

Prelude

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” with
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

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Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



“Touching Lives with the Love of God”



**COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- 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



Call to Worship

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.



P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress”

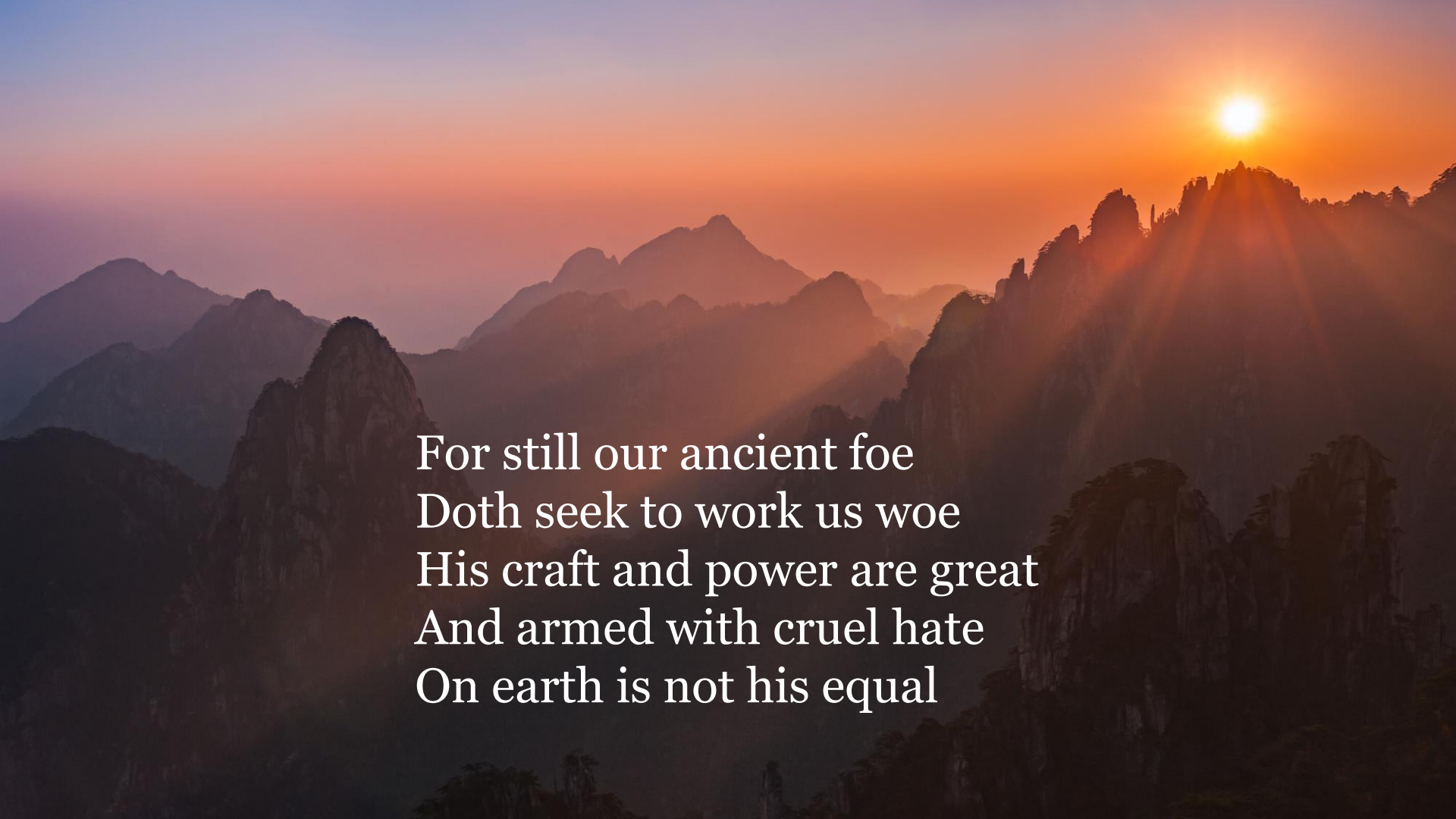
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& Congregation



