



WELCOME!

Asbury United Methodist Church

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

April 5, 2026





CENTERING SONG

“HE LIVES”

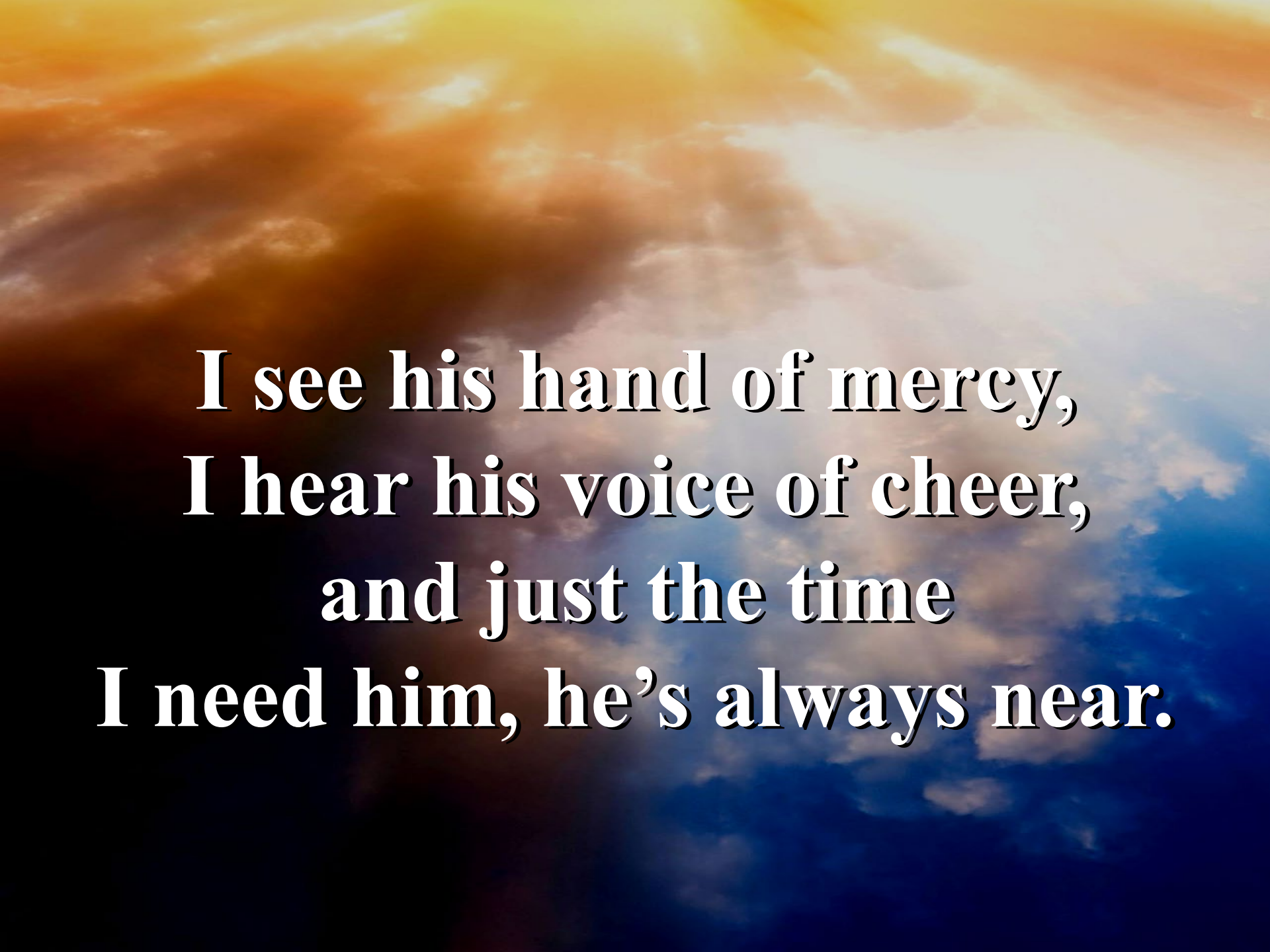
UMH 310

He Lives

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WORDS: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.



**I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time
I need him, he's always near.**

Refrain

He lives, (he lives)

