

Baptism



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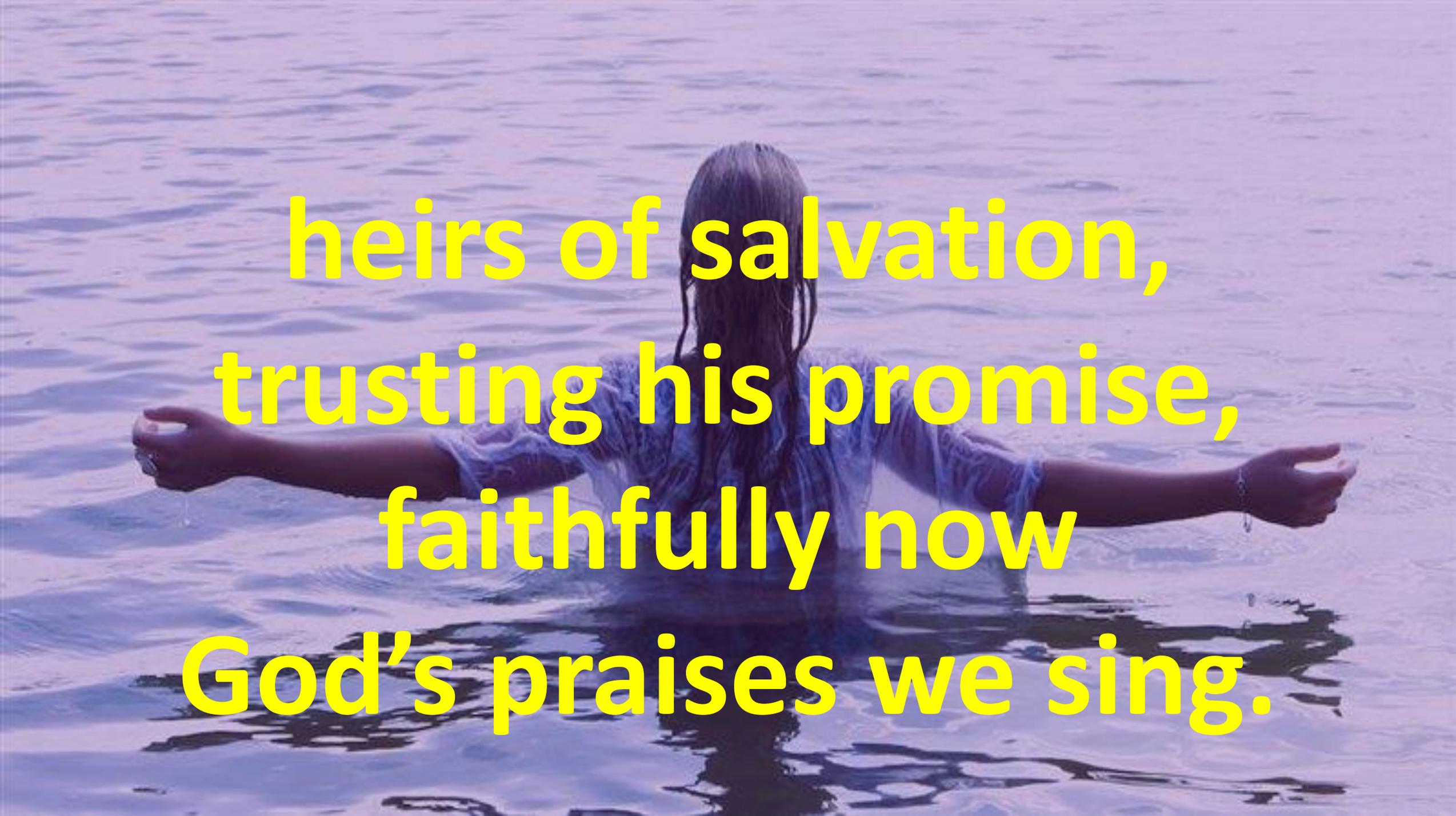
Oriskany Falls United Methodist Church



**Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

A person with long, dark hair is seen from behind, standing in shallow water. Their arms are outstretched horizontally. The water is a light blue-grey color with gentle ripples. The overall scene is serene and symbolic.

