

# Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 9, 2025**

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# Preludes

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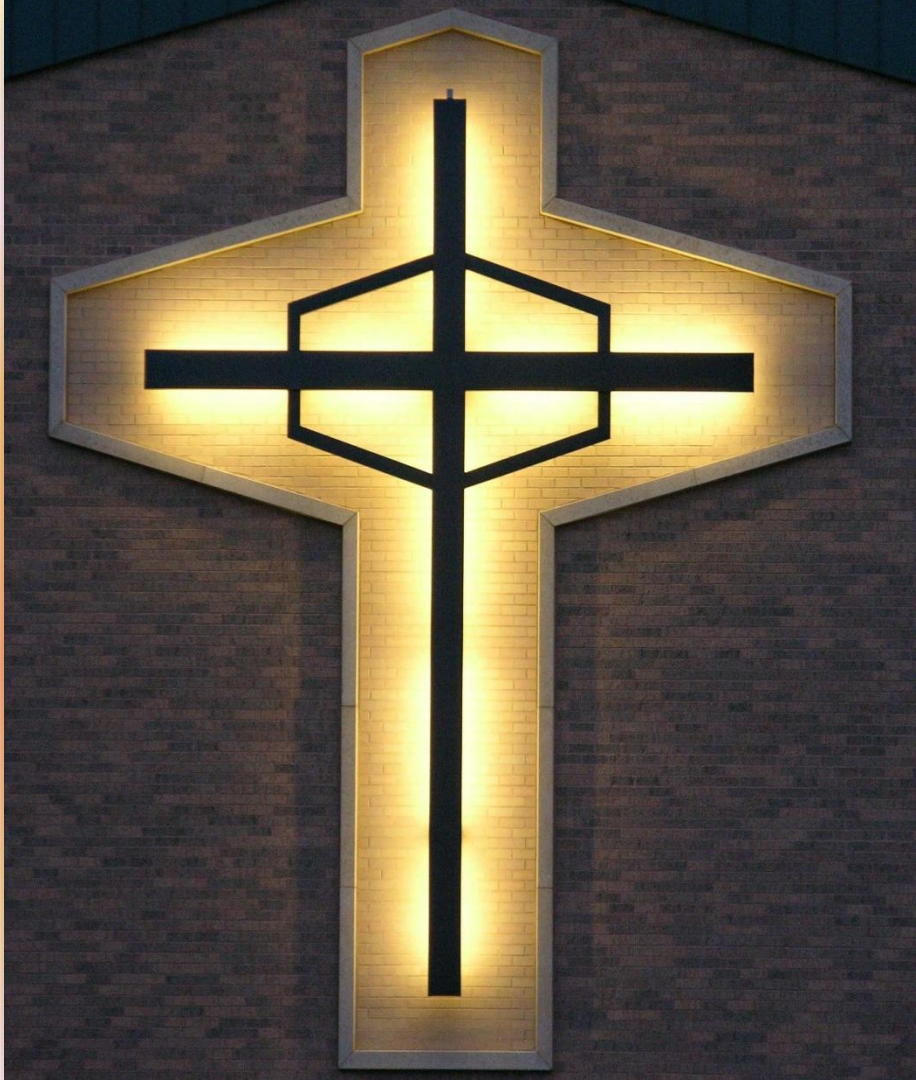


# Preludes

*“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”*

Jubilation Ringers

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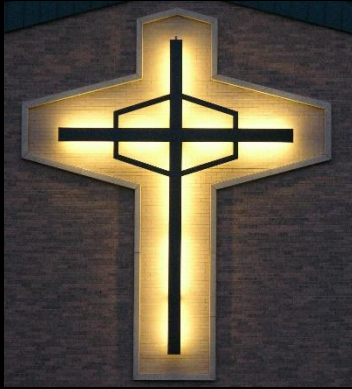


# Welcome and Announcements



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Community of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

# Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



**Touching Lives  
*with the*  
Love of God**

- 1) *Nurture the community* within our congregation
- 2) *Encourage the community* within our neighborhood
- 3) *Transform the various communities* where our members live and work with the love of God

# Confession and Forgiveness

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.*

**C: Amen.**

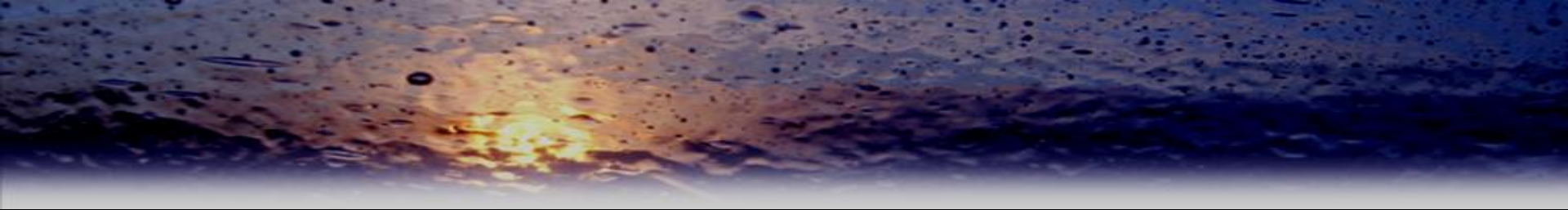
*P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.*



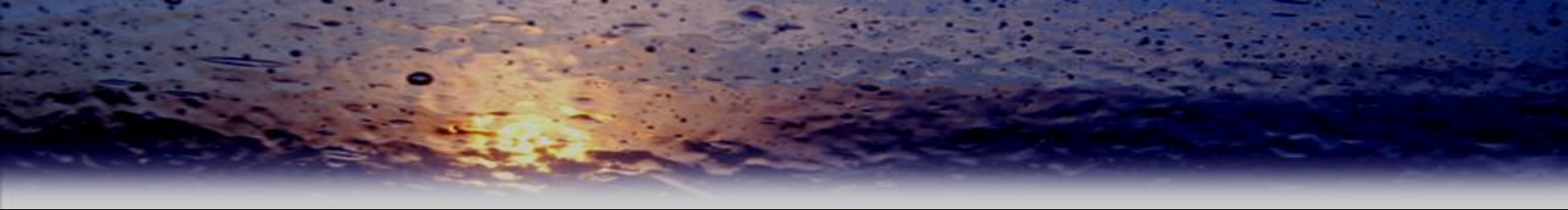
*P: Compassionate One,*

**C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.**



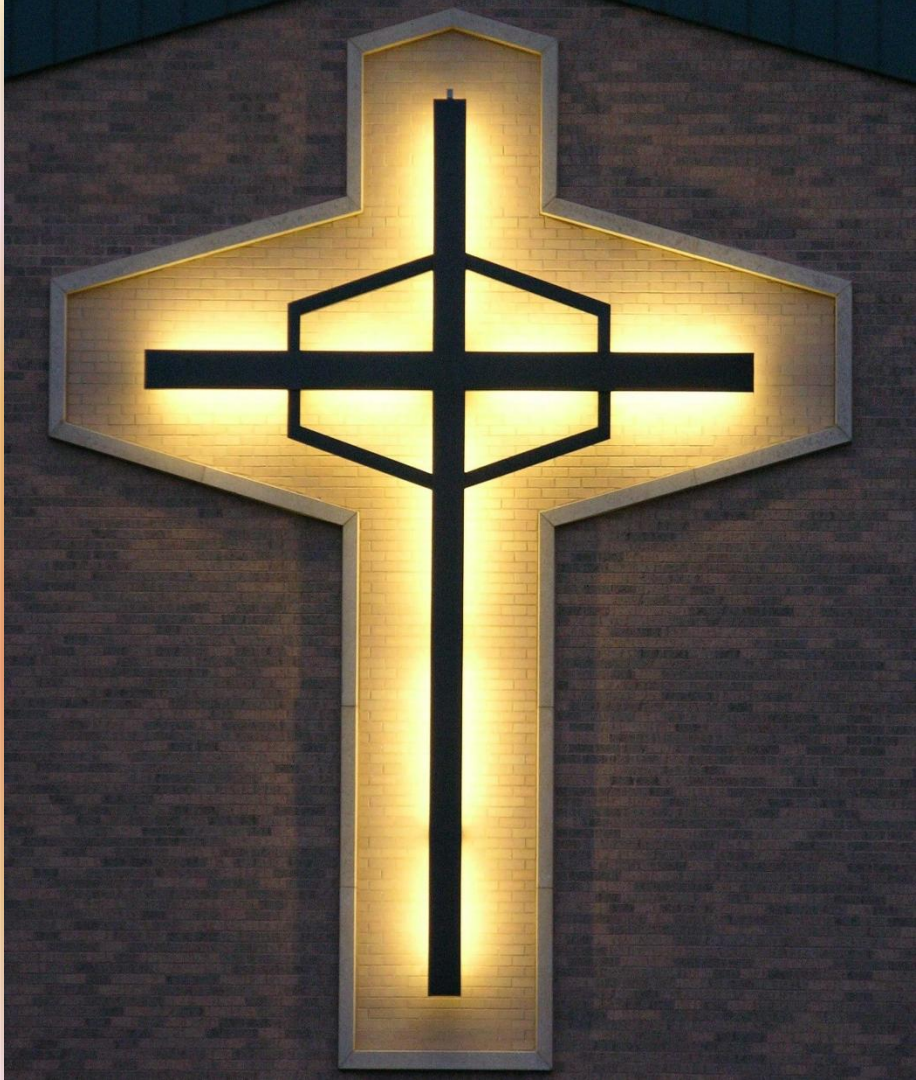


**C: We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**



*P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.*

**C: Amen.**





# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW #774

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**



**Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**



**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows  
from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**



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leaning, leaning,  
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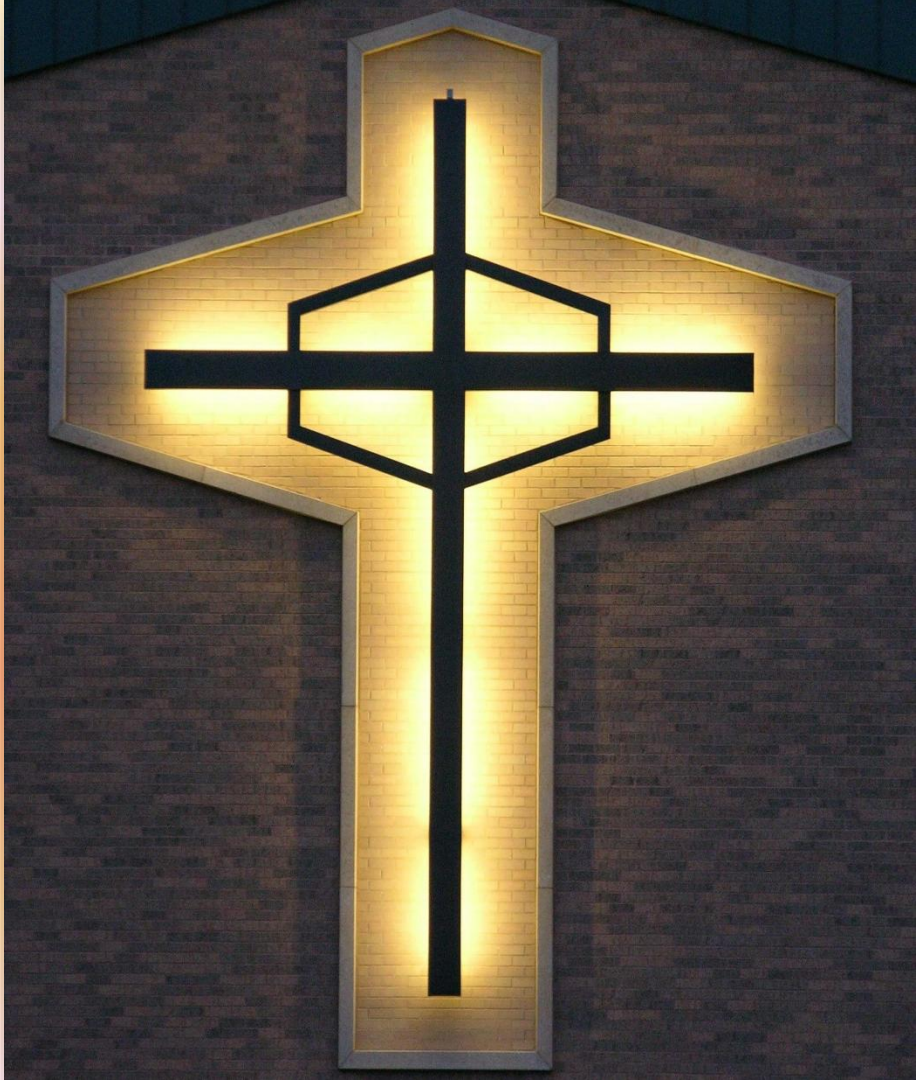