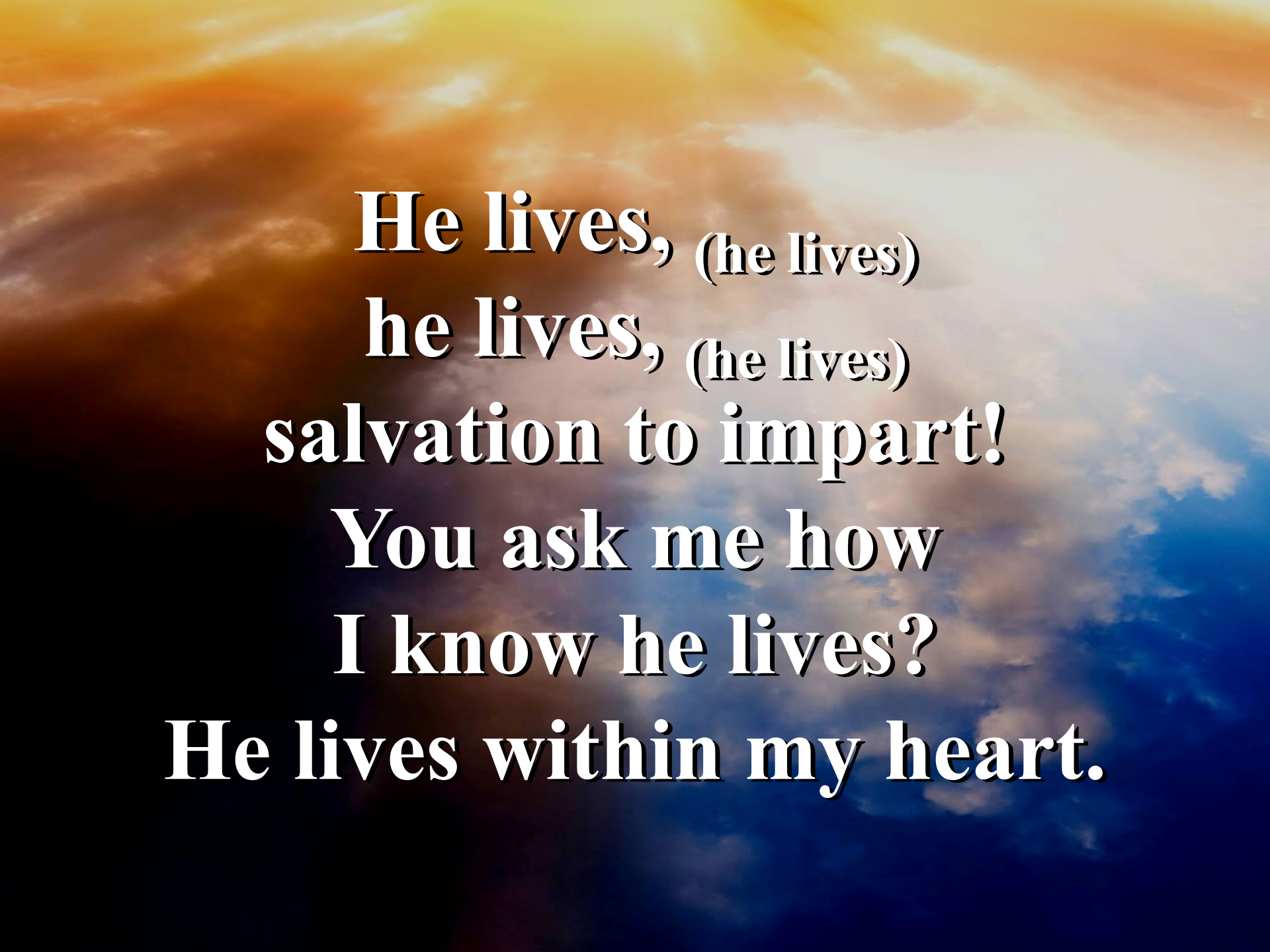
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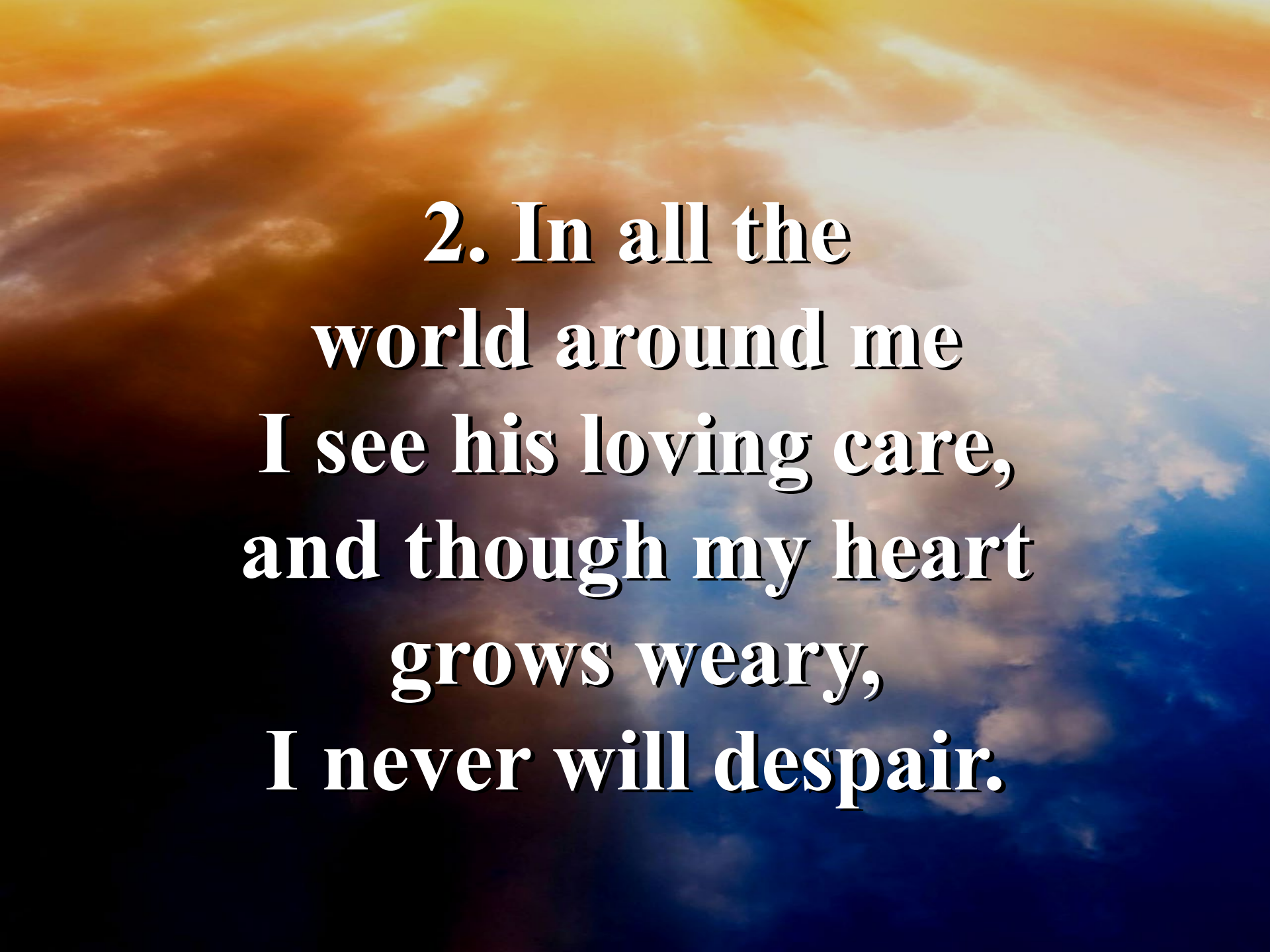
He walks with me

and talks with me

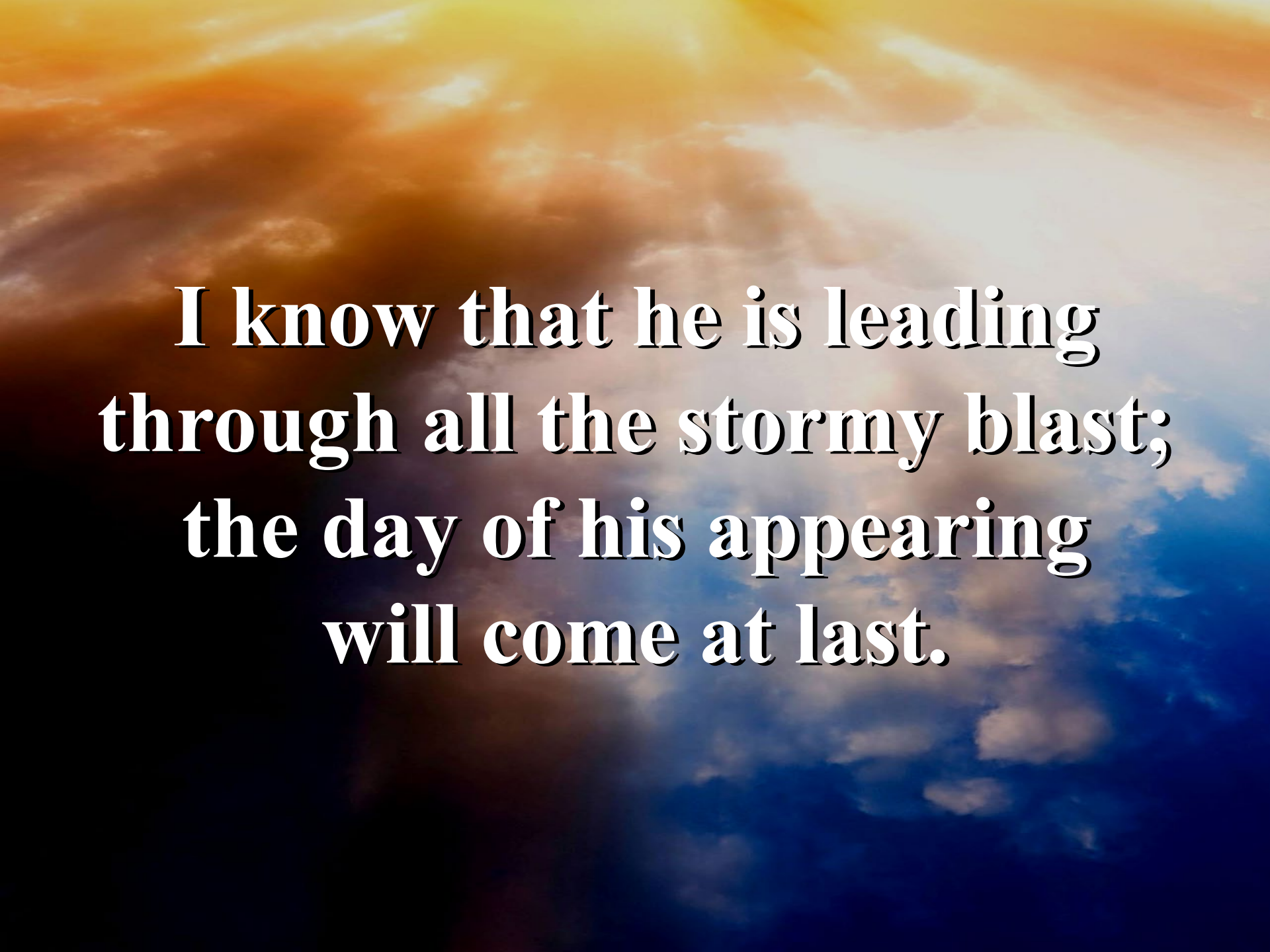
along life's narrow way.



