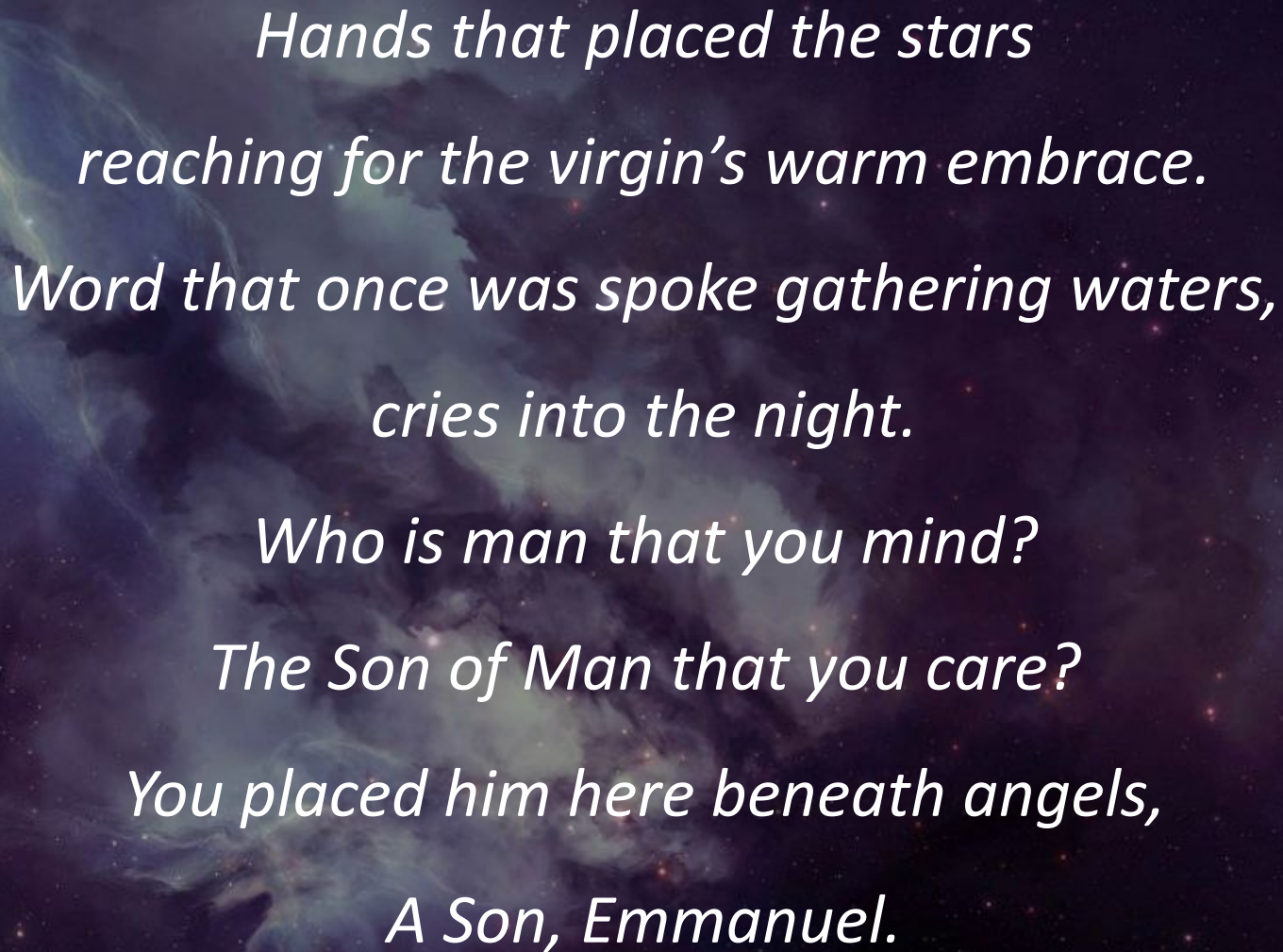


**“You are my Son, whom I love.**

**I am well pleased with you.”**





*Hands that placed the stars  
reaching for the virgin's warm embrace.  
Word that once was spoke gathering waters,  
cries into the night.  
Who is man that you mind?  
The Son of Man that you care?  
You placed him here beneath angels,  
A Son, Emmanuel.*

