



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
September 13, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



“OPEN OUR EYES, LORD”
TFWS 2086

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD

Words: Bob Cull (John 12:21; Eph 1:17-18)

2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to
see Jesus, to reach out and touch
him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help
us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

GATHERING SONG



“THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”

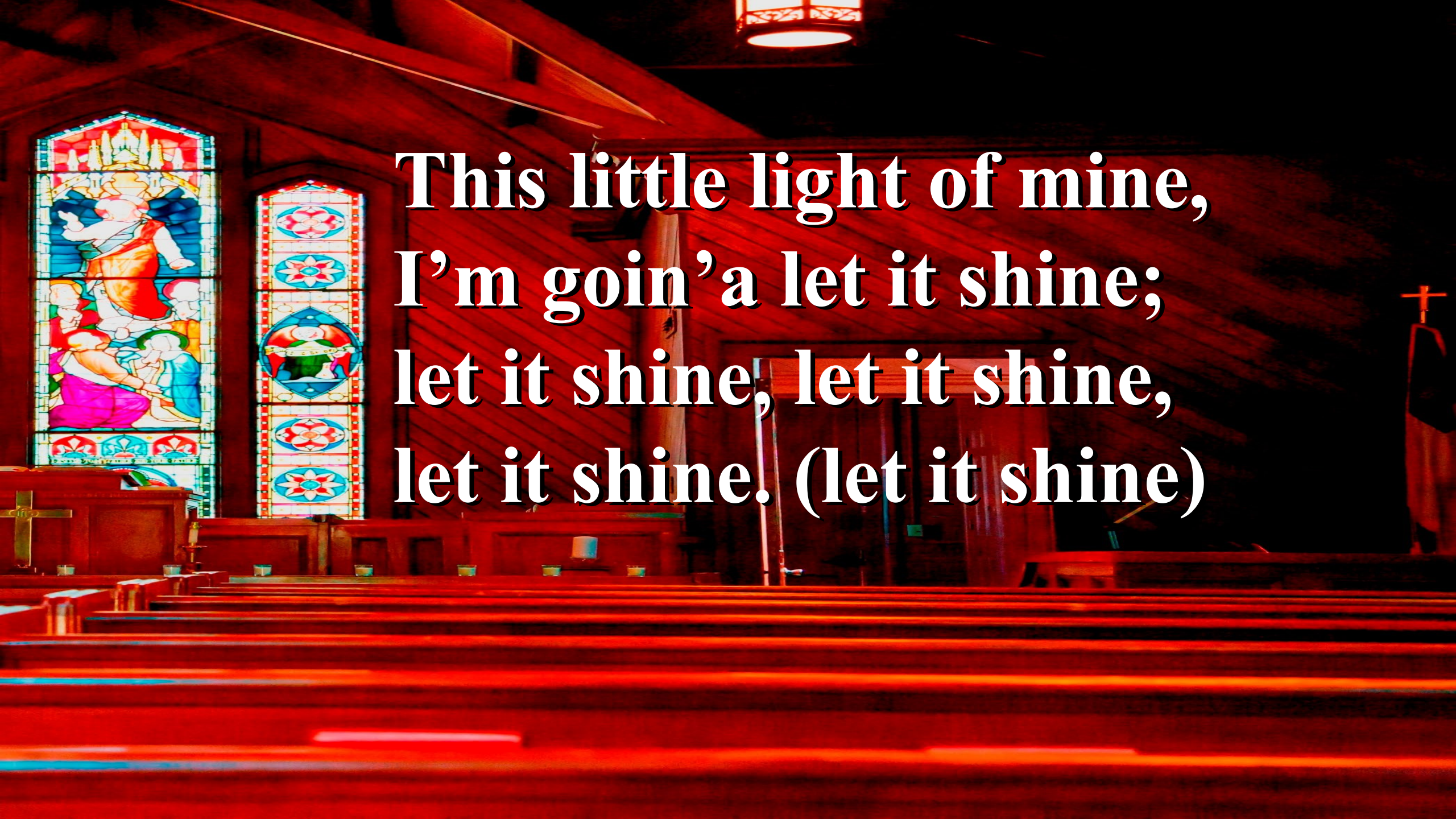
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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