**He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You ask me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**



**2. In all the
world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart
grows weary,
I never will despair.**



**I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing
will come at last.**

Refrain

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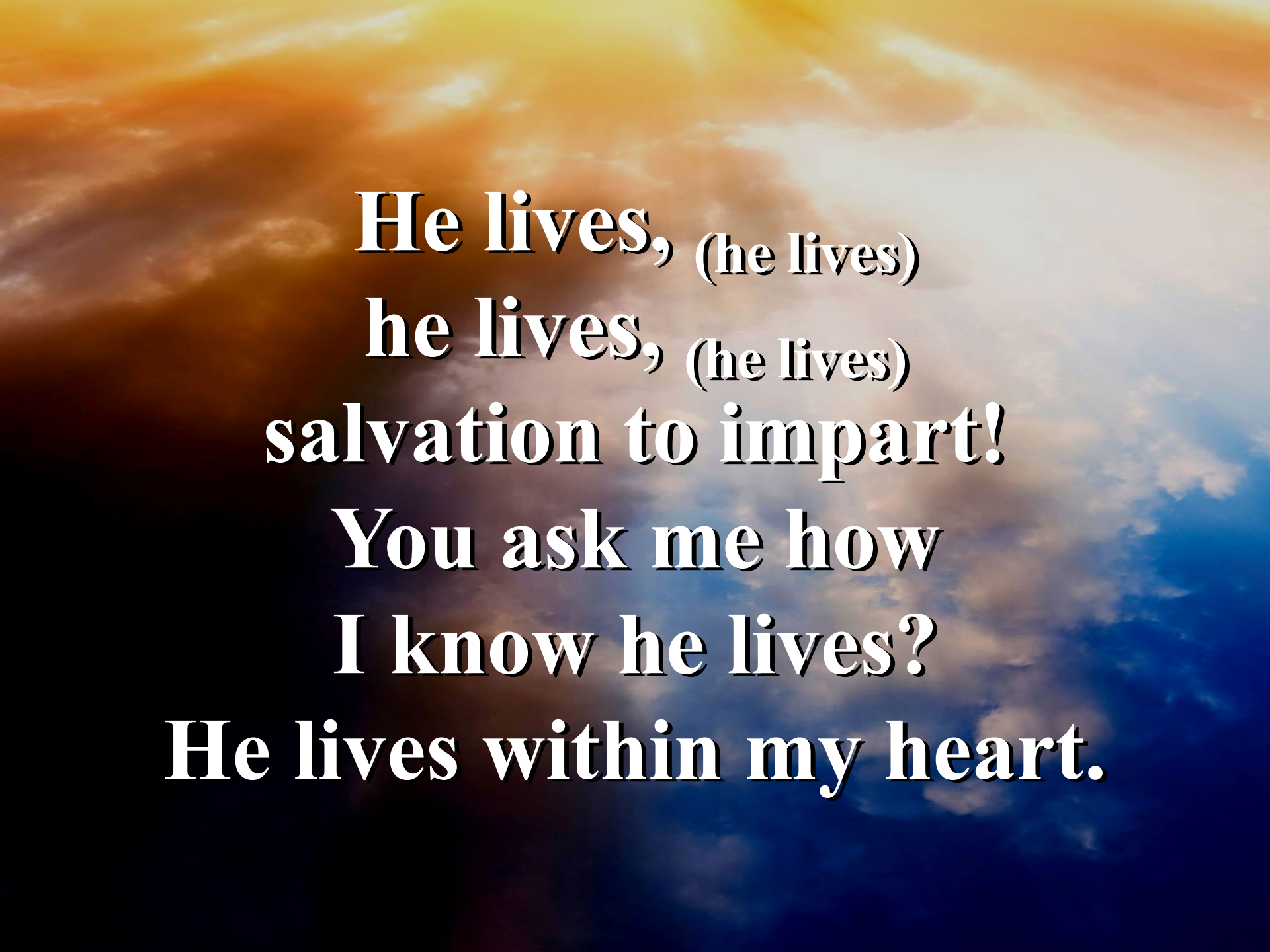
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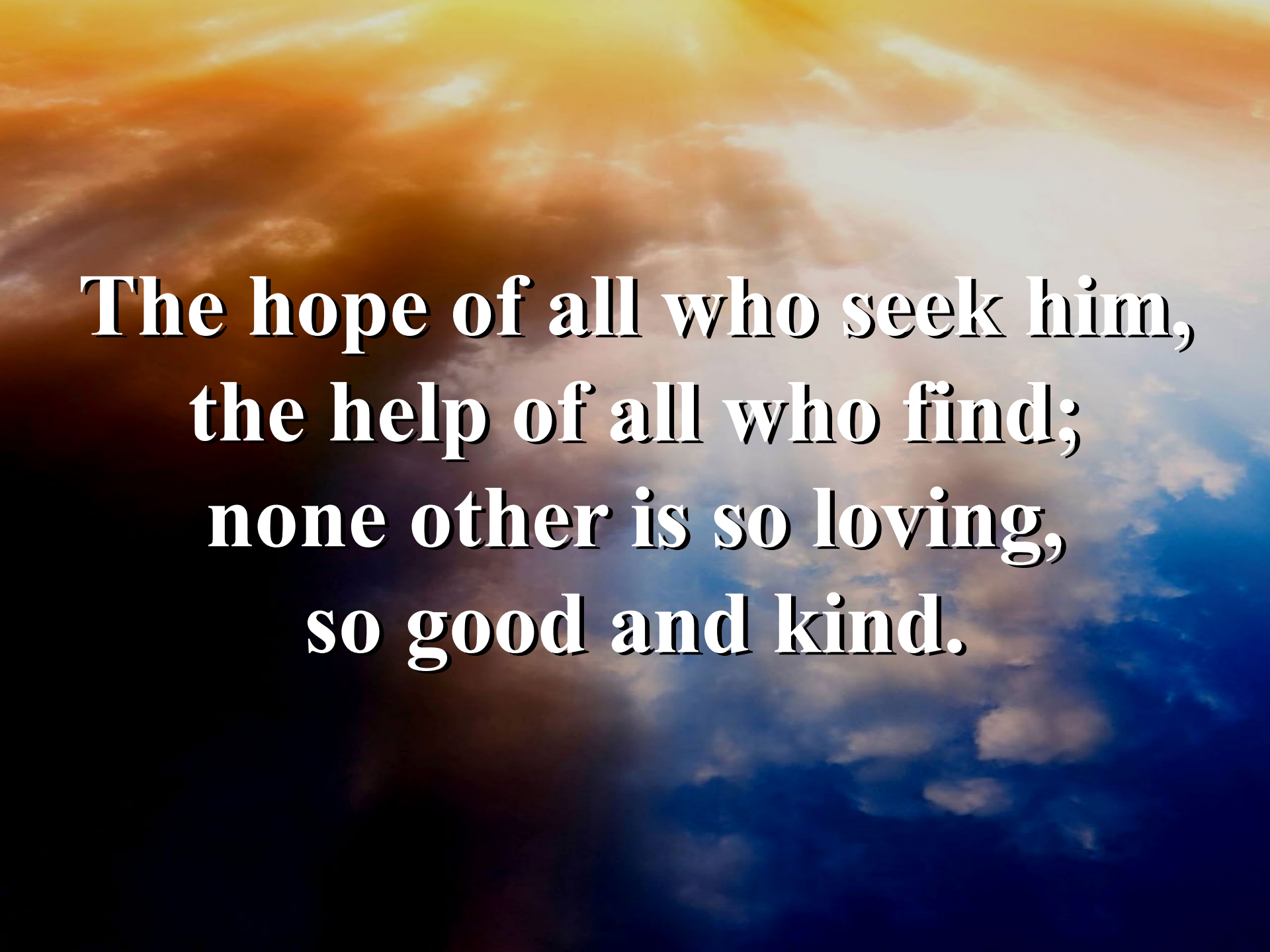
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**3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!**