**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**





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safe and secure from all alarms;  
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leaning on the everlasting arms.**

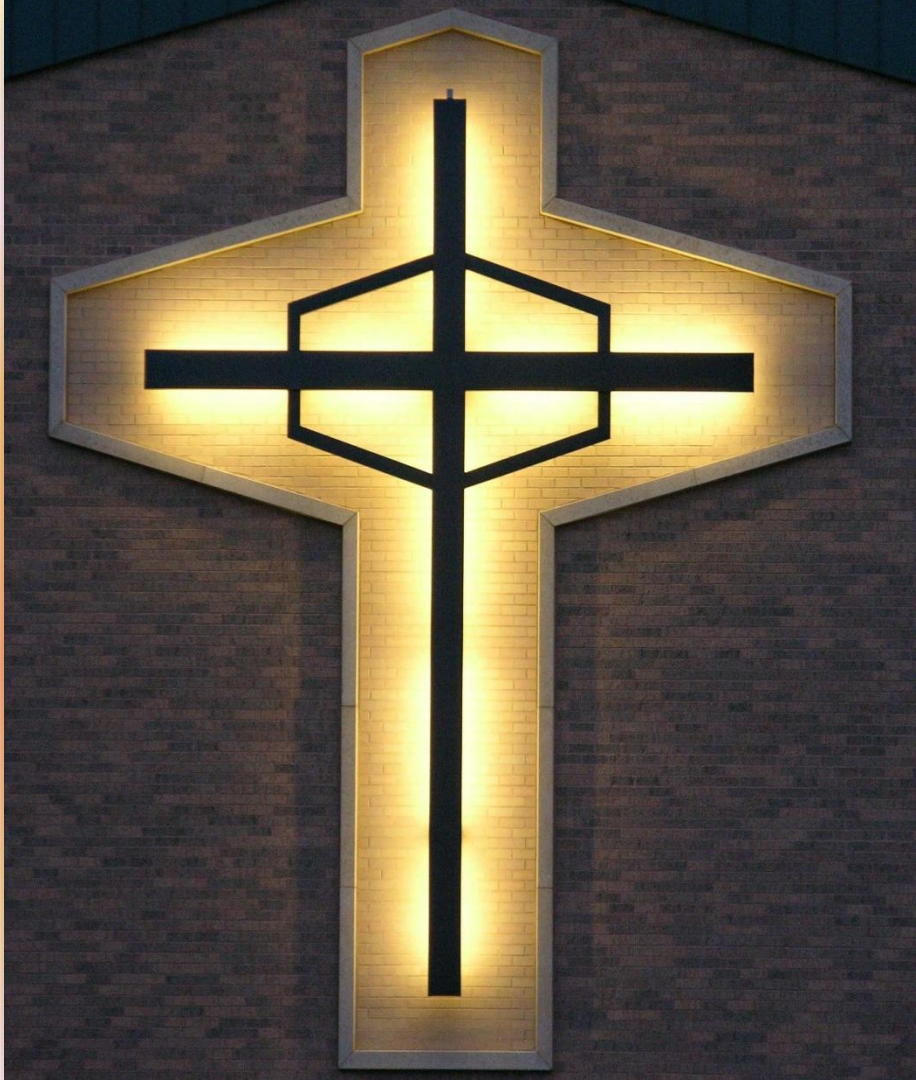




# Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**



# Kyrie p. 156

## Kyrie

Leader Assembly

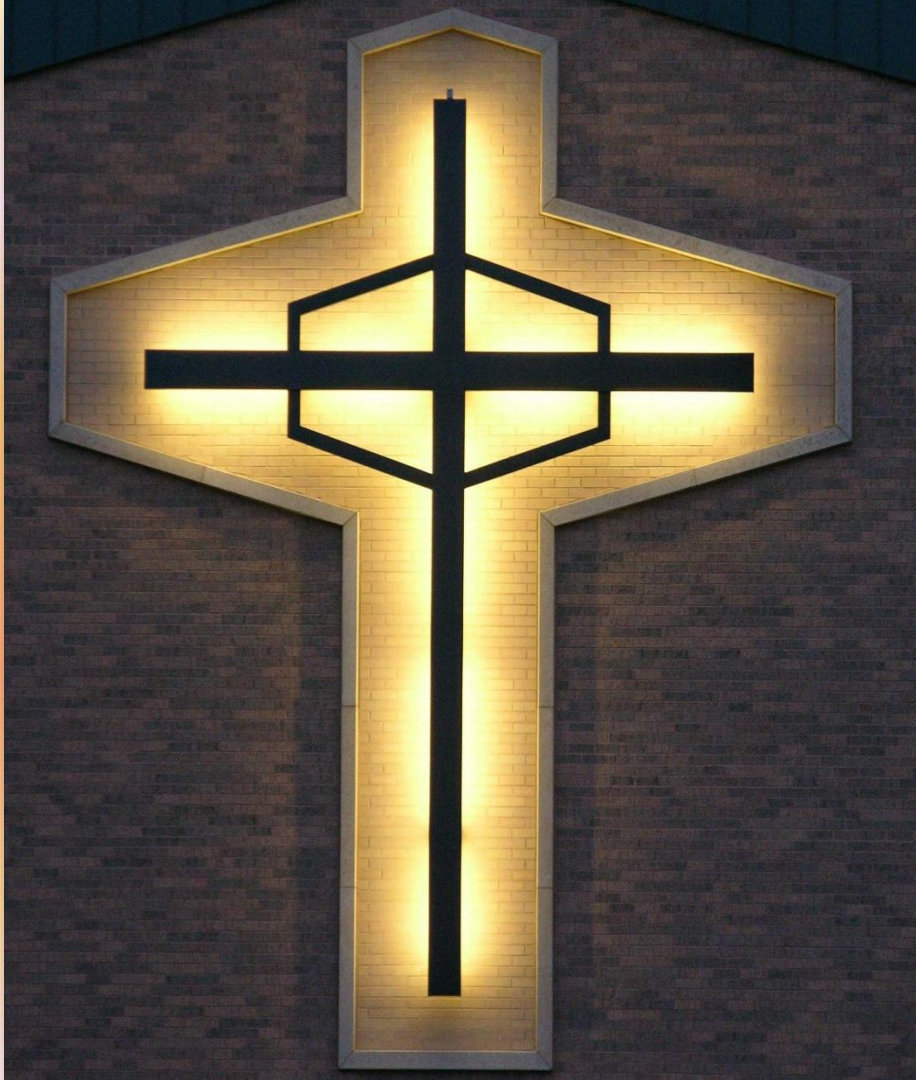
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff has the lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is written in a simple, plainsong style with a single melodic line per staff. The notes are connected by slurs, and there are rests between the phrases. The score ends with a double bar line.

Music: Plainsong





# Prayer of the Day

*P: Let us pray,*

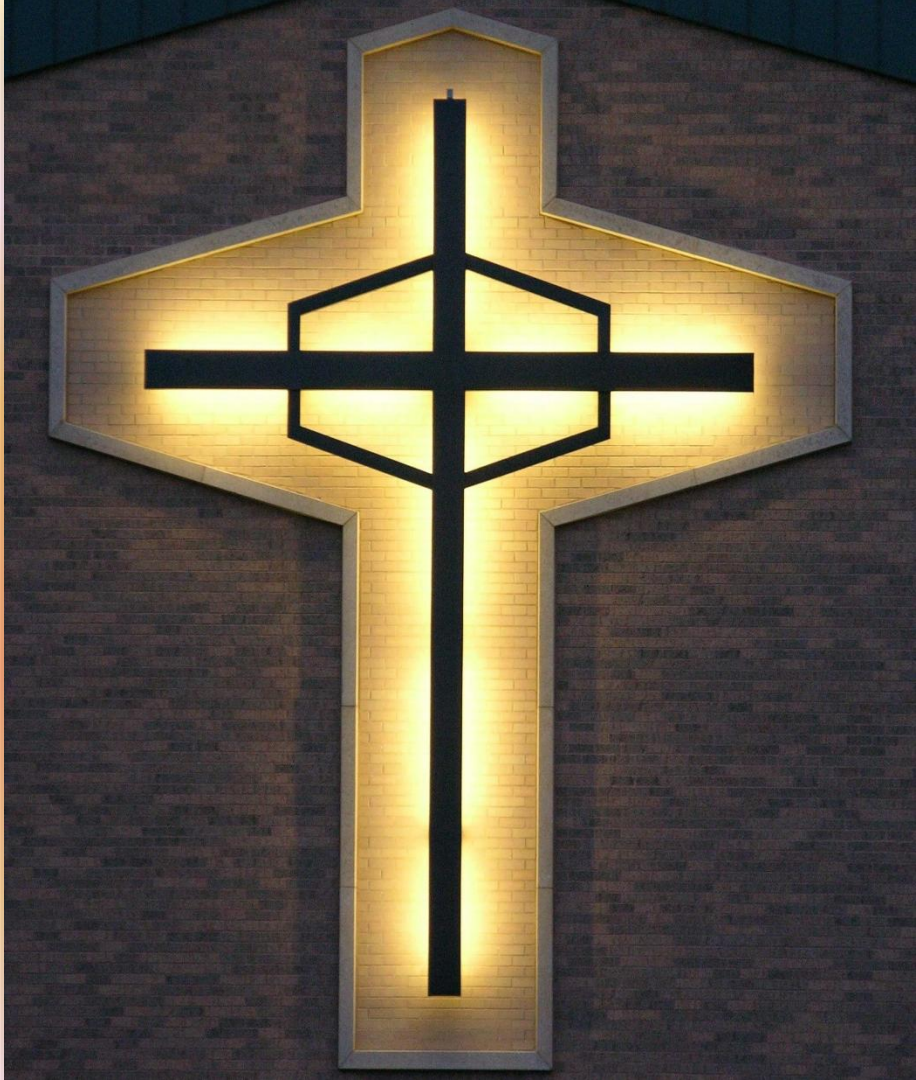
**C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world**



