



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
August 23, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



“AMEN”

EVERYBODY SAY AMEN!

Words: Carly Pearce

Amen, Amen, Amen

Amen, Amen

(Refrain)

(Amen) everybody say (amen)

Everybody say (amen) Amen

(amen)

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews, a wooden altar, 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 on the right side of the image.

(Amen) let the church say

(amen)

Let the church say (amen)

Amen, amen

(Amen) let the preacher say

(amen)

Let the preacher say (amen)

Amen (amen)

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Let the preacher say (amen)

Amen (amen) (*Refrain*)

GATHERING SONG



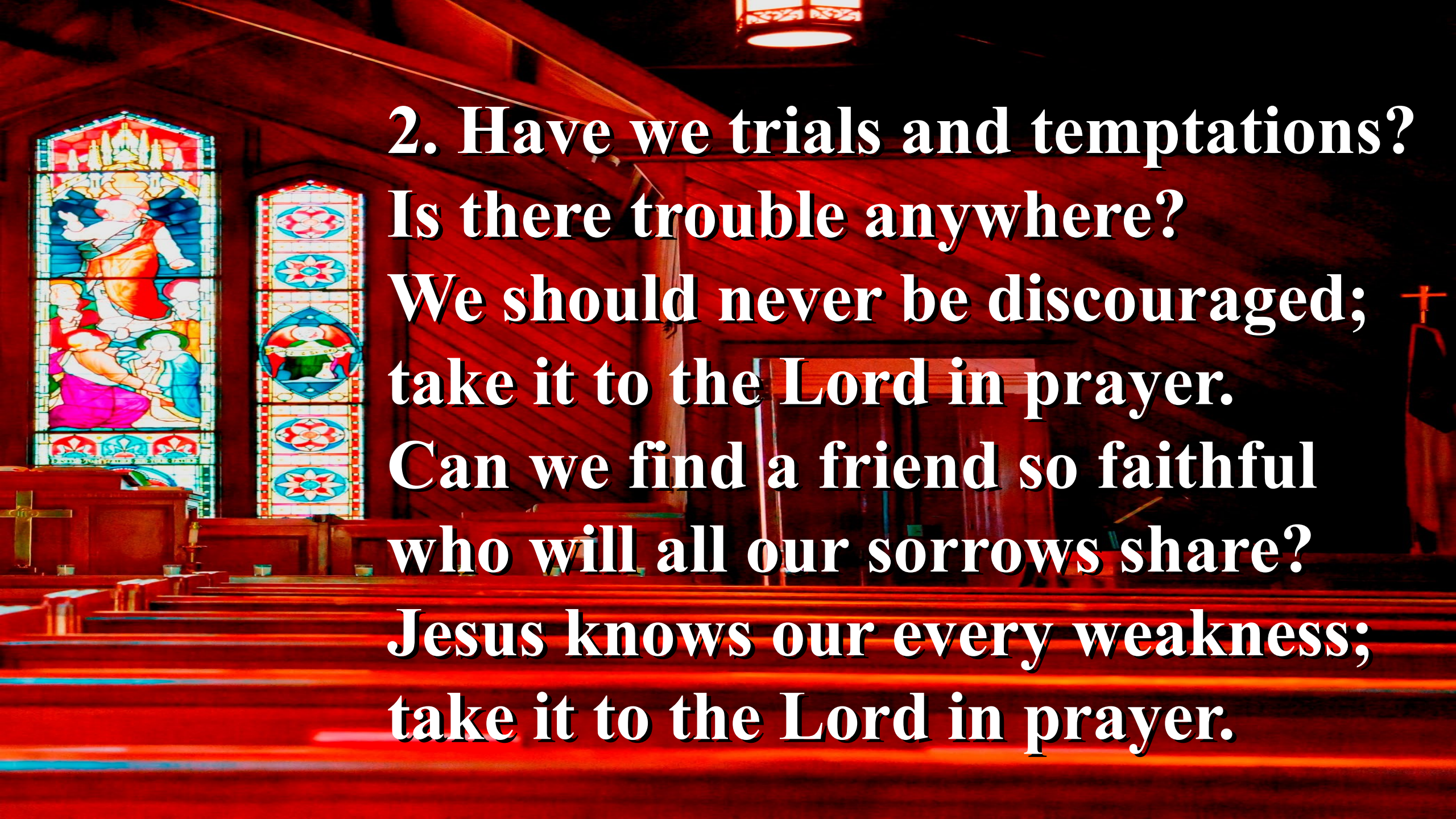
“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”
UMH 526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

