

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a warm, golden sunset sky with soft clouds. The person's head is tilted back, and their hands are open, palms facing forward. The overall mood is one of awe and devotion.

Beautiful Savior

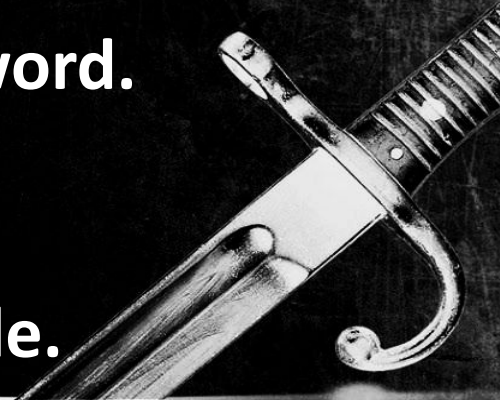
**Lord, Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide,
Nor let your Word, that heavenly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.**



**Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may your mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.**



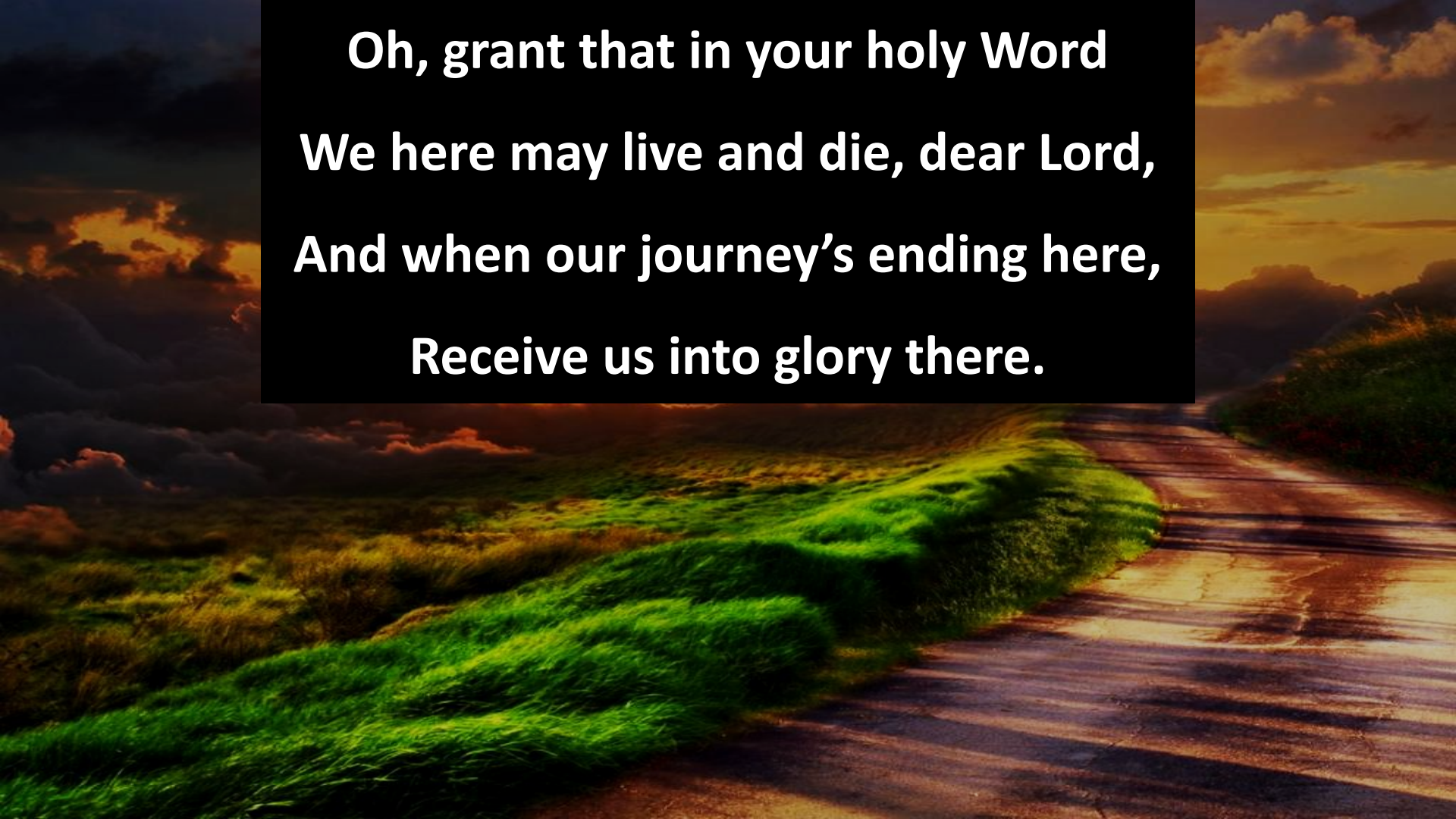
A trusty weapon is your Word,
The Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
That we may seek no other guide.



SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD

*For the word of God is living and active,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,
of joints and of marrow, and discerning the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

HEBREWS 4:12

The background image is a composite of two landscape photographs. The lower half shows a dirt road winding through a field of tall, green grass that is blowing in the wind. The upper half shows a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. A black rectangular box is centered over the image, containing white text.

**Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.**



M: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

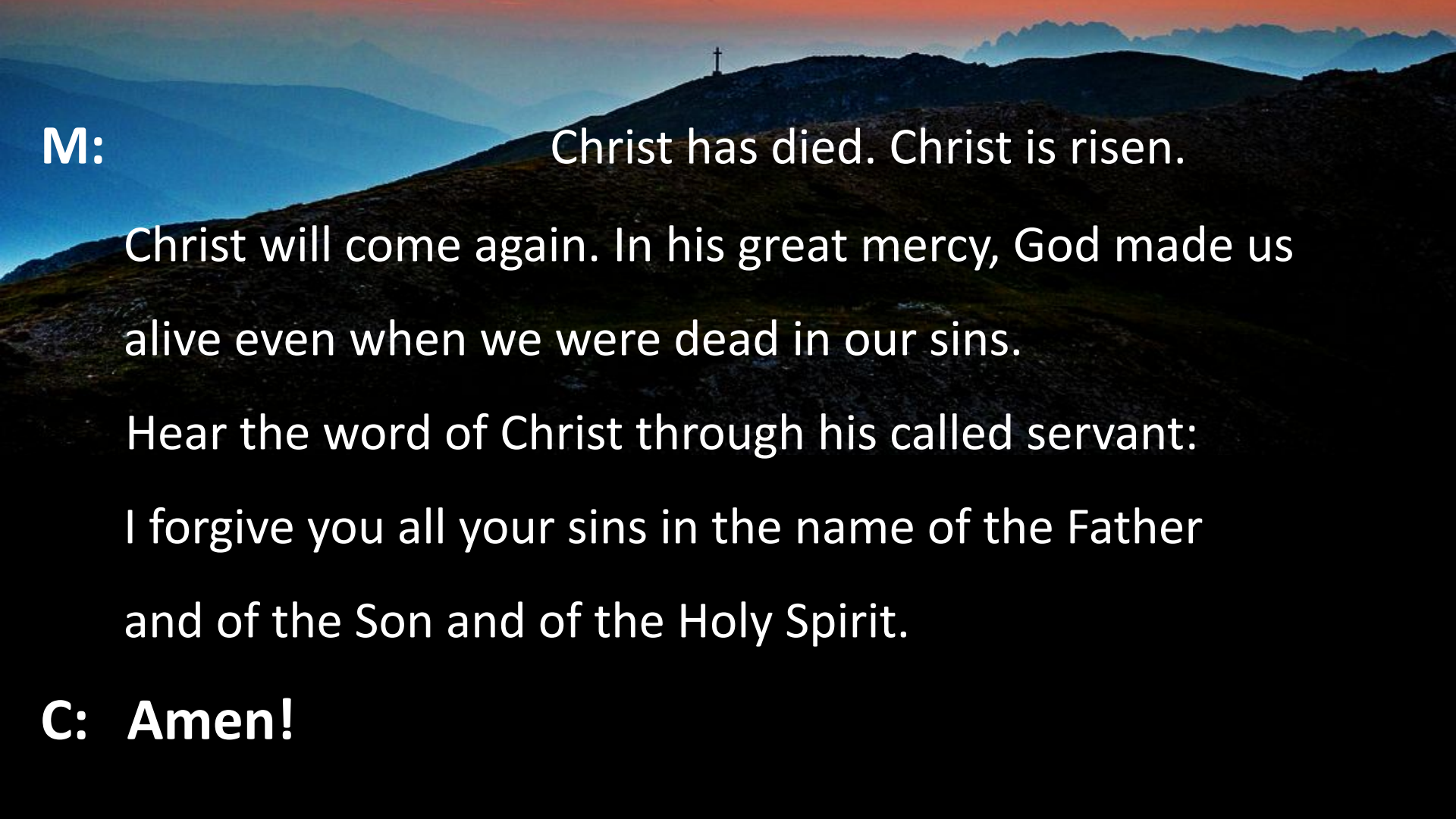
C: Amen.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God
with honest hearts and confess our sins,
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

A landscape photograph showing a dark, silhouetted hill in the foreground. On the peak of the hill, a small cross is visible against the sky. The background consists of layers of blue mountains under a sky with a gradient from orange to blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

M:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us
alive even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

**Your Word alone is solid ground,
The mighty rock on which we build.
In ev'ry line the truth is found,
and every page with glory filled.**



Through faith alone we come to you;

We have no merit we can claim.

Sure that your promises are true,

We place our hope in Jesus' name.

Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!

Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!



**In Christ alone we're justified;
His righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free!
Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!
Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!**



**By grace alone we have been saved;
All that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by your pow'r have been made new!
Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!
Gloria, gloria, Glory to God alone!**





Prayer of the Day

GENESIS 32:22-30

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.



When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, **"Let me go, for it is daybreak."**

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, **"What is your name?"**

"Jacob," he answered.