# Prayer of the Day cont'd

**C: toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

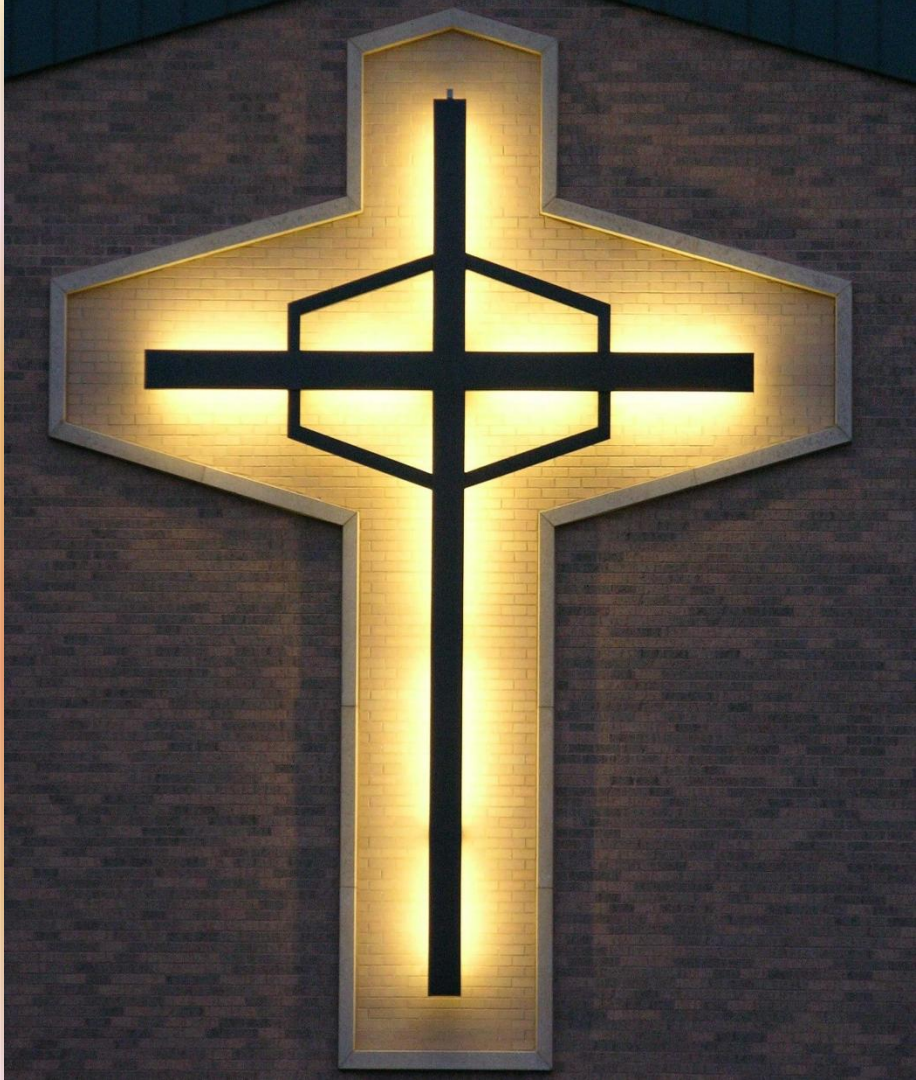






# **Children's Message**

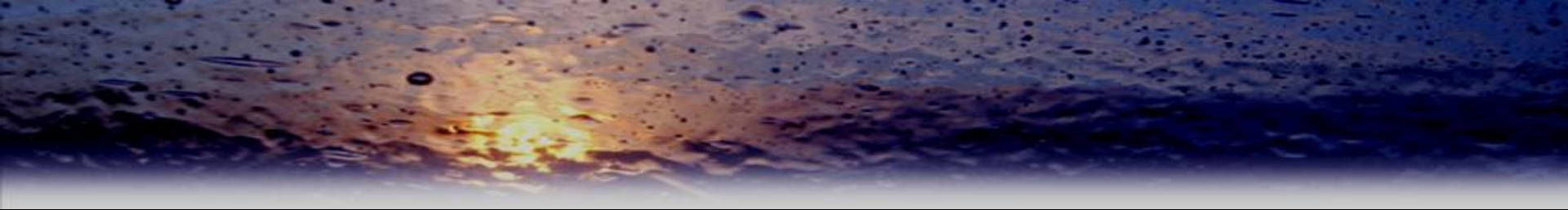
**Presenter: Jenna Trenbeath**



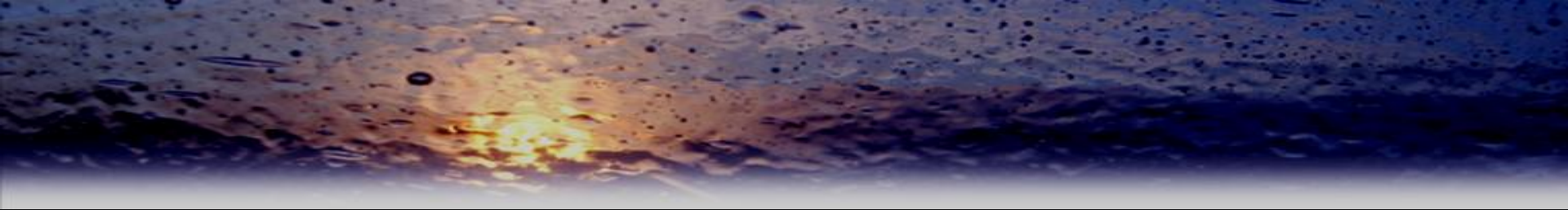


# First Reading

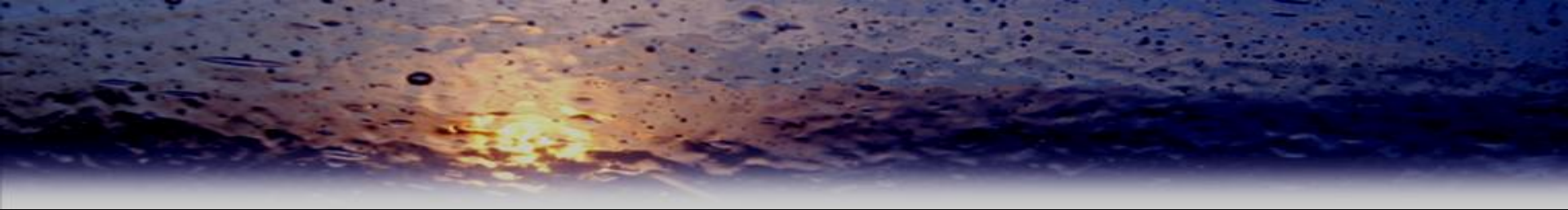
Deuteronomy 26:1-11



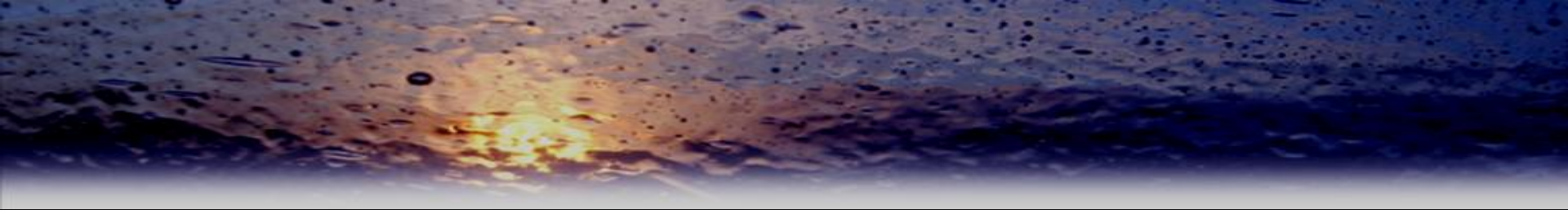
When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.



You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

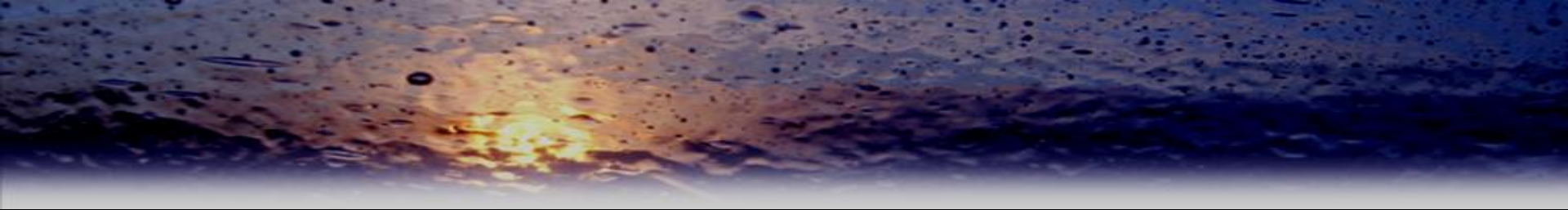


“A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

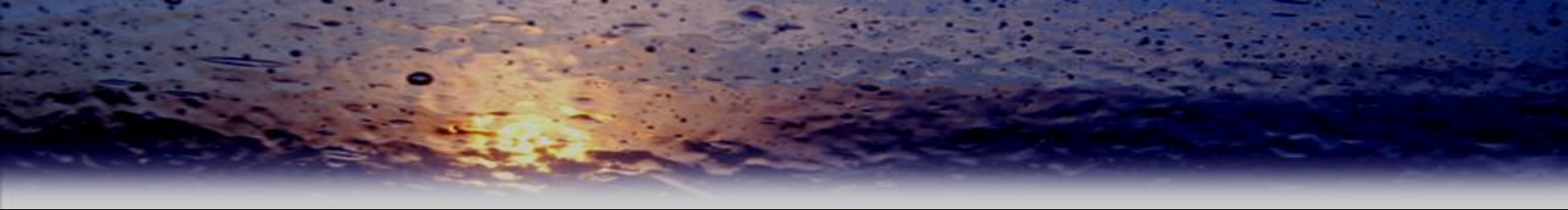


The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.”



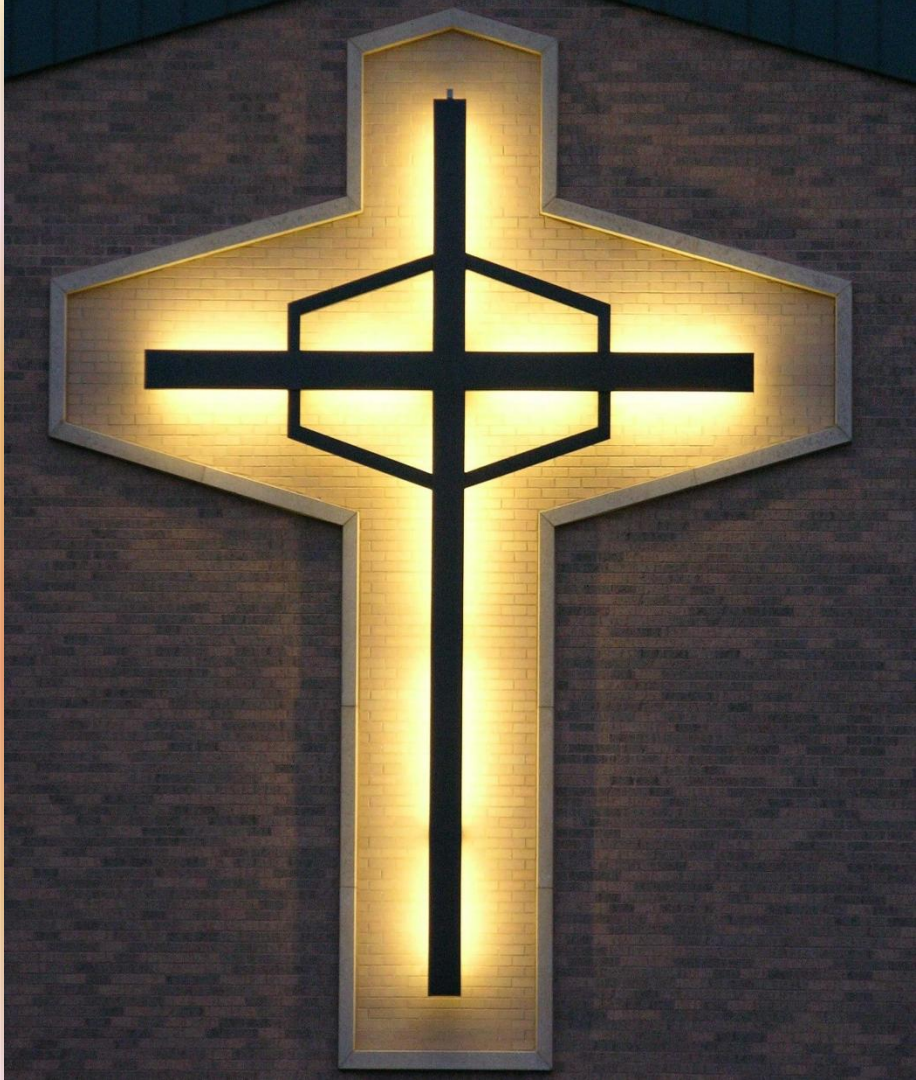


You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.



