



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
August 30, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG



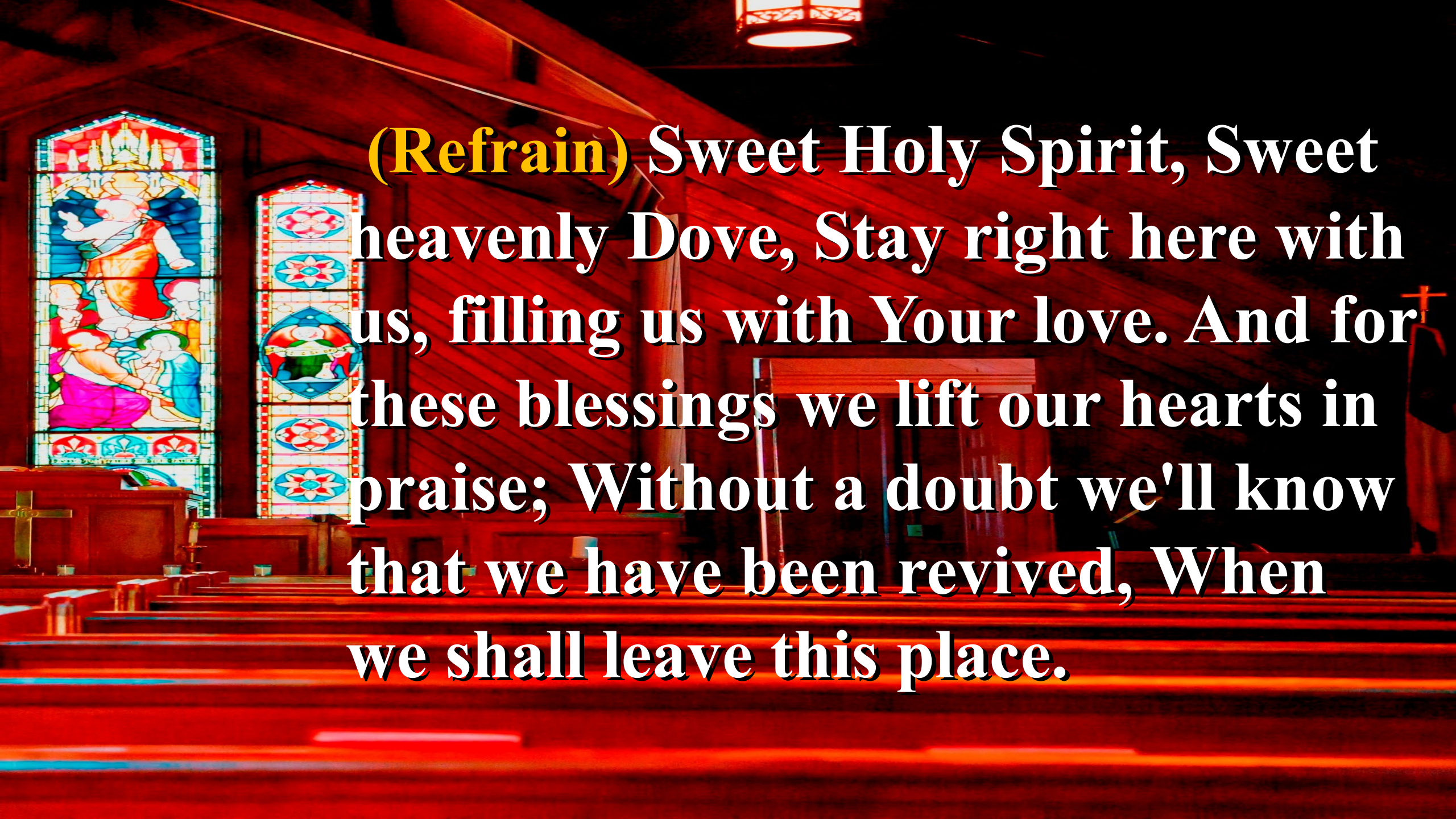
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
UMH 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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WORDS: Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in
this place, And I know that it's
the Spirit of the Lord; There are
sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the
presence of the Lord.