WORDS: African American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

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1. This little light of mine,
I'm goin' a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin' a let it shine;

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar with a cross on the left, and two large stained glass windows in the background. The windows depict religious scenes. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

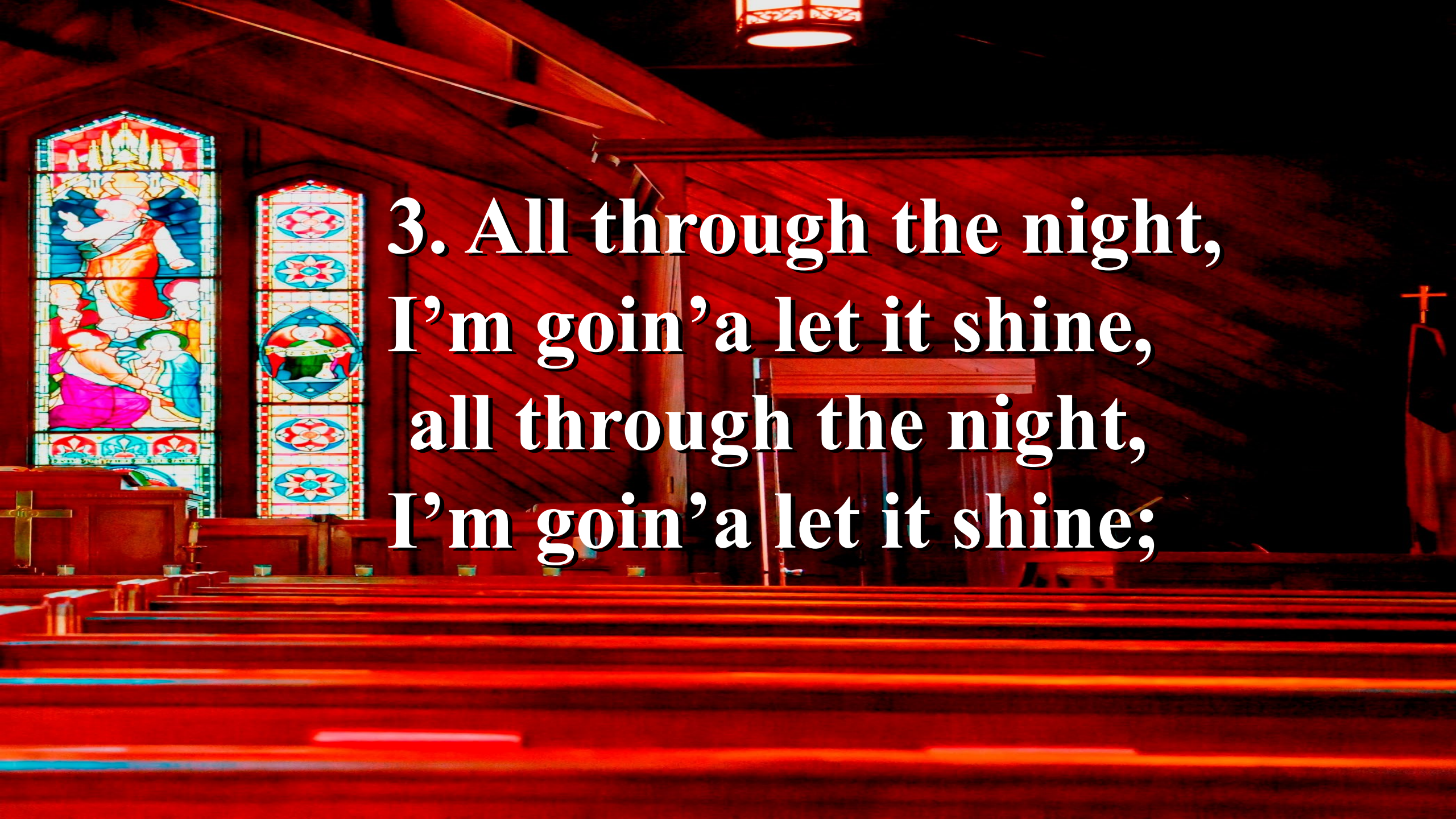
**This little light of mine,
I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)**