**The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is so loving,
so good and kind.**

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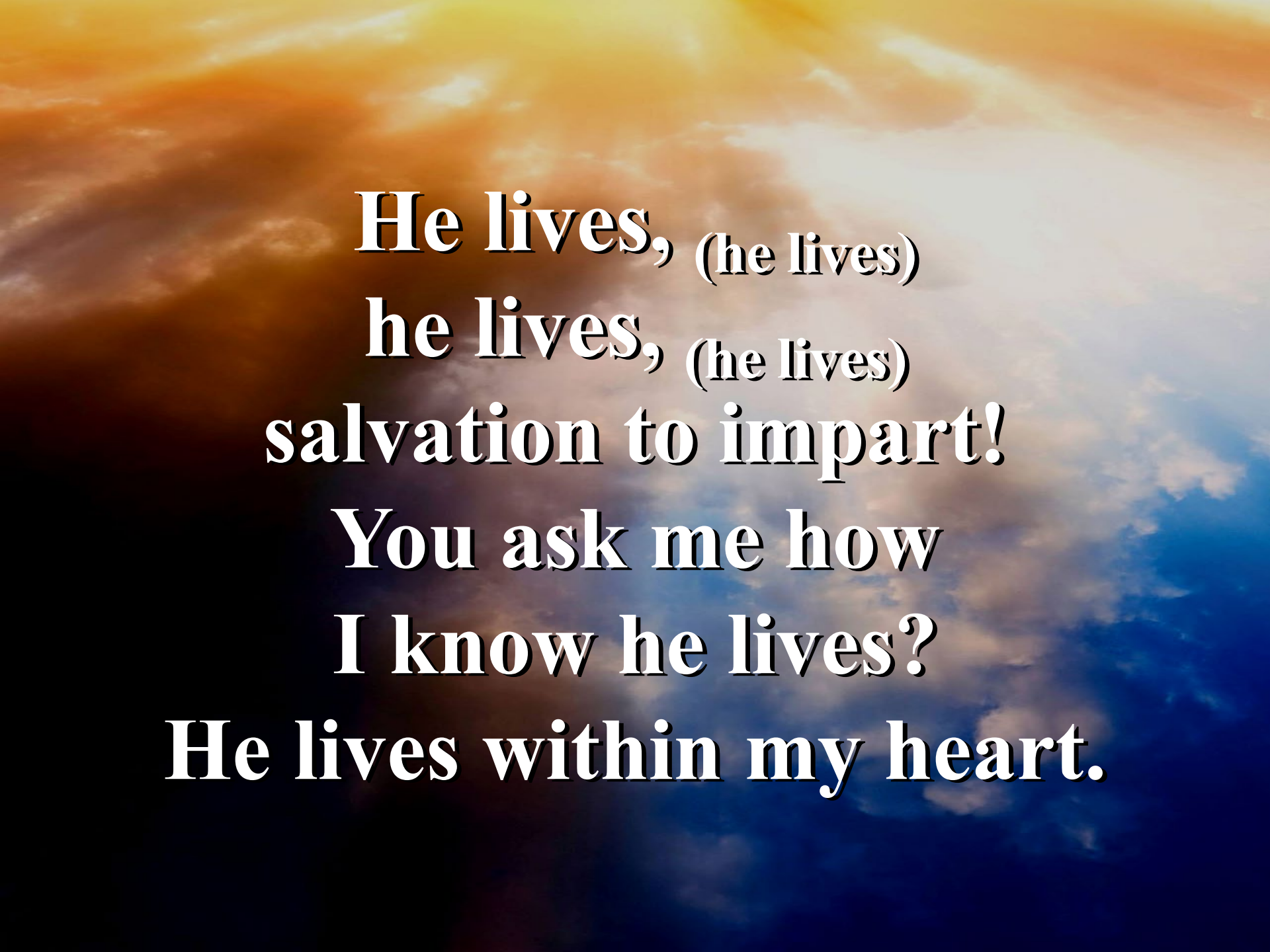
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UNITY IN THE
Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4