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, and the right window has a geometric pattern. The text is overlaid on the image.

(Refrain) Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet
heavenly Dove, Stay right here with
us, filling us with Your love. And for
these blessings we lift our hearts in
praise; Without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived, When
we shall leave this place.

GATHERING SONG



“Take My Life and Let It Be”
UMH 399

Take My Life and Let It Be

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

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**1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my
moments and my days; let them flow
in ceaseless praise. Take my hands,
and let them move at the impulse of
thy love. Take my feet, and let them
be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King. Take
my lips, and let them be filled
with messages from thee. Take my
silver and my gold; not a mite
would I withhold. Take my
intellect, and use every power as
thou shalt choose.**



**3. Take my will, and make it
thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**





“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, people of God, even when the fig tree does not blossom and the fields bear no fruit.

People: We will rejoice in the Lord; we will take joy in the God of our salvation.

Leader: Come, people of God, for if God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Leader: Come, people of God, for the One seated on the throne says, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

People: We worship the God who strengthens us, loves us, and makes all things new.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with faith, hope, and thanksgiving.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.



OPENING SONG
“Lead Me, Guide Me”
TFWS 2214

Lead Me, Guide Me

Words: Doris Akers

2214

1. I am weak and I need thy
strength and power To help
me over my weakest hour
Lead me through the
darkness thy face to see
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Refrain)

**Lead me, guide me along the
way; For if You lead me, I
cannot stray; Lord, let me
walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

2. Help me tread in the paths of
righteousness; Be my aid when
Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in
Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead
me. *(Refrain)*



3. I am lost, if you take your
hand from me; I am blind,
without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy
servant be, Lead me, O Lord,
lead me. *(Refrain)*





OPENING PRAYER



**Gracious and Eternal God, we gather before
You with thankful hearts. When life is
uncertain, You are our strength. When
hardship surrounds us, Your love holds us.
When the world feels broken, Your promise
declares that You are making all things new.
Lift our eyes beyond what we lack, beyond
what we fear, and beyond what we do not
understand.**



Teach us to rejoice in You, not only because of what You give, but because of who You are. Strengthen our faith in Christ, who has overcome every power that could separate us from Your love. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us in worship. Renew our hope, deepen our trust, and make us ready to receive Your Word. 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 RESPONSE”



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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, open our hearts to hear Your Word. When we are weak, remind us that You are our strength. When we are afraid, remind us that nothing can separate us from Your love. When we are discouraged, remind us that You are making all things new. By Your Holy Spirit, speak to us through Scripture and draw us closer to Christ. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

HABAKKUK 3:17-19



**17. Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit
be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may
fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock
may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd
in the stalls—**

**18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God
of my salvation.**

**19 The Lord God is my strength; He will make my
feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on
my high hills.**

A person is shown from behind, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. They are positioned in the lower center of the frame. The background is a vast, open landscape under a sky filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of spiritual joy and devotion.

**I WILL TRIUMPH IN YAHWEH; I
WILL REJOICE IN THE GOD OF
MY SALVATION!
HABAKKUK 3:18**

FAITH THAT WORSHIPS BEFORE IT UNDERSTANDS



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our faith is often shaken by what we see. When blessings seem absent, we struggle to rejoice. When trouble comes, we question Your nearness. When life feels uncertain, we forget that nothing can separate us from Your love. Forgive us for trusting our circumstances more than Your promises.



**Forgive us for allowing fear, disappointment,
and weariness to silence our worship.**

**Forgive us for living as though brokenness
has the final word. Lord, renew our hearts.
Teach us to rejoice in You, even in difficult
seasons. Strengthen us to trust Christ, rest in
Your love, and hope in the day when You will
wipe away every tear and make all things
new. Amen.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, God is for us. Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ intercedes for us. Nothing in life or death, nothing present or future, nothing seen or unseen, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



God's mercy is greater than our sin, His love is stronger than our fear, and His promise is sure: He is making all things new. In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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.

