

A photograph of five advent candles in shades of purple and white, arranged in a row. The candles are set against a background of warm, out-of-focus lights. In the foreground, there are festive decorations including pine branches, red berries, and gold ornaments.

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29 November, 2020

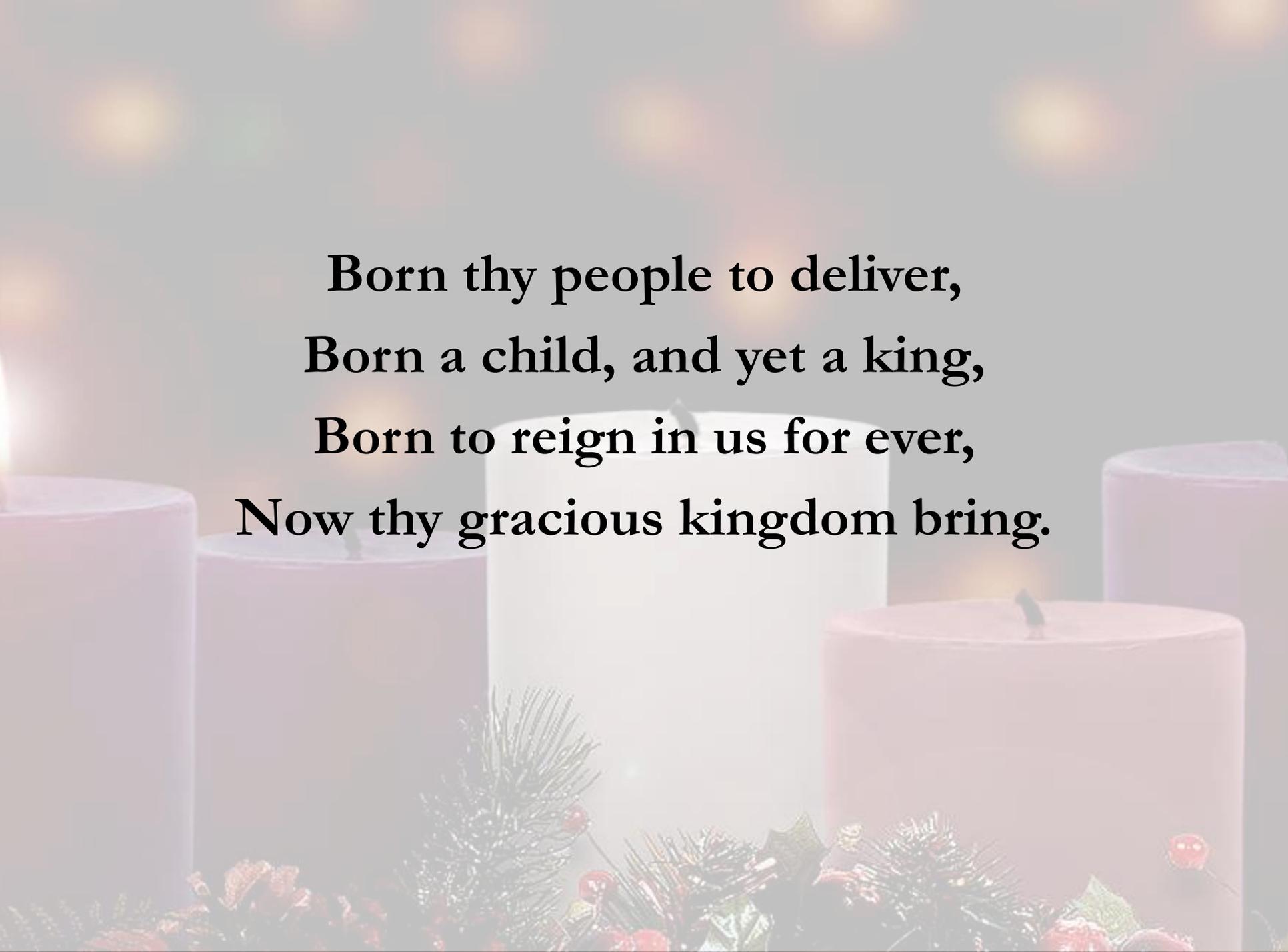
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.



**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**



**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**



**By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Acclamation

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**



The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

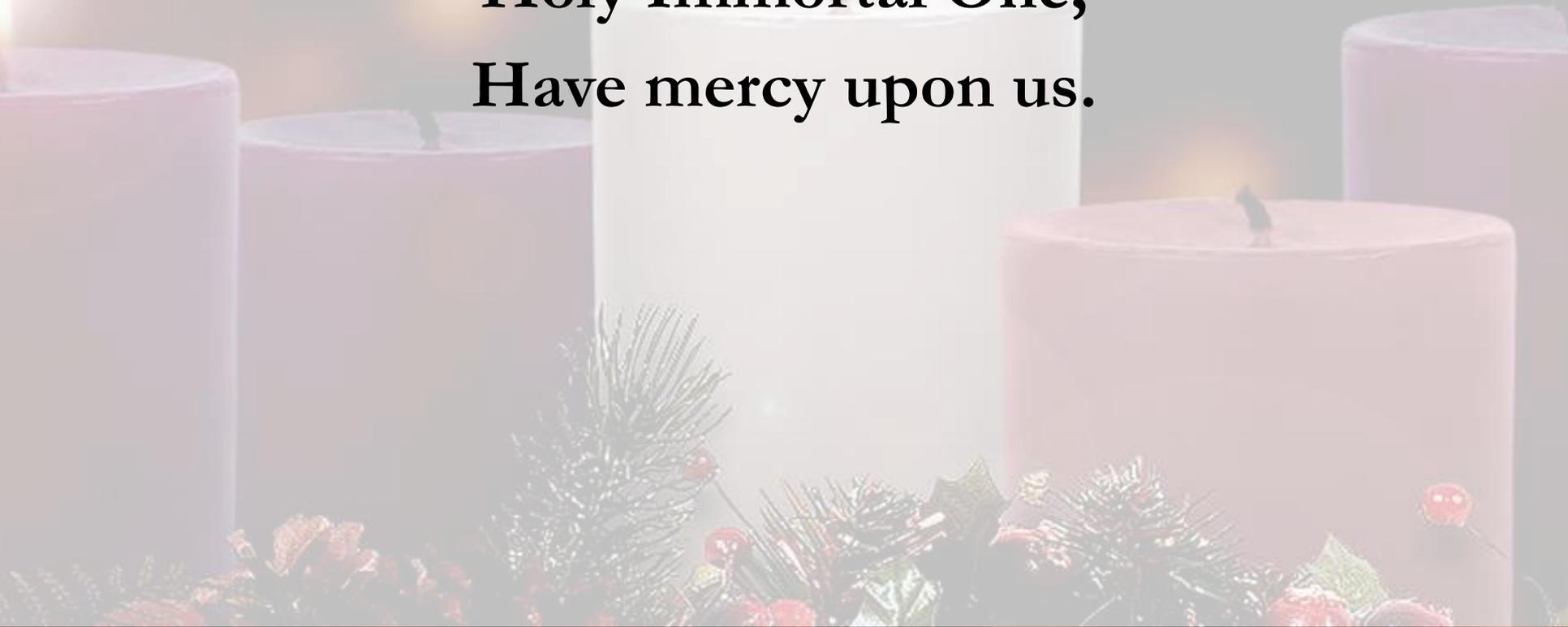
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

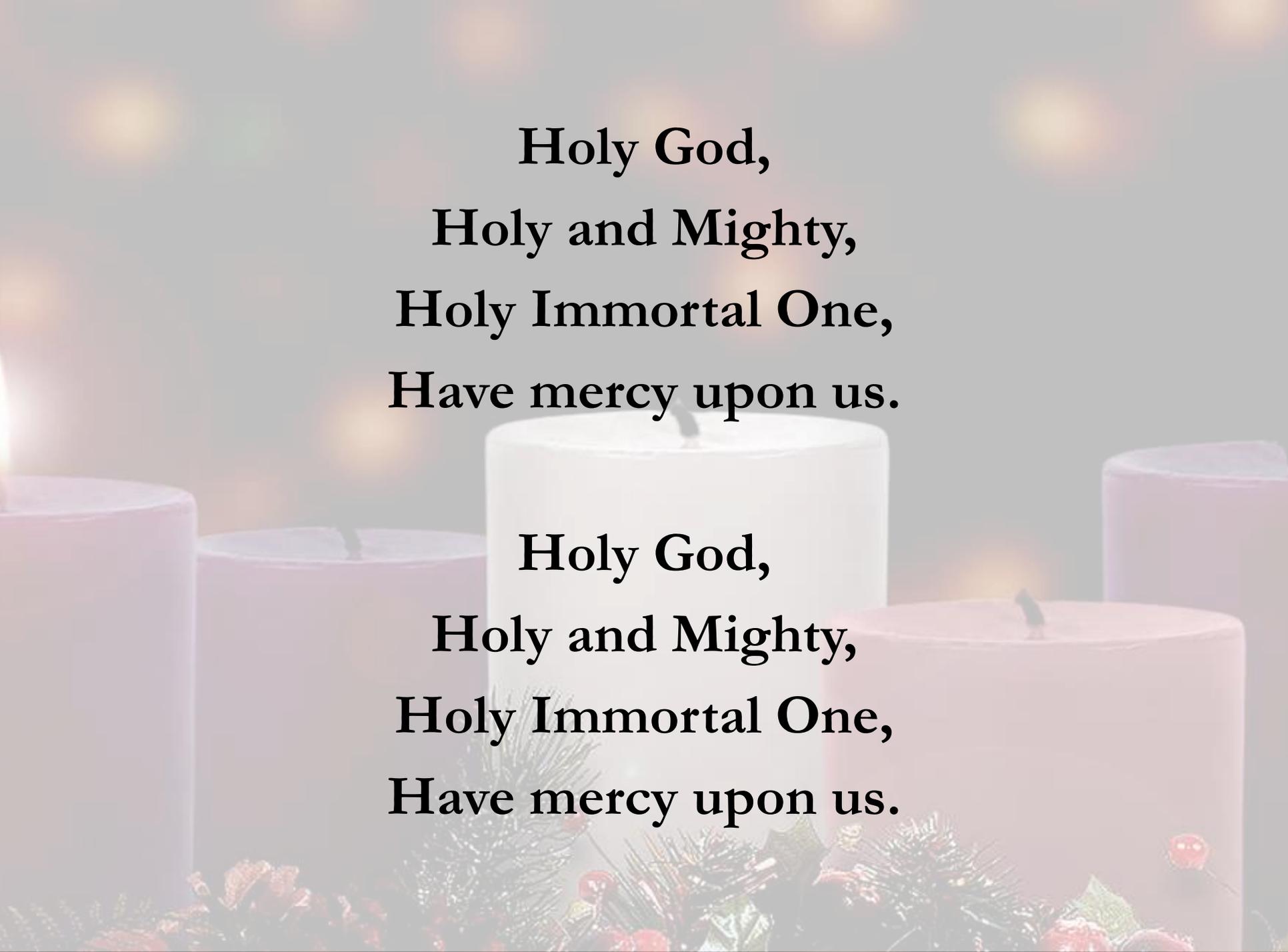
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

The Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.