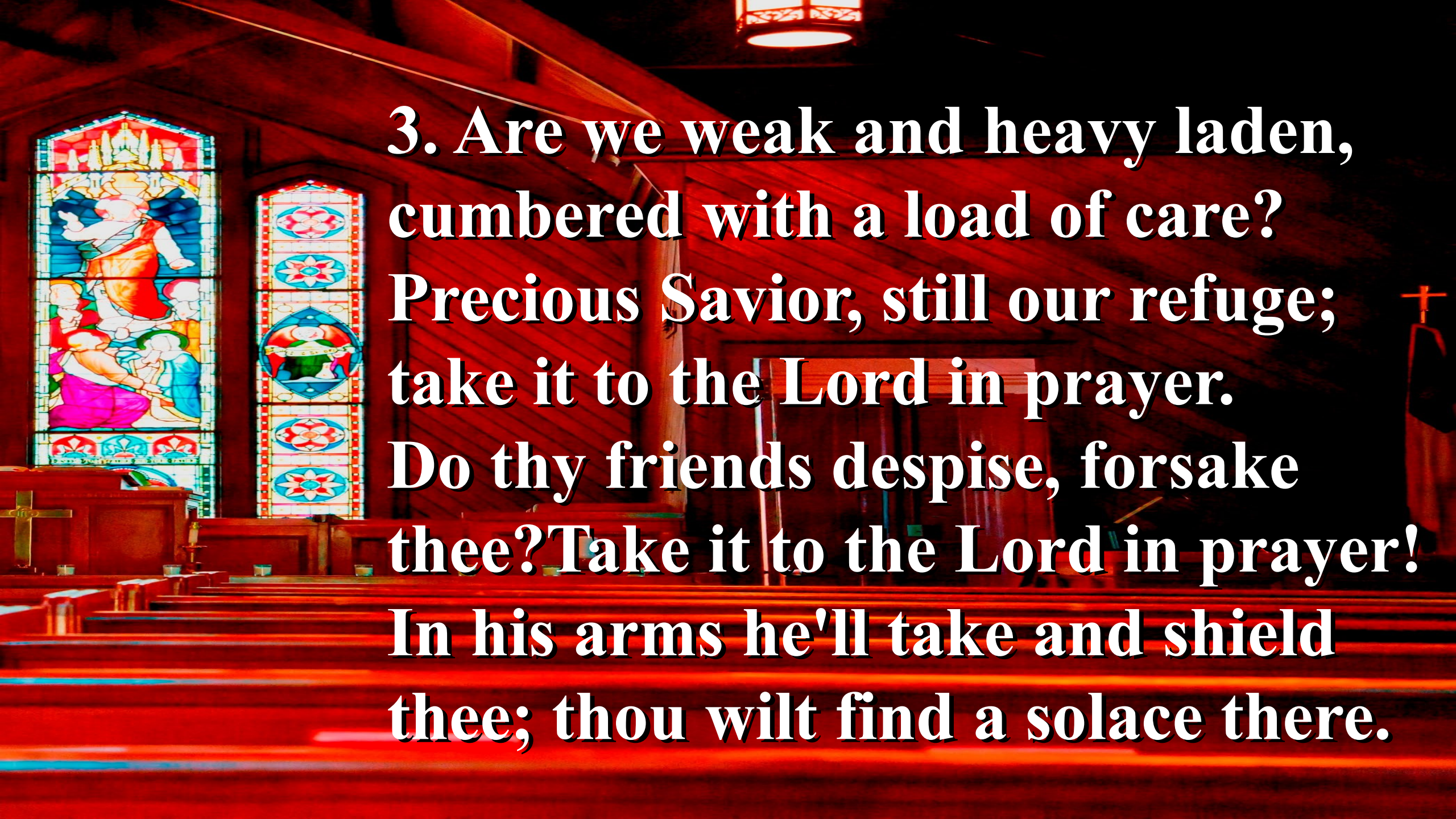
WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear! What
a privilege to carry everything to
God in prayer! O what peace we
often forfeit, O what needless pain
we bear, all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews, a wooden altar 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 on the right side of the image.

