



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
September 27, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



“I’LL FLY AWAY”

TFWS 2282

I'll Fly Away

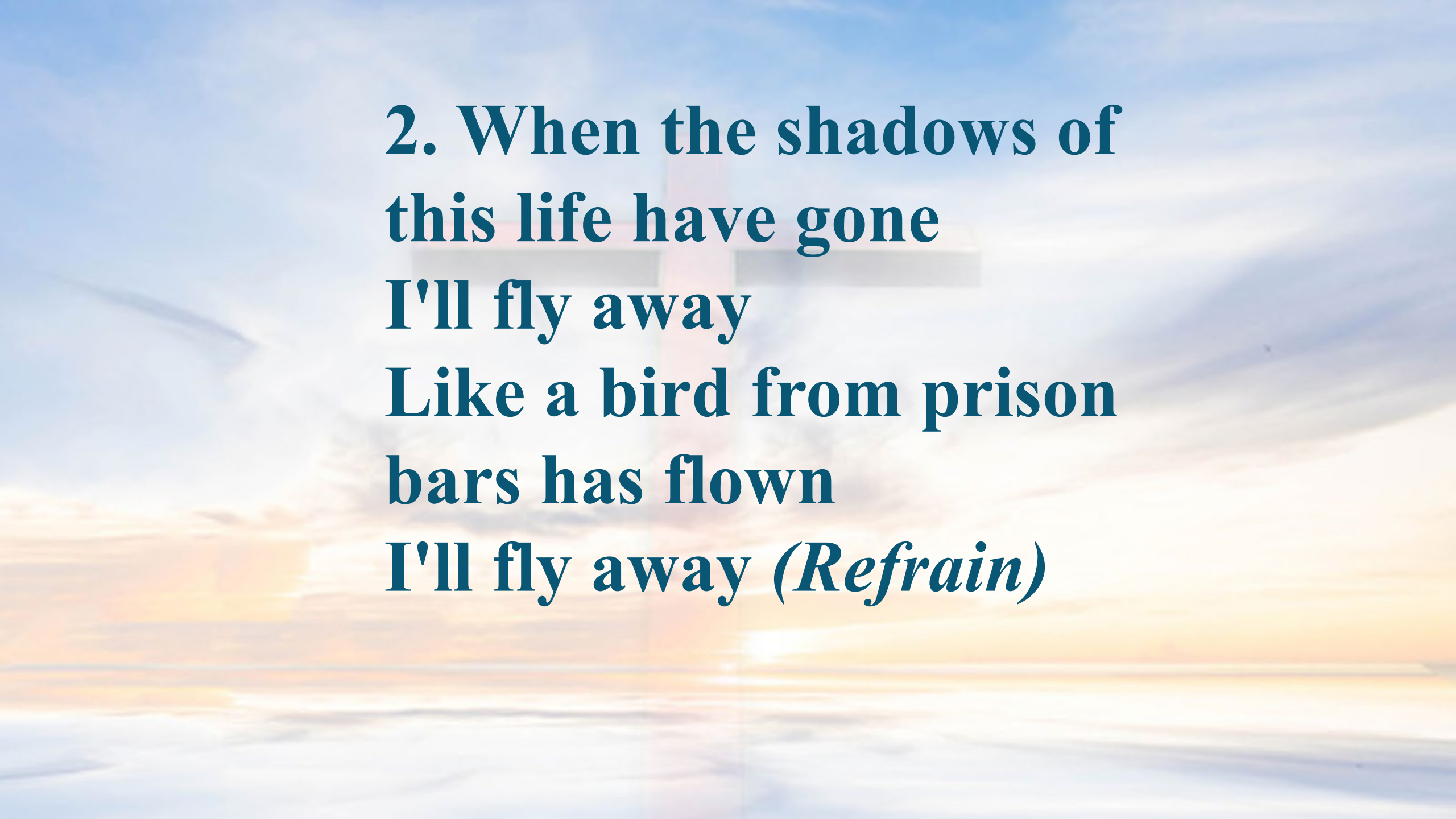
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Albert E. Brumley (Isa. 55:6; 2 Cor. 5:8)