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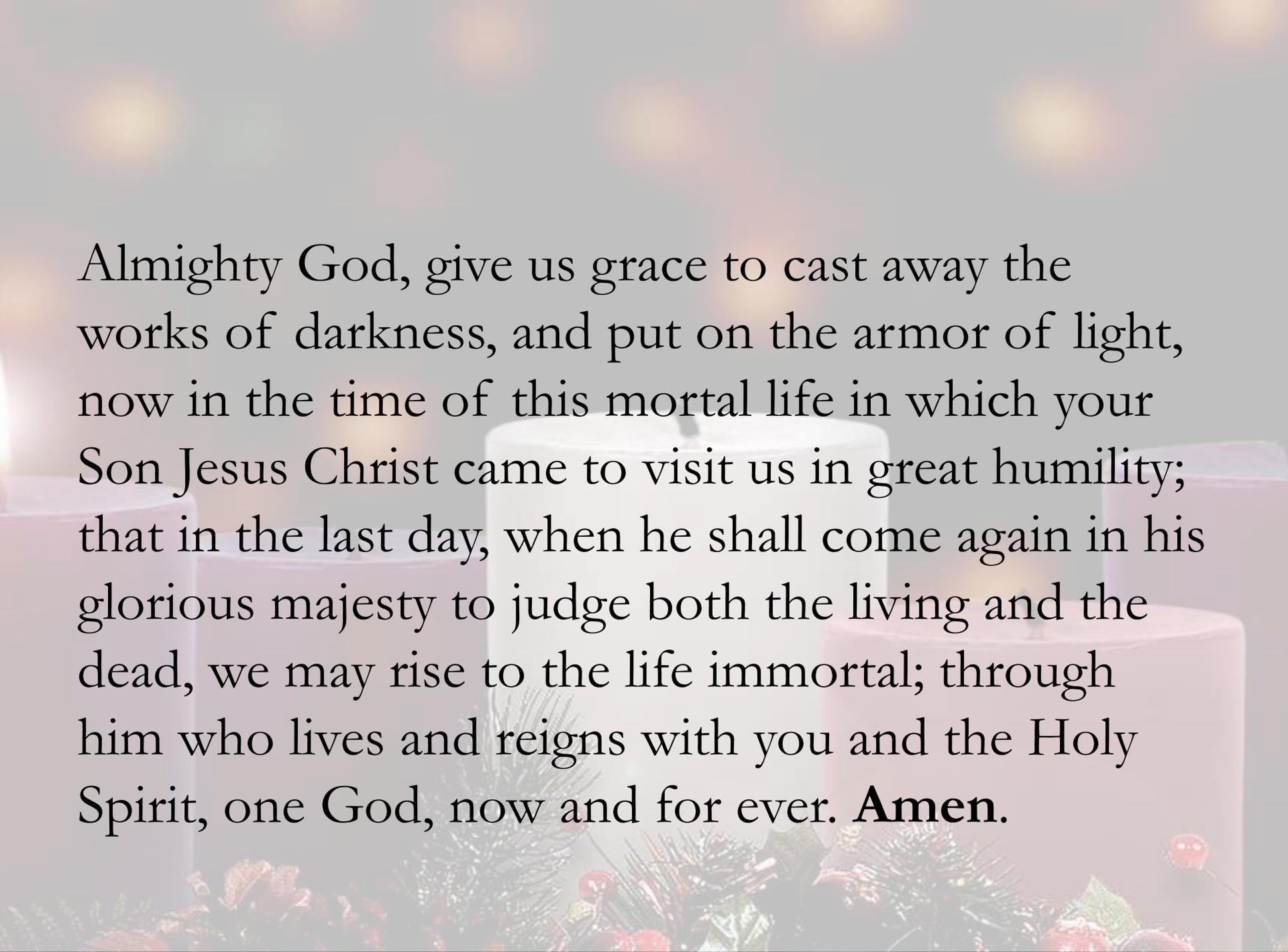
The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant prays a prayer to set the theme for the day



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9a

¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
down,

that the mountains might quake at your
presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your
presence!

³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From of old no one has heard

or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in^[c] the hand of our
iniquities.

⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: Psalm 80

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a | flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,

shine | forth.

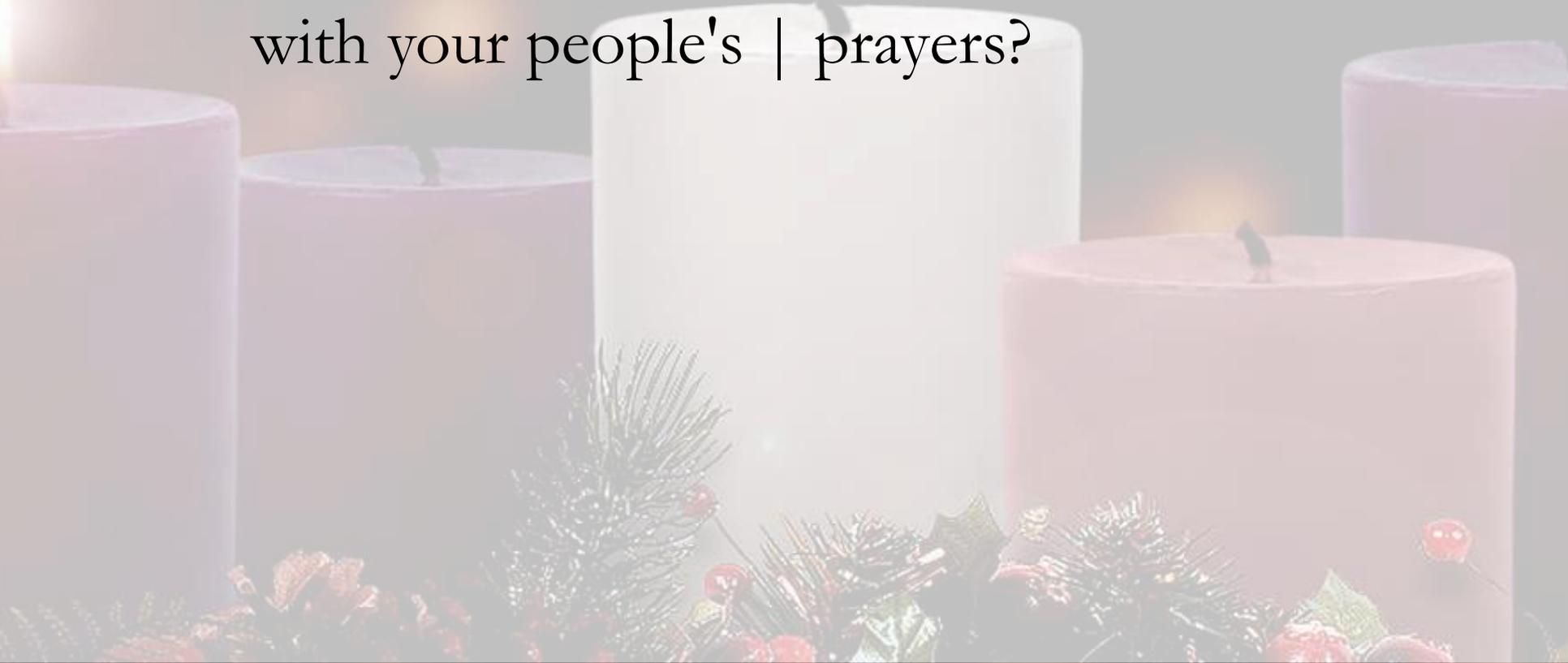
² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your | might

and come to | save us!

³ Restore us, O | God;
let your face shine, that we may be | saved!

⁴ O Lord God of | hosts,
how long will you be angry
with your people's | prayers?



⁵ You have fed them with the bread of | tears
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

⁶ You make us an object of contention
for our | neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among them | selves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of | hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be | saved!

The Second Reading:

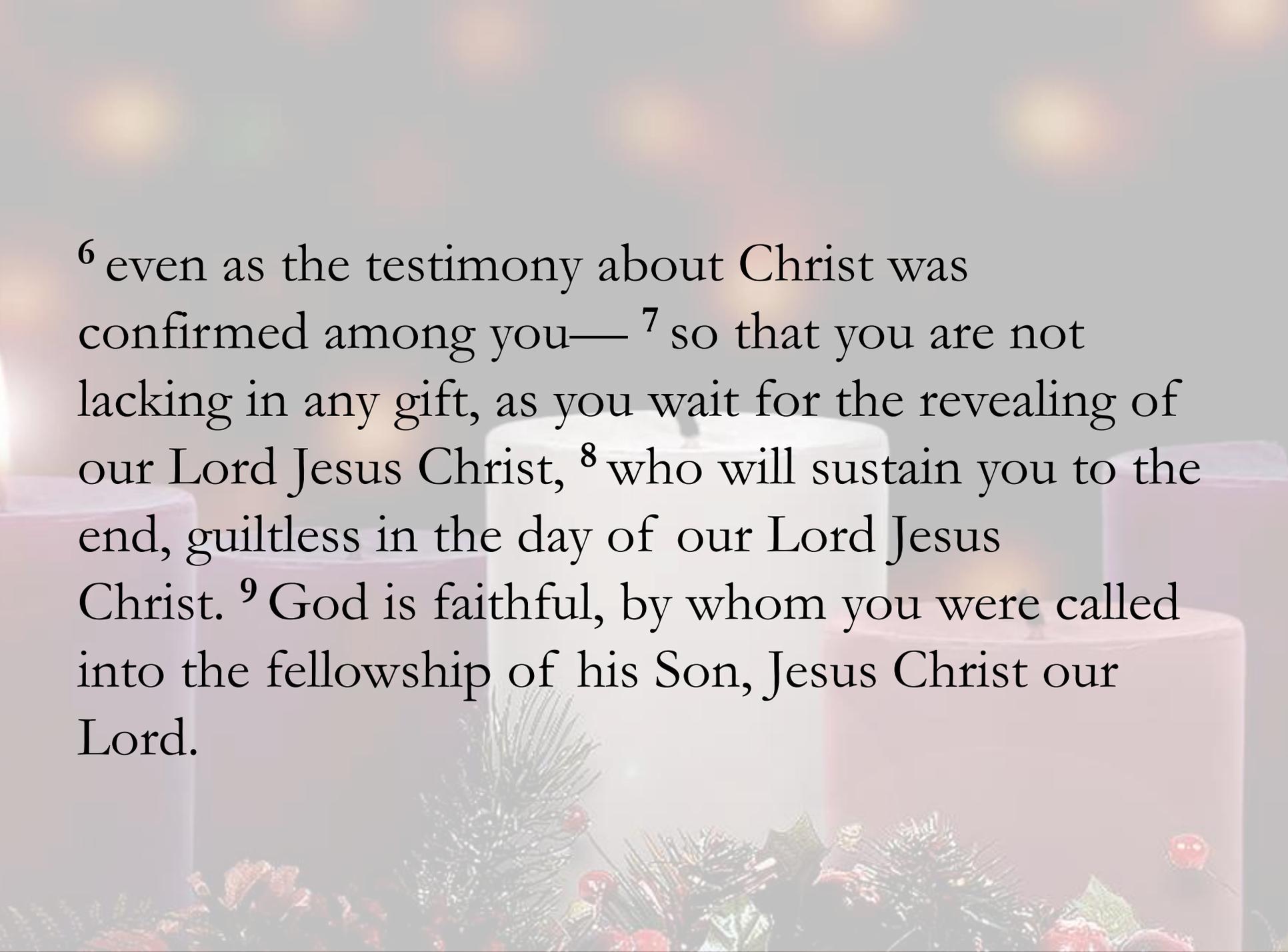
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—



⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
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**O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

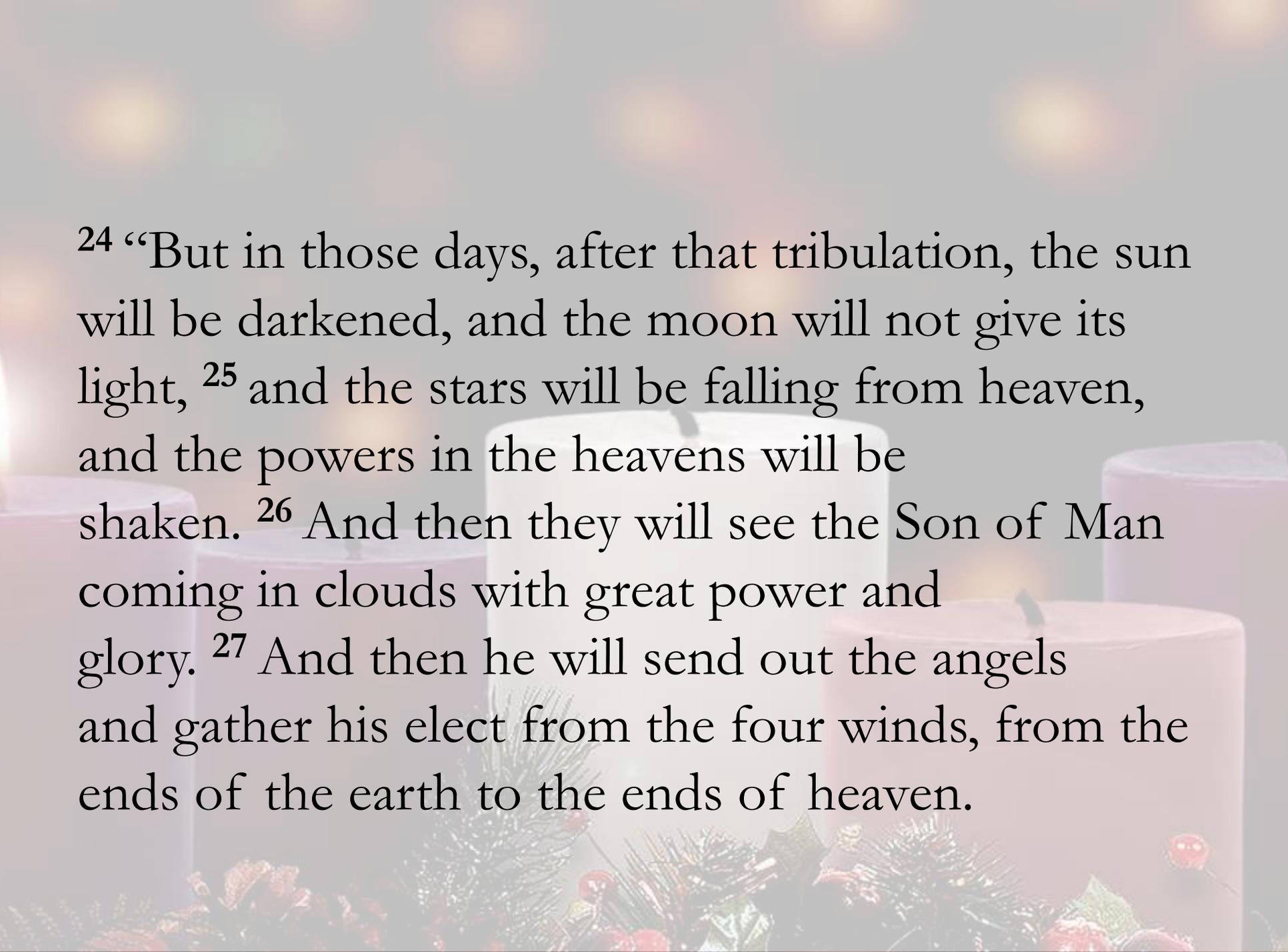
The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark.

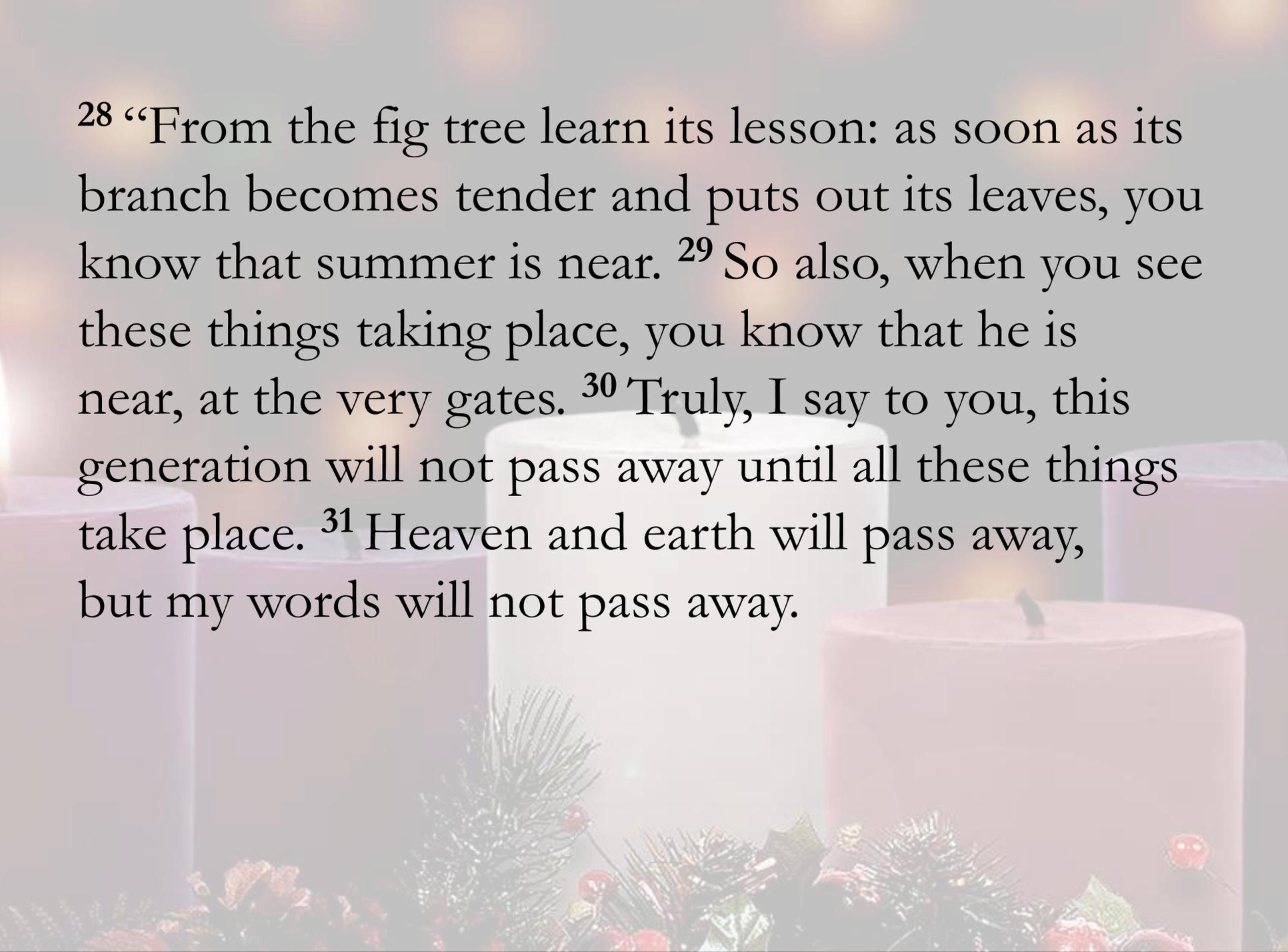
People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

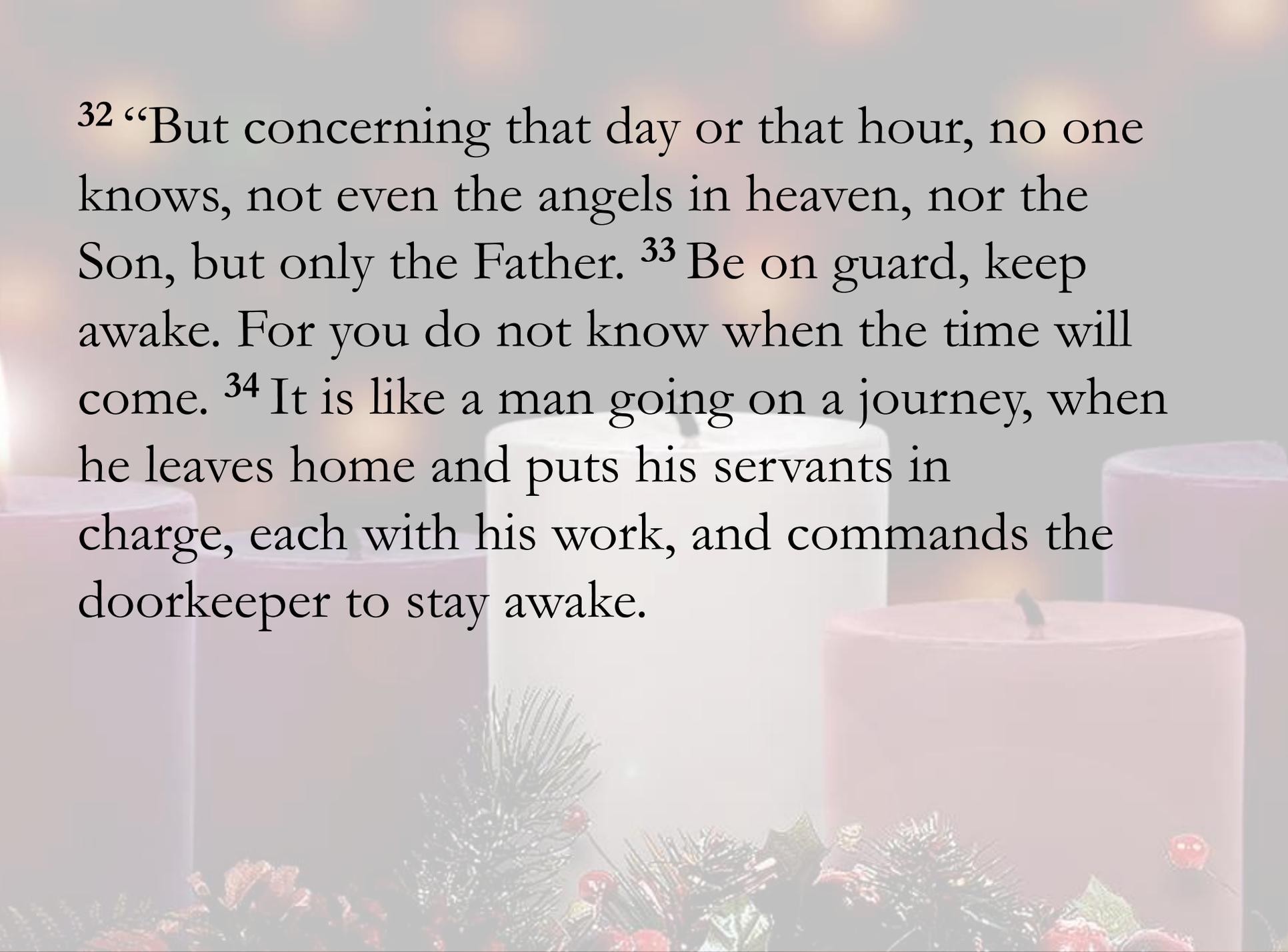
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²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