*P: Word of God. Word of life.*

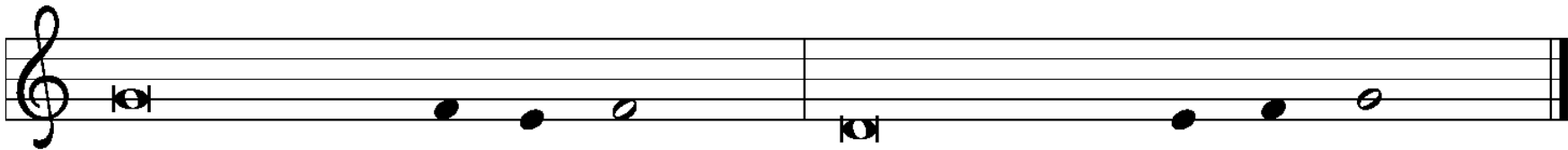
**C: Thanks be to God.**





Psalm

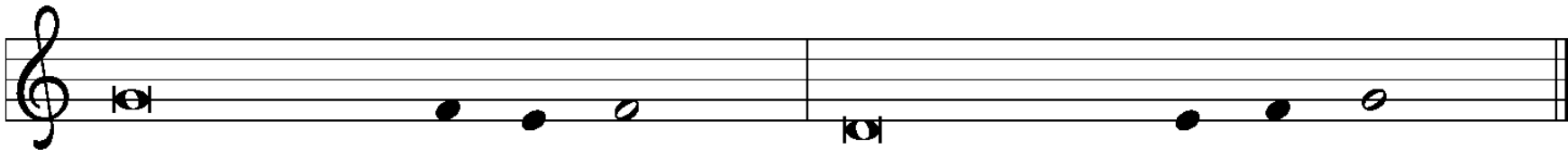
Psalm 91:1-2, 6-16



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You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

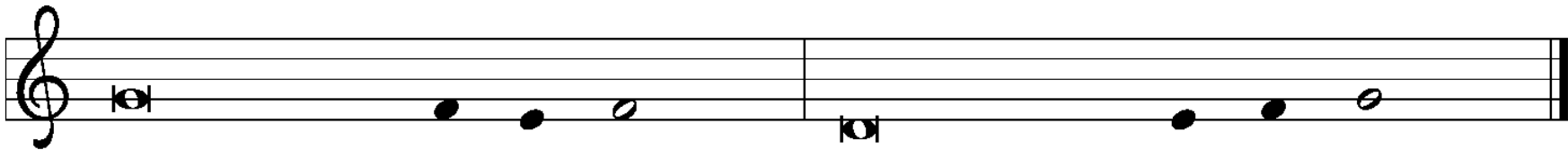
**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my  
stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust.**



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Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

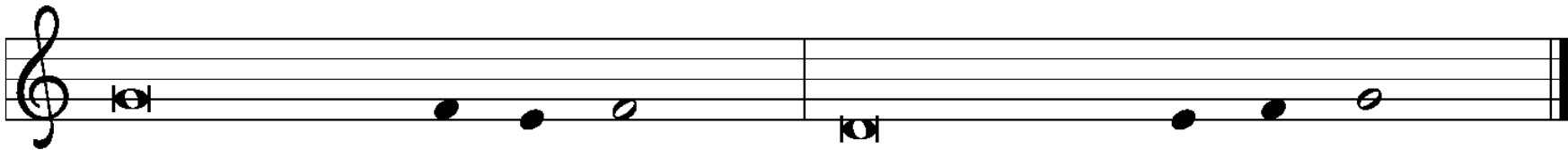
**no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction  
come | near your dwelling.**



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For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

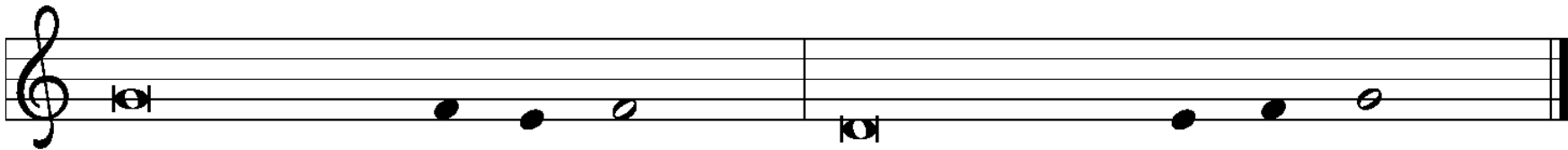


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You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they | know my  
name.**

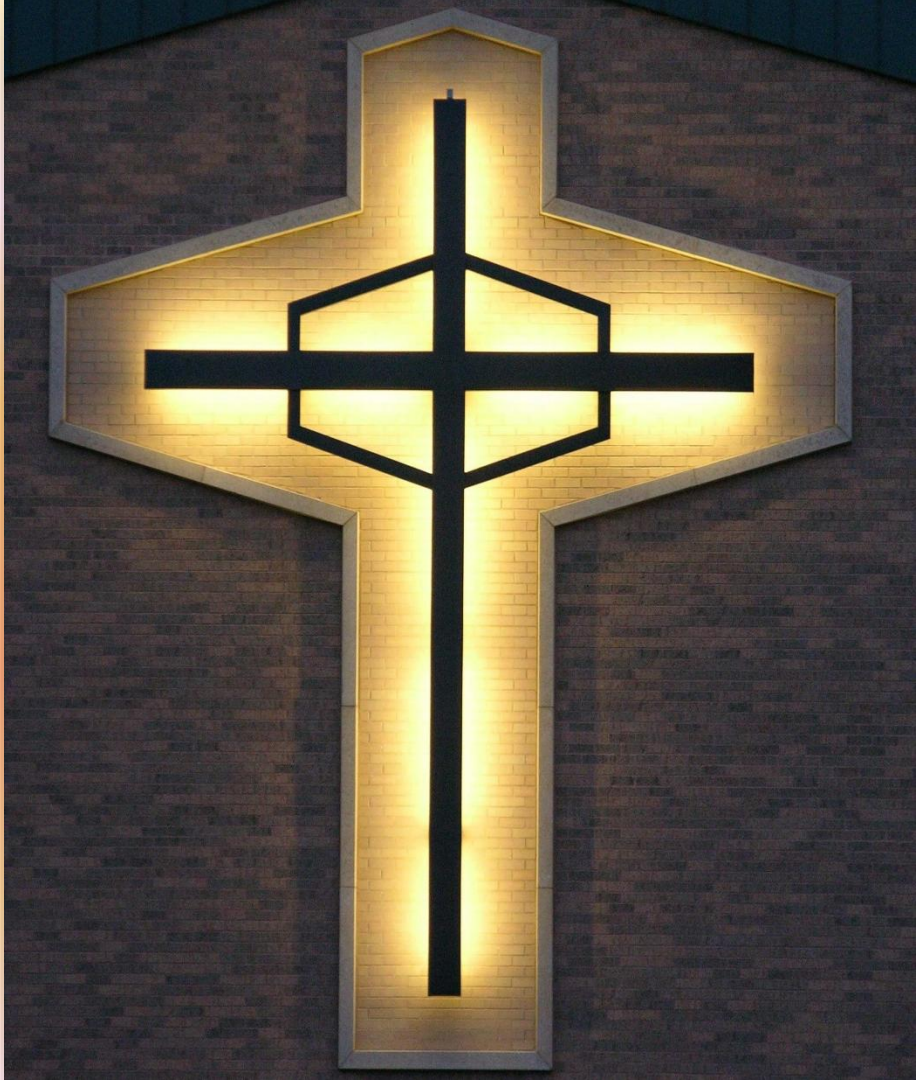




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They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue  
and | honor them.

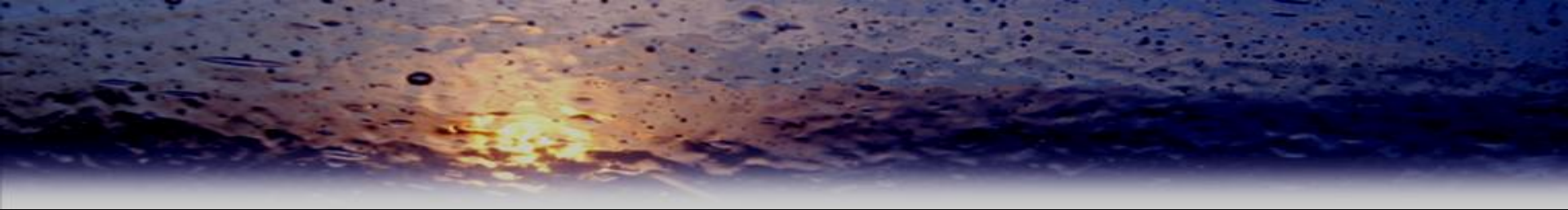
**With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation**



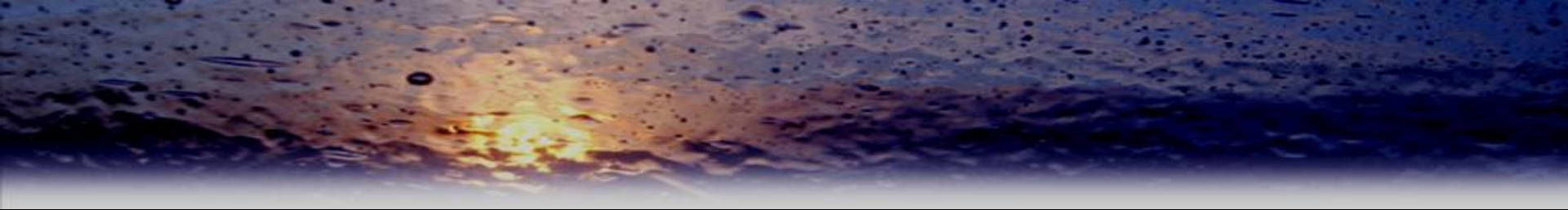


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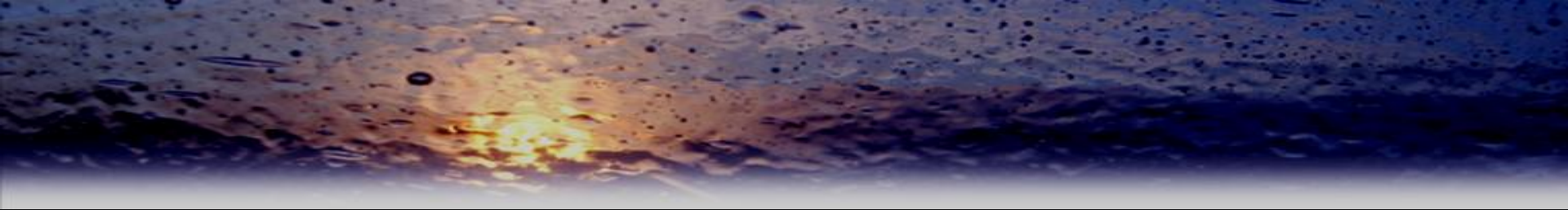
Romans 10:8b-13



“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

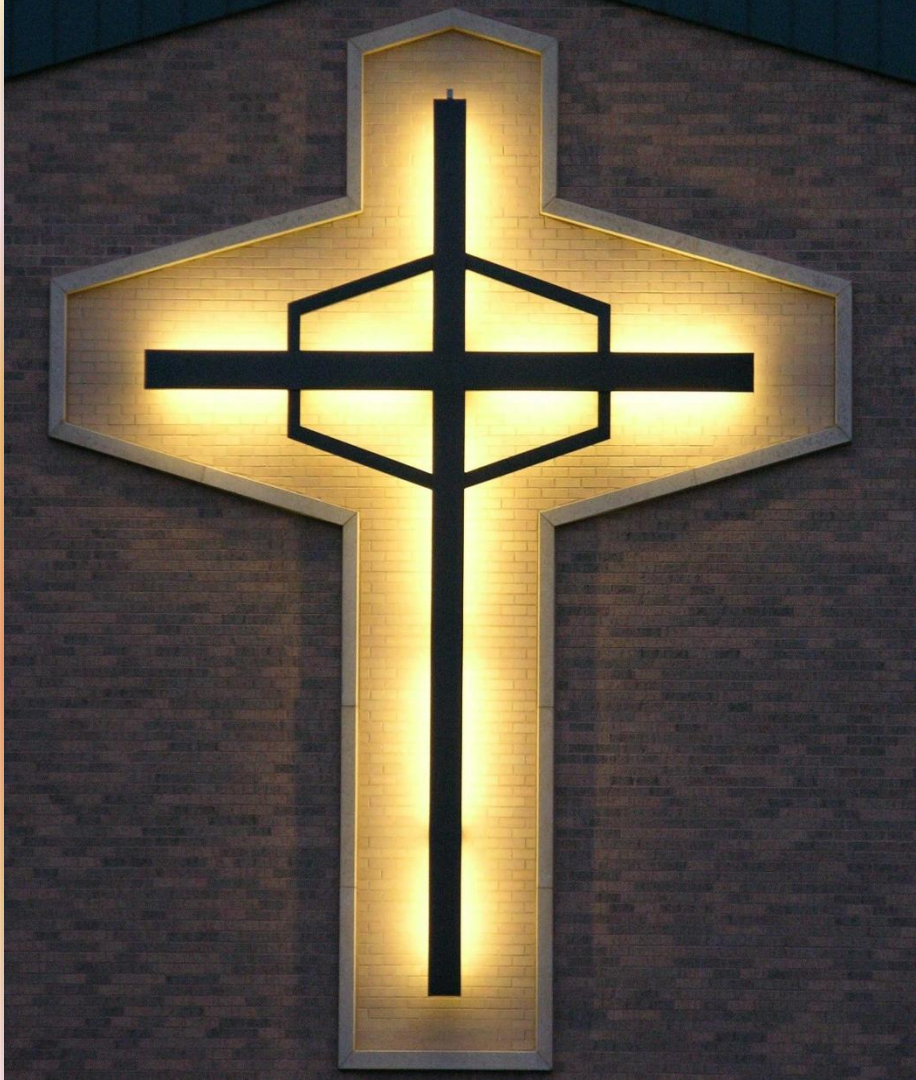


The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



*P: Word of God. Word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# Gospel Acclimation p. 189



