



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
August 2, 2026



PRELUDE

CENTERING SONG

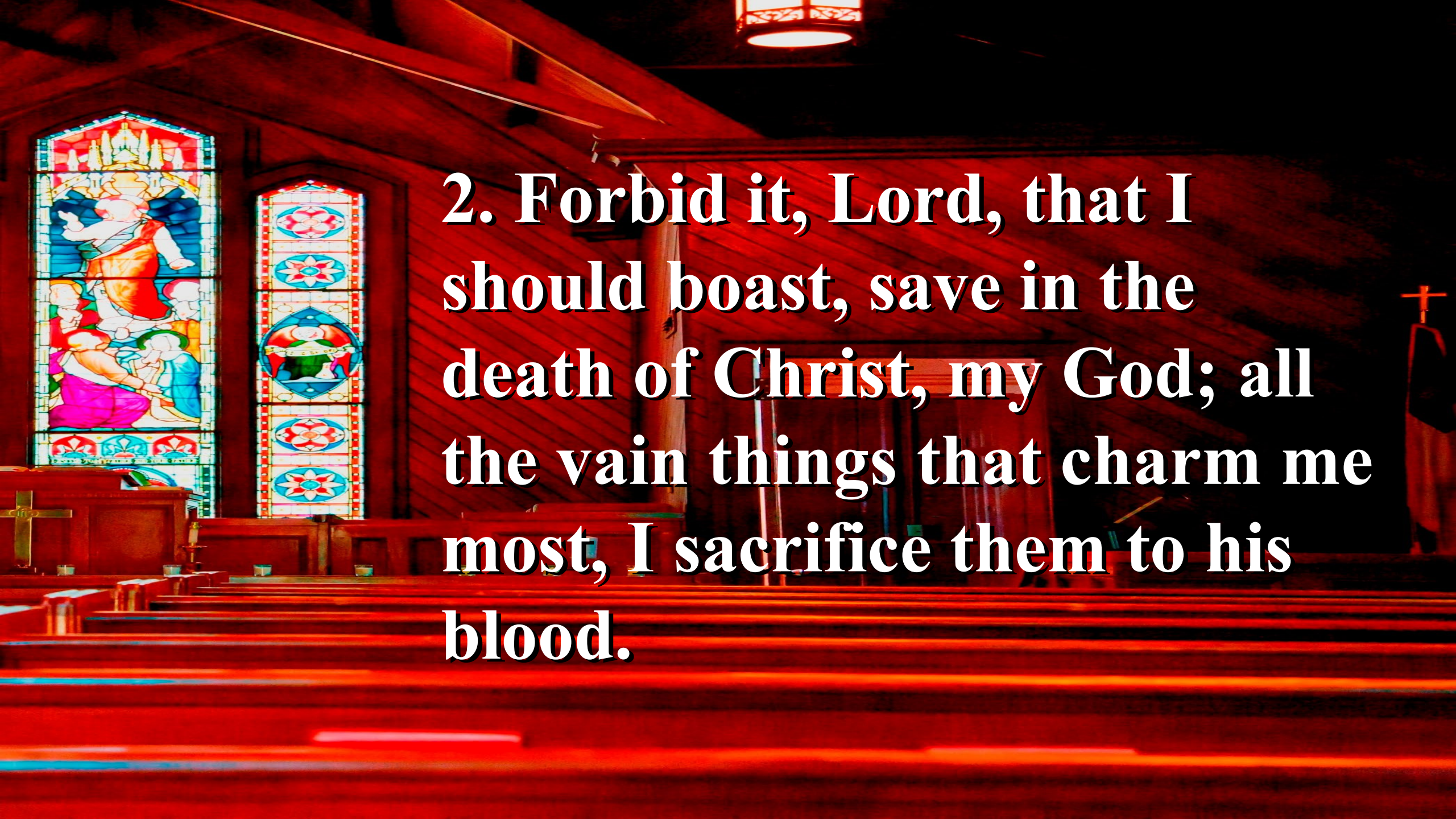


**“When I Survey the Wondrous
Cross”**

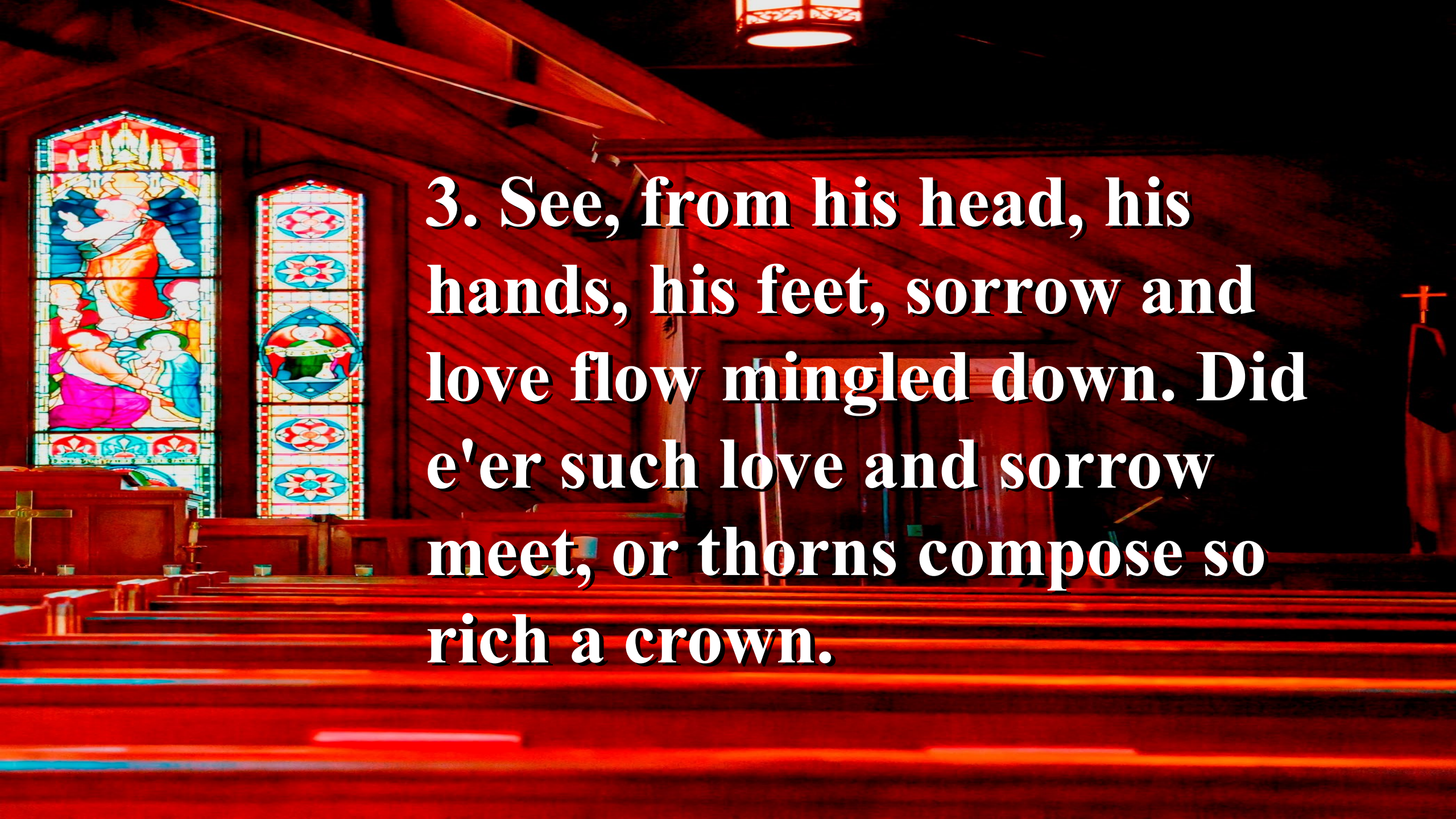
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 298