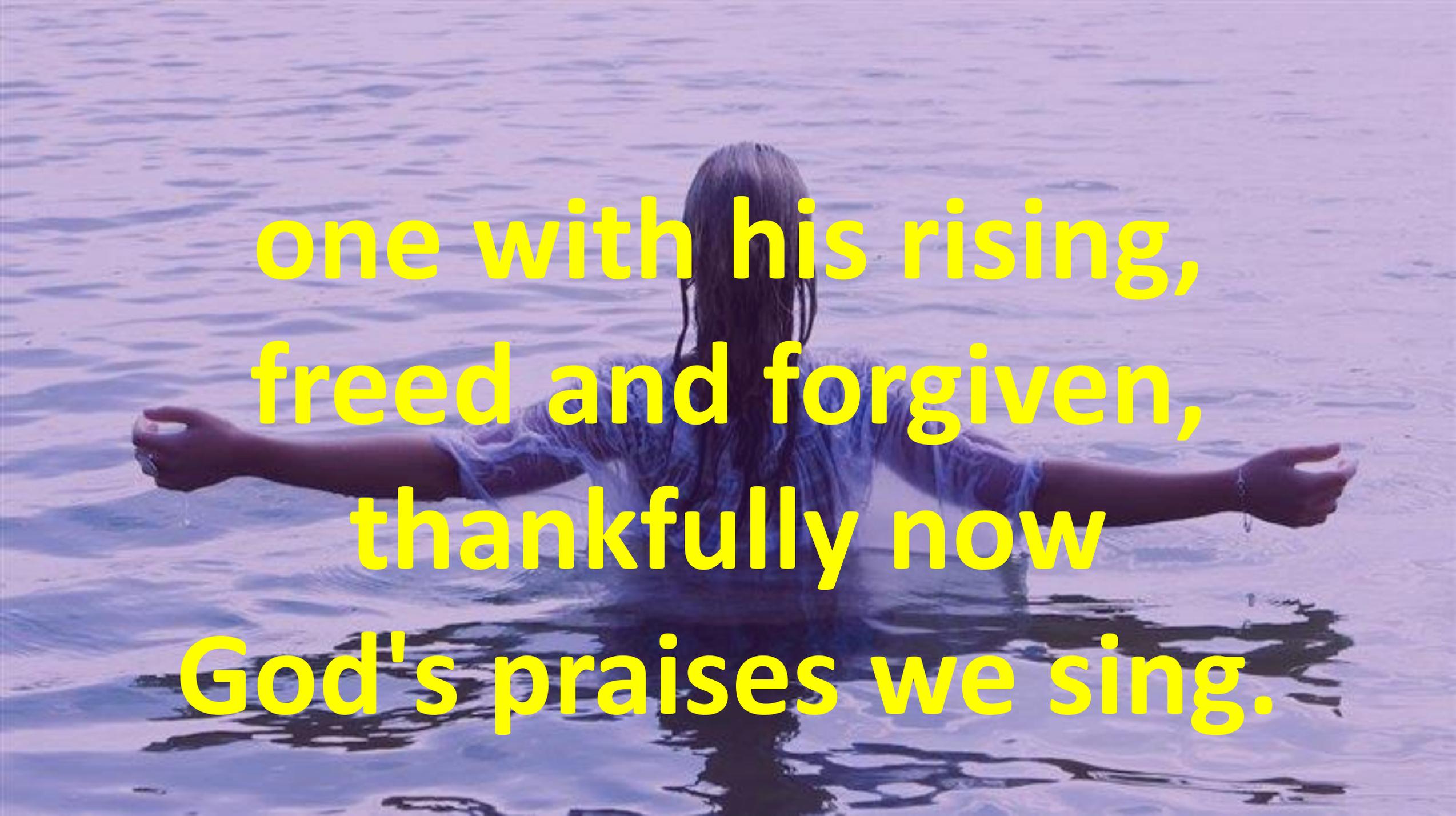
**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood
of Christ, our King;**

A person with long, dark hair is seen from behind, standing in shallow water. Their arms are outstretched to the sides, and they appear to be in a state of prayer or praise. The water is calm with gentle ripples. The overall tone of the image is serene and spiritual.

**heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now
God's praises we sing.**

A person with long, dark hair is seen from behind, standing in shallow water. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, and their hands are slightly cupped. The water is a light, shimmering blue. The overall scene is serene and evokes a sense of baptism or spiritual cleansing.

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thankfully now
God's praises we sing.**

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**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign
of Christ, our King;**

A person with long, dark hair is seen from behind, standing in shallow water. Their arms are outstretched to the sides, and they appear to be in a state of joy or praise. The water is a light blue color, and the overall scene is peaceful and serene.

**born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now
God's praises we sing.**



A CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

We have been claimed by God
Who calls us His children.

PEOPLE:

We, the redeemed, God calls us by
name.

Leader:

As with the Israelites, God
promises to pass with us
through water.

People:

**We will not fear, for God is with
us.**

Leader:

The rivers shall not overwhelm
us, for God is our Guide and
Protector.

People:

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Leader:

Great is the Fount of Every
Blessing.

PEOPLE:

Ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever
claiming us as God's children.
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

The image features two hands, one from a lighter-skinned person and one from a darker-skinned person, cupping a glowing green orb. The orb is the focal point, with a bright green ring around its center. The background is a dark blue gradient. The text 'THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

THE PRAYERS OF
GOD'S PEOPLE

**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 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 and ever.**

Amen.





OFFERING TIME

“The offering is 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





Baptism

Introduction:

(All standing in body and/or spirit)

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in
Christ:

through the sacrament of baptism,
God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's
holy church,

puts us on the stage of God's
saving plan through Grace,
and gives us new birth through
water and the Spirit.

So, come to the water --
water poured over and immersing
us,

water flowing freely for all who will
receive it,

water from the streams of God's
saving power and justice,

water that brings hope to all who
thirst for righteousness,

water that refreshes life, nurtures
growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the waters,
to baptize our sister in Christ,

ALEAH JADE LUCHSINGER,

and in each other's presence

to renew our commitments
to Christ who has raised us,
To the Spirit who empowers us,
and the Creator who makes all
things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession
of Faith:

Pastor (*to all the people, and
especially parents and sponsors*):

And so I ask you, will you turn
away from the powers of sin and
death?

