



PRELUDE

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*Third Sunday of
Easter*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS



Give Thanks

Let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we bring the *Light of Christ* into our midst.



Bringing In The Light of Christ

“Lead Me, Lord”

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

People: **But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: By the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

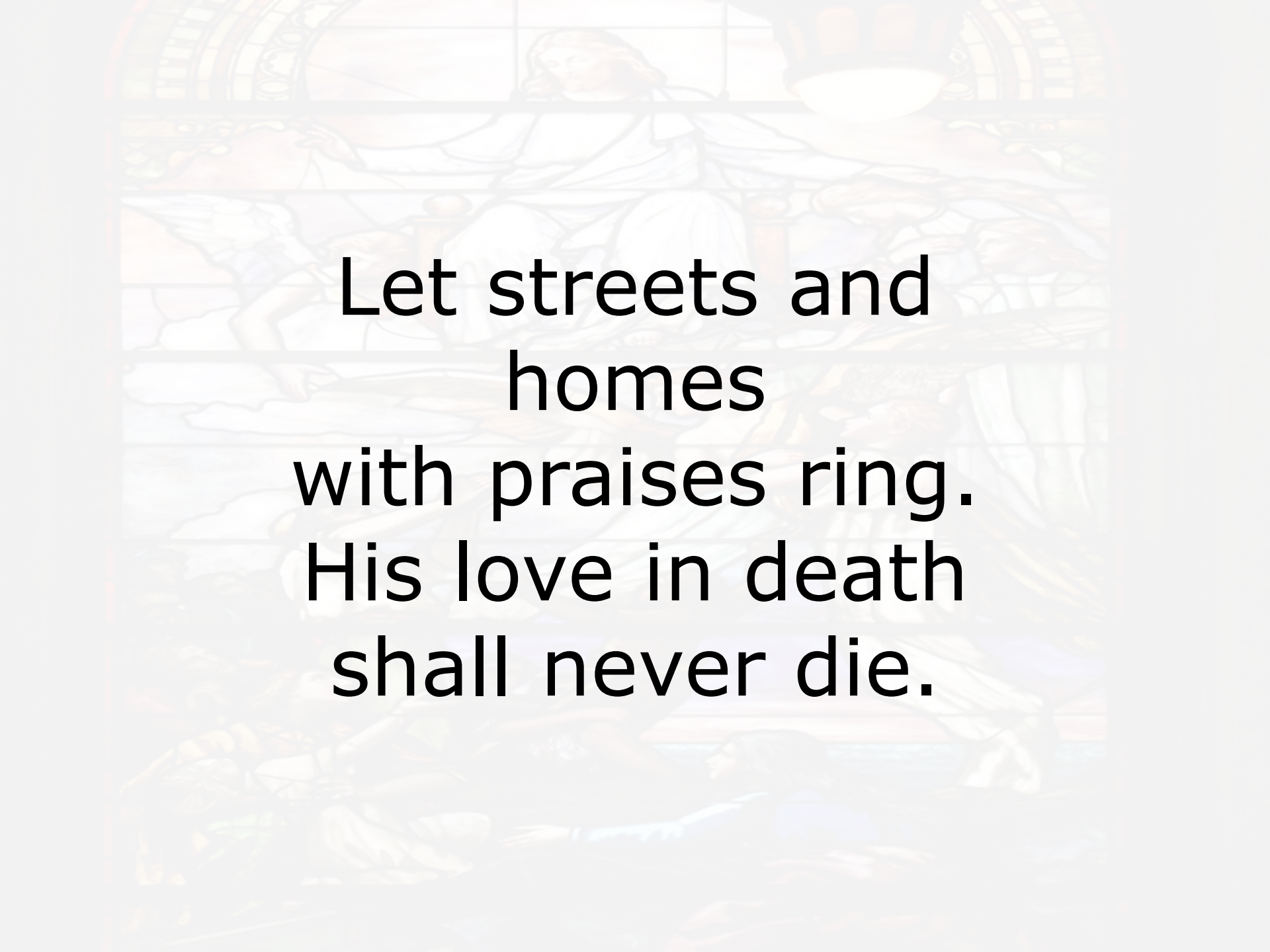
People: **So that being justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Christ Is Alive