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross on the left, and two tall, narrow stained glass windows in the background. The windows depict religious scenes. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

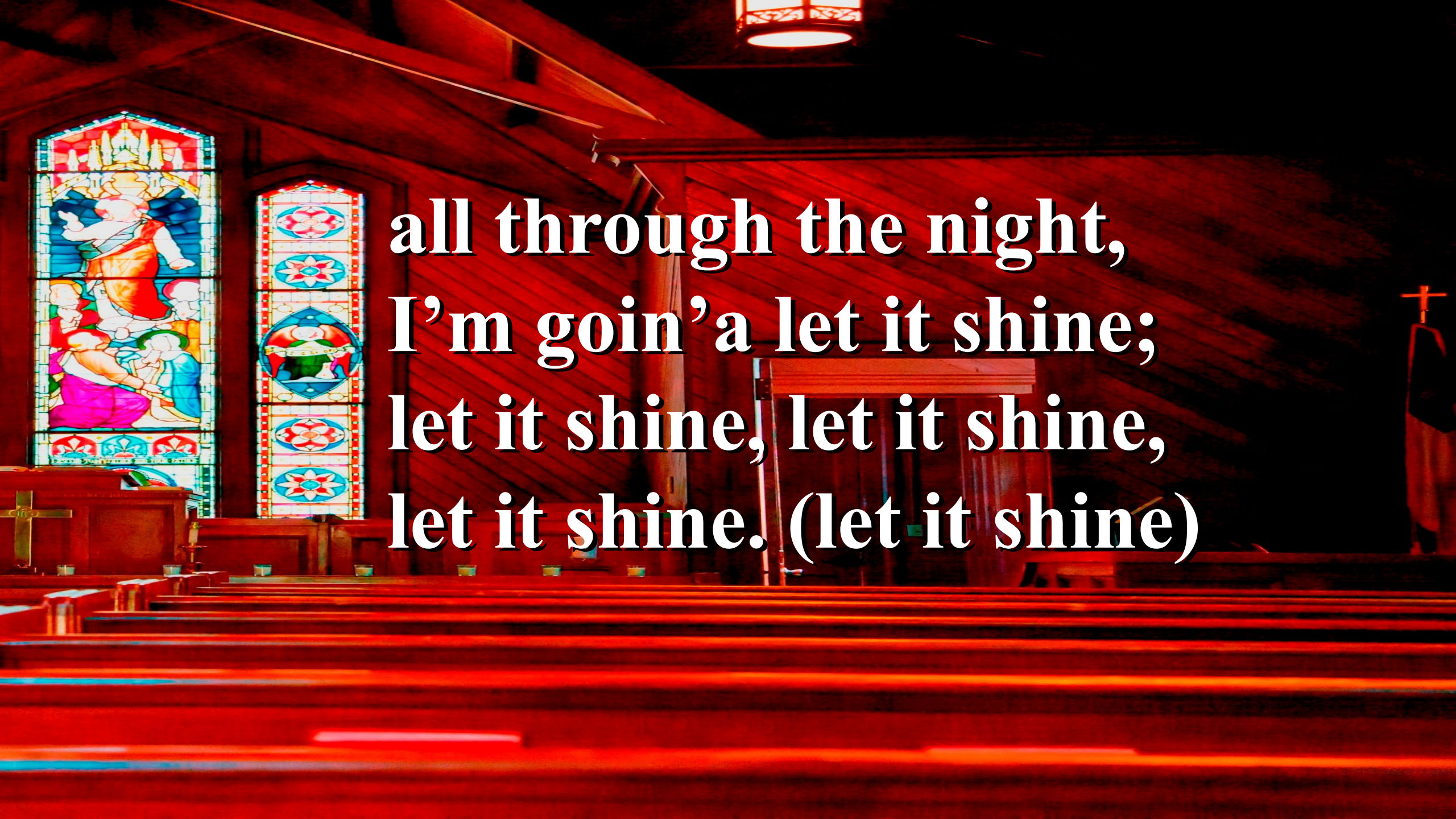
2. Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross on the left, and two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The windows depict religious scenes: the left one shows a figure in a red robe (possibly Jesus) being embraced by people, and the right one shows a figure in a blue robe (possibly Mary) holding a child. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)**