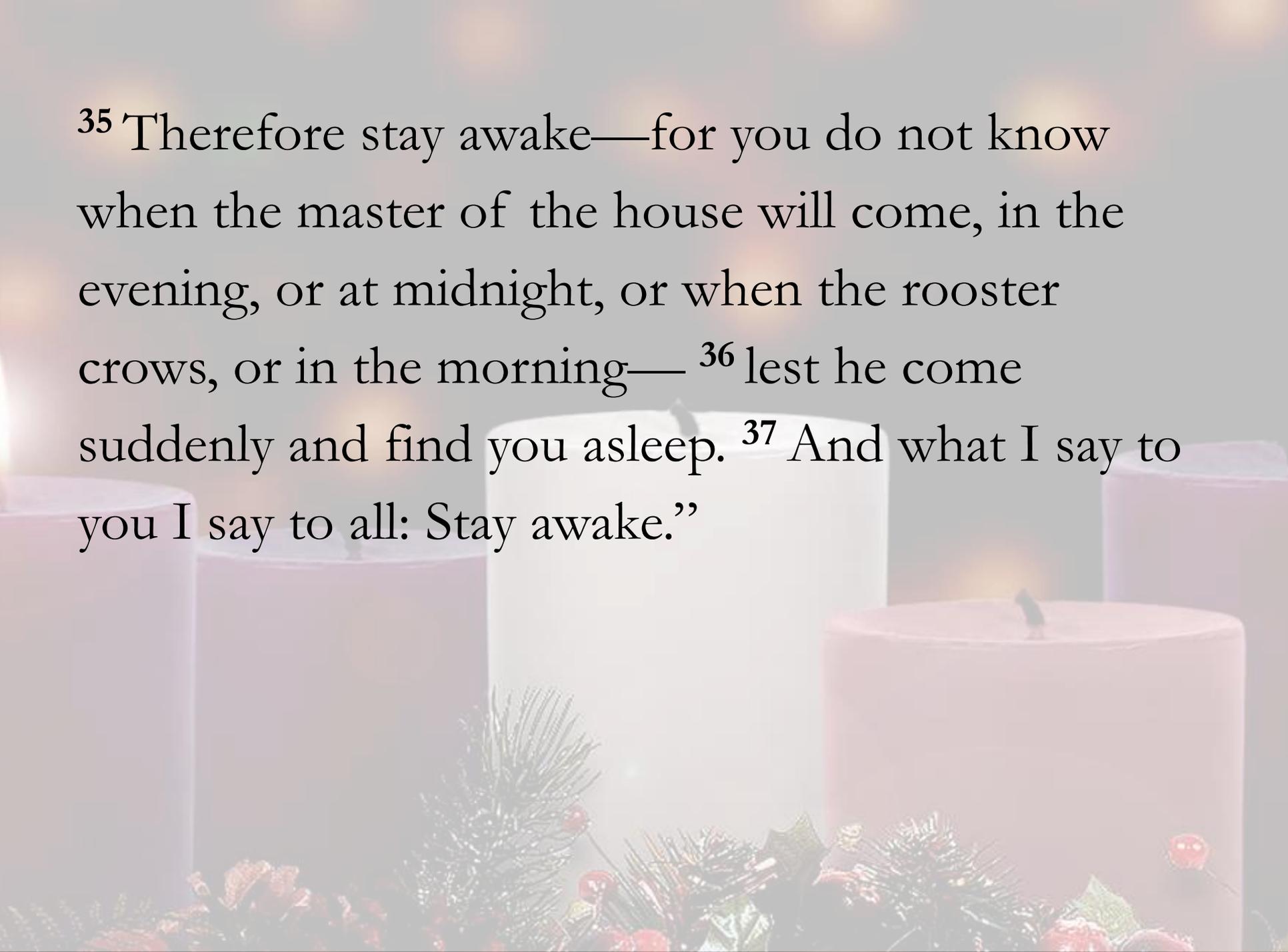
²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



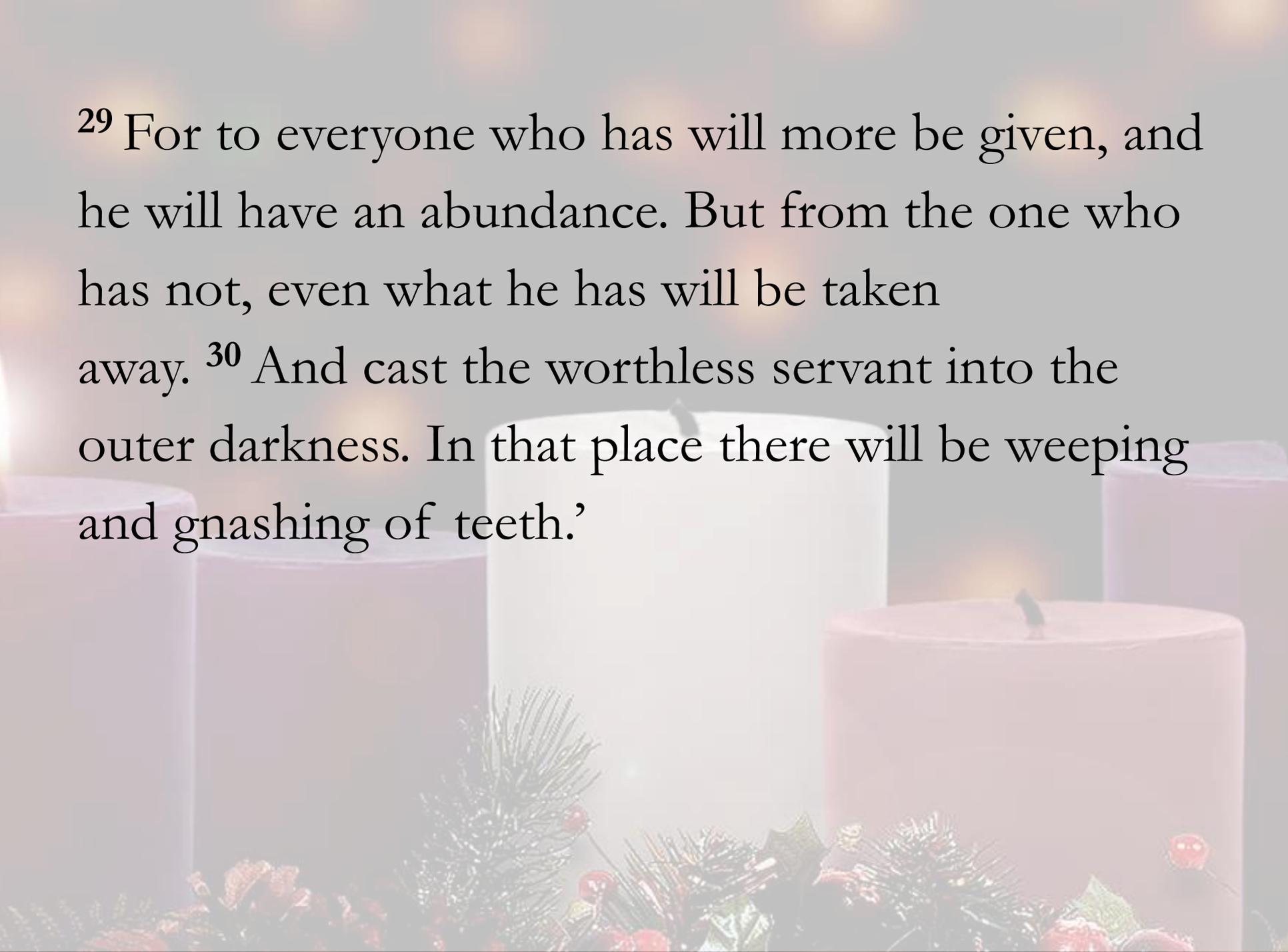
³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

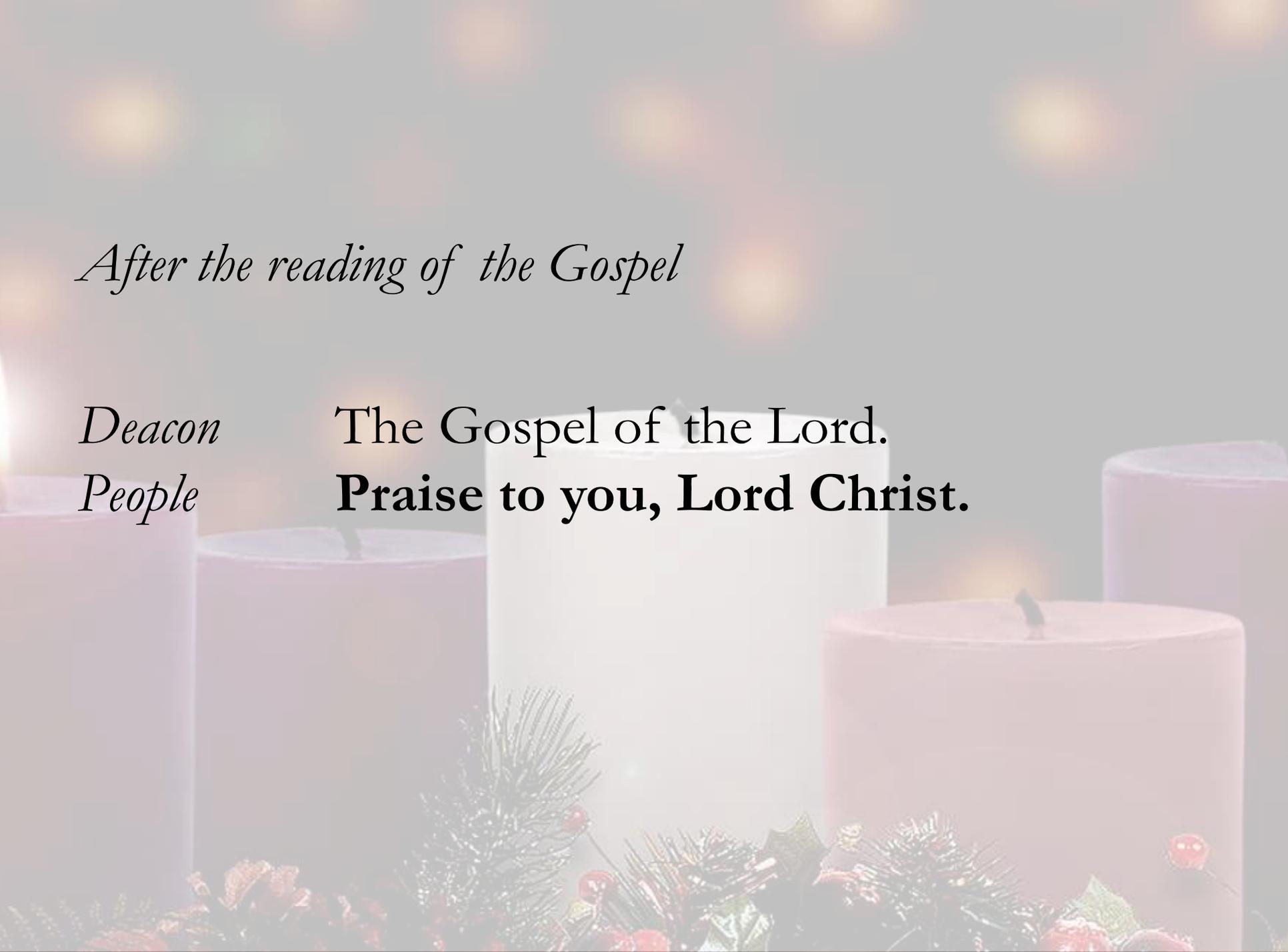
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³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”



