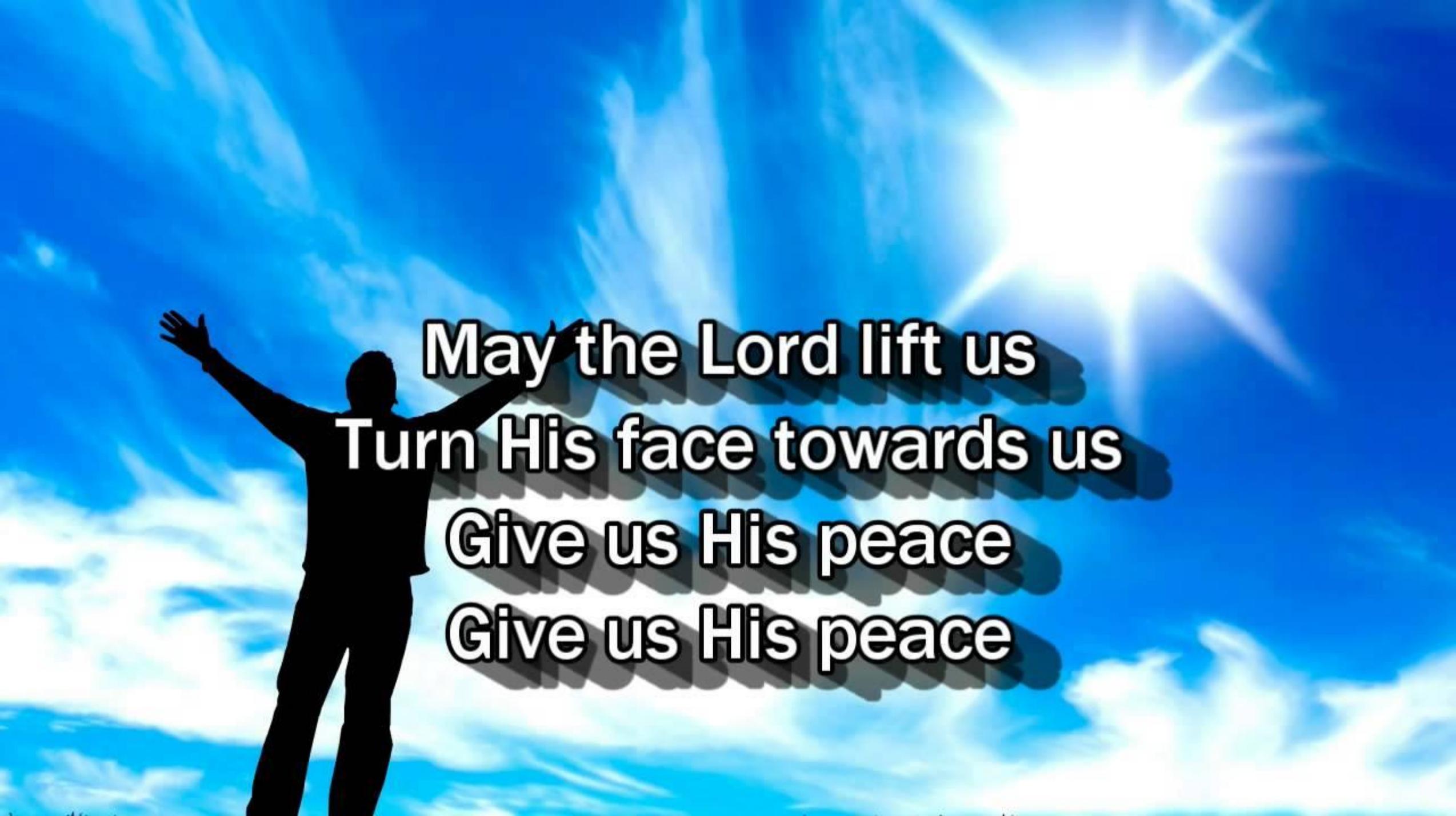


**Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my Vision,
O Ruler of all.**

Benediction

LIVING IN THE GOOD OF GOD'S GRACE



A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a vibrant blue sky with a bright sun and scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**May the Lord lift us
Turn His face towards us
Give us His peace
Give us His peace**