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, Galatians 6:14

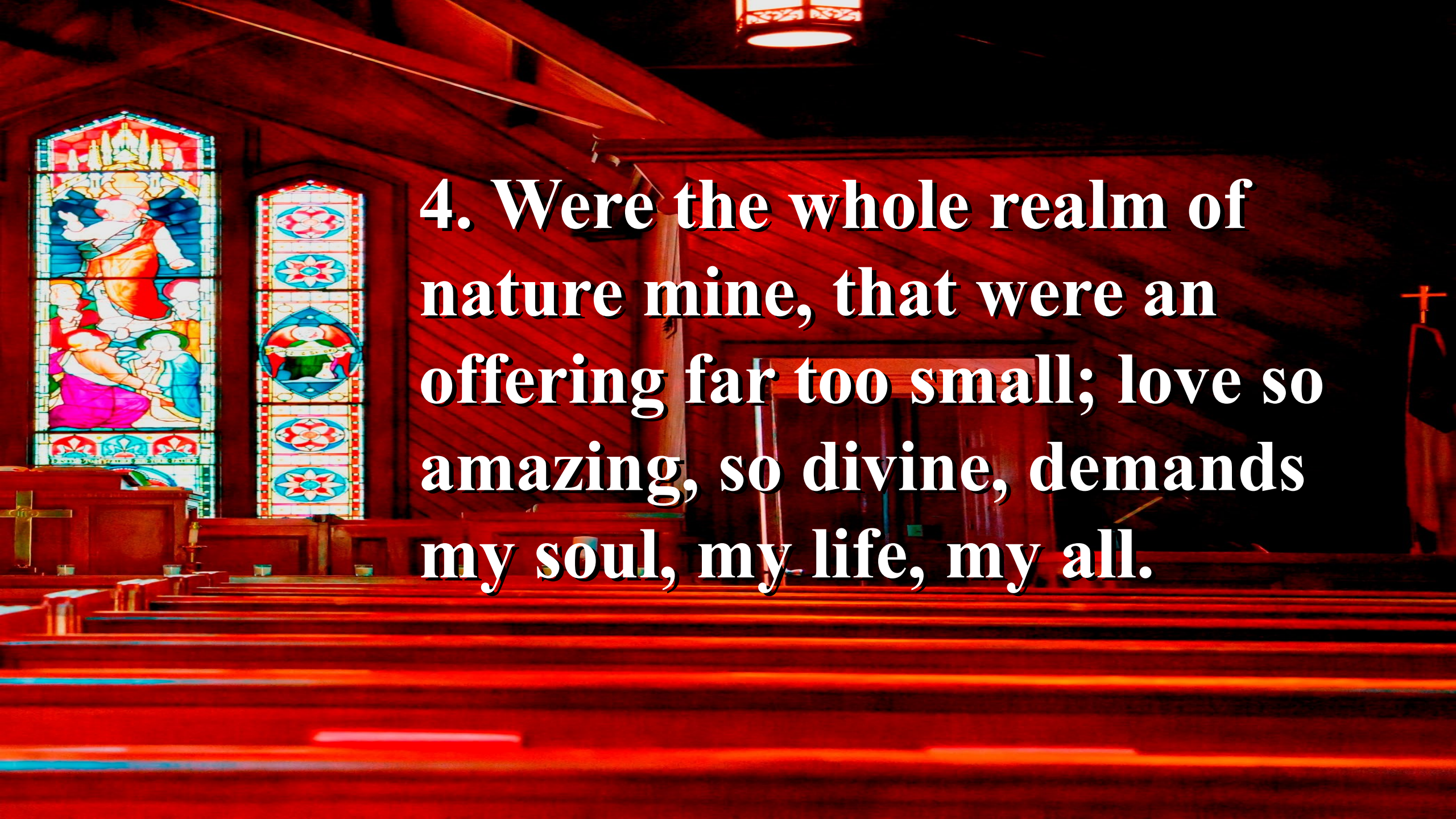
1. When I survey the wondrous
cross on which the Prince of
Glory died; my richest gain I
count but loss, and pour
contempt on all my pride.

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the front. The walls are made of dark wood. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The leftmost window depicts a religious scene with several figures, including one in a red robe. The window next to it features a central medallion with a figure, surrounded by decorative patterns. The floor is covered with rows of dark wooden pews. In the background, a wooden altar is visible, topped with a cross. A small, ornate lantern hangs from the ceiling in the upper center.

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I
should boast, save in the
death of Christ, my God; all
the vain things that charm me
most, I sacrifice them to his
blood.**

A photograph of a church interior with wooden pews and stained glass windows. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

3. See, from his head, his
hands, his feet, sorrow and
love flow mingled down. Did
e'er such love and sorrow
meet, or thorns compose so
rich a crown.

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the front. The walls are made of dark wood. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The leftmost window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes. The window next to it features a central medallion with a figure, surrounded by decorative patterns. Rows of wooden pews are visible in the foreground and middle ground. A wooden altar with a cross is partially visible on the far left. A cross is also visible on the right wall. The lighting is warm, and the overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

**4. Were the whole realm of
nature mine, that were an
offering far too small; love so
amazing, so divine, demands
my soul, my life, my all.**



“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 worship the God who has triumphed over sin and death through Jesus Christ.

People: We gather to give thanks, for the battle has already been decided.

Leader: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law and broken the power of the enemy.



**People: Through His cross, we have
received grace, forgiveness, and new
life.**

**Leader: Come with grateful hearts to worship
the crucified and risen Lord.**

All: Let us worship God! Amen.



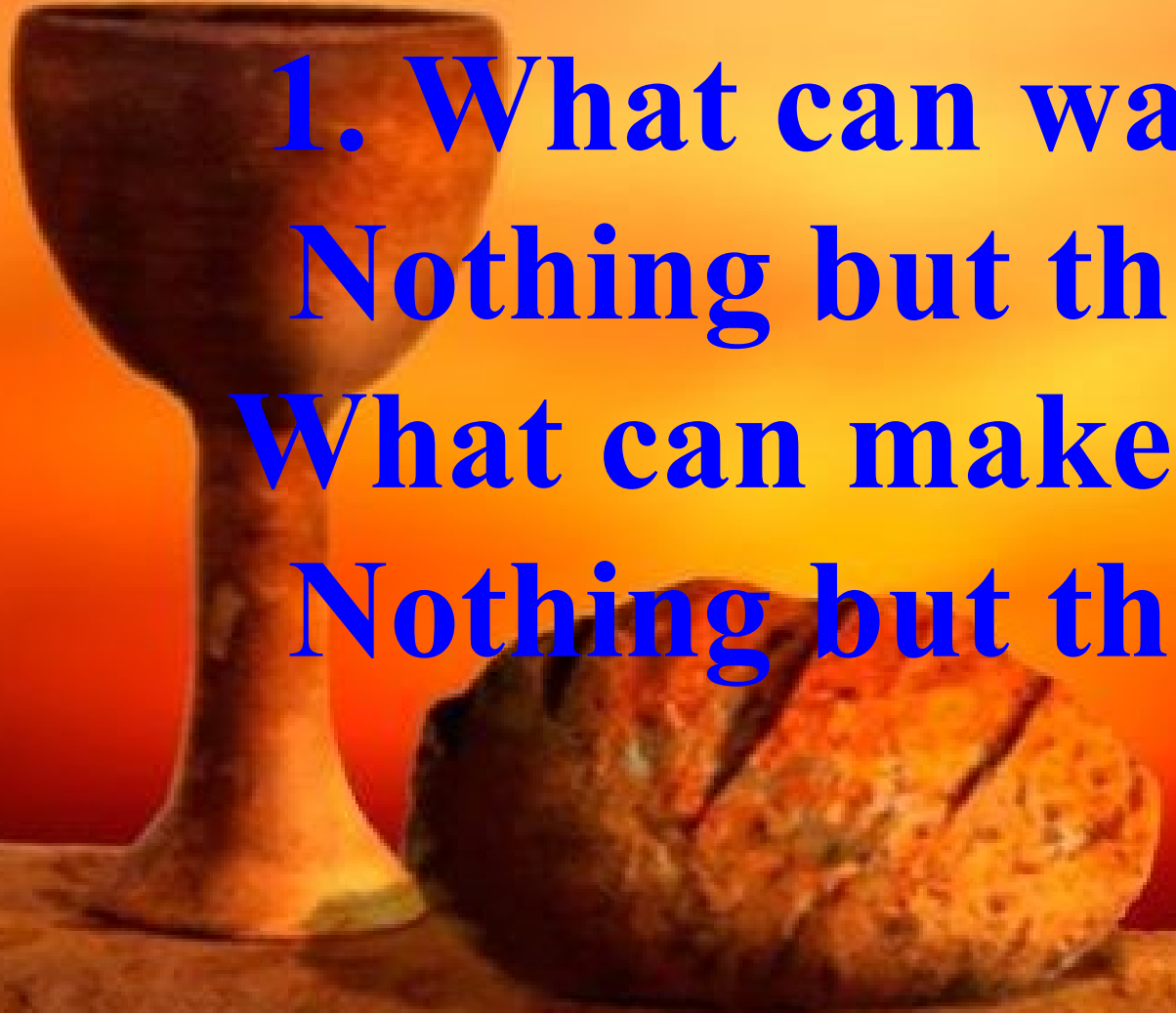
OPENING SONG

“Nothing but the Blood”