²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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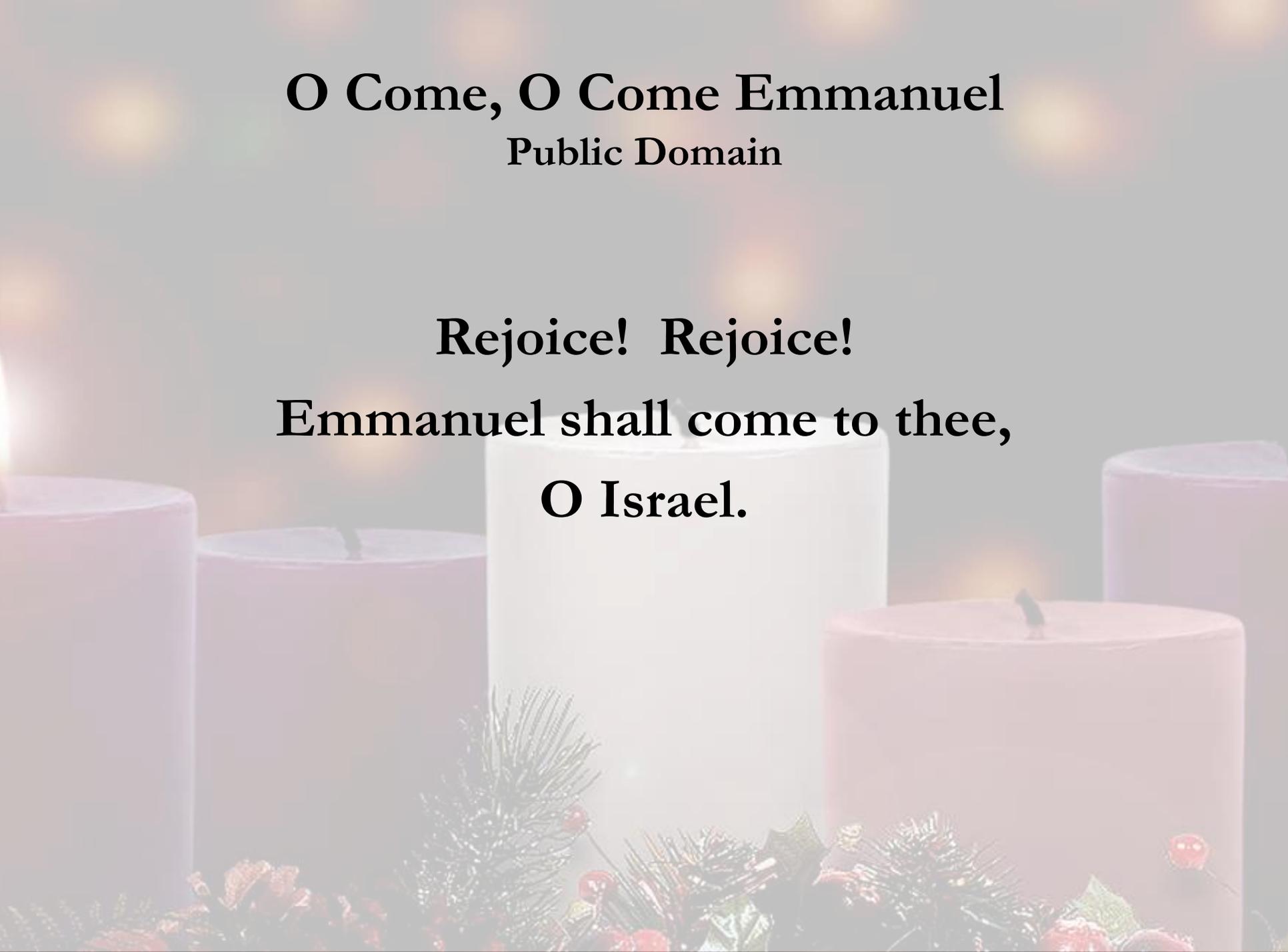
After the reading of the Gospel

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

The Sermon

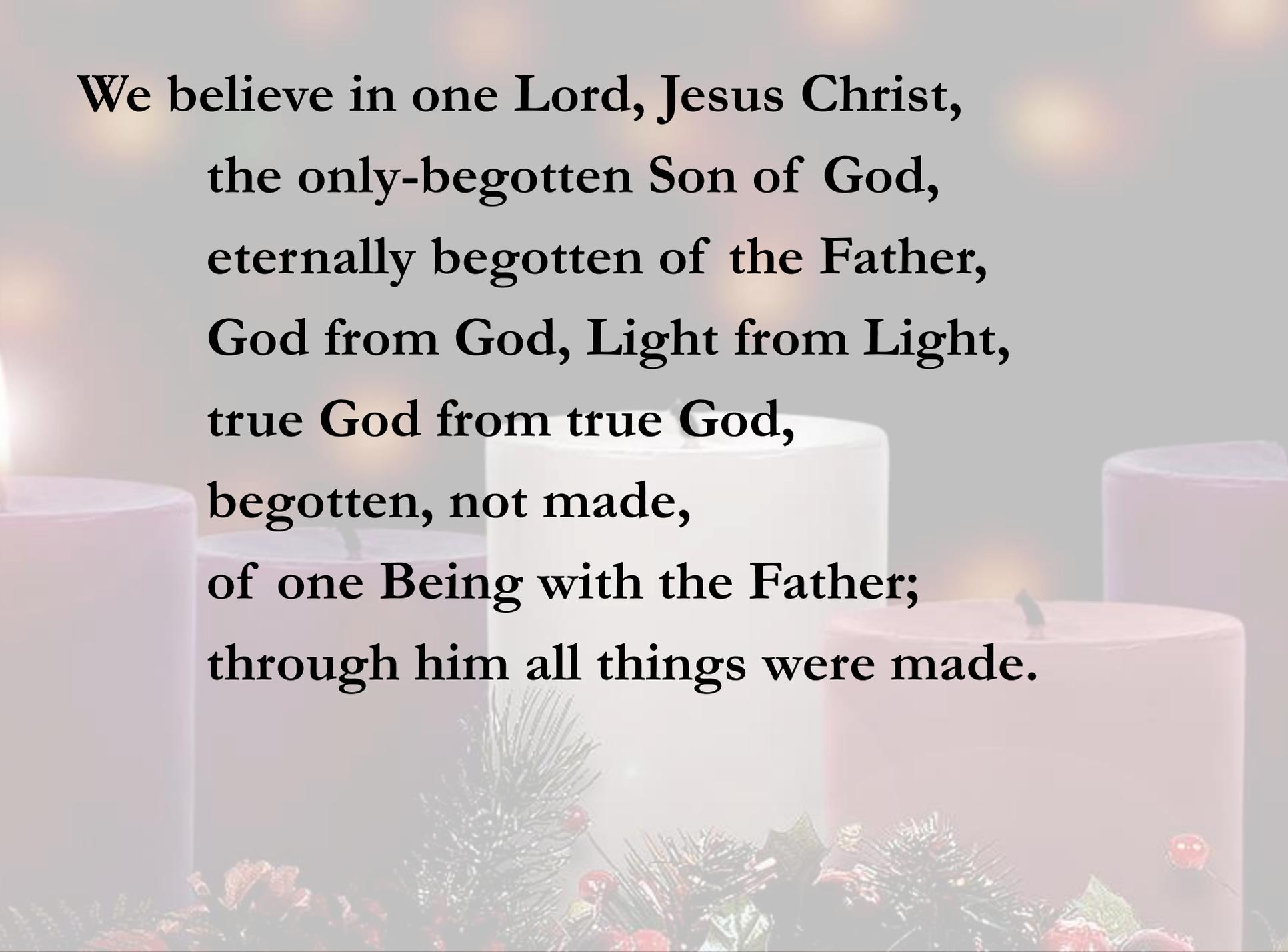


Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the
Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**



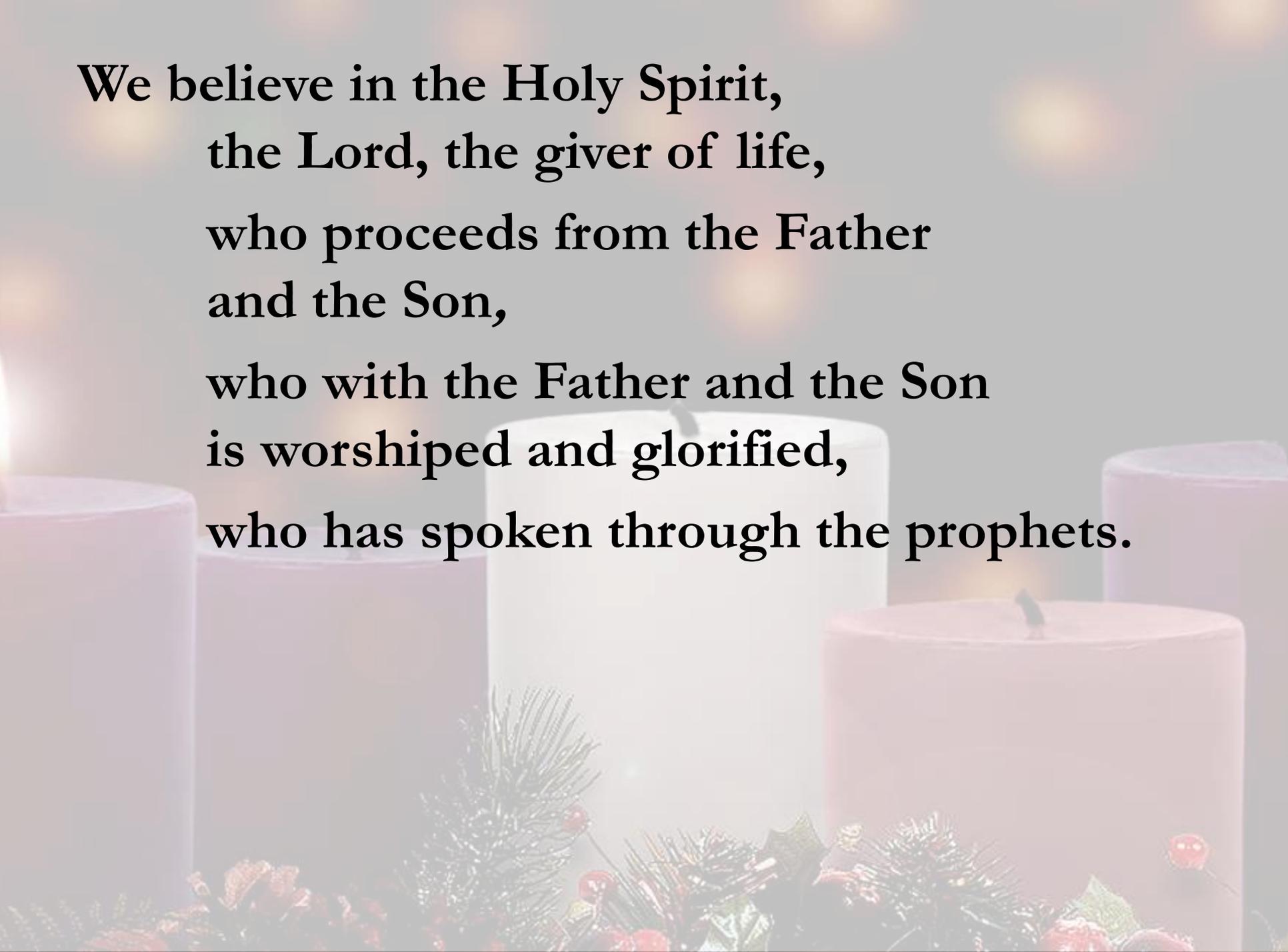
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.**