*“You are my Son, Today I have become your Father.*

*Son, now hear my voice, Go unto my chosen people.”*



*No burden they'll ever bear, will you, my Son not share.*

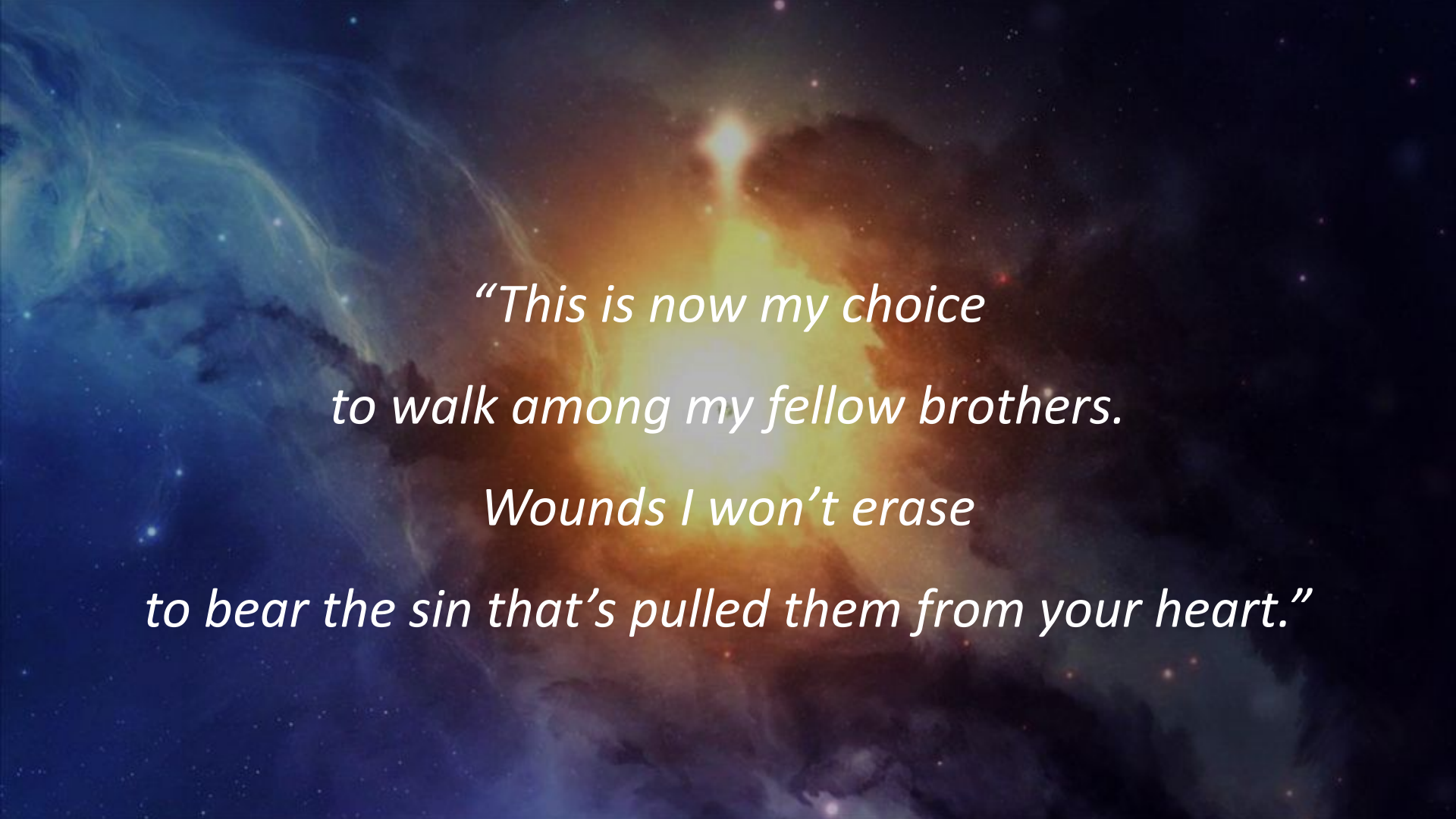
*Like them in every way*

*from their sins you will save.*

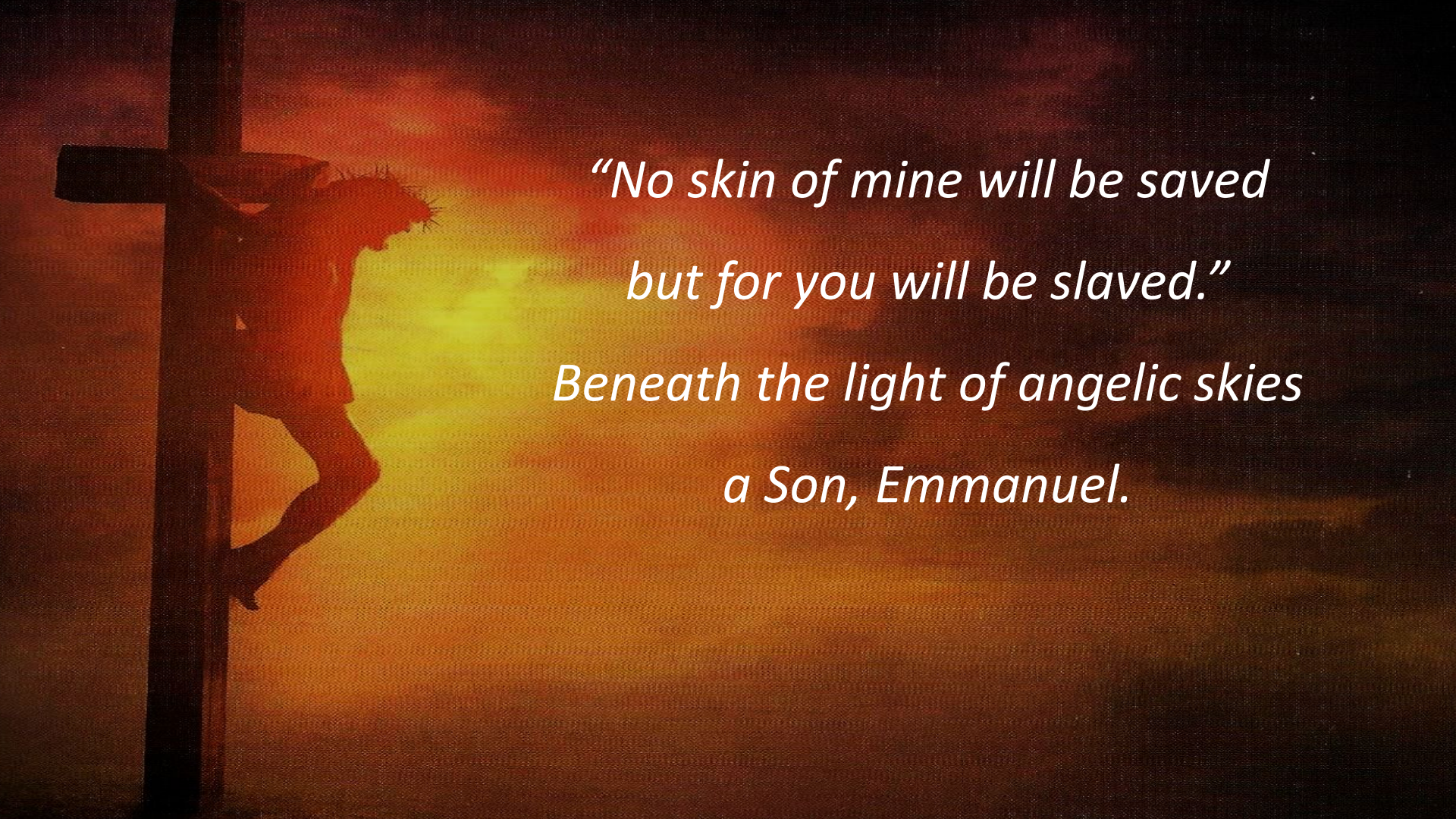
*Fit for a King, a crown,  
thorned with human sin and pride,  
ribboned with man's disdain  
and lies.*

*Pressed on all sides  
from the tempter's whispered sins,  
"Who is man that you should mind?"*



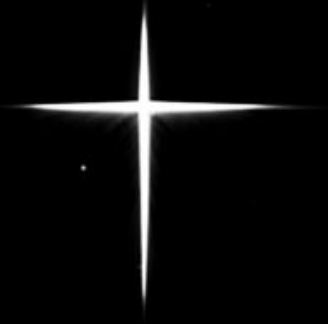


*“This is now my choice  
to walk among my fellow brothers.  
Wounds I won’t erase  
to bear the sin that’s pulled them from your heart.”*

A silhouette of a person on a cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a dramatic sky with a bright yellow and orange glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