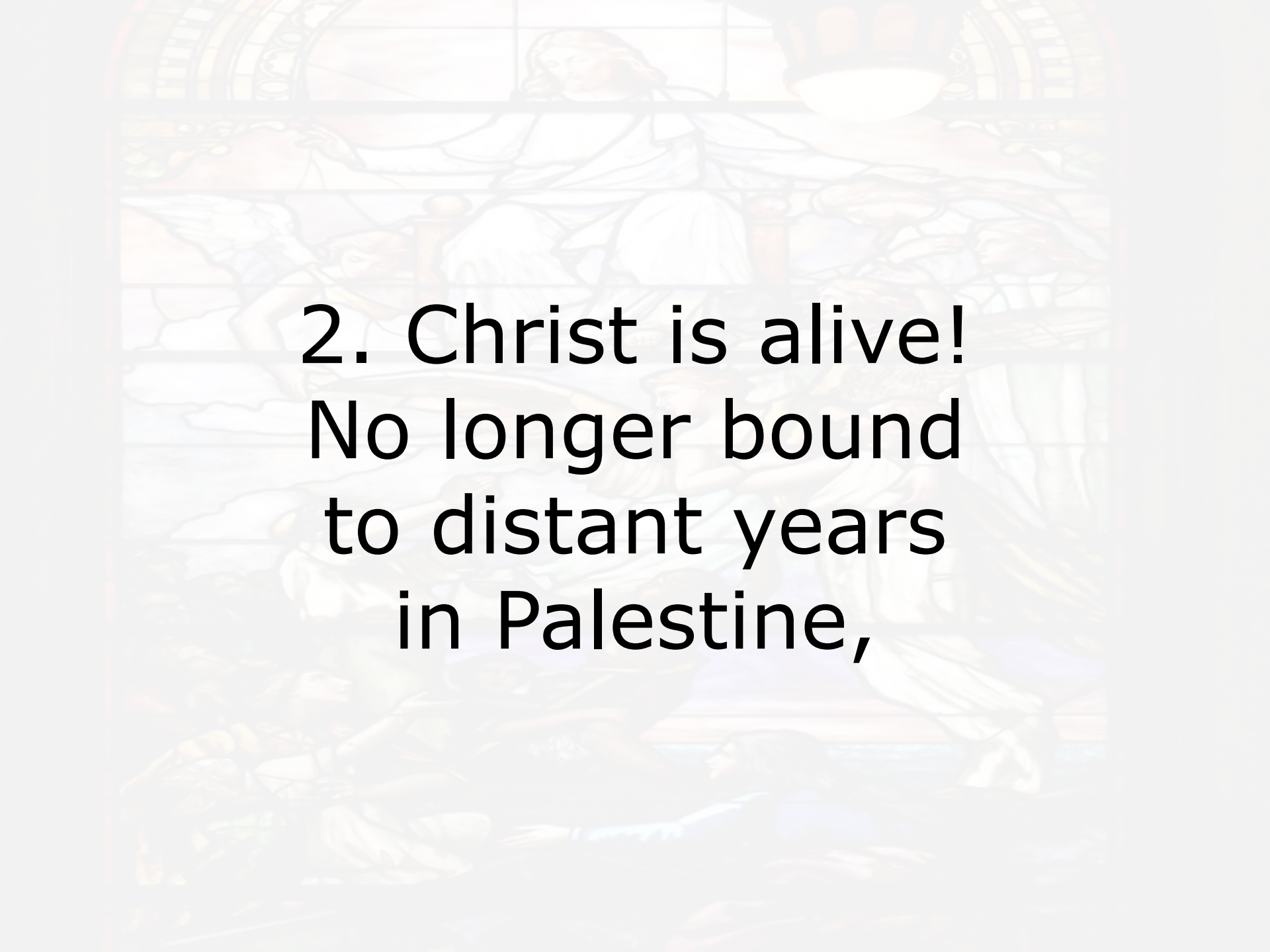
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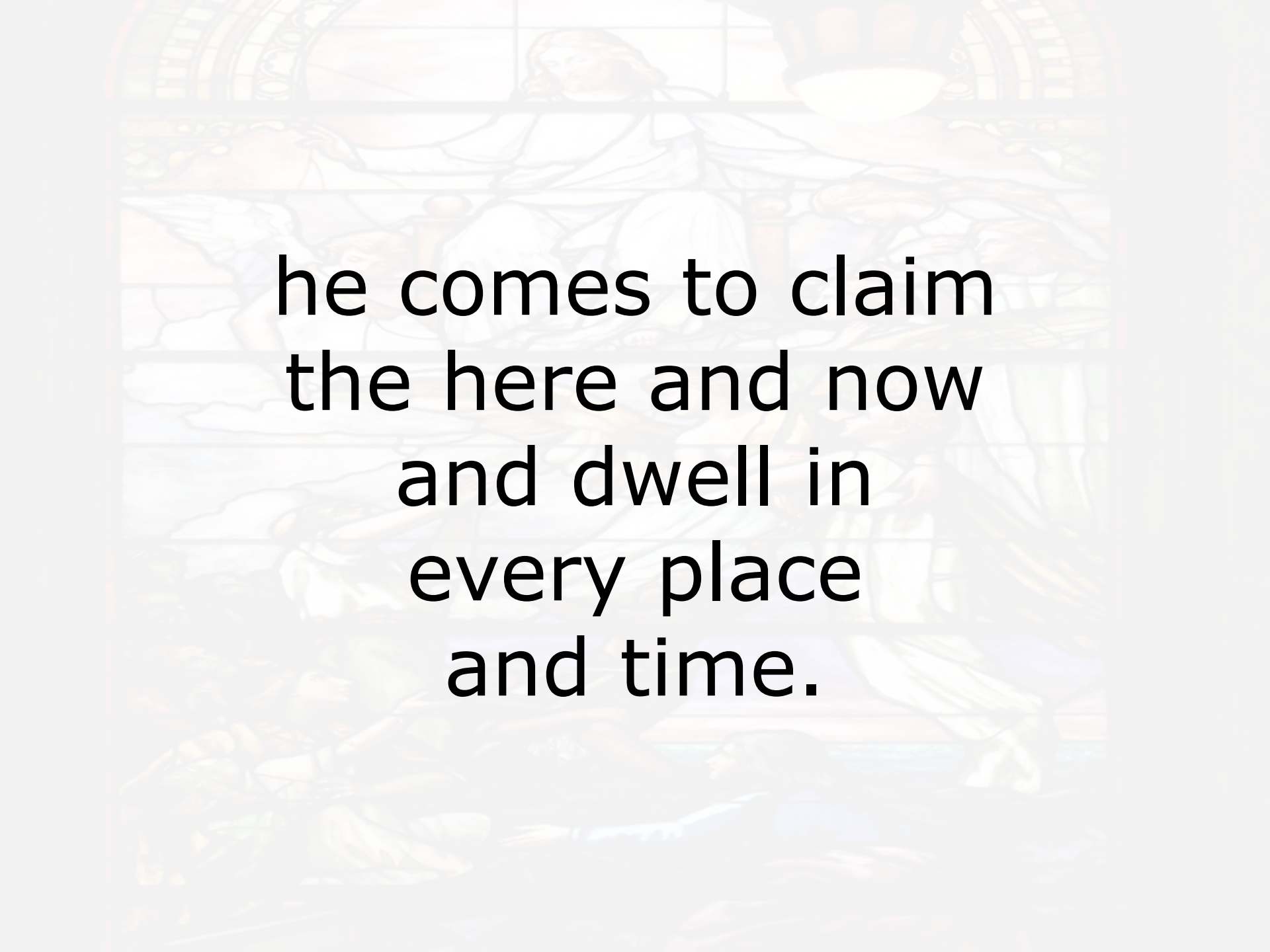
1. Christ is alive!
Let Christians sing.
His cross stands
empty to the sky.