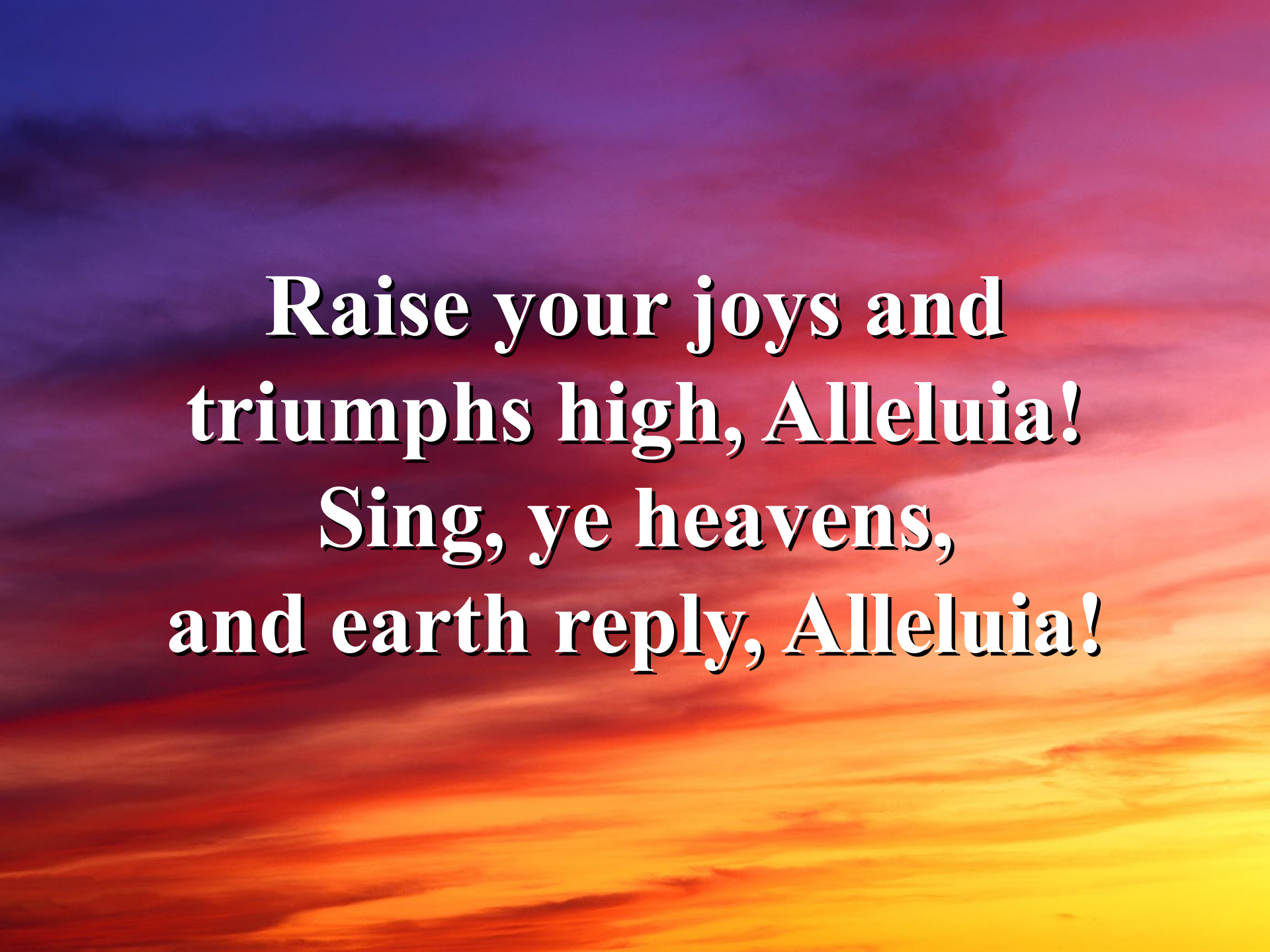
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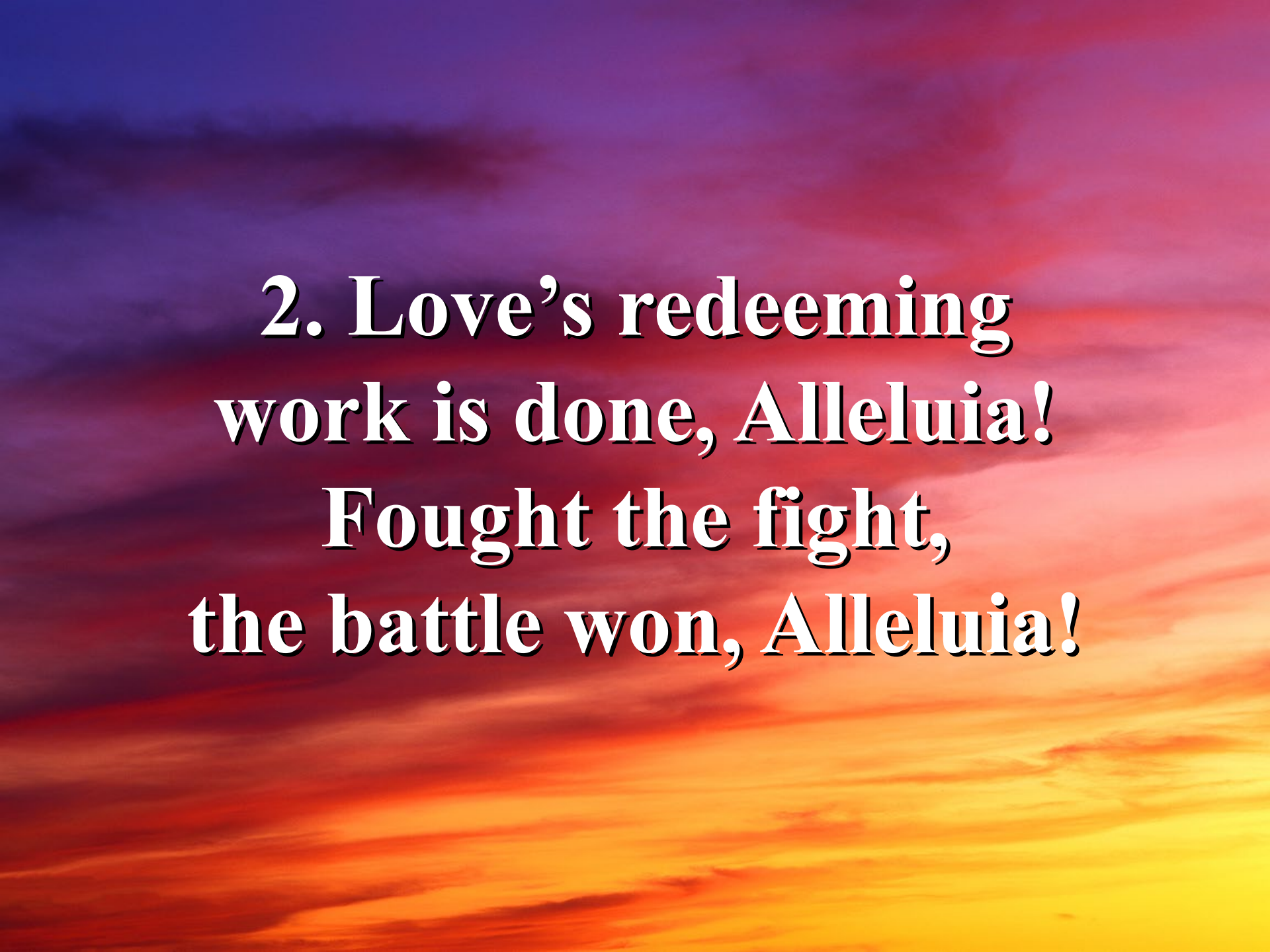
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WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

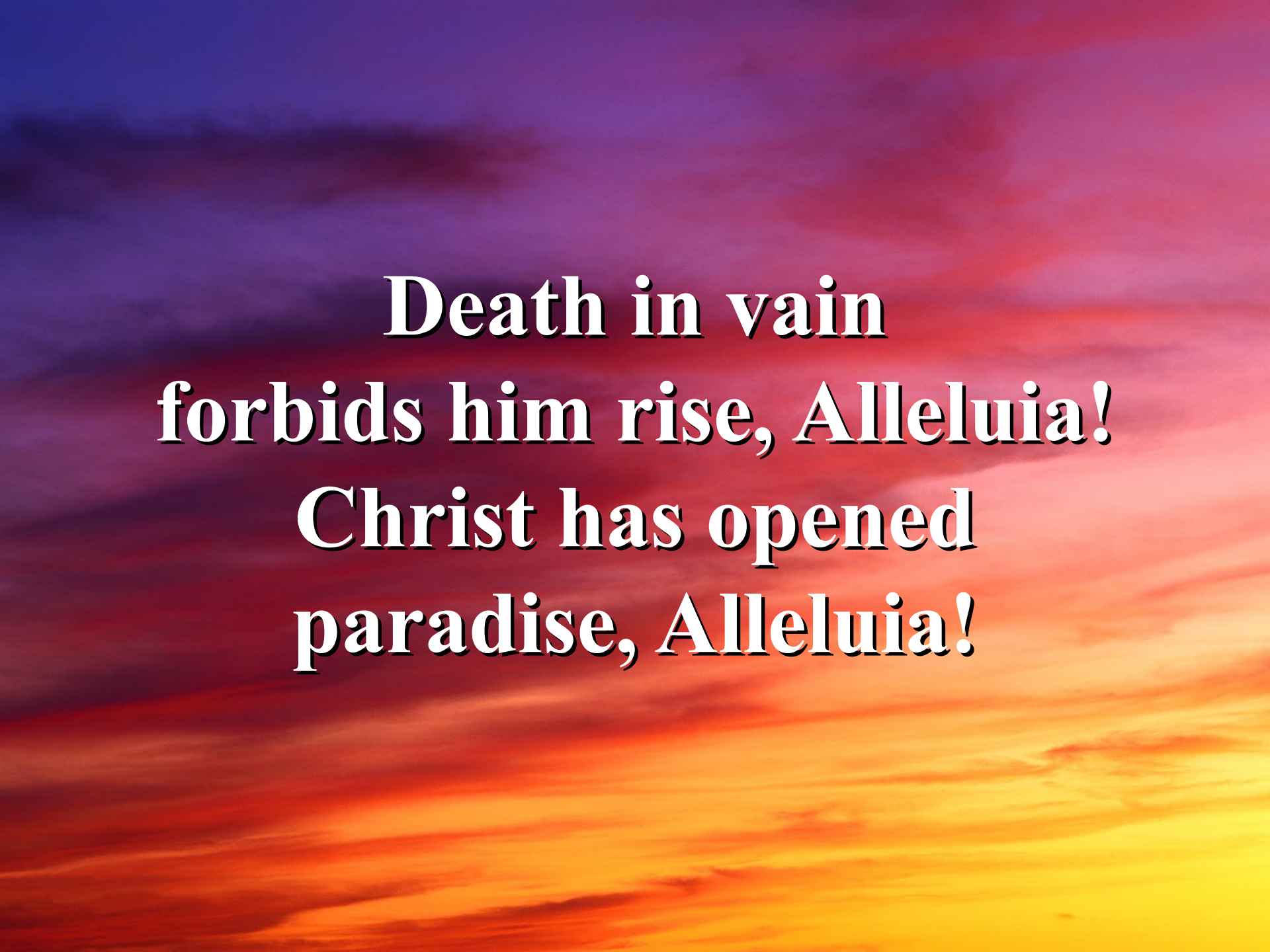
**1. Christ the Lord is
risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in
chorus say, Alleluia!**