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar area with a cross, and two large stained glass windows. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The right window has a geometric pattern. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

3. All through the night,
I'm goin' a let it shine,
all through the night,
I'm goin' a let it shine;

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all through the night,
I'm goin' a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)



“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.**



CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, our refuge and our portion.

People: In God's presence there is fullness of joy, and in Christ we have the fullness of life.

Leader: Root yourselves in Christ, who strengthens and sustains His people.

People: We come to worship with thankful hearts, seeking the abundant life Jesus alone can give.



Leader: Let us worship God the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!



OPENING SONG
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
UMH 400

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Words: Robert Robinson

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1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of
mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

**2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home. Jesus
sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be! Let
thy goodness, like a fetter, bind
my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal
it, seal it for thy courts above.**





OPENING PRAYER

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Gracious and loving God, You alone are our refuge, our portion, and our everlasting hope. We thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might have life, and have it abundantly. As we gather in Your presence, fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit. Turn our hearts away from every false promise and every empty pursuit, and root us deeply in Christ, in whom we have true fullness.

May our worship honor You, our prayers draw us nearer to You, and Your Word transform us into faithful disciples who live with joy, courage, and purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir



OFFERING

Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts



“OFFERTORY PRAYER”

Lord God, You are our portion, our provider, and the giver of abundant life. All that we have comes from You, and all that we offer belongs first to You. Receive these gifts as an act of worship and gratitude. Use them to strengthen Your church, serve those in need, and bear witness to the life of Jesus Christ. By Your Holy Spirit, make us cheerful givers, faithful stewards, and willing servants. May our giving reflect hearts rooted in Christ and lives surrendered to Your purpose. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



**All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord,
And Of Thine Own Have We Given
Thee. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to Your holy Word. Remove every distraction and every voice that competes with the voice of Christ. Root us deeply in Your truth, reveal more of Jesus to us, and give us ears to hear, hearts to believe, and courage to obey. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

PSALM 16; COLOSSIANS 2:6–10; JOHN 10:10

Ps 16: 1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. 2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.” 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. 5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

**Ps.16: 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel;
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have
set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my
right hand I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is
glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in
hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor
will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You
will show me the path of life; In Your presence is
fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.**

Colossians 2: 6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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**John 10: 10 The thief does not come except to steal,
and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may
have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**



Empowered by the Spirit

Life in the Spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that we have often looked for life in places where life cannot be found. We have trusted in success more than surrender, comfort more than discipleship, and security more than Your promises. Too often we have pursued the world's ambitions while neglecting Your kingdom.



Forgive us for every false allegiance, every misplaced priority, and every moment we have failed to trust You as our portion. By Your Holy Spirit, renew our hearts, deepen our faith, and conform us to the likeness of Christ, so that our lives may bear witness to Your grace and truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. In Him we are forgiven, made new, and filled with the fullness of God's grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are no longer condemned but reconciled to God, rooted in Christ, and strengthened to walk in His ways.



In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen.