Nothing But the Blood

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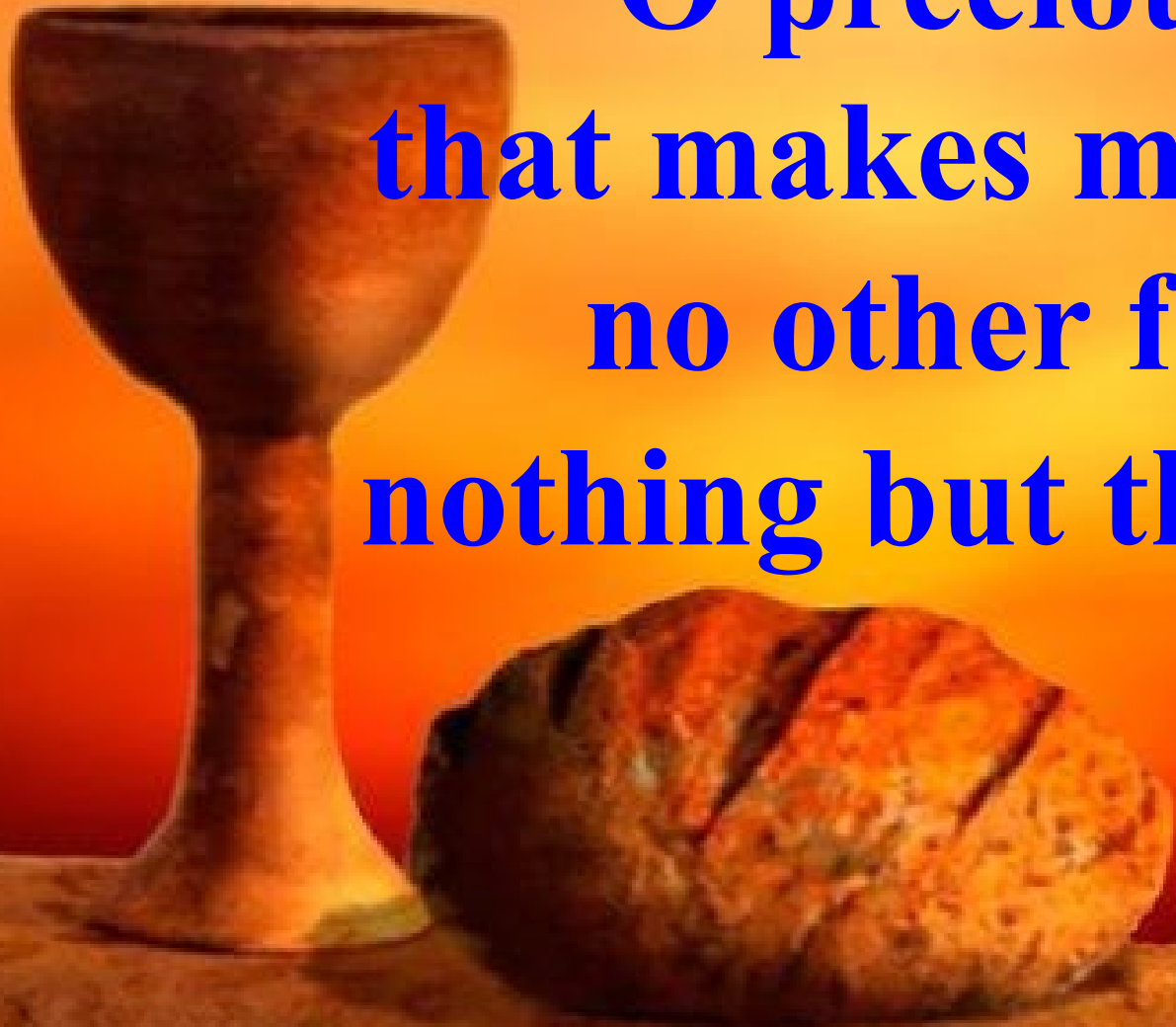
Robert Lowry (1826-1899), Hebrews 9:22

A still life image featuring a dark, ornate chalice on the left and a round, golden-brown loaf of bread on the right, both resting on a textured surface. The background is a warm, orange-red gradient.

**1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

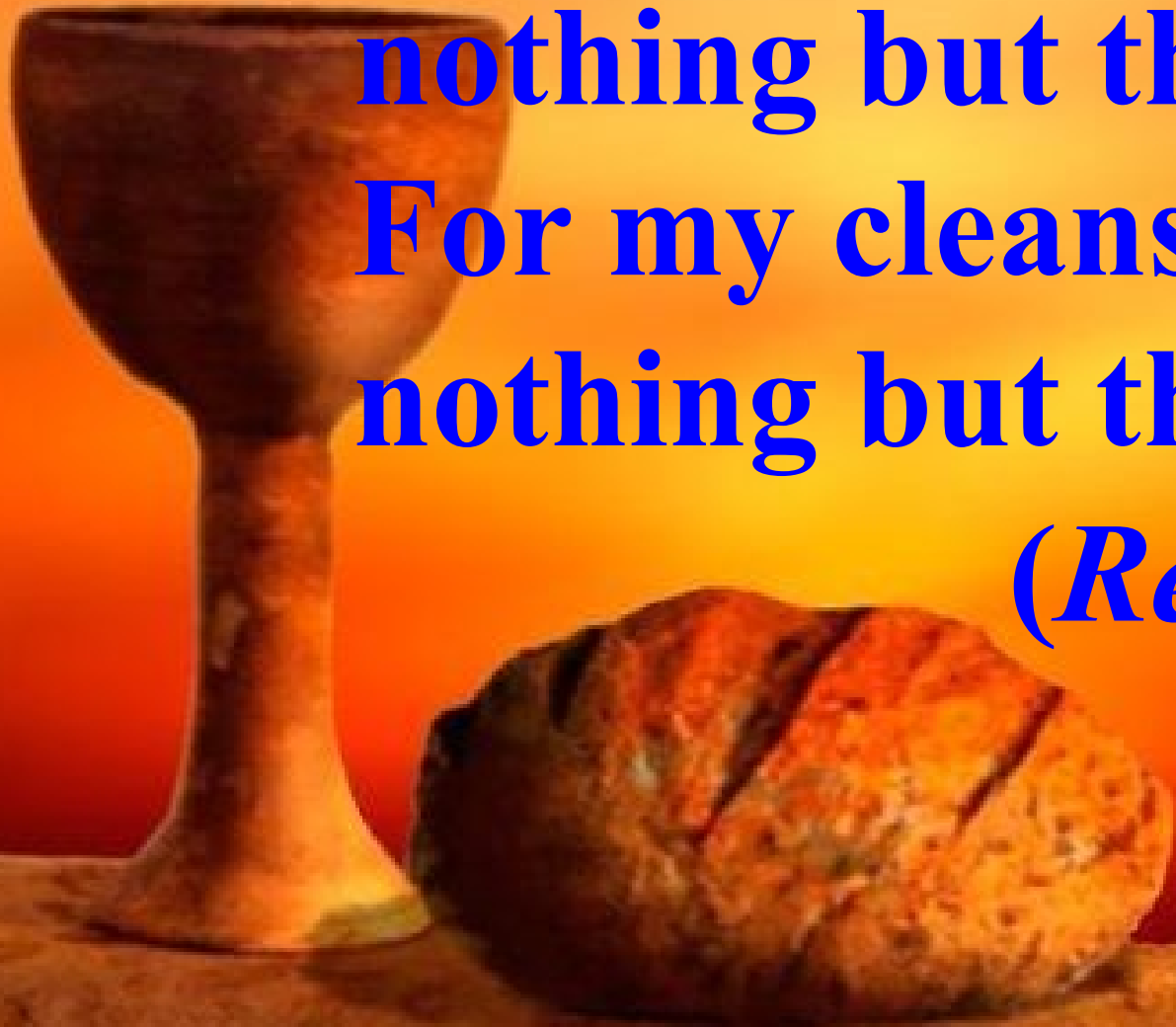
Refrain:

**O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus**

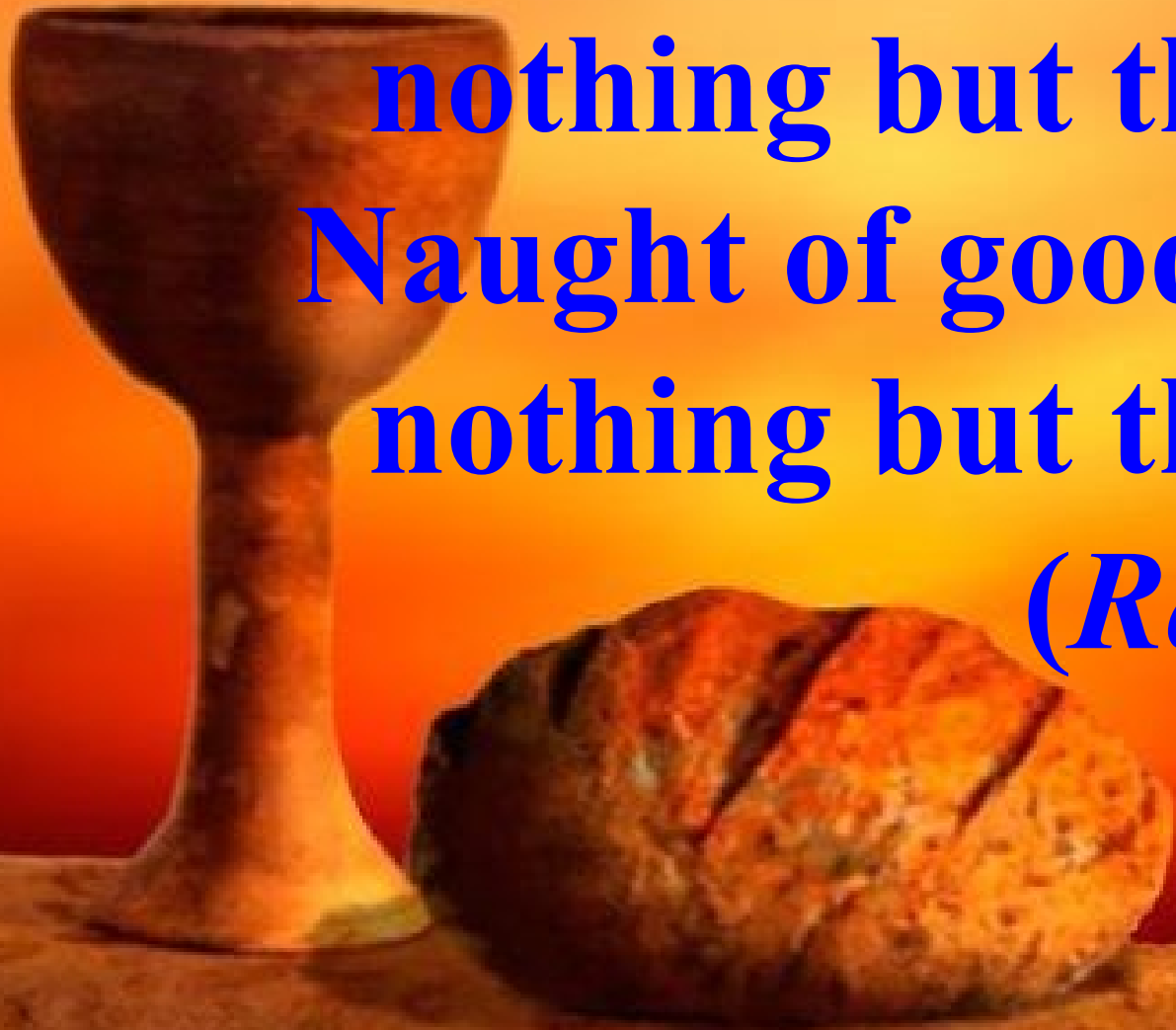


**2. For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

(Refrain)



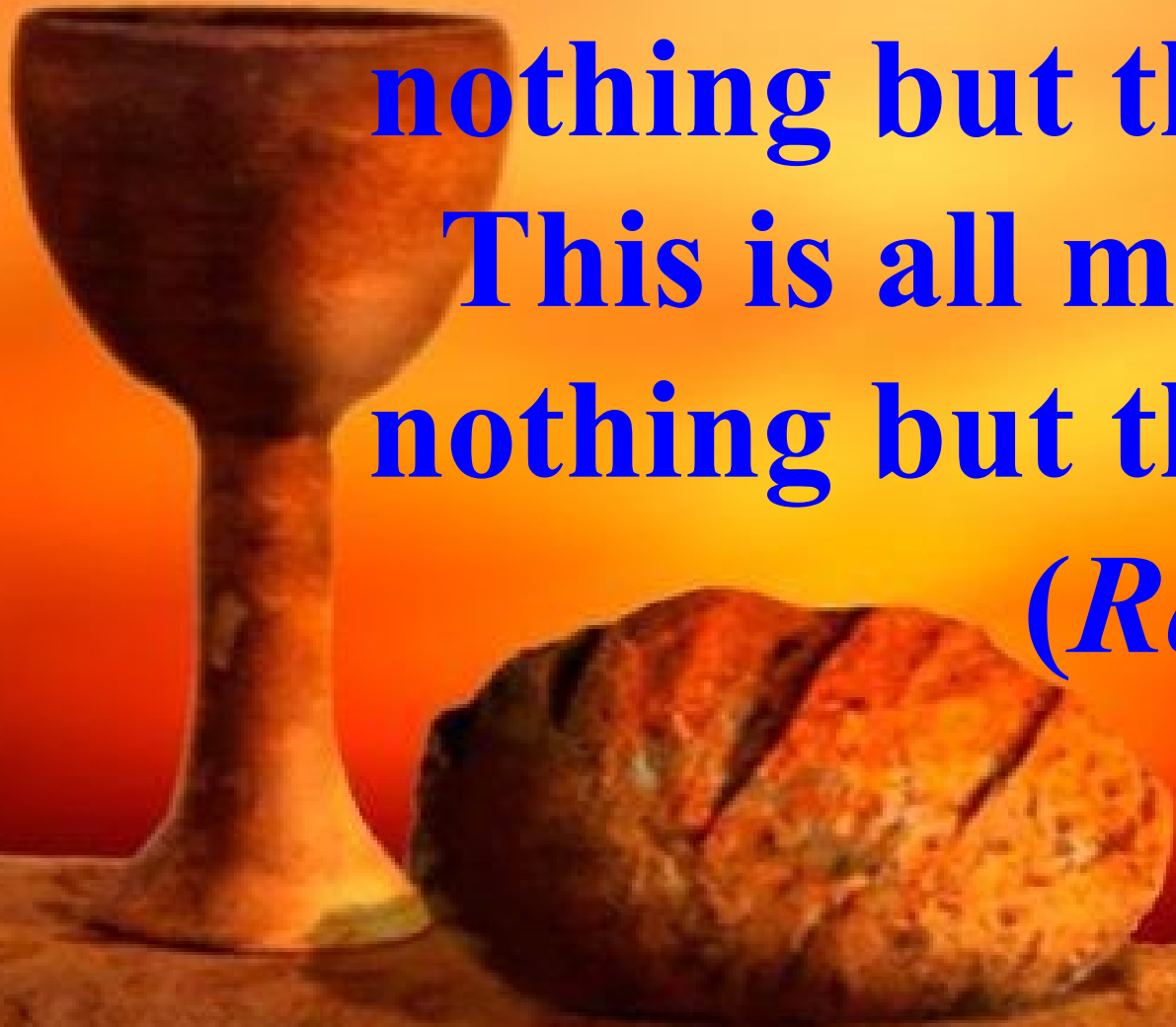
**3. Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
(Refrain)**