**1. Some glad morning
when this life is o'er I'll
fly away. To a home on
God's celestial shore, I'll
fly away**

Refrain

**I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away. When I
die hallelujah by and
by I'll fly away**



**2. When the shadows of
this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison
bars has flown
I'll fly away (*Refrain*)**



**3. Just a few more weary
days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys
shall never end
I'll fly away (*Refrain*)**

GATHERING SONG



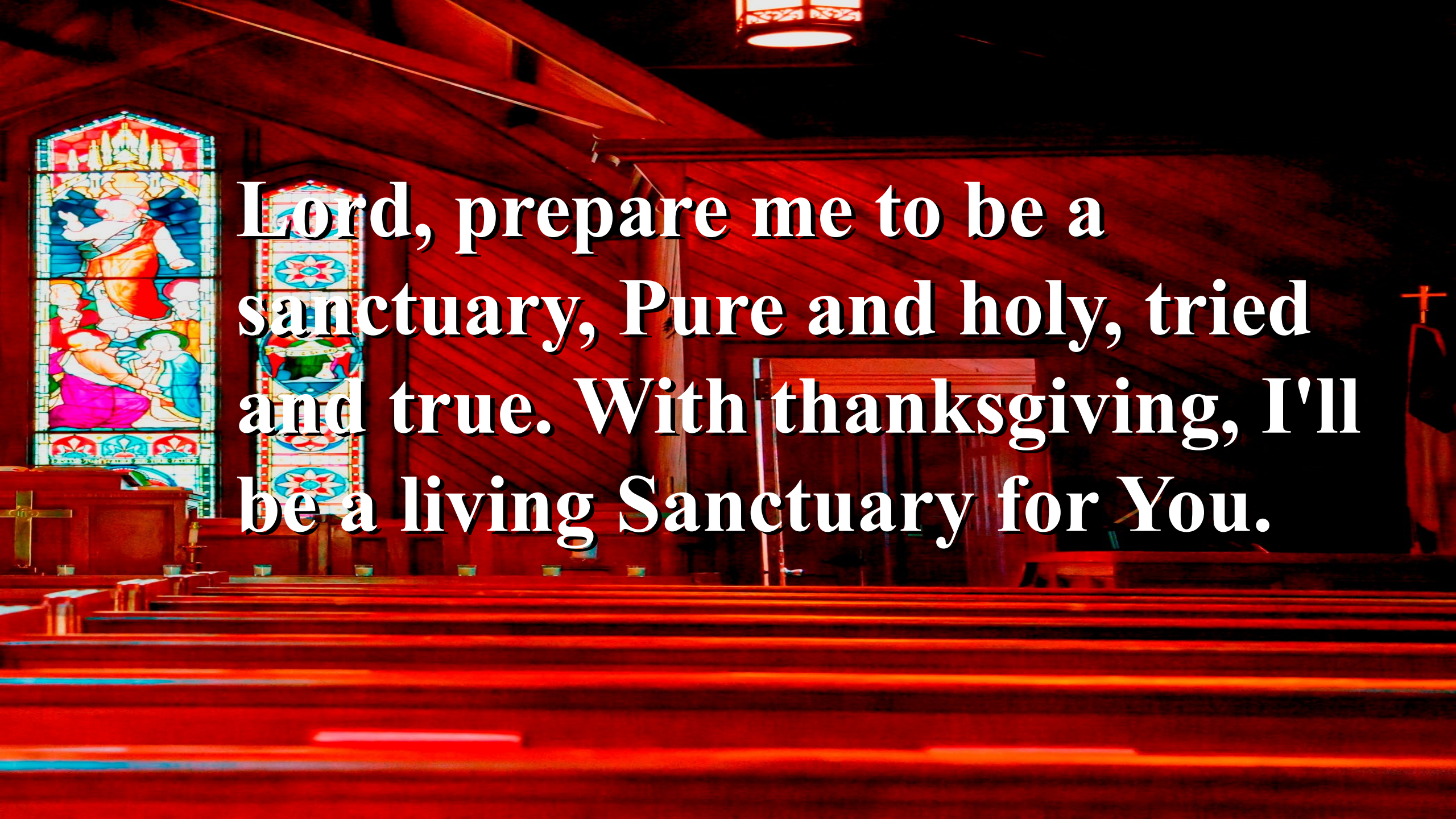
“SANCTUARY”
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SANCTUARY