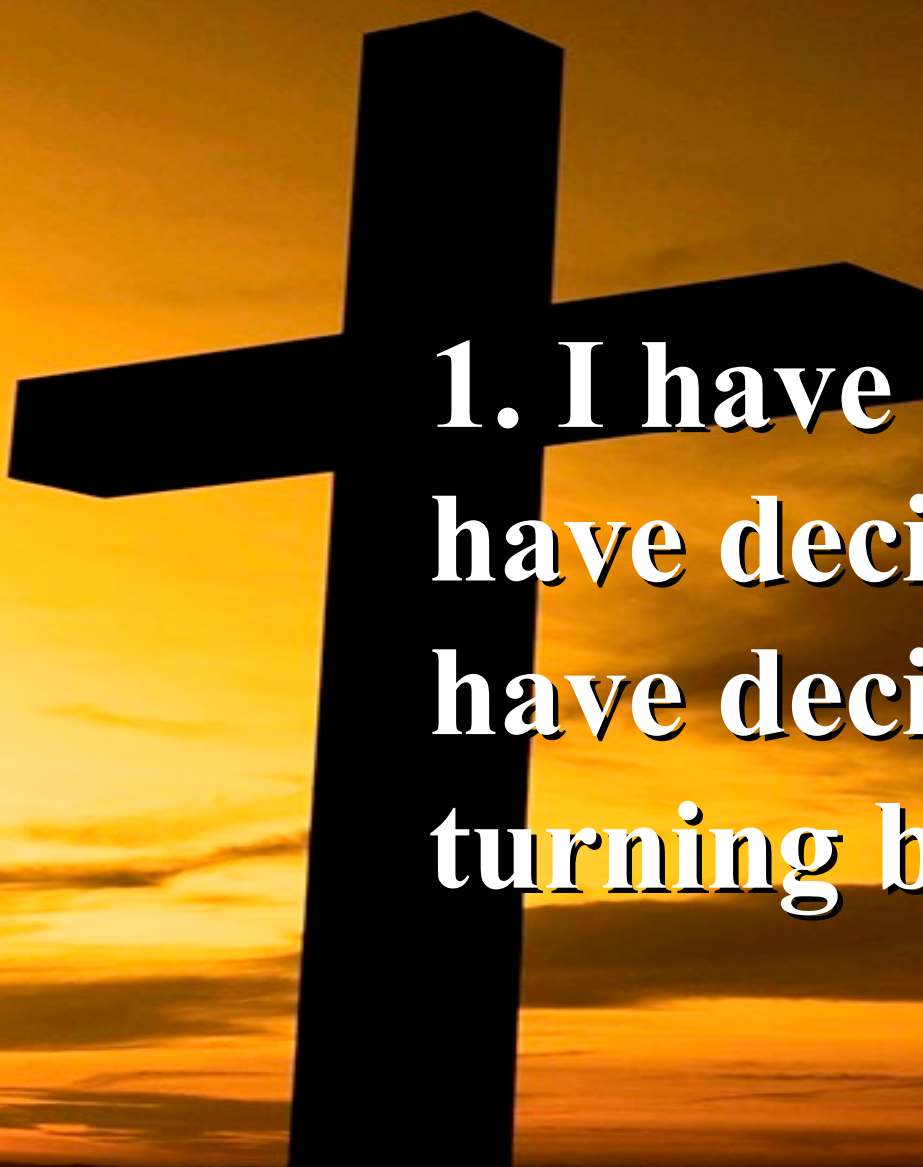


CLOSING SONG
“I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS”