**4. This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

(Refrain)





OPENING PRAYER



**Almighty and Everlasting God,
We come before You with grateful hearts,
rejoicing that through the cross of Jesus
Christ You have accomplished the victory
that we could never win for ourselves.**

**When sin condemned us, Christ redeemed
us. When death held humanity captive,
Christ broke its power. When the enemy**



**sought to destroy us, You triumphed
through the sacrifice of Your Son.**

**As we gather in worship and prepare to
come to Your Holy Table, fill us with the
presence of Your Holy Spirit. Open our
hearts to receive Your Word, strengthen our
faith, renew our hope, and deepen our love
for You and for one another.**



**May our worship honor Christ, who reigns
forever as Lord of lords and King of kings.
We ask these things in His holy name.
Amen.**



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



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 Holy Scriptures are read and proclaimed, send Your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and soften our hearts. Help us to see the cross not as a symbol of defeat, but as the place of Your eternal victory. Open our eyes to the redeeming work of Christ, strengthen our faith in His finished work, and prepare us to receive both Your Word and Your Holy Meal with joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



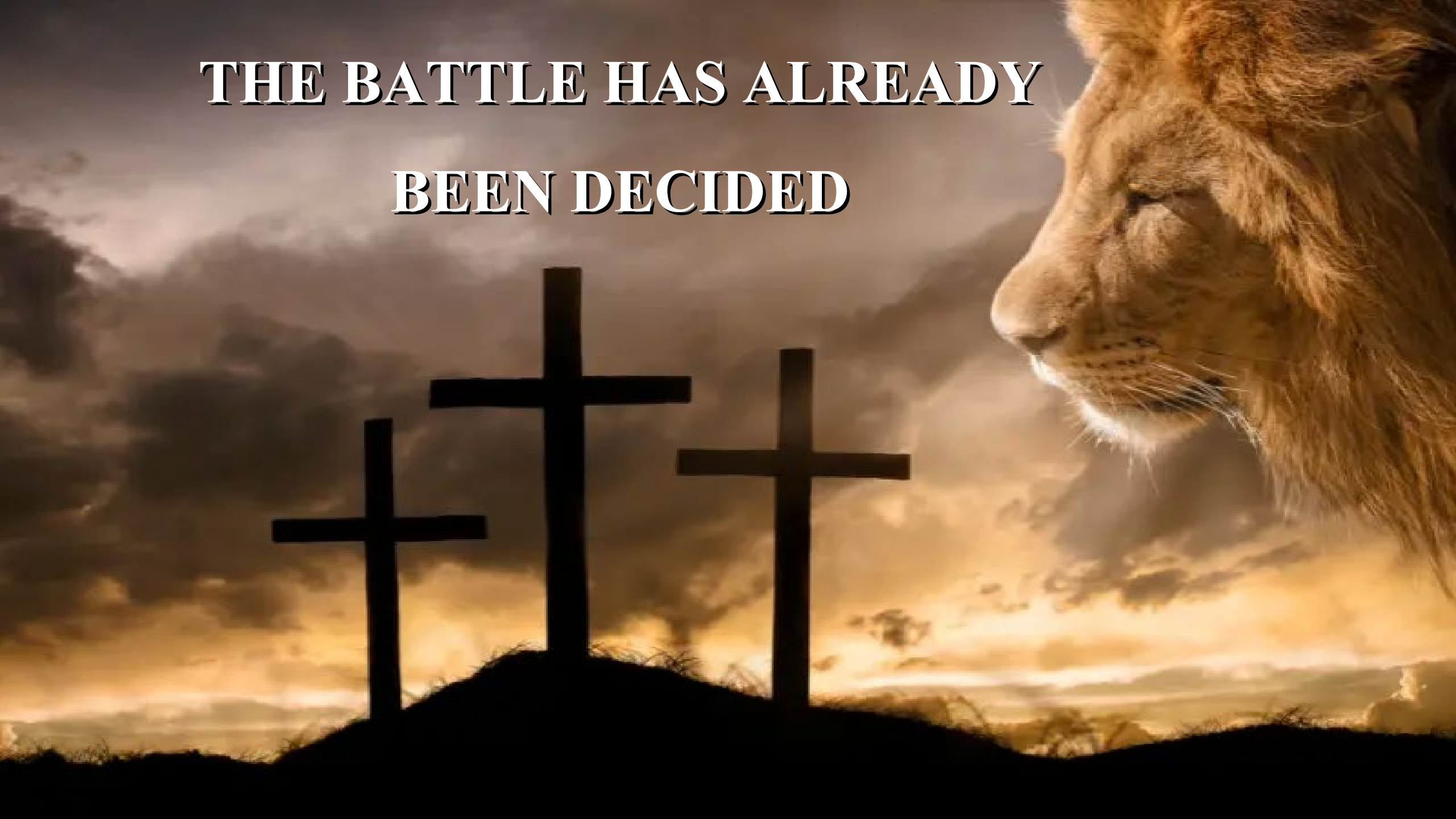
SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS: 2:13-15



"13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**THE BATTLE HAS ALREADY
BEEN DECIDED**





SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

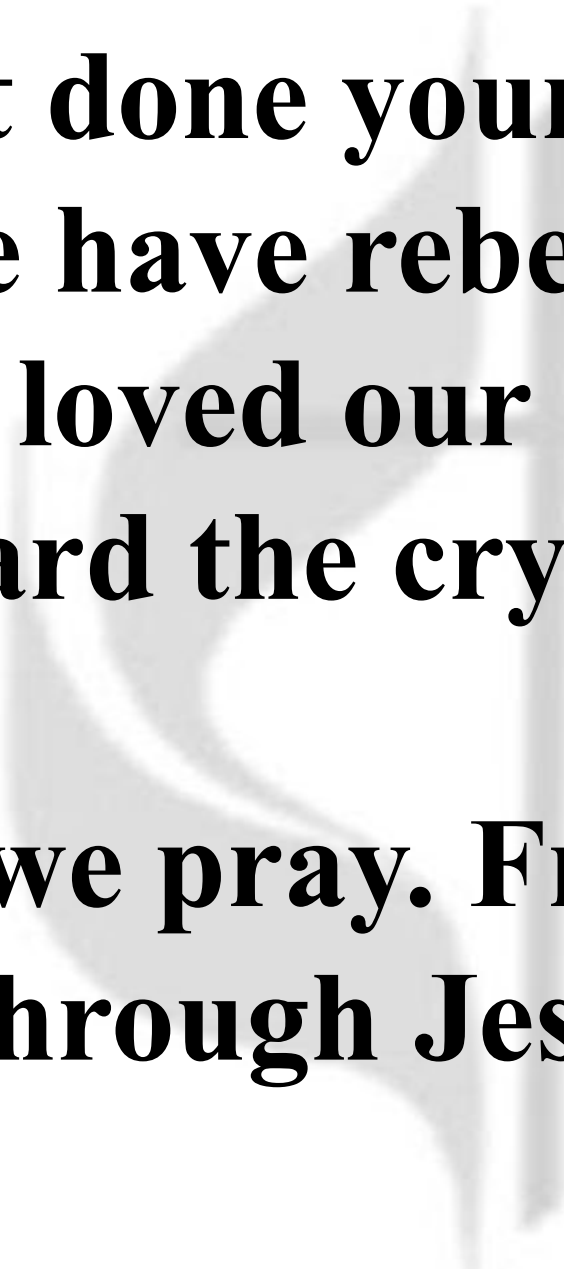


Pastor: Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

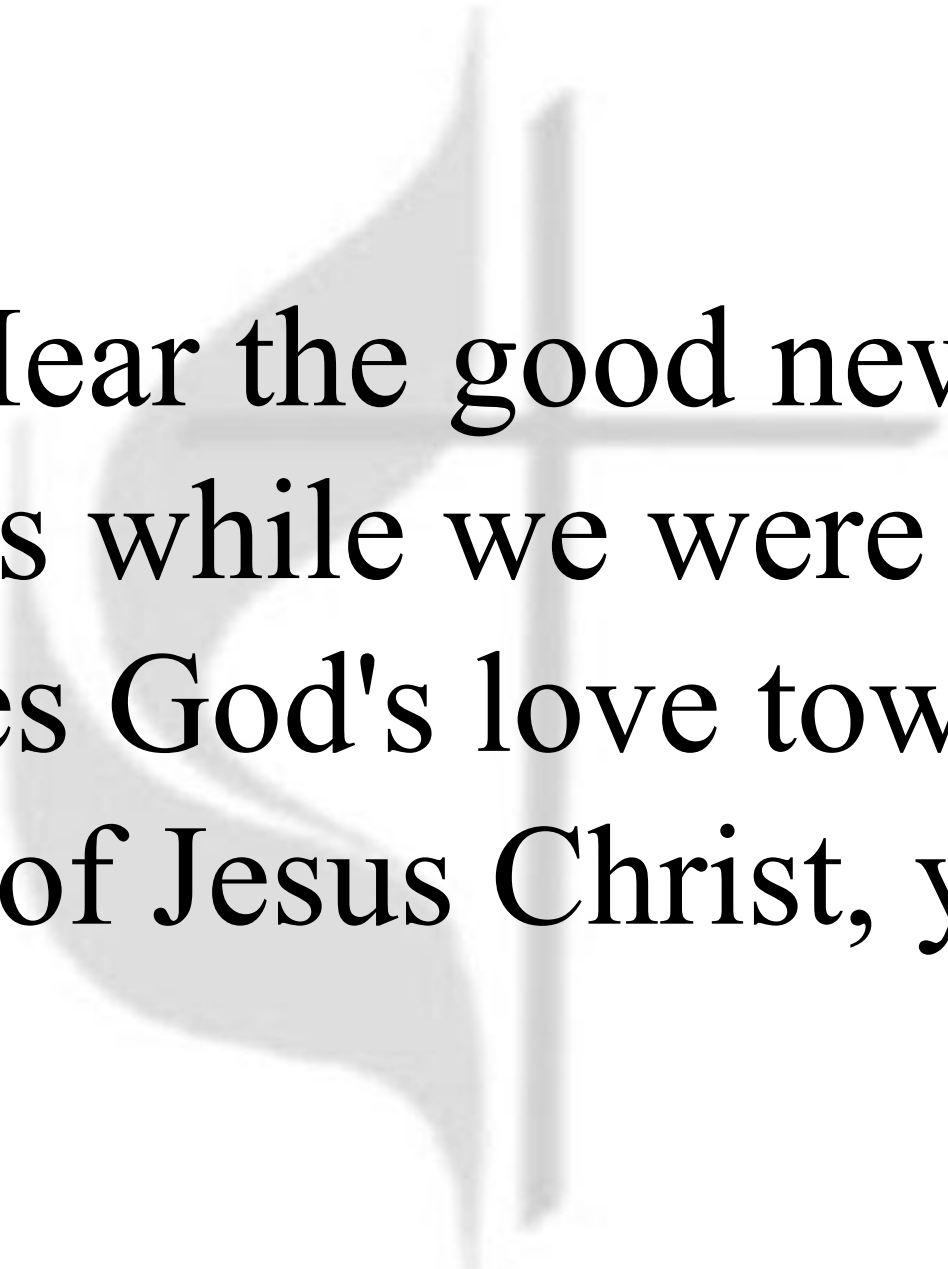


**All: Merciful God, we confess that we
have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**



**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.**



Pastor: 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!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into
us the breath of life. When we turned away, and
our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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."r Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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." **Hand over or lift up cup**

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.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

**The pastor may hold hands, palms down,
over the bread and cup.**

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.

Raised Hands 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.

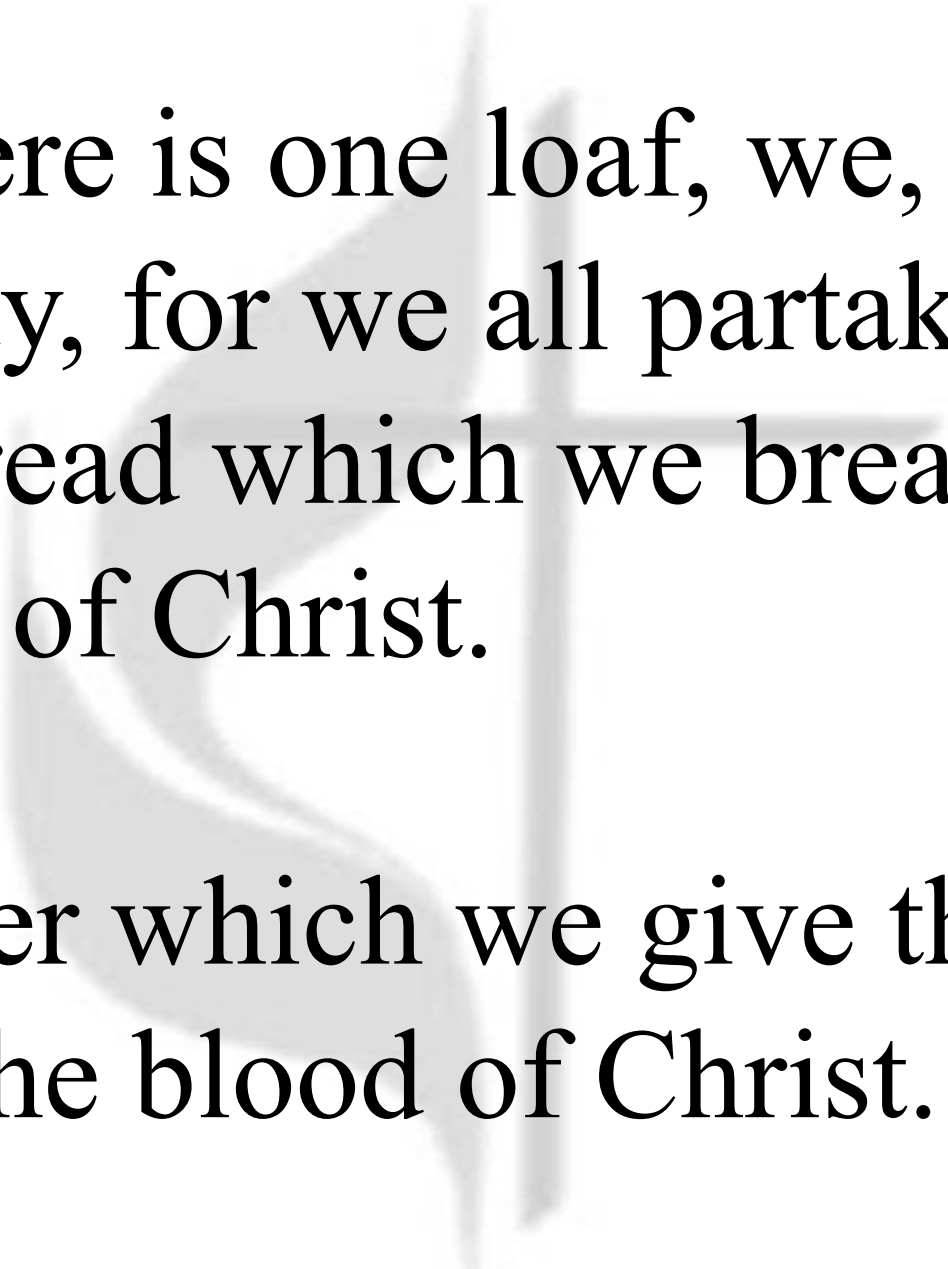
Amen.

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.



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.