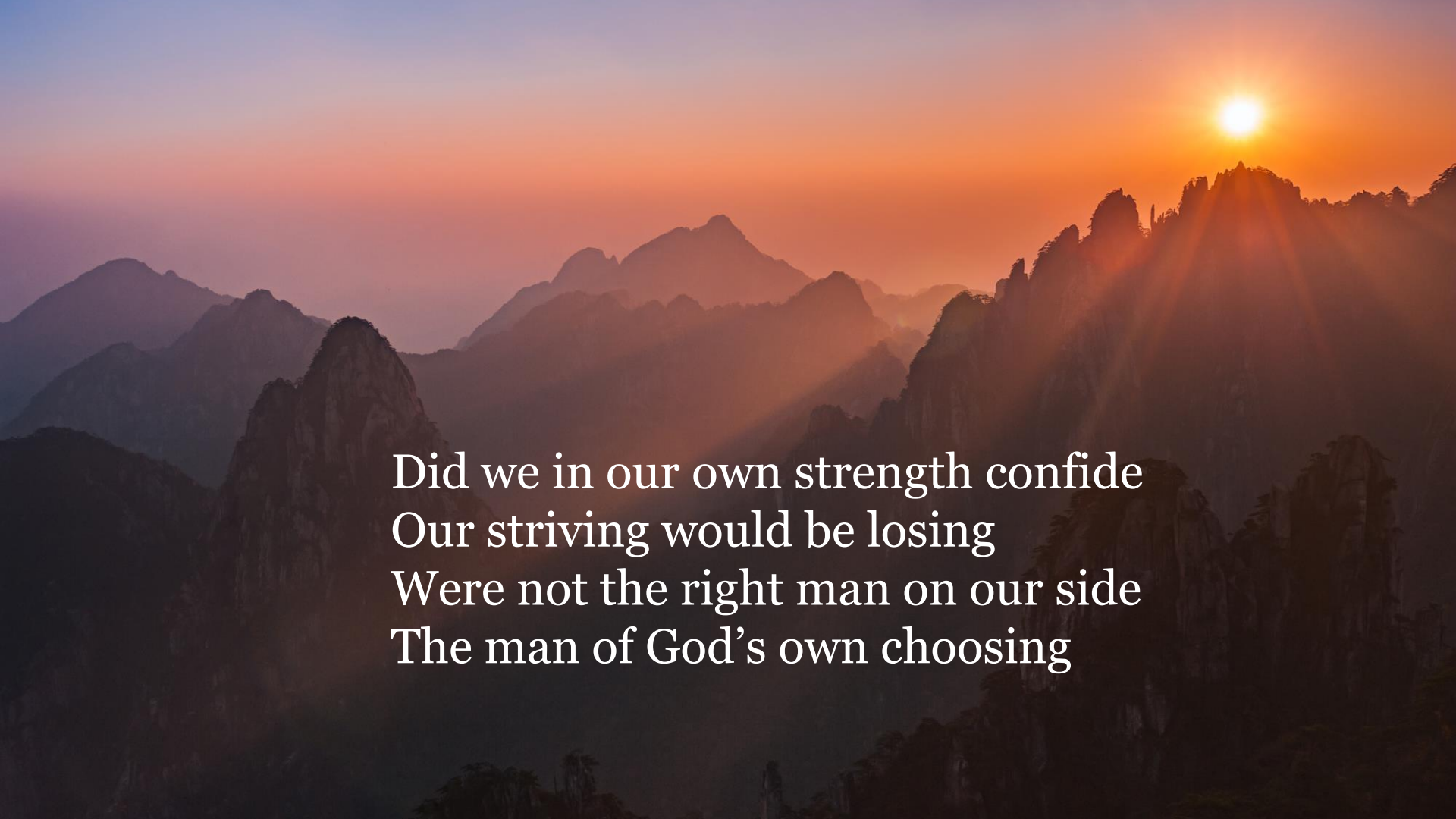
A Mighty Fortress



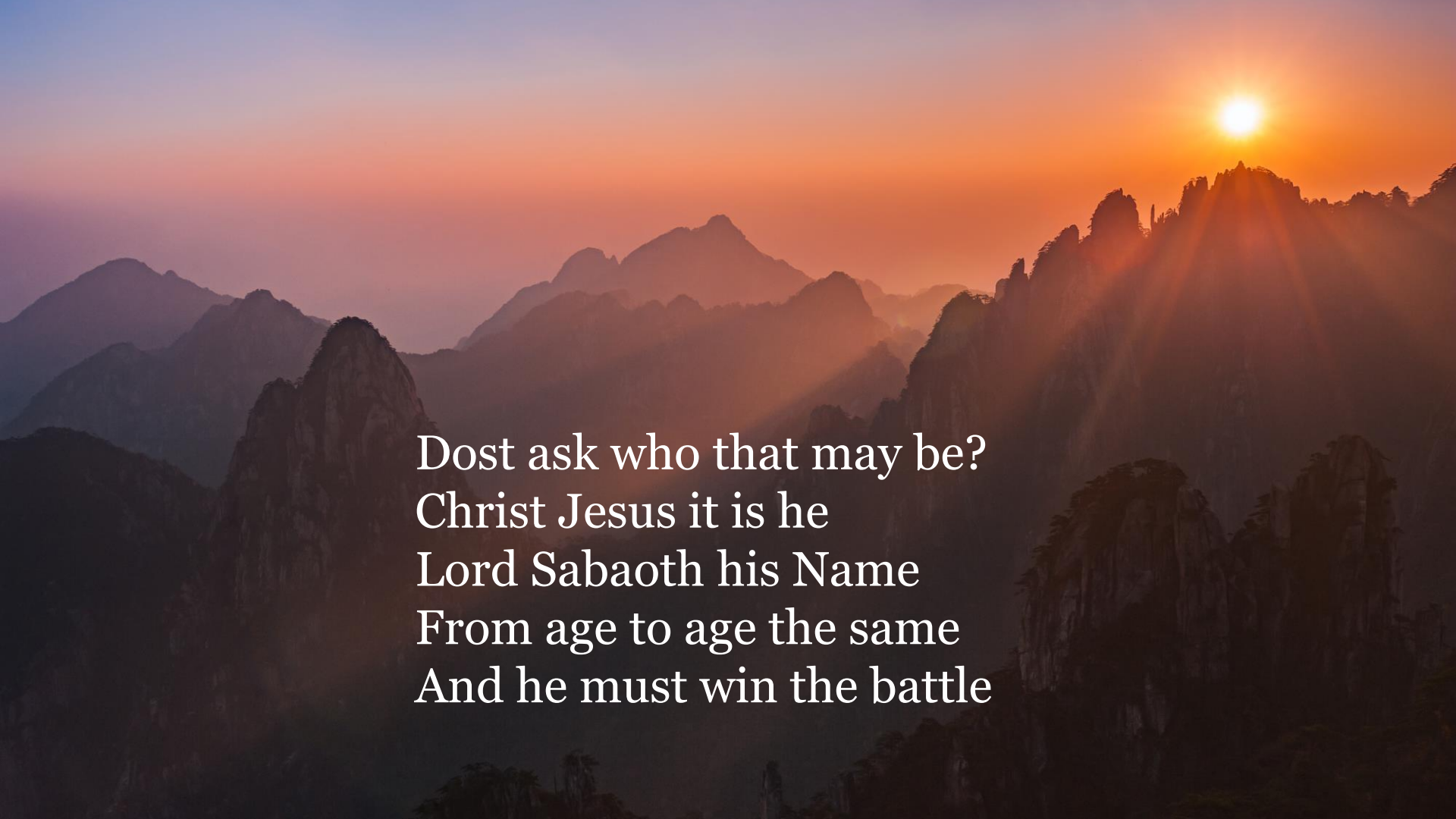
A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing



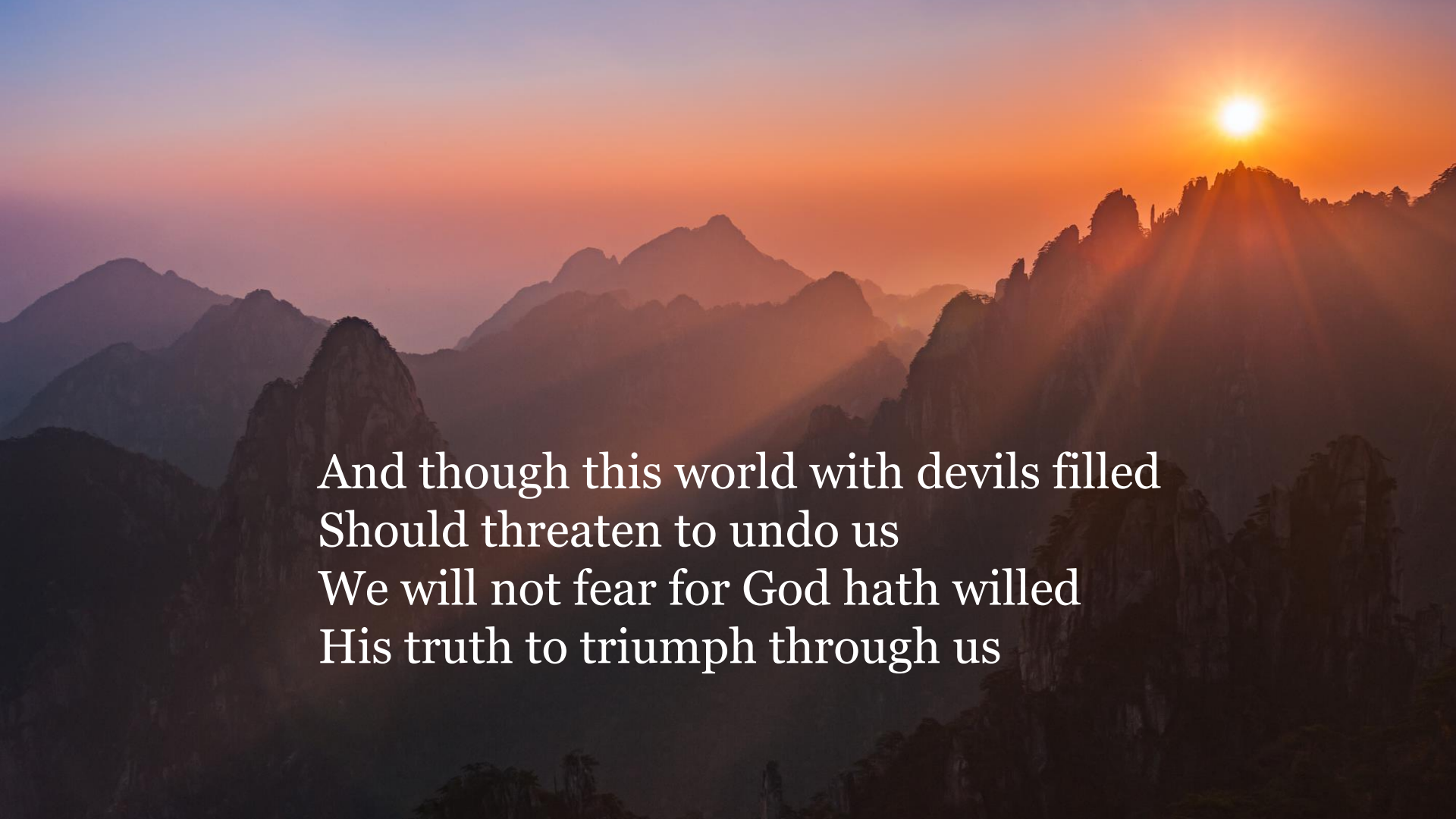
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal



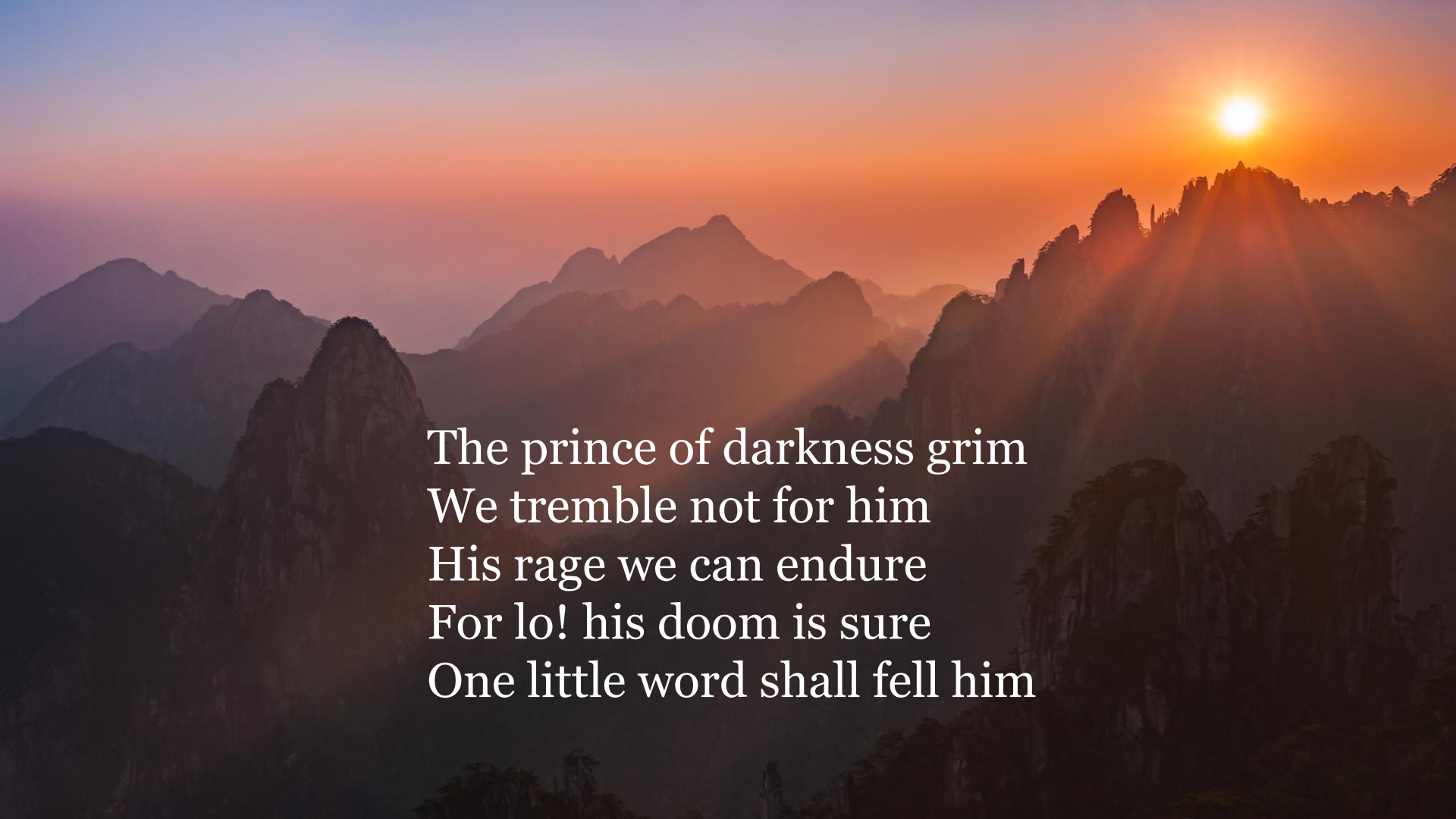
Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing



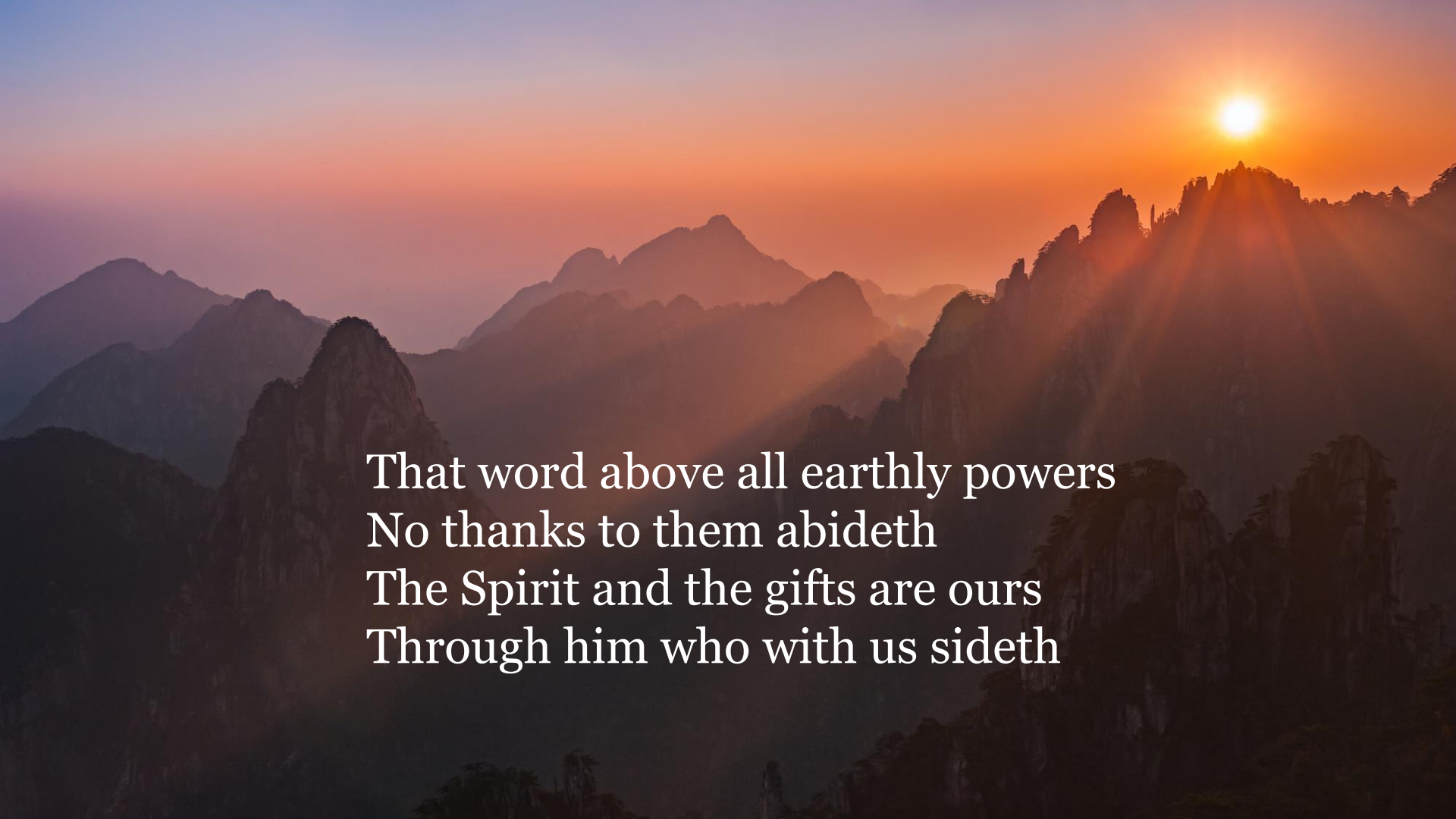
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is he
Lord Sabaoth his Name
From age to age the same
And he must win the battle