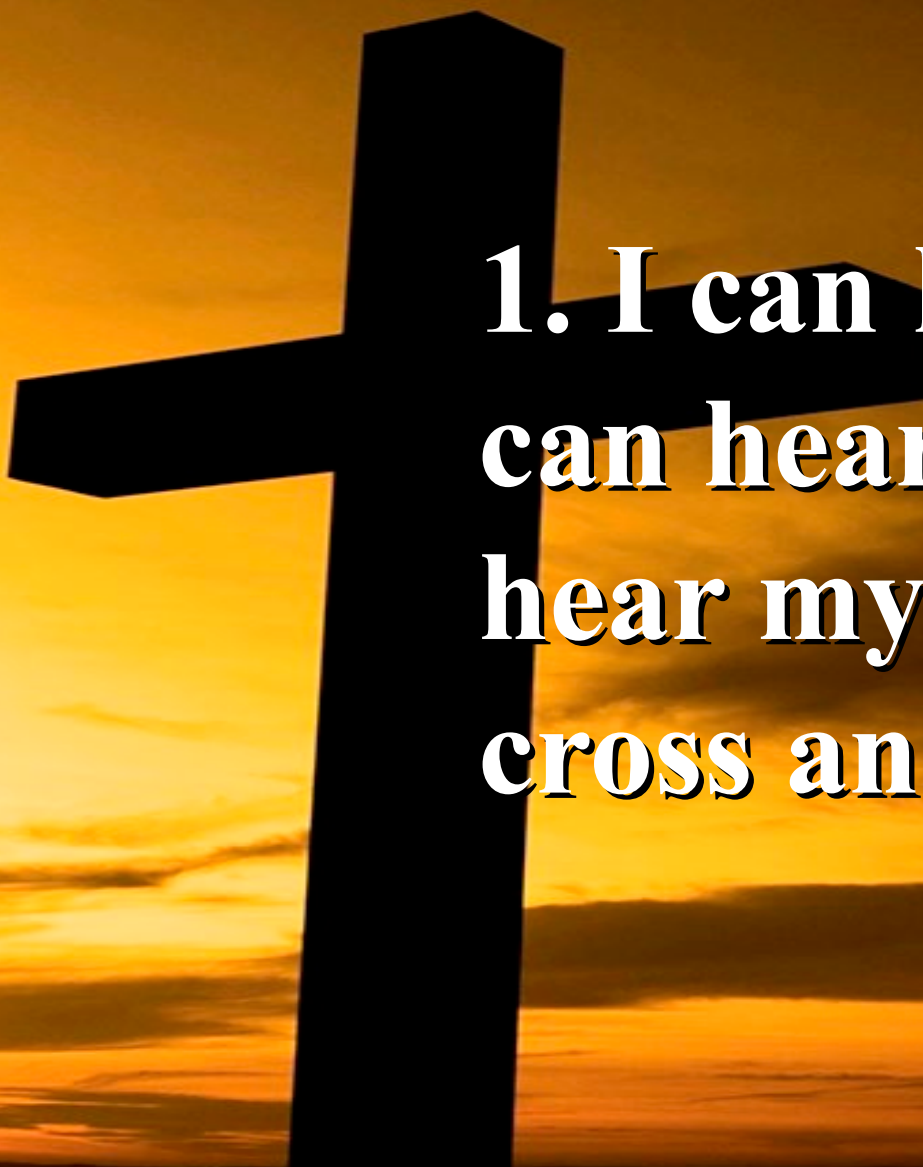


CLOSING SONG
“Where He Leads Me”
UMH 338

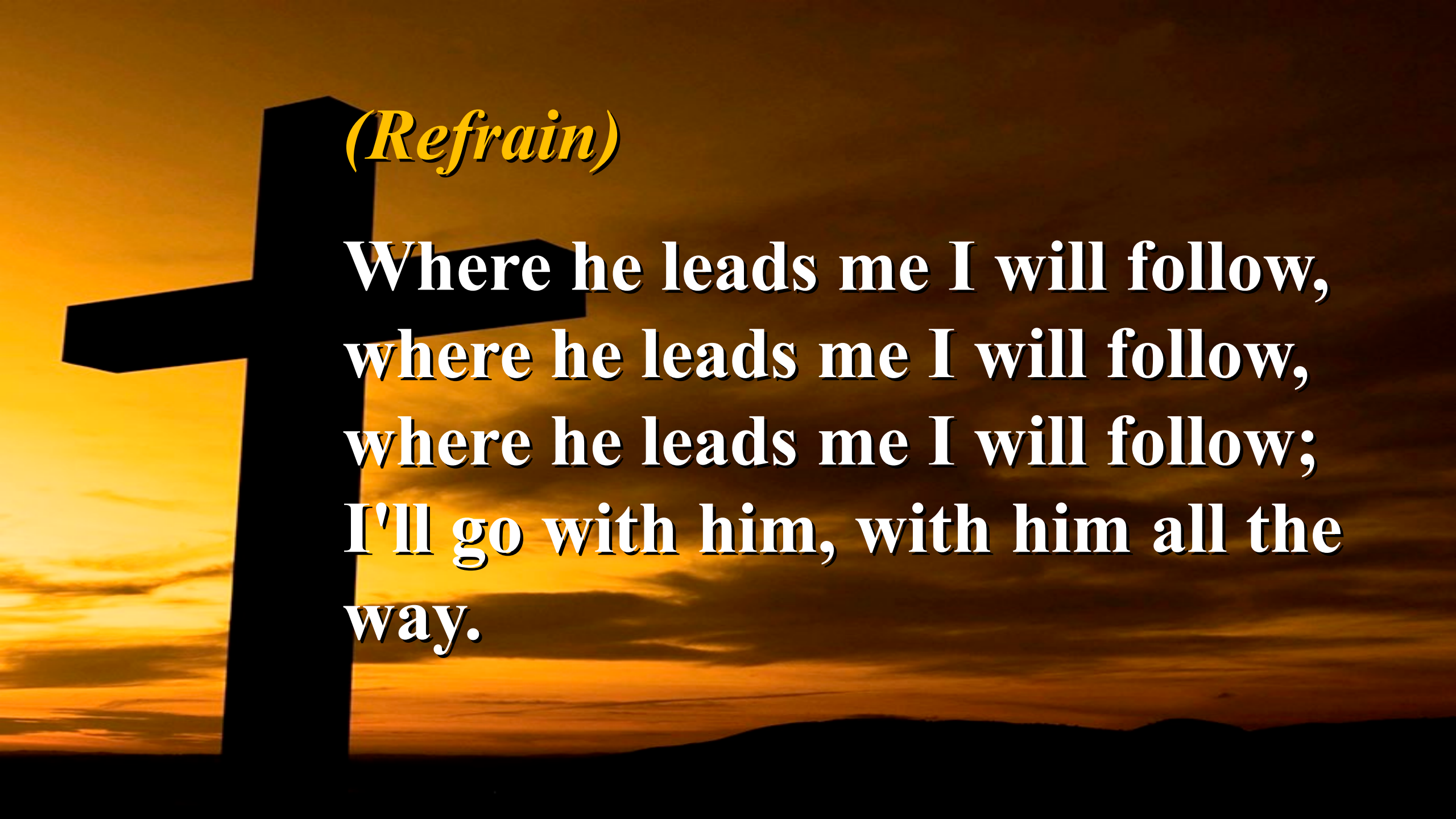
Where He Leads Me

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WORDS: E.W. Blandy)