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



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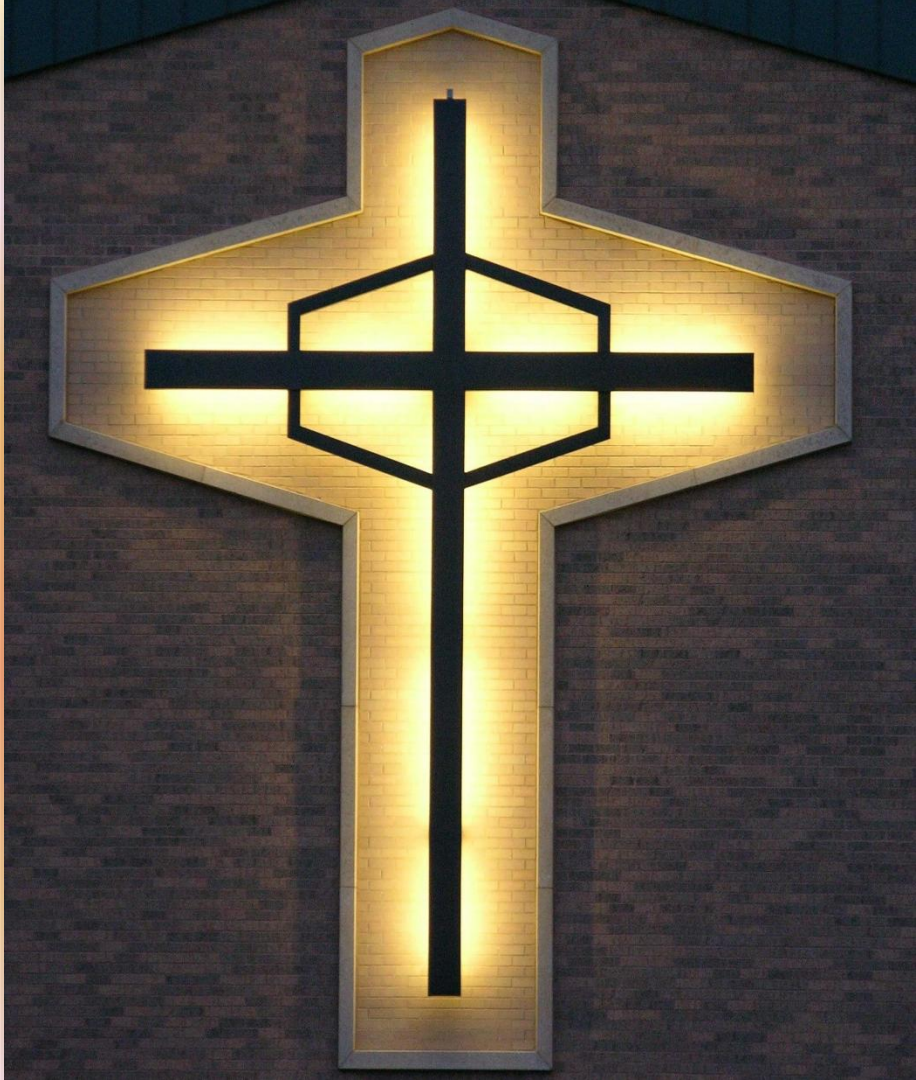


Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



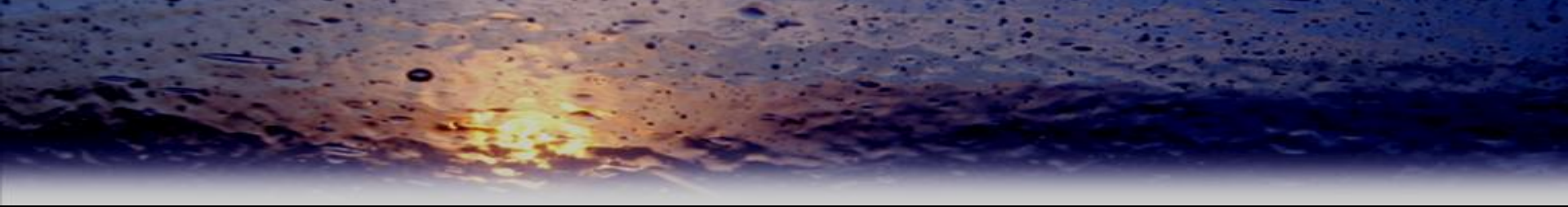




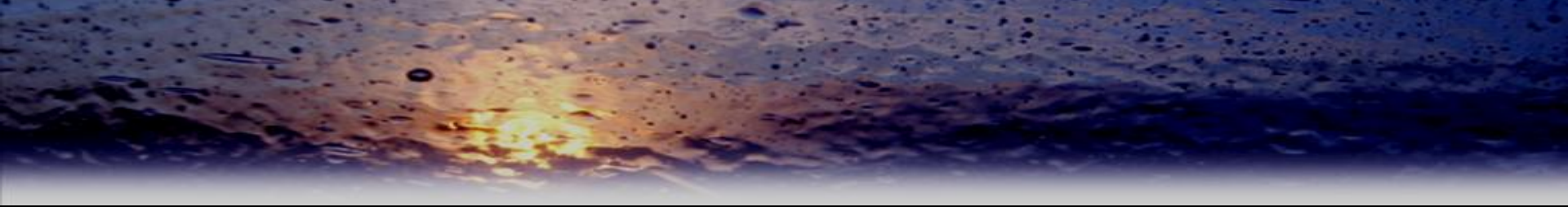
# Gospel

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke  
the 4th chapter.*

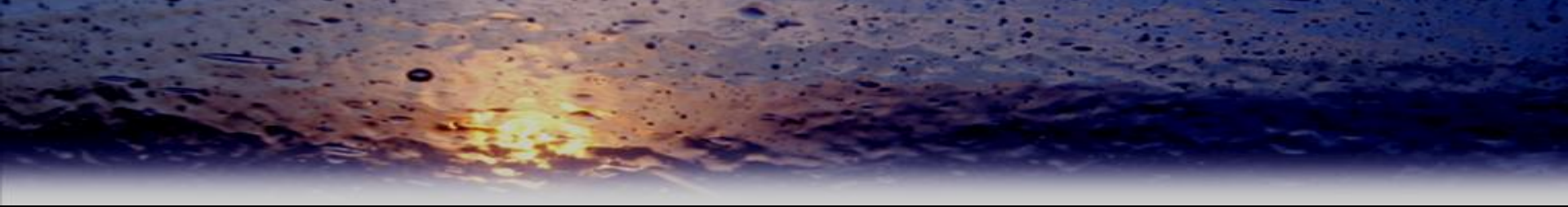
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**



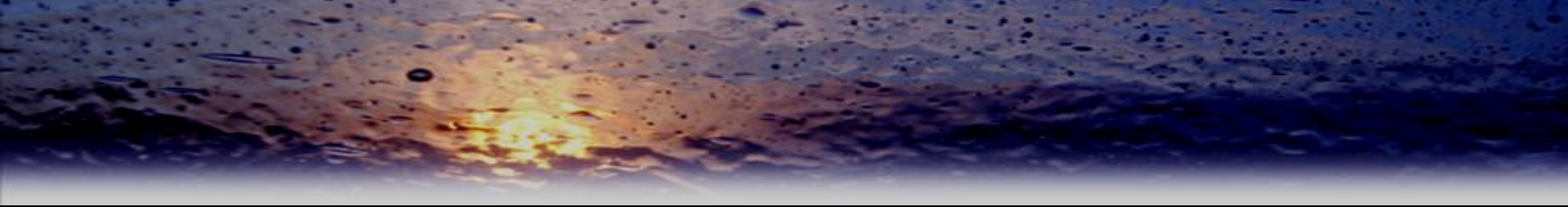
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”



Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”



Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

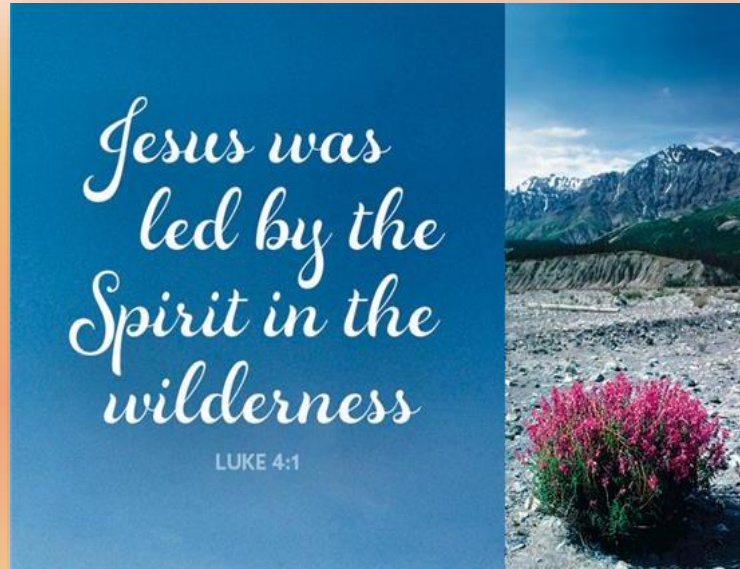


and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



*P: The Gospel of our Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



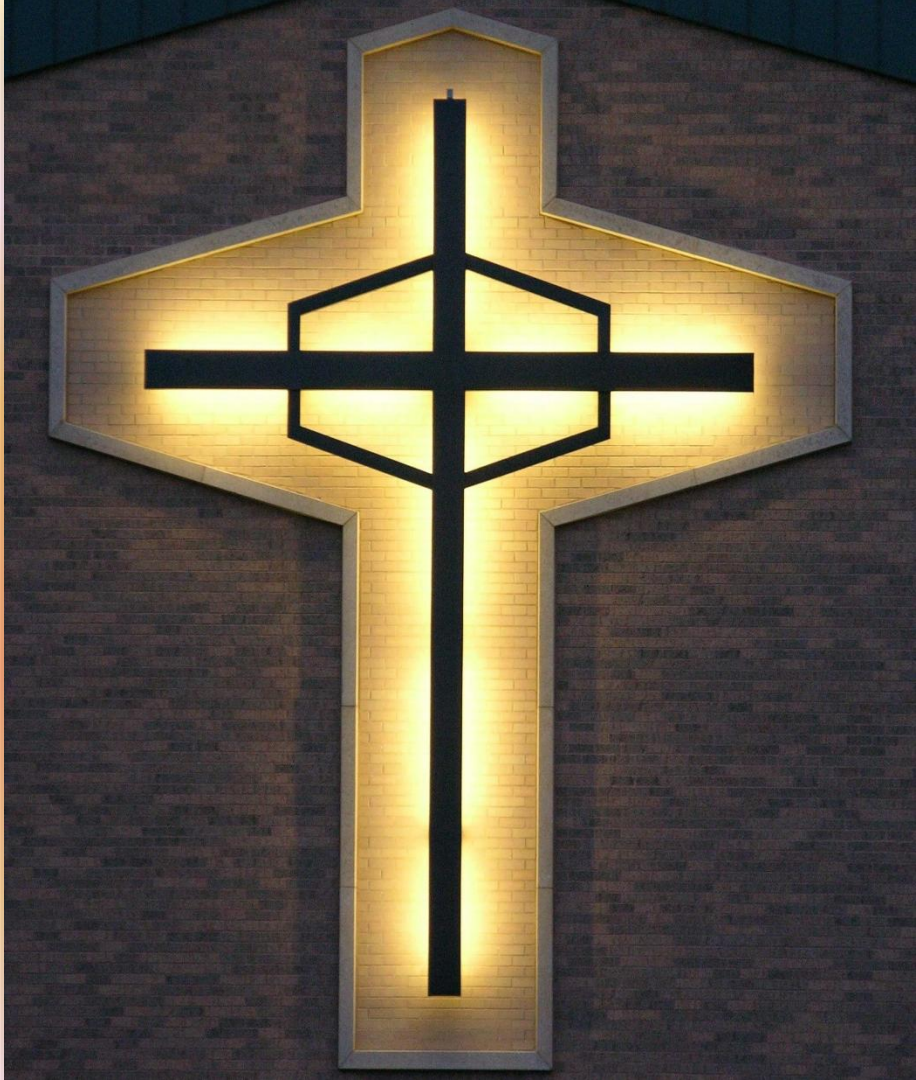
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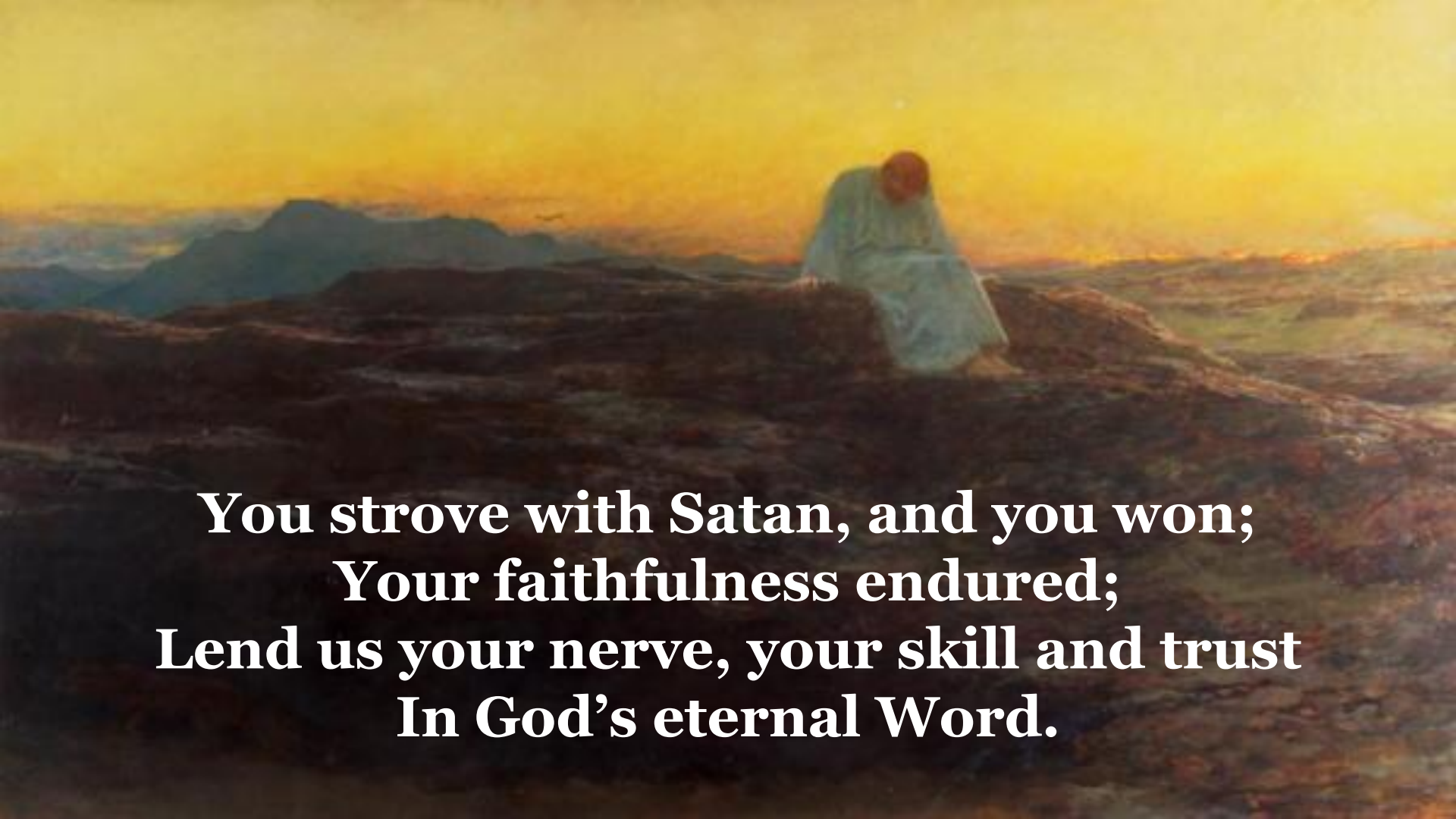


A person in a white robe is kneeling in prayer on a rocky, mountainous landscape. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the sky and the person's robe. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky.

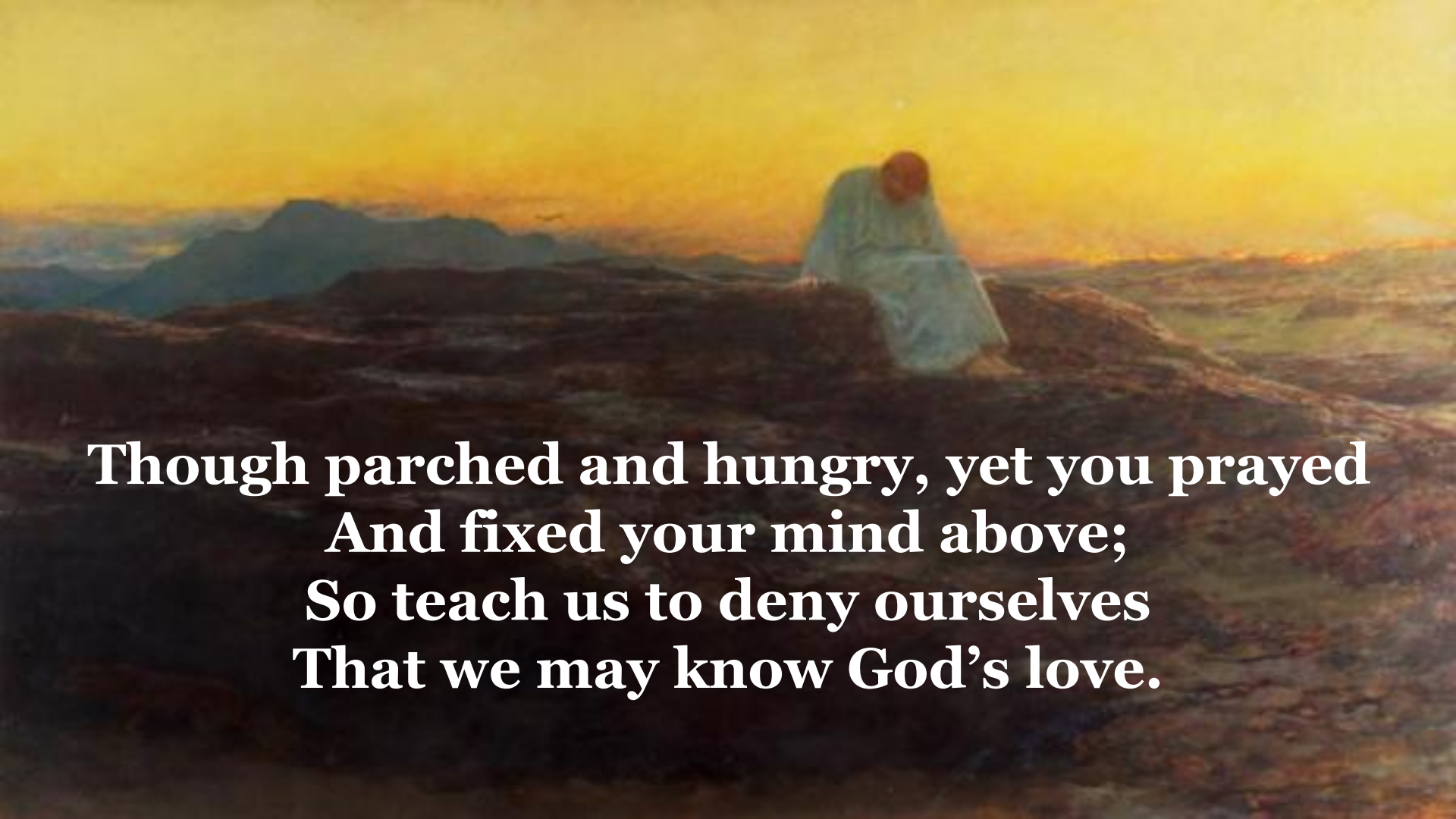
# **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

**ELW #319**


**O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.**



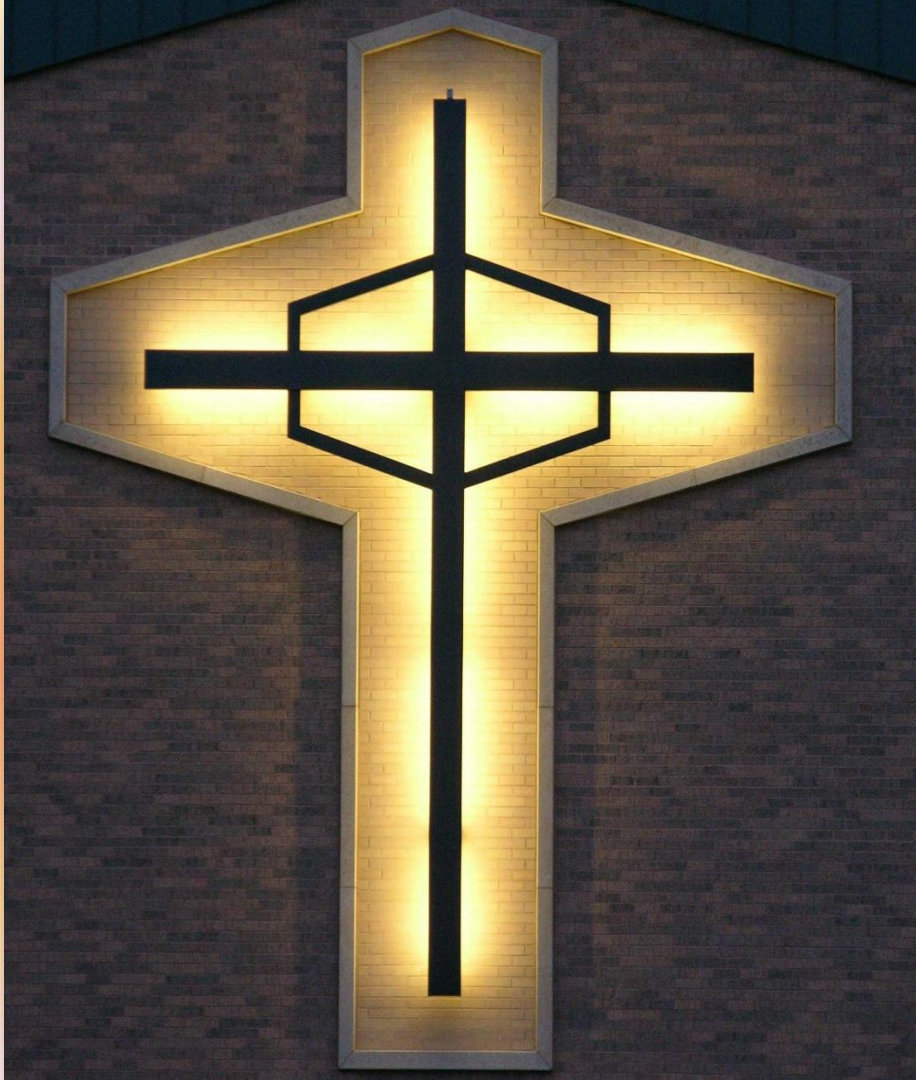
**You strove with Satan, and you won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust  
In God's eternal Word.**



**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
And fixed your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves  
That we may know God's love.**

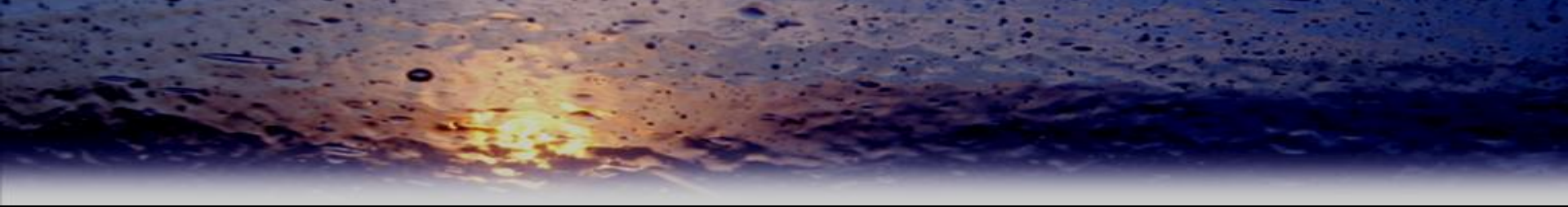
A painting of a figure in a white shroud sitting on a dark, rocky landscape under a golden, hazy sky. The figure is positioned in the upper right quadrant, looking down. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a warm, yellowish-gold light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven's praise.**



# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.