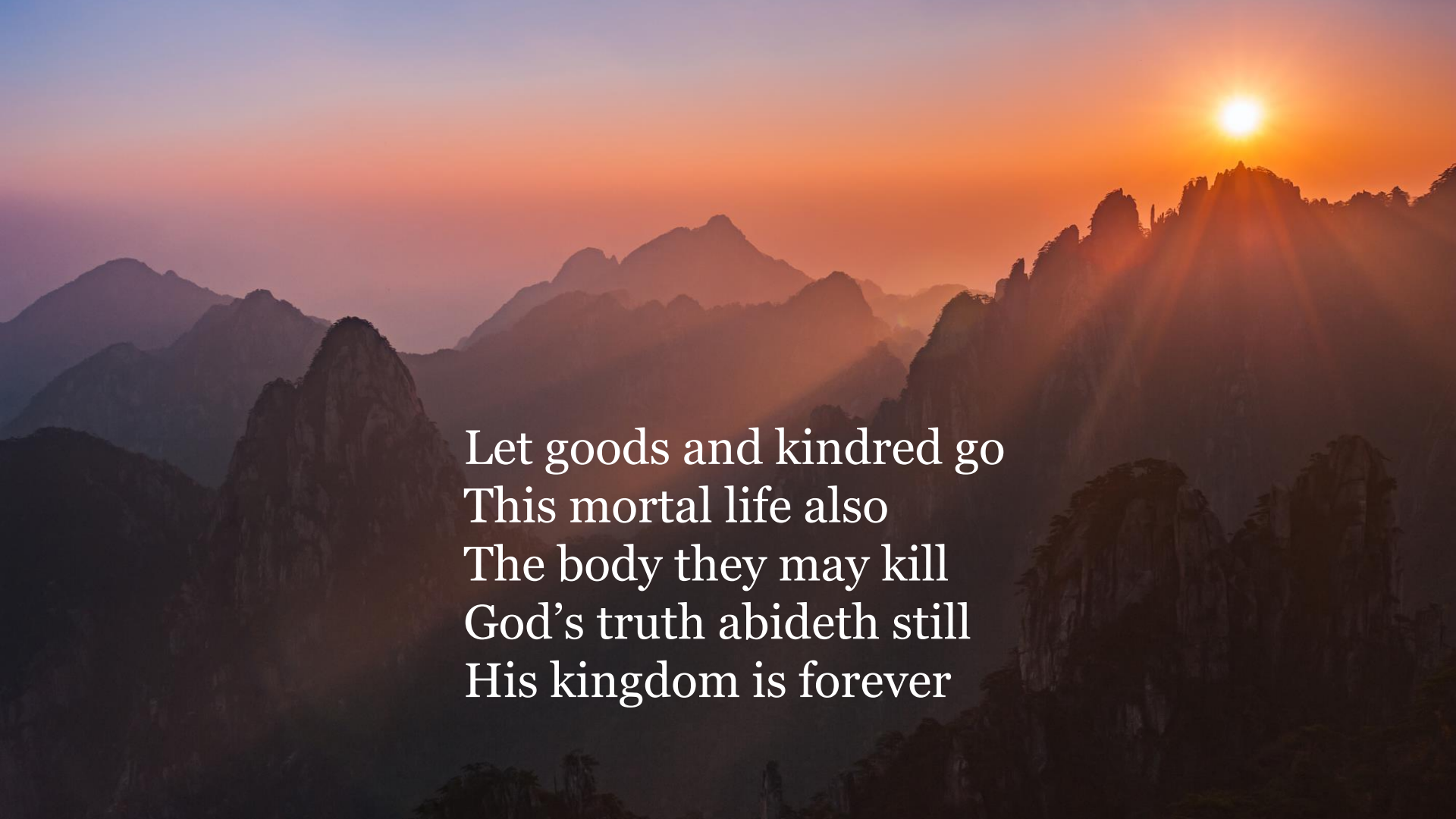
And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us



The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo! his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him