*“No skin of mine will be saved  
but for you will be slaved.”*

*Beneath the light of angelic skies  
a Son, Emmanuel.*



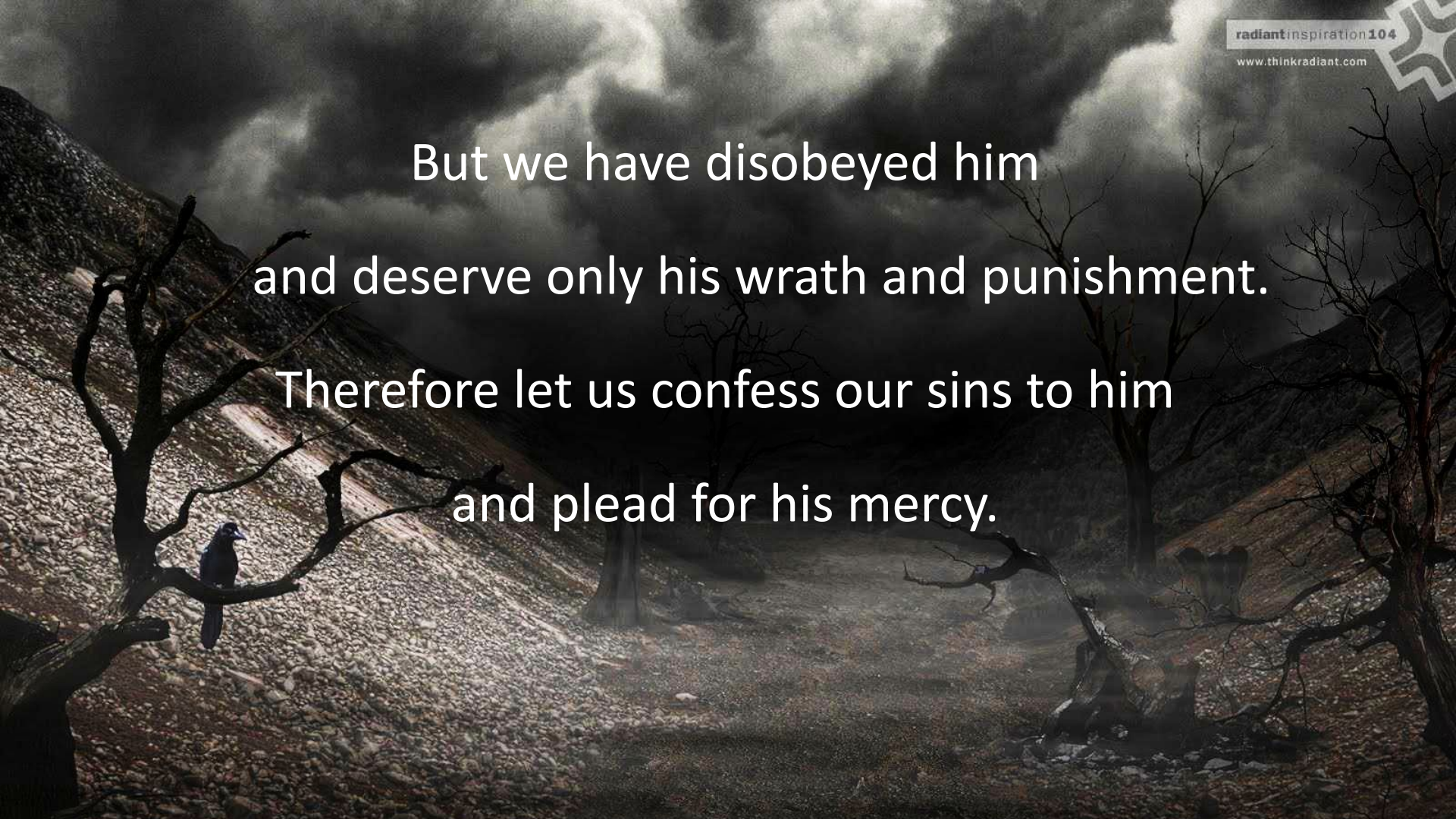
**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

M: We have come into  
the presence of God,  
who created us to  
love and serve him  
as his dear children.







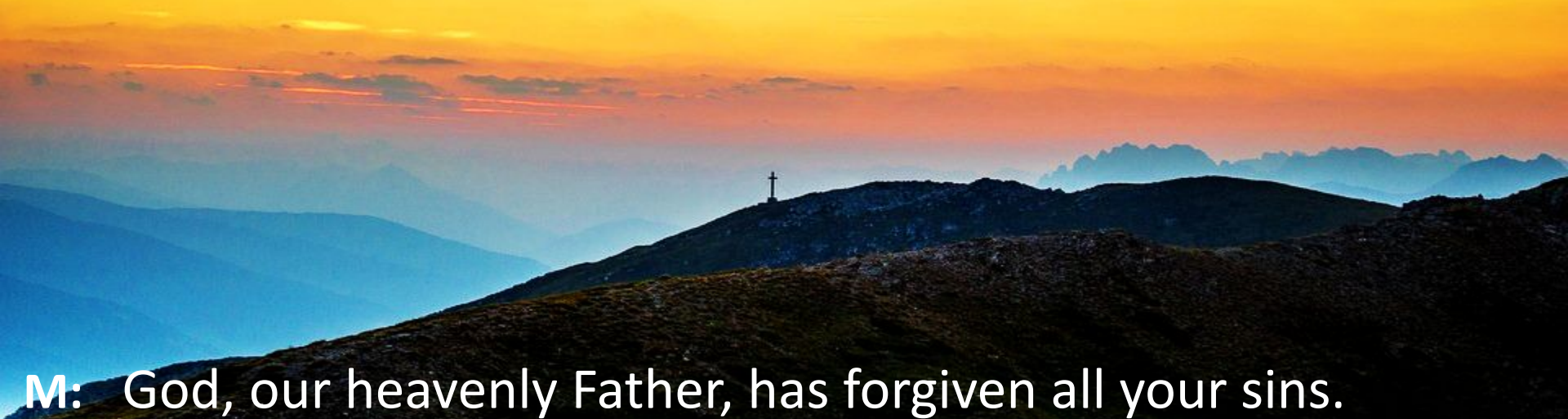
But we have disobeyed him  
and deserve only his wrath and punishment.  
Therefore let us confess our sins to him  
and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child.**