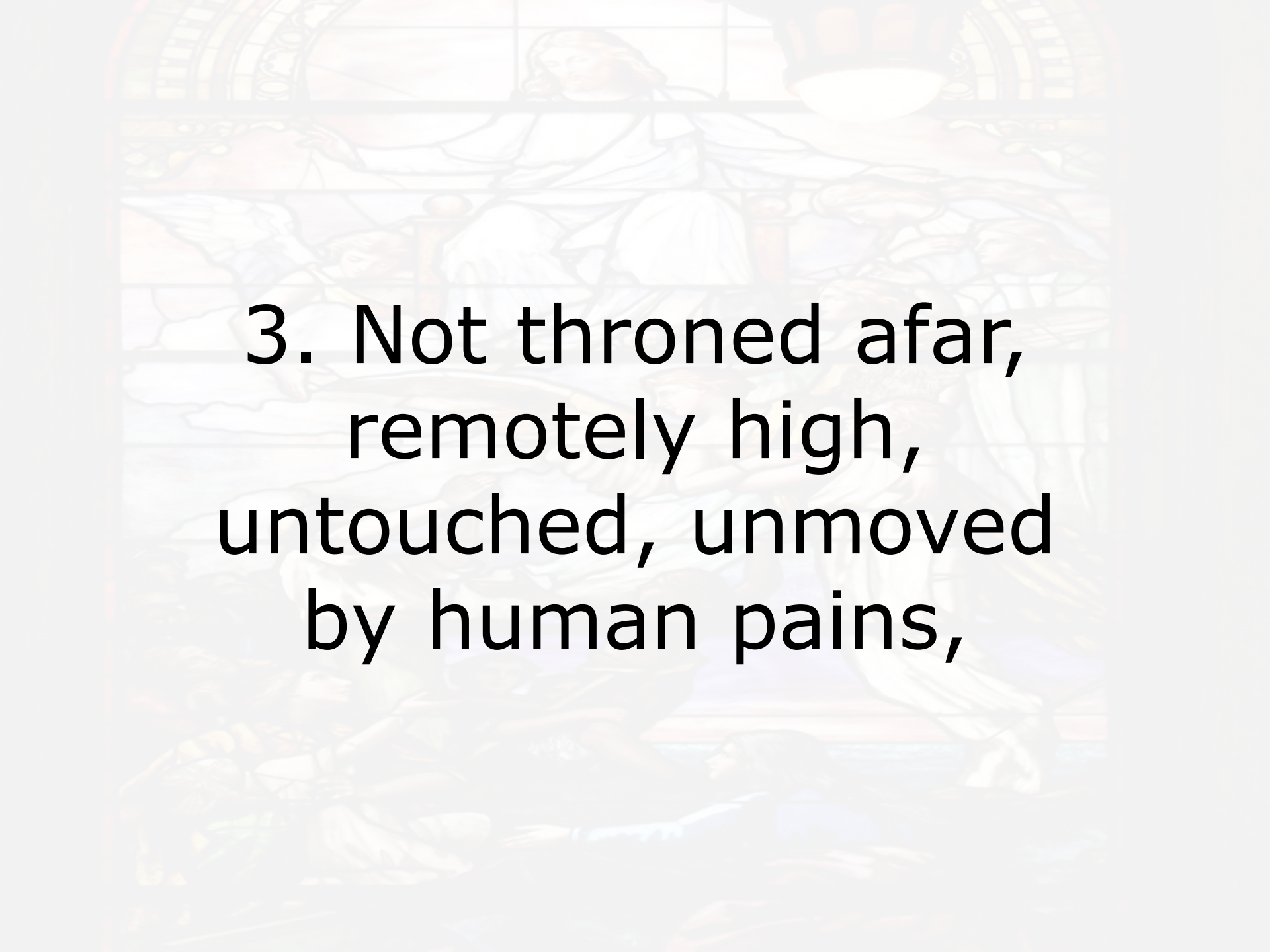
Let streets and
homes
with praises ring.
His love in death
shall never die.



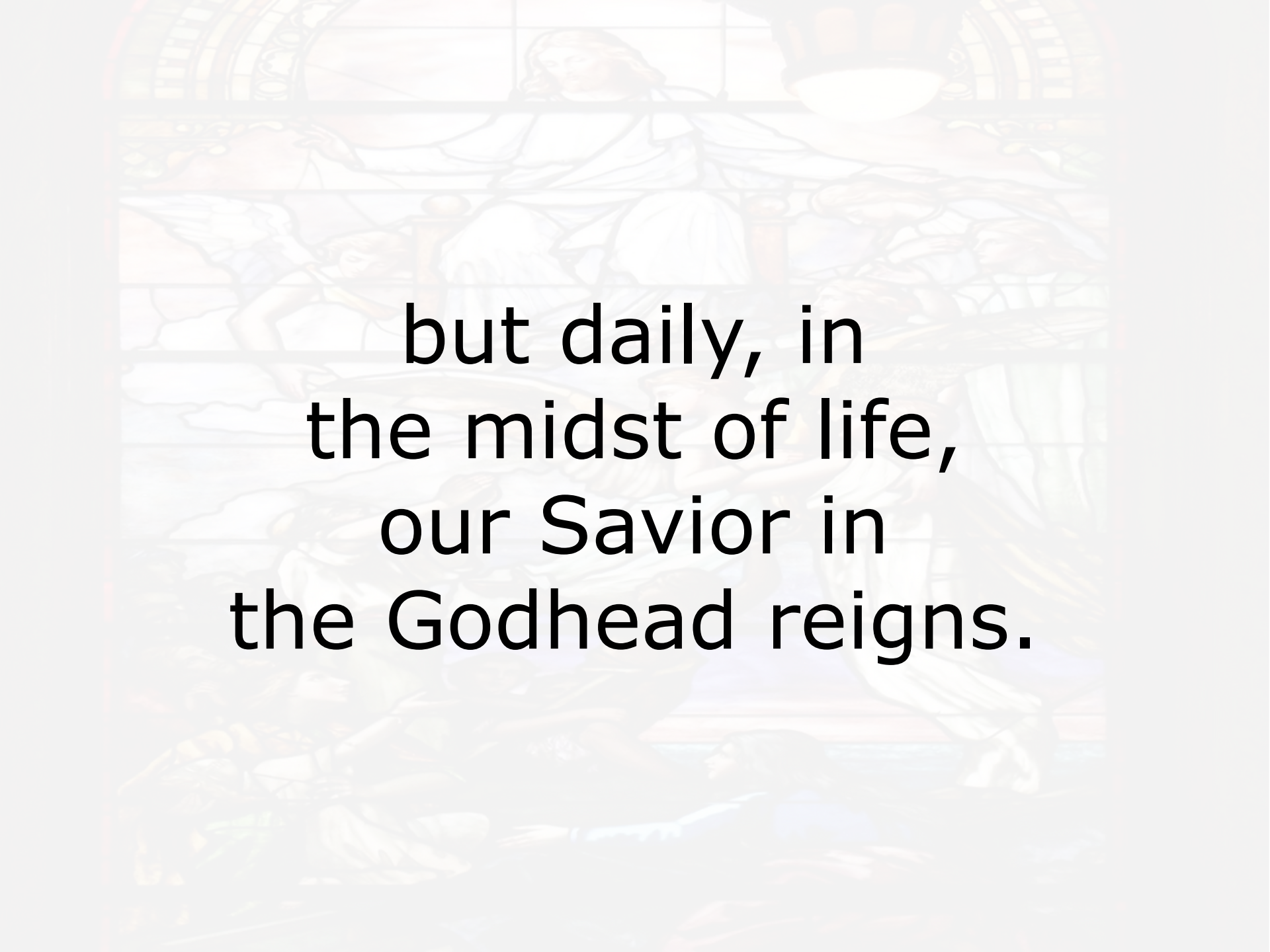
**2. Christ is alive!
No longer bound
to distant years
in Palestine,**



