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Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!



Communion

Art by Sue Carroll

Happy Birthday

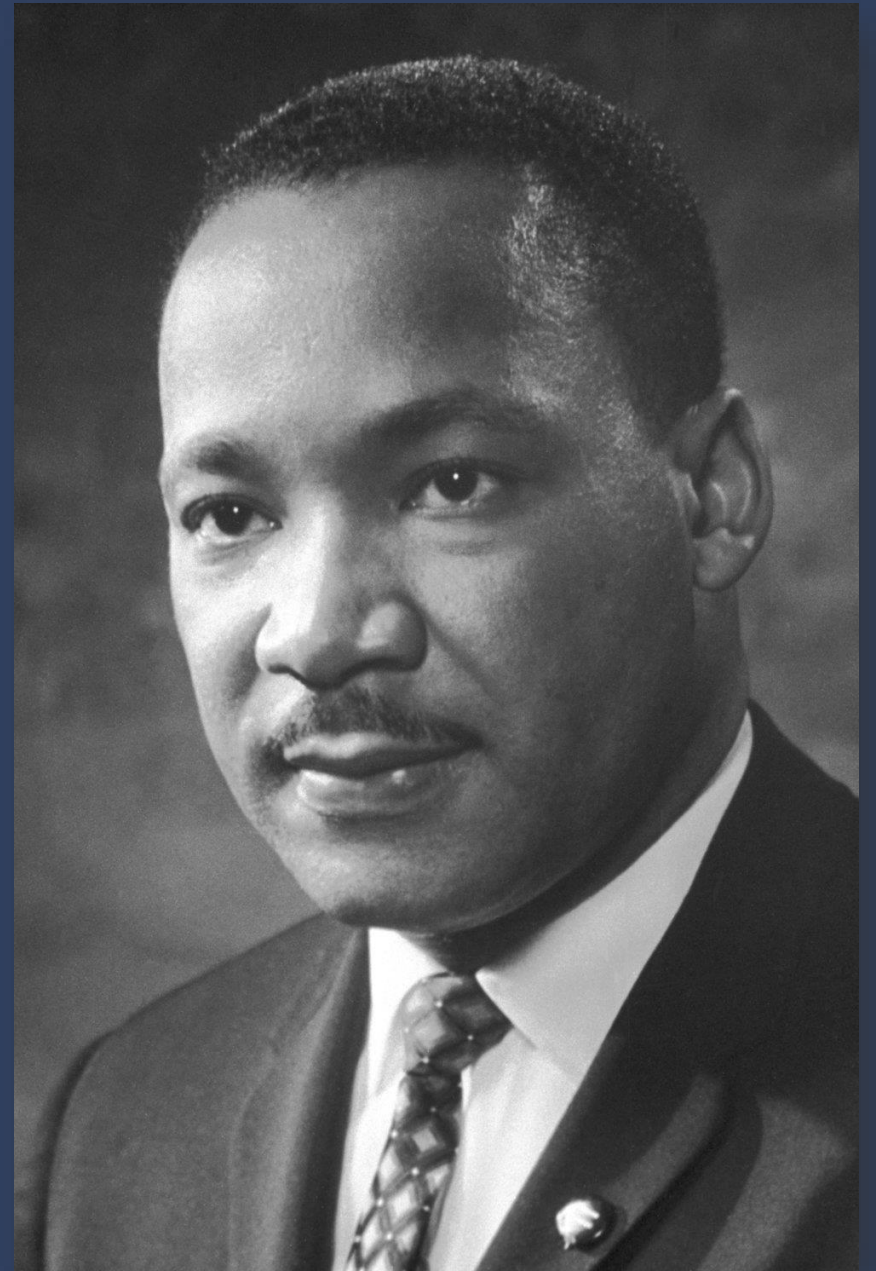
Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.





To be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible than to be alive
without breathing.

~Martin Luther King Jr.



God is present to us and loves us all the time,
but we are often not quiet and alert enough
to be aware of it.

~Irma Zaleski





Be STILL
....and know that I am God.
--*Psalm 46: 10*



Have a Little Talk with Jesus

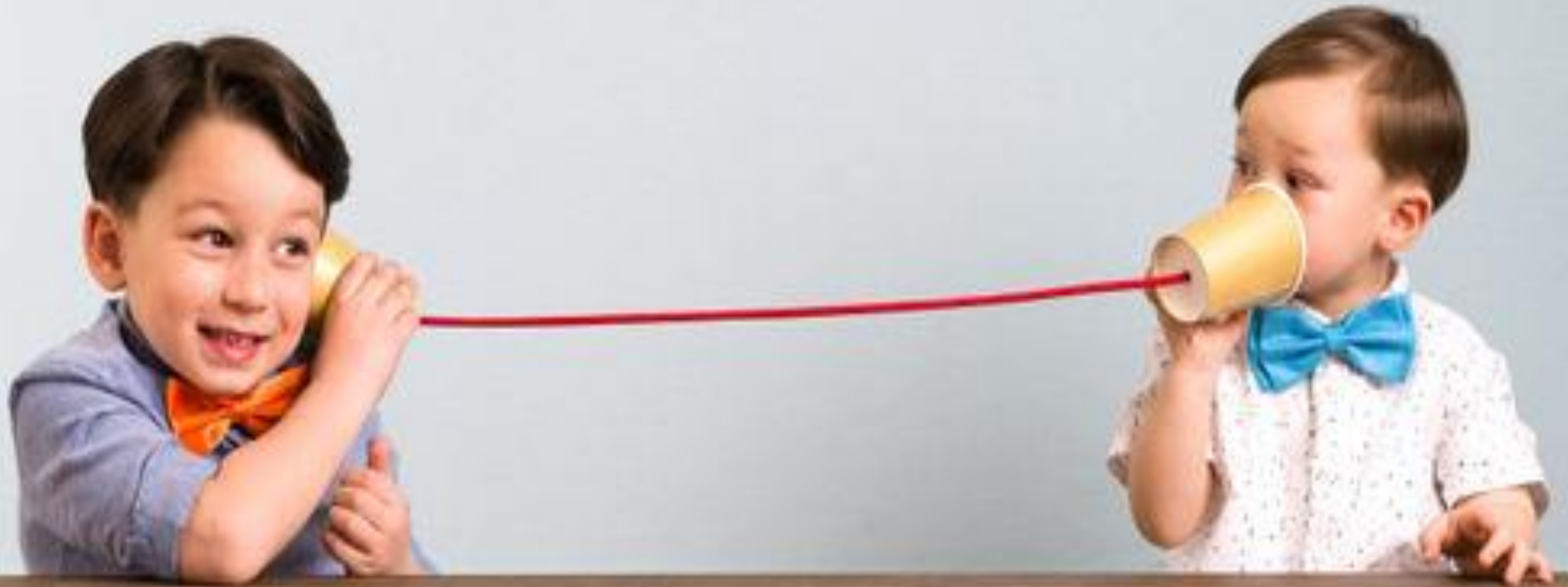


I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul.
He bathed my heart in love and He wrote my name above
And just a little talk with Jesus makes me whole.

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus
Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He'll hear our faintest cry, and answer by and by.
Feel a little prayer wheel turning;
Know a little fire is burning
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

I may have doubts and fears
My eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night
I go to him in prayer; he knows my every care
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Communication



Opening Prayer

Loving God,

If only we could be sure you're listening. If only we could hear Your voice as easily as we hear each other's. We yearn for concrete proof that you are there, but You call to us in a different way, and sometimes we struggle to believe it's really You.

Lord, teach us to be patient when we pray. **AMEN**

Responsive Reading: (by Judah Halevi)

Lord, where shall I find You?

High and hidden is Your place.

And where shall I not find You?

Your glory fills infinities of space . . .

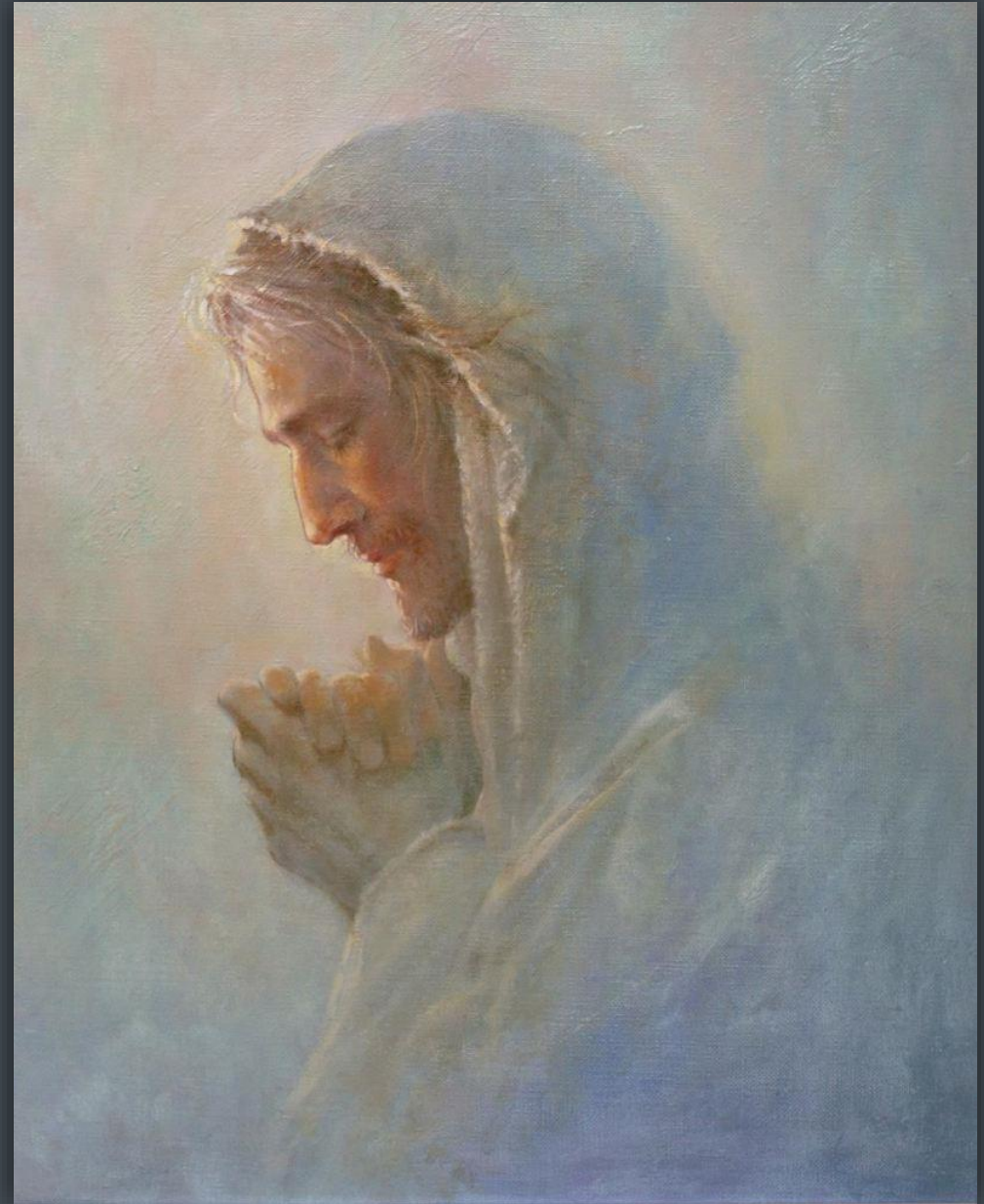
I have sought Your presence and called You with all my heart,

**...and going out to meet You, I found You
coming toward me.**

Jesus, the man of prayer

Now during those days Jesus went
out to the mountain to pray, and
he spent the night in prayer to God.

—(*Luke 6:12*)



1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

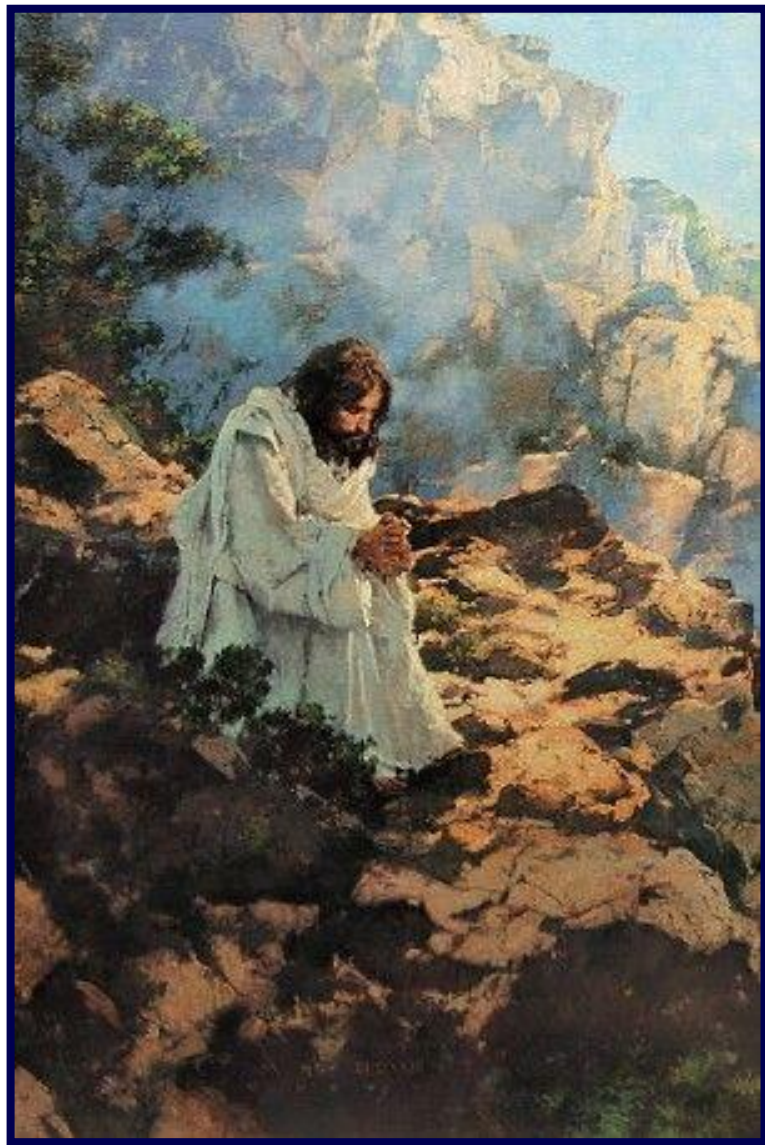
Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



Luke 3: 20-22 *Jesus Is Baptized*



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and **was praying**, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*”



Luke 5:12-16

Yet the news about him spread all the more,
so that crowds of people came to hear him
and to be healed of their sicknesses.

**But Jesus often withdrew to lonely
places and prayed.**

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

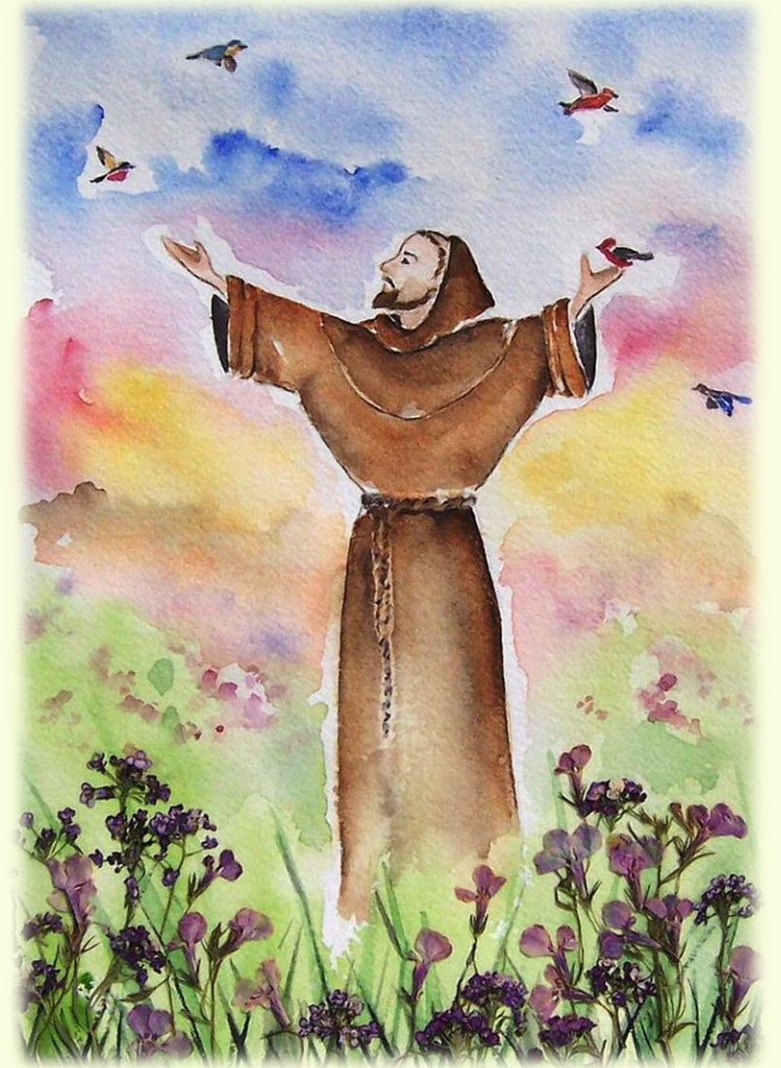
where there is sadness, joy.

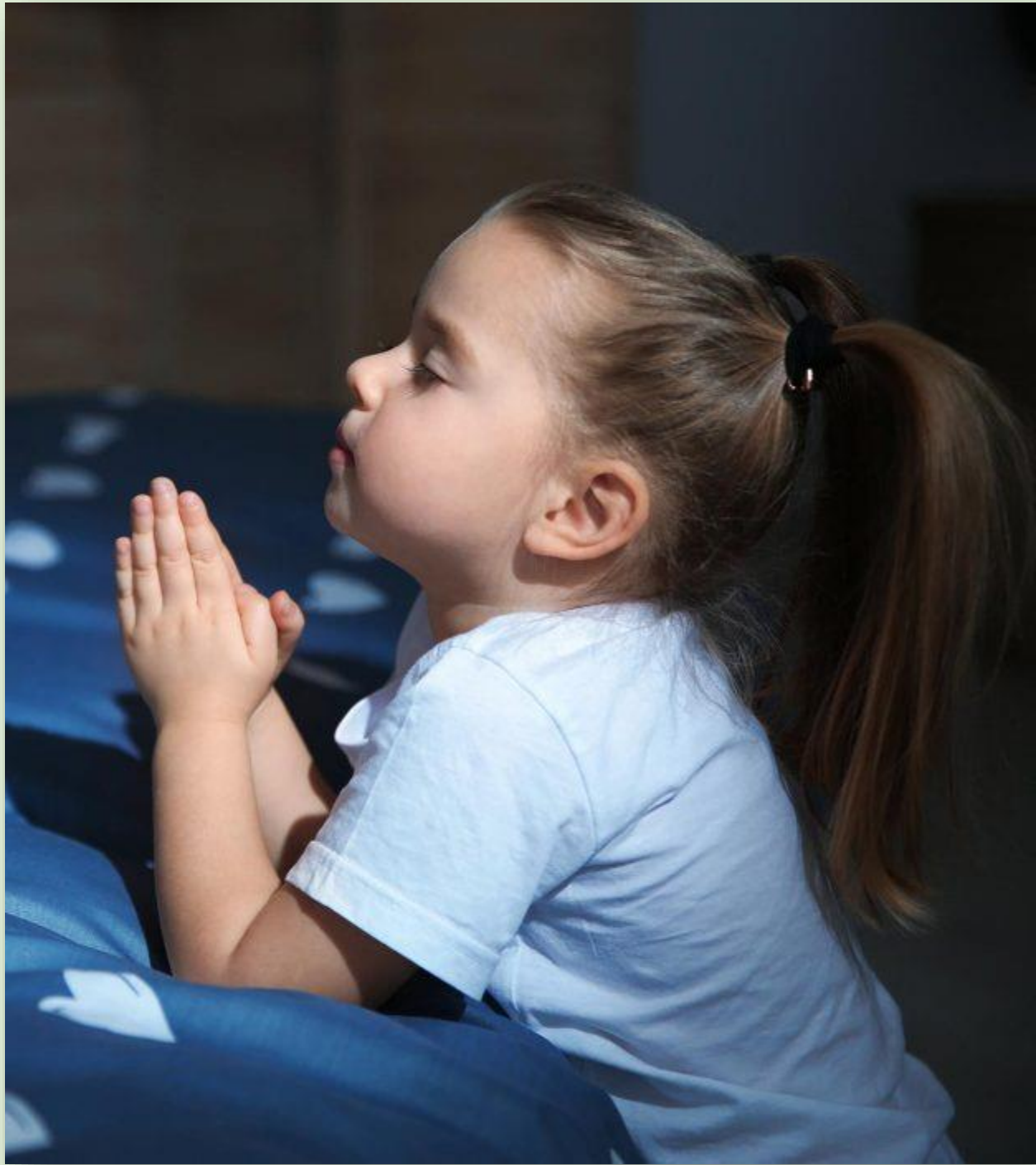


O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.**







Lord, teach us to pray.

—*Luke 11:1*

Prayer is where God meets us:

- in the human heart,
- in our offering of words,
- in our acknowledged vulnerability.

—Jonathan Sacks

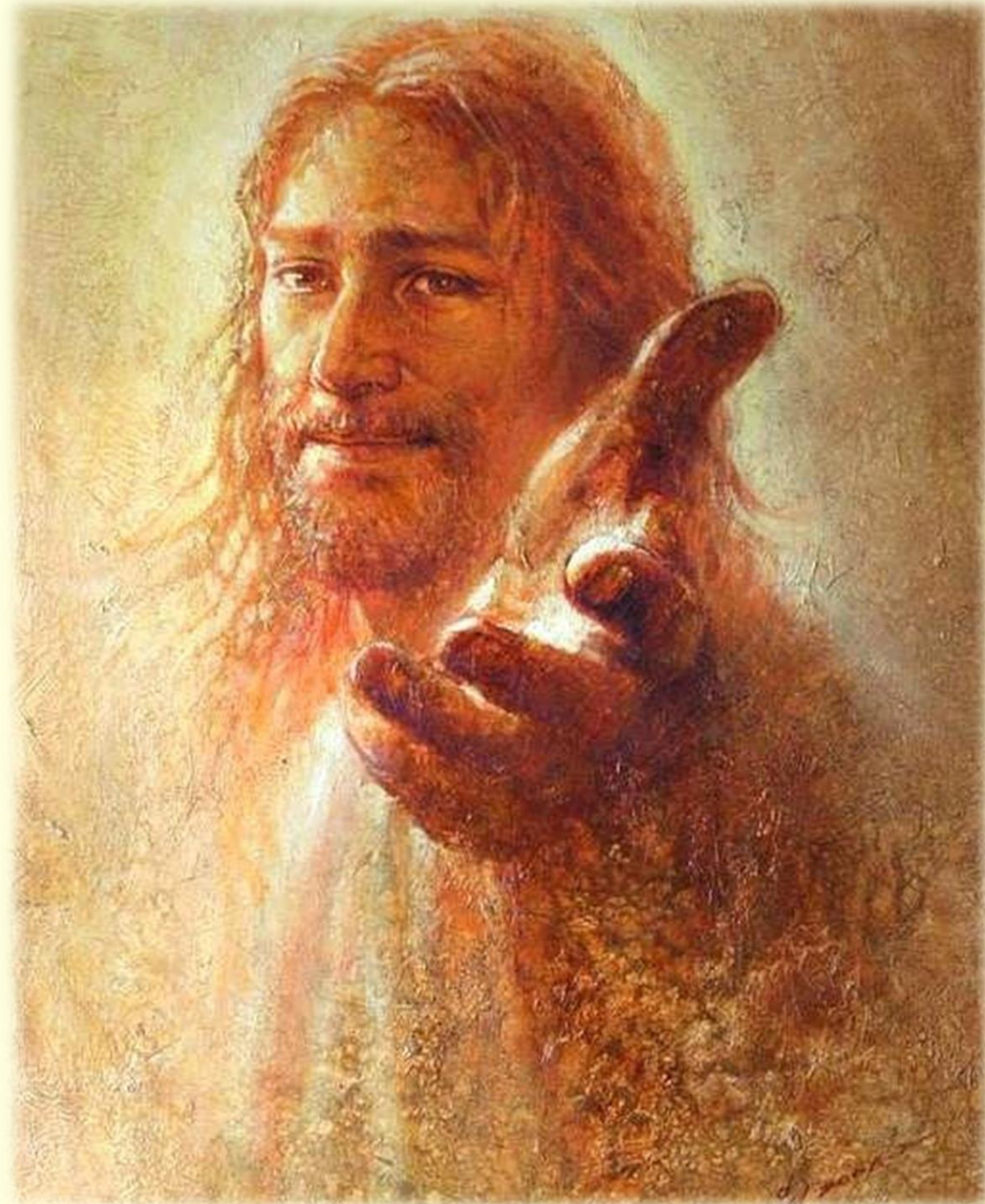




Come and speak to us, come and renew us
Come and live through us, Emmanuel.
Grace to implore us, ever before us
Come and restore us, Emmanuel.

Once mercy found us, still You astound us
Hold and surround us, Emmanuel.
Living inside us, faithful to guide us
Cover and hide us, Emmanuel.

Love that begins us, pardons and wins us
Come and reign in us, Emmanuel.
Come and speak to us, fill and renew us,
Come and live through us, Emmanuel.



Community Prayer

LORD Jesus,

We want to pray, just as you taught your disciples. How often You went off by Yourself to pray to the Father, and we need to do the same. How often You sought his wisdom, strength, and peace as You confronted all Your daily challenges, and we need to do the same.

Lord, You have so many important messages for us. Help us listen for Your voice and be receptive to Your presence in our lives. ***Amen***

Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.



Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

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!

Communion



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Holy Communion



My sisters and brothers, Christ invites us all to His table. He asks that we love him, confess our sins, and grow close to him in faith.

In this holy space, let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive his holy sacrament.

Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, You know how often we stumble. We don't come to this table trusting in ourselves; but instead, trusting in You and Your unfailing mercy.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves His love and grace. We are a forgiven people. ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you;

Congregation: ***and also with you.***

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Pastor: It is a good and joyful thing to always give thanks to you.
Even when we turned away and our love failed, your love
remained steadfast. And so we praise Your Holy name.



Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Leader: God of power and might,
 God of power and might,
Leader: Heaven and earth are full of your glory
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Leader: Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes
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Leader: in the name of the Lord.
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On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

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

Do this in remembrance of me.”



When the supper was over, he took the cup, he gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said, *“Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.





Leader: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
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All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

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Blessing of the Elements

Loving and eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory. ***Amen***

Breaking of the Bread



Lifting of the Cup



Just as there is one loaf, we who are many are one body.
Just as we all partake of one loaf, the bread which we share
is also a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the Blood of Christ.

Partaking of the Elements





Benediction

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I'll Fly Away-TFWS 2282

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away.

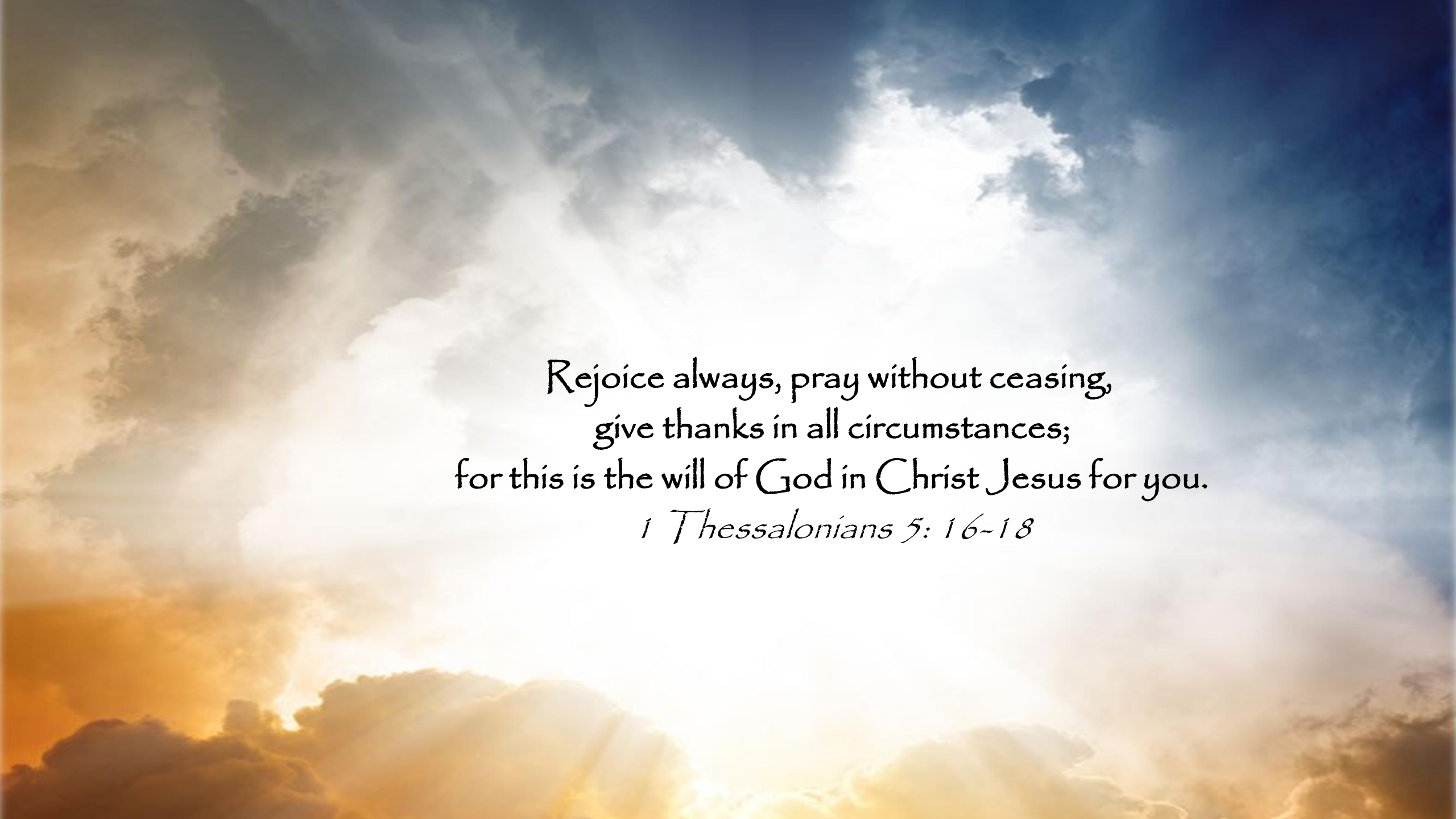
When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away.

CHORUS

I'll fly away, oh, Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away.





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