**But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:**

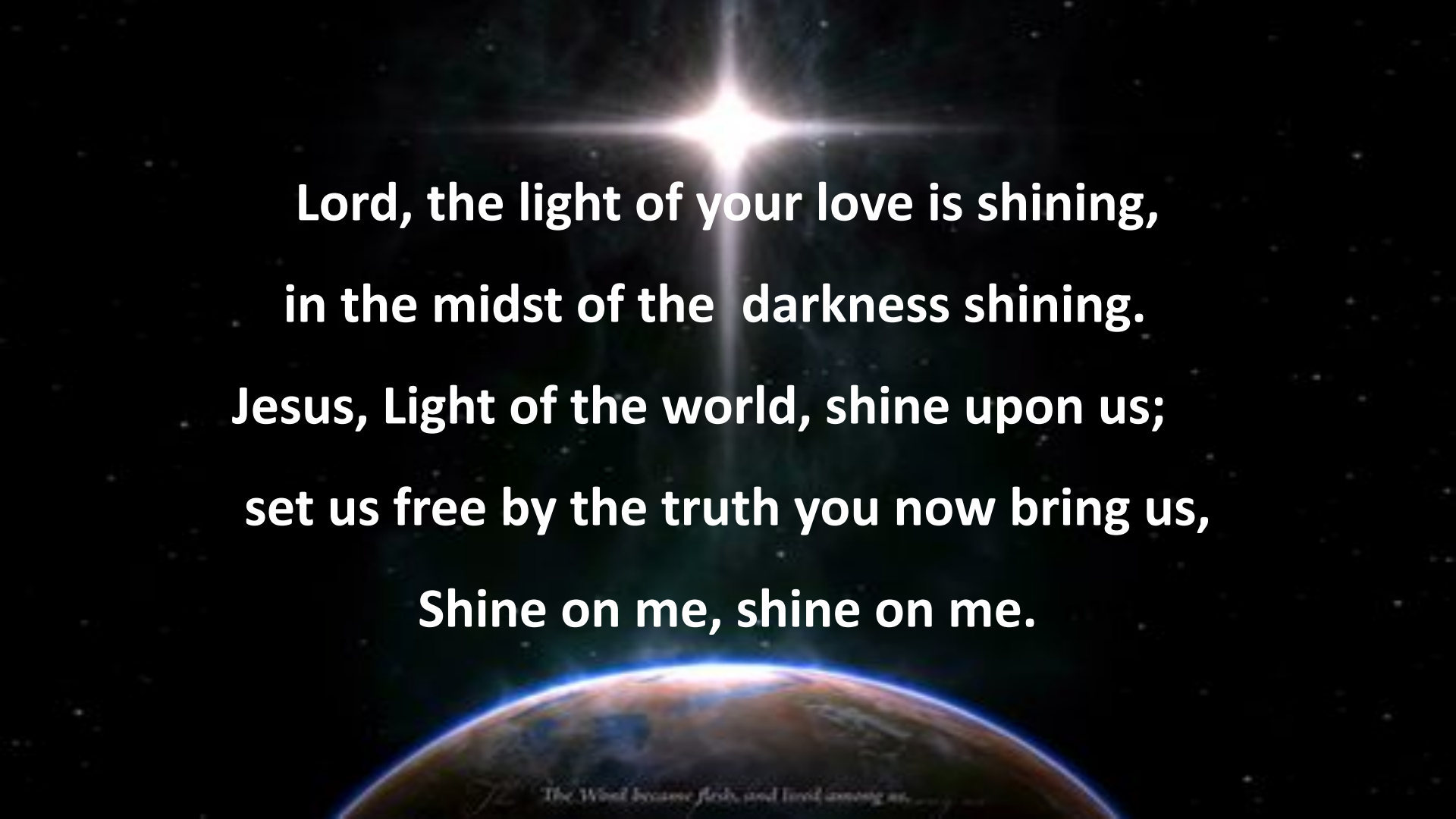
**Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.**

**Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**



**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.**



**Shine, Jesus, shine!**

**Fill this land with the Father's glory.**


**Blaze, Spirit, blaze!**

**Set our hearts on fire.**

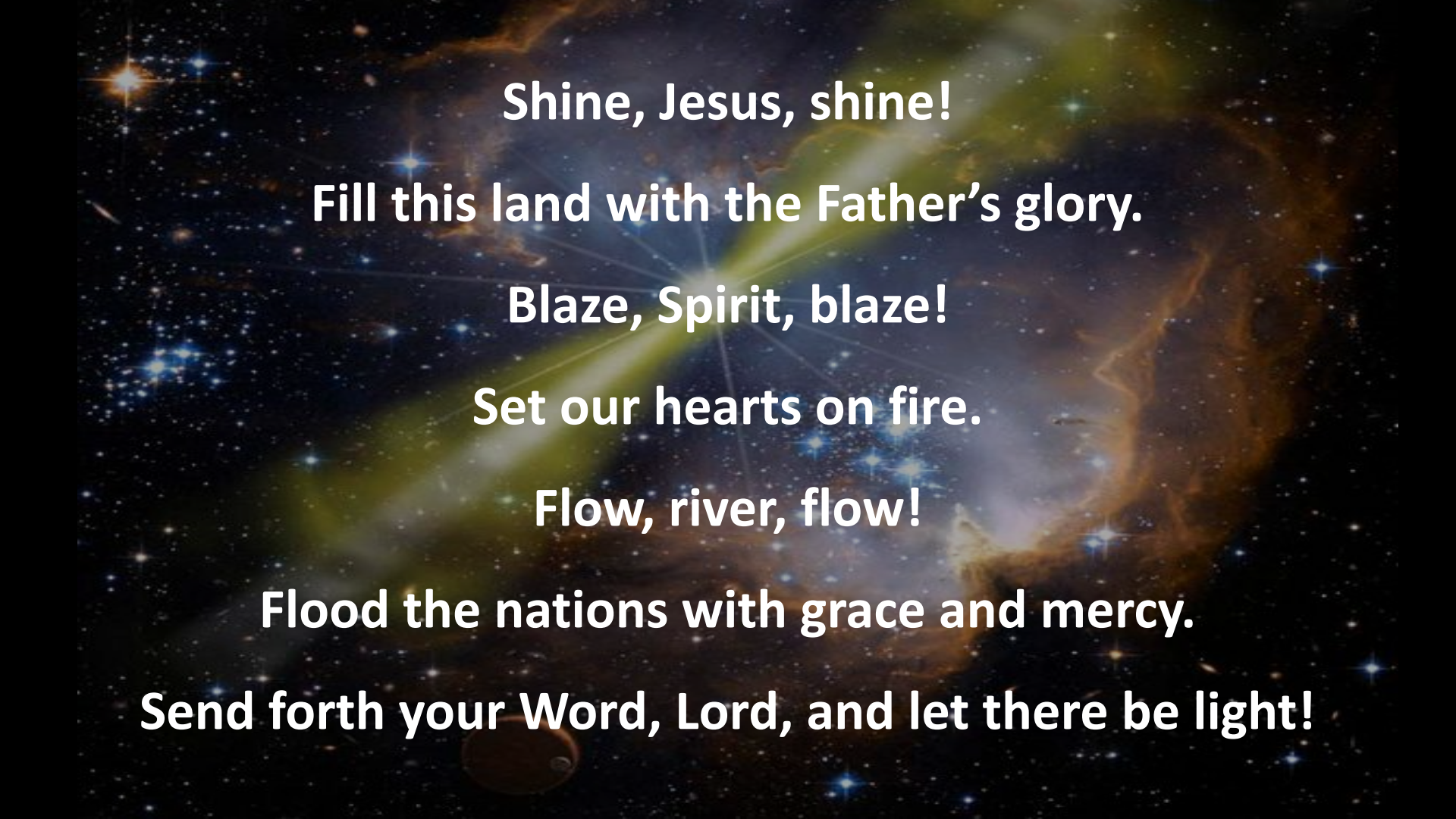
**Flow, river, flow!**

**Flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**



**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**



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**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**





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*Prayer of the Day*

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

2 But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”



The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Did you come in peace?”