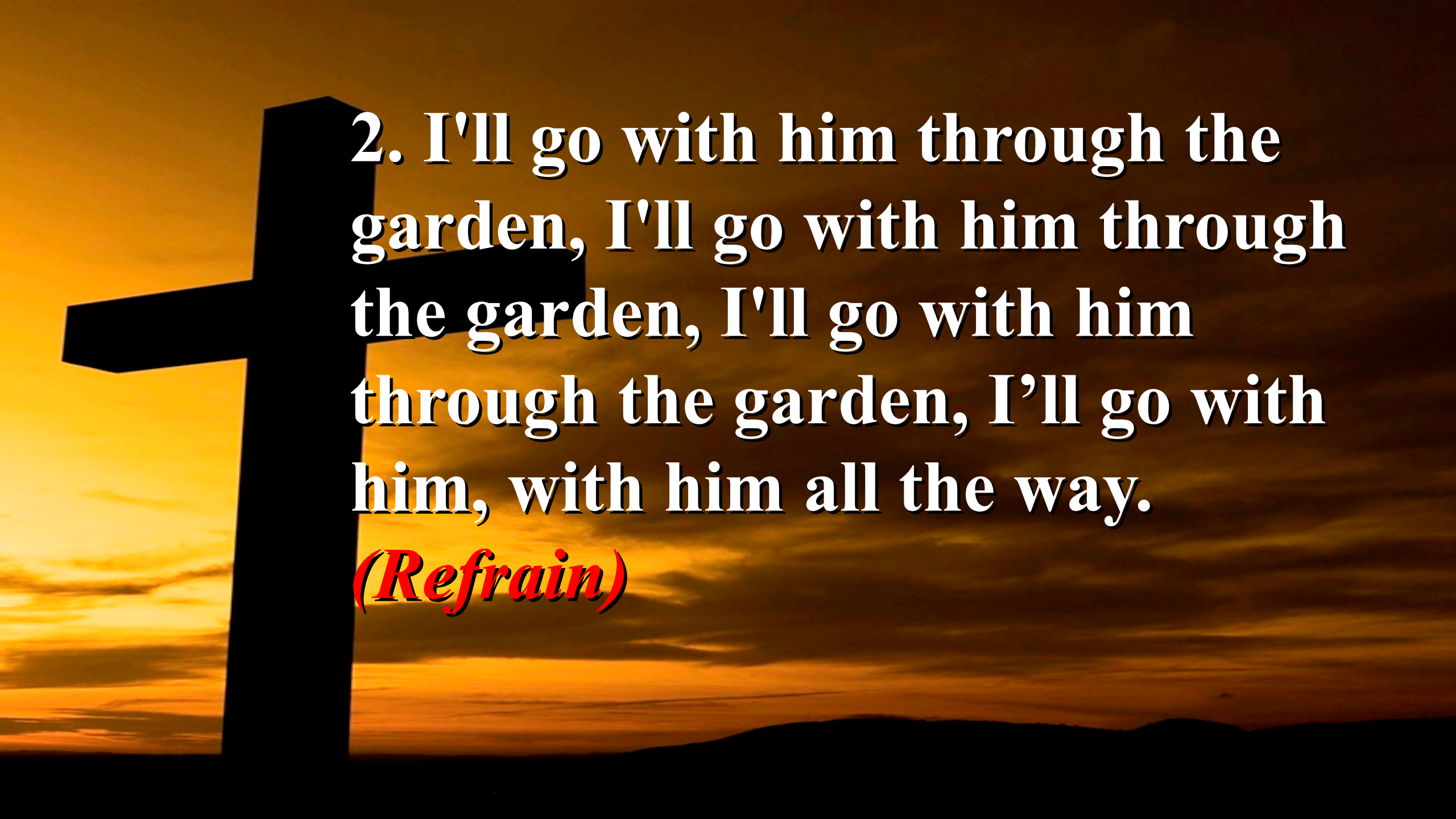
A large, solid black cross is positioned on the left side of the image, extending from the bottom to the top. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene with a gradient of orange and yellow hues. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the horizon line is visible at the bottom, showing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

1. I can hear my Savior calling, I
can hear my Savior calling, I can
hear my Savior calling, "Take thy
cross and follow, follow me."