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

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**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield
thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**



“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: Long ago, God spoke through the prophets, revealing His will and His promises.

People: In these last days, God has spoken to us through His Son.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.



Leader: On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ opened the Scriptures and revealed Himself to His followers.

People: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may recognize Your presence among us.

Leader: Christ is God's final and perfect Word.

People: We gather to worship, to listen, and to be transformed by His living Word.



OPENING SONG
“Blessed Quietness”
TFWS 2142

BLESSED QUIETNESS

Words: Manie P. Ferguson²

2142

1. Joys are flowing like a river
since the Comforter has come,
who abides with us forever,
makes the trusting heart a
home.



(Refrain)

**Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
what assurance in my soul, on
the stormy sea, Jesus speaks
peace to me, and the billows
cease to roll.**



**2. Bringing life and health and
gladness, all around this
heavenly Guest, banished
unbelief and sadness, changed
our weariness to rest.**

(Refrain)



**3. Like the rain that falls from
heaven, like the sunlight from
the sky, so the Holy Ghost is
given, coming on us from on
high.**

(Refrain)



4. See a fruitful field is growing,
blessed fruit of righteousness;
and the streams of life are
flowing in the lonely wilderness.

(Refrain)



**5. What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see His face!
What perfect habitation,
What a quiet resting place!**
(Refrain)





OPENING PRAYER



Gracious Lord, You have spoken throughout the generations through prophets, teachers, and faithful witnesses. Yet in the fullness of time, You revealed Yourself through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who is the radiance of Your glory and the exact imprint of Your being. As we gather in worship, quiet the noise that competes for our attention. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your truth.



As Your disciples once recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread, help us to recognize His presence among us today. May our worship be more than ritual. May it become an encounter with the living Christ. Draw us closer to You. Strengthen our faith. Renew our hope. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may leave this place changed by Your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Lord Jesus, You opened up Your Word to Your disciples on the road to Emmaus, and their hearts burned within them. Open Your Words to us today. Remove distractions and every barrier that keeps us from hearing Your voice. Give us understanding through the power of the Holy Spirit. Challenge us where we have become comfortable and transform us into faithful disciples. Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

HABAKKUK 1:1-3



**1 The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.
2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, And You will not
hear? Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You
will not save. 3 Why do You show me iniquity,
And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and
violence are before me;**



CHRIST, IS GOD'S FINAL ANSWER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess that we have often listened to many voices while neglecting the voice of Christ. We have allowed fear to shape our decisions instead of trusting Your promises. We have sought the world's wisdom while ignoring the truth revealed in Your Son. We, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, sometimes failed to recognize Your presence in our lives.



Forgive us when we have been slow to believe. Forgive us when we have allowed our hearts to grow cold. Forgive us when we have treated Your Word as information rather than as the living revelation of Jesus Christ. Renew us by Your grace. Open our eyes to Your presence, our minds to Your truth, and our hearts to Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News! The same Christ who walked beside the disciples on the road to Emmaus walks beside us today. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. In Jesus Christ, God has spoken His final word, and that word is grace.