The cup over which we give thanks is a
sharing in the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me

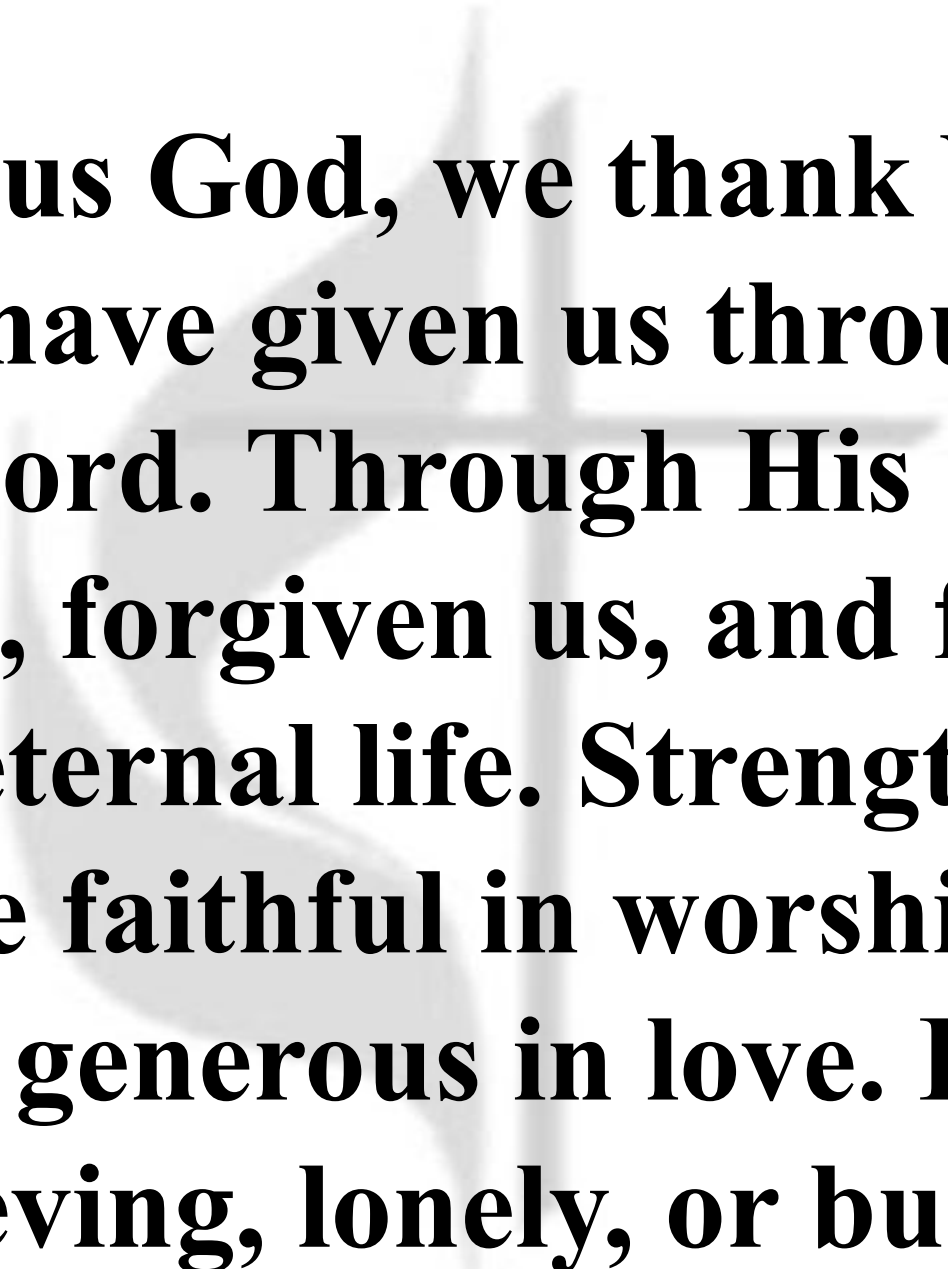


**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE



Most Gracious God, we thank You for the victory You have given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through His cross, You have redeemed us, forgiven us, and filled us with the hope of eternal life. Strengthen Your Church to be faithful in worship, bold in witness, and generous in love. Bless those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened.

**Grant them Your healing, comfort, and peace.
Guide our leaders, bless this congregation,
and help us to live each day in the confidence
that Christ has conquered sin and death. As
we come to Your Holy Table, prepare our
hearts to receive Your grace with faith and
thanksgiving. We ask all this through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**



CLOSING SONG “BECAUSE HE LIVES”

Because He Lives

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WORDS: Gloria and William J. Gaither , 1971)

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive He
lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Chorus

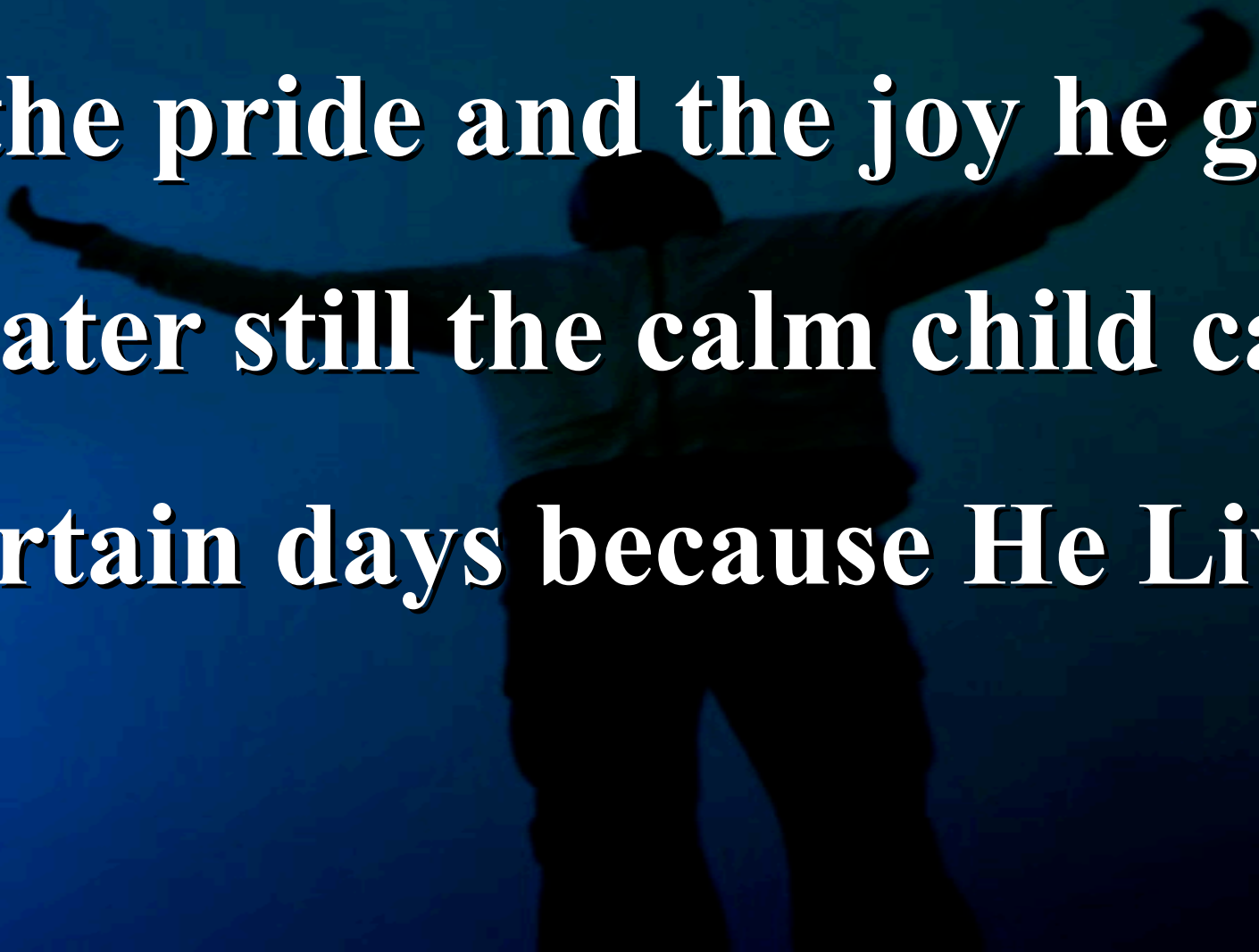
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

**And life is worth the living Just
because He lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and the joy he gives
But greater still the calm child can
face uncertain days because He Lives..**

A dark silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy, set against a blue gradient background.