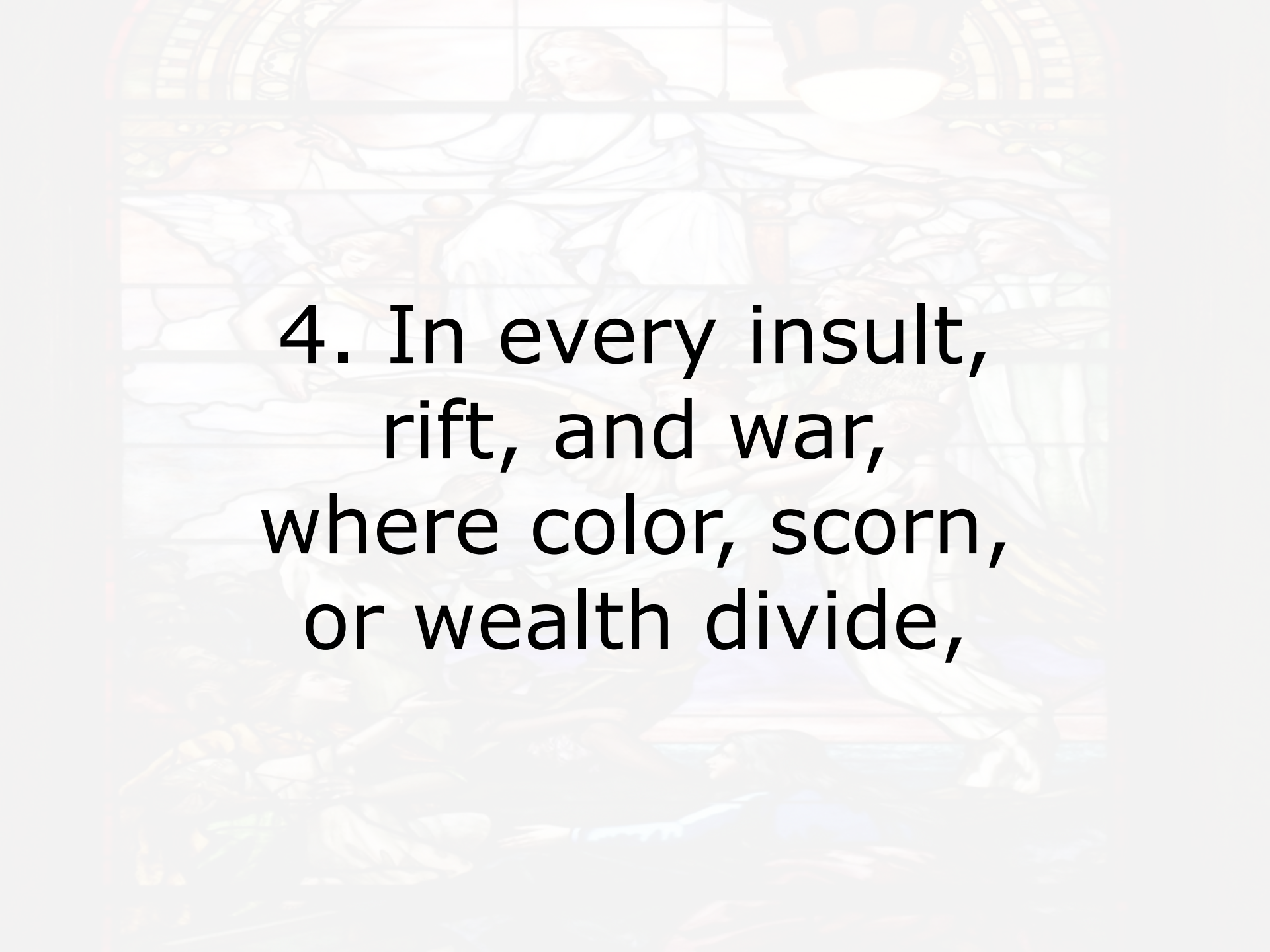
he comes to claim
the here and now
and dwell in
every place
and time.



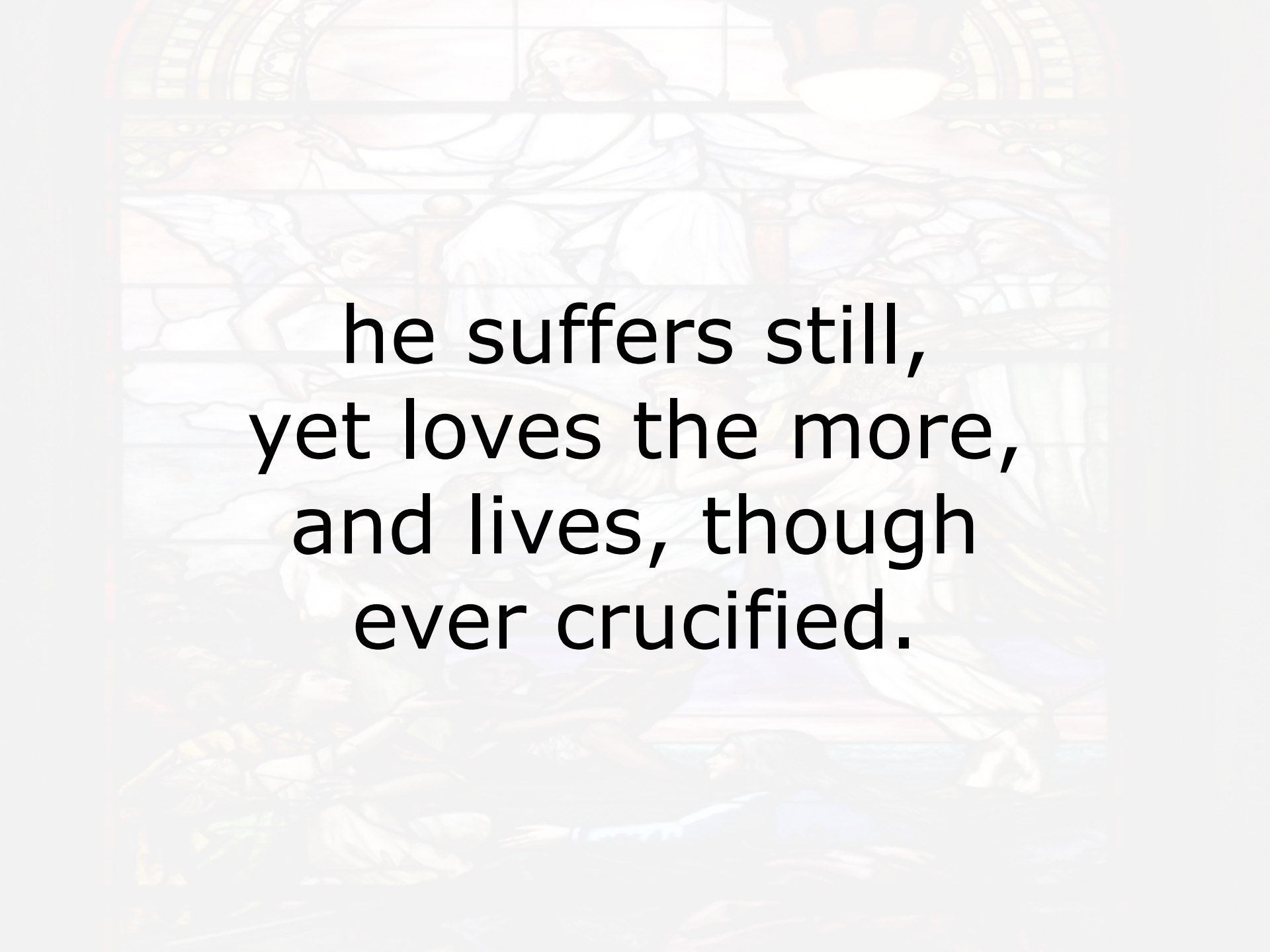
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remotely high,
untouched, unmoved
by human pains,