That word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth



Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever



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

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



→ For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



→ u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



→ this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



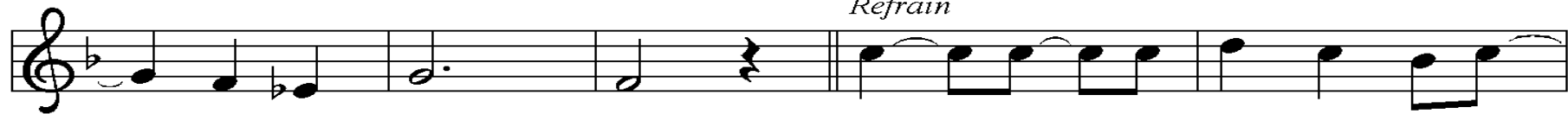
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



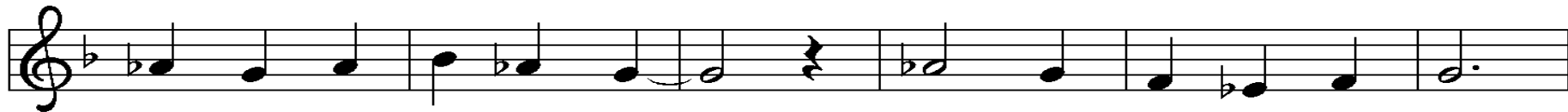
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



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

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 Sermon

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.



Children's Sermon

Presenter: David Little





First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34



The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

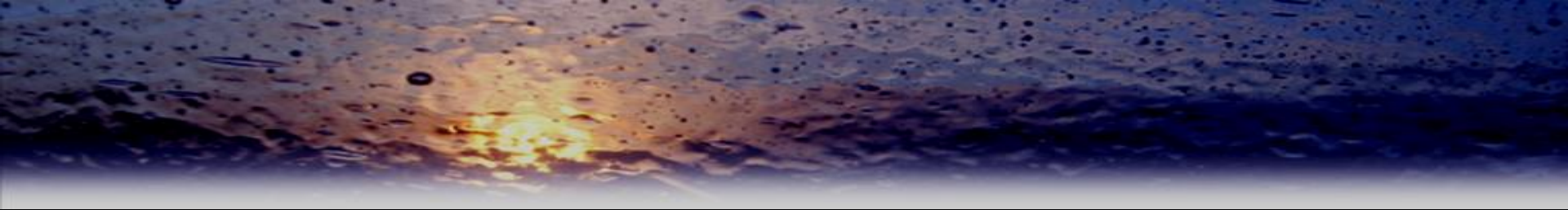


L: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28



Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.



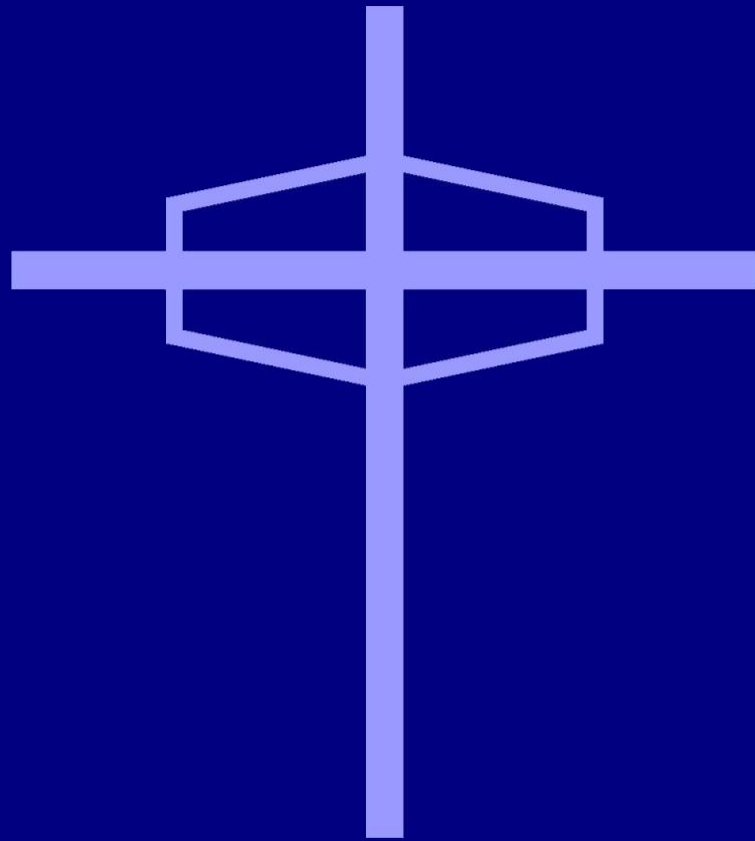
For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.



Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.



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Gospel Acclamation



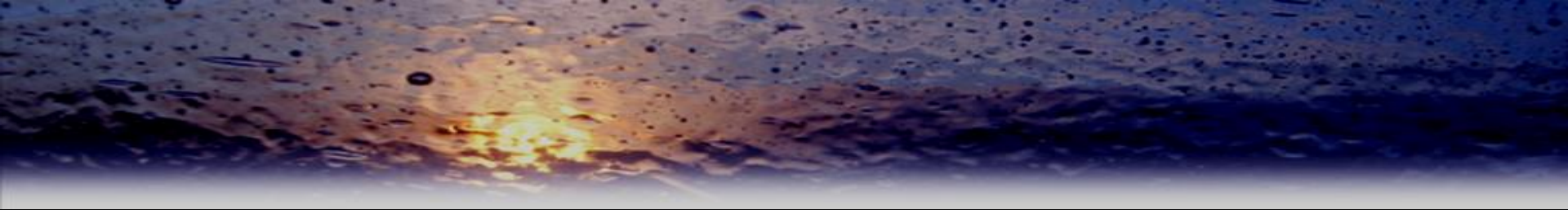
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.