What If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

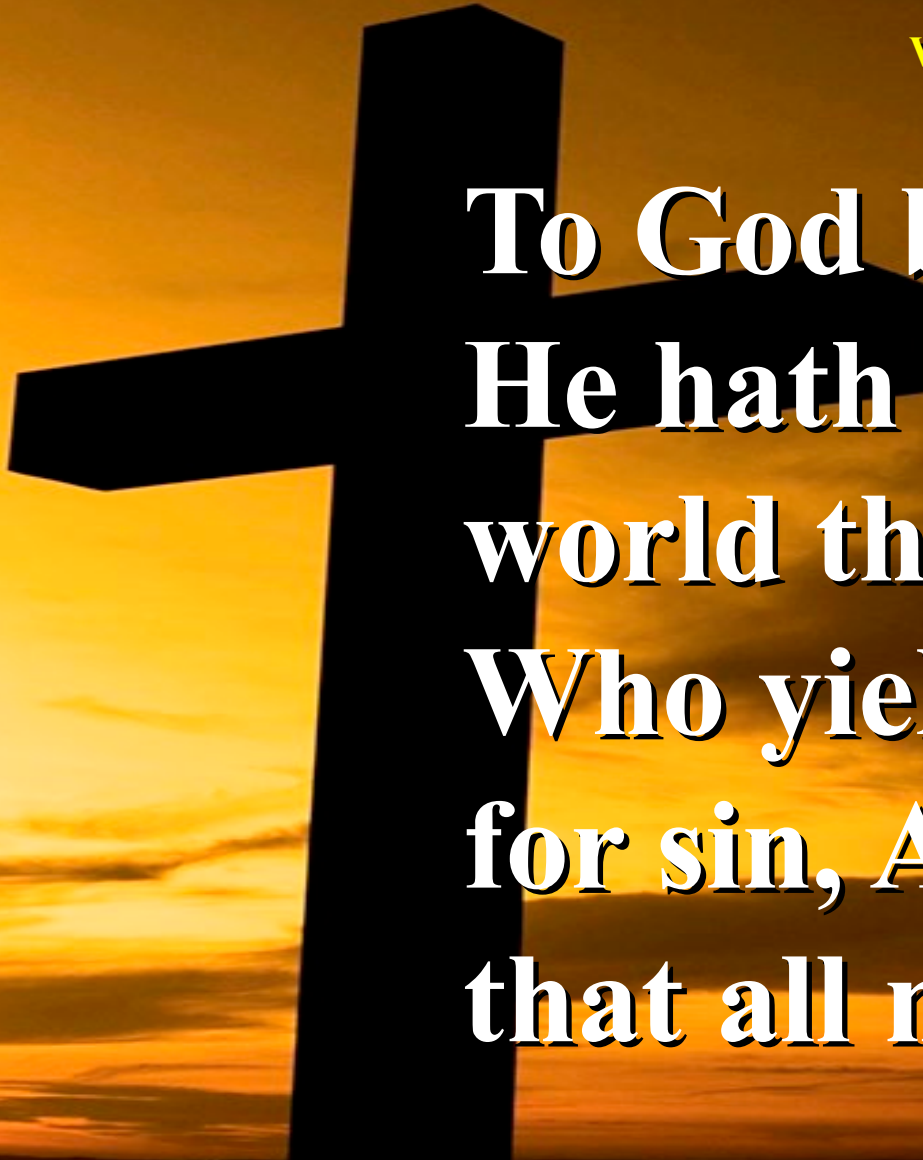


CLOSING SONG
“To God Be the Glory”
UMH 98