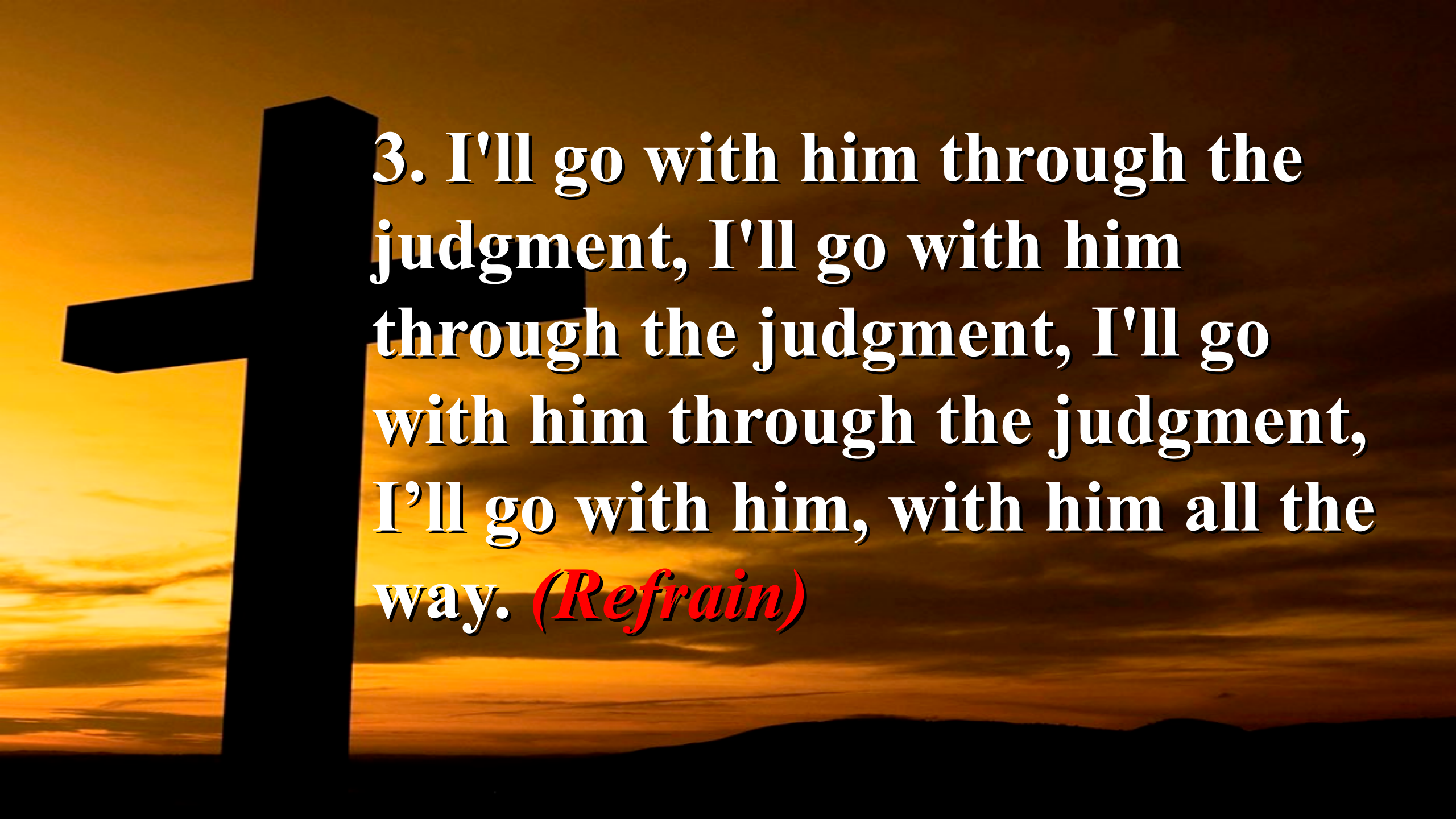
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**Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the
way.**