(All the people respond):

**We renounce the spiritual forces
of wickedness,**

**Reject the evil powers of this
world,**

And repent of our sin!

Pastor (*to all the people, and especially parents and sponsors*):

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

(All the people respond):

**We accept the freedom and
power God gives us**

**To resist evil, injustice, and
oppression**

**In whatever forms they present
themselves!**

Pastor (*to all the people, and especially parents and sponsors*):

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

(All the people respond):

**We confess Jesus Christ as our
Savior,**

**put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our
Lord,**

**(All the people respond):
in union with the church which
Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and
races!**

Pastor (*addressing the parents*):
Will you nurture ALEAH in Christ's
holy church?

Parents and sponsors (*respond with these or similar words*):

By teaching and example

we will guide ALEAH

to accept God's grace for herself,

to profess her faith openly,

and to lead a Christian life.

Pastor (*addressing all the people*):

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

All the people (*respond with these words*):

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor (*addressing all the people*):

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include ALEAH in your care?

All the people (*respond with these words*):

With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will embody faith, hope and love so that ALEAH will grow and learn to trust God and

All the people (*respond with these words*):

live Love's service in the world.

**We will pray for her on her
journey of discipleship among us.**

Pastor (*addressing all the people*):

Will you receive and profess the
Christian faith as contained in the
Scriptures of the Old and New
Testaments?

All the people (*respond with these words*):

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty,

All the people (*respond with these words*):

**in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving Over The Water

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord is
with us.

People: **Eternal Father, we thank
you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you gave to us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.

Your justice never fails.

Your mercy is everlasting.

People:

Your healing River flows.

Your Spirit empowers our lives.

**You call us to service and cause us
to seek Justice for all people.**

Pastor:

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the
life-giving Stream

Pastor:

that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

People:

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Pastor: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

People: **Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Pastor: Come upon these waters.

People: **Come upon these waters.**

Pastor: Let these waters be to us
drops of your mercy.

**People: Let these waters remind
us of your righteousness and
justice.**

Pastor: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Christ Jesus.

People: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Pastor: Most Holy God, Abba,
Father!

People: **Glory to you!**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

People: **Glory to you!**

Pastor: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

People: **Glory to you!**

Pastor: Eternal God, One in Three
and Three in One!

People: **All glory is yours, now and
forever. Amen!**

Baptism with Laying on of Hands:

ALEAH JADE LUCHSINGER,

I baptize you

in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work with you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen!

Pastor: Let us welcome our new
sister in Christ Jesus,

ALEAH JADE LUCHSINGER.

All: Amen!

People: Child of God by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God's new creation. Share with us in Christ's royal priesthood. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.

Pastor: ALEAH JADE LUCHSINGER,
the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born of water and the
Spirit, you may live as a faithful
disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen!

A large, ancient tree with thick, spreading roots in a green field. The tree's trunk is massive and gnarled, with roots that spread out across the ground. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the background shows a rolling landscape with more trees and a clear sky.

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent word!**



What more can He say
than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?



“Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and
will still give thee aid;



I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand."



**“When through the deep
waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe
shall not thee overflow;**



For I will be with thee,
thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.”



**“When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply;**



The flame shall not hurt
thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.”