TFWS 2129

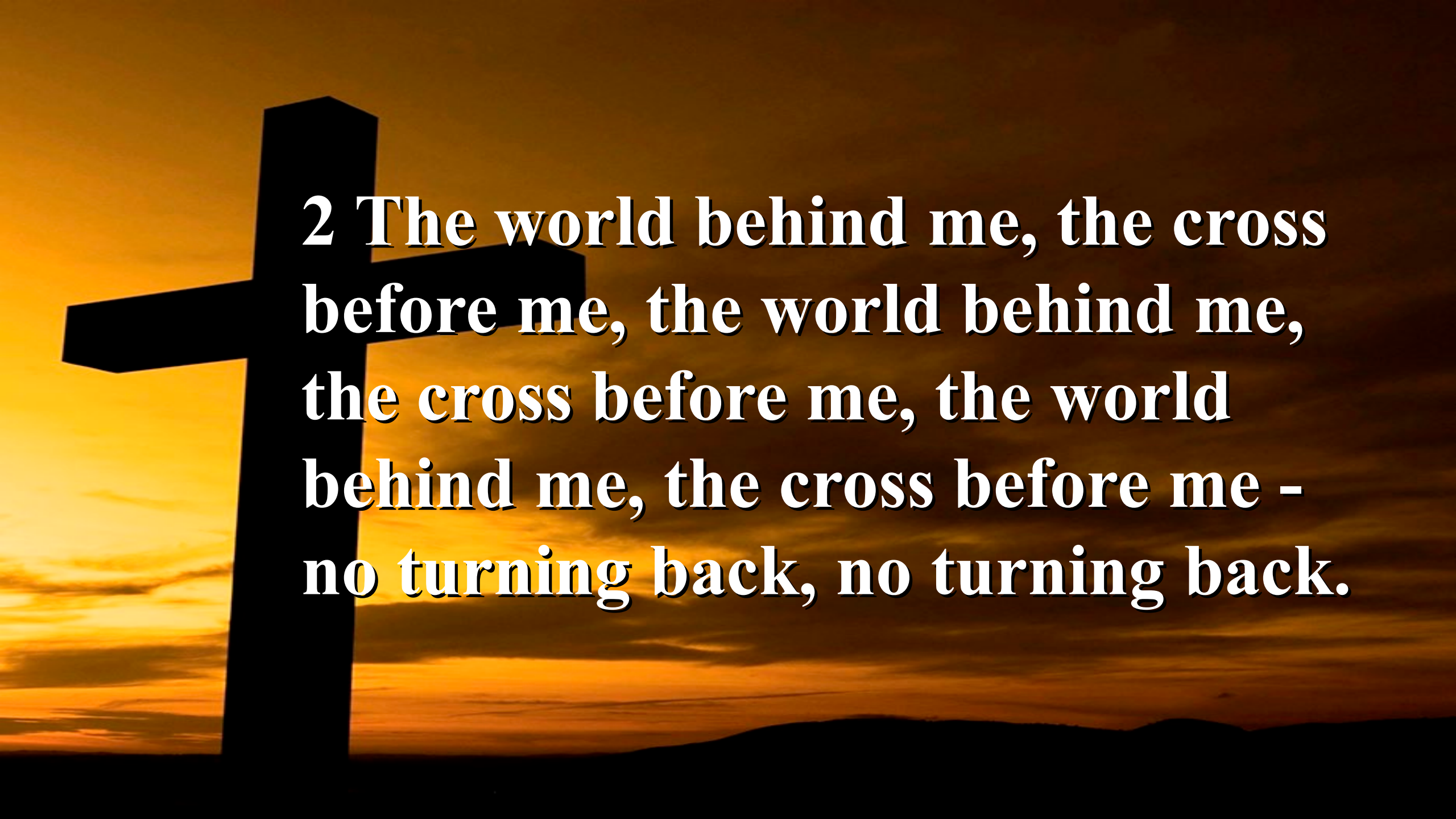
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WORDS: Anon

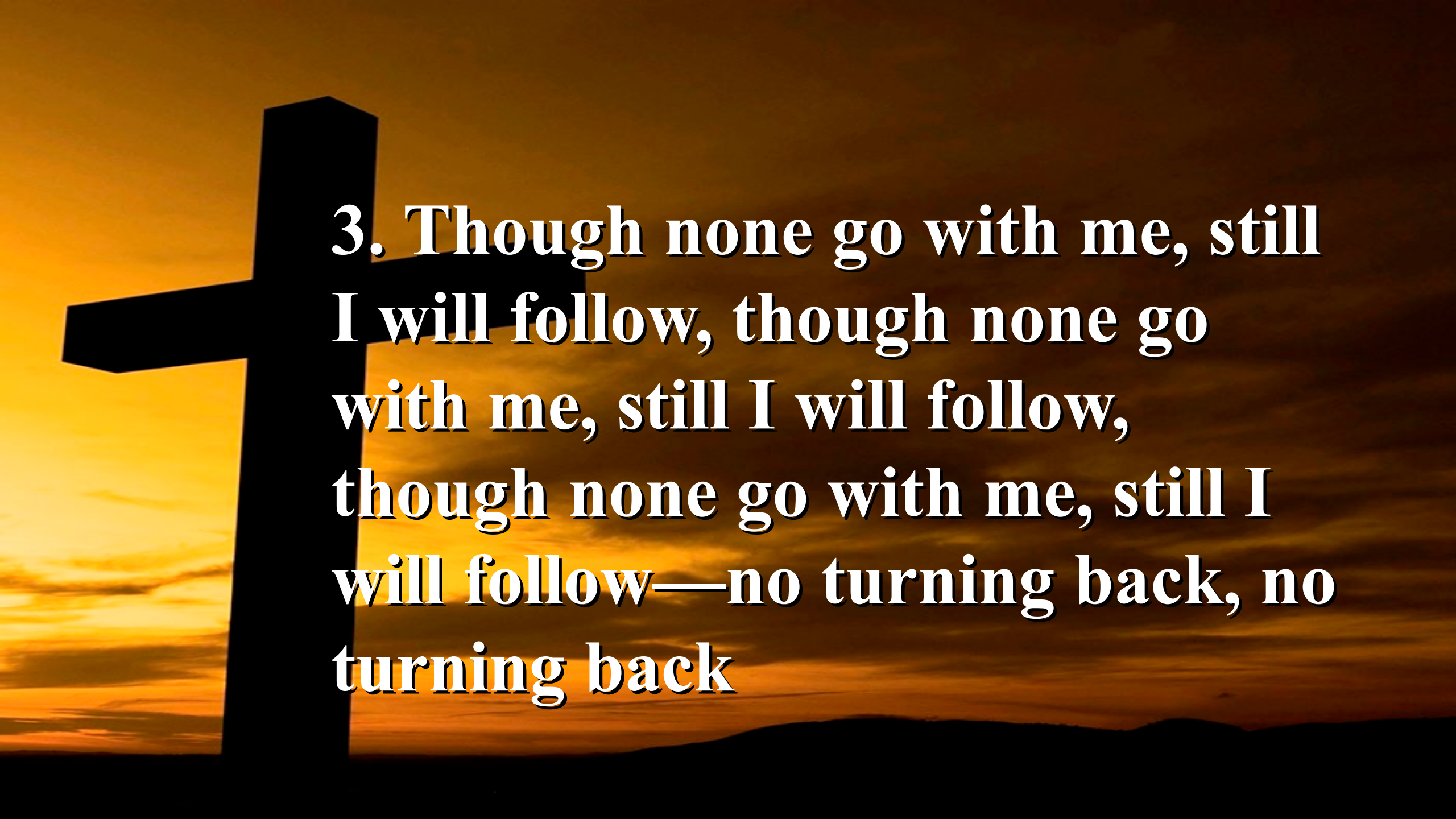
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**1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I
have decided to follow Jesus, I
have decided to follow Jesus - no
turning back, no turning back.**

A large black cross silhouette is positioned on the left side of the image, extending from the bottom to the top. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene with a gradient of orange and yellow hues. In the distance, dark silhouettes of mountains are visible against the horizon. The text is overlaid on the right side of the cross.

**2 The world behind me, the cross
before me, the world behind me,
the cross before me, the world
behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.**



**3. Though none go with me, still
I will follow, though none go
with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I
will follow—no turning back, no
turning back**



BENEDICTION



Go forth in the strength of the Lord. Though the fig tree may not blossom, rejoice in the God of your salvation. Though trouble may come, remember that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Though the world is broken, live in hope, for God is making all things new. Now may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.



Threefold Amen

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Treble Staff:

- Measure 1: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- men,
- Measure 2: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- men
- Measure 3: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: A- .
- Measure 4: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: . . .
- Measure 5: Chord (F#4, A4), quarter note (F#4), quarter rest. Lyrics: men.

Bass Staff:

- Measure 1: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 2: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 3: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 4: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.
- Measure 5: Chord (F#2, A2), quarter note (F#2), quarter rest.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