On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



# Prayers of Intercession

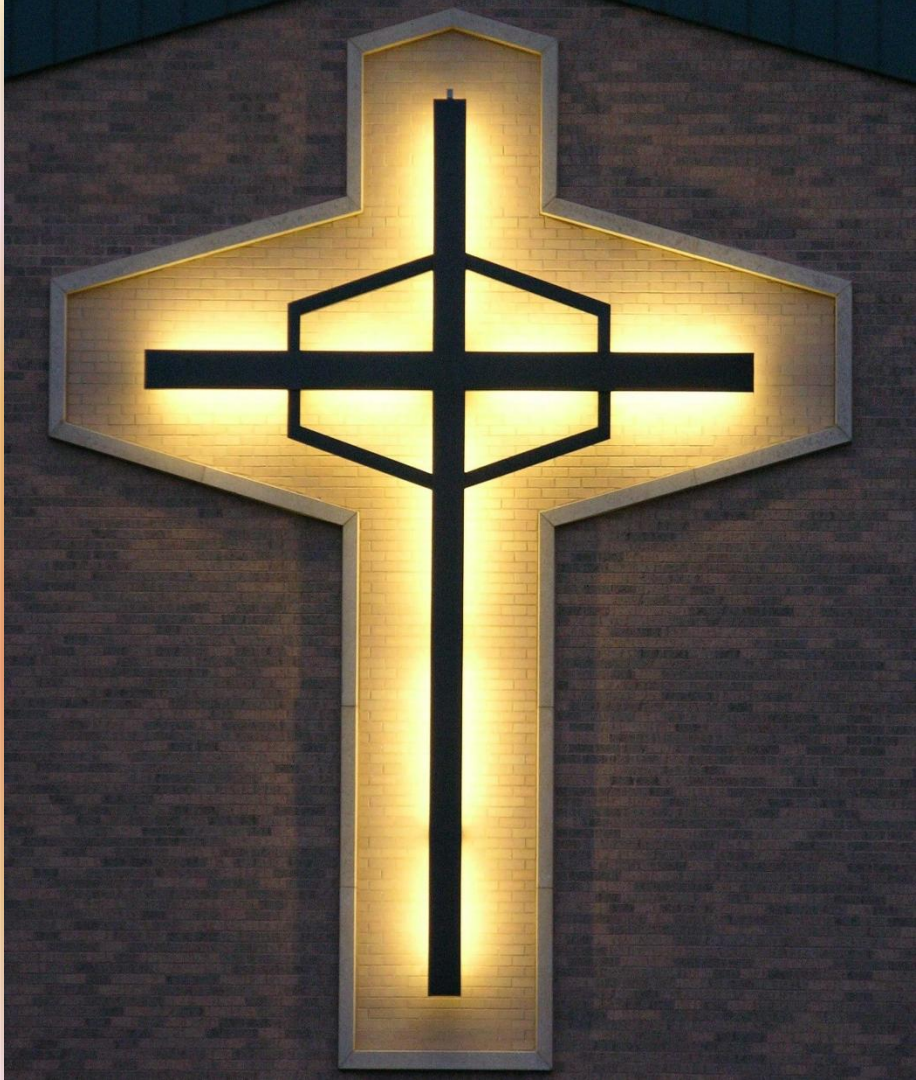
*P: Lord in your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

# Sharing of Christ's Peace

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**



# Offering

*“In Paradisum” from Requiem*

Jubilation Ringers  
and Marsha Gullickson



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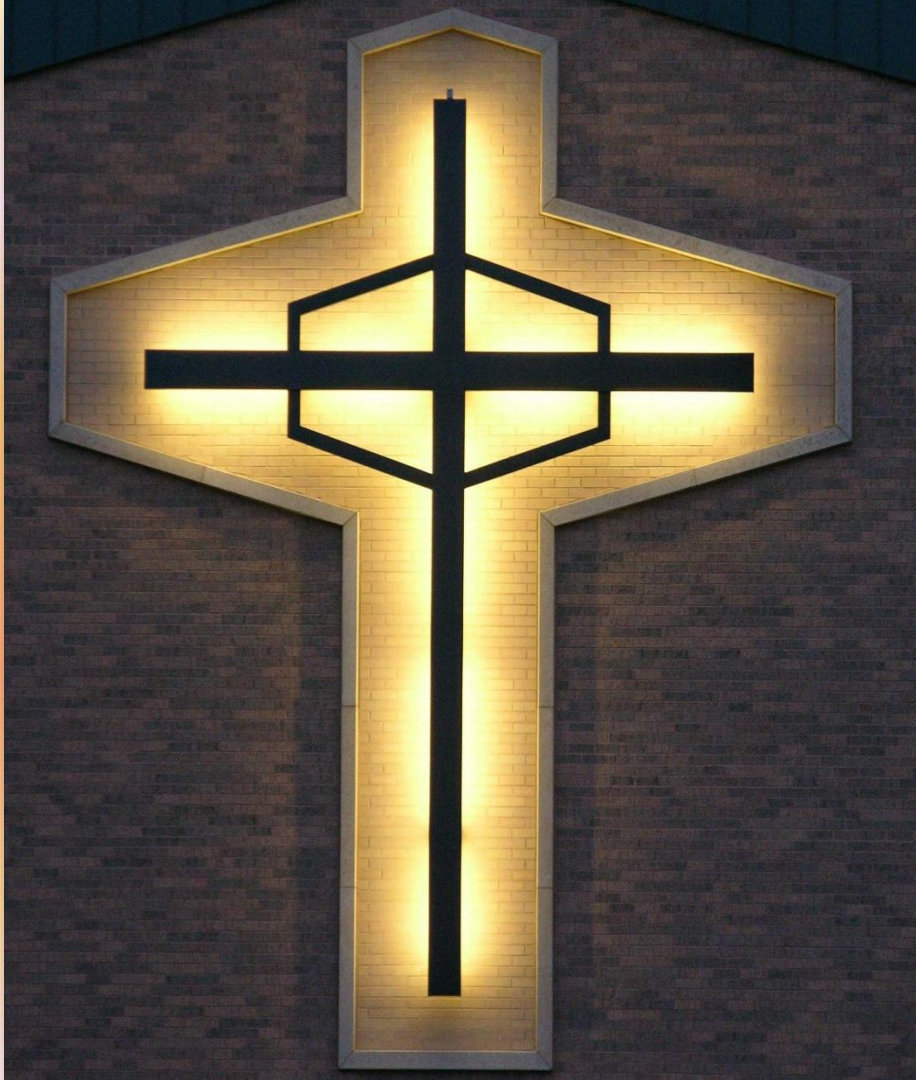
# Jesus, Remember Me

ELW # 616

Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom.

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When you come into your kingdom.

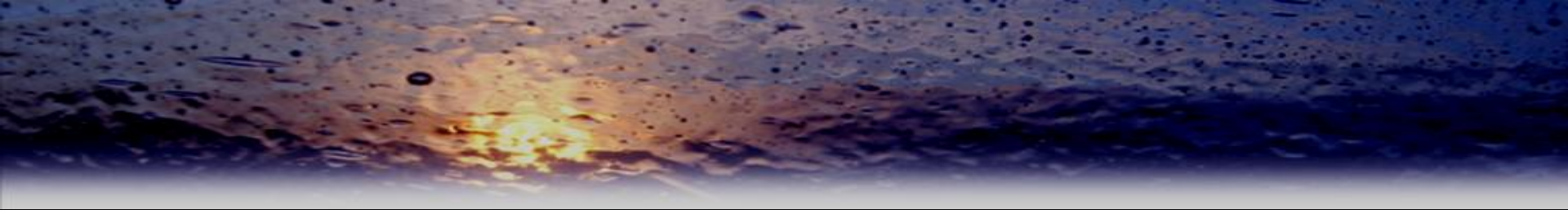




# Thanksgiving for the Word

*P: Holy God, our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God.*

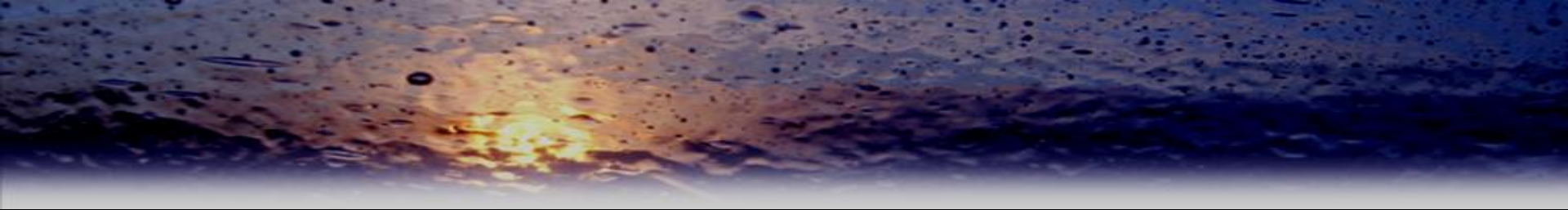
**C: We thank you, O God.**



*P: We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.*

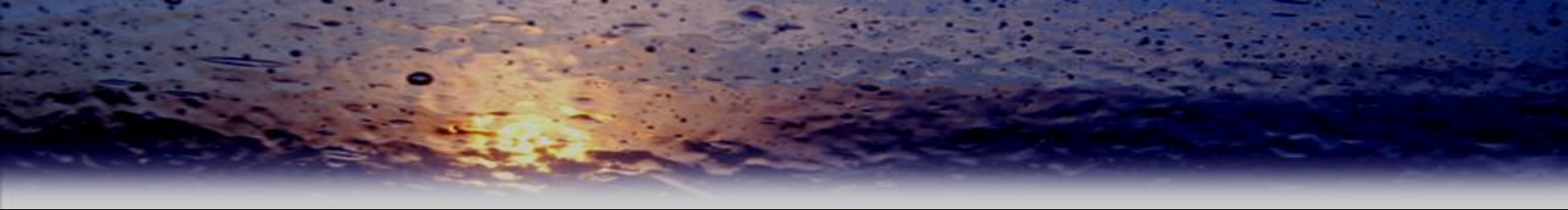
**C: We glorify you, O God.**





*P: Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God.*

**C: We praise you, O God.**



*P: Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever.*

**C: 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 and ever. Amen.**



# Blessing

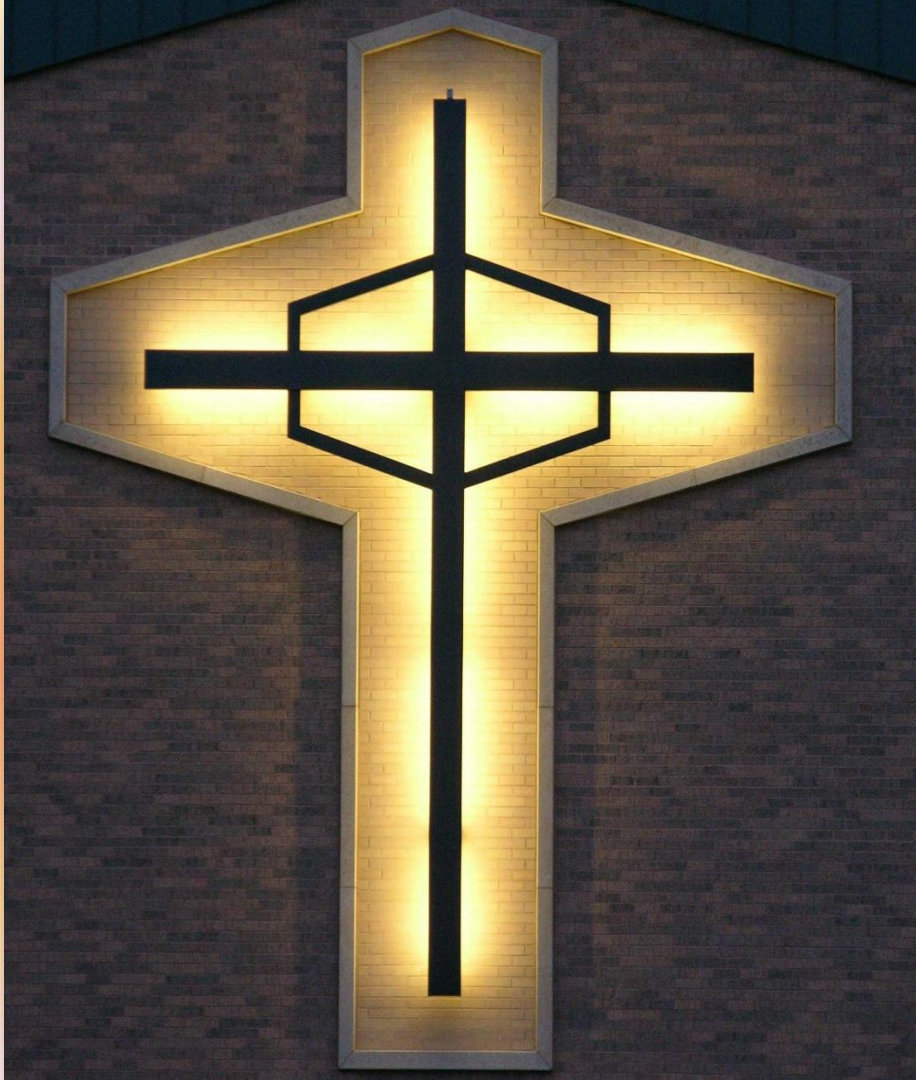
*P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and  
forever.*

