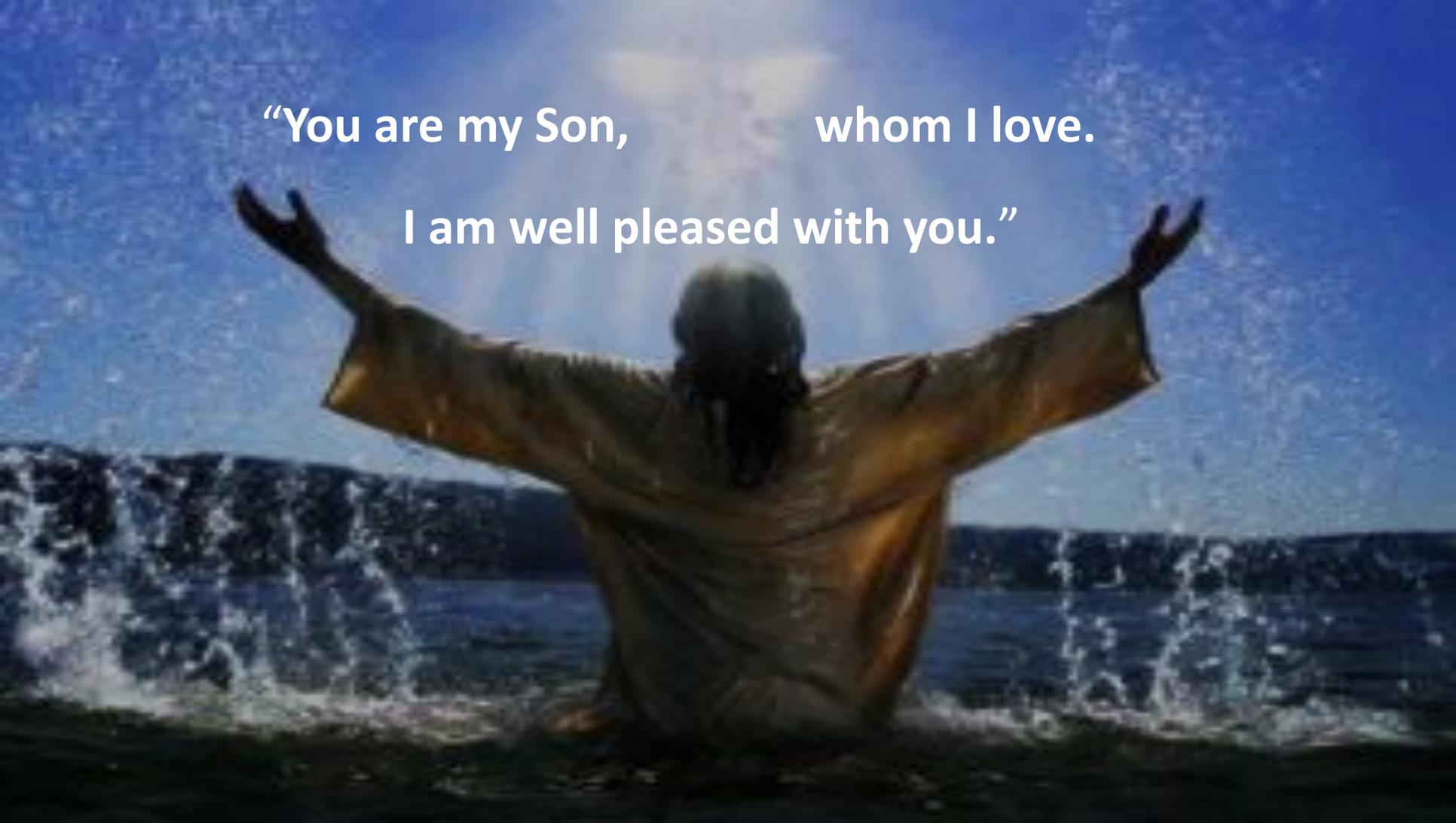
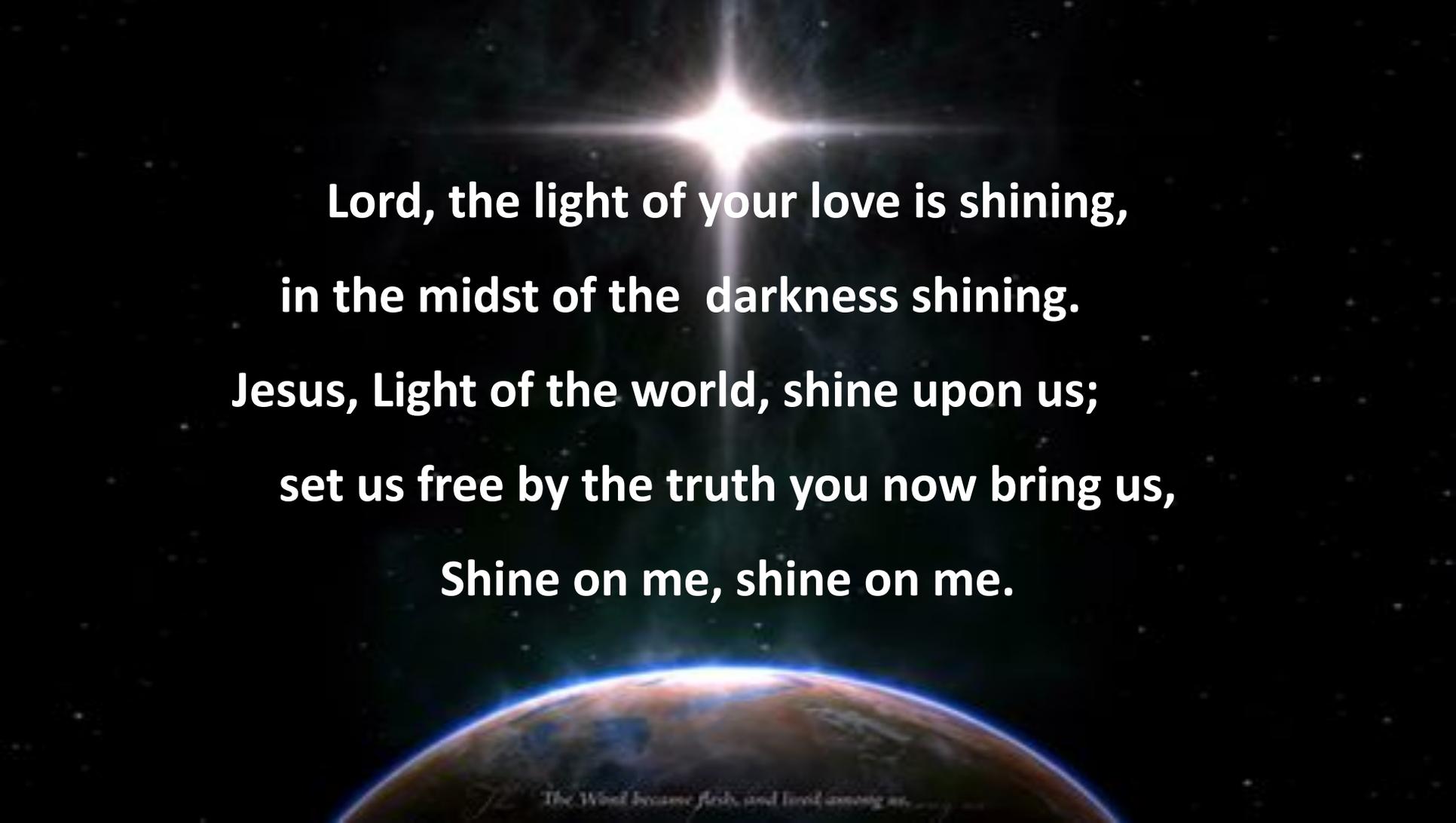


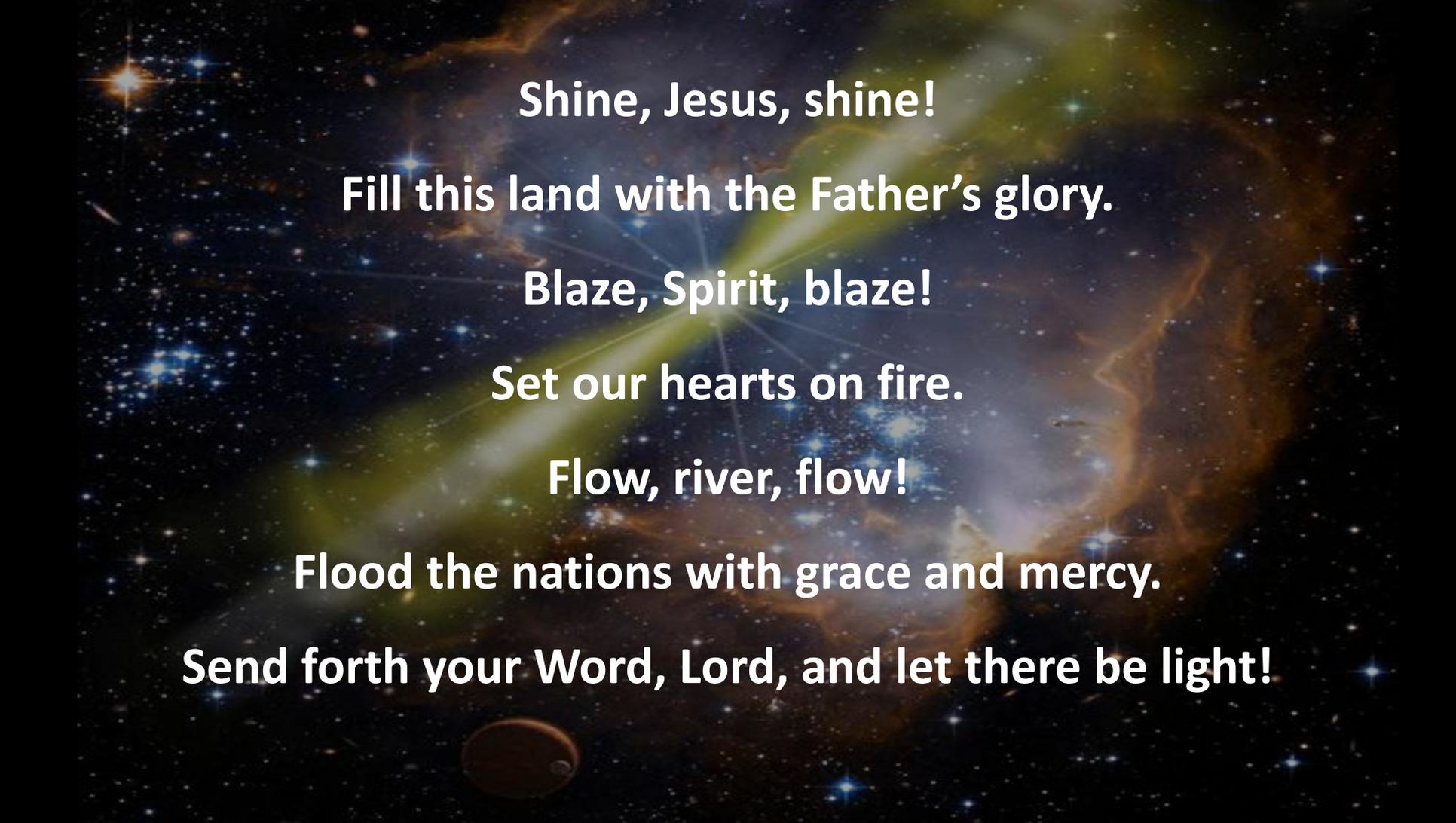
“You are my Son, whom I love.

I am well pleased with you.”





**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.

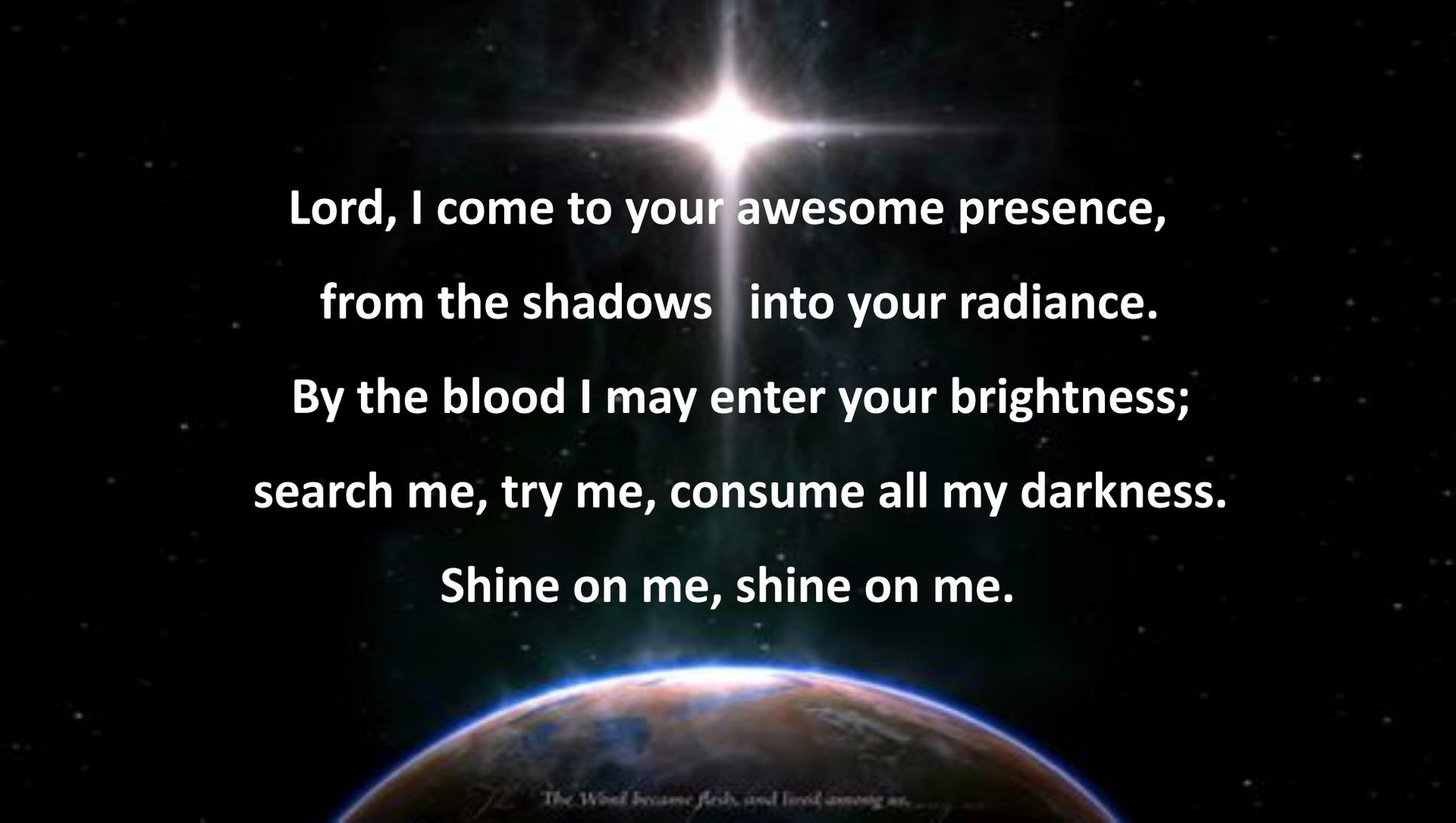
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Set our hearts on fire.

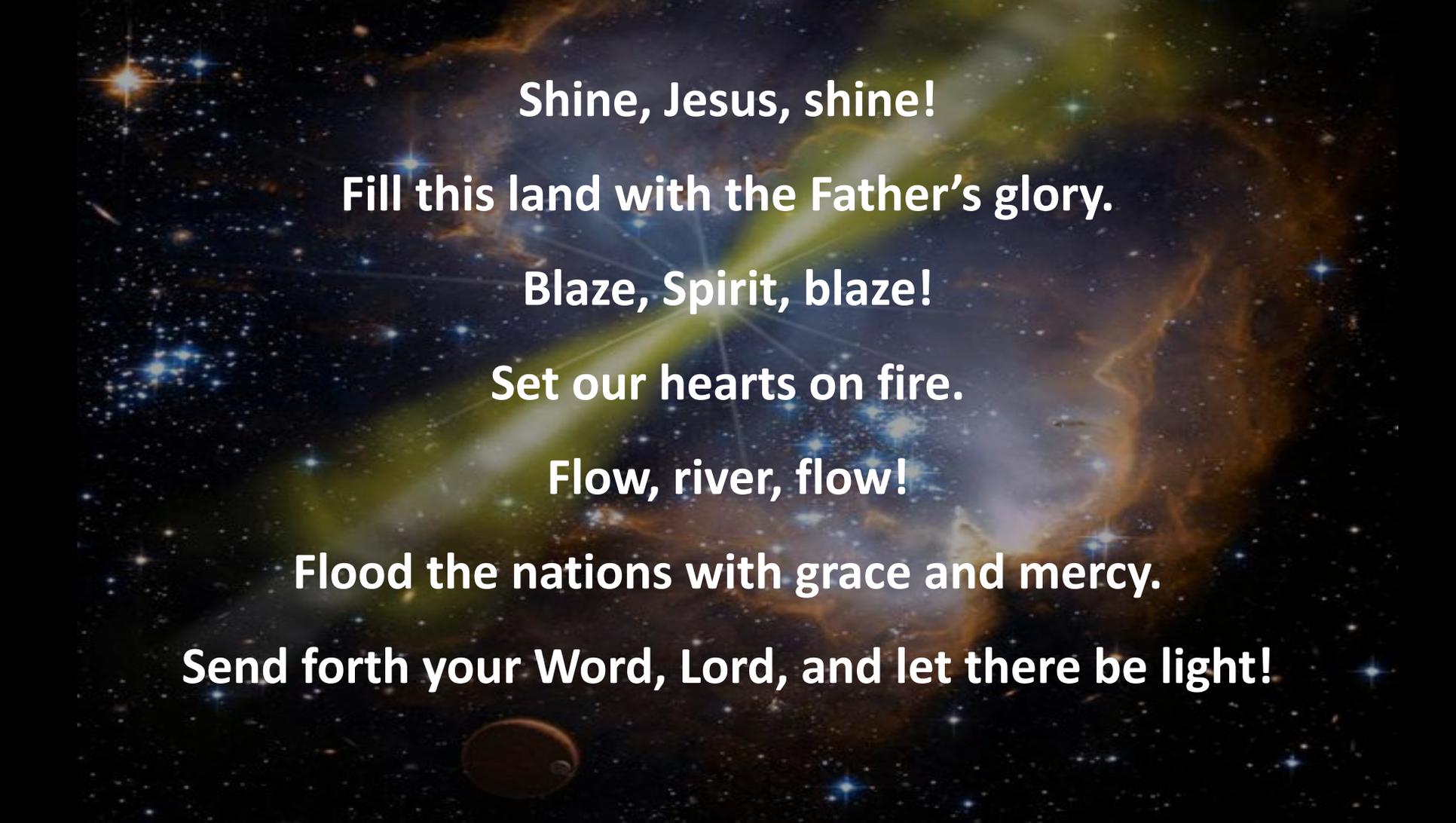
Flow, river, flow!

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.**



Shine, Jesus, shine!

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

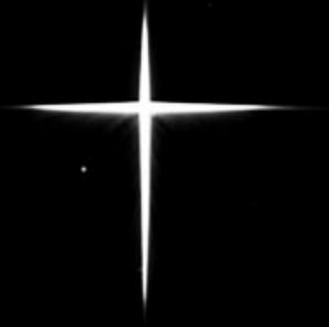
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M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
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and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

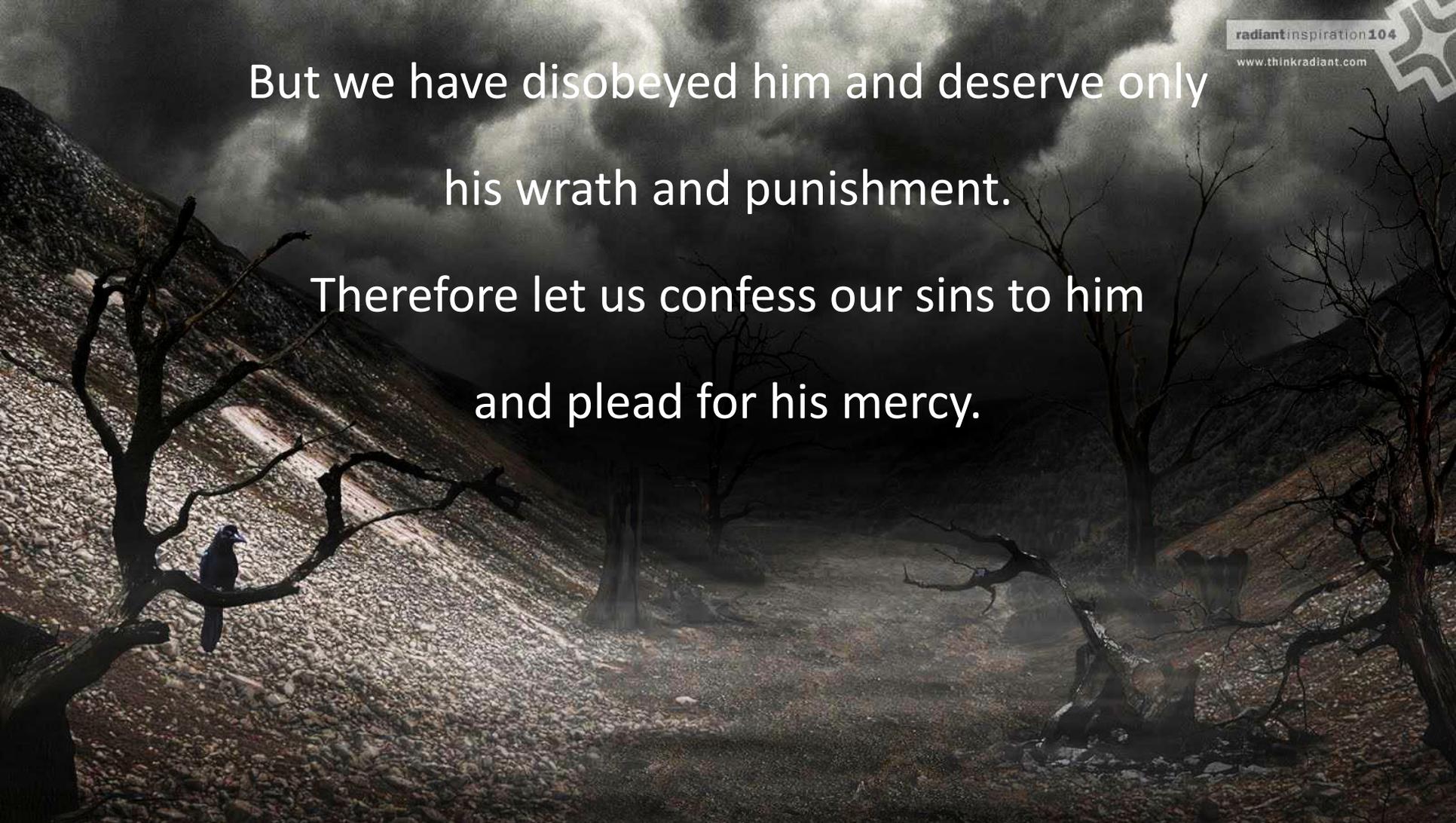
C: **And also with you.**

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



But we have disobeyed him and deserve only
his wrath and punishment.

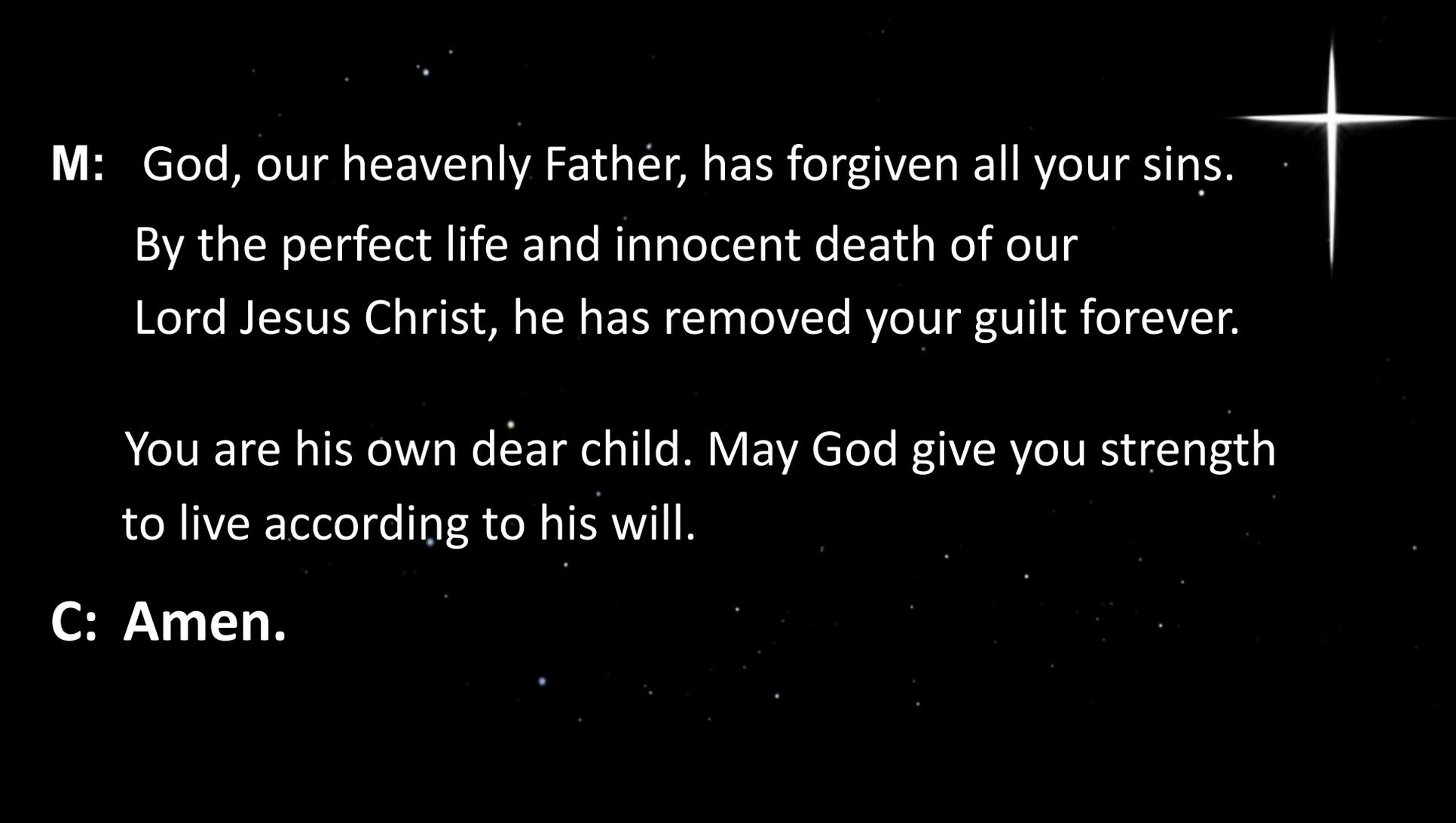
Therefore let us confess our sins to him
and plead for his mercy.



**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.**

Silence for Reflection



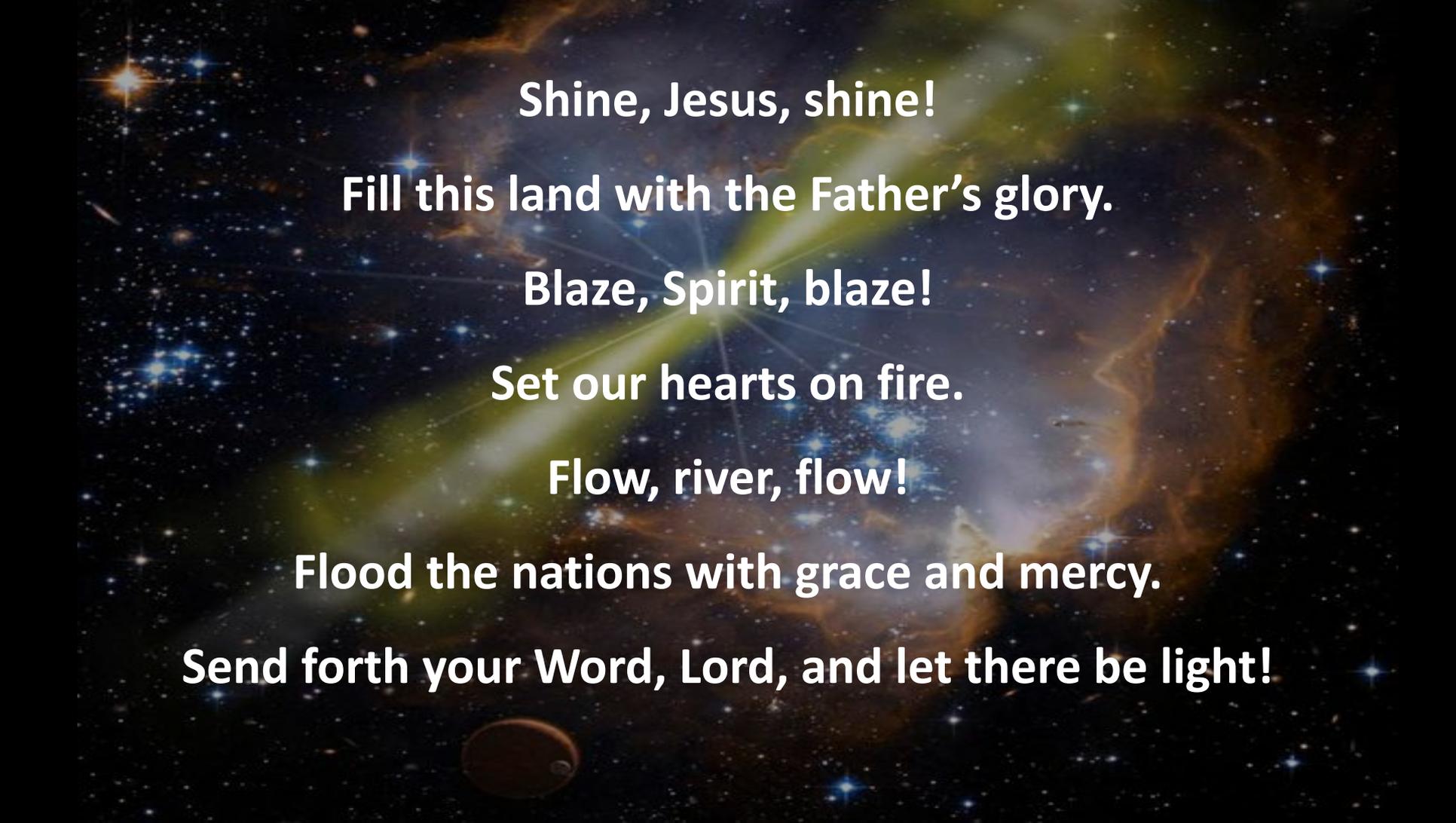
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins.
By the perfect life and innocent death of our
Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever.

You are his own dear child. May God give you strength
to live according to his will.

C: Amen.



**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.**



Shine, Jesus, shine!

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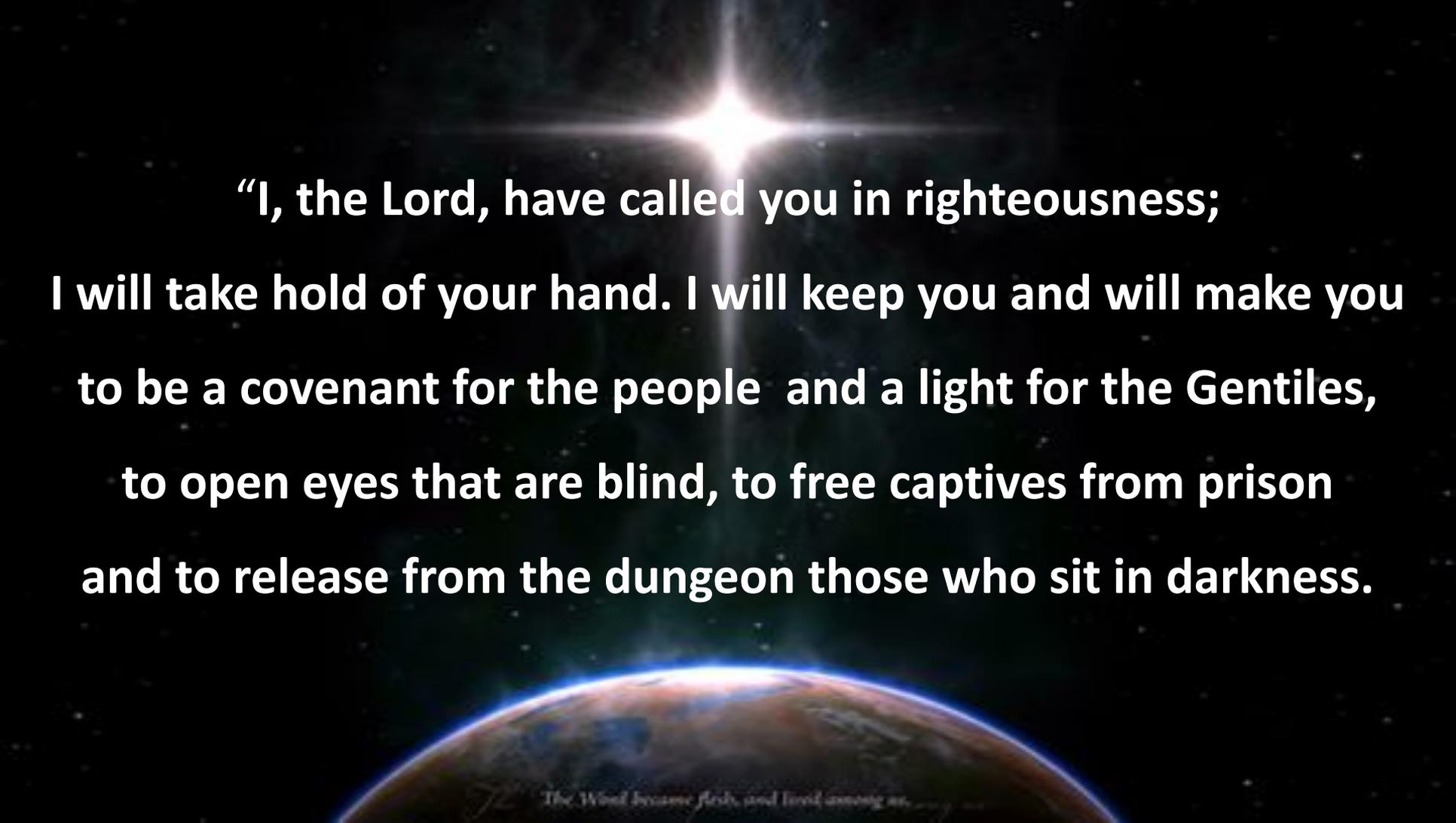
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who
stretches them out, who spreads out
the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

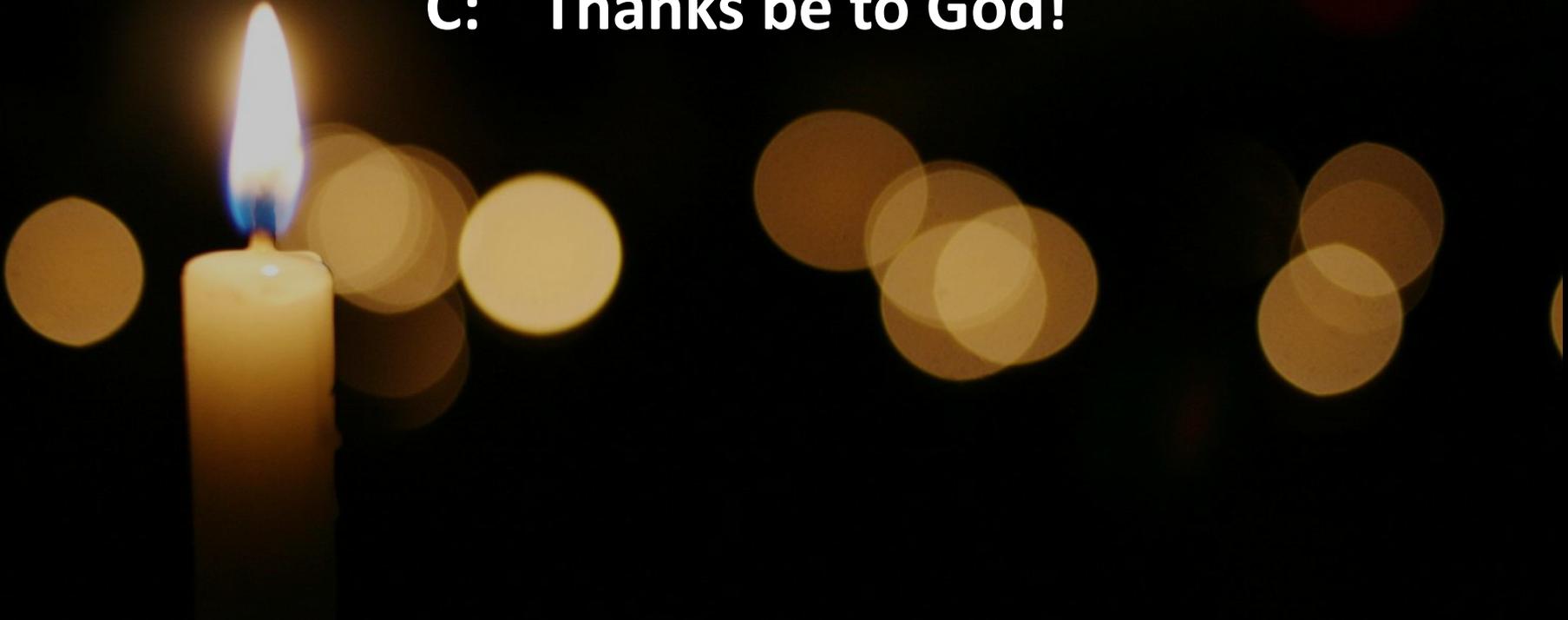




**“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,
to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.**

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



PSALM 45

M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme

C: as I recite my verses for the King.

M: You are the most excellent of men,

**C: and your lips have been anointed
with grace.**



M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;

C: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

For the word of God is living and active,

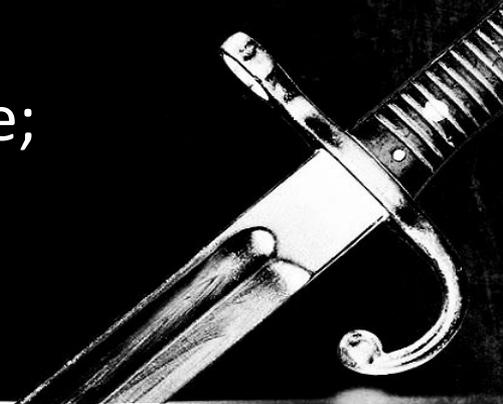
SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD,

M: In your majesty ride forth victoriously.

cutting to the heart of our

thoughts and intentions of the heart.

C: Let your right hand display awesome deeds.



M: Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever;

C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.



M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

C: Therefore the nations will praise you forever and ever.

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.



ACTS 10:34-38

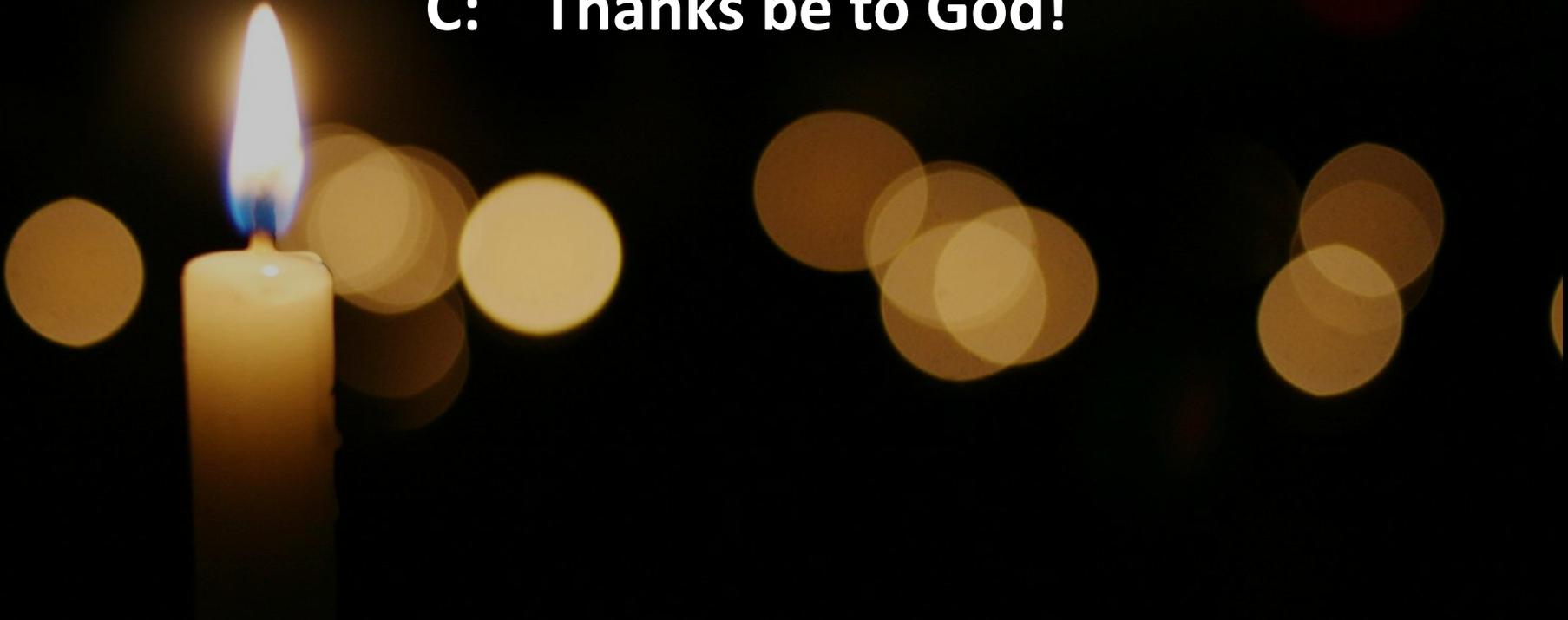
Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee

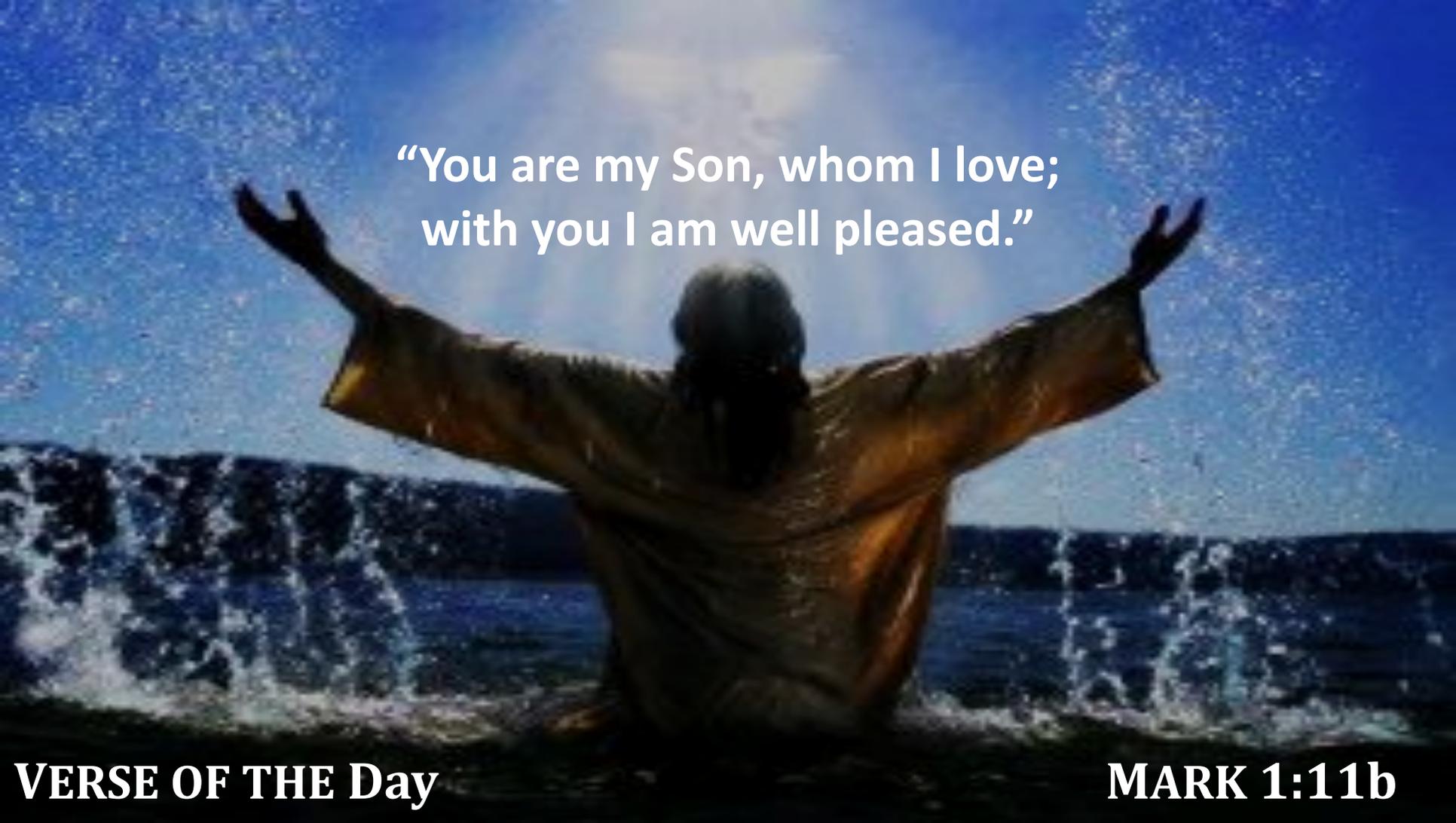
after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.



M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



A person wearing a brown, textured robe stands in the middle of a turbulent sea. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, and their hands are open. The sea is dark blue with white, frothy waves crashing around them. The sky is a deep, clear blue. The overall mood is one of triumph or divine presence amidst a storm.

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

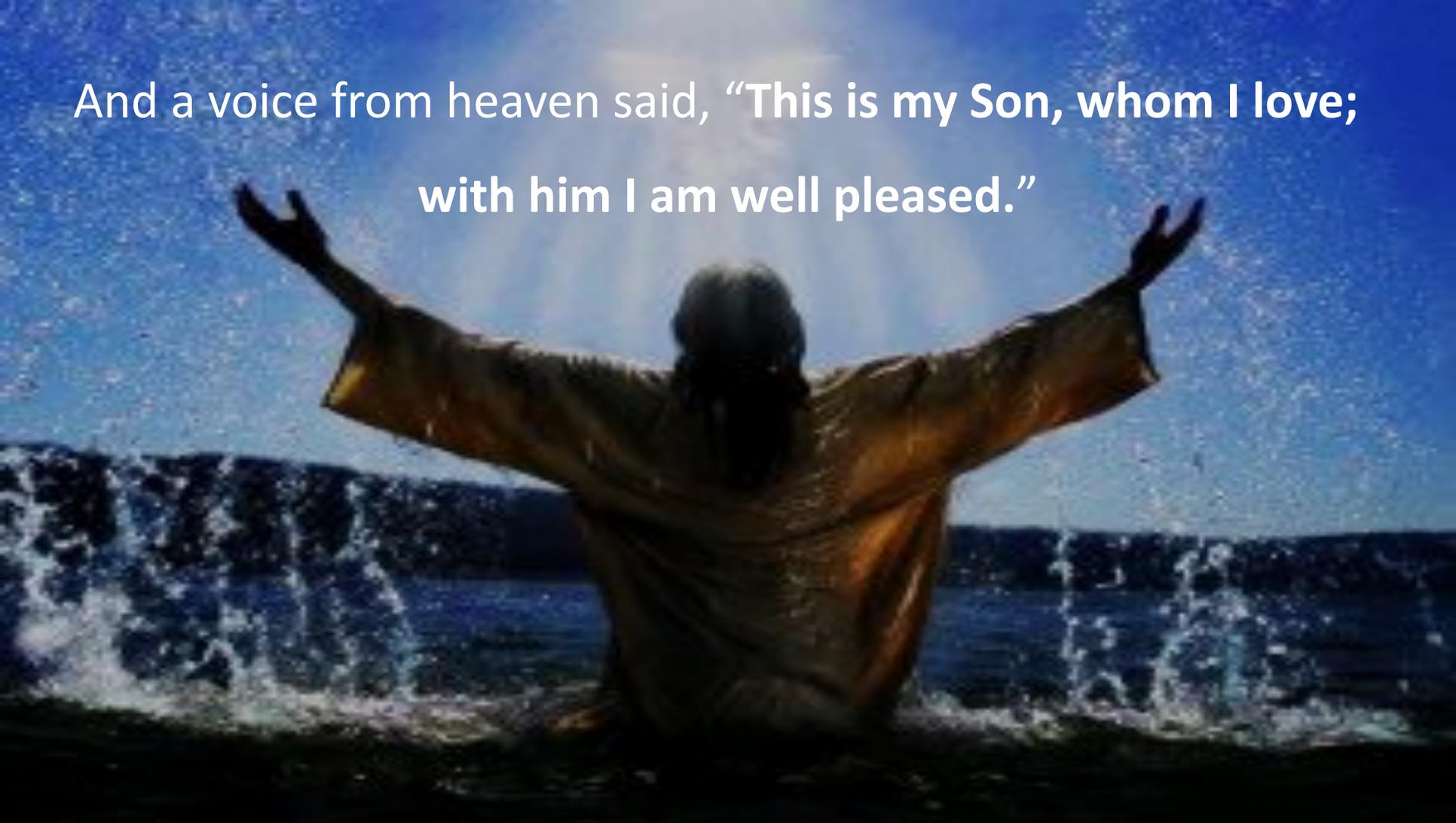
VERSE OF THE Day

MARK 1:11b

MATTHEW 3:13-17

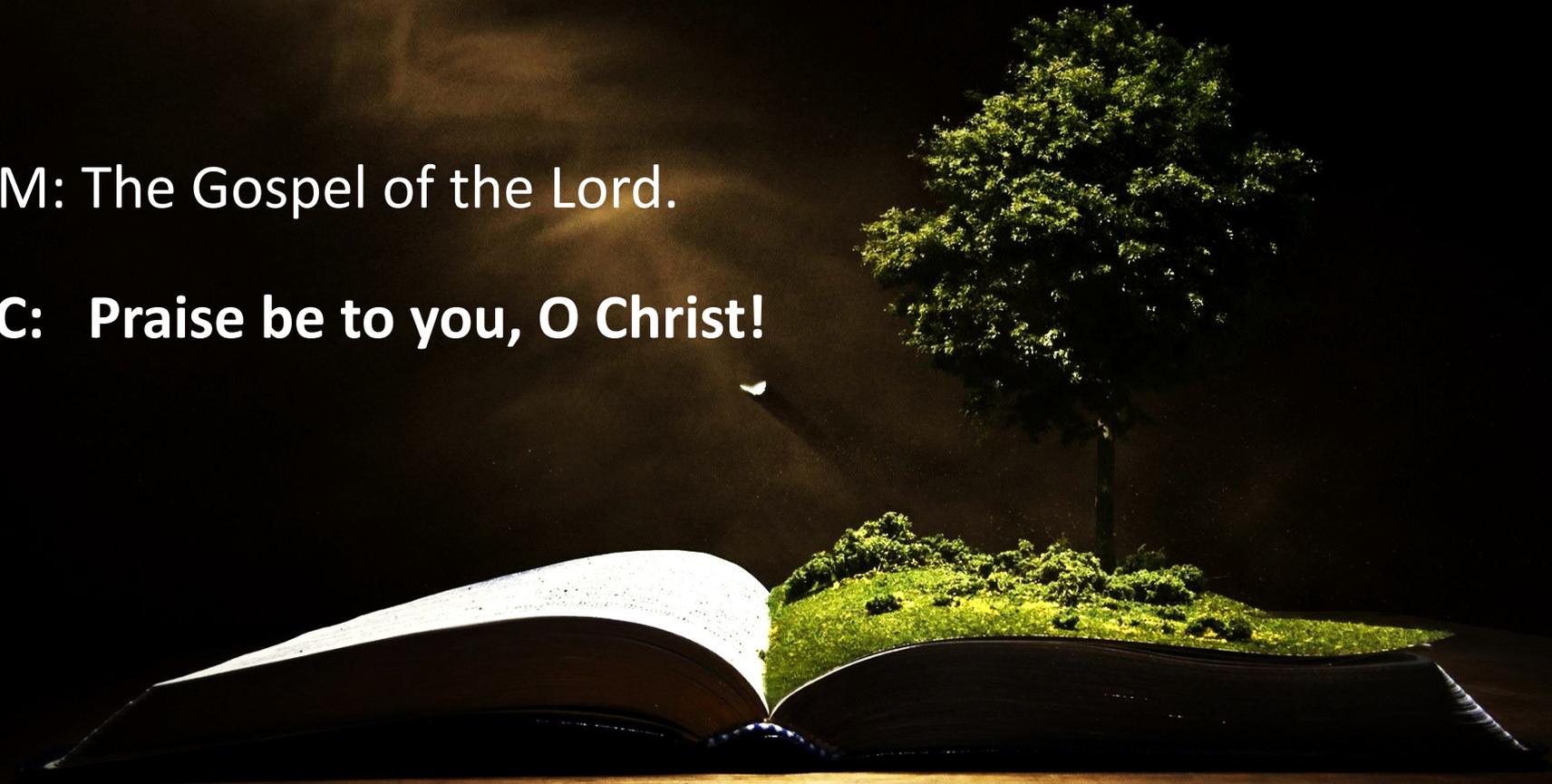
Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, **“Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”** Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, **“This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.”**



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.

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;

Here's my Savior, my God, my King, The time has come,

Christ begins.

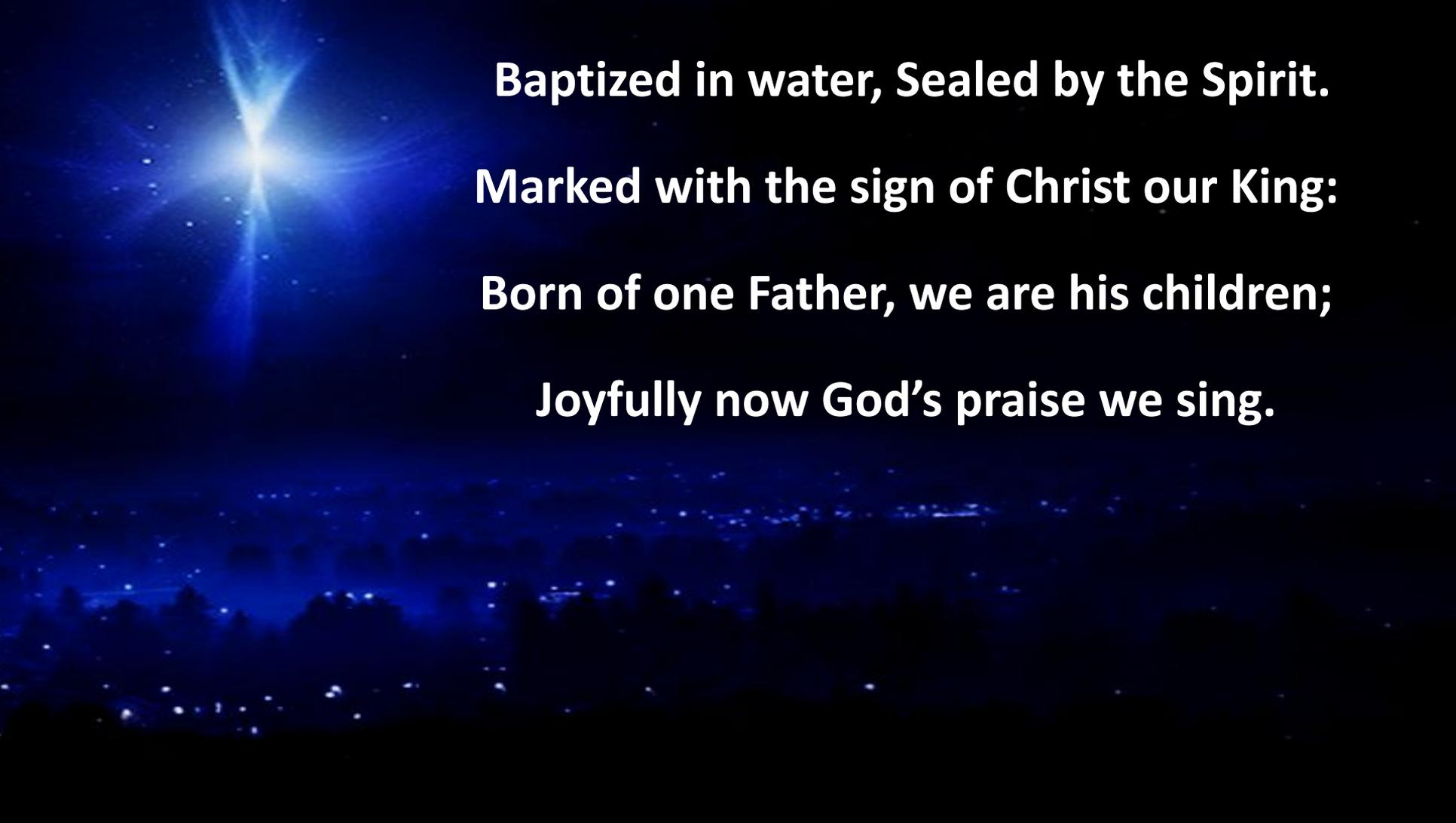
Sermon

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ... “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.



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





Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit.

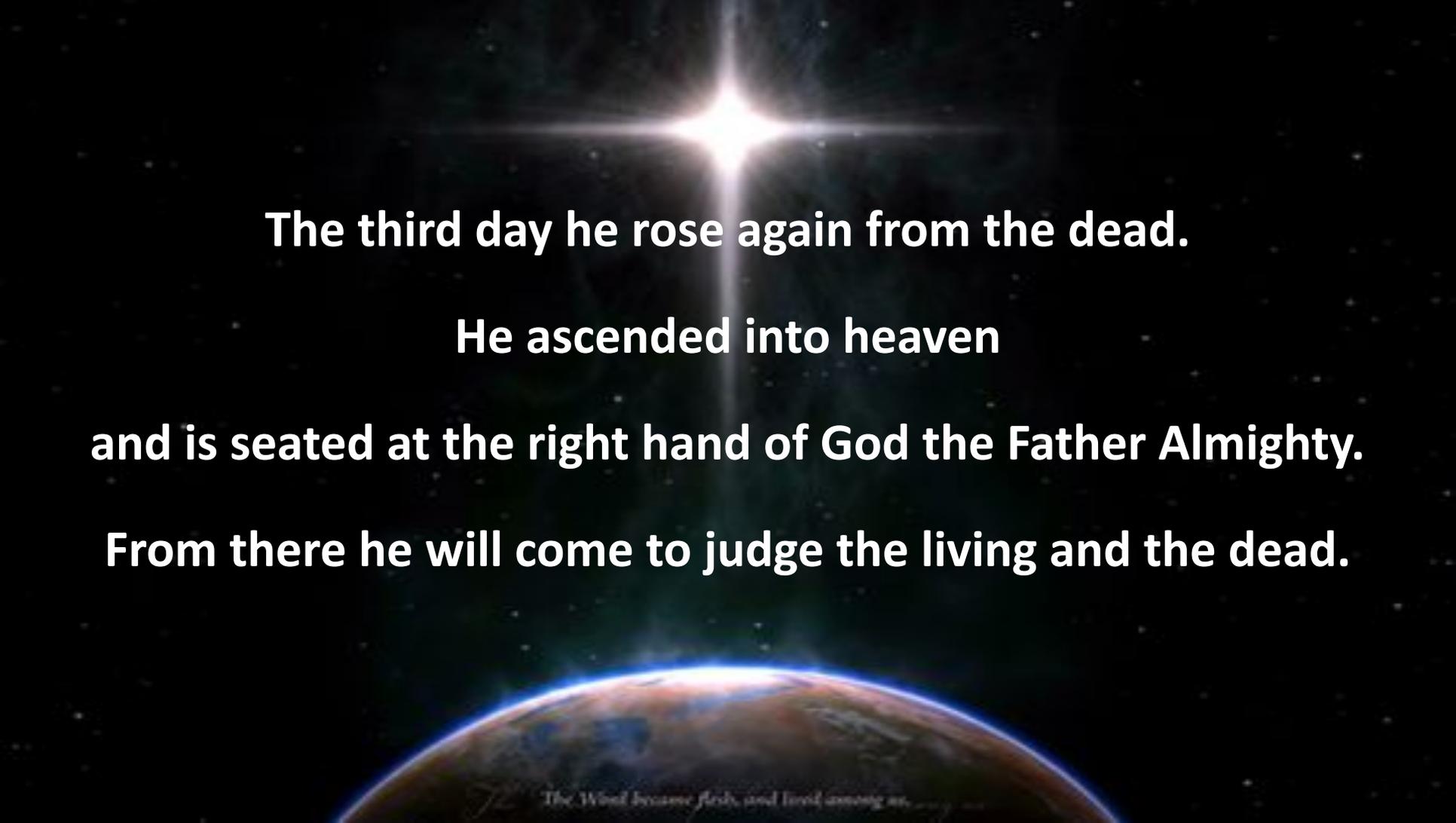
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

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.**



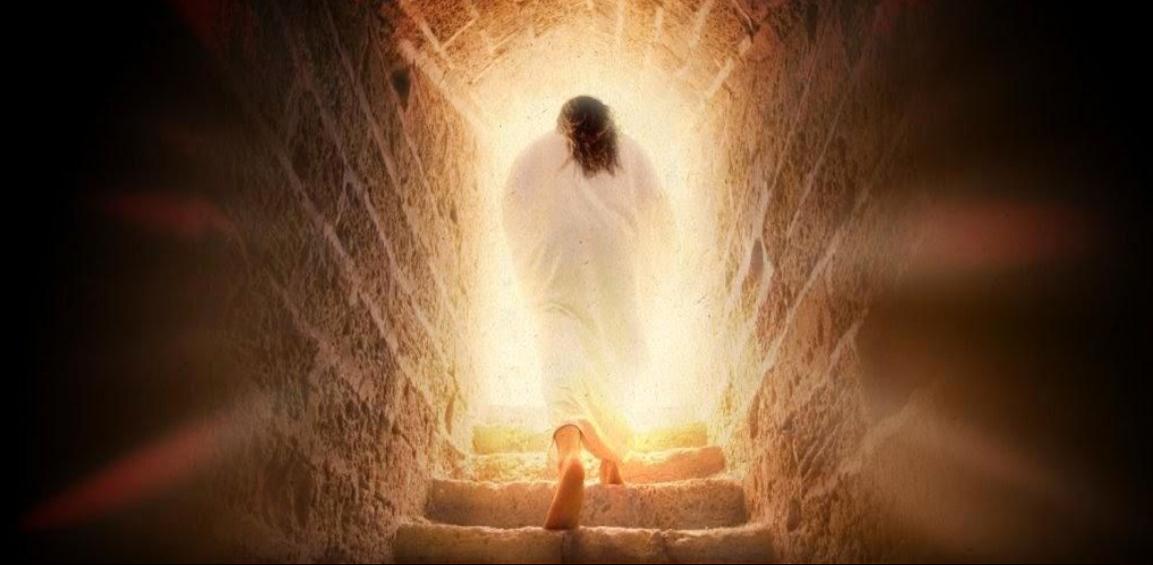


The third day he rose again from the dead.

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.**

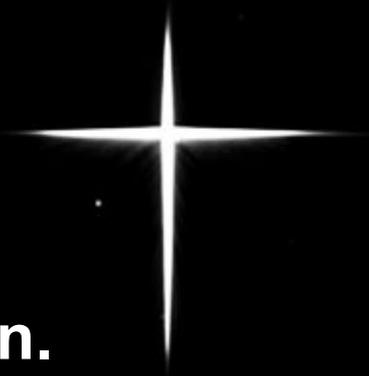
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

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.**

Schedule

Today	WELS Connection for January, video clip	following worship
	Women's chat & charcuterie	following worship
MON	Church Council meeting	6:30pm
TUES	Women's gathering / study	1pm
WED	Youth Catechism Class	6:30pm
SAT	Men's gathering / study	9:30am
	Bible Information Class	10:30am
	Connecting with Jesus: the importance of faith	
Next Sunday	MORNING BIBLE HOUR	9am
	Worship	10am
	Congregational info & planning gathering:	following worship

Other Upcoming Events / looking ahead:

- Voters' Meeting: Sunday Jan 25 following worship.