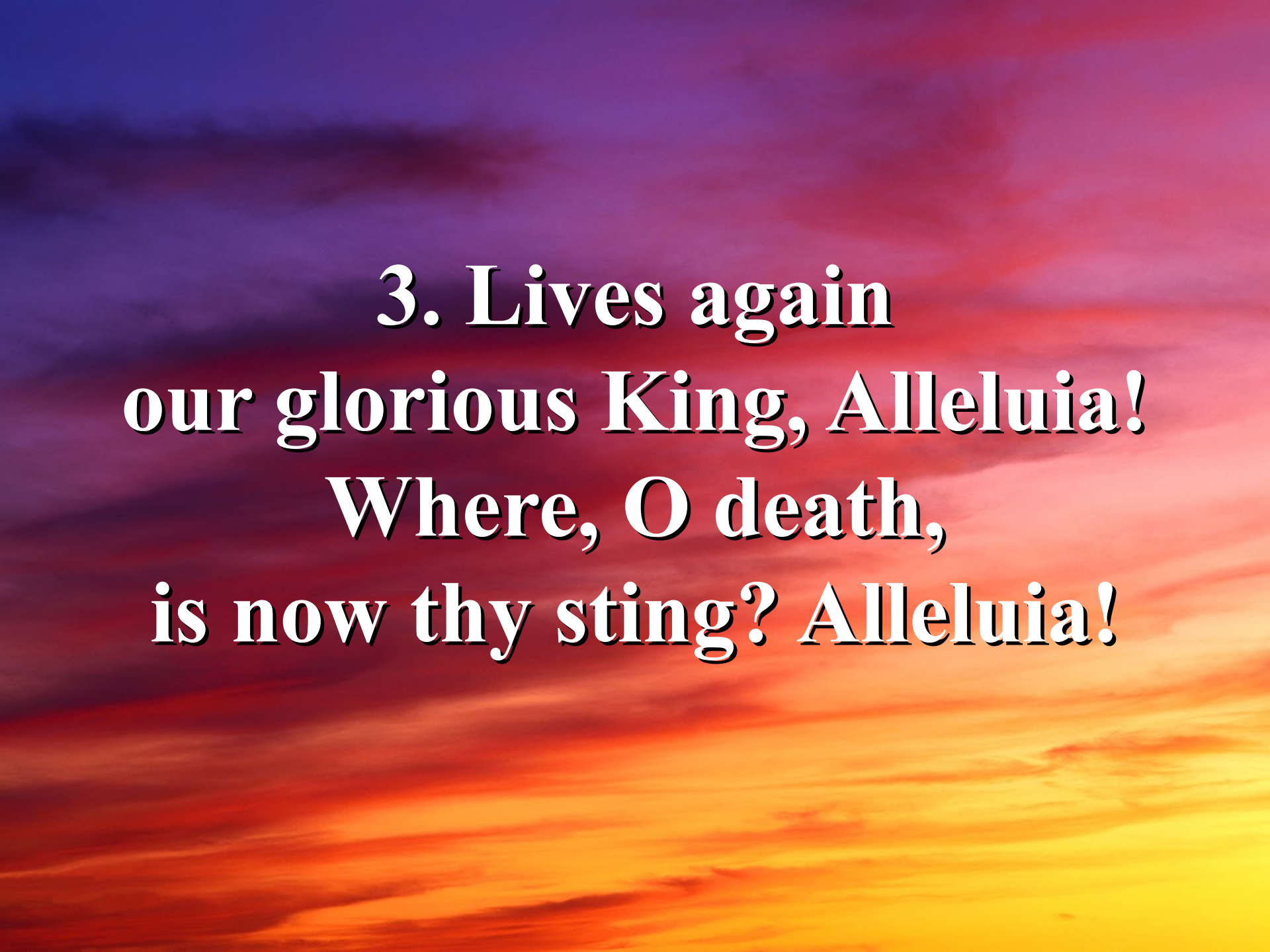
**Raise your joys and
triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply, Alleluia!**



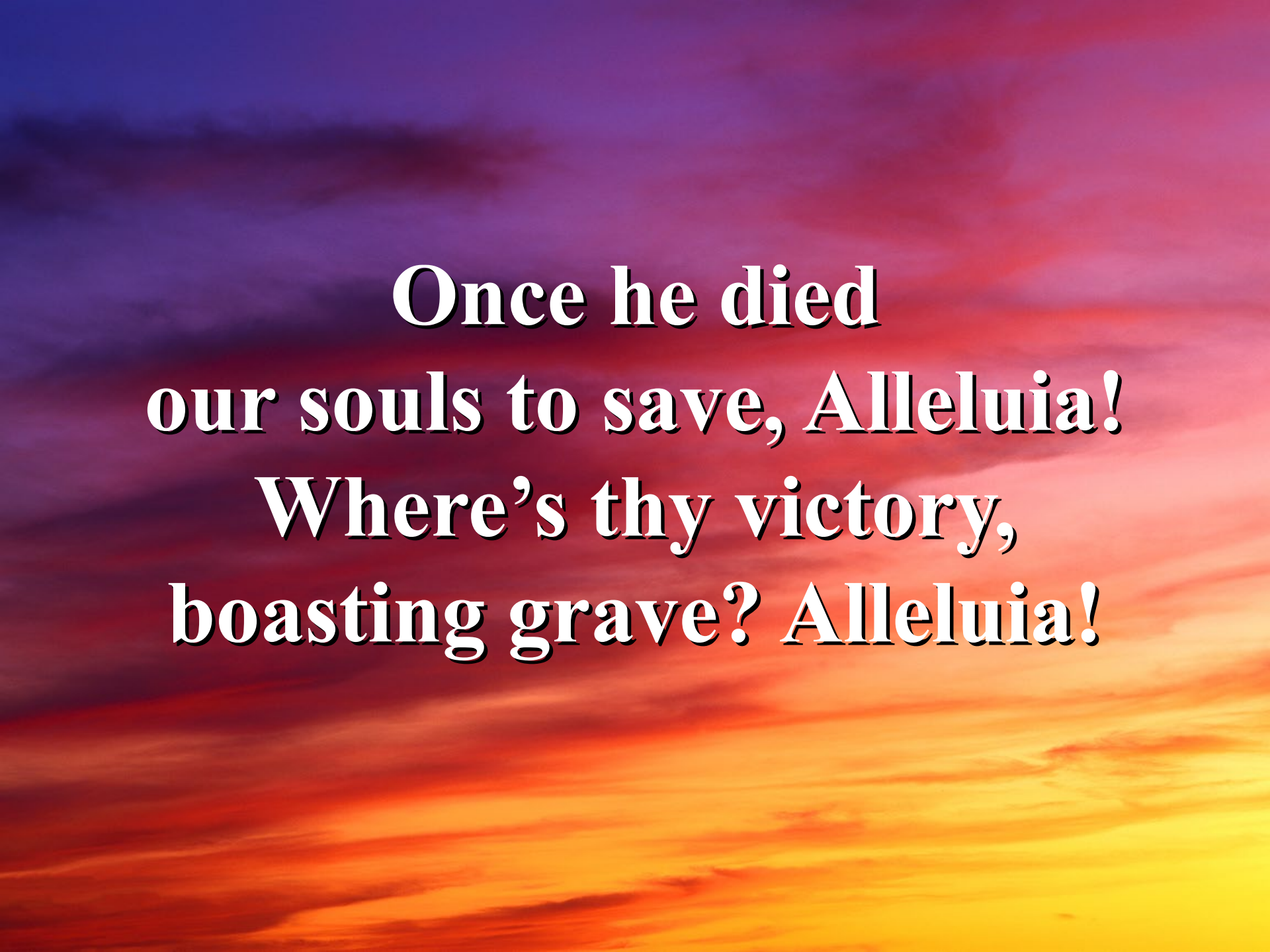
**2. Love's redeeming
work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight,
the battle won, Alleluia!**