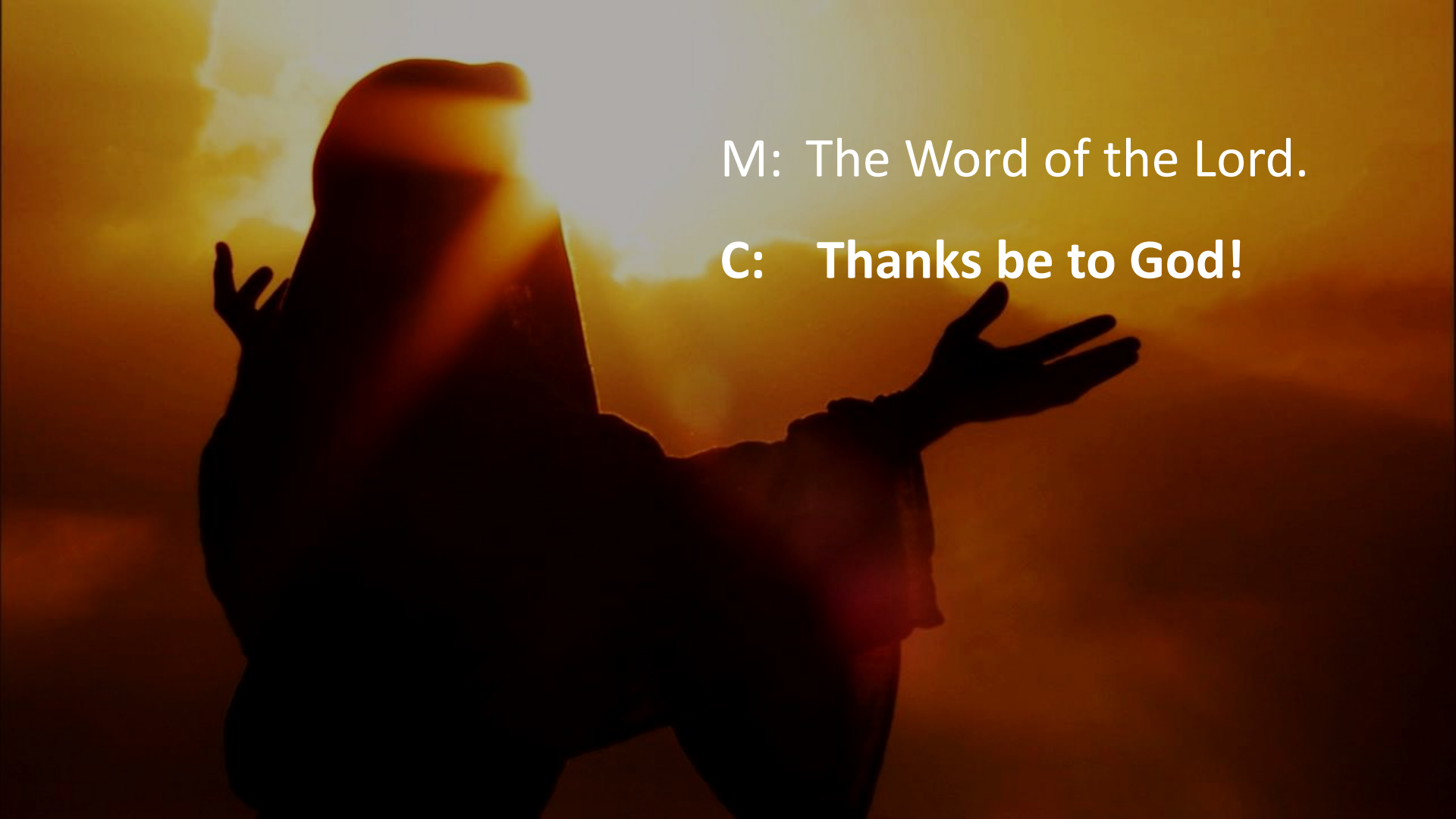


Then the man said, “**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.**”

Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

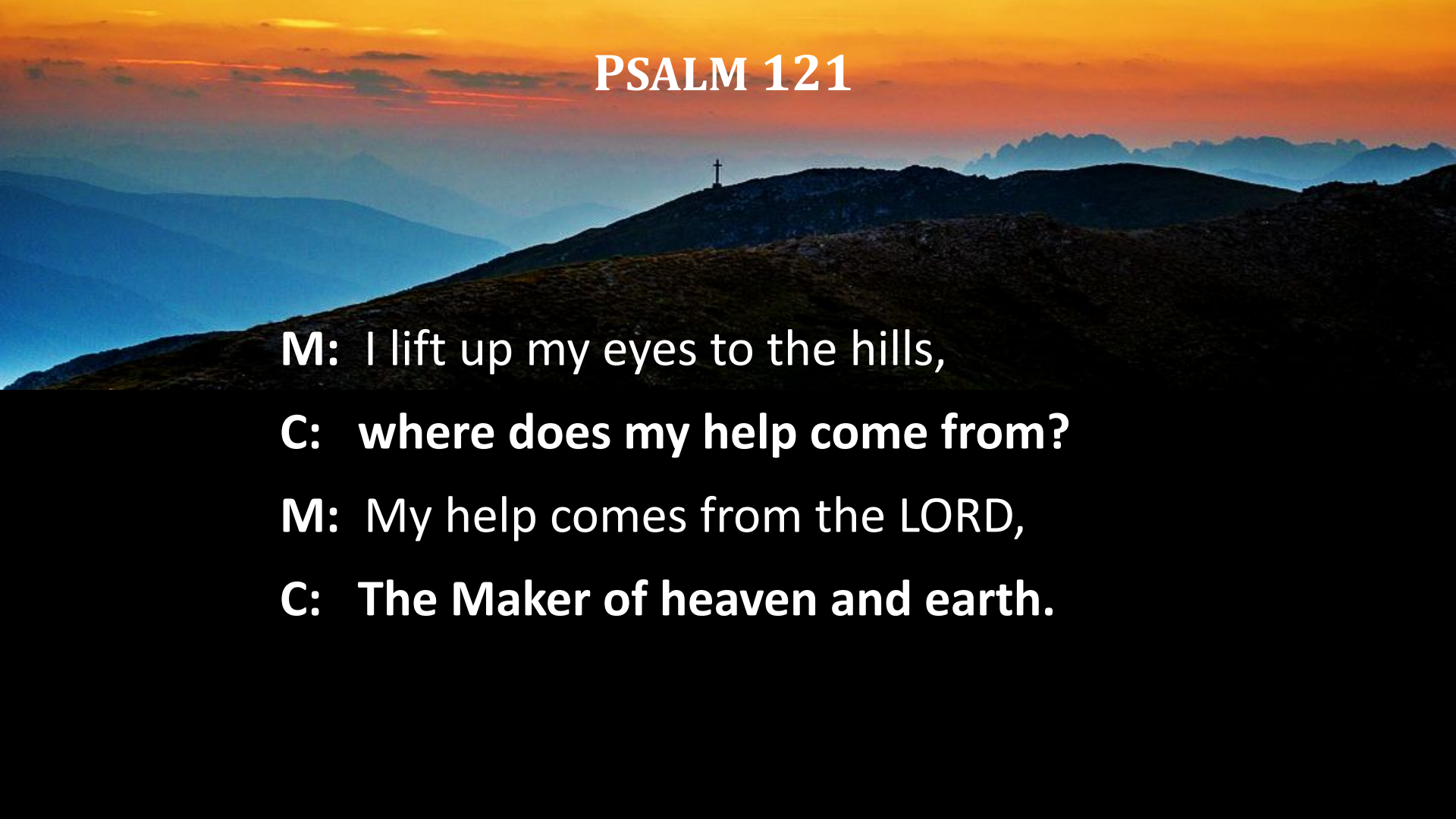
But he replied, “**Why do you ask my name?**” Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw **God** face to face, and yet my life was spared.”