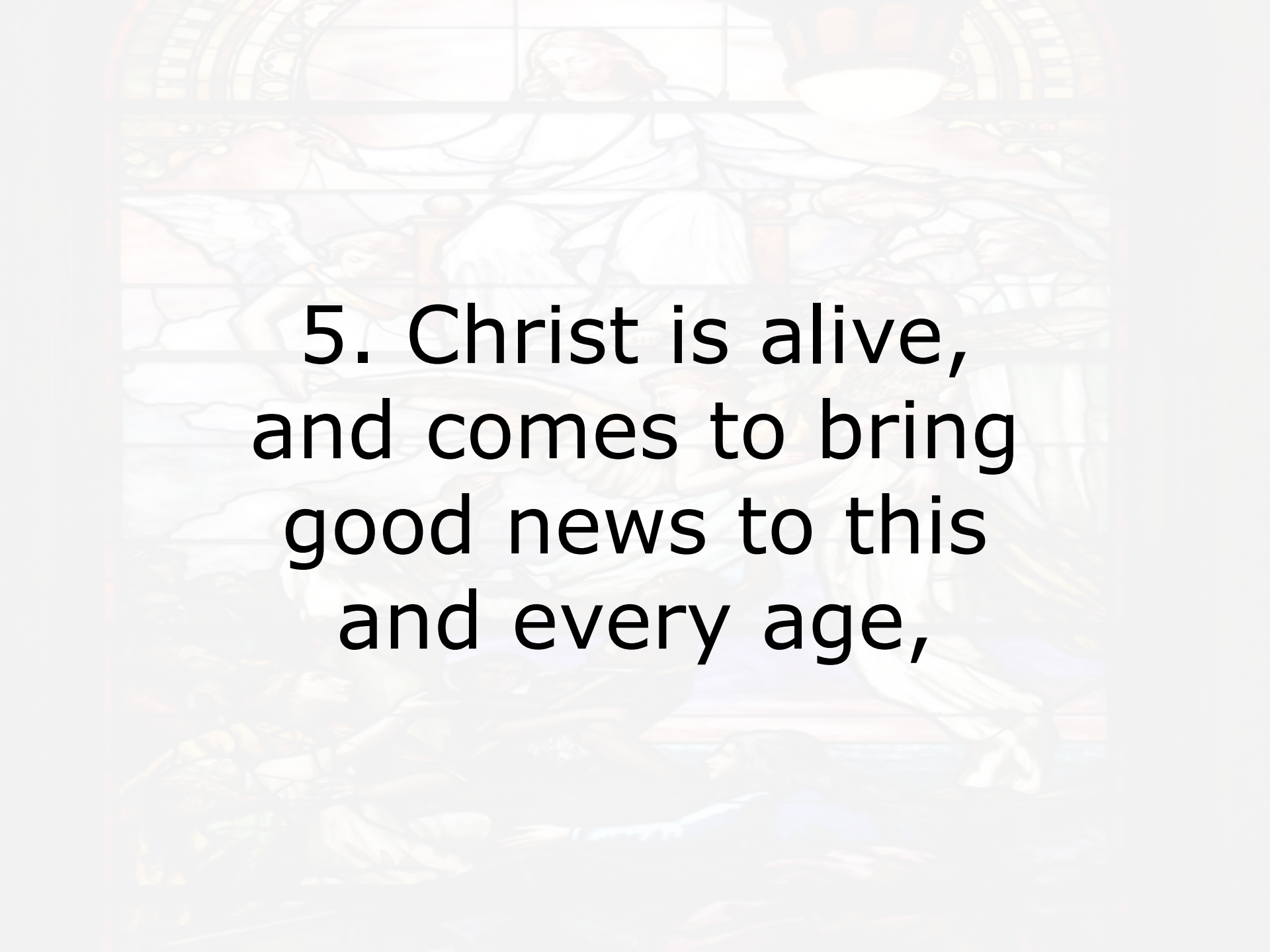
but daily, in
the midst of life,
our Savior in
the Godhead reigns.



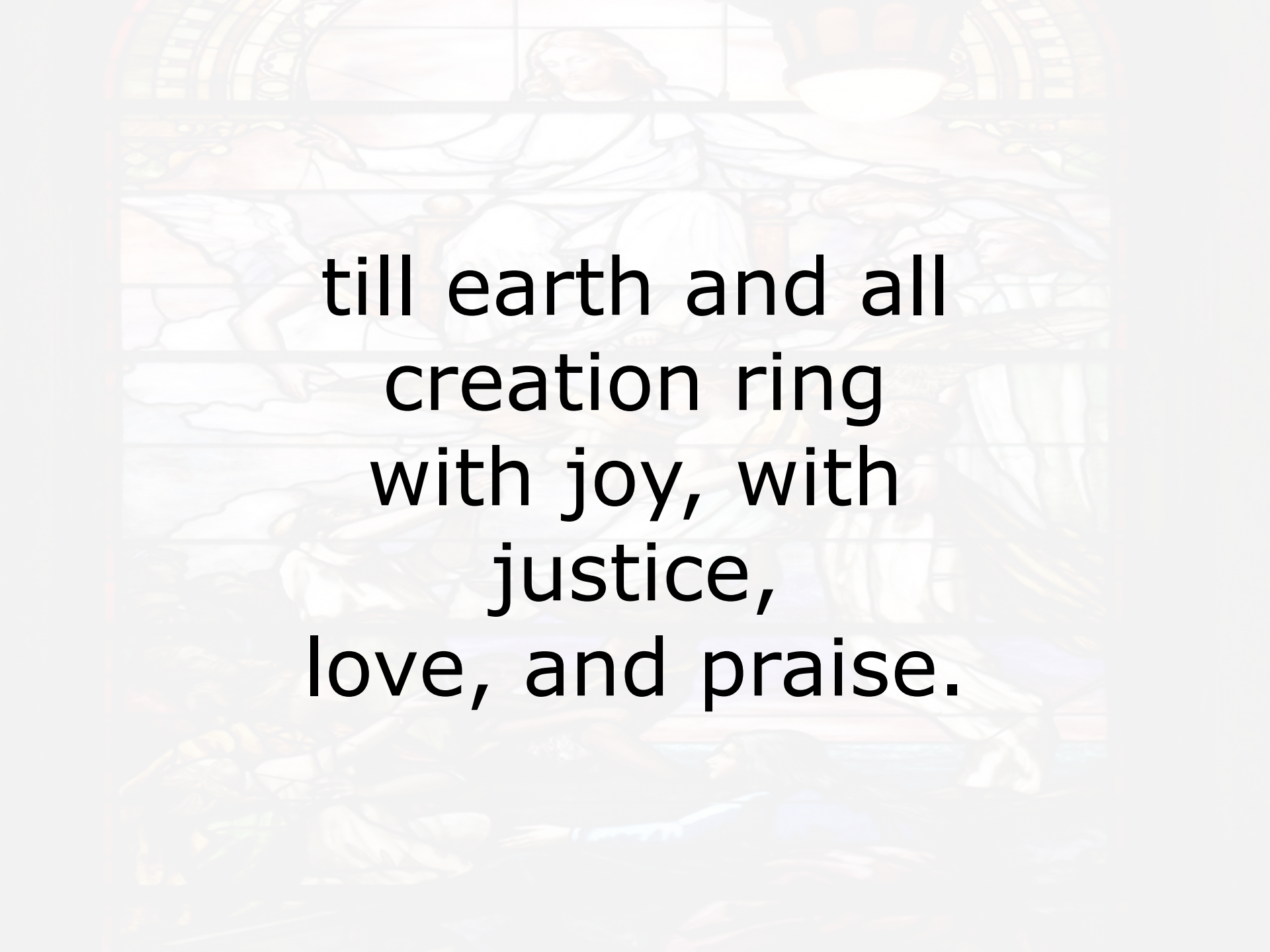
4. In every insult,
rift, and war,
where color, scorn,
or wealth divide,