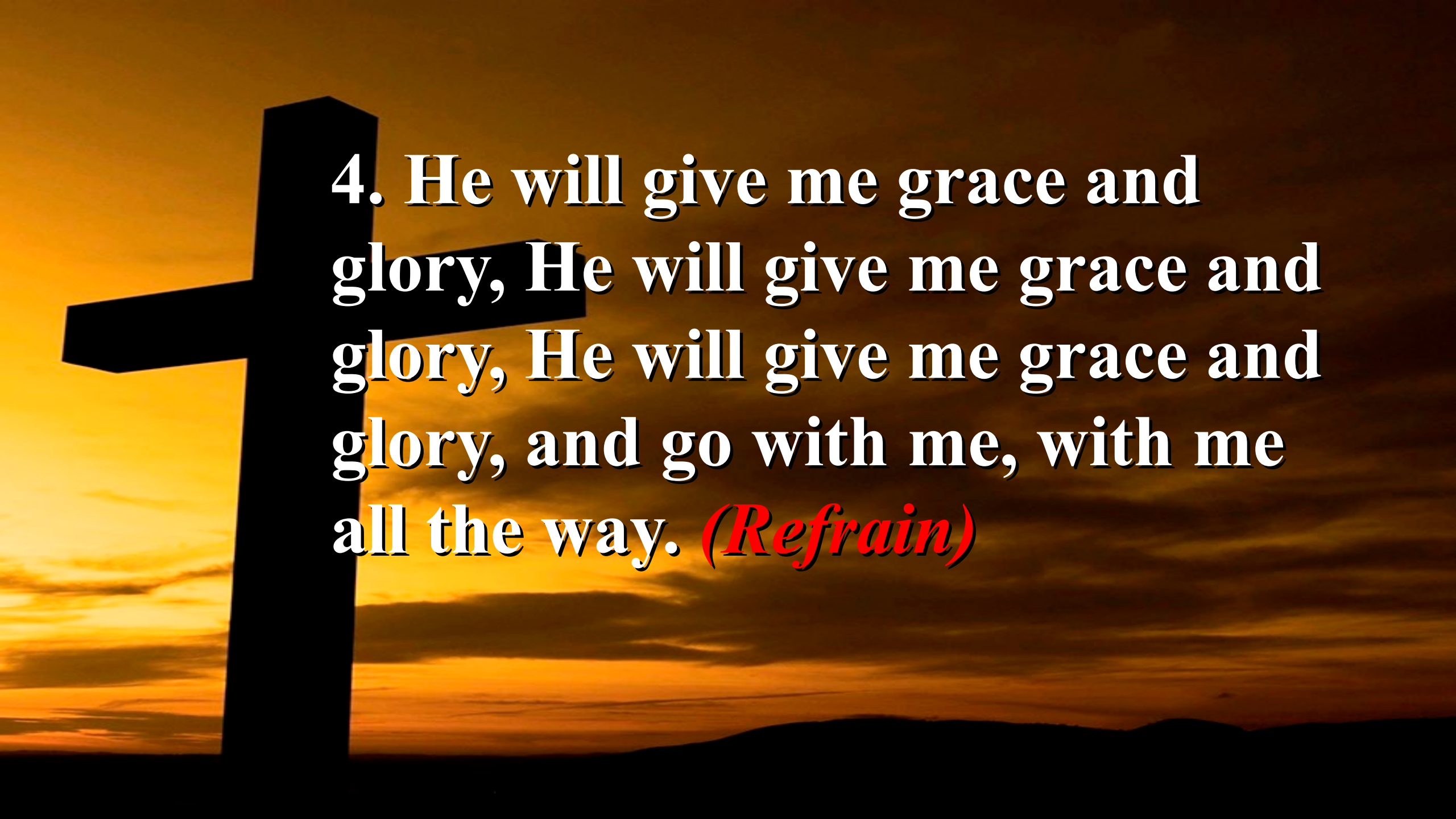


2. I'll go with him through the
garden, I'll go with him through
the garden, I'll go with him
through the garden, I'll go with
him, with him all the way.

(Refrain)



3. I'll go with him through the
judgment, I'll go with him
through the judgment, I'll go
with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the
way. *(Refrain)*



4. He will give me grace and
glory, He will give me grace and
glory, He will give me grace and
glory, and go with me, with me
all the way. *(Refrain)*



BENEDICTION

A red decorative graphic, possibly a stylized flame or leaf, is located in the top-left corner of the image.

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.



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 primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics 'A-men, A-men, A - - - men.' are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The bottom staff provides a harmonic accompaniment, often using chords and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