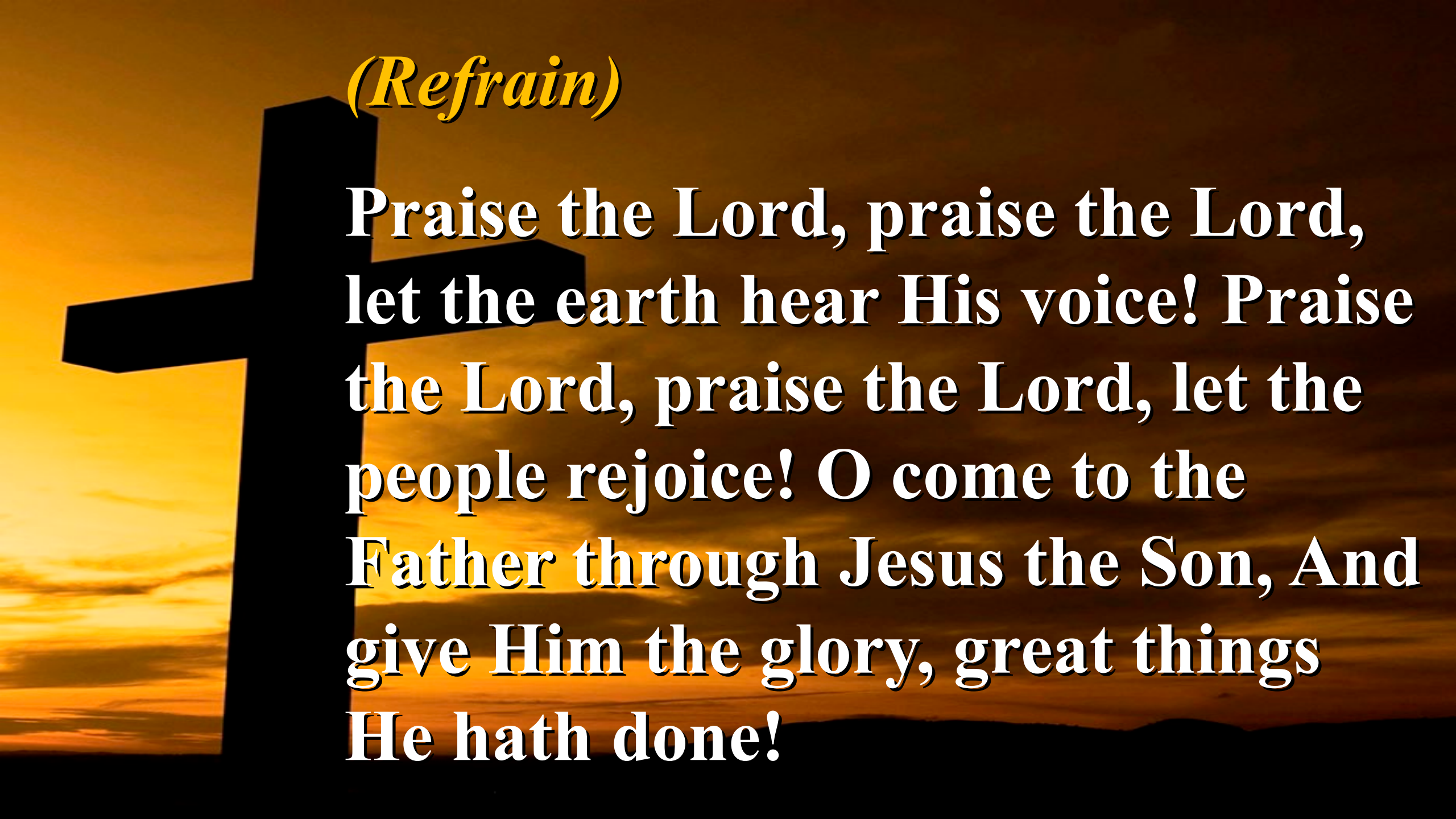
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WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby

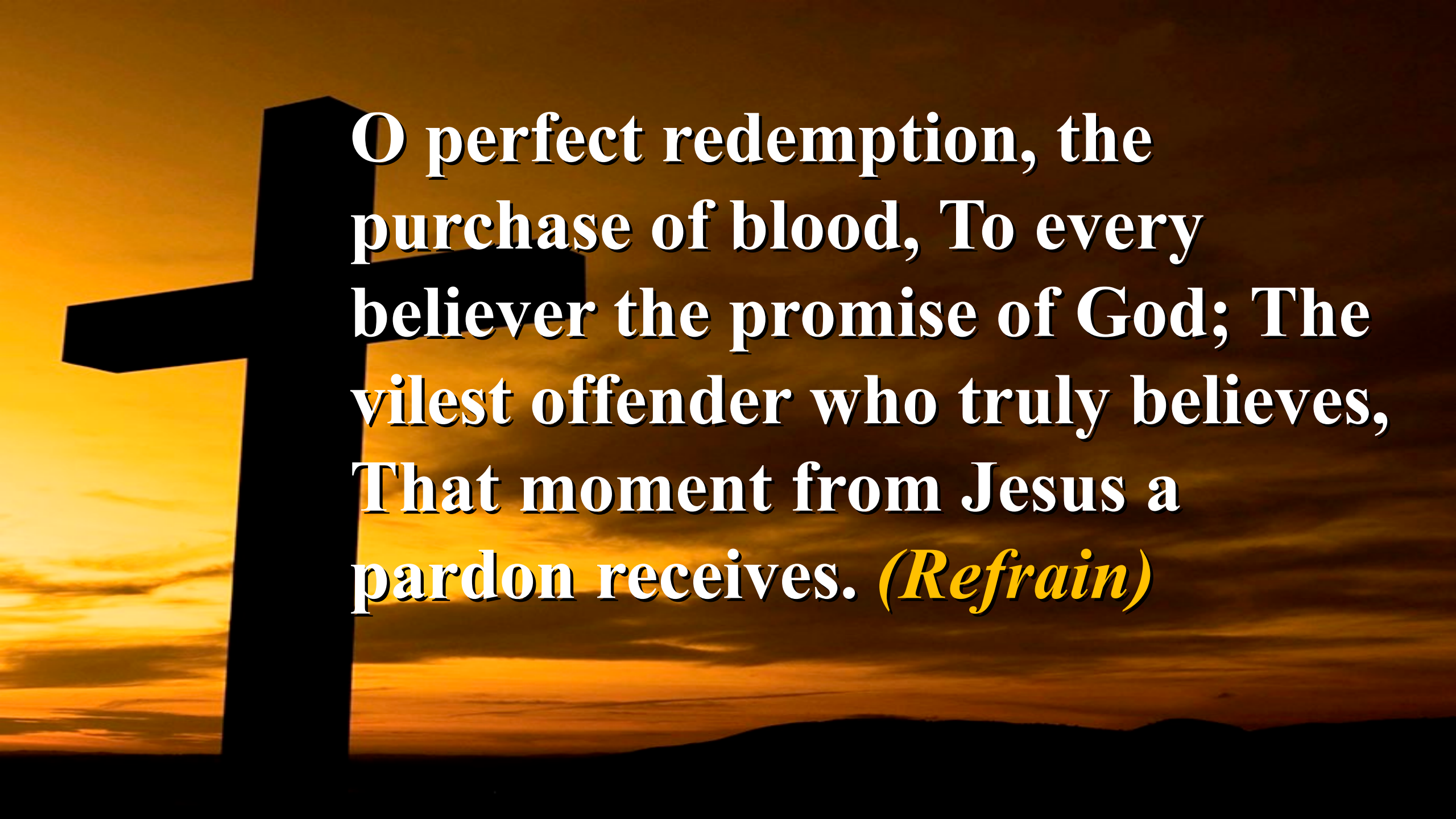
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To God be the glory, great things
He hath done! So loved He the
world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement
for sin, And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