**Death in vain
forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened
paradise, Alleluia!**



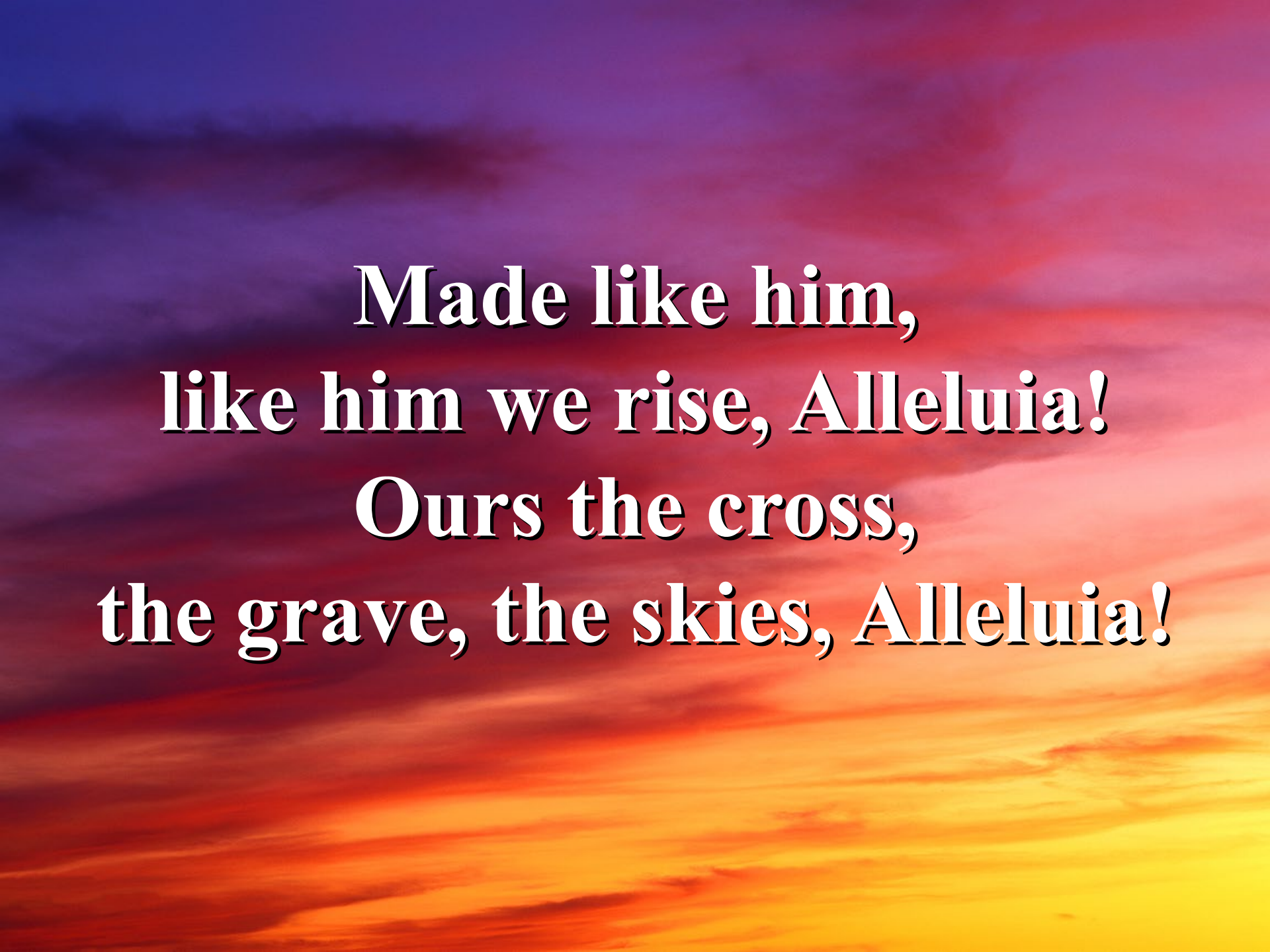
**3. Lives again
our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death,
is now thy sting? Alleluia!**



**Once he died
our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory,
boasting grave? Alleluia!**



**4. Soar we now where
Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our
exalted Head, Alleluia!**



**Made like him,
like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

PRELUDE





UNITY IN THE
Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4


**WELCOME
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Birthday/Anniversary

CALL TO WORSHIP

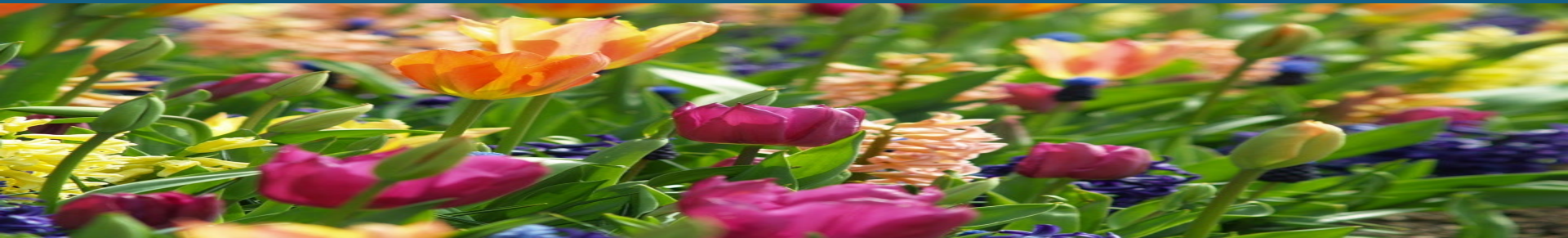




Leader: This is the day that
the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and
be glad in it!

Leader: This is the day of
resurrection.





**People: Let us rejoice and
celebrate!**

**Leader: This is Resurrection
Sunday. Some call it Easter!**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!





Up from the Grave He Arose

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WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874

**1. Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!**



Refrain

**Up from the grave
he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)**



**he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.**



He arose! (he arose)
He arose! (he arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!



**2. Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!**



Refrain

**Up from the grave
he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)**



**he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.**



He arose! (he arose)
He arose! (he arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!



**3. Death cannot keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!**



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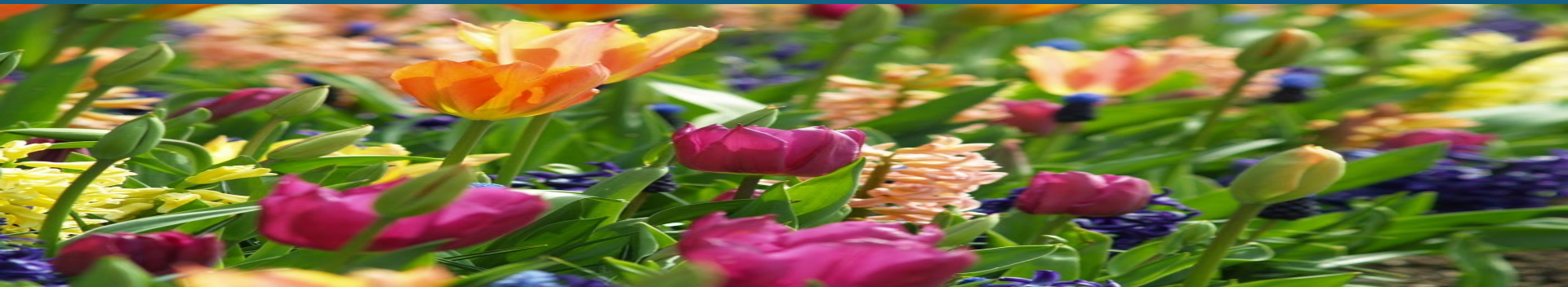


OPENING PRAYER

God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news of new life. Enter our lives and cast our fears aside. Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy. We are ready to celebrate



and give thanks for your transforming love. We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day! Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. Amen.





ASBURY UMC CHOIR



OFFERING:

Praising God with Our Gifts
Open Doors with Loving Hearts





“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.



“CHILDREN’S MESSAGE”



“PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION”

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.



H E I S
R I S E N
C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R



SCRIPTURE
JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene went to the tomb and
saw that the stone had been
removed from the entrance. So,
she came running to Simon Peter
and the other disciple, the one
Jesus loved, and said, “They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb, and
we don’t know where they have put



him!” So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well



as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were



staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have



put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me



where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.



Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' ” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.





HE IS RISEN!
— HAPPY EASTER

SERMON


“IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?”



HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Christ the Lord invites to
his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.



Therefore, let us confess
our sin before God
and one another.


CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not
loved you with our
whole heart.**

**We have failed to be
an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled
against your love,
we have not loved
our neighbors,
and we have not heard the
cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful
obedience,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**



Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while
We were yet sinners;
That proves God's love
toward us.

In the name of Jesus
Christ,
You are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus
Christ,
You are forgiven!**

Glory to God. Amen.


THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.


**We lift them up to the
Lord.**



Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.


**It is right to give our
thanks, and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.




And so, with your people
on earth and all the
company of heaven we
praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.**




**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**




Holy are you, and blessed is
your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection, You
gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin
and death, and made with us a
new covenant by water and the
Spirit.


On the night in which he
gave himself up for us, He
took bread, gave thanks to
you, broke the bread, gave it
to his disciples, and said:




“Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you. Do
this in remembrance of me.”



When the supper was over,
He took the cup, gave
thanks to you, gave it to his
disciples, and said:



“Drink from this, all of you;
This is my blood of the new
covenant, poured out for you
and for many, for the
forgiveness of sins.




Do this, as often as you
drink it, in remembrance of
me.”

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,




as we proclaim the mystery
of faith.


**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**




Pour out your Holy Spirit
on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of
bread and wine.



Make them be for us the
body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed
by his blood.



By your Spirit, make us
one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry
to all the world,



until Christ comes in
final victory
and we feast at his
Heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in your holy church, all
honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and
forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me



**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





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

“THIS IS THE DAY”

This Is the Day

657

WORDS: Psalm 118:24; adapt. by Les Garrett, 1967

Leader

This is the day,

All

this is the day

Leader

that the Lord hath made,

All

that the Lord hath made.

Leader

Let us rejoice,

All

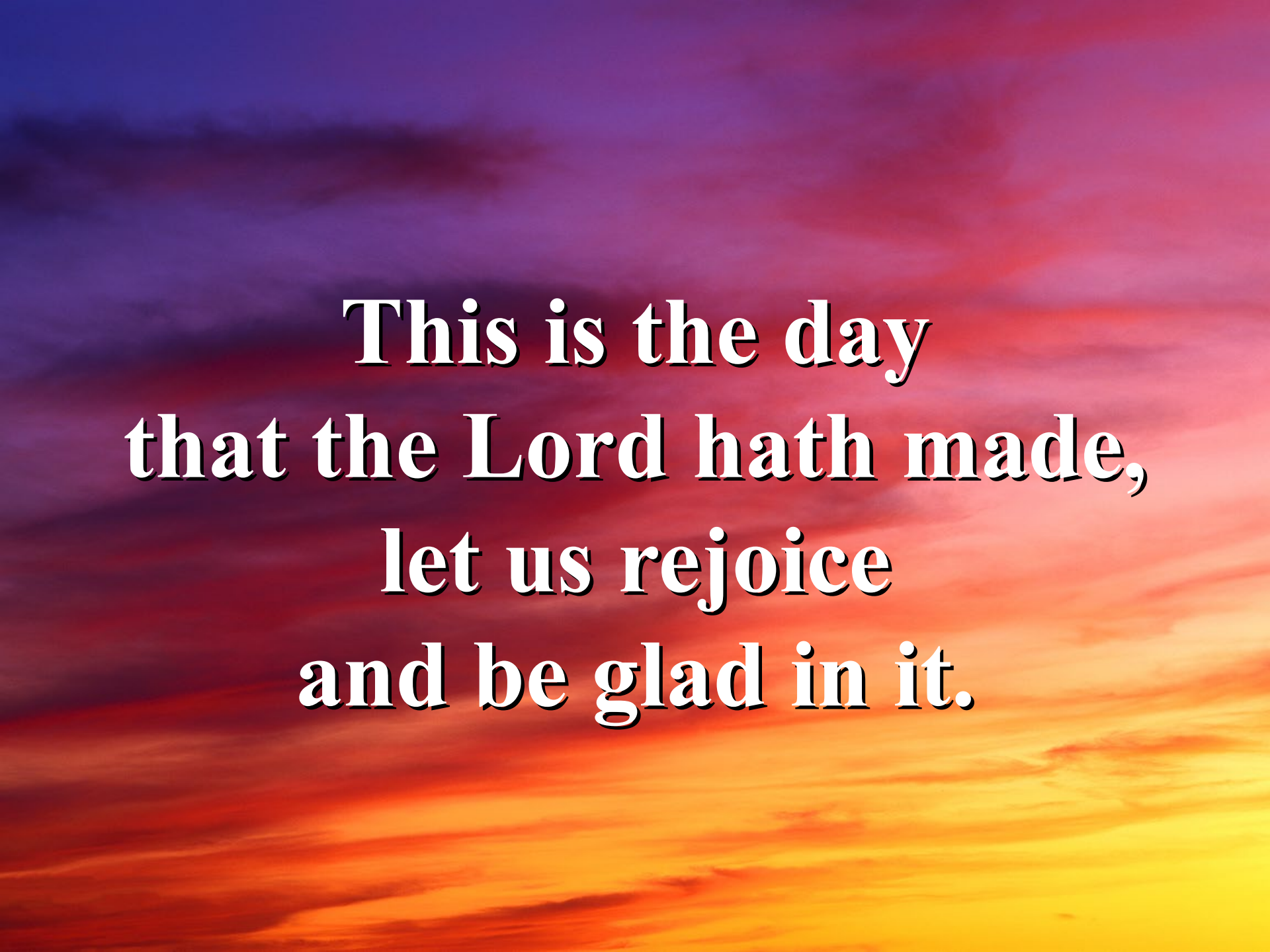
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Leader

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Leader

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All

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that the Lord hath made.**



BENEDICTION

We have heard the story. Life triumphed over death. Grief became joy. Go now and tell the good news: Christ is risen! Alleluia!





564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

A-men, A-men, A - - - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains vocal lines with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "A-men, A-men, A - - - men." The piano part features chords and single notes, with a final cadence. The vocal part has a melodic line with a long note on "men." in the final phrase.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