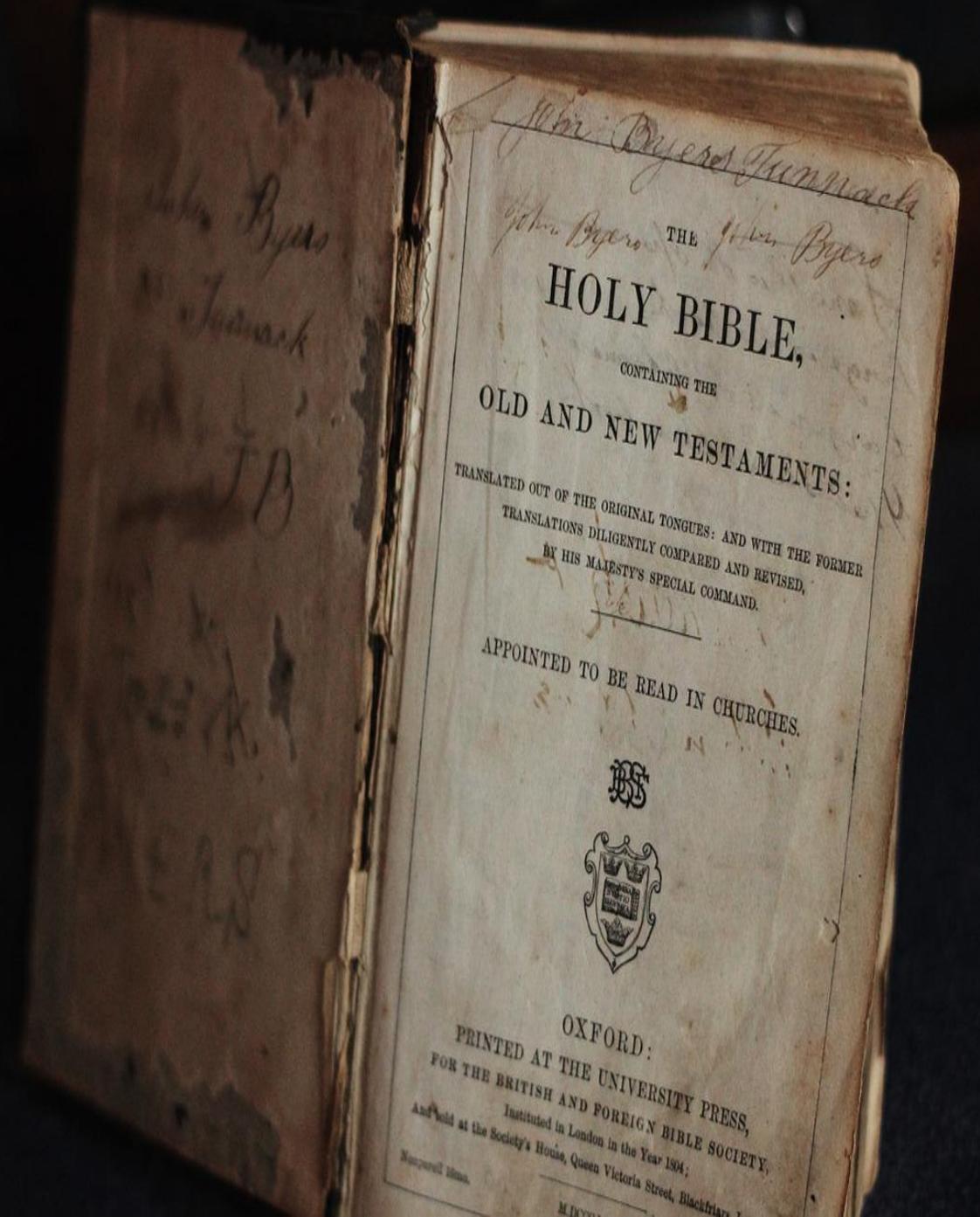
**“The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to his foes;**

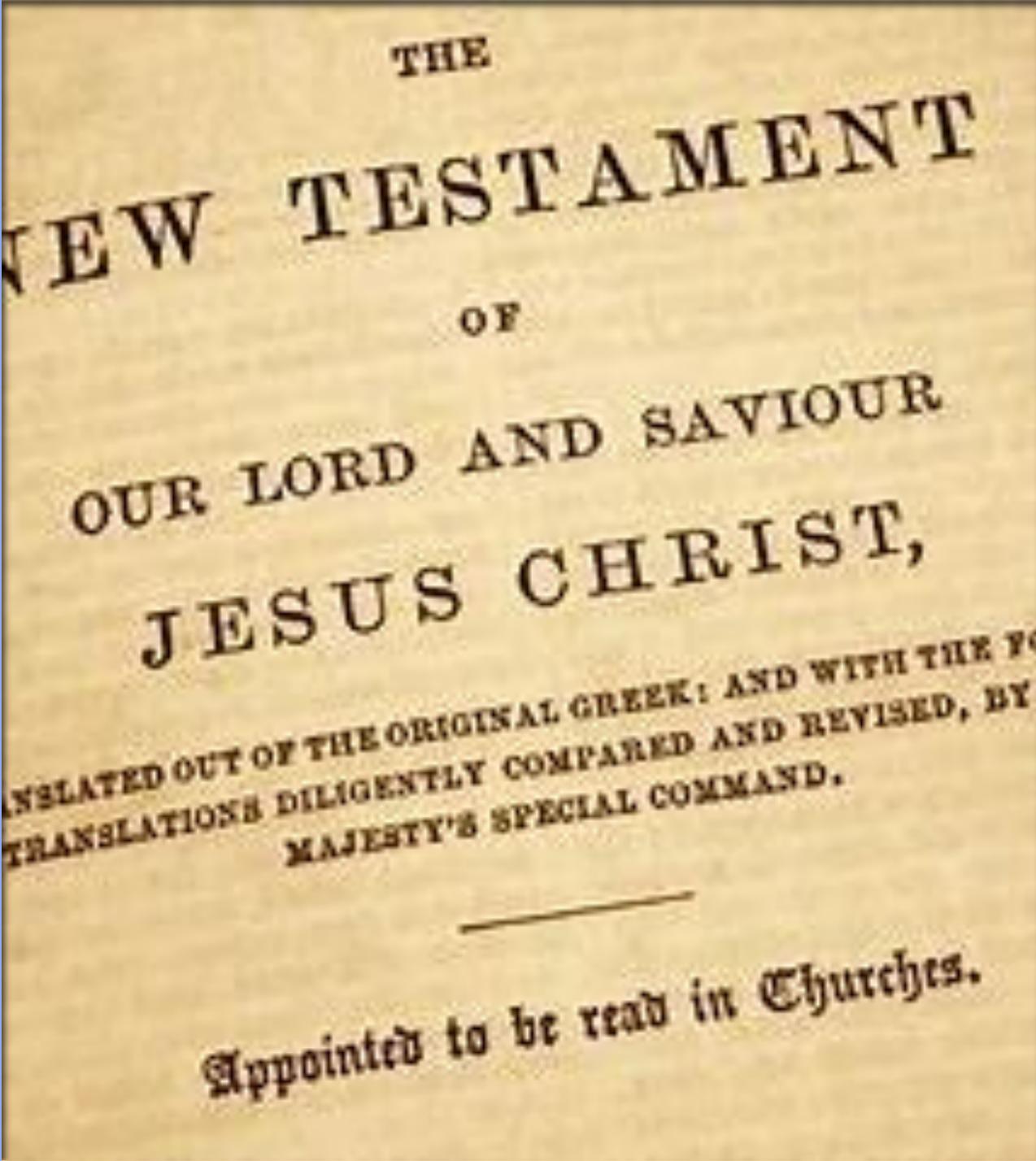


That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never,
no, never forsake!"