**C: Amen.**



## **CCLC Vision Statement:**

**C: We are all called to be ministers -  
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,  
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,  
Sent to share God's promises with others.**

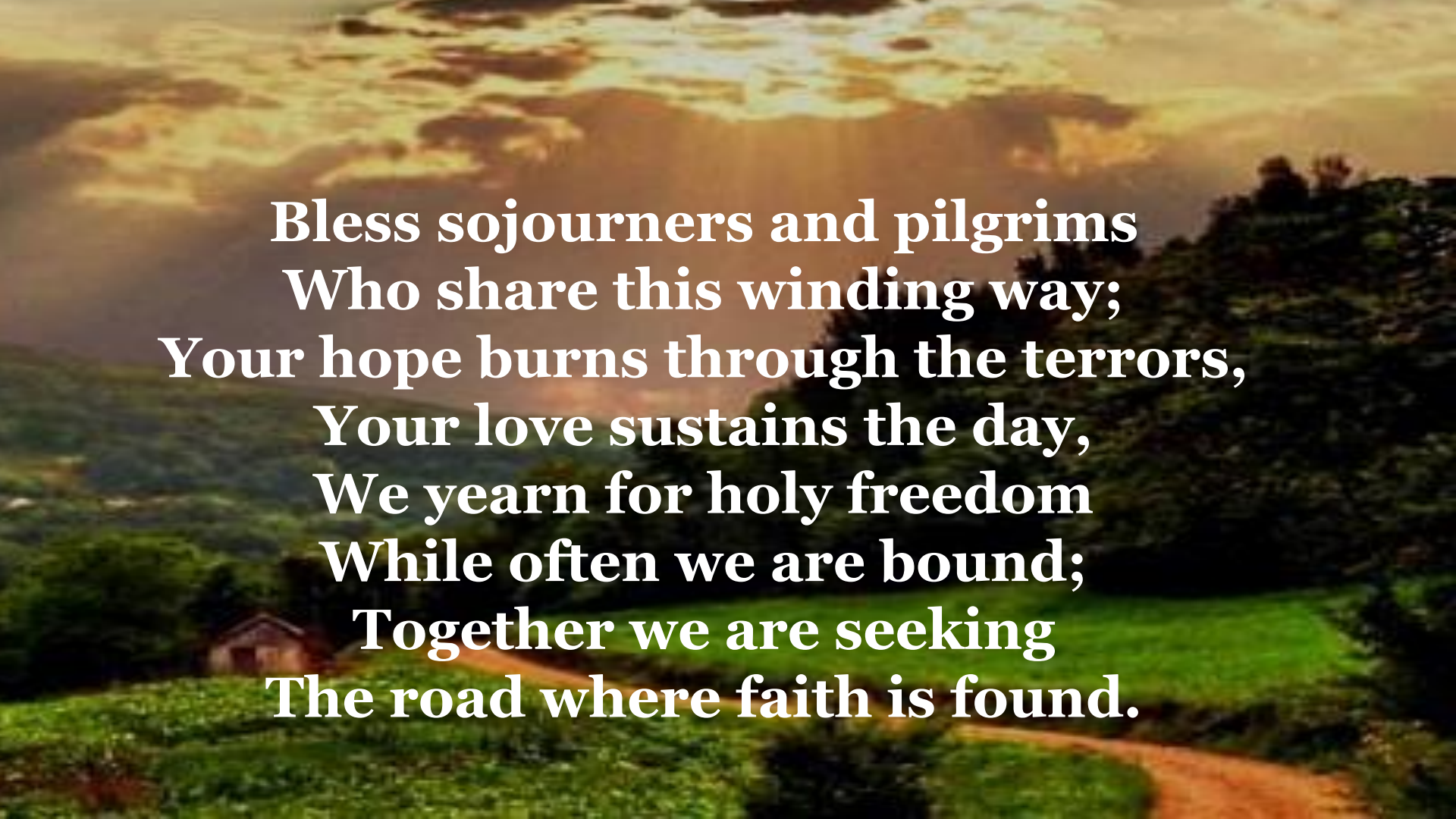




# **Bless Now, O God, the Journey**

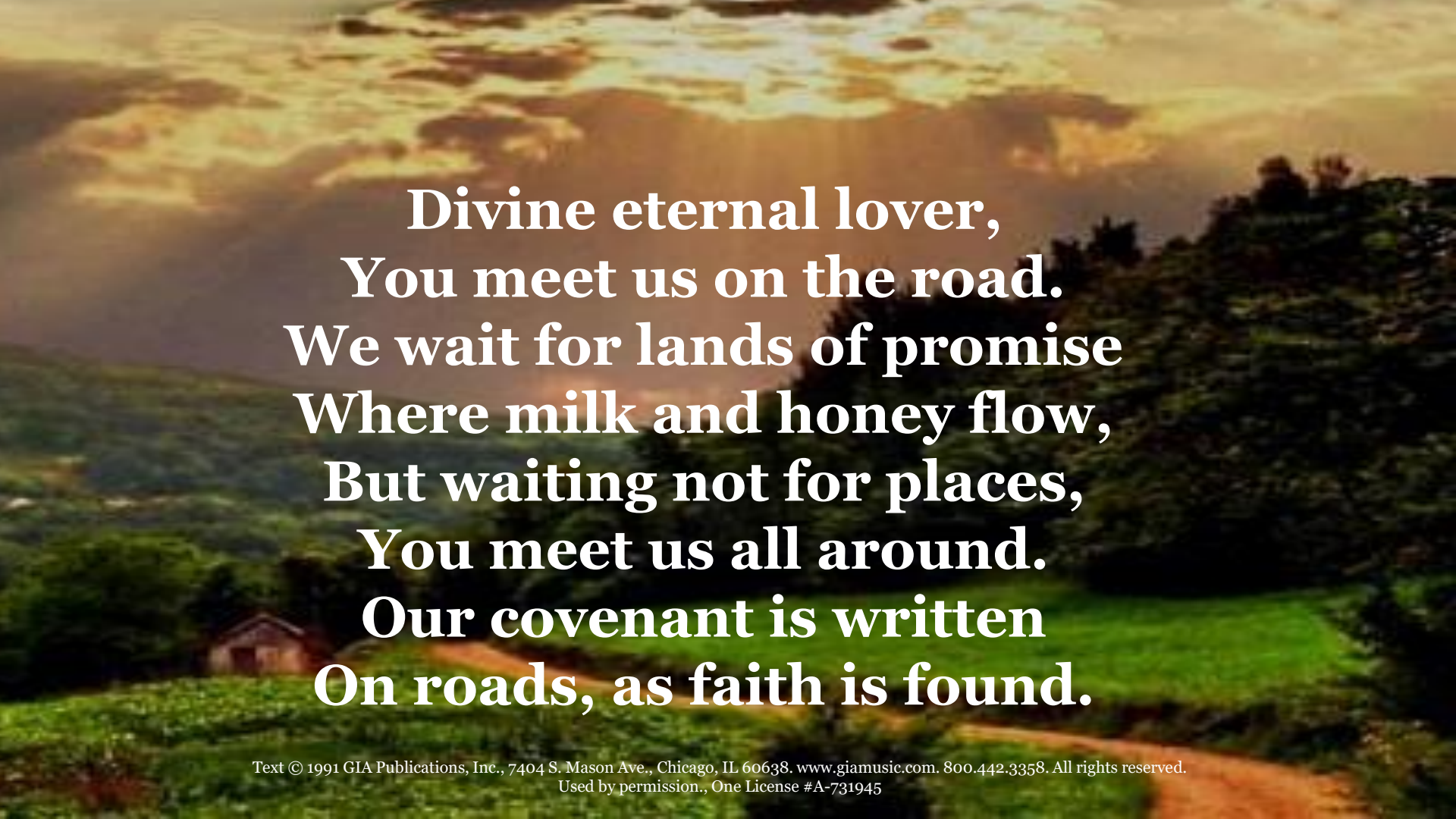
**ELW #326**

**Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
The path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take  
The trail is found in desert  
And winds the mountain round,  
Then leads beside still waters,  
The road where faith is found.**

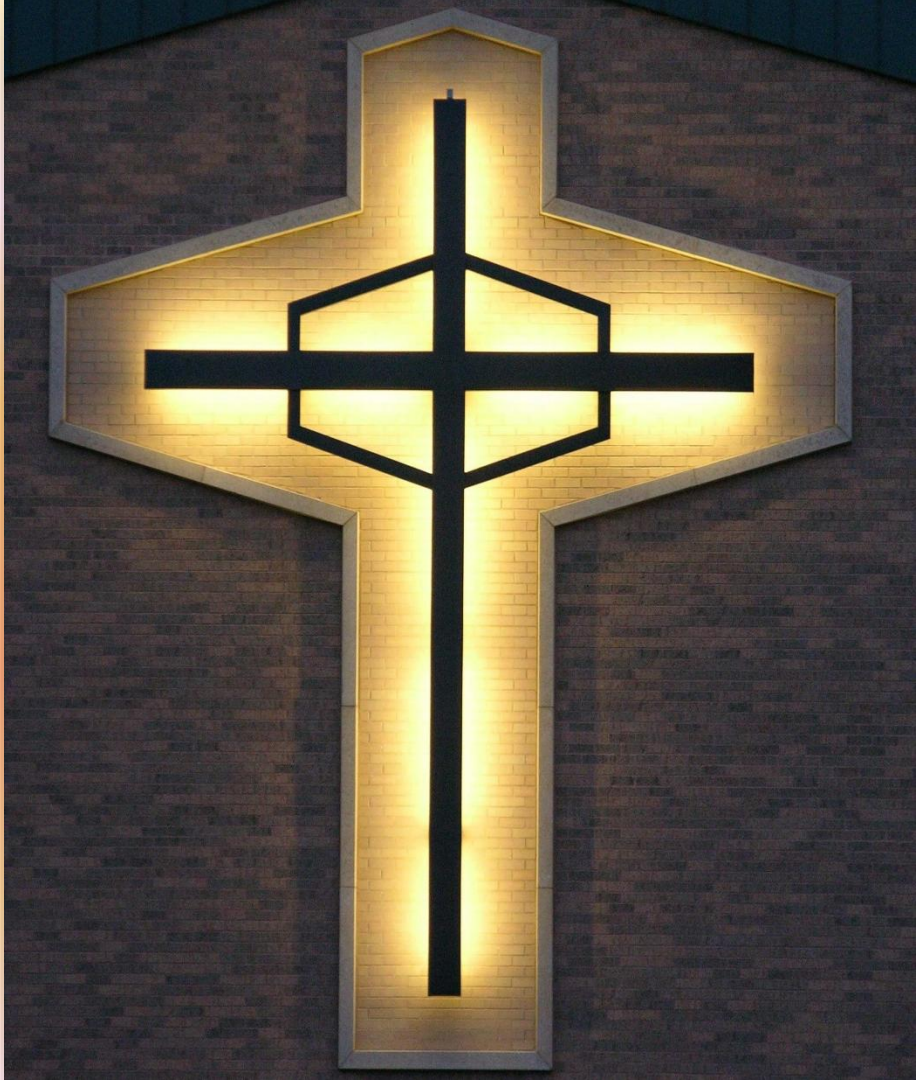
A scenic landscape with a dirt road winding through green hills under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
Who share this winding way;  
Your hope burns through the terrors,  
Your love sustains the day,  
We yearn for holy freedom  
While often we are bound;  
Together we are seeking  
The road where faith is found.**





**Divine eternal lover,  
You meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
Where milk and honey flow,  
But waiting not for places,  
You meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
On roads, as faith is found.**



# Touching Lives with the Love of God

*P: Go in Peace. Care for others  
as God cares for you.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# Postlude

*“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”*

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