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

**We believe in one holy catholic
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.**



The Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the congregation adds their own prayers,
then the deacon says,*

Deacon

Lord, in your mercy:

People

Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People

After all of the biddings, the deacon concludes the prayers will the following,

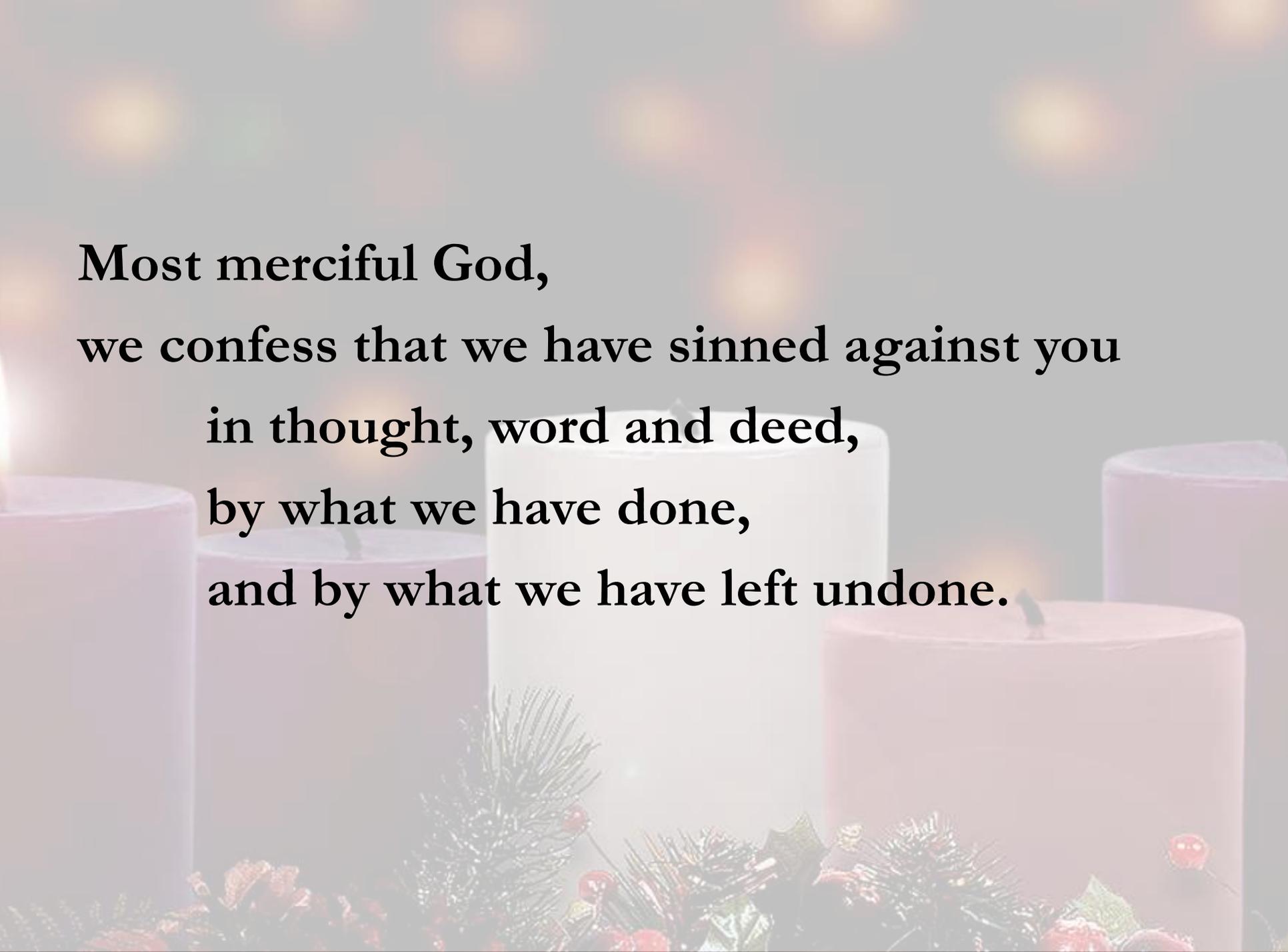
Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following
Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence





**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The priest stands and pronounces God's absolution using the following words,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words by Jenkin Clark

Hear the word of God,
To all who turn to him.
This saying is trustworthy
And deserves full acceptance.
Christ Jesus came into the world
To save us who sin.
Hear the word of God
To all who turn to him.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always
with you.

People **And with your spirit.**



The Doxology

by Barbara Greer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

The celebrant gives praise and thanks to God for His work, most especially through Christ's death and resurrection.



The Sanctus

by Barbara Greer

**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,
Who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Consecration

The priest continues by recounting Jesus' last night with his disciples. He then says,

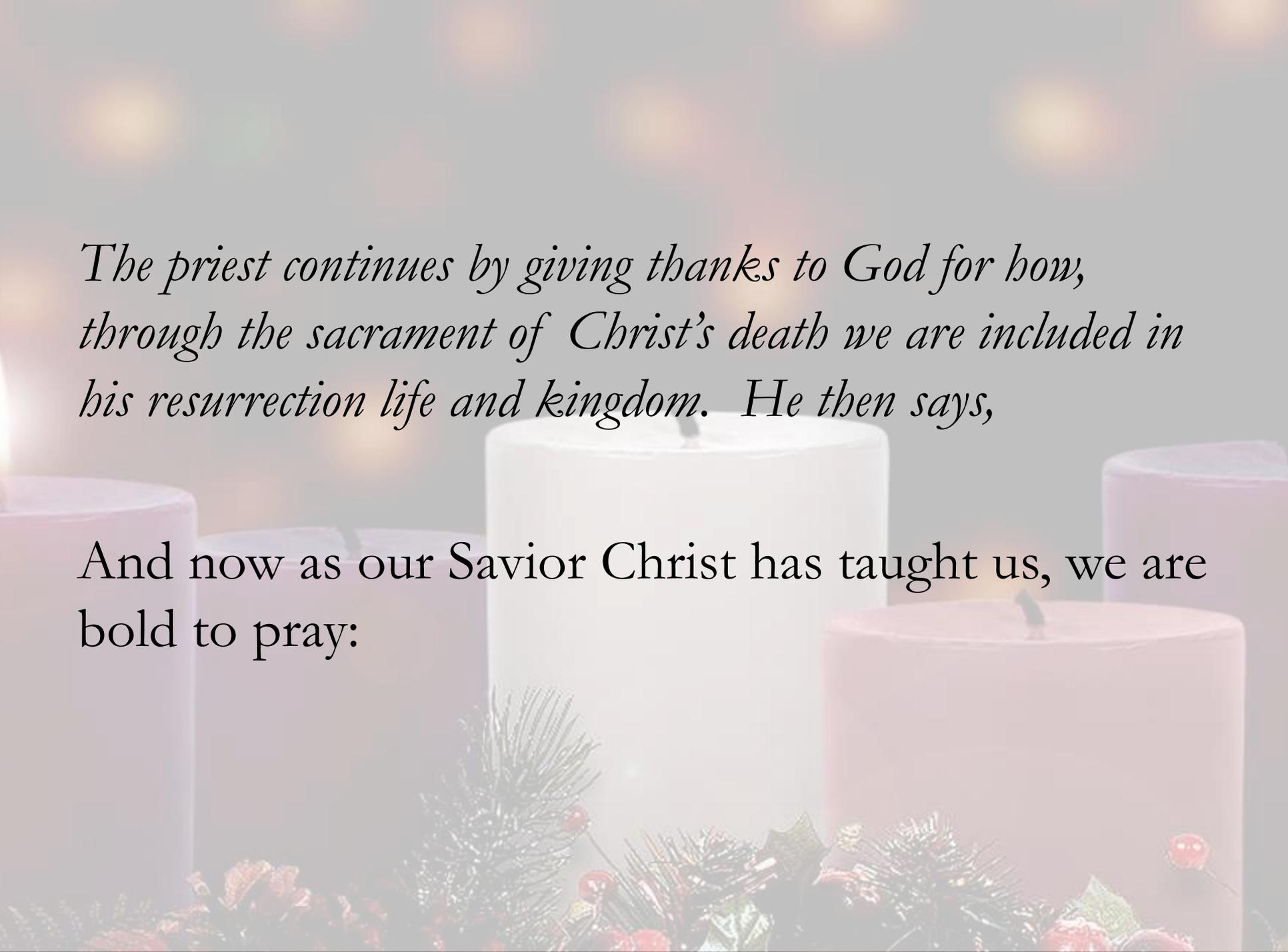
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