The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

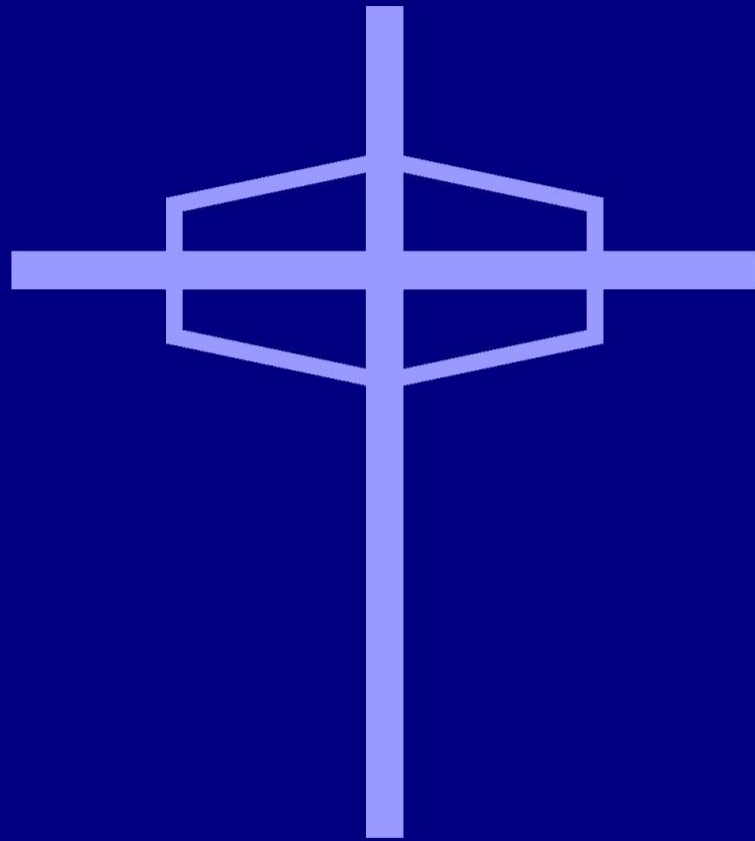
P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



True
FREEDOM

JOHN 8:31-36



Hymn of the Day

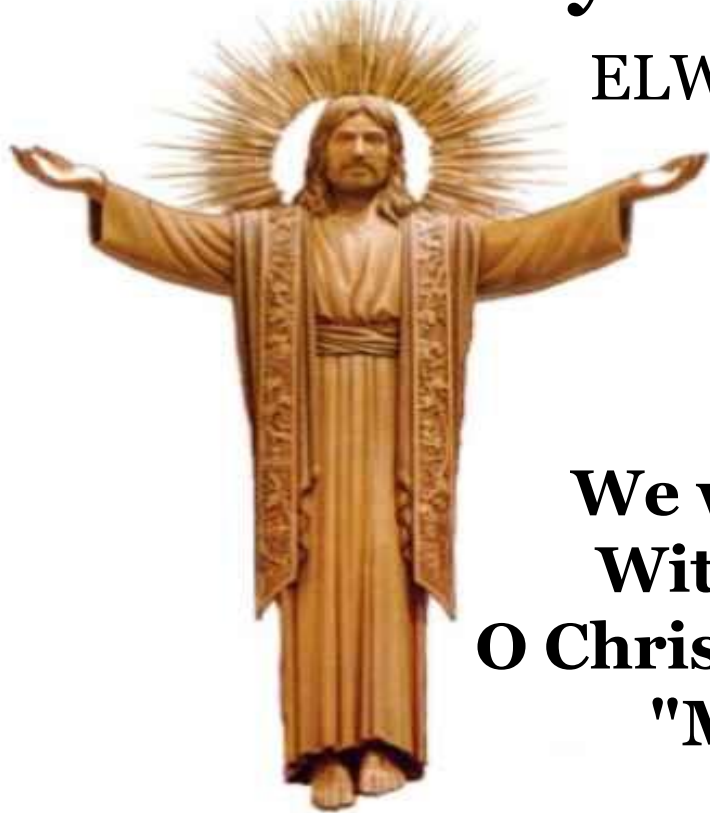
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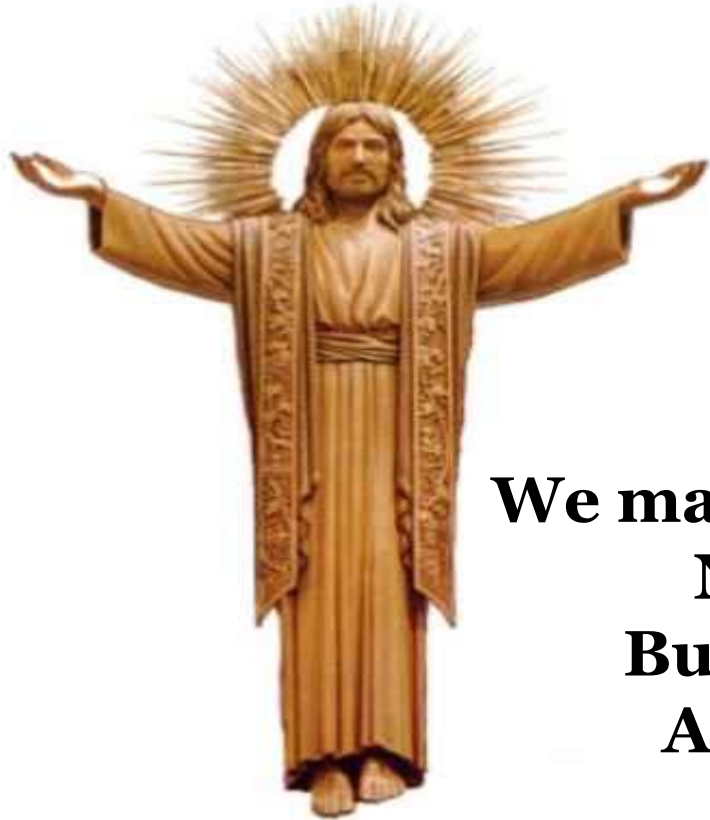