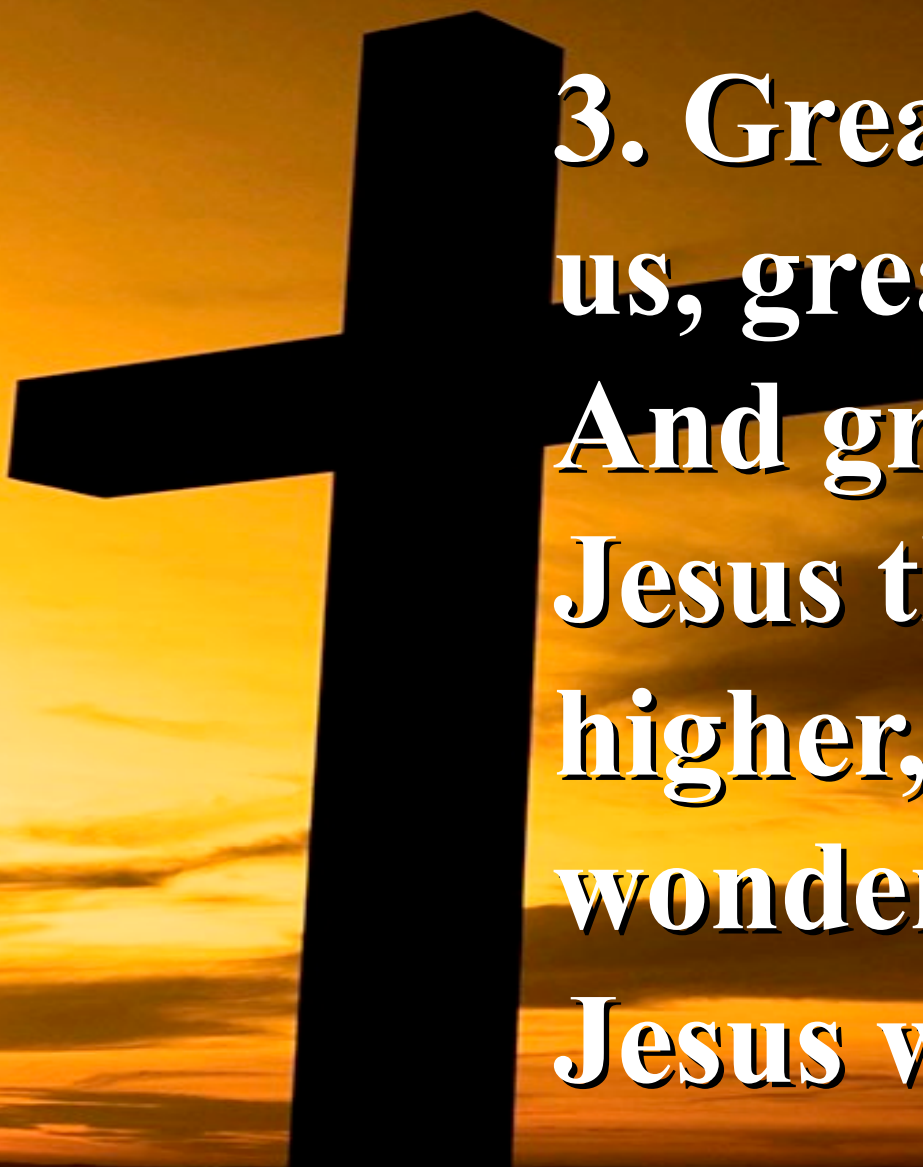
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(Refrain)

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice! Praise
the Lord, praise the Lord, let the
people rejoice! O come to the
Father through Jesus the Son, And
give Him the glory, great things
He hath done!**



O perfect redemption, the
purchase of blood, To every
believer the promise of God; The
vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a
pardon receives. *(Refrain)*

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3. Great things He hath taught
us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son; But purer, and
higher, and greater will be our
wonder, Our transport when
Jesus we see. *(Refrain)*



BENEDICTION



Go in the peace of Christ, trusting God who has never stopped speaking. When your way is uncertain, may His Word guide you, His Spirit strengthen you, and His grace sustain you. And 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