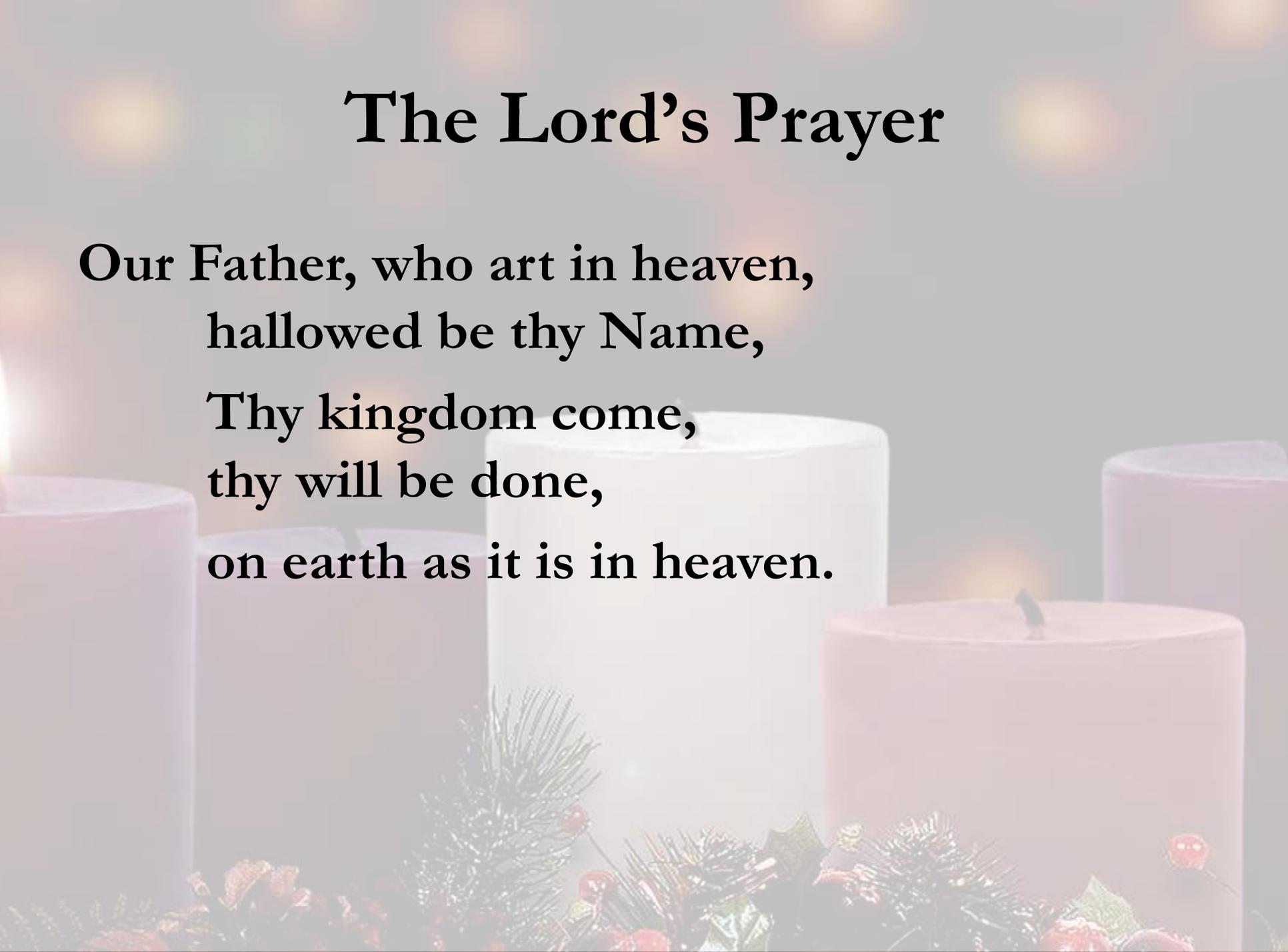


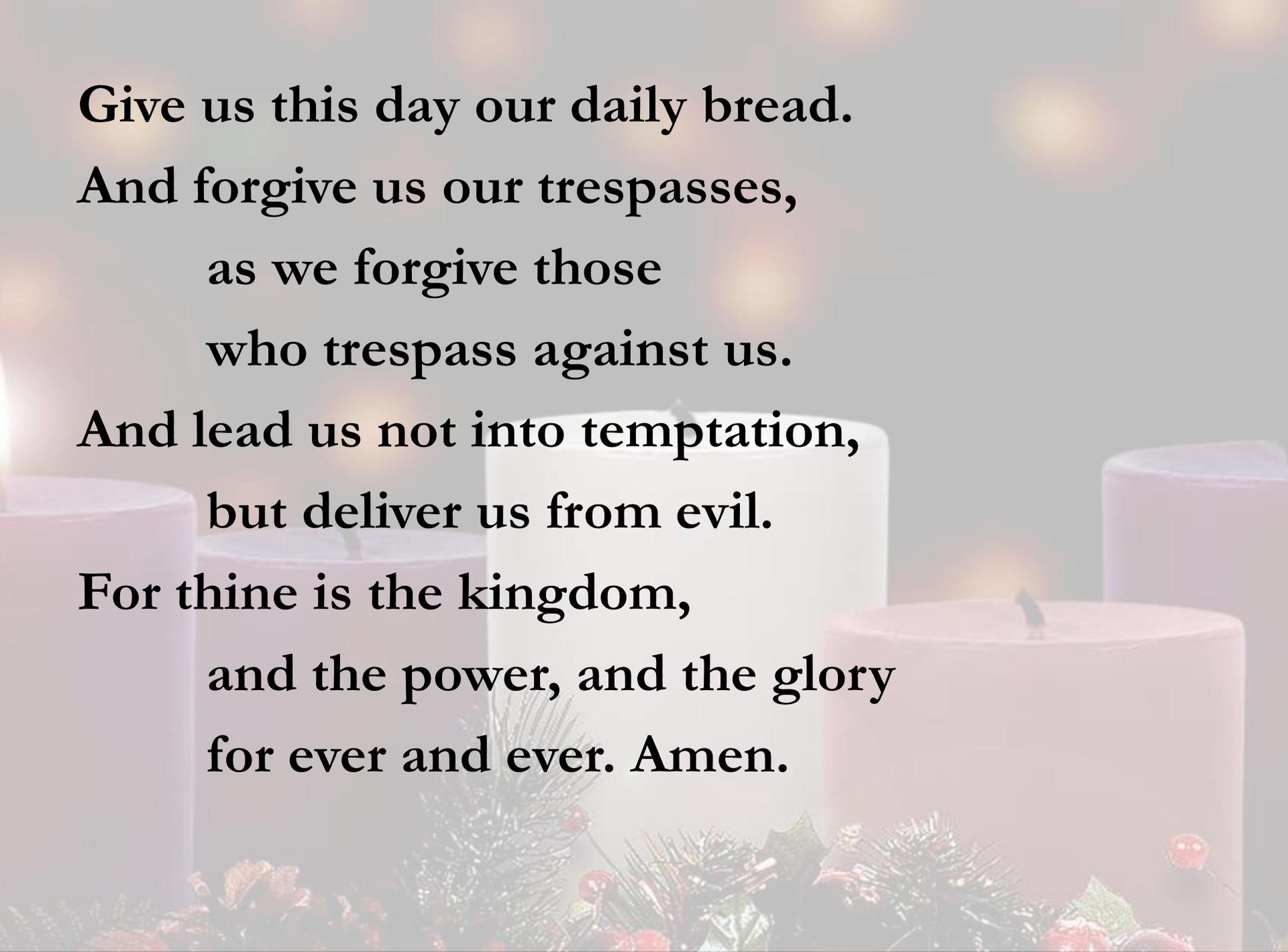
The priest continues by giving thanks to God for how, through the sacrament of Christ's death we are included in his resurrection life and kingdom. He then says,

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.



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Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

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

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

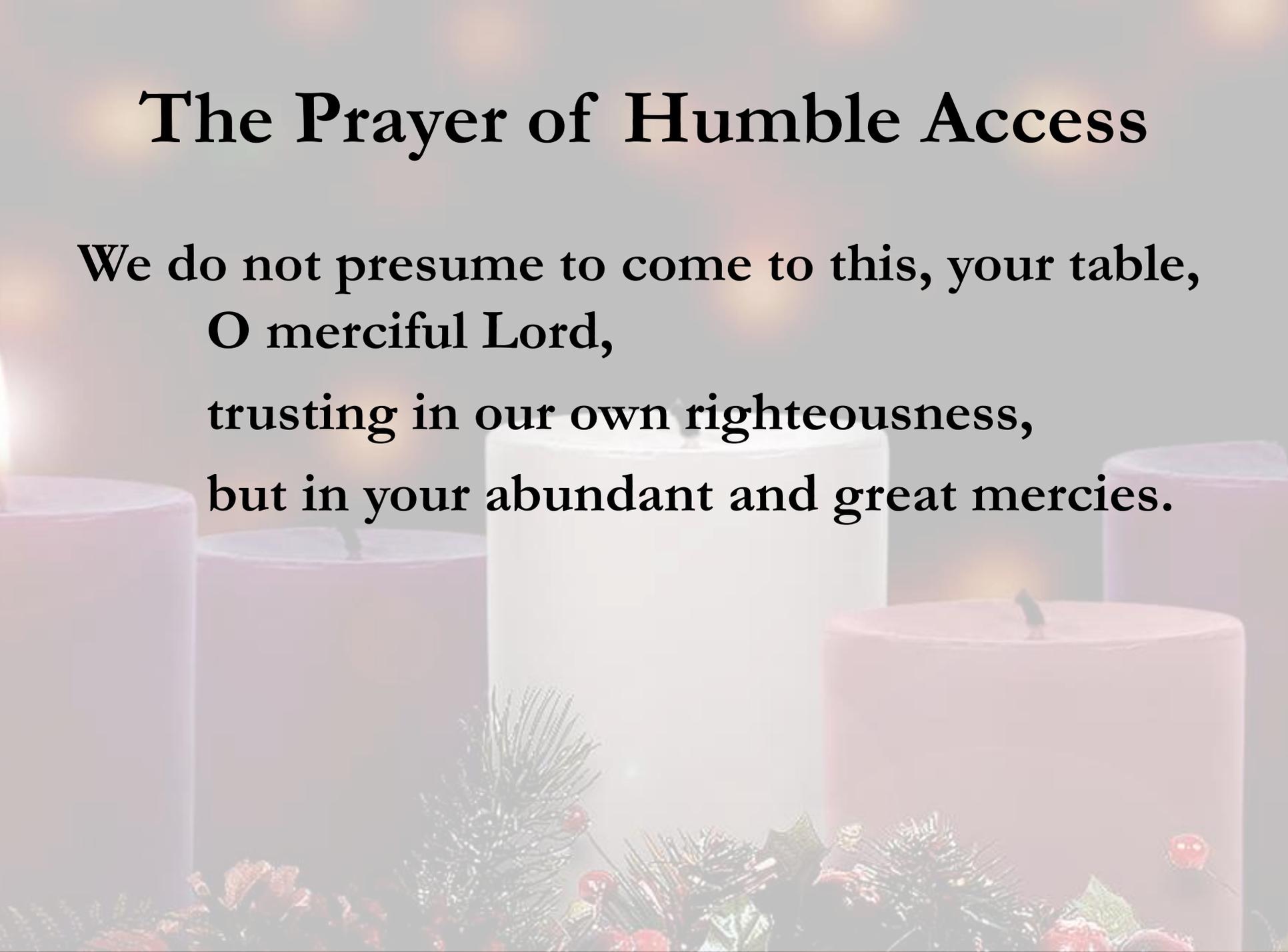
Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**