A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a bright, hazy background of a sunset or sunrise. The person's head is tilted back, and their hands are open and reaching upwards. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with soft, wispy clouds.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



PSALM 121

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills,

C: **where does my help come from?**

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

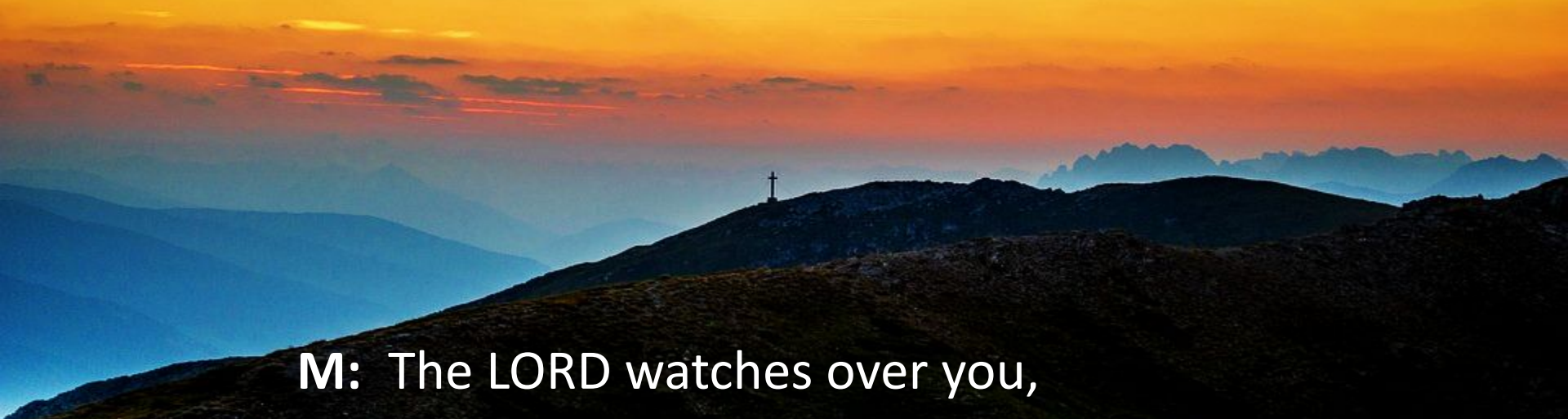


M: He will not let your foot slip,

C: He who watches over you will not slumber.

M: Indeed, He who watches over Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.



M: The LORD watches over you,

C: The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm,

C: He will watch over your life;



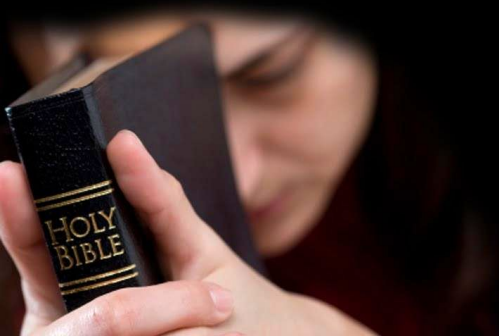
M: The LORD will watch over your coming and going

C: Both now and forevermore.

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.

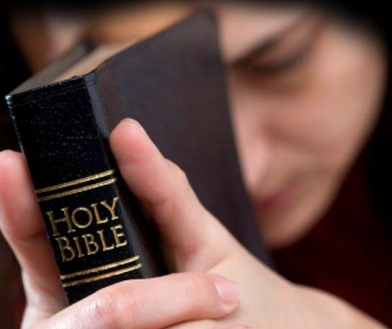
LUKE 18:1-8

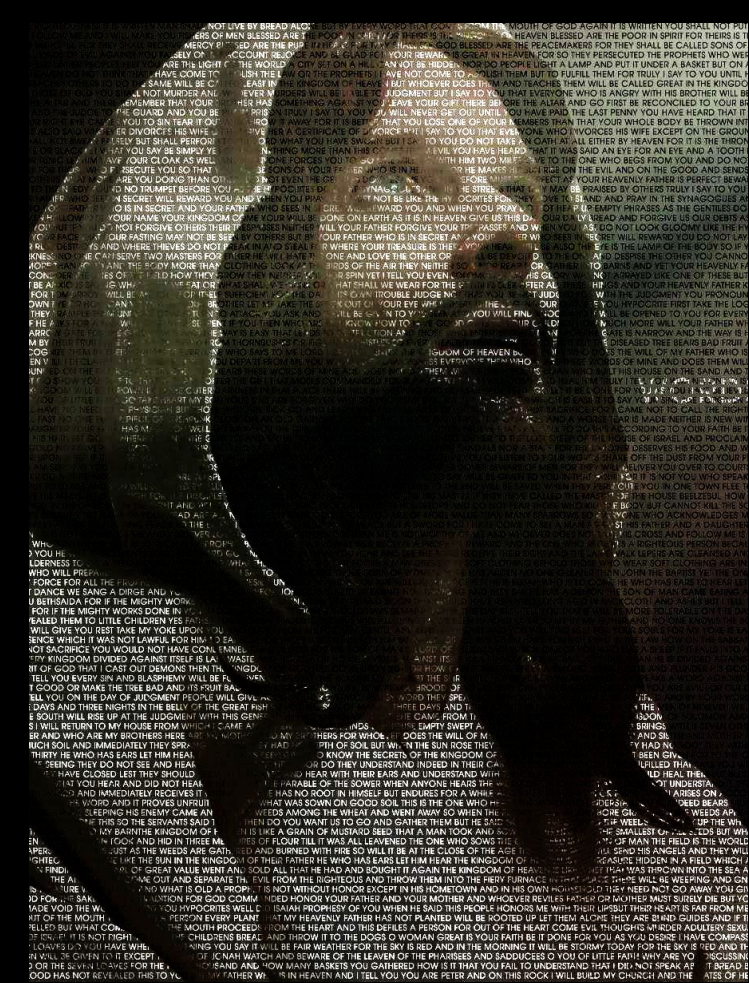
Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: **“In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’**