We Walk by Faith

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**We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**



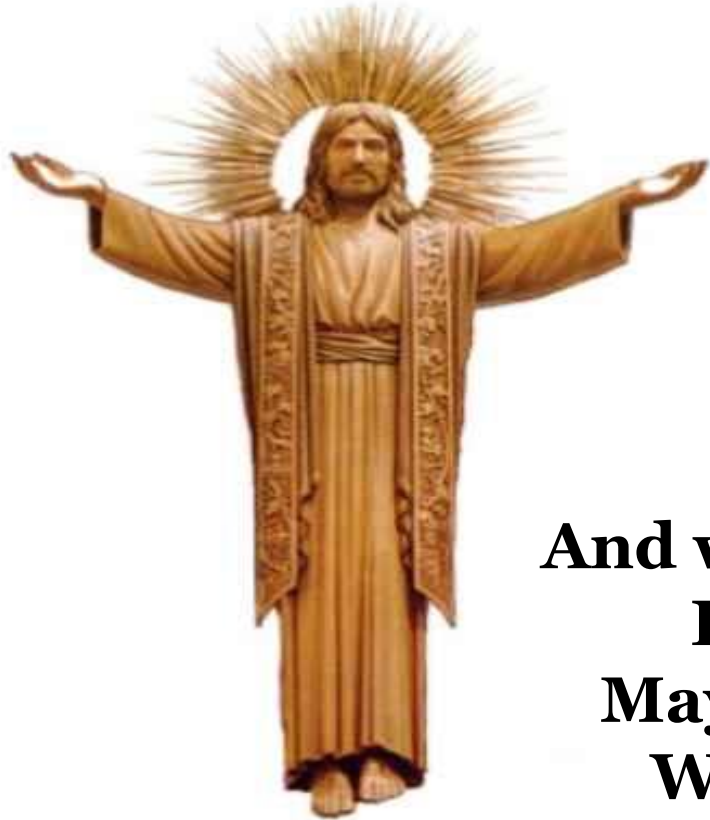
**We may not touch your hands and side,
Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**



**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found:**



**For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**



**And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**

Apostles' Creed

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

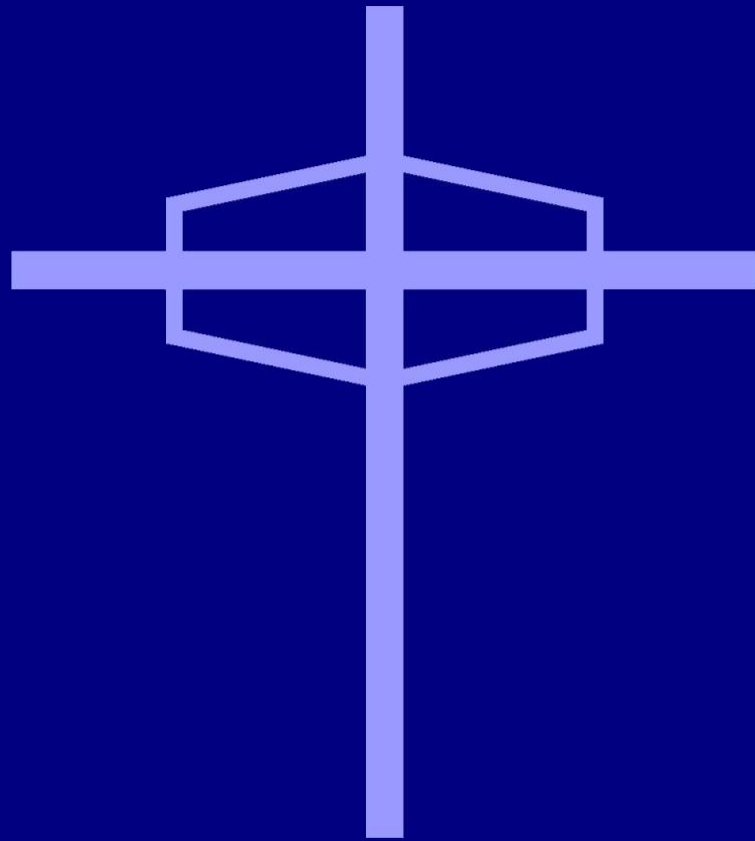
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**



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.





Offering

“I Will Listen”

Jamie Manzi-Moore & Sandy Knight

By Twila Paris



Offertory

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

ELW #186



Prayers

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.



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 / Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

We are all called to be ministers - (CCLC Mission Statement)

Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,

Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,

Sent to share God's promises with others.

Sending Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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Arr. By Cathy and David Moglebust



The Church's One Foundation

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**The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**



**Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.**



**Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

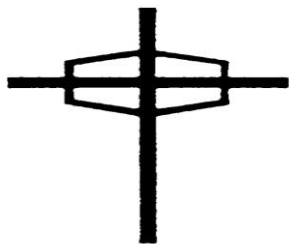


**Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.**



**Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heavenly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.**

Touching Lives



with the

Love of God

P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Psalm of the Heavenly King (Psalm 146)

“Postlude”

Marsha Gullickson & Sandy Knight

By Ashford/Strohman