5 Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”



**7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”**

**8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”**



9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered.

“He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit



down until he arrives.” **12** So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “**Rise and anoint him; this is the one.**” **13** So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

Samuel then went to Ramah.







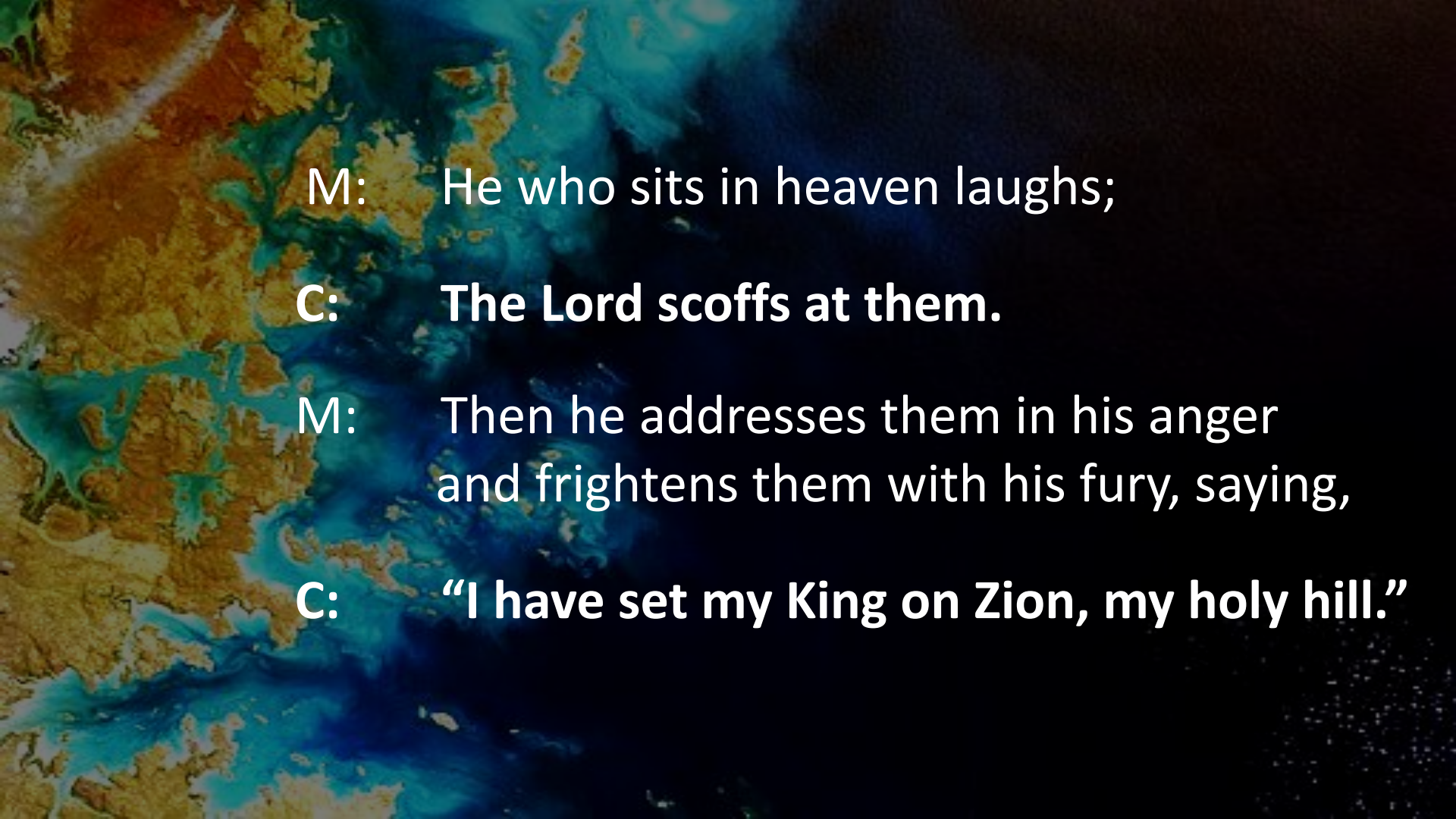
## Psalm 2

M: Why do the nations rage?

**C: Why do the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand  
and the rulers assemble against  
the LORD

**C: and against his Anointed One.**



M: He who sits in heaven laughs;

**C: The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he addresses them in his anger  
and frightens them with his fury, saying,