he suffers still,
yet loves the more,
and lives, though
ever crucified.



**5. Christ is alive,
and comes to bring
good news to this
and every age,**

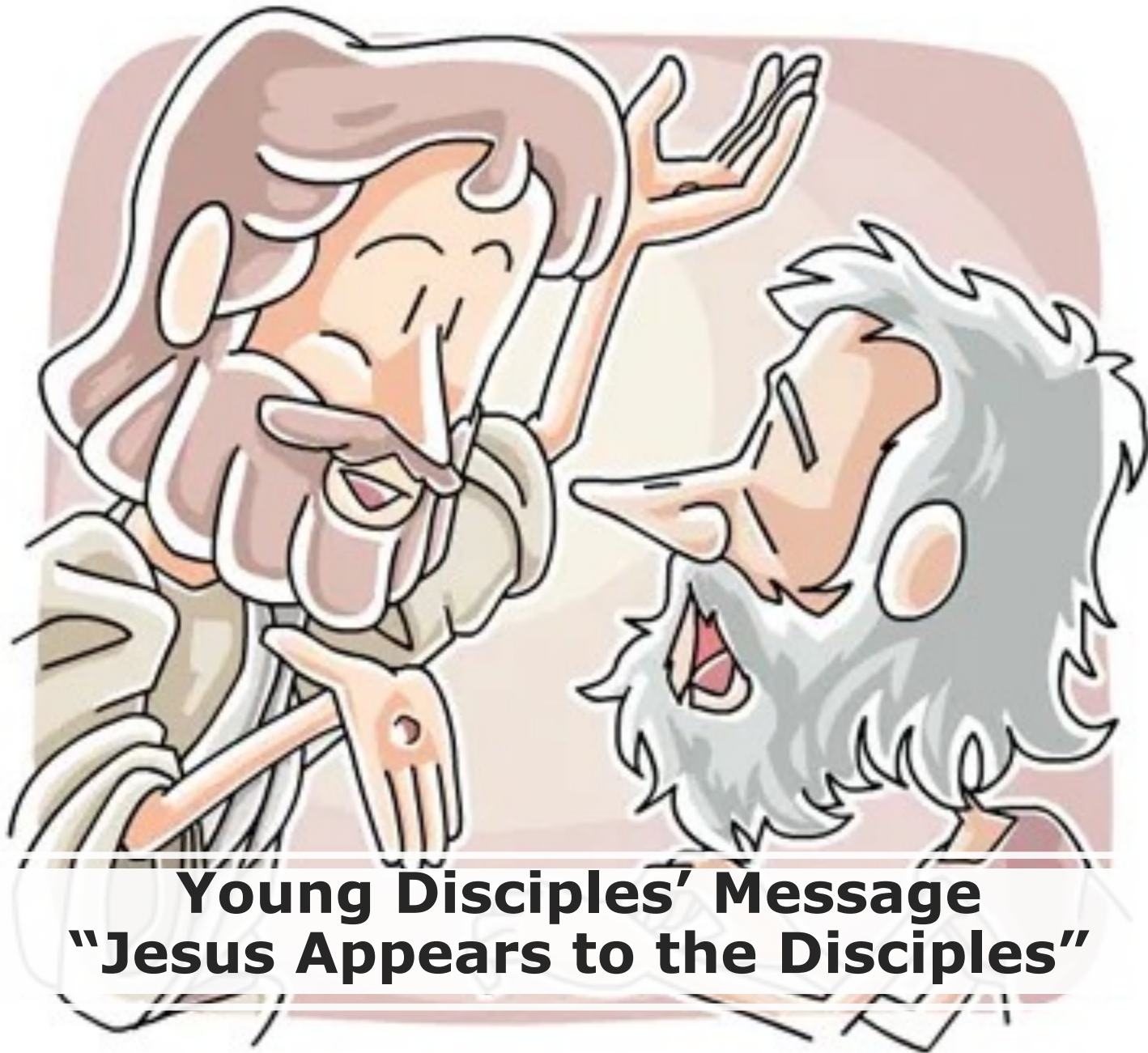


till earth and all
creation ring
with joy, with
justice,
love, and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, whose blessed Son
made himself known to
his
disciples in the breaking
of bread: Open the eyes of
our faith,
that we may behold him
in all his redeeming work;
who lives
and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.**





Young Disciples' Message
"Jesus Appears to the Disciples"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, in you are
hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge.**

**Open our eyes
that we may see the
wonders of your Word;
and give us grace that we
may clearly understand
and freely choose the way
of your wisdom; through
Christ our Lord.**

Amen.





Acts 3: 11 - 21

11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

12 When Peter saw this, he said to them:
"Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

21 Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

PSALM READING

Psalm 4 NIV

PRAY

FAITH

GOD

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of
my right!

People: You have given me room when I
was in distress. Be gracious to me, and
hear my prayer.

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ²How long, O people, shall my
honor suffer shame?

People: How long will you love vain
words, and seek after lies?

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ³but know that the Lord has set
apart the righteous as God's own;

People: **The Lord hears when I call.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ⁴Be angry, but do not sin;

People: commune with your own hearts
in your beds, and be silent.