OLD TESTAMENT:
PSALM
29:1-11





NEW
TESTAMENT:
JOHN
1:29-34

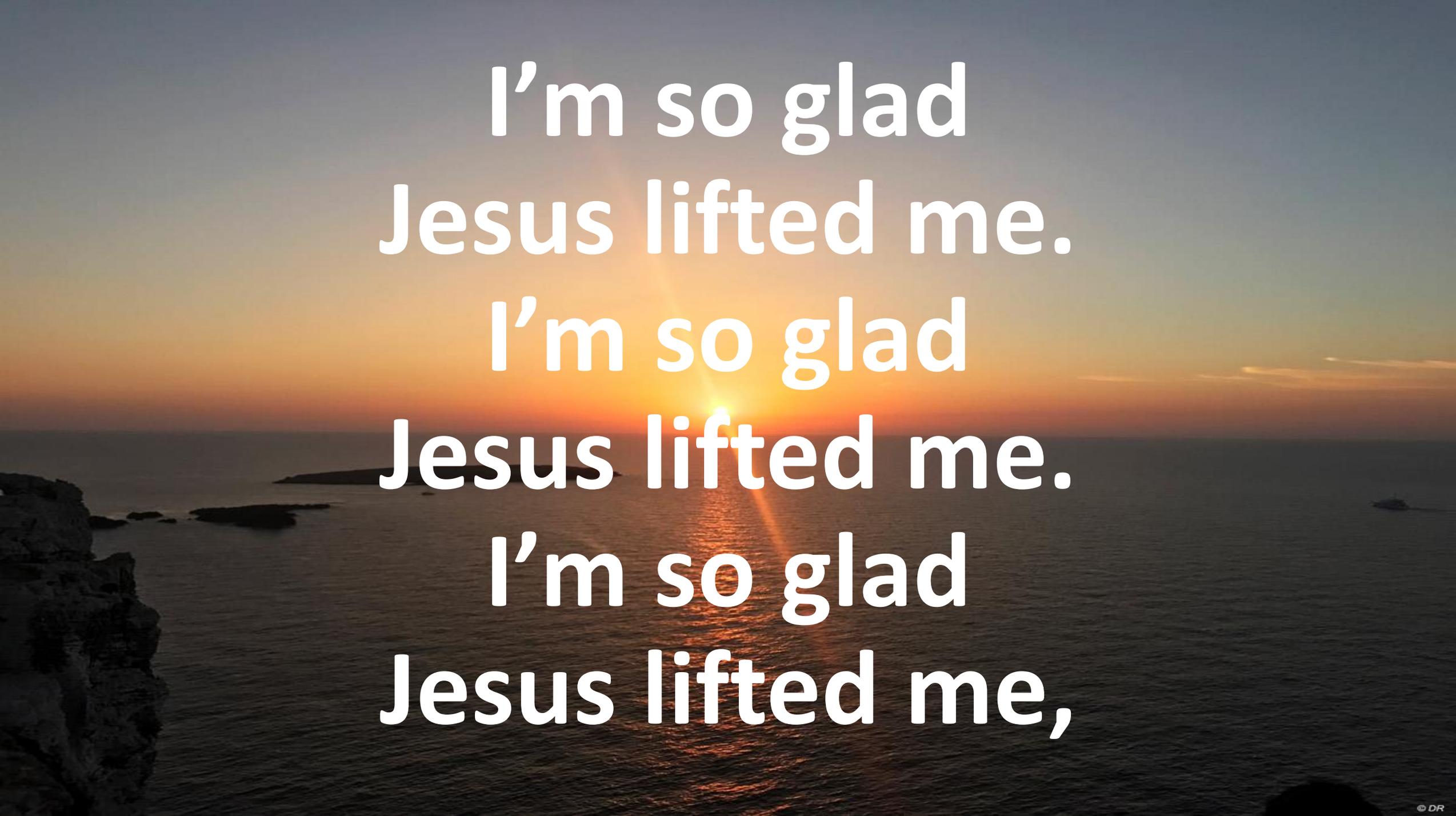
Today's Message

**OUR TOP PRIORITY:
FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF CHRIST JESUS;
CHRIST WAS BAPTIZED AND BEGAN TO
PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

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I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

