

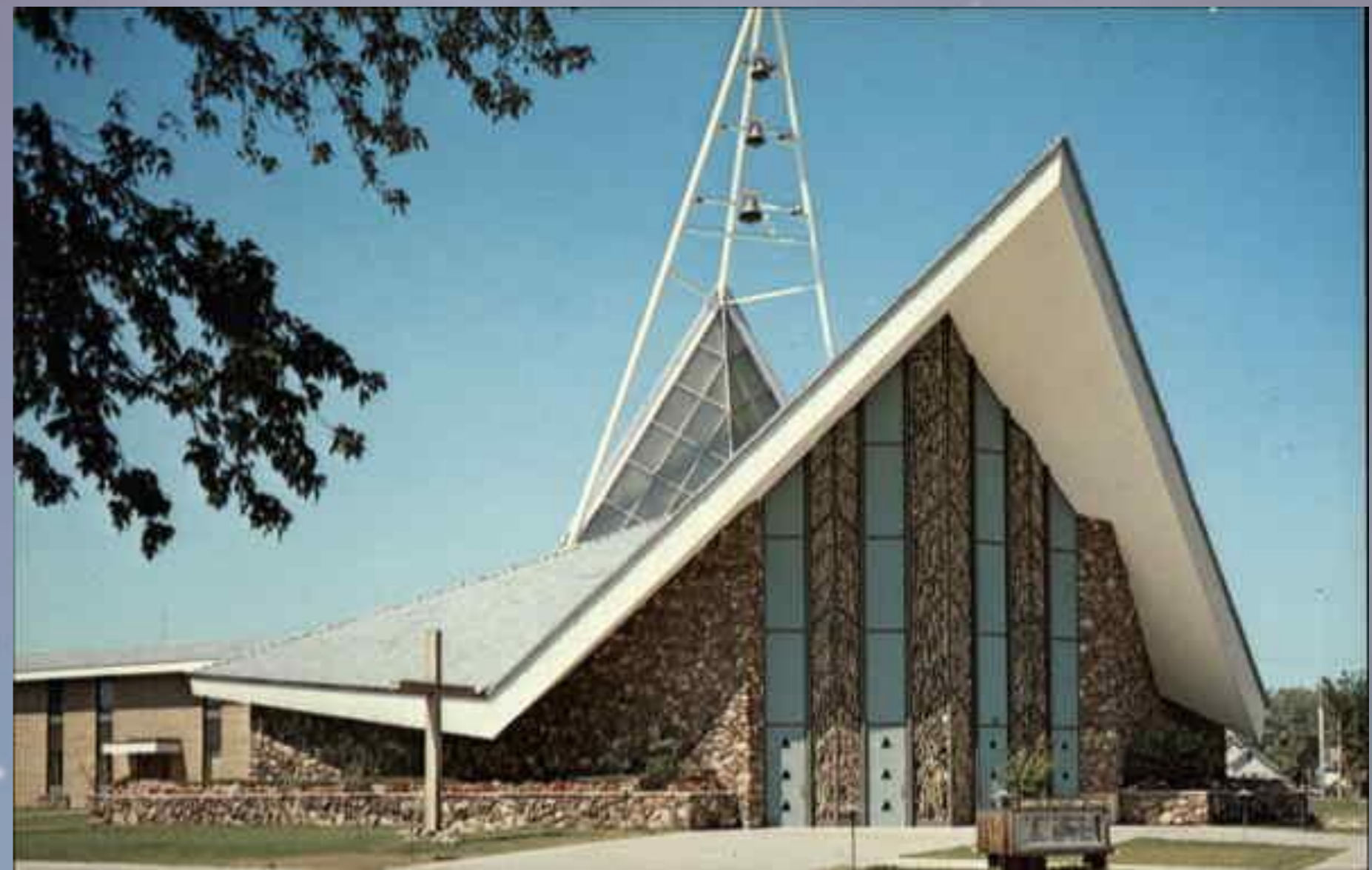
Power point for
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2023
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St. Martin Lutheran Church & School

**OUR MISSION:
PREACHING, TEACHING AND
REACHING WITH GOD'S WORD!**

Liturgy – Special Christmas



St. Martin Lutheran Church and School are people who have gathered together under the cross of Jesus Christ to glorify His Name and extend His Kingdom. We seek to accomplish our mission by offering: Worship, Christian Day School, Bible Study, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pre-School, Early Childhood Center, Music Programs, Youth Programs, Recreation, and Much More!!!

As We Gather

Christmas is a celebration of love. Loving thoughts and deeds certainly are part of this holy season as goodwill among people seems more pronounced than at other times of the year. It is the love of God that is fully expressed in Christ Jesus, the babe in the manger. Once again, the message of God's love echoes in our world!



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Liturgy — Special Christmas

376 Once in Royal David's City

**1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**



376 Once in Royal David's City

**2 He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**



376 Once in Royal David's City

**3 For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.**



376 Once in Royal David's City

**4 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.**



376 Once in Royal David's City

5 Not in that poor, lowly stable

With the oxen standing by

Shall we see Him, but in heaven,

Set at God's right hand on high.

Then like stars His children,

crowned,

All in white, His praise will sound!



Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Call to Christmas Worship

P In the stillness of this night,

C **A gift is given.**

P wrapped in swaddling cloth, coming to us
as a little baby,

C **God's greatest gift is given.**



Call to Christmas Worship

- P** In the miracle and mystery of God's Son
born in human flesh,
- C** **God has given us his salvation.**



Confession and Forgiveness

P As we gather to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray in repentant faith and seek God's mercy for our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P In our Christmas joy, let us confess our sins.



Confession and Forgiveness

☪ Mighty God, on this day of celebration, we confess our sin to You. We are by nature sinful. Without Your help, we are powerless to overcome it. We confess out impatience with You and with others, our seeking after worldly passions, and our self-indulgent ways of life. By our sin, we have hurt others,

Confession and Forgiveness

© ourselves, and You. We plead with You to forgive our sins for the sake of Christ and to transform our broken lives.



Confession and Forgiveness

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, and the light shines on them. The grace of God has appeared through the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to all people. I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**



379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**



379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**



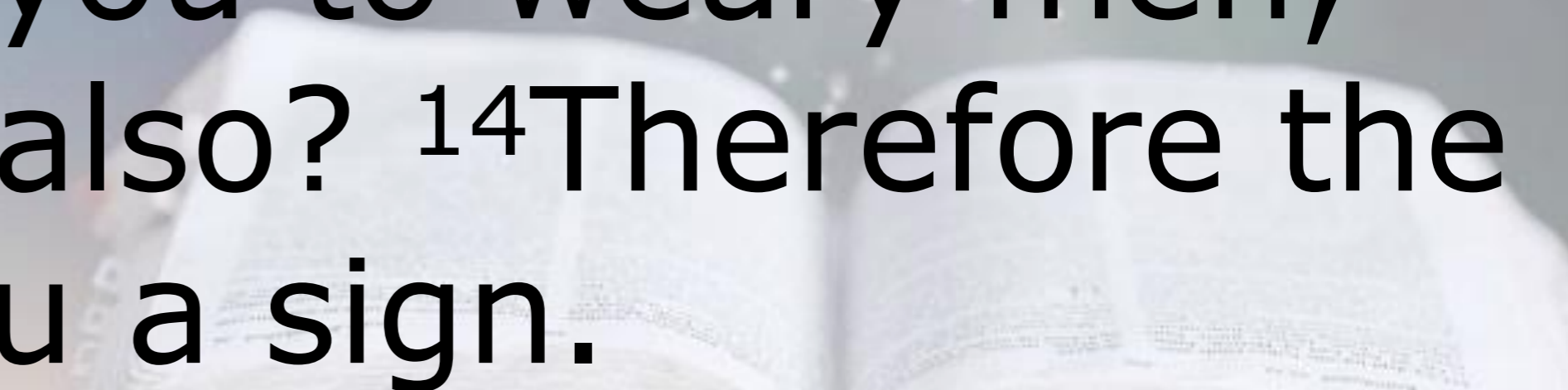
Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: O God who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive the Word made flesh as our Redeemer, we may one day with sure confidence behold the Son of Righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

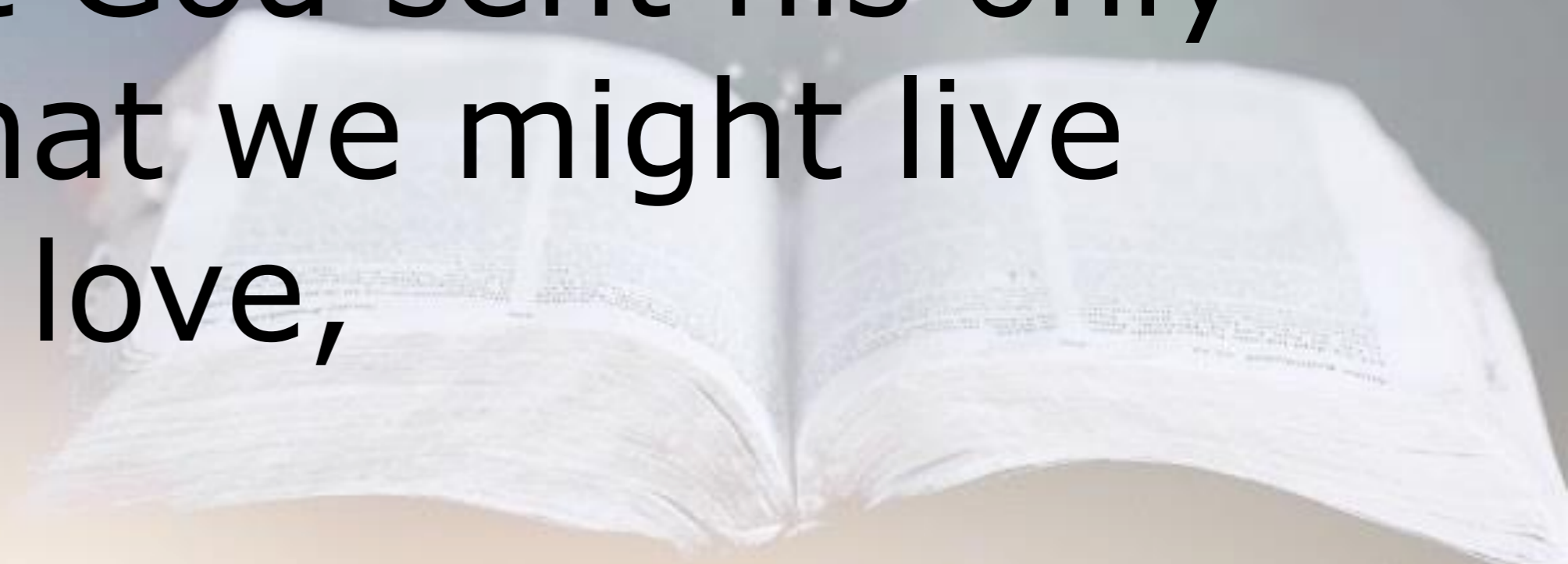
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



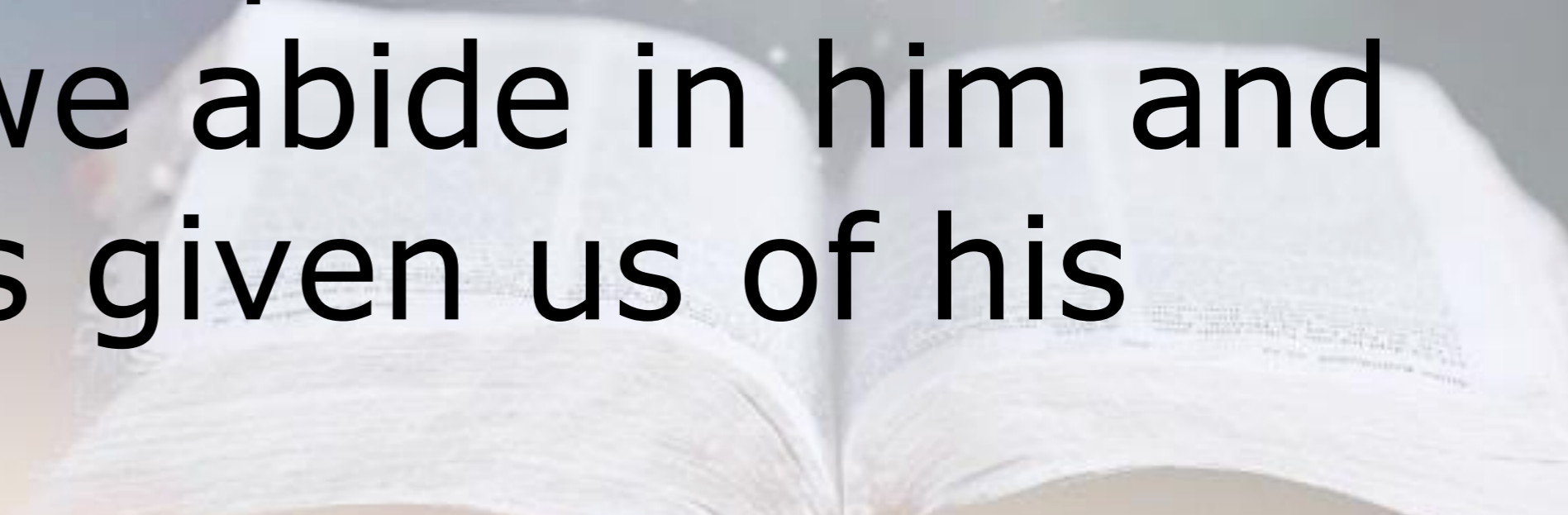
Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love,



Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.



Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



"Mary, Did You Know"

sung by Arianna Jepson



*Mary did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day walk on water
Mary did you know that your Baby Boy
would save our sons and daughters
Did you know that your Baby Boy
has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered
will soon deliver you*



*Mary did you know that your Baby boy
will give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know that your Baby Boy
will calm a storm with His hand
Did you know that your Baby Boy
has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little Baby
you've kissed the face of God*



*The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb*



*Oh Mary did you know that your Baby Boy
is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know that your Baby Boy
will one day rule the nations
Did you know that your Baby Boy
is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am*



Gradual

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon
His shoulder.**

P And His name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,

C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**



Gradual

P Sing to the LORD a new song,

C for He has done marvelous things!



Verse

**© Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
Alleluia.**



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph,

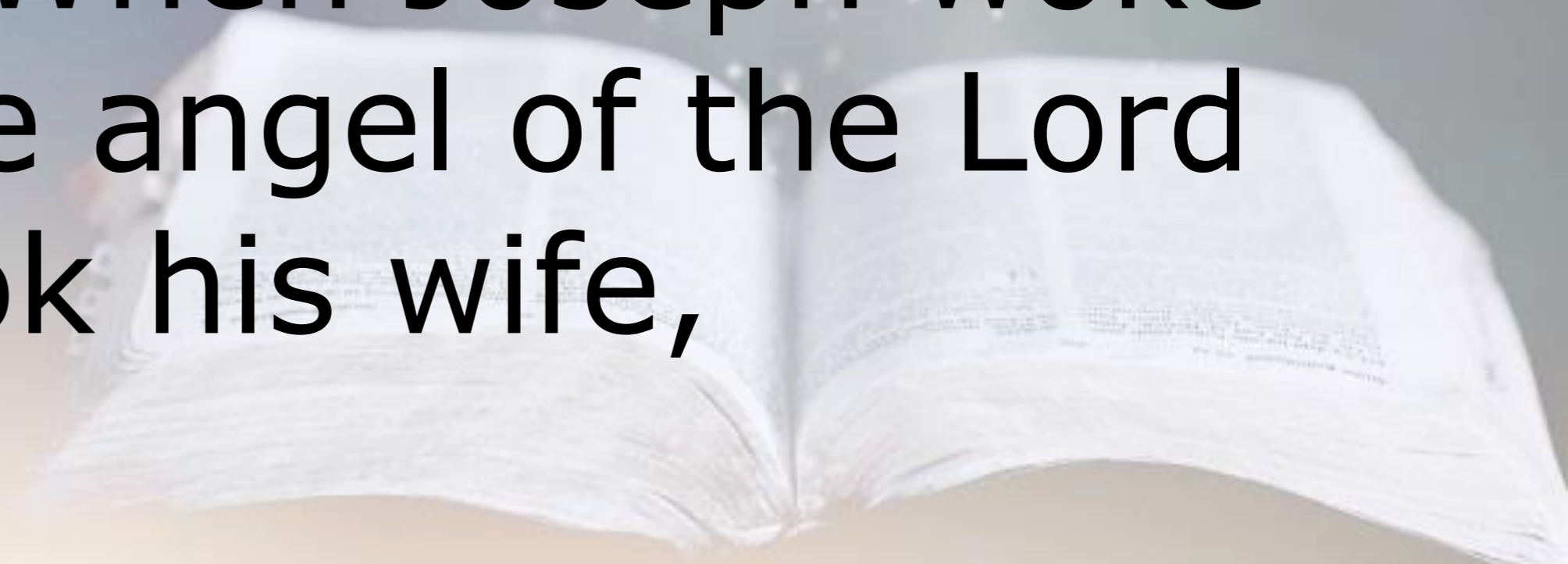
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

for he will save his people from their sins.”
²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**





JESUS TIME FOR THE KIDS

Children please come to the front



364 Away in a Manger

Children sing verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head.

The stars in the sky looked down where
He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.



364 Away in a Manger ~ Congregation sings

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,

But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.



364 Away in a Manger ~ Congregation sings

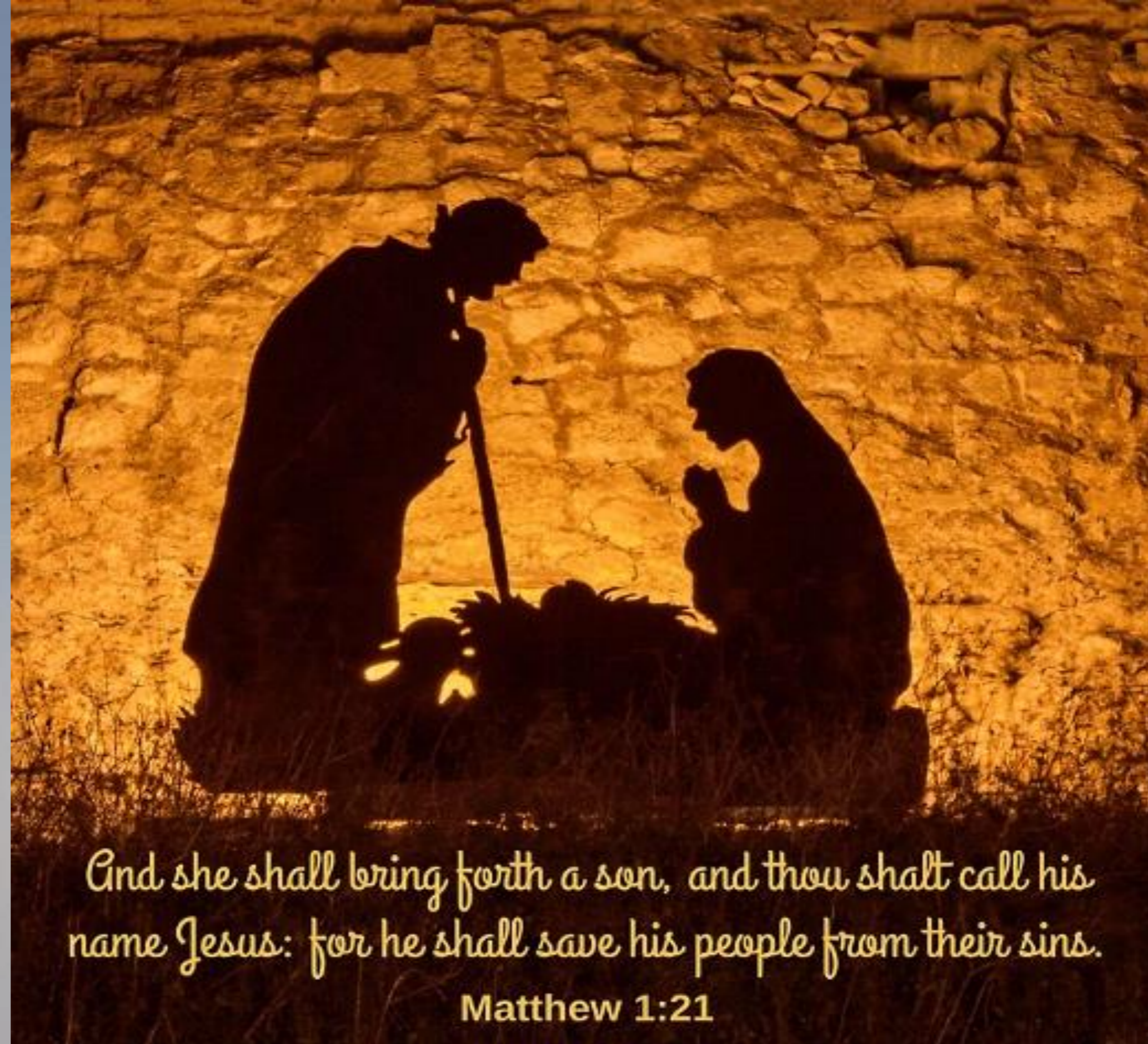
**3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee
to stay**

**Close by me forever and love me, I
pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in Thy
tender care,**

**And take us to heaven to live with
Thee there.**





And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his
name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Sermon Theme: "God with Us"

Text: Matthew 1:18-25



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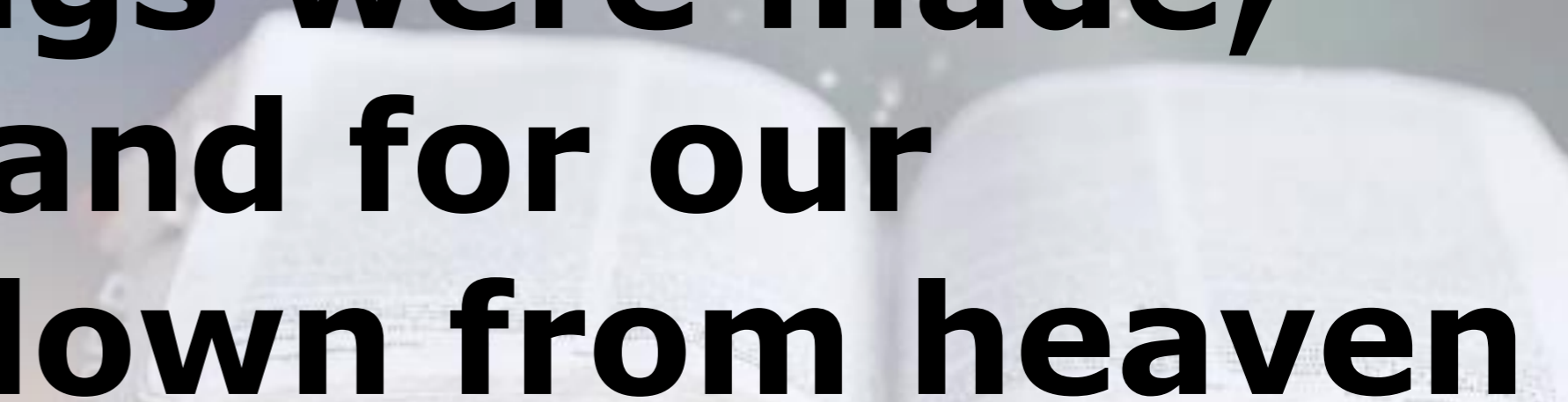
**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,**




Nicene Creed

**☉ God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven**



Nicene Creed

☐ and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven




Nicene Creed

☐ and sits at the right hand of the Father.


**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**



Nicene Creed

**☪ who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**



Nicene Creed

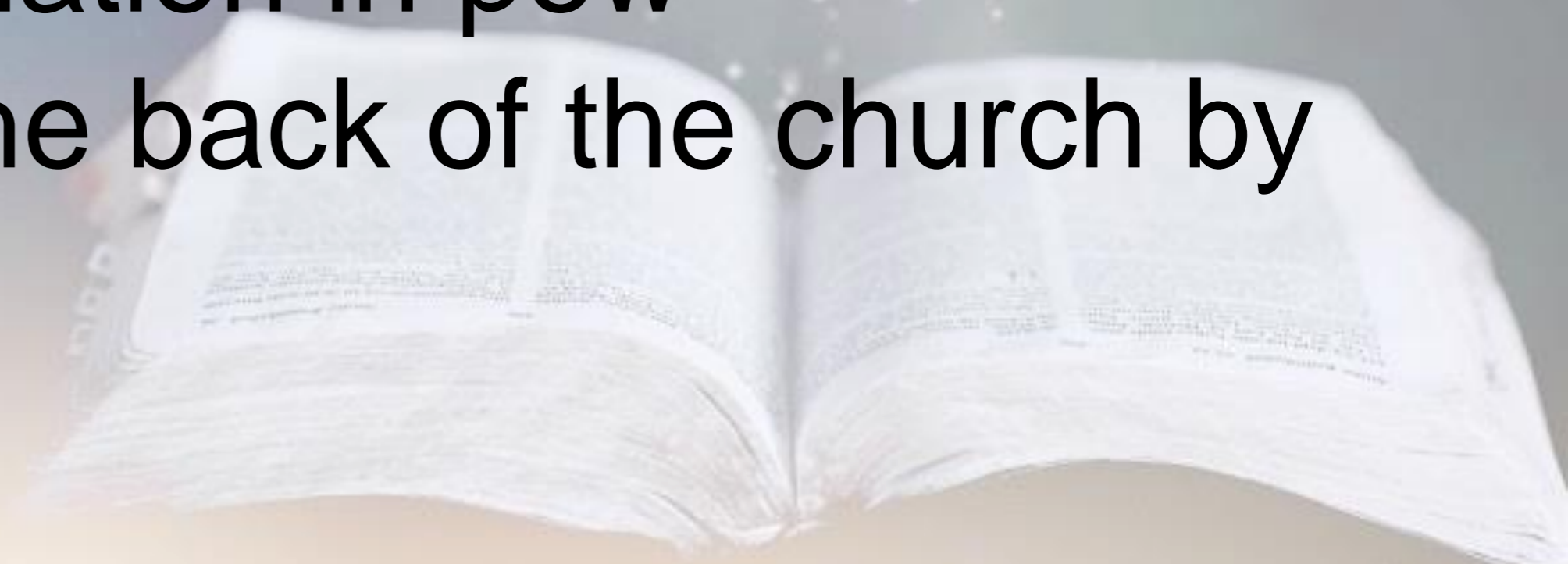
**☪ and I look for the resurrection of
the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**



Offering

Ways to support our ministries at St. Martin

- Your designated envelopes
- Envelopes provided in pew, put your name on
- Electronic giving information in pew
- Offering plates are in the back of the church by each door.




“Joseph’s Song”

by Pastor Jason Zobel



*How could it be this baby in my arms
Sleeping now so peacefully
The Son of God the angel said
How could it be*

*Lord I know He's not my own
Not of my flesh not of my bones
Still Father let this baby be
The Son of my love*



*Father show me where I fit
Into this plan of Yours
How can a man be a father to
the Son of God
Lord for all my life
I've been a simple carpenter
How can I raise a King
How can I raise a King*



*He looks so small
His face and hands so fair
And when He cries
The sun just seems to disappear
But when He laughs it shines again
How could it be*



*Father show me where I fit
Into this plan of Yours
How can a man be a father to
the Son of God
Lord for all my life
I've been a simple carpenter
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*How could it be this baby in my arms
Sleeping now so peacefully
The Son of God the angel said
How could it be*



Prayer of the Church

P . . . Hear our prayers, O Lord,

C **for to us a child is born, to us a son
is given.**



Christmas Sanctus (tune LSB 384)

**Holy holy holy God most high
Blessed Lord of Heaven and earth
From the Father with the Spirit
From a maid You came to earth
All creation sings high praise
and blessing
Son of God and Son of man
Hosanna in the highest!**



**Glory streams through earth and heaven
For our Savior has been born
In this gift You've giv'n a Savior
Given to us this Christmas morn
Now may everyone adore __you
Son of God and Son of man
Hosanna in the highest**



The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, . . . This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, . . . This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.



Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**

Lord's Prayer

**☪ 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.**



Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**



Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C **Amen.**



Christmas Agnus Dei (tune LW 46)

**Jesus Christ You now dwell
Here with us Emmanuel
Heal our strife give us new life
Grant us mercy Christ our Lord**



**Mary's Child Your own dear Son
With the Father made us one
For our sin o'er death You've won
Grant us mercy
Christ our Lord**

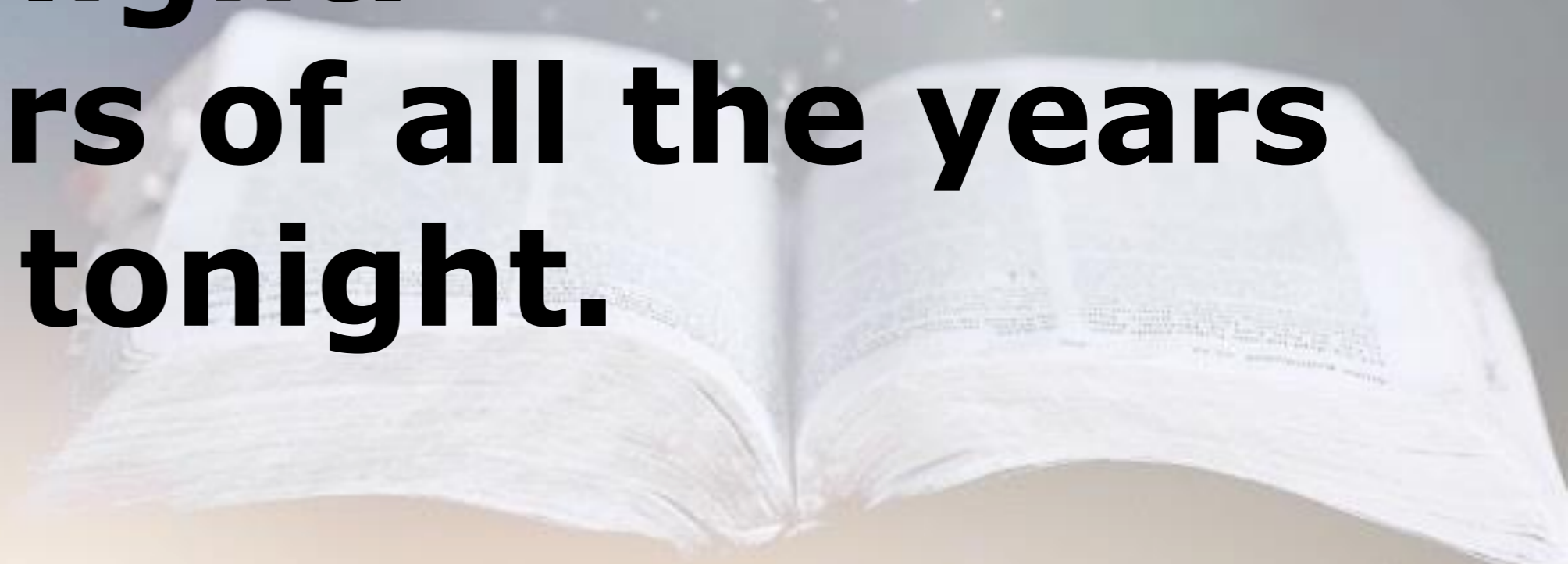


Please be seated



361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**



361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

2 For Christ is born of Mary,

And, gathered all above

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the king

And peace to all the earth!



361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

3 How silently, how silently

The wondrous gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts

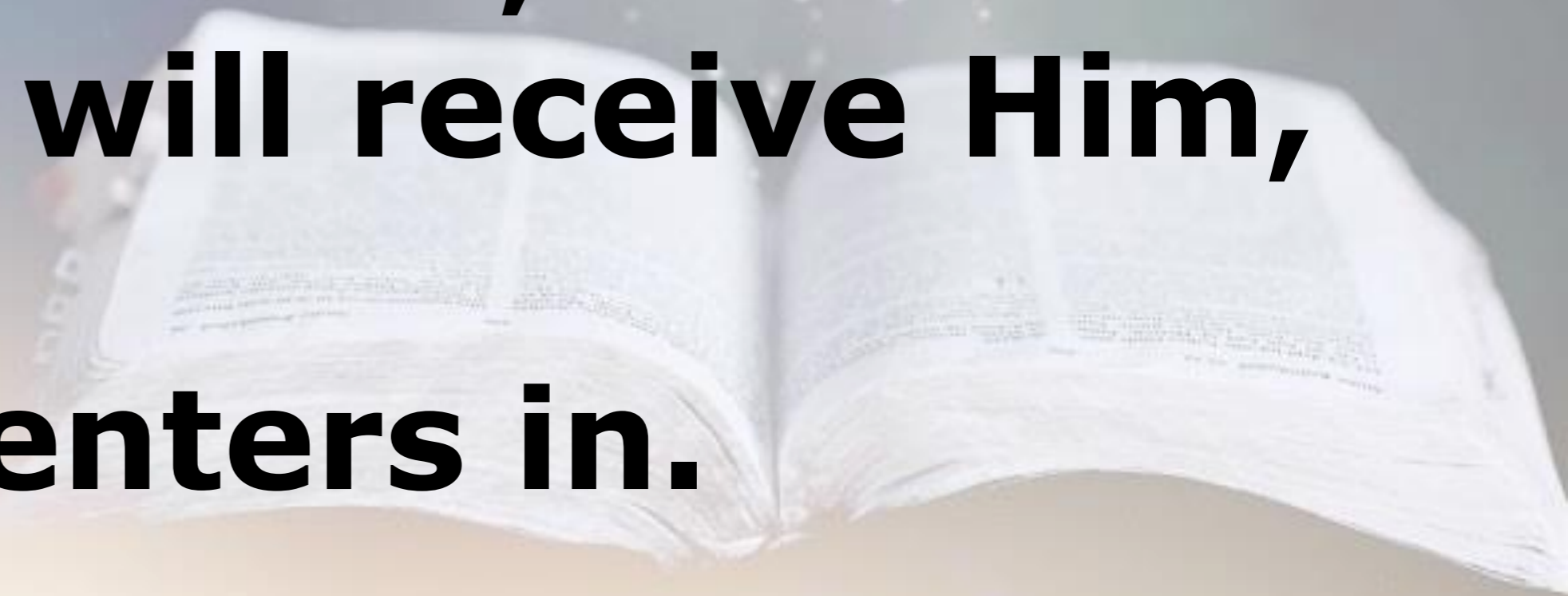
The blessings of His heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming;

But in this world of sin,

**Where meek souls will receive Him,
still**

The dear Christ enters in.



361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in,

Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Immanuel!





363 Silent Night, Holy Night

**1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**



363 Silent Night, Holy Night

**2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!**



363 Silent Night, Holy Night

**3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**





383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

**1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure!**

Refrain

**Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**



383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

2 The Word becomes incarnate

**And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.**

Refrain

**Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**

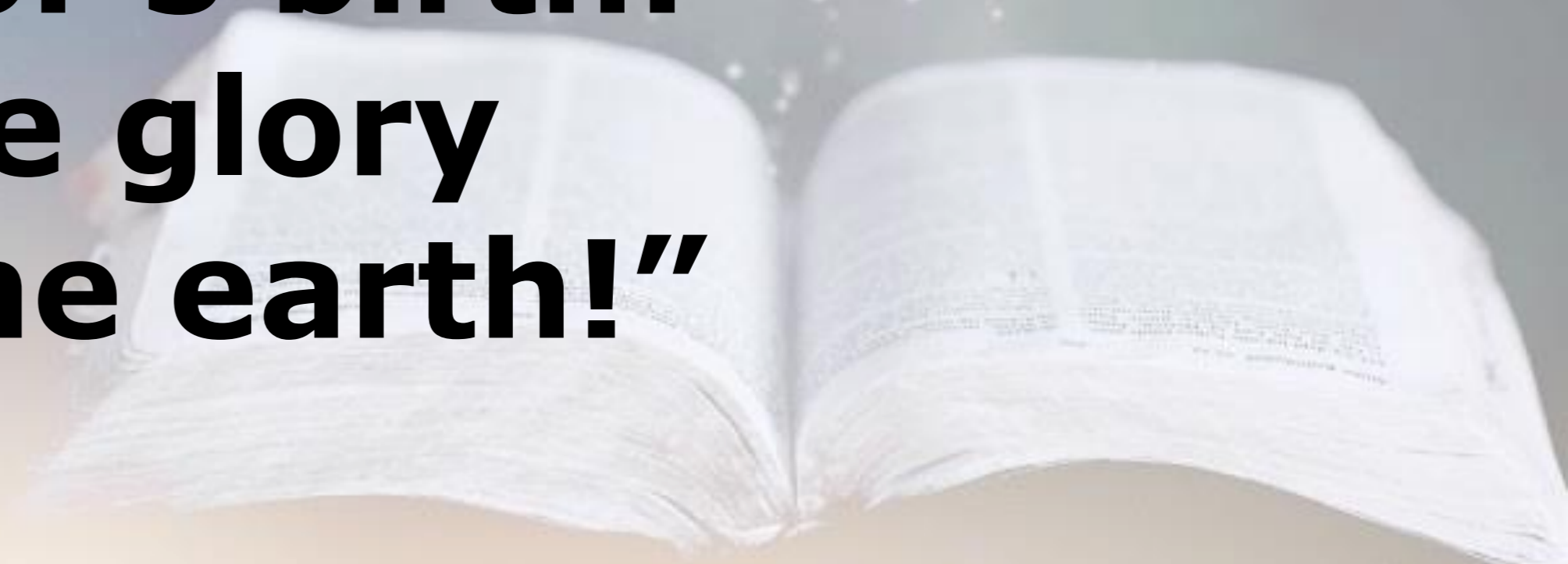


383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

**3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands.**

Refrain

**Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**

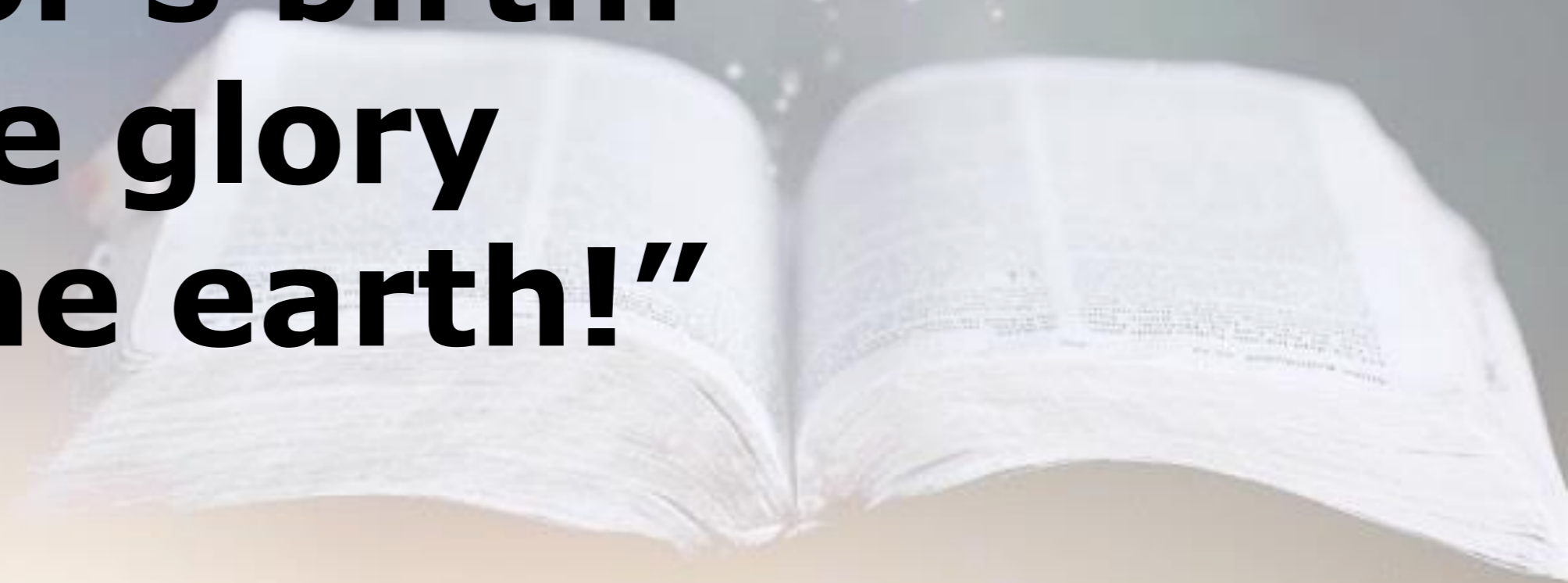


383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

**4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord.**

Refrain

**Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**



383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

5 All idols then shall perish

**And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace.**

Refrain

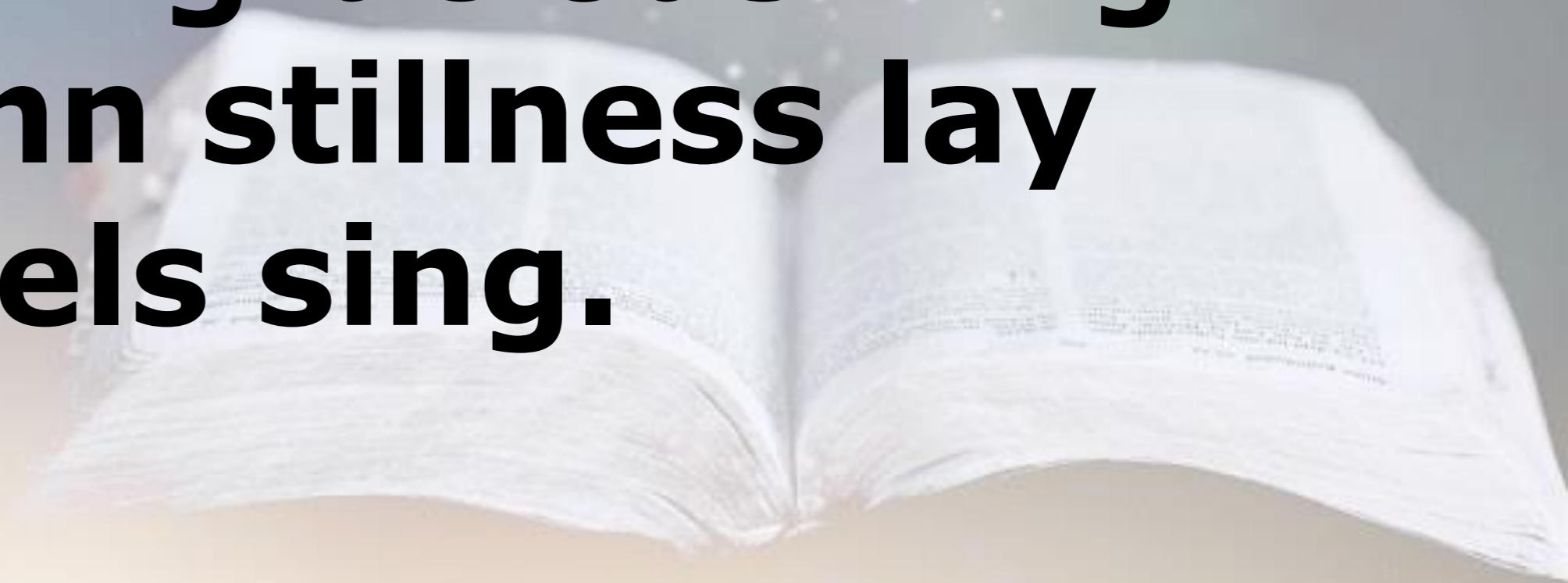
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"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"**





366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**1 It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**



366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**2 Still through the cloven skies they
come**

**With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats**

O'er all the weary world.

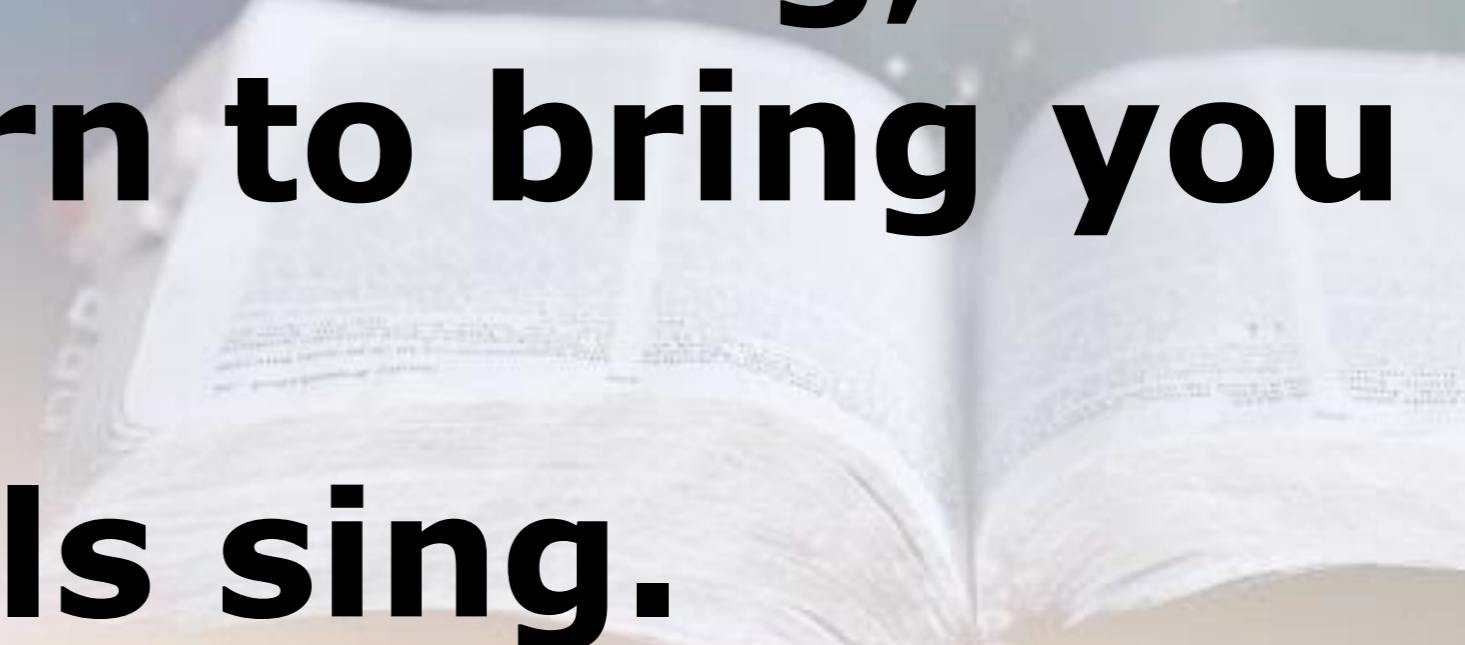
Above its sad and lowly plains

**They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds**

The blessèd angels sing.

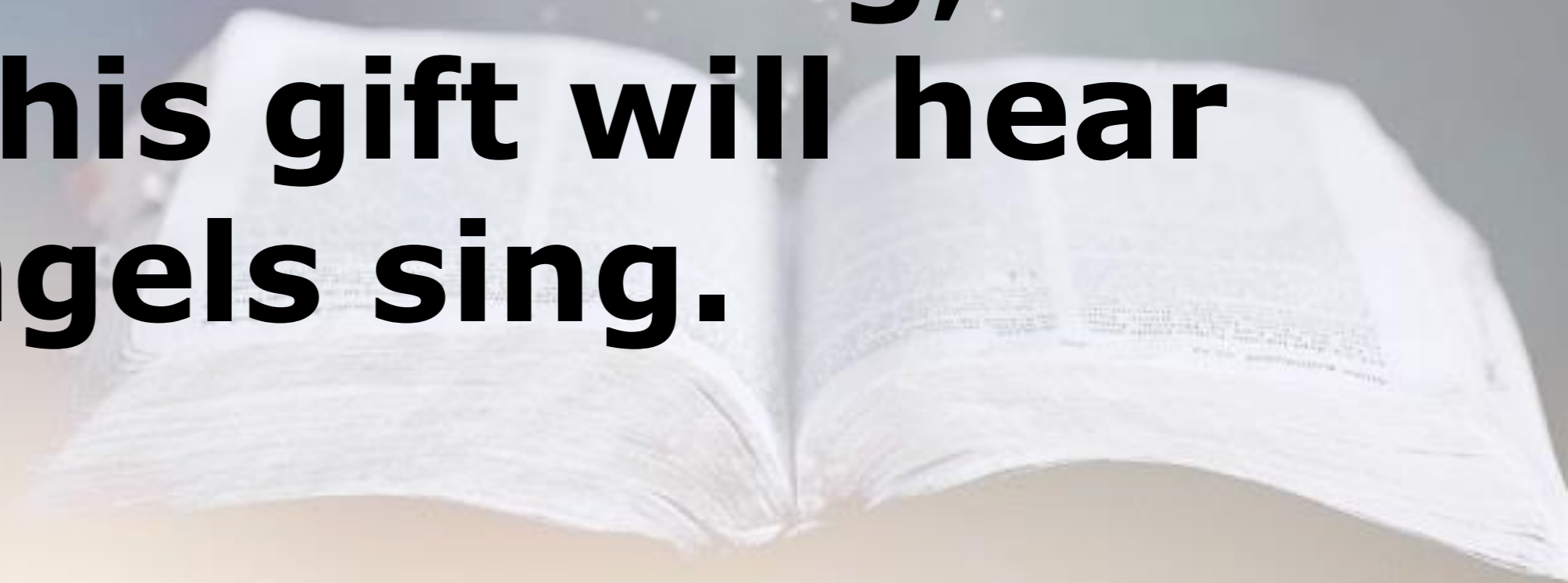
366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**3 All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you
peace;
Of Him the angels sing.**



366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

**4 For lo, the days have come to pass
By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years
Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth
God's ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear
The song the angels sing.**





368 Angels We Have Heard on High

**1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.



368 Angels We Have Heard on High

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?

**Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be**

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.



368 Angels We Have Heard on High

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.





Christmas Nunc Dimittus (tune LSB 358)

Lord, let your servant go in peace

Your faithful Word has been fulfilled

This Word made flesh we now embrace

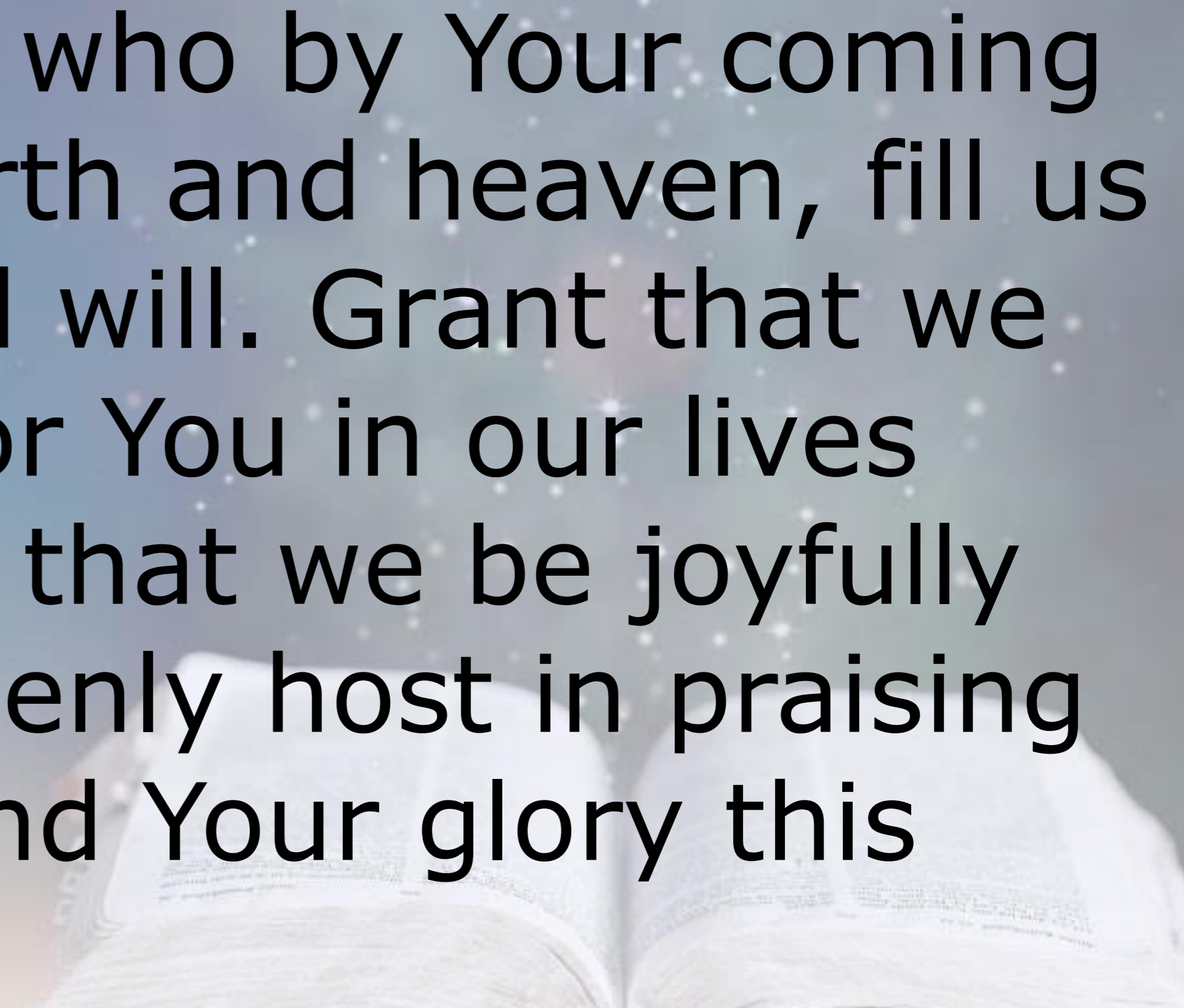
The sure salvation you have willed



Closing Prayer

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your coming among us united earth and heaven, fill us with peace and good will. Grant that we always have room for You in our lives and days, and grant that we be joyfully joined with the heavenly host in praising Your graciousness and Your glory this evening and always;

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Closing Prayer

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**



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.**



380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

Refrain

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!**

Refrain

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,

Born that man no more may die,

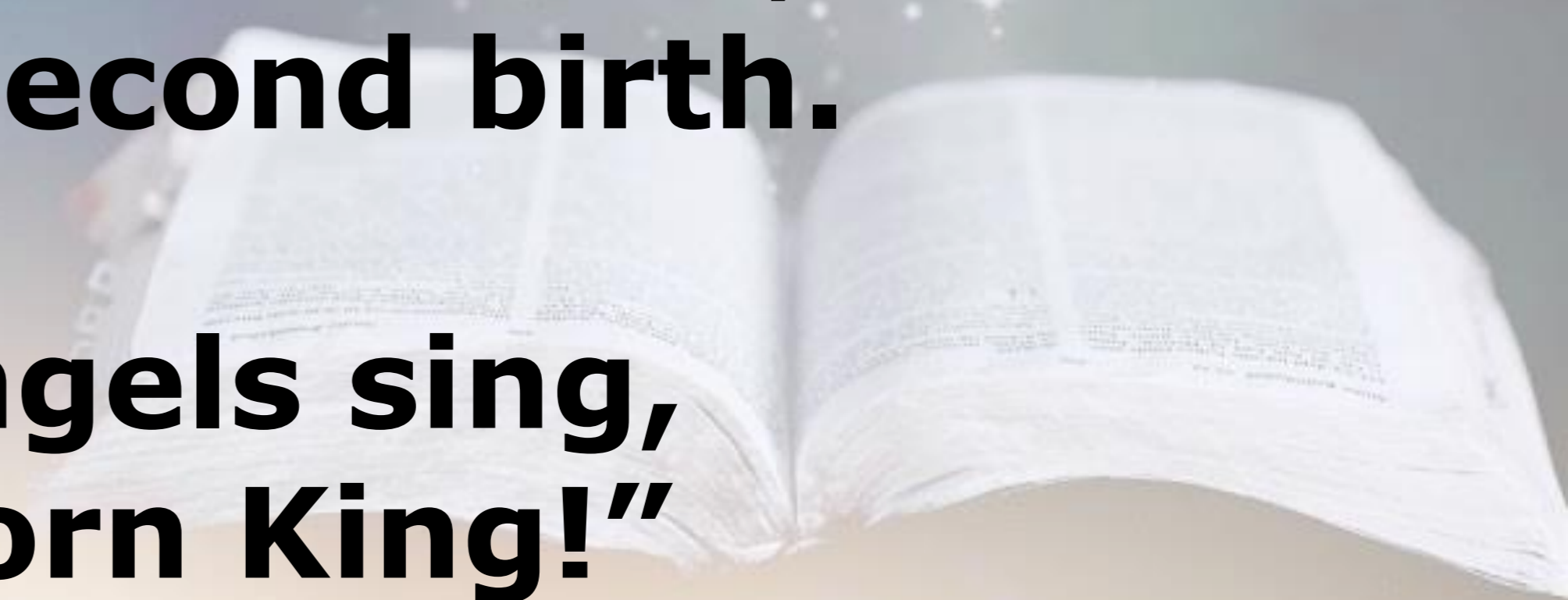
Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King!”





Christmas Eve
Blessing.

Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will
towards men.

Luke 2:14