**“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself,
‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet
because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she
gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and
attack me!’”**

**And the Lord said, “Listen to what
the unjust judge says.**

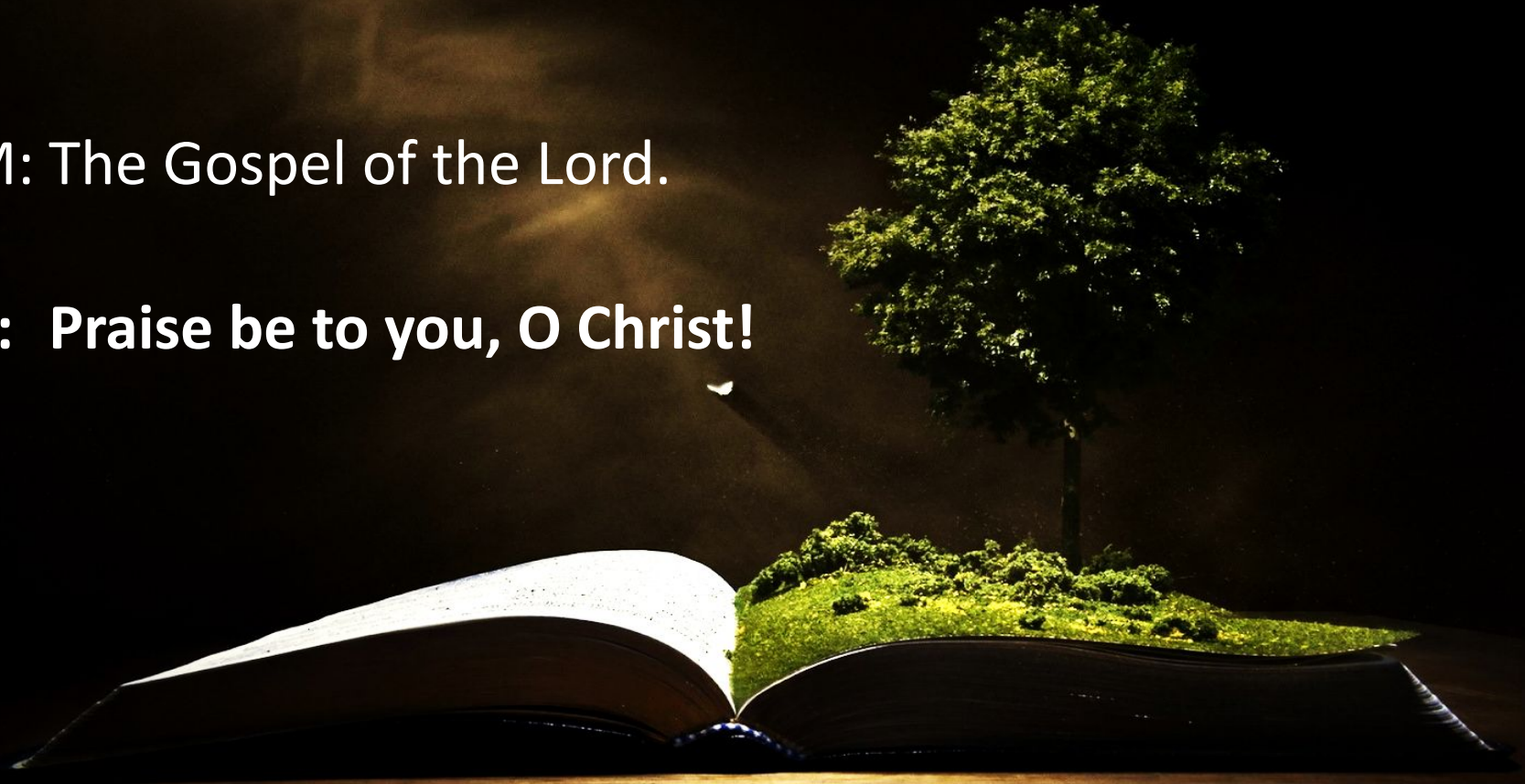




And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like you there is no other,
true delight is found in you alone.**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love, exceeds the heavens' reach,
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need.**

**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts,**

For the word of God is living and active.

SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD

My song when enemies surround me,

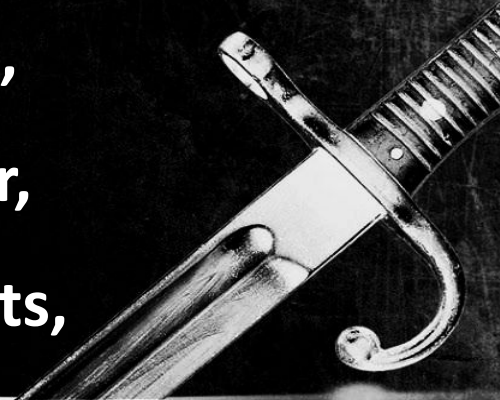
*It pierces the soul and divides
the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

HEBREWS 4:12

My hope when tides of sorrow rise,

My joy when trials are abounding,

Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.



**O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders,
In my place you suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to your name!**

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared



in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.



But you, keep your head in all situations,
endure hardship,
do the work of an evangelist,
discharge all the duties of your ministry.



Sermon

Remain in what you have learned
The Word of God has eternal & daily value

1. It is Powerful

2. It is reliable & relevant





**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven & earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**



**For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,**

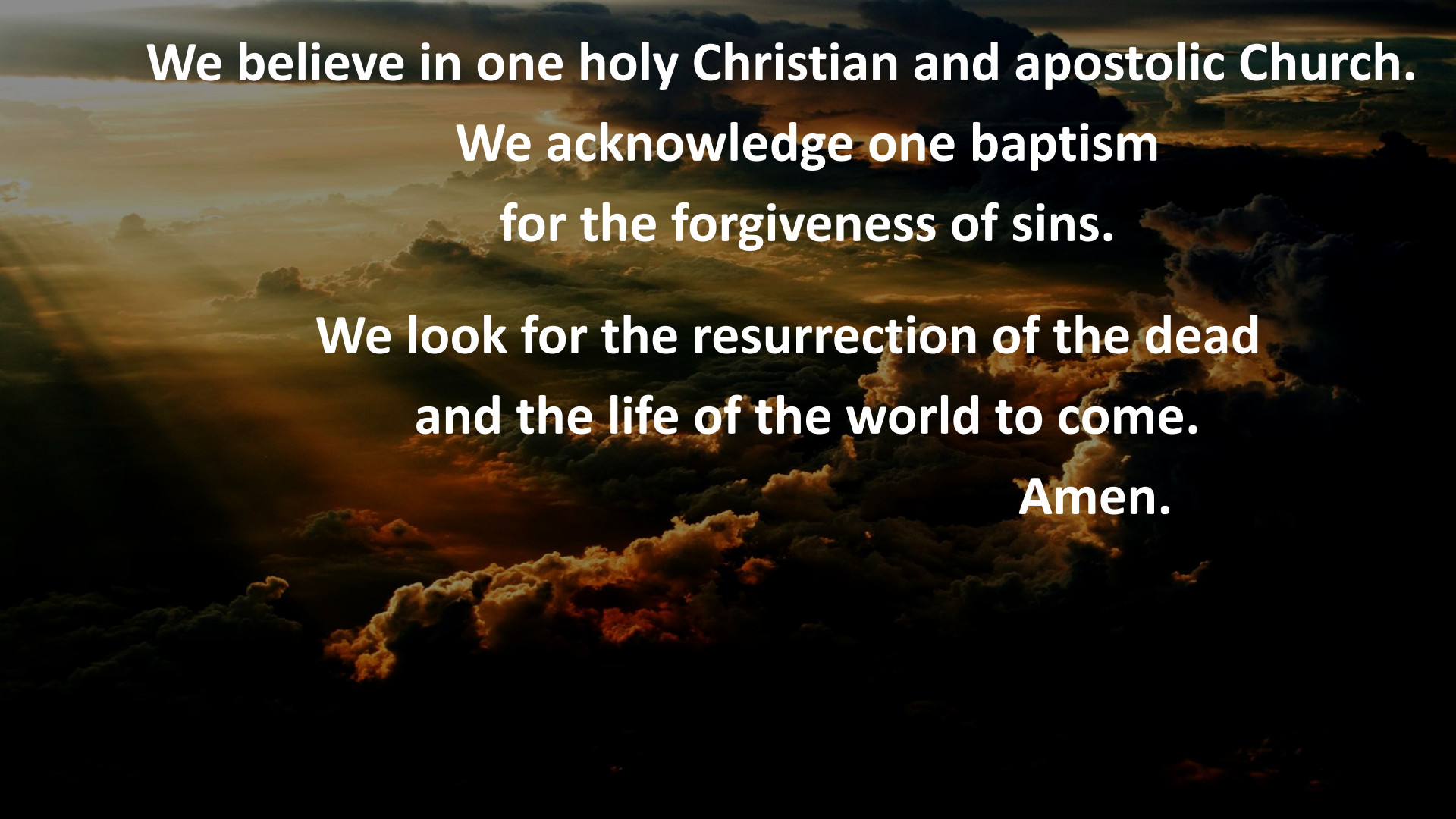
and his kingdom will have no end.

THE
Glorious
Morning
WHEN THE SAVIOUR CAME



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**





We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

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

**Give us this day 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

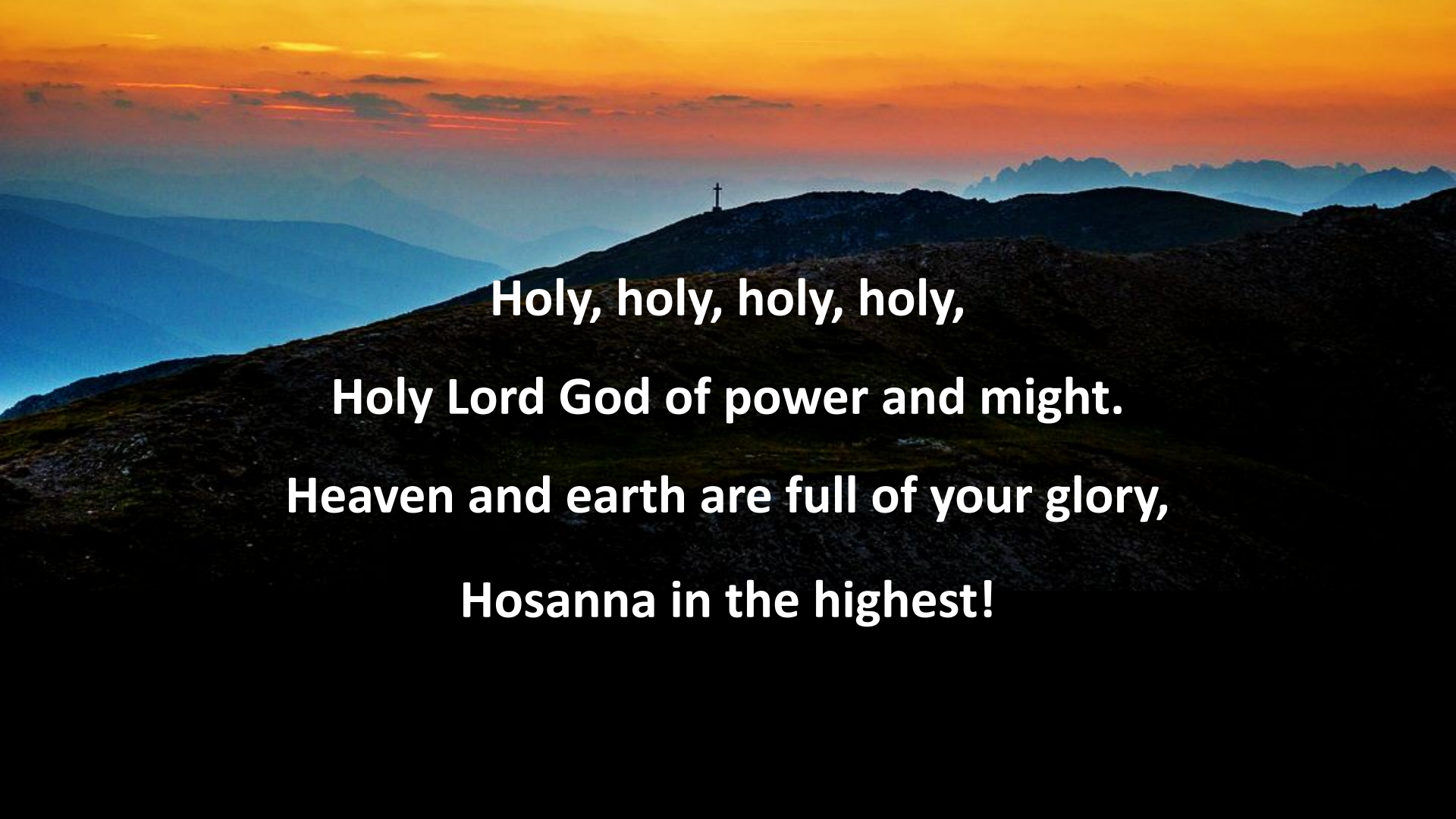
M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

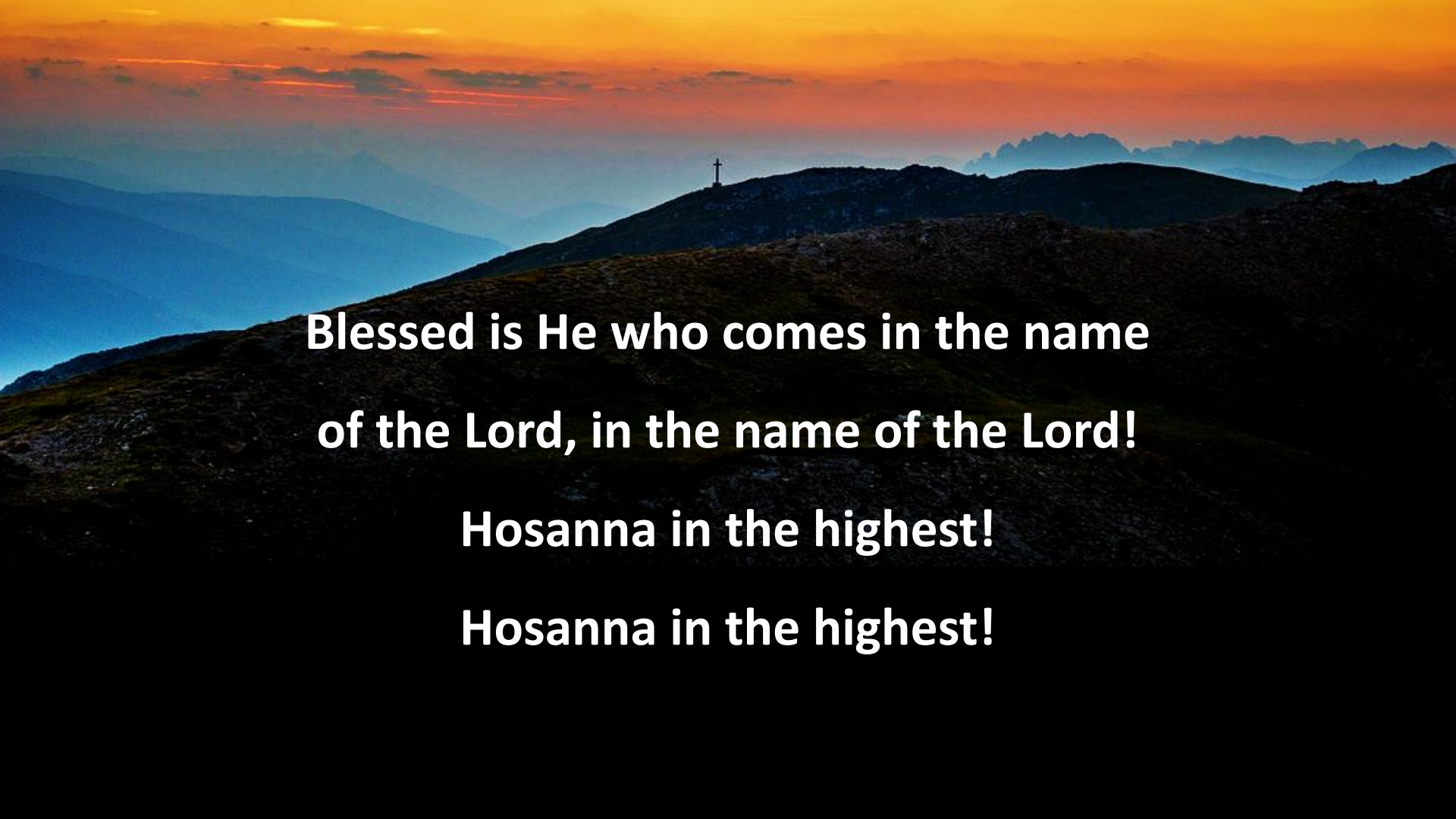
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song!



**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!**



**Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna in the highest!

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M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will for us.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell for us.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven for us.

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word,
we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.
Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and
preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him
and all his ransomed people in glory
everlasting.

C: Amen!



M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed,
took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”



Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



C: (Sing)

O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

A note to our visitors: *Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.*

**Lord, bid your servant go in peace,
your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
this child so long foretold.**



**This is the Savior of the world,
the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
the joy of Israel.**



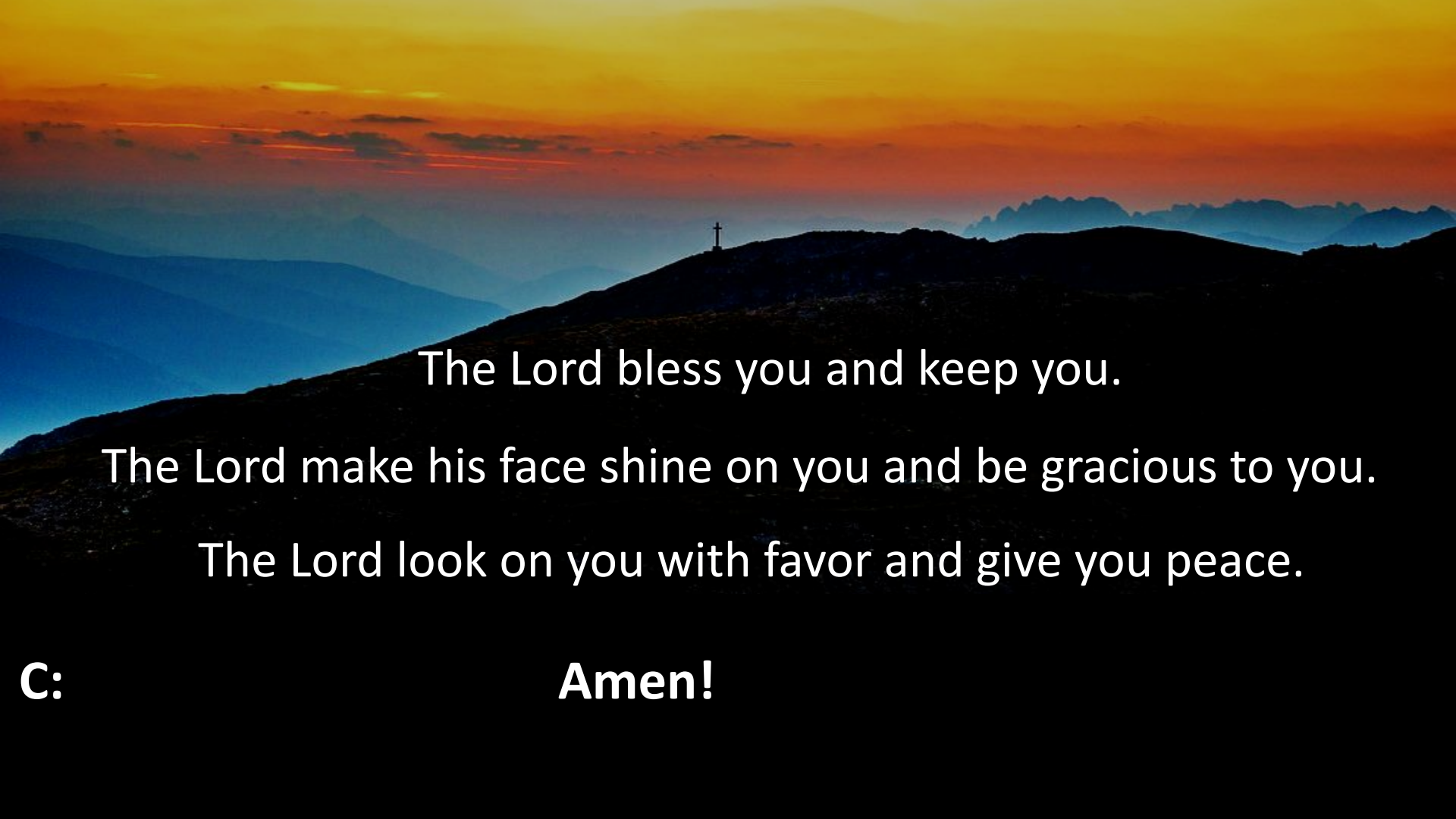
With saints of old, with saints to come,

To you we lift our voice;

To Father, Son, and Spirit blest

Be honor, love, and praise.



A landscape photograph showing a dark silhouette of a hill in the foreground. On the peak of the hill, a small cross is visible. The background consists of rolling hills and mountains under a sky with warm, orange and yellow hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the image.

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.

C: Amen!

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**



Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged -

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -

Take it to the Lord in prayer!



**Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.**



Schedule

TODAY	Potluck meal	following worship
TUES	Women's gathering / study	1pm
WED	Youth Catechism Class	6:30pm
	Bible Information Class	7:30pm
	The Ten Commandments - part 1	
SAT	Men's gathering / study	8am
Next Sunday	All Ages Bible Study Time	9am
	Worship	10am

Today: hosting a Michigan Lutheran Seminary Taste of Ministry student.

Nov1: work day at church.

Nov2: Reformation Potluck.