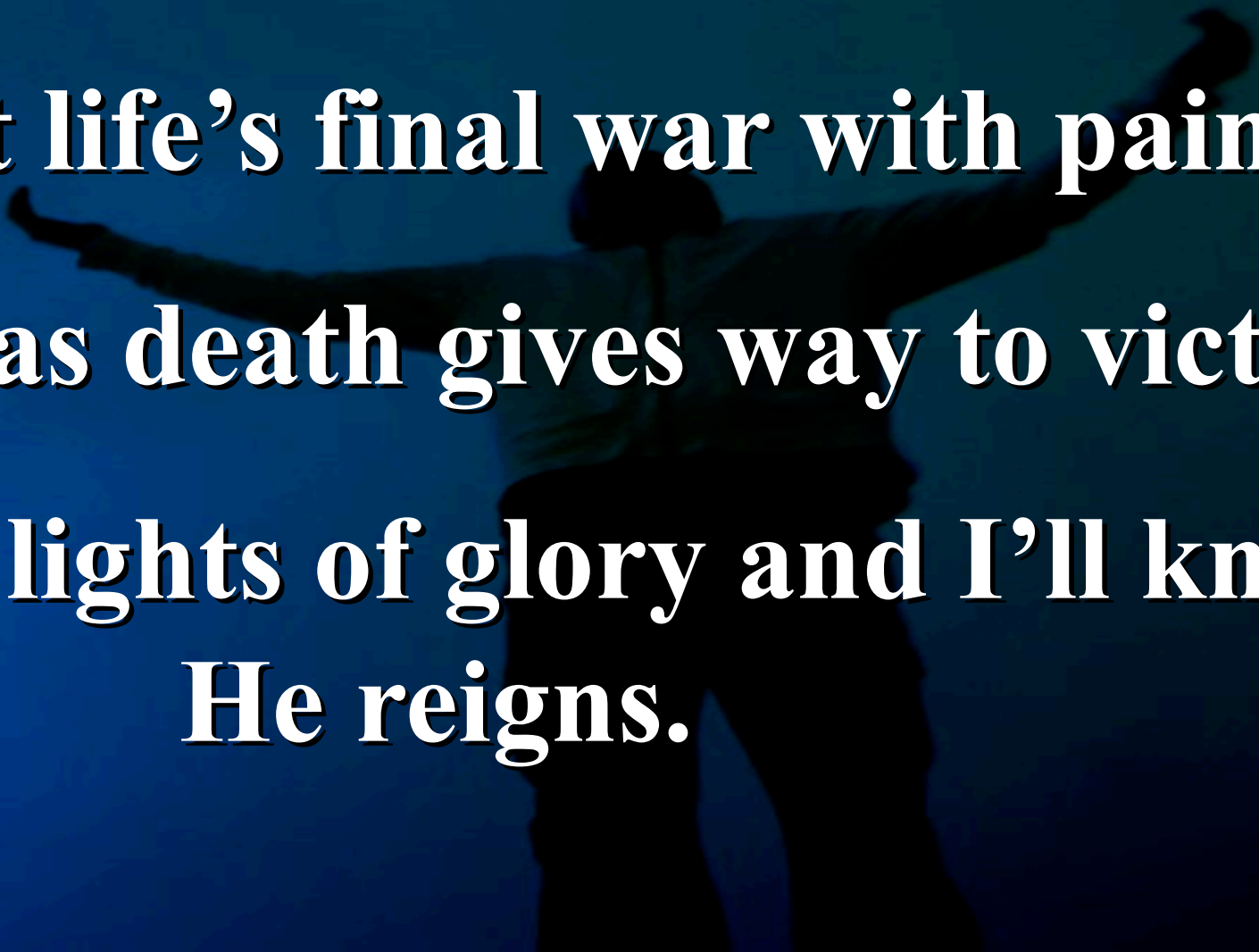
3. And then one day, I'll cross that river

I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then, as death gives way to vict'ry

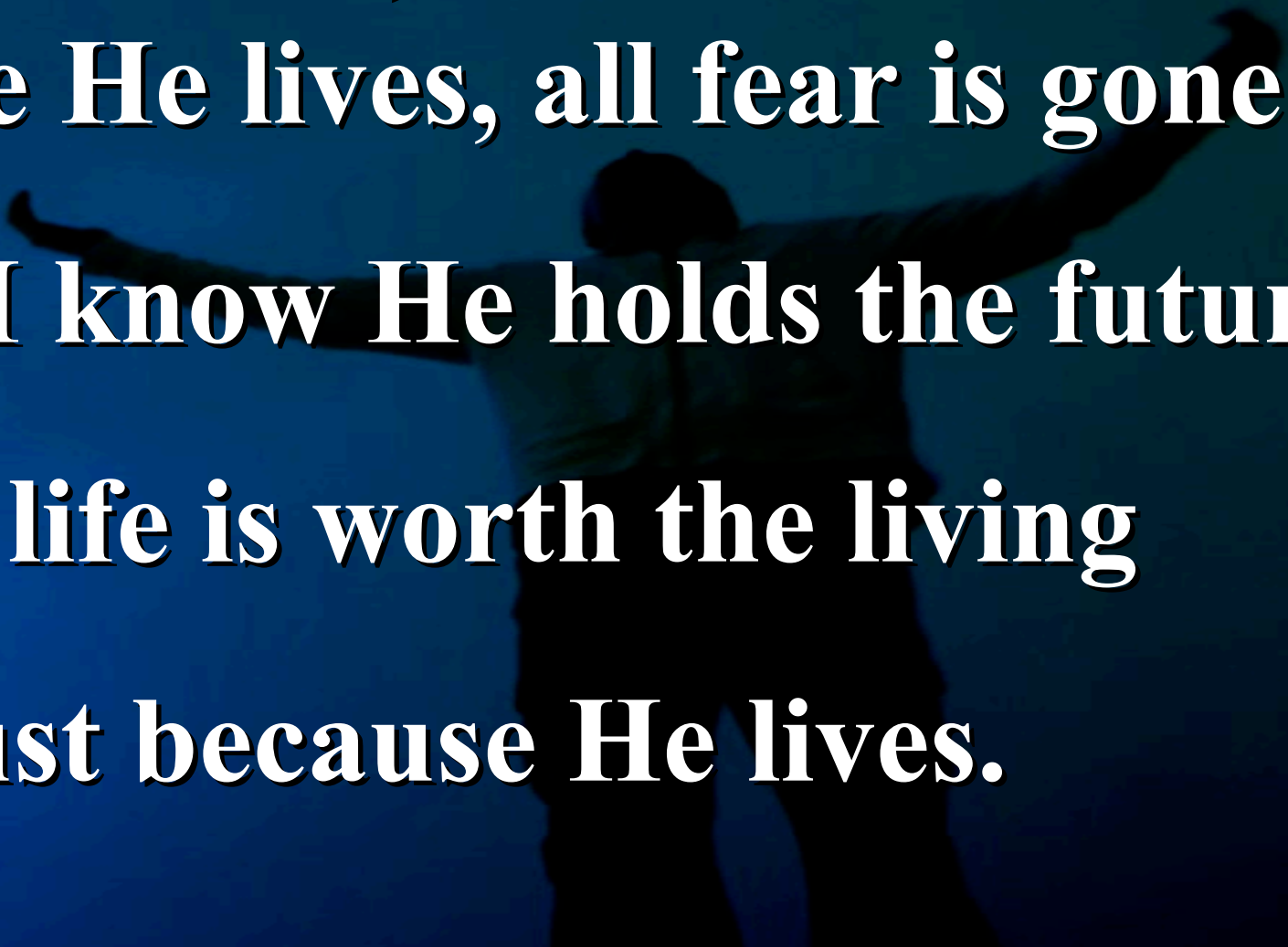
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know

He reigns.

A dark silhouette of a person stands in the background, arms raised in a gesture of triumph or praise. The figure is positioned centrally, behind the text, against a blue gradient background.

Chorus

4. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.





BENEDICTION



Go now in the peace and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that the battle has already been decided. Through His cross, Christ has redeemed you. Through His resurrection, He has conquered death. Through His Spirit, He walks with you each day. Go therefore with confidence, serving the Lord with joy, loving your neighbor with compassion, and proclaiming the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord.



And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

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

The musical score is written for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in 4/4 time and have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics 'A-men, A-men, A - - - men.' are written below the top staff, with the final 'men.' aligned with the end of the piece. The bottom staff provides a harmonic accompaniment, primarily using whole and half notes.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