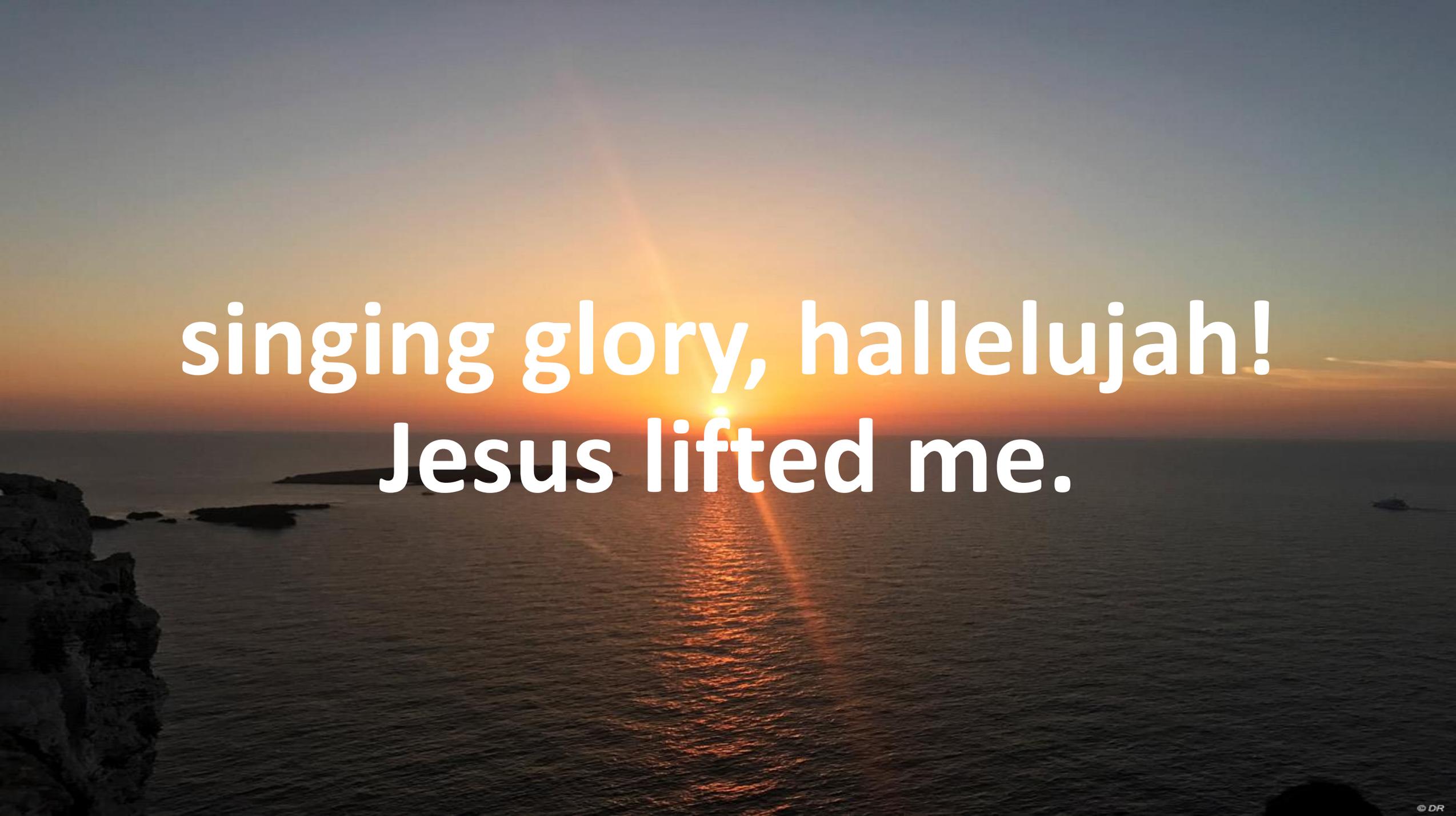
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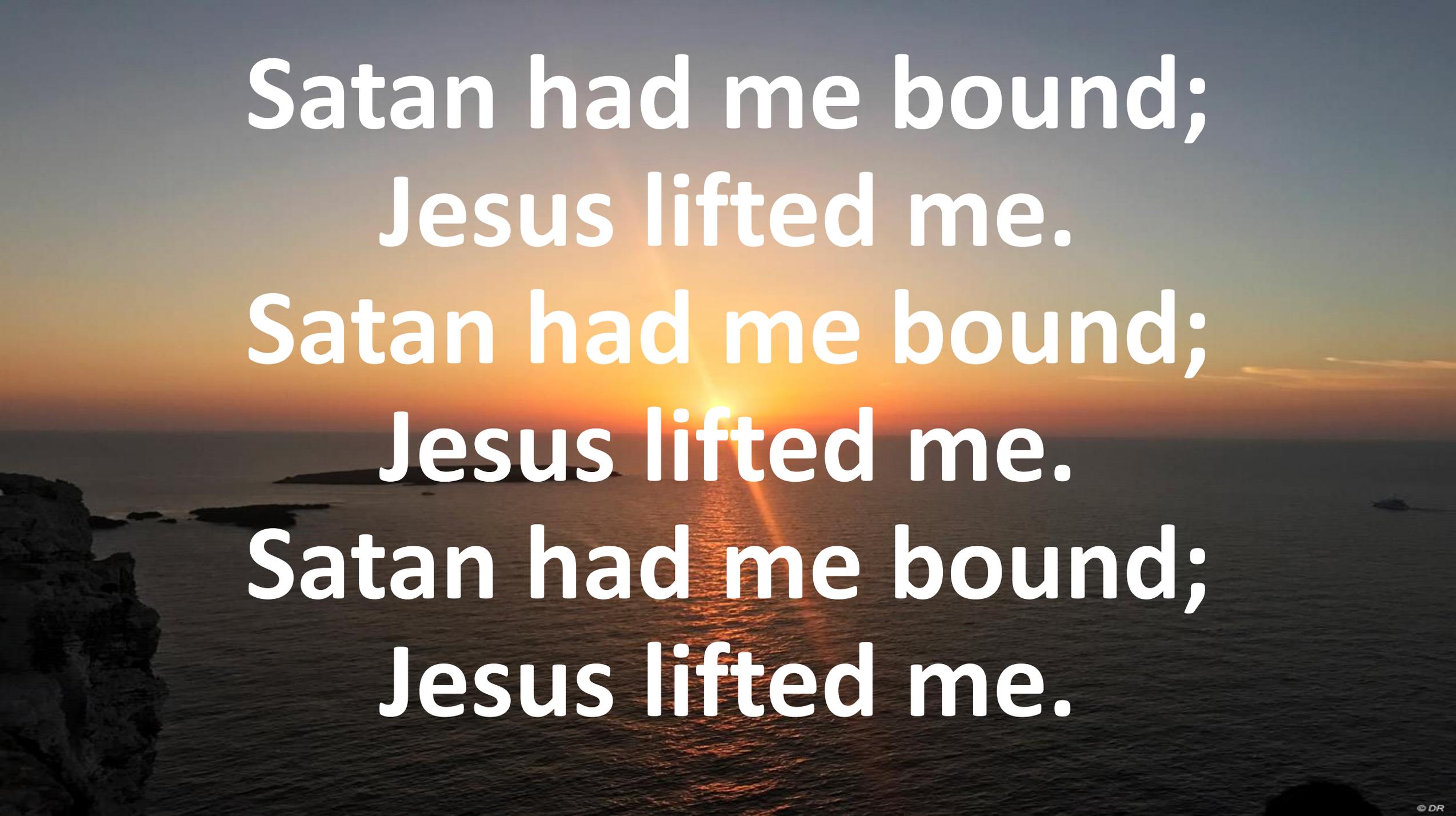
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Jesus lifted me.