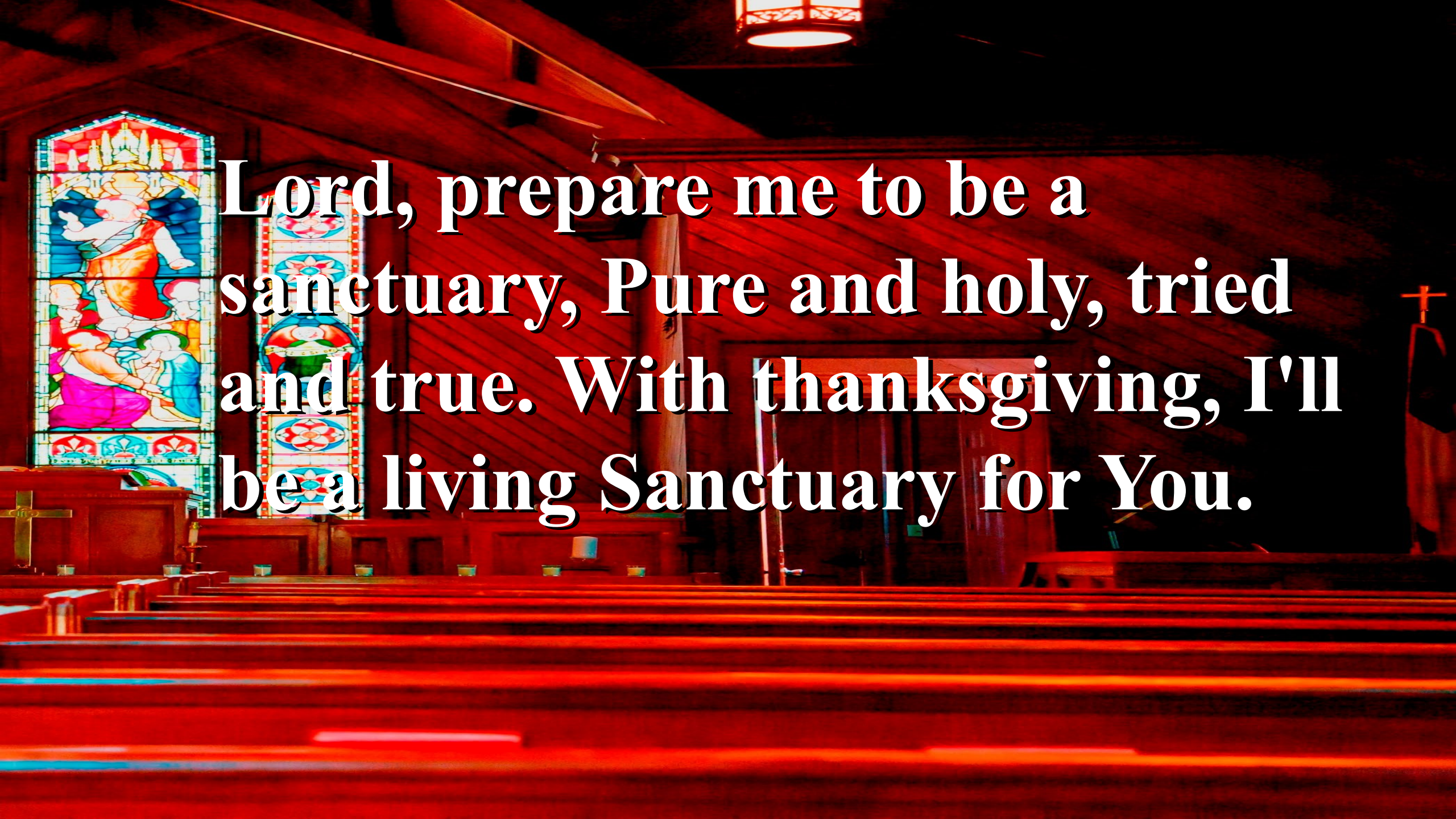
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WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a
sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried
and true. With thanksgiving, I'll
be a living Sanctuary for You.

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 in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font with a black outline.

Lord, prepare me to be a
sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried
and true. With thanksgiving, I'll
be a living Sanctuary for You.

A photograph of a church interior, featuring rows of wooden pews in the foreground, a large stained glass window on the left depicting a religious scene, and a wooden altar area in the background. The lighting is warm, and the overall tone is spiritual.

**Lord, prepare me to be a
sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried
and true. With thanksgiving, I'll
be a living Sanctuary for You.**



“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: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

Serve God with gladness!



Leader: God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.



People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Serve God with gladness!

**Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith,
we are not alone—God is with us!**

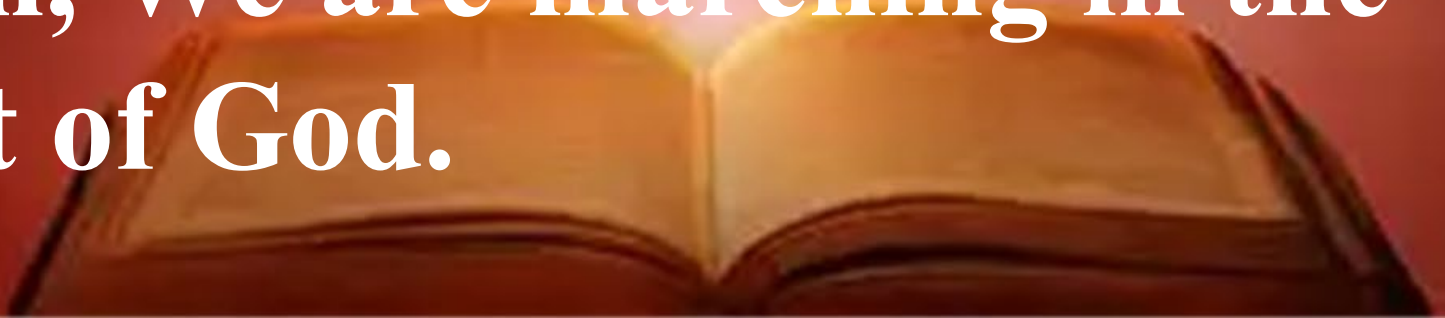
**People: We come to worship God by boldly
loving and joyfully serving, that we may be
disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the
world. Amen.**



OPENING SONG
“WE ARE MARCHING TO THE LIGHT OF GOD”
TFWS 2235

WE ARE MARCHING TO THE LIGHT OF GOD

**1. We are marching in the light of
God. We are marching in the light
of God We are marching,
marching, We are marching, oh
ohhh, We are marching in the
light of God.**



**2. We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living. We are living,
oh ohhh. We are living in the love
of God.**



**3. We are moving in the
power of God. We are moving
in the power of God. We are
moving, moving, We are
moving, oh ohhh, We are
moving in the power of God.**



OPENING PRAYER



**We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—
with words of praise and adoration spoken
and sung in the name of Jesus who brought
your love song to us in person. You put new
words in our mouths and new intentions in
our hearts, especially a new understanding
of power. Power shaped by love and
righteousness, justice and mercy.**

We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



Asbury UMC Choir



OFFERING

Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, As Your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to hear Your call to serve with love, gladness, and faithfulness. Show us the gifts You have placed within us and teach us to use them for the good of others and for Your glory. Let Your Word strengthen our joy, deepen our gratitude, and shape us into willing servants of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

PSALM 100; 1 PETER 4: 8-11;

Psalm 100: 1 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

1Peter 4:8 “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



1 PETER 4:10

Use your gifts to
serve

One
ANOTHER

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to recognize how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor,



how poverty leaves children without coats,
how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a
distance. Open our hearts to recognize your
presence in every person, and to respond to
their needs so that we may be rightly called by
your name. Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Though we wander, God searches us out. God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Receive this good news: God pardons our sin and frees us to boldly love And joyfully serve God and neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory 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

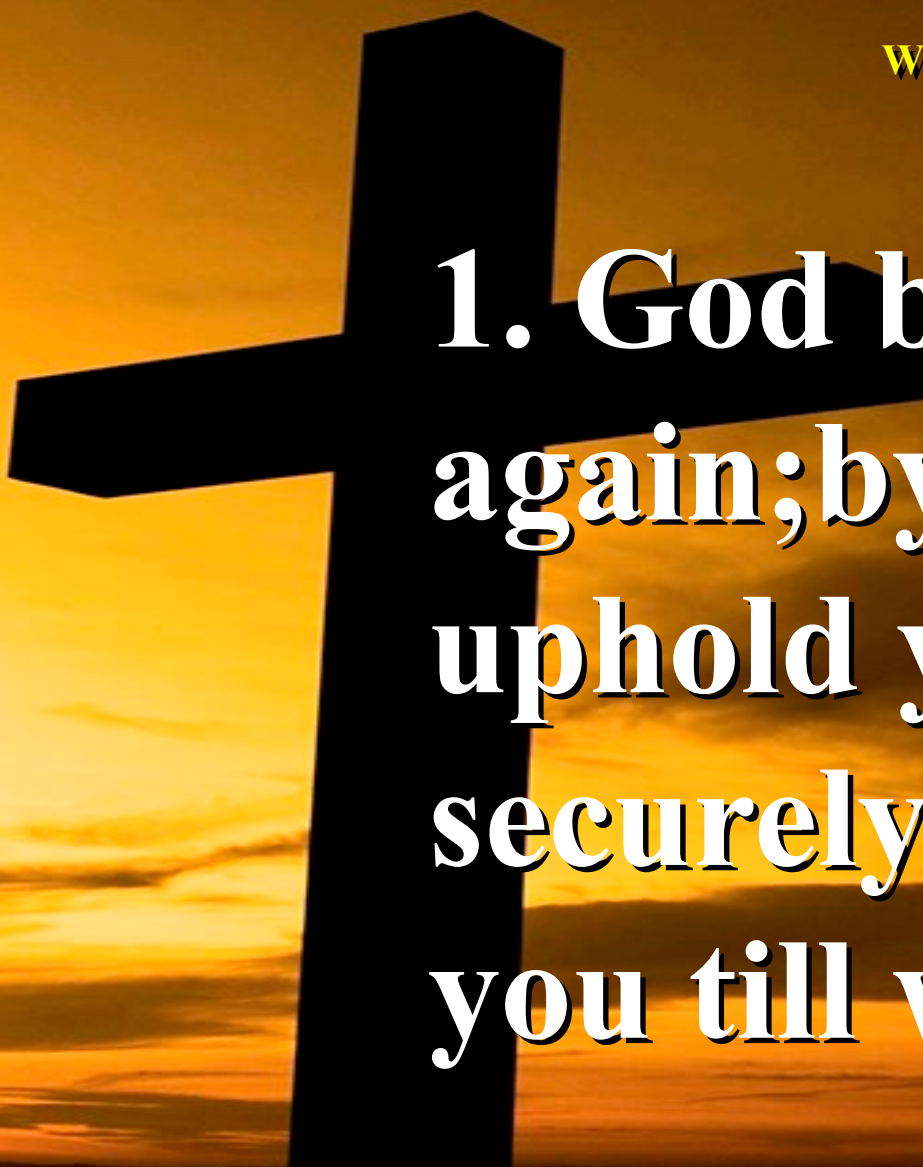
“GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN”

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GOD BE WITH TIL WE MEET AGAIN

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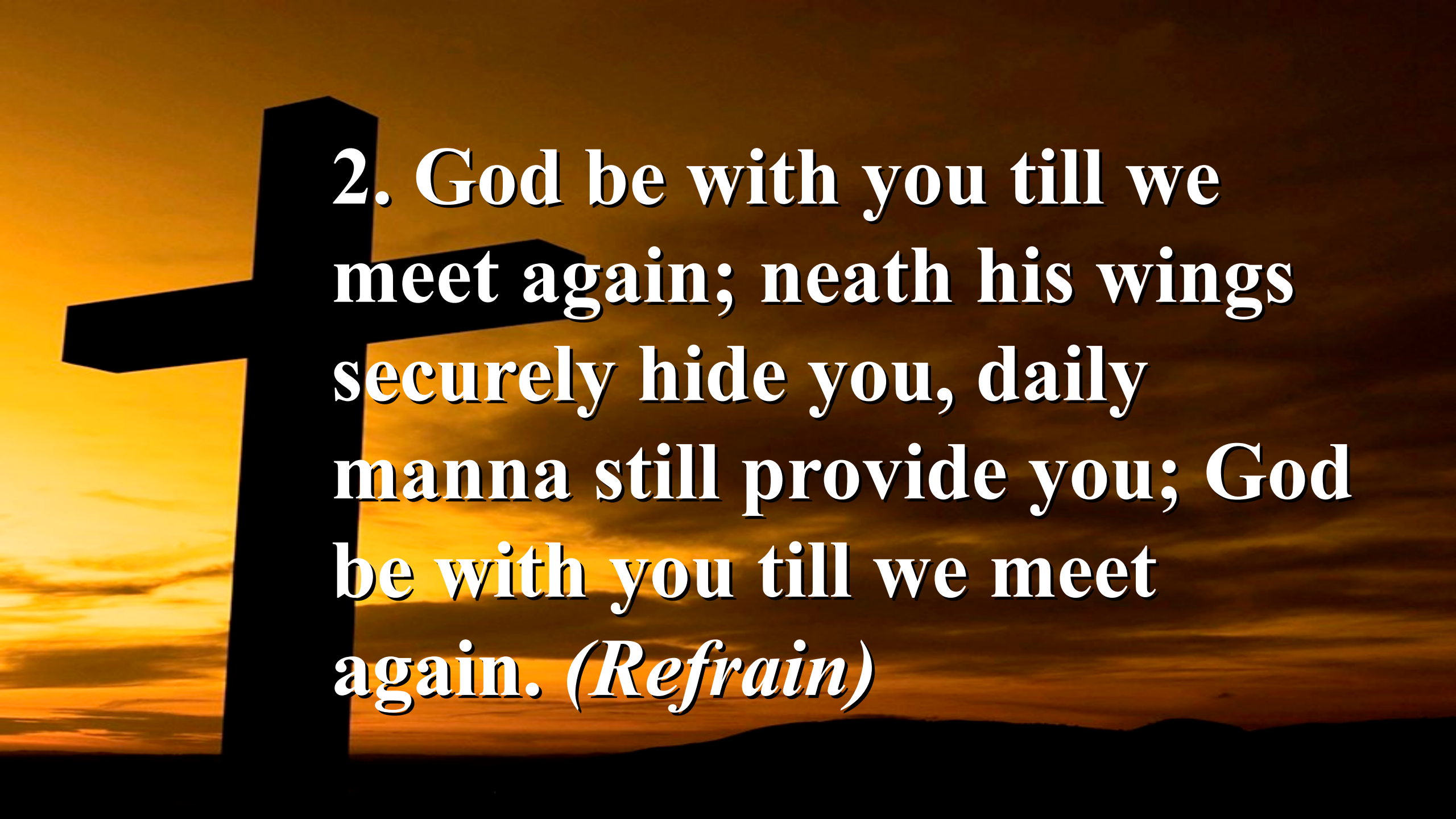
WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin



1. God be with you till we meet
again; by his counsels guide,
uphold you, with his sheep
securely fold you; God be with
you till we meet again.

Refrain

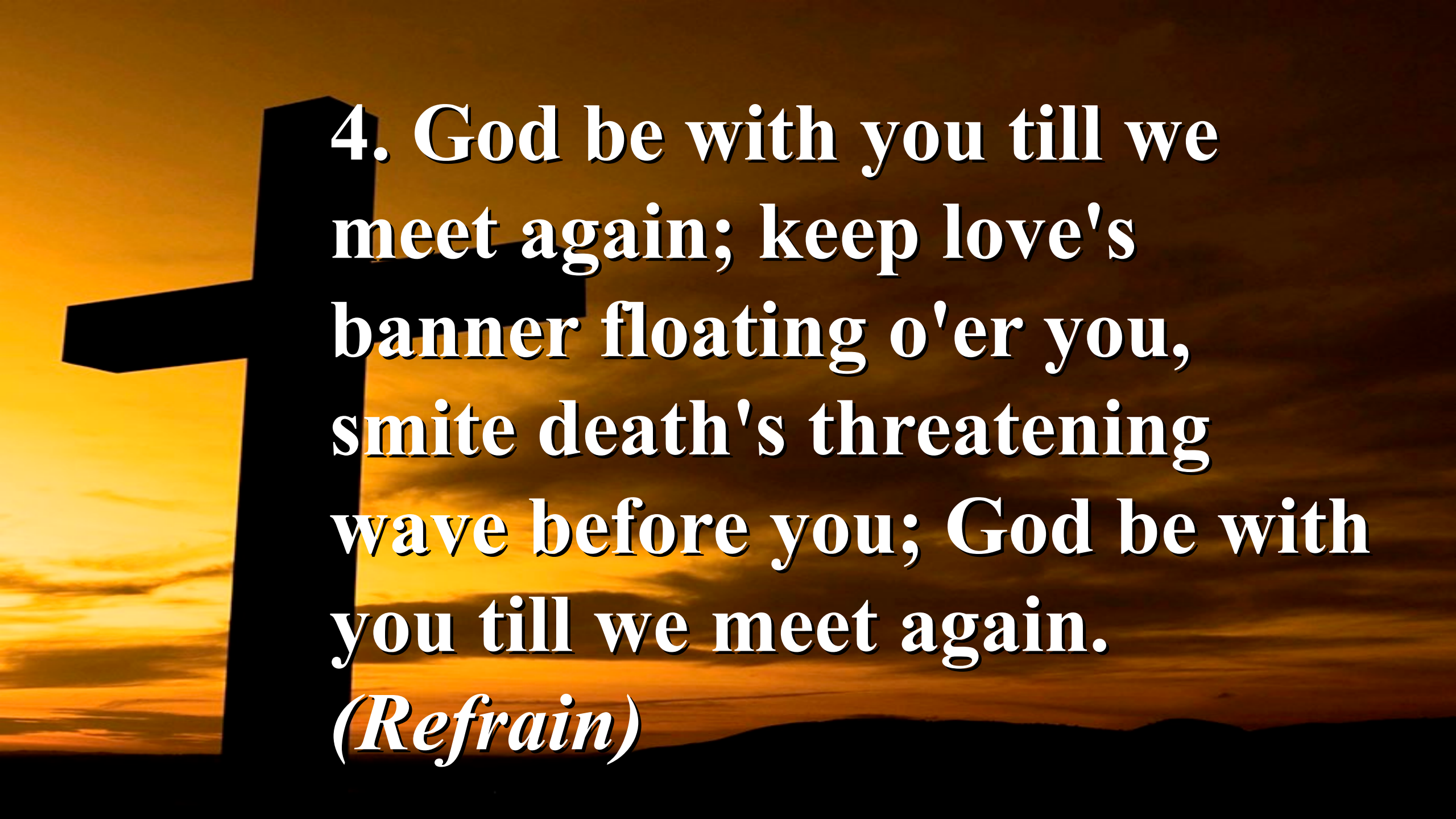
Till we meet, till we meet, till
we meet at Jesus' feet; till we
meet, till we meet, God be
with you till we meet again



2. God be with you till we
meet again; neath his wings
securely hide you, daily
manna still provide you; God
be with you till we meet
again. (*Refrain*)

A large, solid black cross is positioned on the left side of the image, extending from the top to the bottom. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene with a gradient of orange, yellow, and brown hues. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the horizon line is visible at the bottom, showing dark silhouettes of land or water. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

3. God be with you till we
meet again; when life's perils
thick confound you, put his
arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet
again. (*Refrain*)

A large black cross silhouette is positioned on the left side of the image, extending from the top to the bottom. The background is a warm sunset or sunrise scene with orange and yellow hues. The text is overlaid on the right side of the cross.

4. God be with you till we
meet again; keep love's
banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening
wave before you; God be with
you till we meet again.

(Refrain)



BENEDICTION



May the joy of God surround you and sustain you, flowing through you into joyful service as you boldly share the love of God with all creation. 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