**C: “I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**



**M:** I will declare the Lord's decree:

**C:** He said to me, "You are my Son;  
Today I have begotten you."

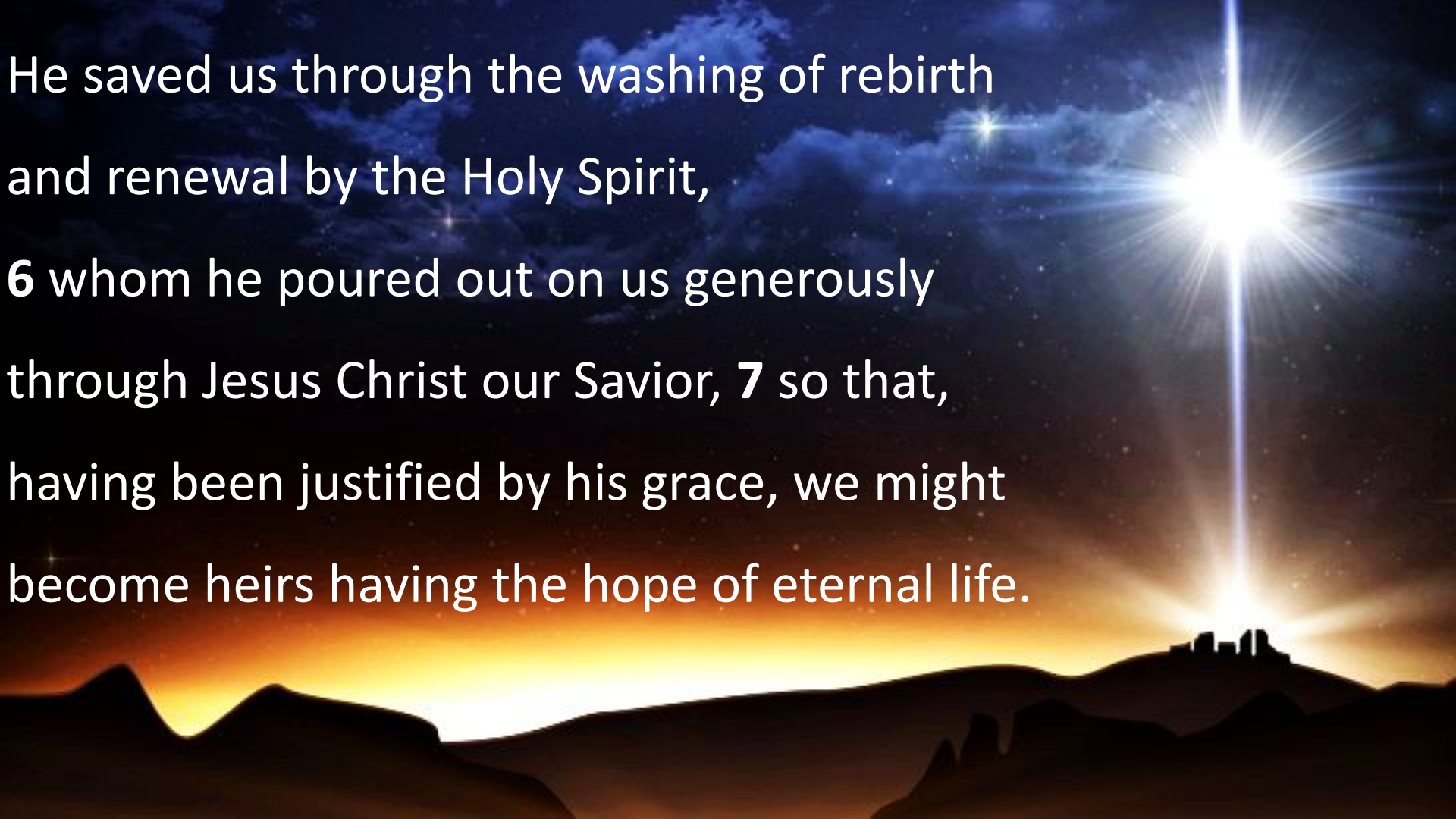
**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.



**Titus 3:4–7**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
6 whom he poured out on us generously  
through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that,  
having been justified by his grace, we might  
become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



**“You are my Son, whom I love;  
With you I am well pleased.”**



**Mark 1:11**

## **Luke 3:15–18, 21–22**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing shovel is in his

hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

18 Then, along with many other exhortations, he proclaimed good news to the people.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

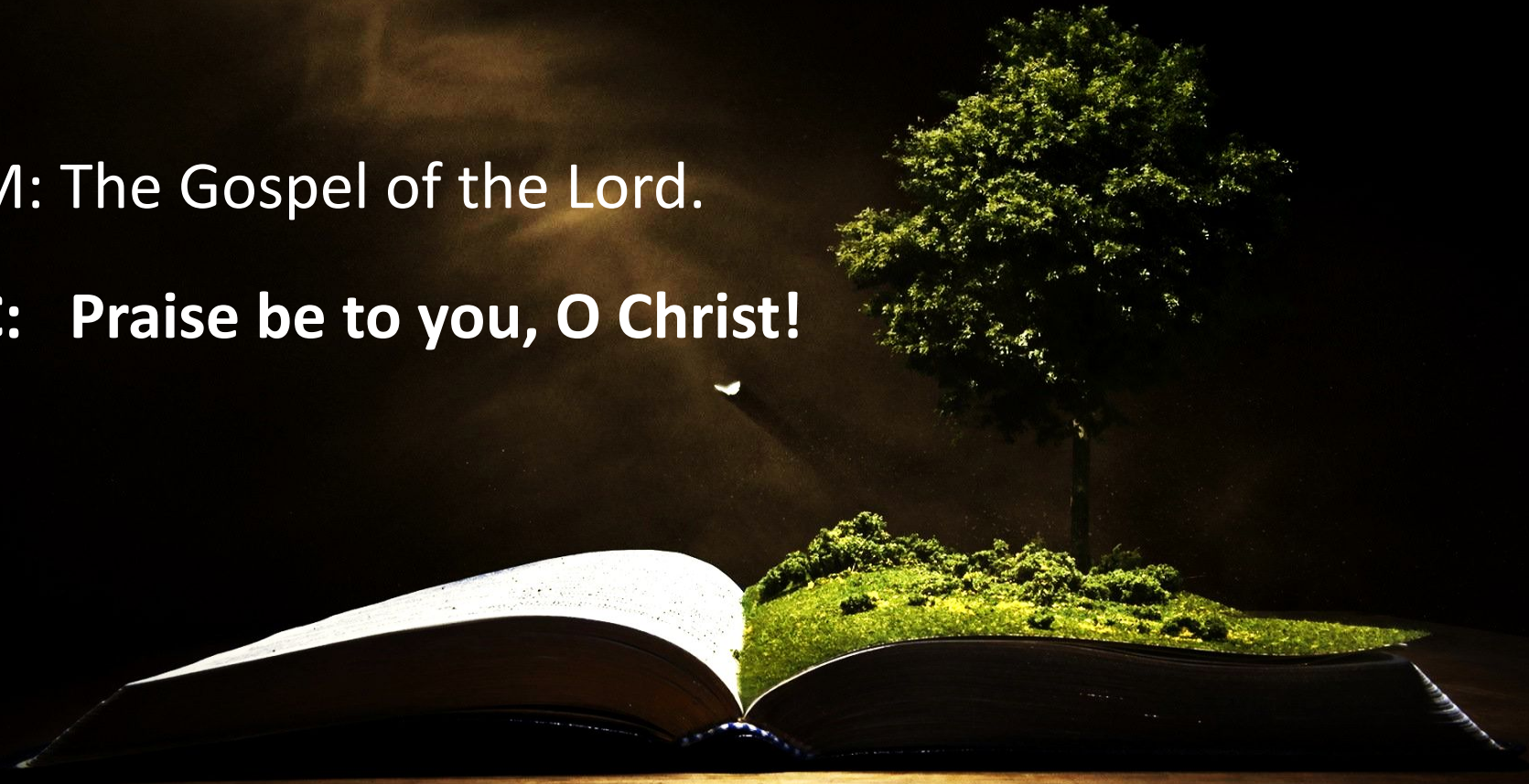


**“You are my Son, whom I love;  
I am well pleased with you.”**



M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



**We stand and we watch - on the bank, wide-eyed.**

**Water runs and all - Heaven opens wide,  
and a voice like thunder replies.**

**Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King, A light in the dark,**

**Christ steps in;**

**here's my Savior, My God, my King, the time has come,**

**Christ begins.**

**Mary's whispering,  
But it's not the time.**

**Yet six jars are filled - with the finest wine.**

**Tell me, who is this by our side?**

**Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King,**

**A light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Savior,**

**My God, my King, the time has come, Christ begins.**

A dramatic sky scene with a sunburst breaking through clouds over a mountain range. The sun is partially obscured by a mountain peak, creating a bright lens flare effect. The sky is a deep blue, and the clouds are white and fluffy. The overall mood is one of divine light and revelation.

**See the sun outshined - on the hill and hide.**

**Clothes like lightning white - heaven opens wide,**

**And a voice like thunder replies.**

**Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King, A light in the dark,**

**Christ steps in;**

**Here's my Savior, my God, my King, the time has come,**

**Christ begins.**



**We stand, gathered round - on the mountainside.**

**Watch the closing clouds - hide him from our eyes;**

**with a voice united we cry:**

**Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King, a light in the dark,**

**Christ steps in;**

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# Titus 3:4-7 Children of God have a shared certainty

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- ...more positivity
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- ...better finances
- ...better relationships - or to meet "the one"
- ...for the continued safety of all my children / family.
- ...for all wars to cease and violence to end.
- ...a cure for diseases.

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## Titus 3:4-7

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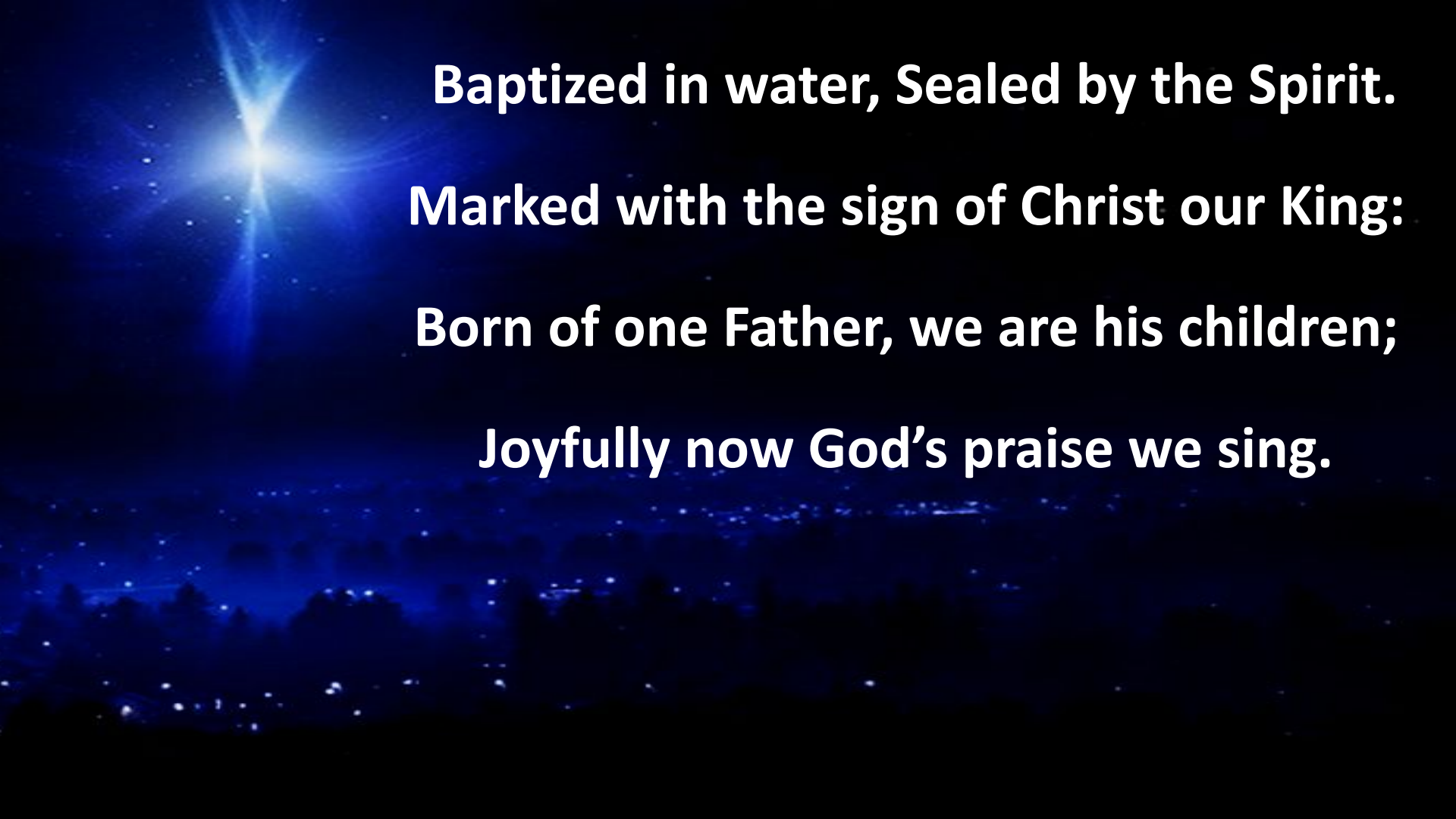
## What do you know for certain will happen this New Year?

- ...God loves me.
- ...I am forgiven and at peace with God.
- ...God is with me. He'll take care of me.
- ...**Even when I die, I'll be with God forever.**

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**







**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit.  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, we are his children;  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**