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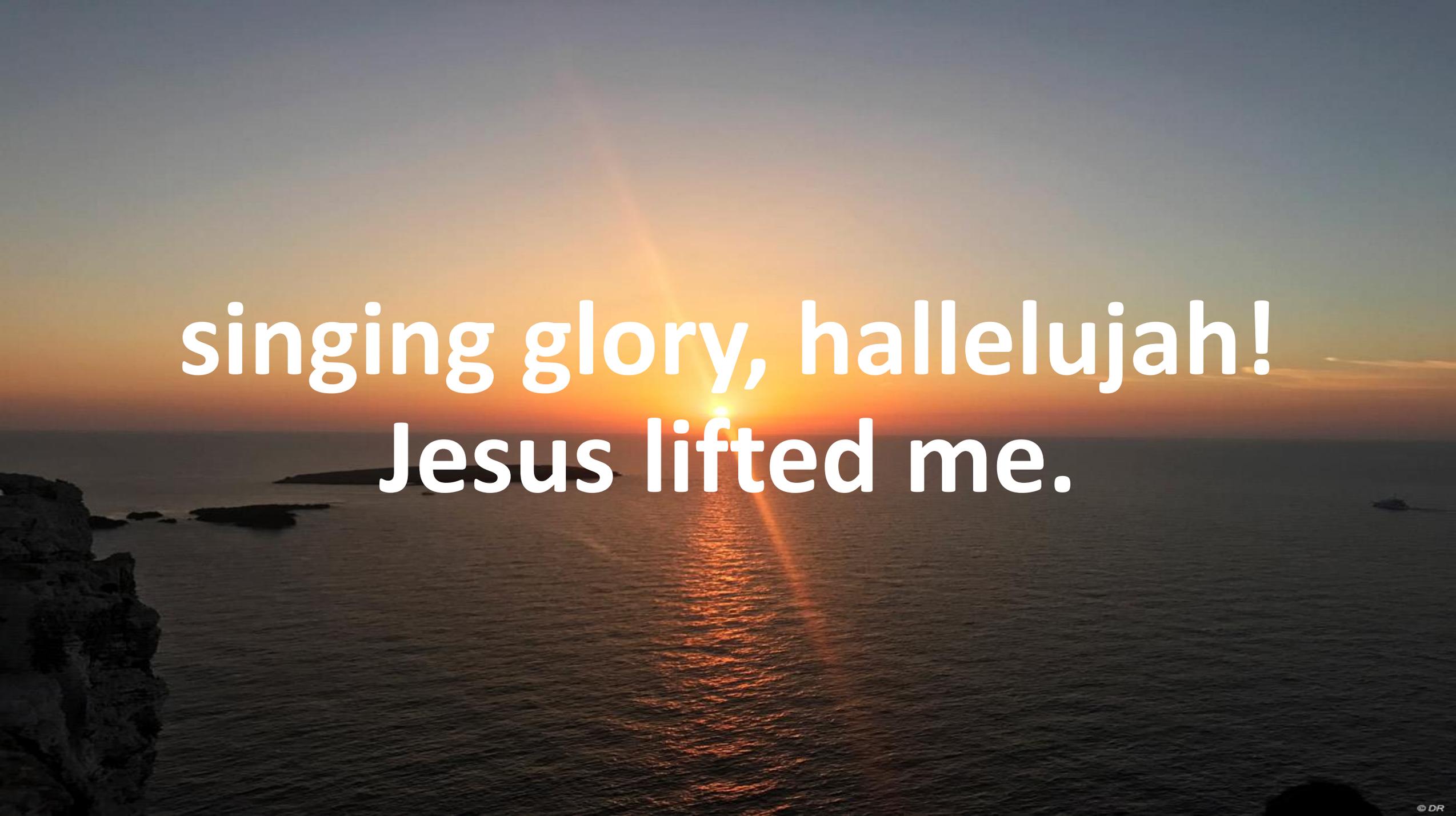
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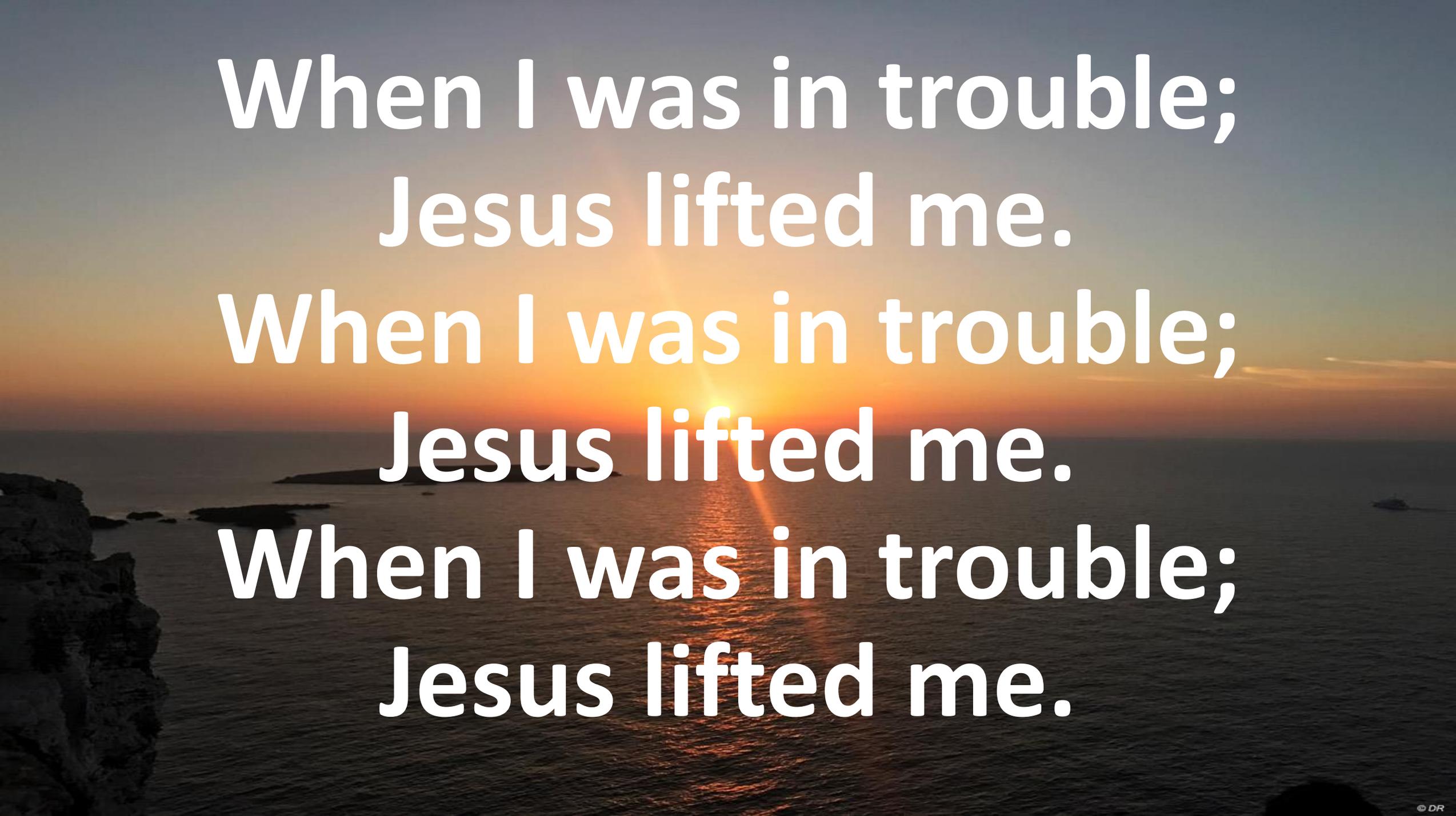
singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.



Satan had me bound;
Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound;
Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound;
Jesus lifted me.



singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.



When I was in trouble;
Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble;
Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble;
Jesus lifted me.



singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.



Benediction

EXPECTING WHAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE