



# WELCOME

## Forty Fort

### United Methodist

### Church



A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. A dark silhouette of a landmass or tree is visible on the left side of the frame.

**MY LORD, WHAT  
A MORNING**

# Call to Worship

Leader: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**PEOPLE: I WILL OFFER YOU THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

Leader: In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem, let us praise God.

**I Was Sinking Deep  
In Sin, Far From The  
Peaceful Shore,  
Very Deeply Stained  
Within, Sinking To  
Rise No More;  
But The Master Of  
The Sea, Heard My  
Despairing Cry,  
From The Waters  
Lifted Me, Now Safe  
Am I.**



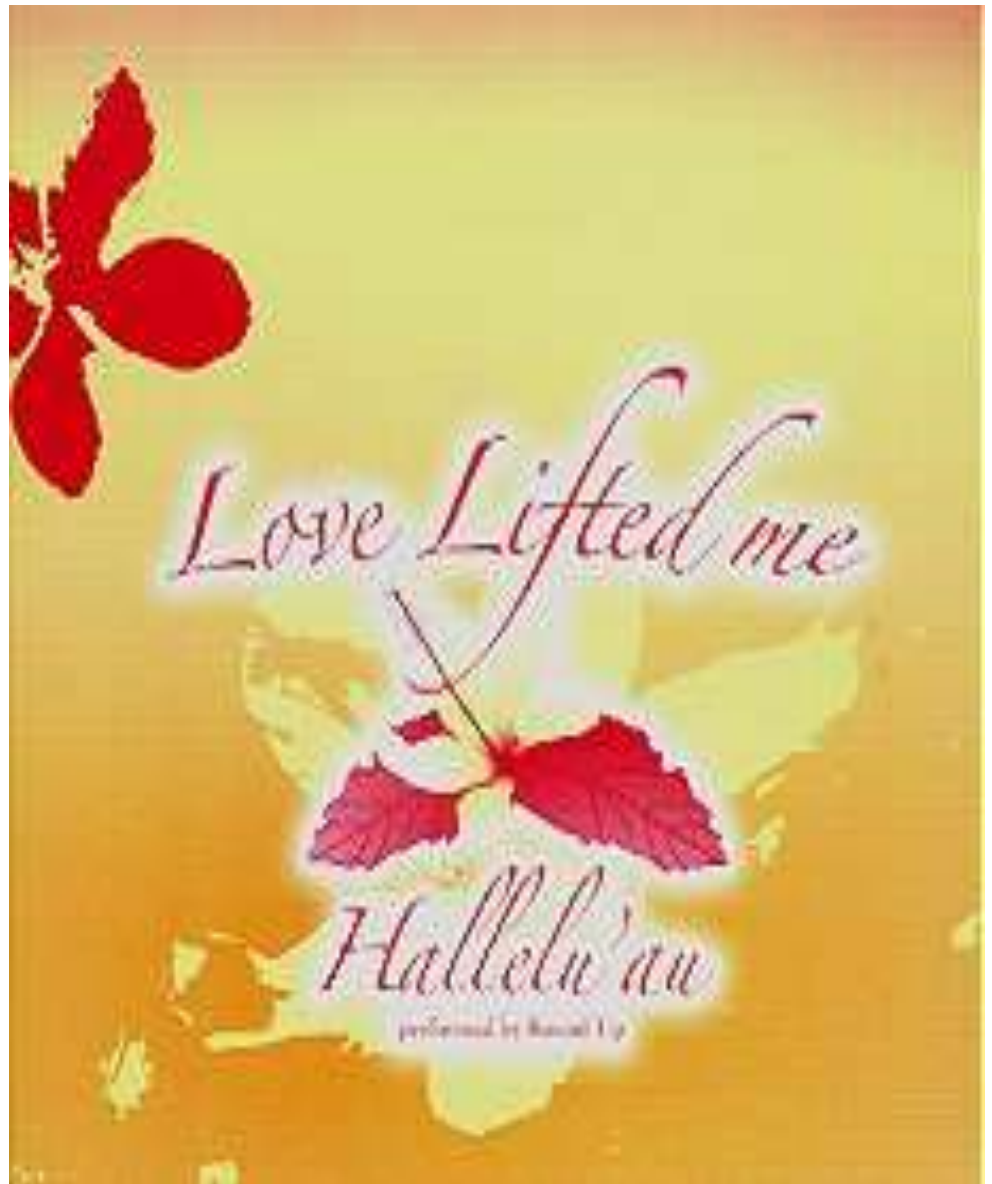
**Love Lifted Me!,  
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When Nothing  
Else Could Help,  
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When Nothing  
Else Could Help,  
Love Lifted Me.**



**All My Heart To Him I  
Give, Ever To Him I  
Cling,  
In His Blessed  
Presence Live, Ever  
His Praises Sing,  
Love So Mighty And  
So True, Merits My  
Soul's Best Songs,  
Faithful, Loving  
Service, Too, To Him  
Belongs.**



**Love Lifted Me!,  
Love Lifted Me!  
When Nothing  
Else Could Help,  
Love Lifted Me,  
Love Lifted Me!,  
Love Lifted Me!  
When Nothing  
Else Could Help,  
Love Lifted Me.**



**Souls In Danger,  
Look Above, Jesus  
Completely Saves;  
He Will Lift You By  
His Love, Out Of The  
Angry Waves,  
He's The Master Of  
The Sea, Billows His  
Will Obey;  
He Your Savior Wants  
To Be, Be Saved  
Today.**



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**THE APOSTLES' CREED  
TRADITIONAL VERSION**

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I believe in God  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead,

and buried;

the third day he rose  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.

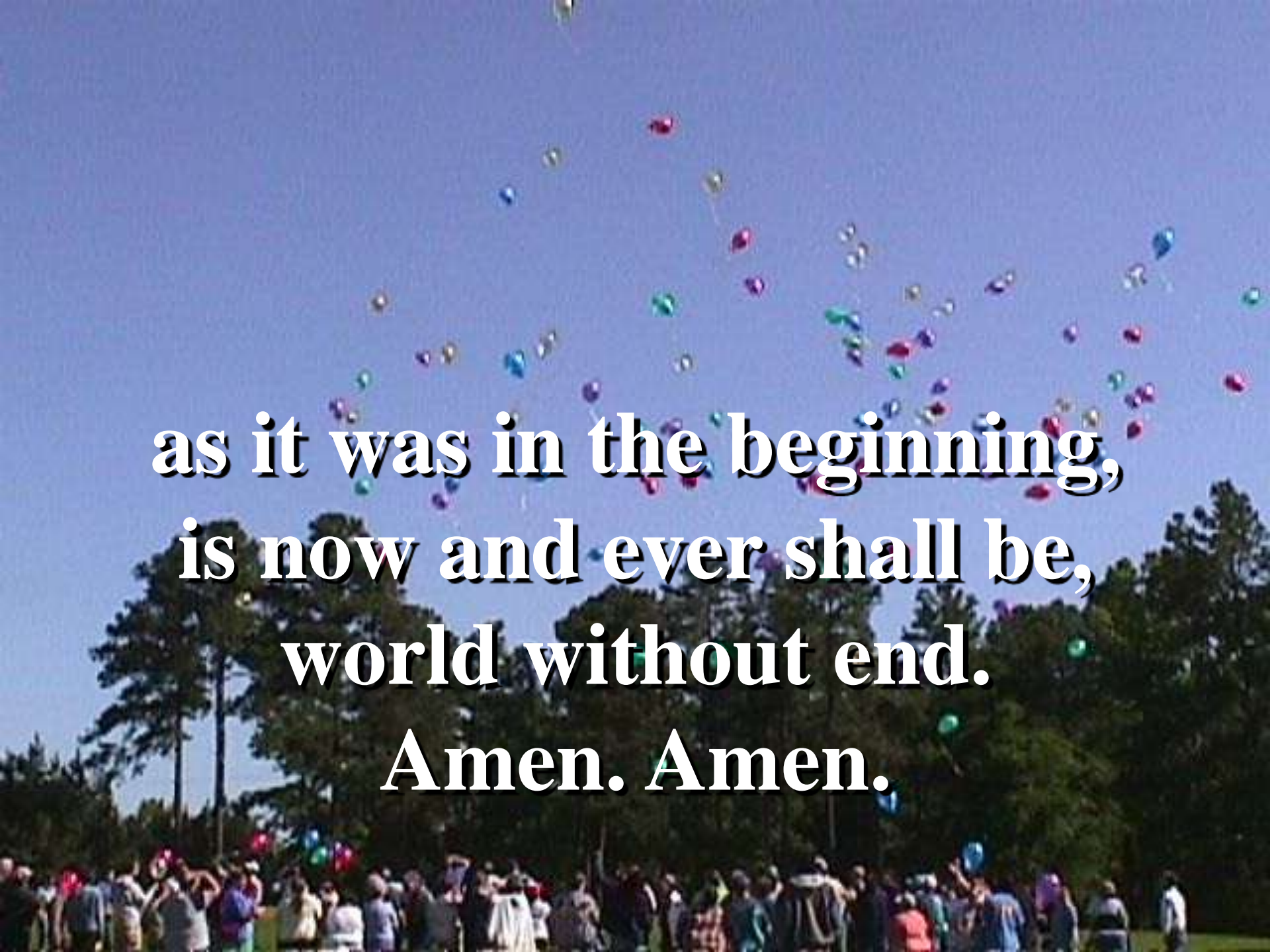
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# 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;**

A large crowd of people is gathered outdoors, likely at a festival or celebration. The sky is filled with numerous colorful balloons in shades of blue, purple, green, and red. The background shows a line of tall, dark green trees under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is festive and joyful.

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

The  
**P**ower  
of  
**P**rayer

A person is kneeling in prayer on a dark surface, their hands clasped in front of them. Above them, a large, ethereal figure with expansive, glowing blue and white wings is shown in a similar prayerful pose, reaching upwards. The background is dark, making the glowing figure stand out prominently.

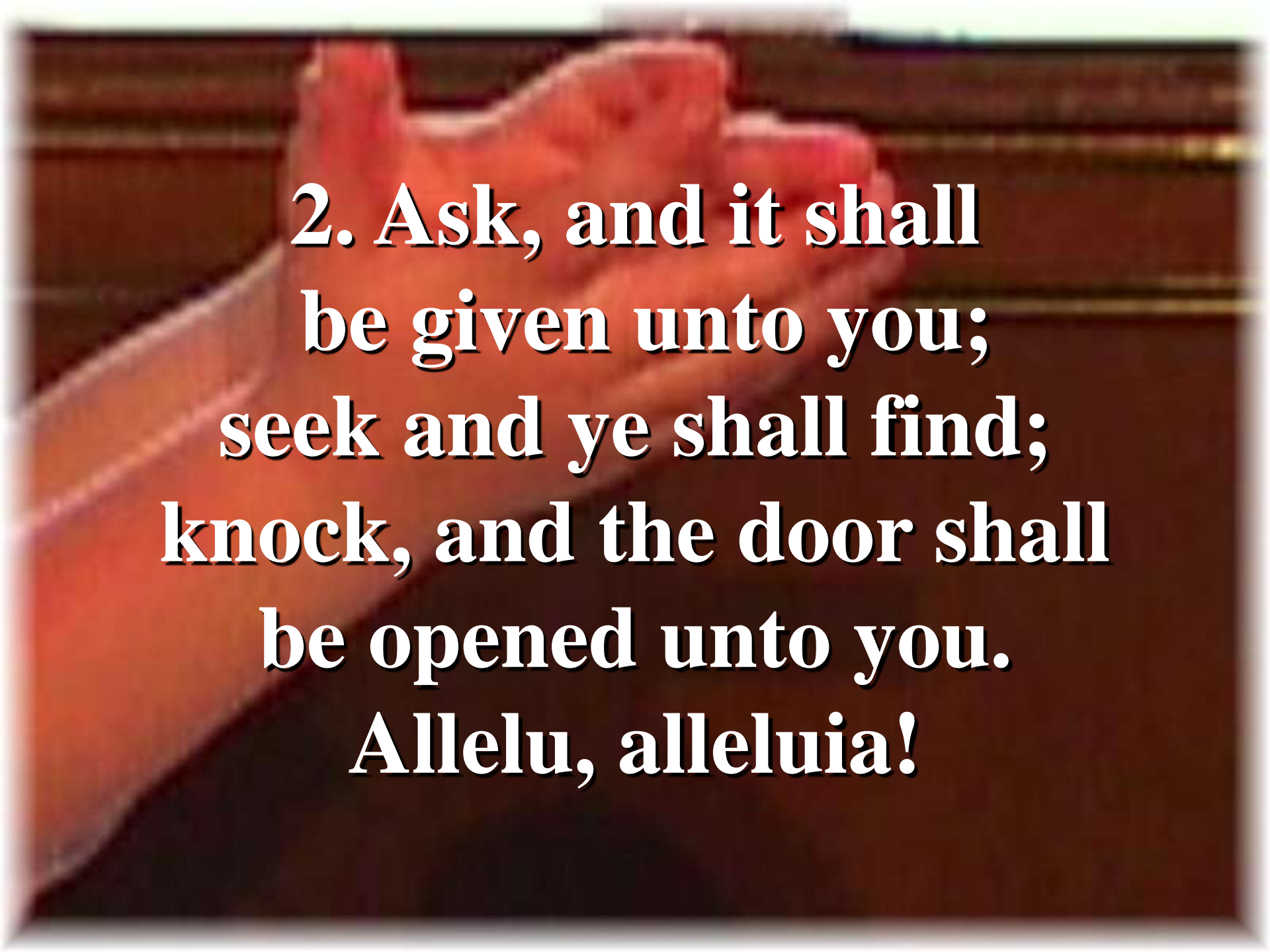
**HEAR OUR PRAYER,  
O LORD**

# Seek Ye First

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WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)

1. Seek ye first  
the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!



**2. Ask, and it shall  
be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall  
be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

## **Proverbs 31:10-31**

10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She

sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24

She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 “Many women do noble things but you surpass them all.” 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city  
gate.

## **2 Timothy 1:5-7**

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which  
first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your  
mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in  
you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan  
into flame the gift of God, which is in you  
through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the  
Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but  
gives us power, love and self-discipline.

**(If you are able, please stand for the Reading of the Gospel)**

## **Luke 24:13-35**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, “What are

you discussing together as you walk along?”  
They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem

Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his

glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from

their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**



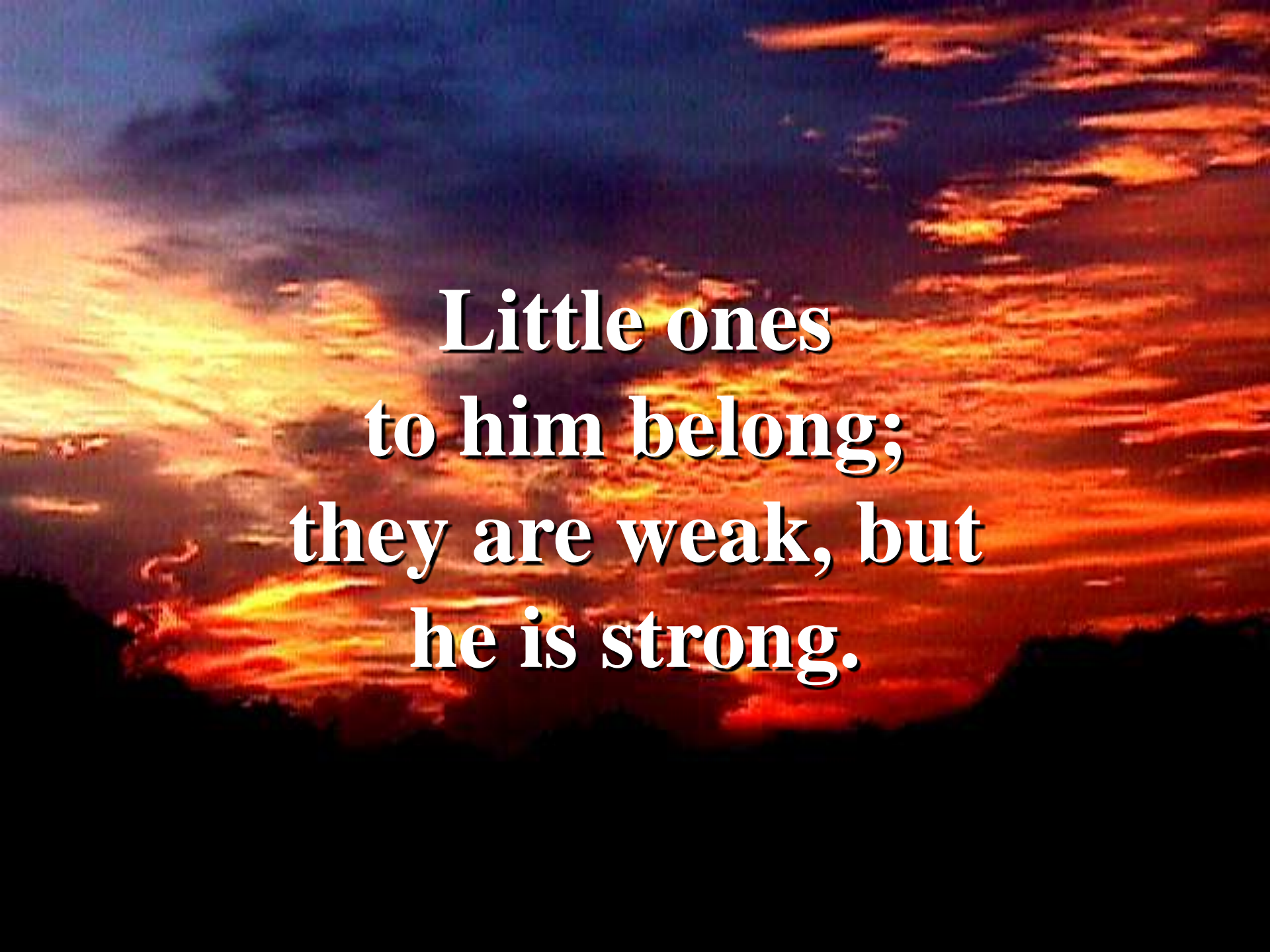
**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

# Jesus Loves Me

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**WORDS:** St. 1 Anna B. Warner, 1860; Sts. 2-3 David Rutherford McGuire

**1. Jesus loves me!  
This I know,  
for the Bible  
tells me so.**



**Little ones  
to him belong;  
they are weak, but  
he is strong.**



***Refrain***

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**



**2. Jesus loves me!**

**This I know,  
as he loved  
so long ago,**



**taking children  
on his knee,  
saying, “Let them  
come to me.”**

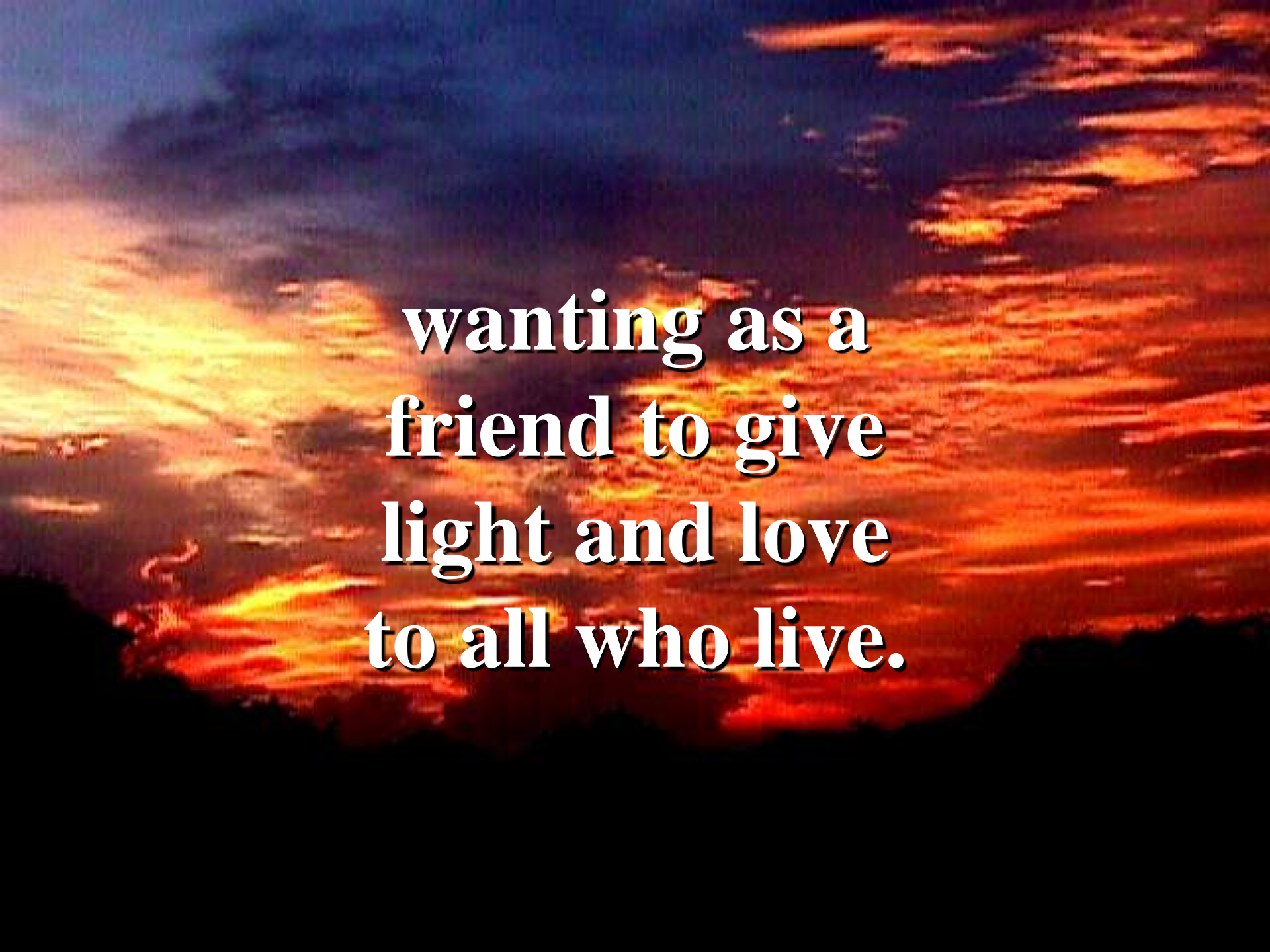


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**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**



**3. Jesus loves me  
still today,  
walking with me  
on my way,**



**wanting as a  
friend to give  
light and love  
to all who live.**



***Refrain***

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**The Bible tells me so.**



***Happy Mothers day!***

***The Ripple effect.***



*A mother's love  
reaches  
far  
beyond circumstances  
and feelings ...  
It sees past flaws  
and imperfections ...  
And celebrates God's gift of love,  
sent from heaven in the form of  
a CHILD.*

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed.*

*PROVERBS 31:28*

Mom's are special. Often we speak of parenting, and we know in the best situations it is both Mom and Dad. But Moms are special. There not made the same as dads, they are softer, for one, and I could be wrong but I feel they are more blessed.



Moms just do not do things the way dad does. They discipline different, they teach different, ( just ask any teenager learning to drive), and they love different. I believe this is because that is the way God created them.

If you are standing on the shore of a lake, dad would more likely want to teach you how to skip a stone and see who could get it to go the farthest. But Mom would more likely just throw the stone into the lake and teach about the ripples.

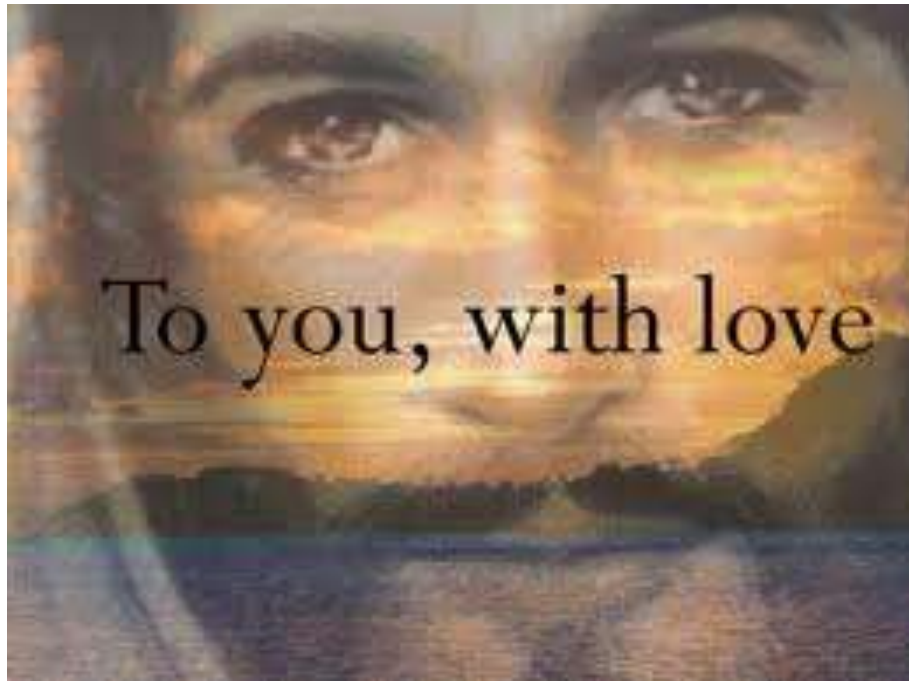


So this morning lets talk about Moms and the ripple effect. We need to realize that all we do has a ripple effect, both profane and sacred.

But today I do not want to talk about the profane, I want to talk about the sacred. I want to encourage all of us to every day in everyway create ripples of sincere faith. Notice I said sincere faith, not just faith but sincere faith. Do you know what makes faith sincere?



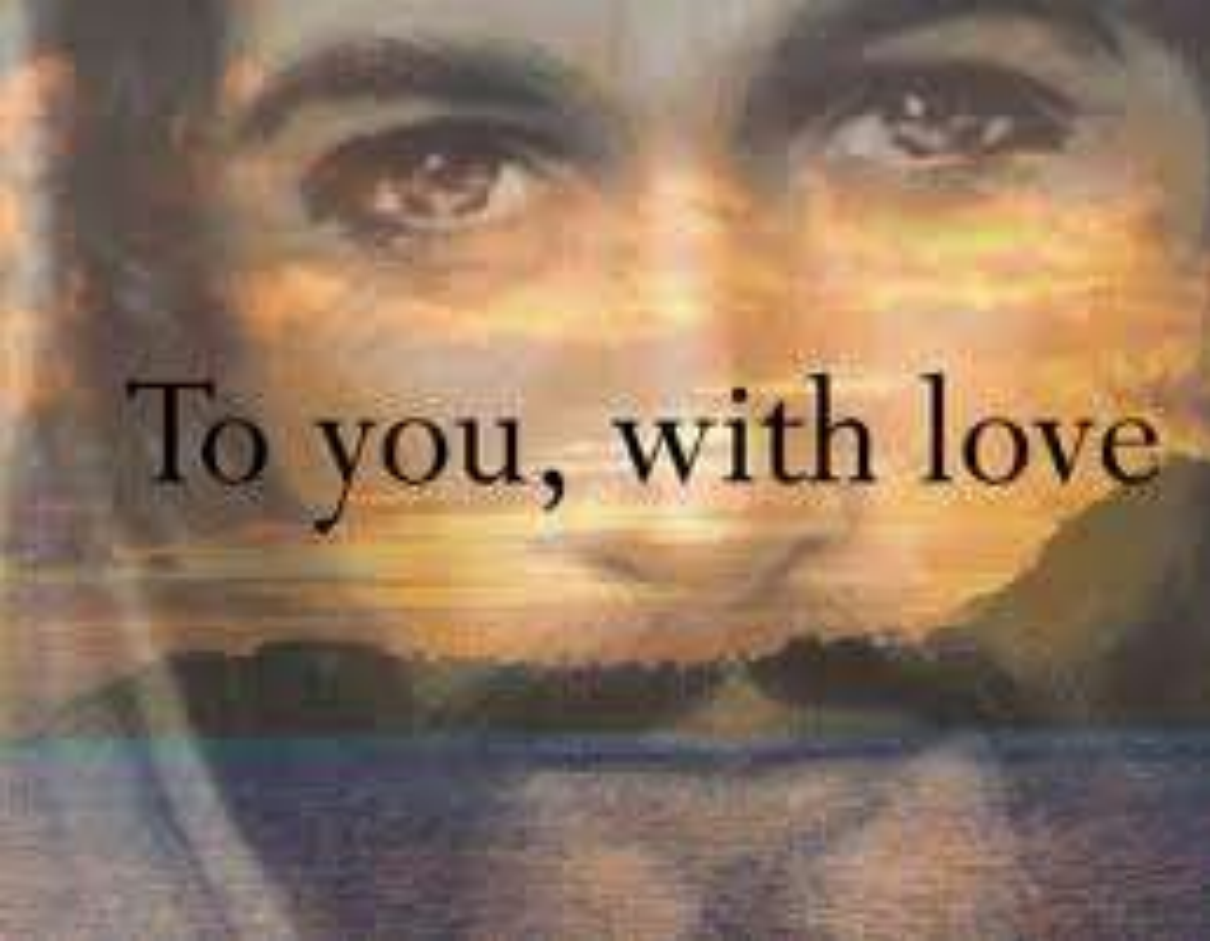
Love, divine love  
Agape love, love given  
to you by Our Risen  
Lord! Love given to  
you in love so you can  
pass that love along.



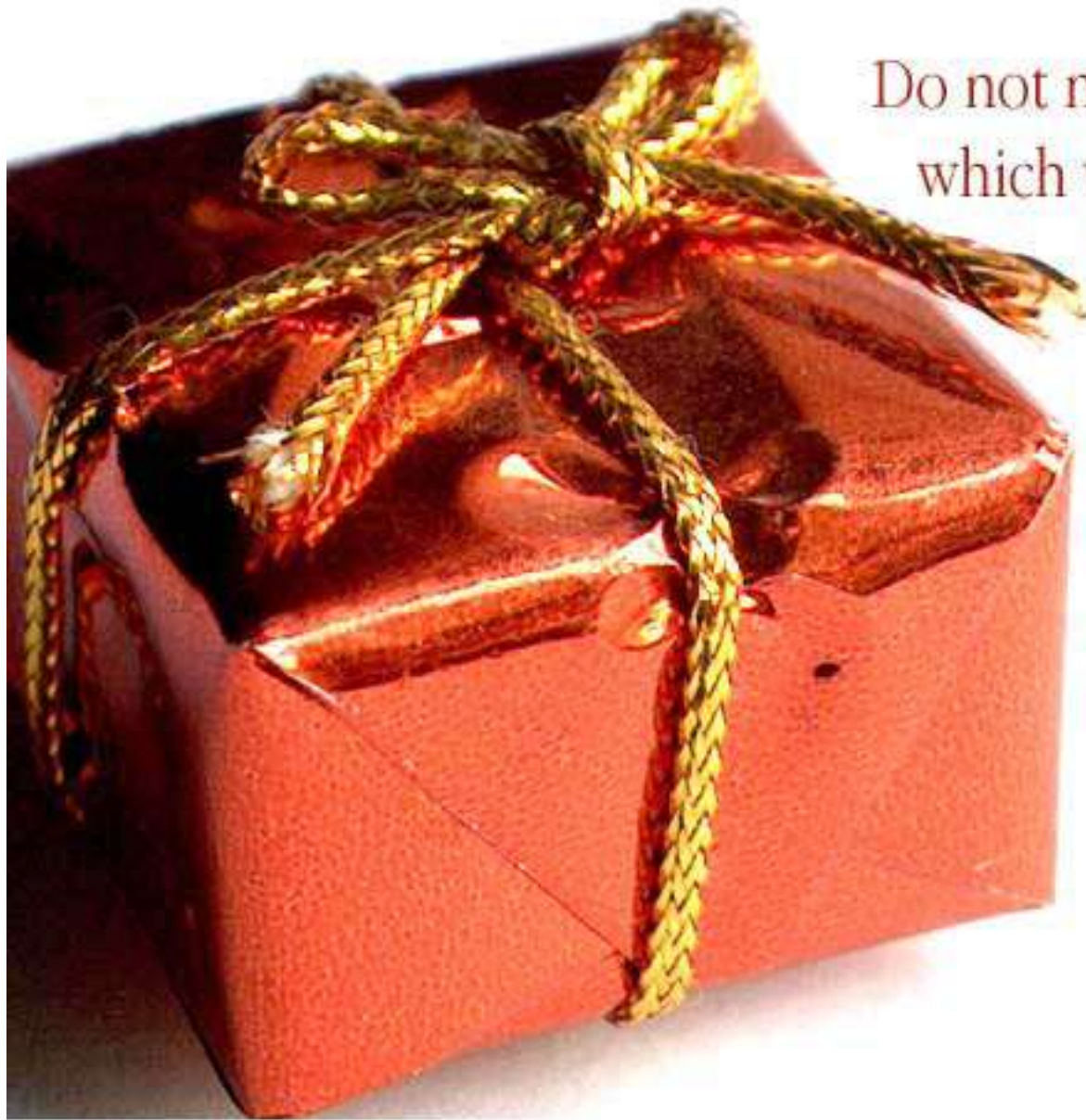
We do so much to help  
our children  
understand and be safe  
in this world. And so  
we should.



But Mom we  
need to make  
sure we teach  
our children  
about  
eternity!



We need to teach them about God's Love in Christ Jesus! They need to know how the Risen Lord can impact their lives not just for a lifetime but for eternity!



Do not neglect your gift,  
which was given you  
through a  
prophetic  
message when  
the body of  
elders laid their  
hands on you.

—1 Timothy 4:14

**Mom you have a  
gift and a legacy**

**to pass on. Do you have a sincere faith to pass along?  
Want to know how?**

A sincere faith is marked by, and eager motivation to discover, embrace and pursue a deepening intimacy with the Lord.

An active, visible connection between belief and everyday living.

An unwillingness to give up on the goodness of God because we know God is good....

Do you realize, you have the ability to influence generations.

God blessed you with children and God's purpose and journey for you is amazing!



Every child born is a continuation of the creation of God. For each and every child each of us begins a journey so that the works of God may be made visible through our love.

And the good news is we can do the job the ministry before us. Because God is equipping you to stand the tests of time whatever they may be. With each child born we are reminded that God is not finished with us. And God will be faithful to the good work in you so you may complete it! Philippians 1:6



But we must always remember, what God wants us to do is not automatic, you must choose to fan the fire of God into visible flames!

With the sincere faith in Christ, in who he is, and what he has done for us there will be the opportunity to walk in the fullness of God, and pass on and share the gift of God! How awesome is that!



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which was given you  
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—1 Timothy 4:14

God has a unique  
way that He pours

Himself into each of us. It is up to us to nurture that  
gift and not neglect it.



**For God has not given us the spirit  
of fear; but of power, and of love,  
and of a sound mind.  
2 Timothy 1:7**

God want you to be fully released into your calling and destiny.

God has given you all you need to overcome your fear, or lack of courage, or inclination to be hold back and be

dominated. God has given you all you need to move from the profane realm into the sacred. Perhaps it is time for us all to make this scripture verse a reality in our lives. God Spirit is filling us empowering us to make this move. When we do, do you know what our children see?

Sharing  
your  
Faith

They see us sharing our faith! How? With explosive and influential power. With unconditional Agape love! A love that honors God first and touches people. A disciplined mind and spirit that is not deceived by the profane! When we pass on the blessings of God they will be passed on by our children!

*Happy Mothers Day*



*A mother's day  
commitment.*

*prayer of*

*What will you give back  
to God from the blessings  
you have received?*

# *Stewardship*

A WAY OF LIFE



# **HYMN OF PROMISE**

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on a large yellow flower. The background is a warm, gradient of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is bright and hopeful.

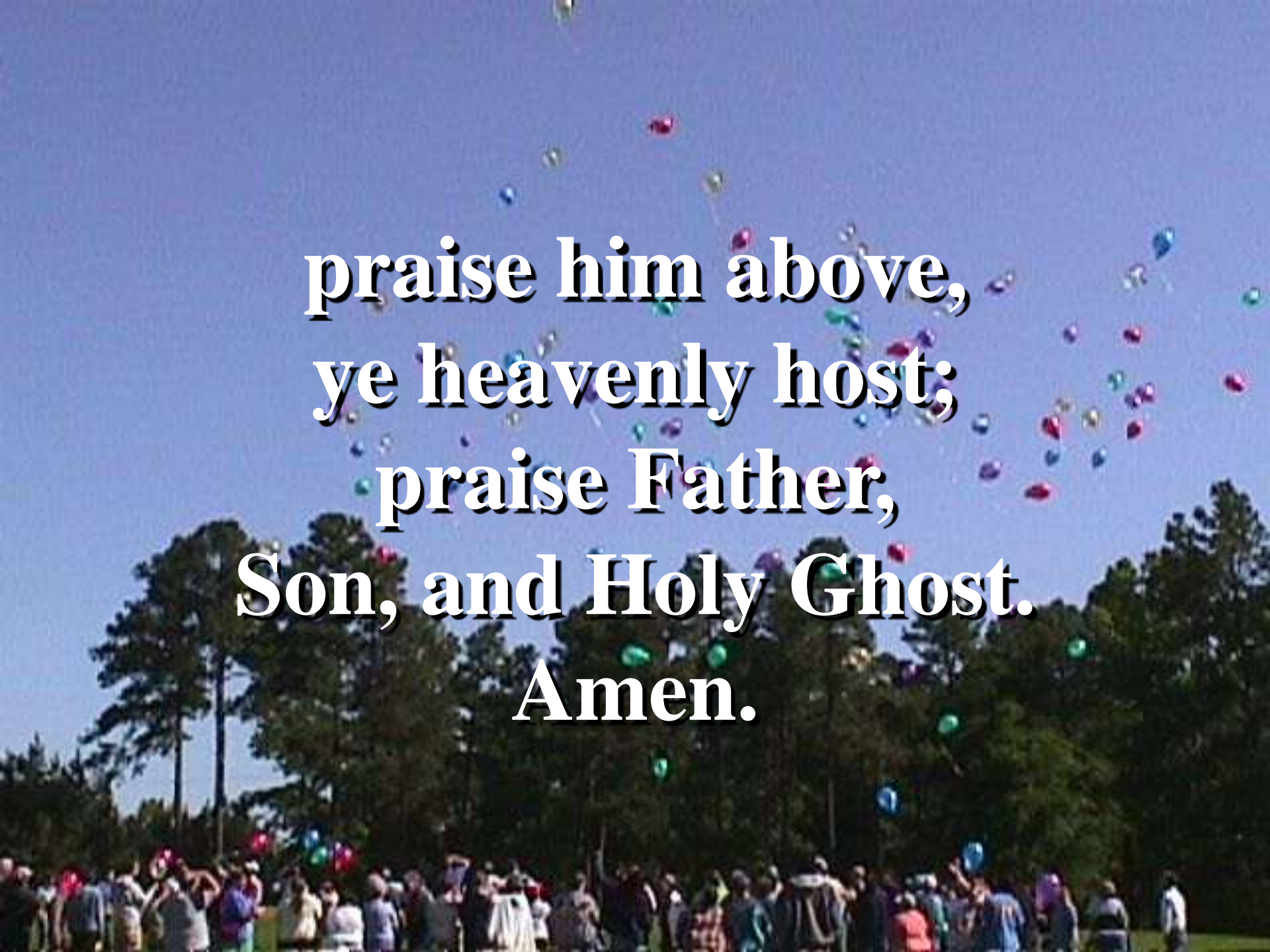
**SENIOR CHOIR**

**Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow**

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**WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674**

**Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures  
here below;**

A large crowd of people is gathered outdoors, likely at a festival or church event. The sky is filled with numerous colorful balloons in shades of red, blue, green, and purple. The background shows a line of tall, dark green trees under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**praise him above,  
ye heavenly host;  
praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

# **Offertory Prayer**

**WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO GOOD NEWS. CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED AND ABIDES IN US STILL. MAY ALL THAT WE DO BE IN RESPONSE TO NEW LIFE. AS YOU ACCEPT WHO WE ARE, O GOD, RECEIVE WHAT WE OFFER, AND TRANSFORM ALL OF OUR BEING TO CONFORM WITH YOUR WILL. EXTEND YOUR GRACE THROUGH US SO THAT OTHERS HEAR OF THE SALVATION YOU BRING.**


# Where He Leads Me

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WORDS: E. W. Blandy, 1890 (Mk. 8:34; Mt. 8:19)




1. I can hear my  
Savior calling,  
I can hear my  
Savior calling,


A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, translucent globe of the Earth. The globe is centered and shows continents and oceans with a bright, ethereal light emanating from its core. The background is solid black. Overlaid on the globe is the text "I can hear my Savior calling, 'Take thy cross and follow, follow me.'" in a yellow, serif font. The word "into" is faintly visible in the background above the main text, and "world" is faintly visible below it.

**I can hear my  
Savior calling,  
“Take thy cross  
and follow,  
follow me.”**

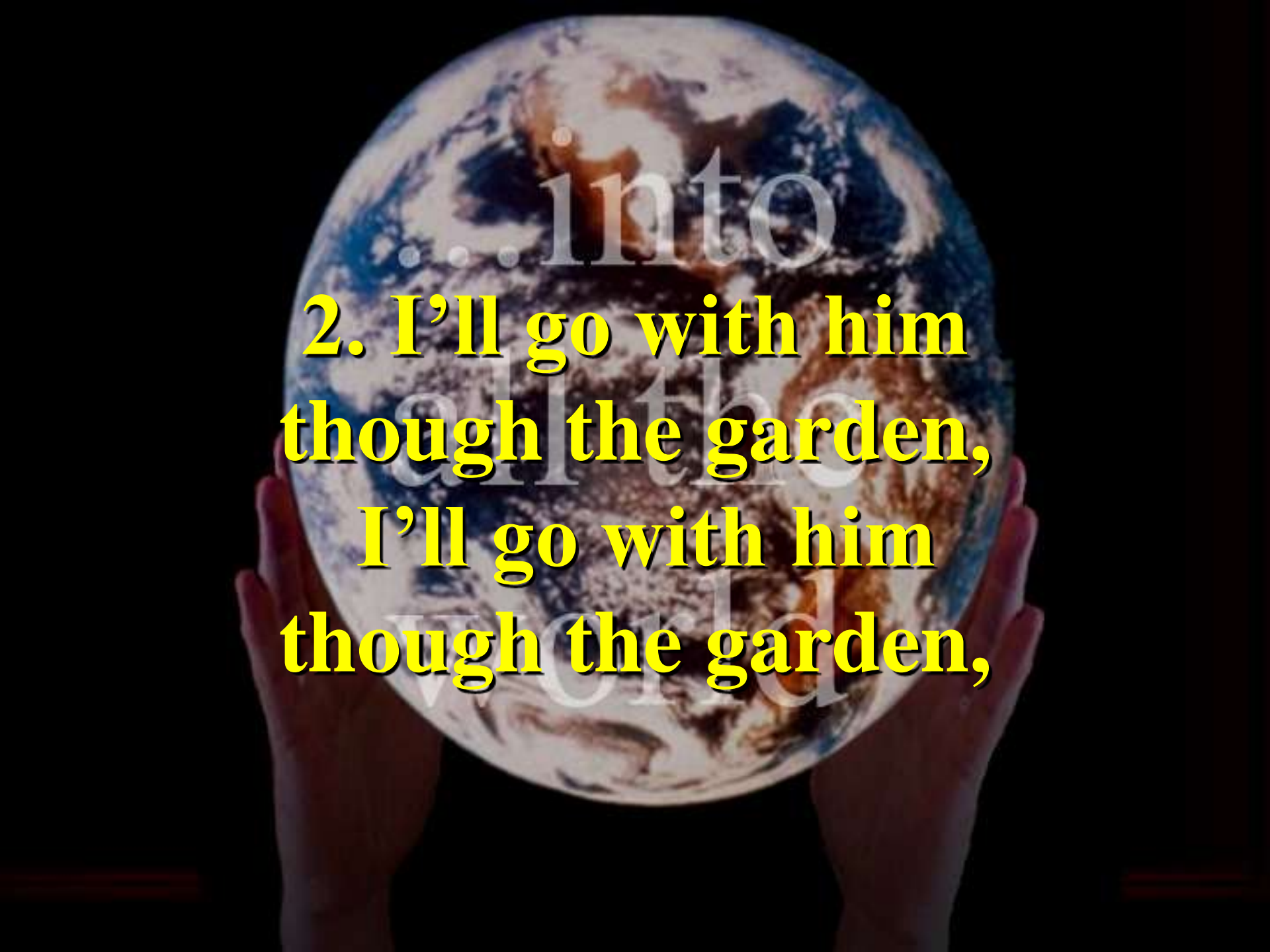
*Refrain*



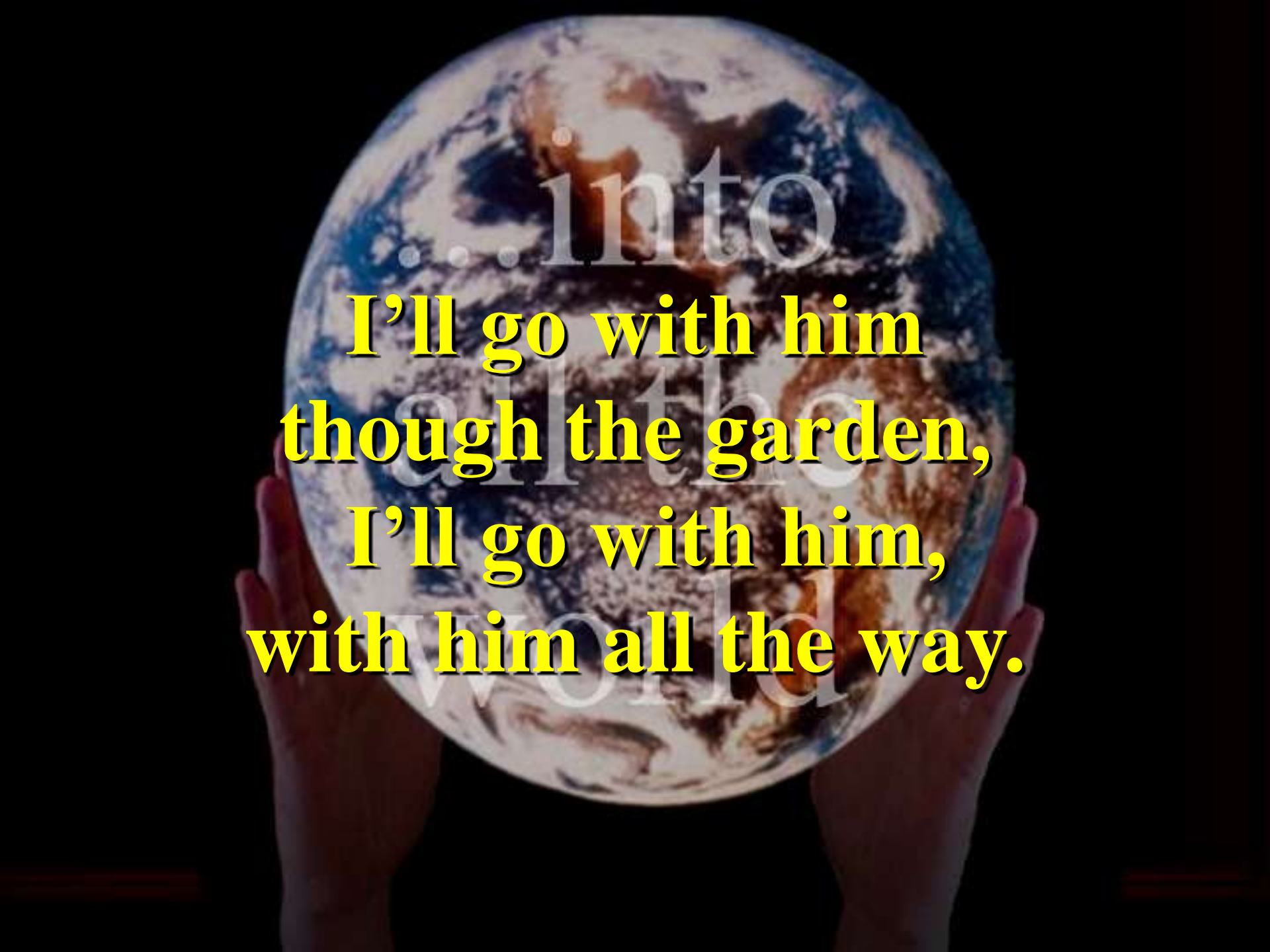
...into  
**Where he leads me  
I will follow,  
where he leads me  
I will follow,**

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**...into  
where he leads me  
I will follow;  
I'll go with him,  
with him all the way.**


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...into  
**2. I'll go with him  
though the garden,  
I'll go with him  
though the garden,**


A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, gently cradling a glowing, translucent globe of the Earth. The globe is the central focus, showing continents and oceans with a soft, ethereal light. The background is a solid, deep black, which makes the glowing globe and the hands stand out prominently. The overall mood is one of care, protection, and global unity.

...into  
**I'll go with him  
though the garden,  
I'll go with him,  
with him all the way.**


*Refrain*



...into  
**Where he leads me  
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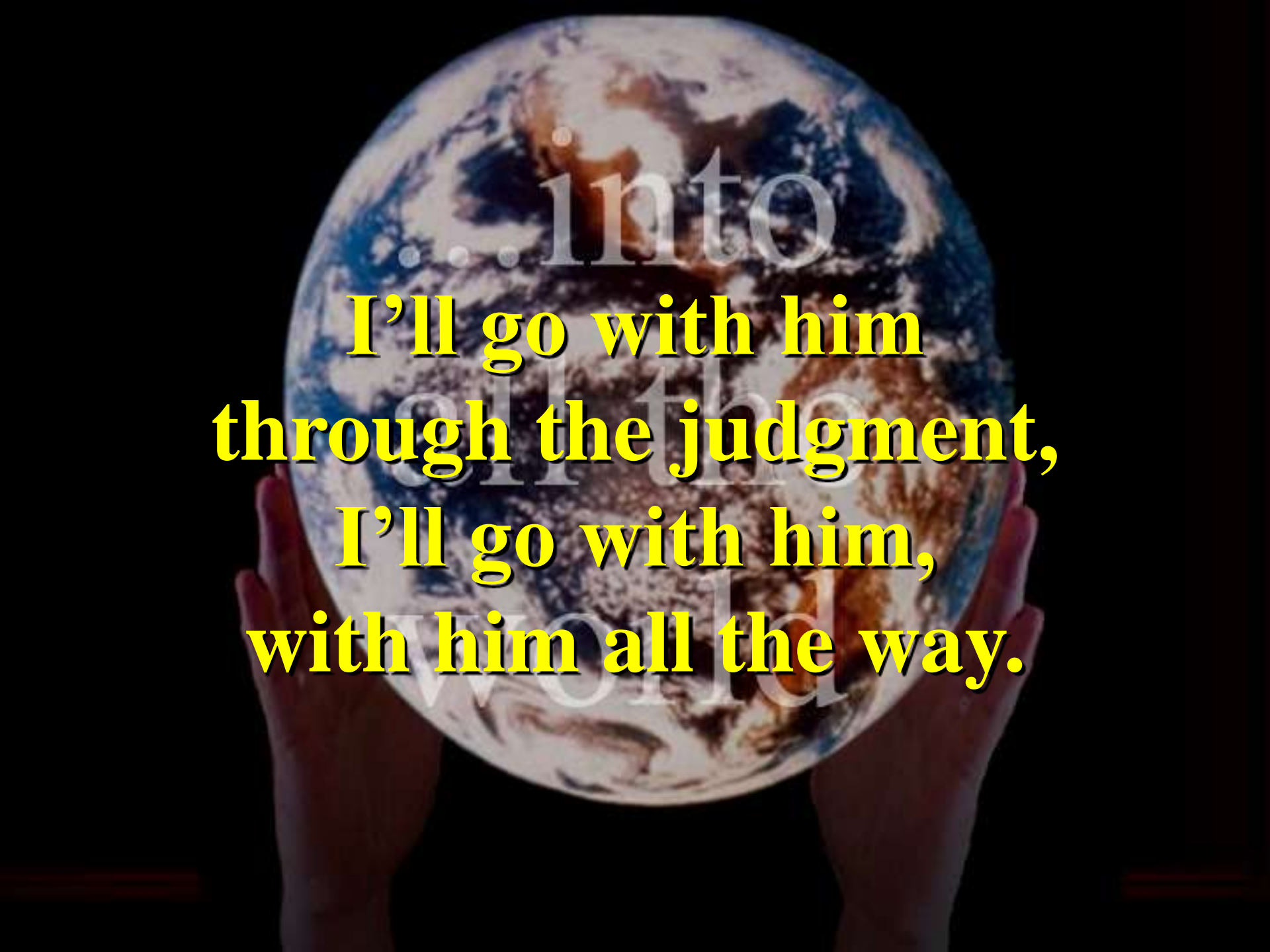
A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, gently cradling a glowing, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe is the central focus, showing continents and oceans with a soft, ethereal glow. The background is a solid, deep black, which makes the glowing globe and the hands stand out prominently. The text is overlaid on the globe in a yellow, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

**...into  
where he leads me  
I will follow;  
I'll go with him,  
with him all the way.**

A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, translucent globe of the Earth. The globe is centered and shows continents and oceans with a bright, golden light emanating from the top. The background is solid black. Overlaid on the globe is the text '...into' in a large, white, serif font. Below that, the text '3. I'll go with him through the judgment, I'll go with him through the judgment,' is written in a bold, yellow, serif font with a black outline. The text is arranged in two lines, with the first line starting with '3.' and the second line starting with 'I'll go with him through the judgment,'.

...into

**3. I'll go with him  
through the judgment,  
I'll go with him  
through the judgment,**


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**I'll go with him  
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I'll go with him,  
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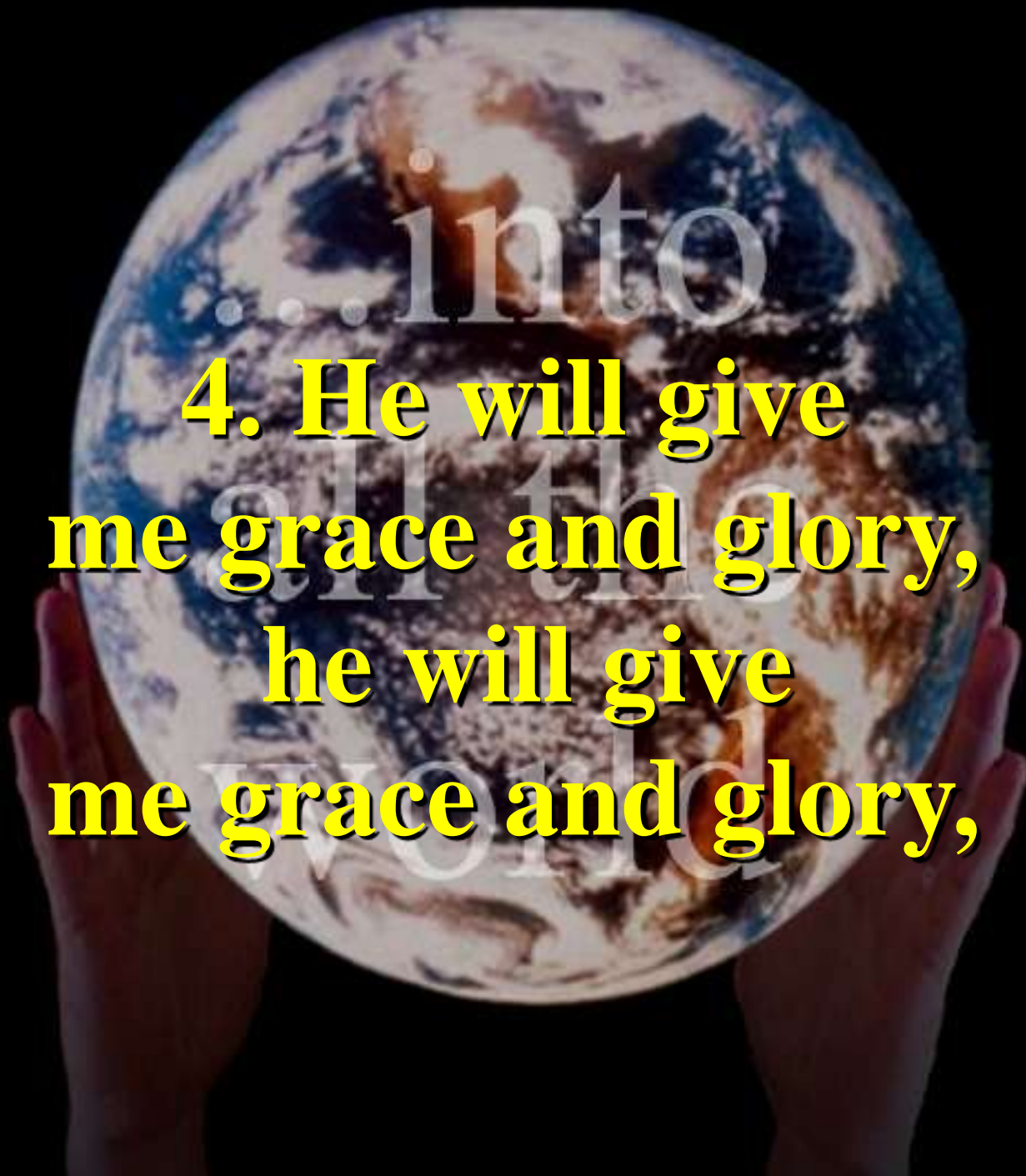
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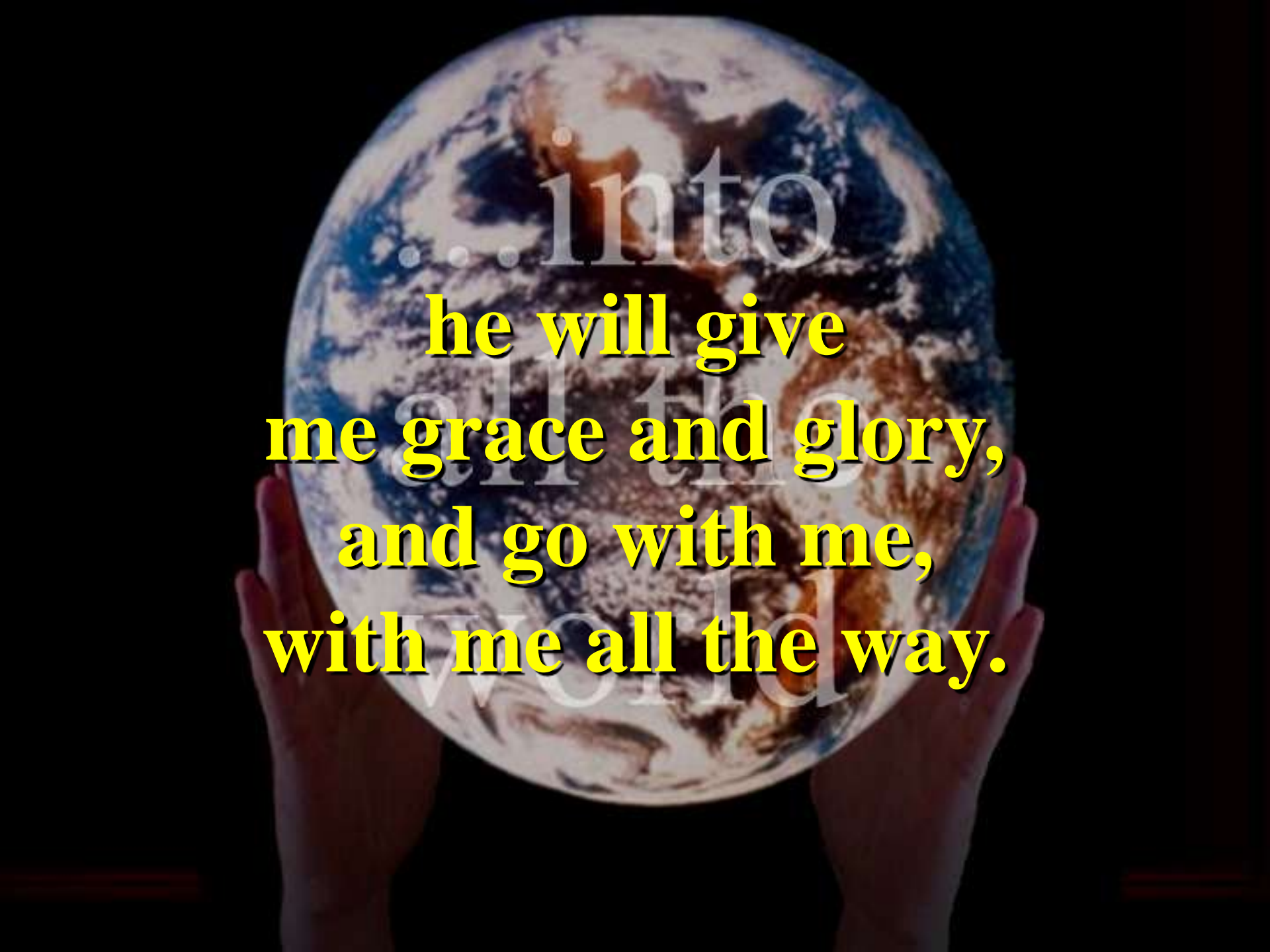
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where he leads me  
I will follow;  
I'll go with him,  
with him all the way.**



...into


**4. He will give  
me grace and glory,  
he will give  
me grace and glory,**

World


A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, translucent globe of the Earth. The globe is centered and shows continents and oceans with a bright light source from behind, creating a halo effect. The background is solid black. Overlaid on the globe is text in a serif font. The text is arranged in four lines: the first line is in a light grey color, and the following three lines are in a bright yellow color with a black outline.

...into  
he will give  
me grace and glory,  
and go with me,  
with me all the way.

*Refrain*

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with him all the way.**



**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND  
BEAUTIFUL**