**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

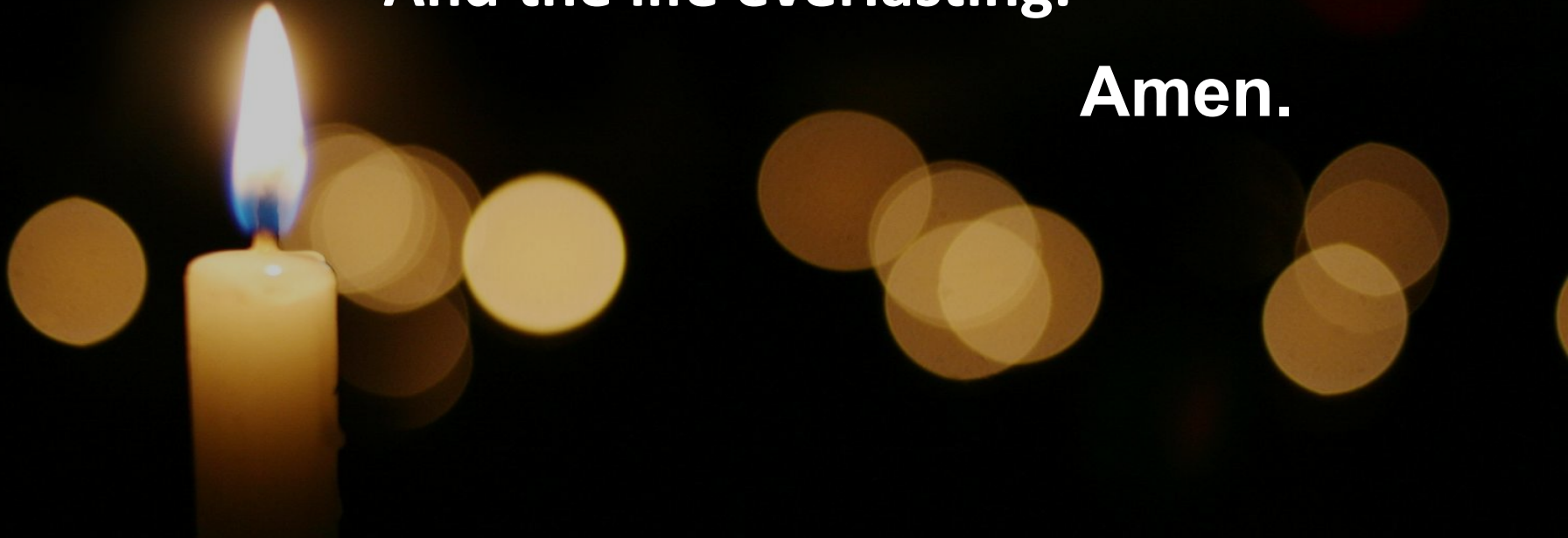
**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

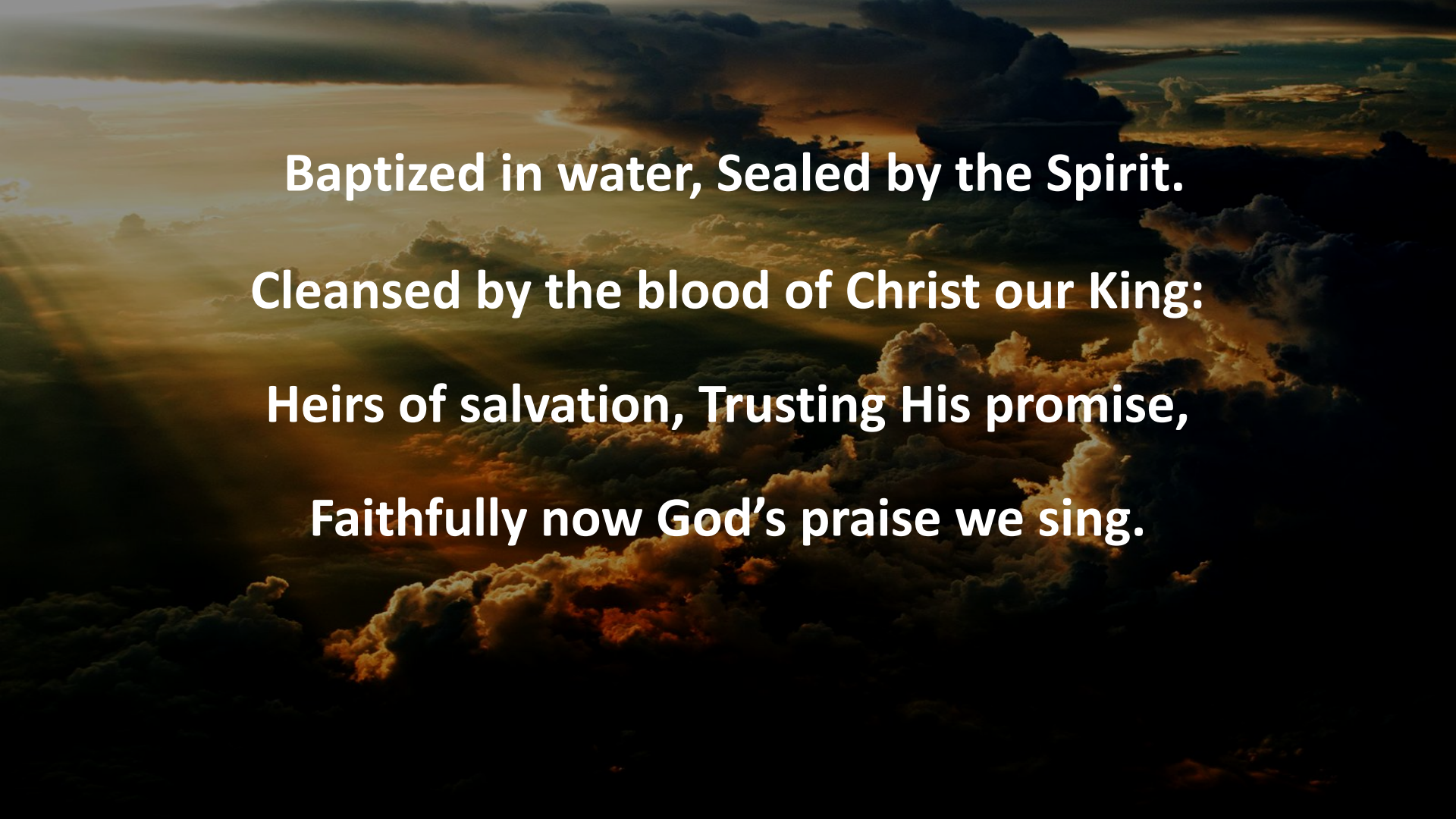


**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit.  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**





**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit.  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, Trusting His promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**



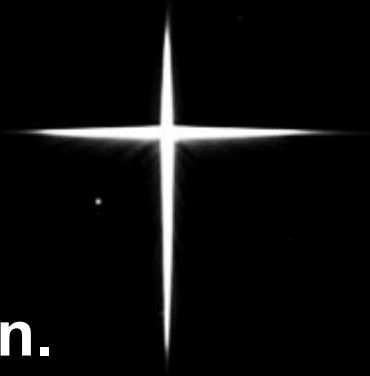
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**







**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace,  
Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

*(Numbers 6:24-27)*

**C: Amen.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing -  
You are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you;**

**Here his tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you  
and give you peace;**

**I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;**

**I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, my children; I will keep you  
and give you peace.**

TODAY	Women's Tea	11:30am
TUES	Women's devotion time gathering	1pm
WED	Youth Catechism Class	6:15pm
THURS	NEW Bible Information Class (Bible Foundations Course)	4:30pm
SAT	Men's devotion time gathering	10am
Next Sunday	MORNING BIBLE HOUR	9am
	Worship	10am

Ahead further:

- Congregational info & planning gathering: Sunday Jan 26 following worship.
- Voters' Meeting: Sunday Feb 2 following worship.