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,

People: and put your trust in the Lord.

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ⁶There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!

People: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!”

PSALM READING

Psalm 4:1-8 UMH 741

Leader: ⁷You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

People: ⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

A lighthouse stands on the ocean at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange, red, and purple. The lighthouse is a small, white, cylindrical structure with a lantern room on top. It is reflected in the calm water. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the text "Luke 24: 36b -48".

Luke 24: 36b -48

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

Glory Be to the Father

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WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

“By Faith in the name of Jesus”



“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH 474

WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

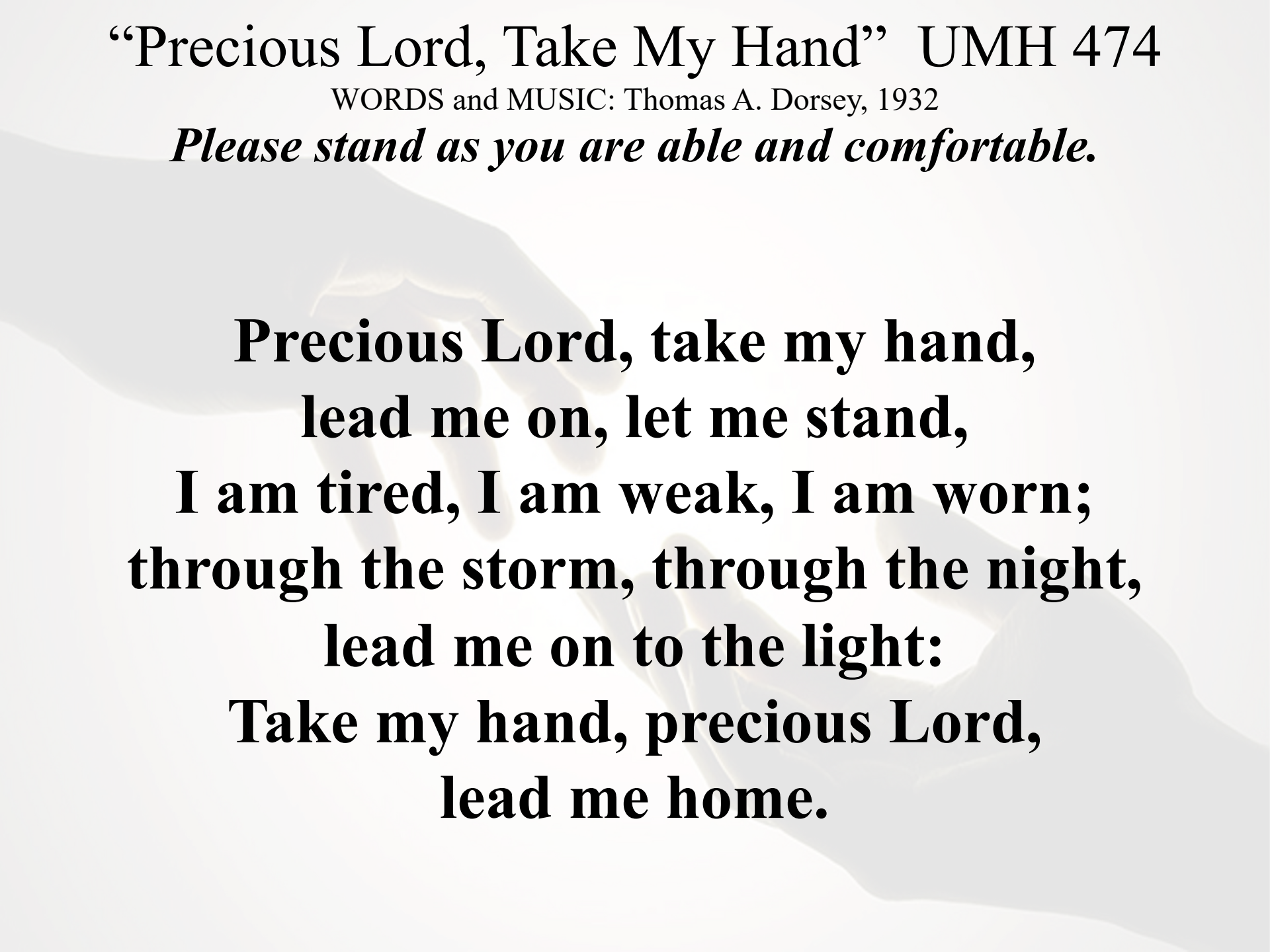
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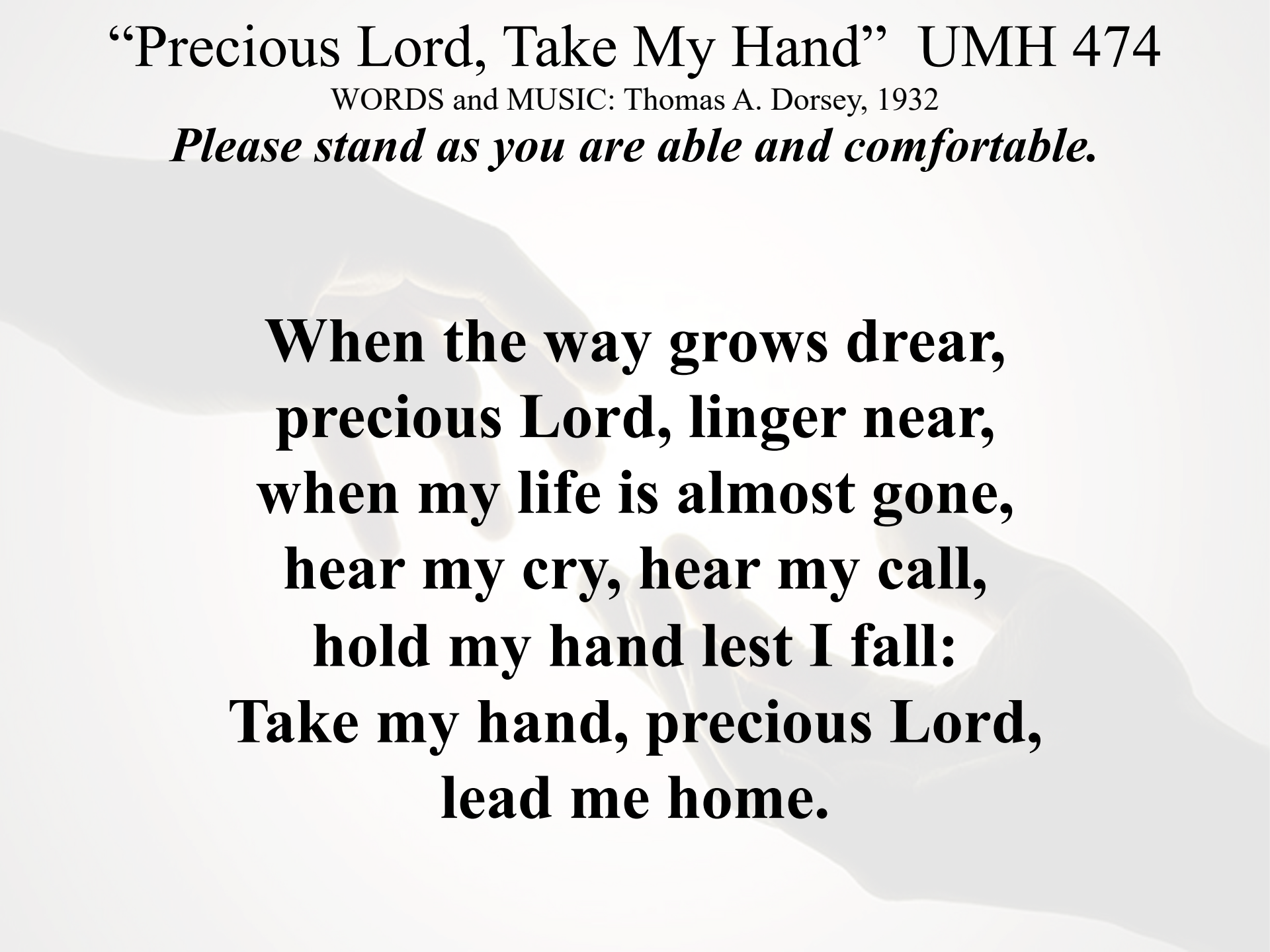


**Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

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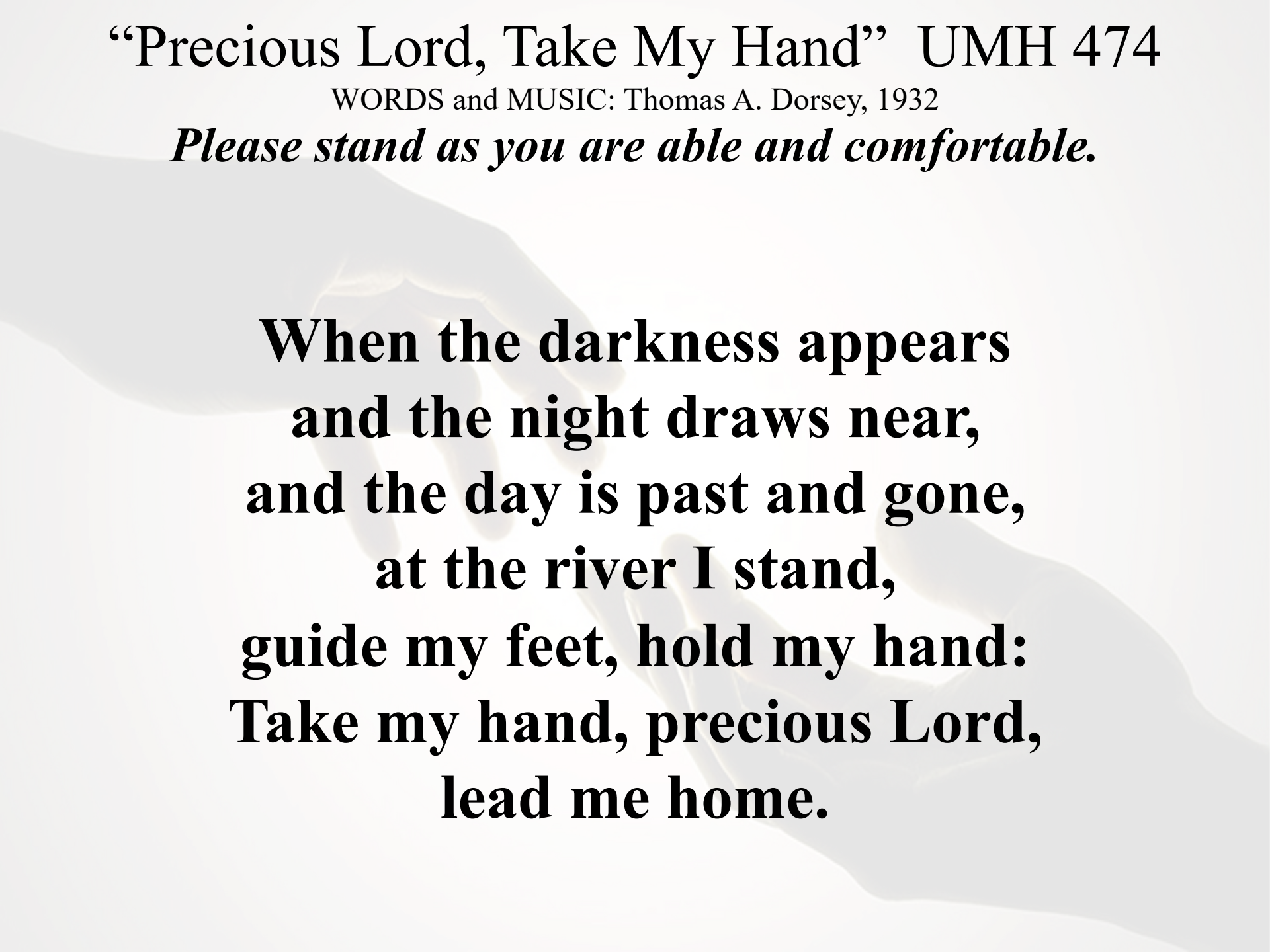


**When the way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH 474

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**When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED
ECUMENICAL VERSION**

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





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 to the dead.






On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
and will come again 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 the PEOPLE

LORD hear our
prayers



*as we lift up to you our
joys and our concerns.*



Pastoral Prayer

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The background of the slide is a light blue wooden surface with a vertical grain. Scattered across the surface are several white cherry blossoms with yellow stamens and pinkish centers, along with some fallen petals. The flowers are primarily located in the corners and along the edges, framing the central text.

Tithes and Offerings

Worship through giving

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The background of the entire image is a light blue, textured surface, possibly wood or paper, with several white cherry blossoms scattered across it. Some flowers are in full bloom, showing yellow stamens and pinkish centers, while others are buds or fallen petals. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered on the page, containing the text.

Offertory 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,
and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.



“He Lives” UMH 310

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he's always near.

“He Lives” UMH 310

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

“He Lives” UMH 310

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing
will come at last.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is so loving,
so good and kind.

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BENEDICTION

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



Till we meet,
till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus feet;
till we meet,
till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

“God Be With You till We Meet Again” UMH 672

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

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till we meet,
till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

A scenic photograph of a church with a tall, pointed steeple, situated on a hillside. The church is reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground. The scene is set during autumn, with trees showing yellow and orange foliage. The sky is a mix of blue and grey clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Question for Reflection

How can you share the good news of Jesus today?

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with
Prayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove
through **S**ervice.