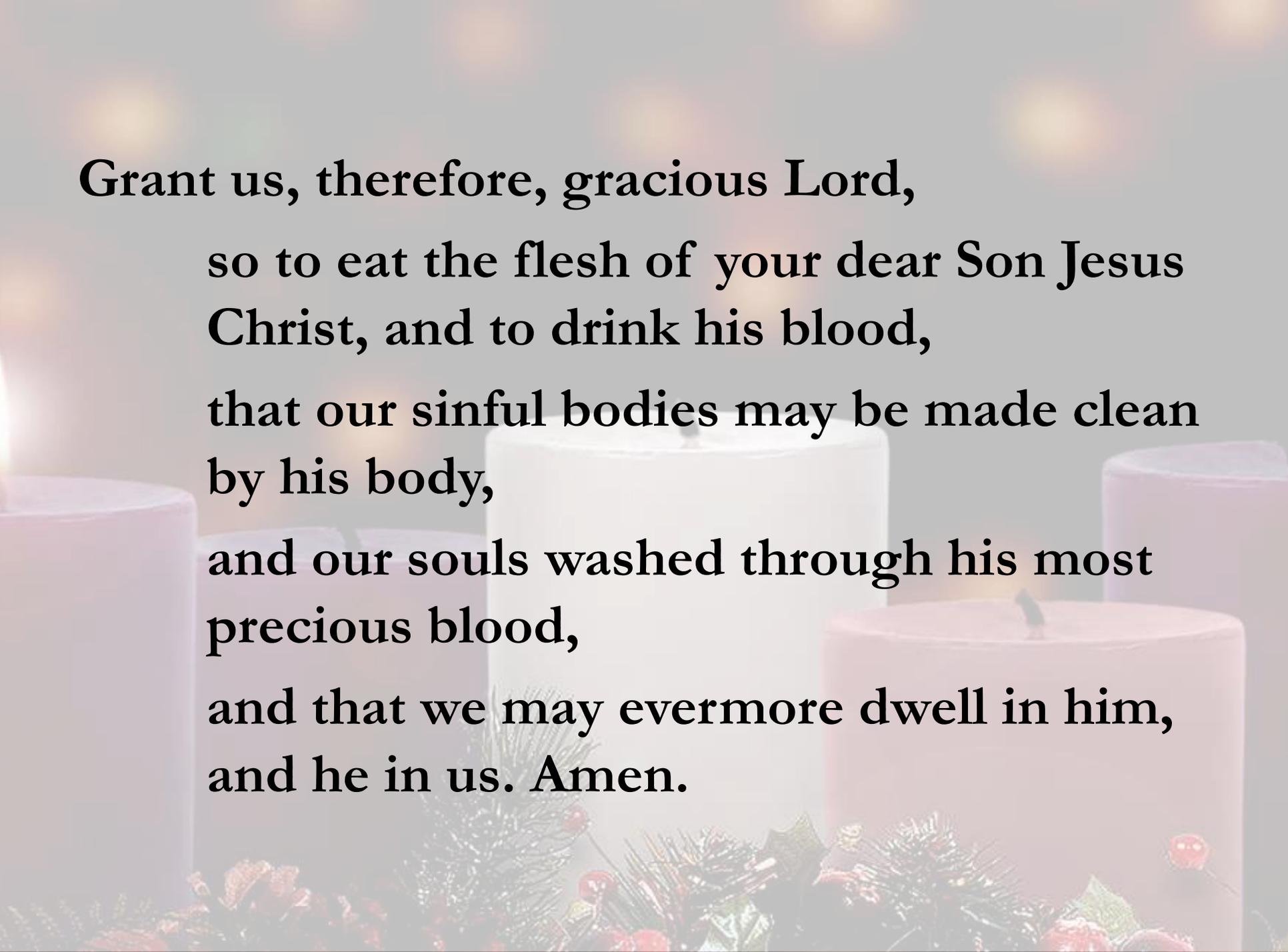
The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.



**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord,
whose character is always to have mercy.**





**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body,
and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

by Aaron Jessurun

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace.**



The Ministration of Communion

The priest invites the people to receive communion with an attitude of humble gratitude and faith



Lord, Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

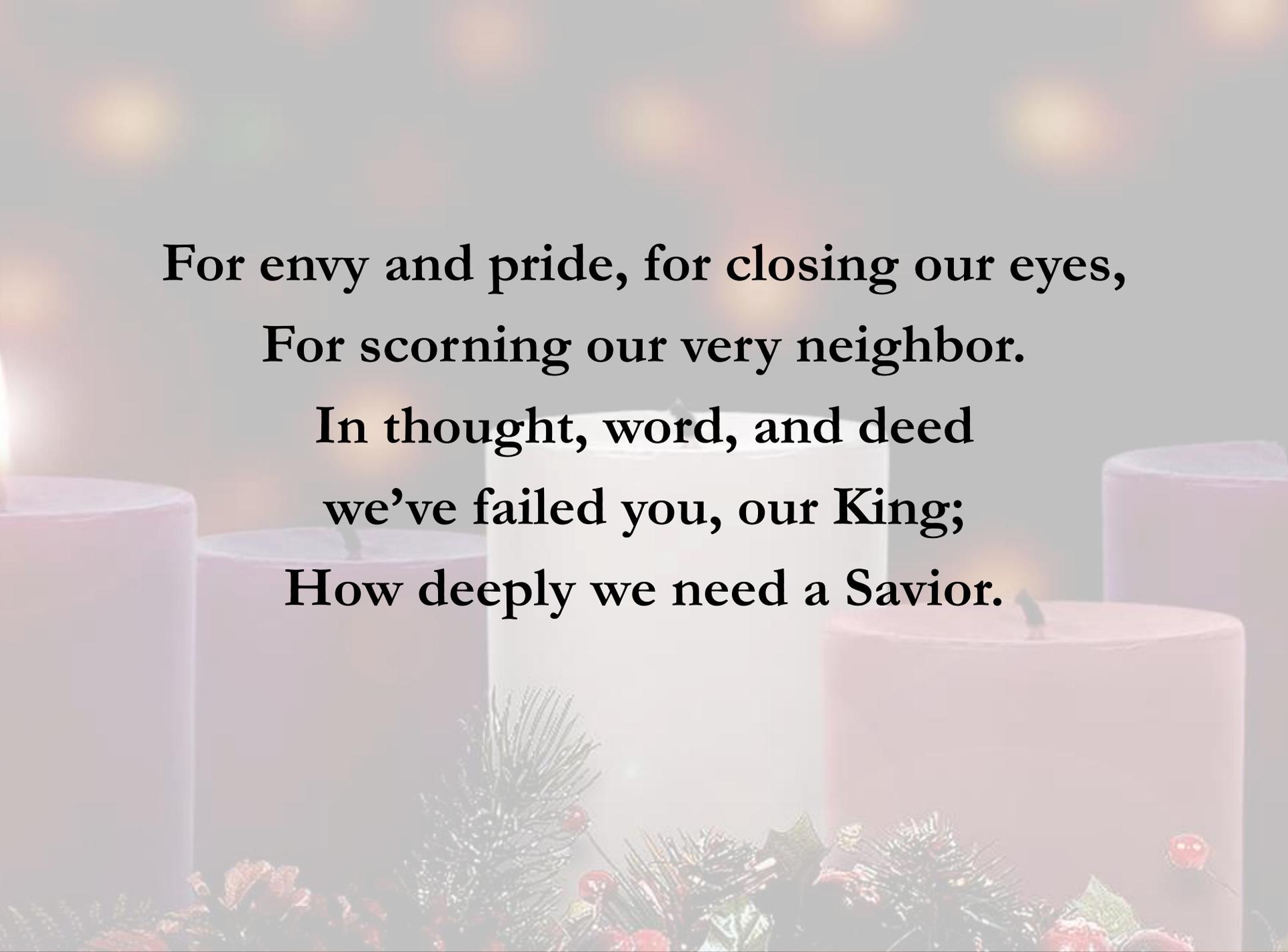
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For what we have done and left undone

We fall on your countless mercies.

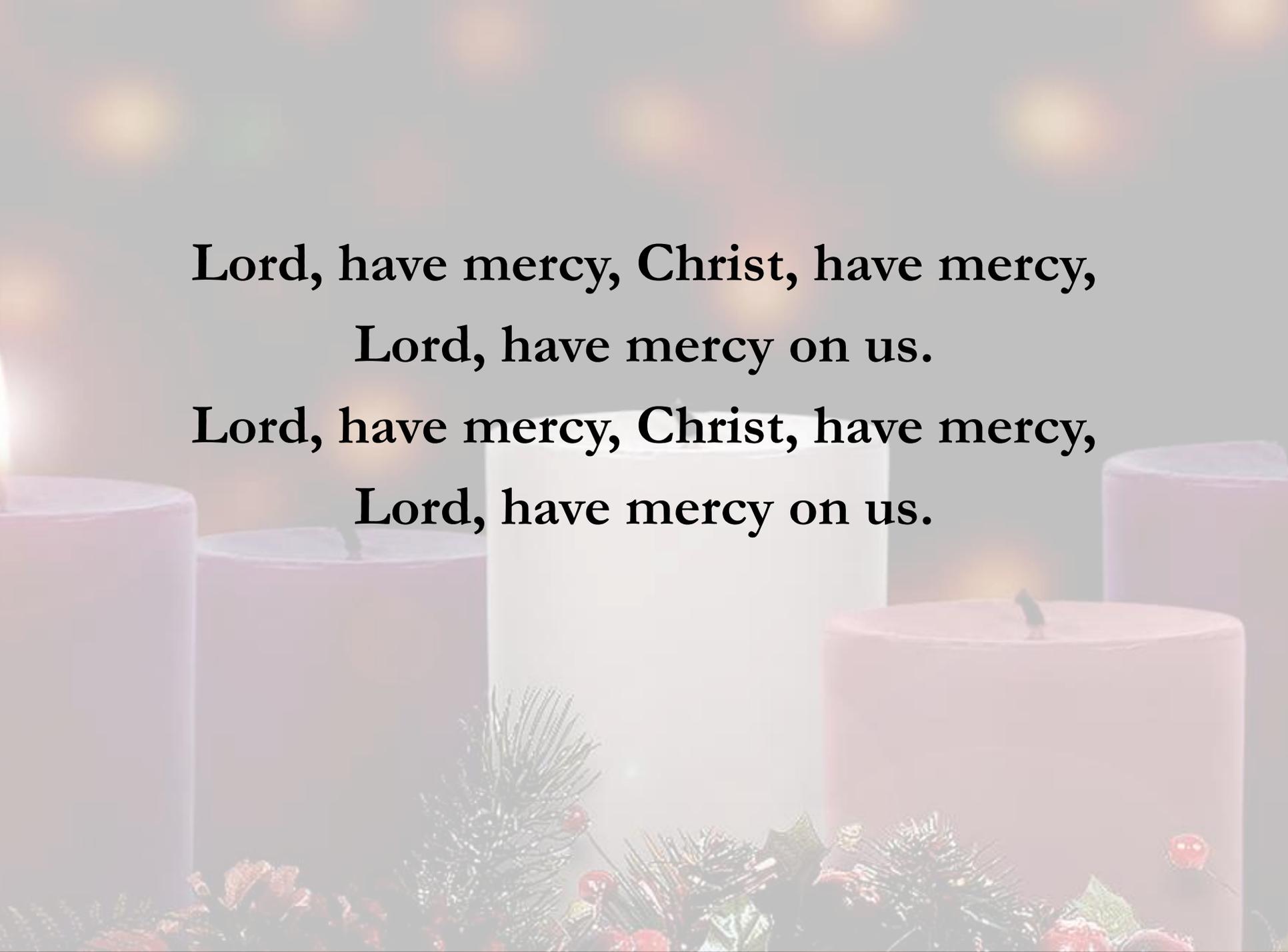
For sins that are known, and those unknown,

We call on your name, so holy.

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For envy and pride, for closing our eyes,
For scorning our very neighbor.

In thought, word, and deed
we've failed you, our King;
How deeply we need a Savior.

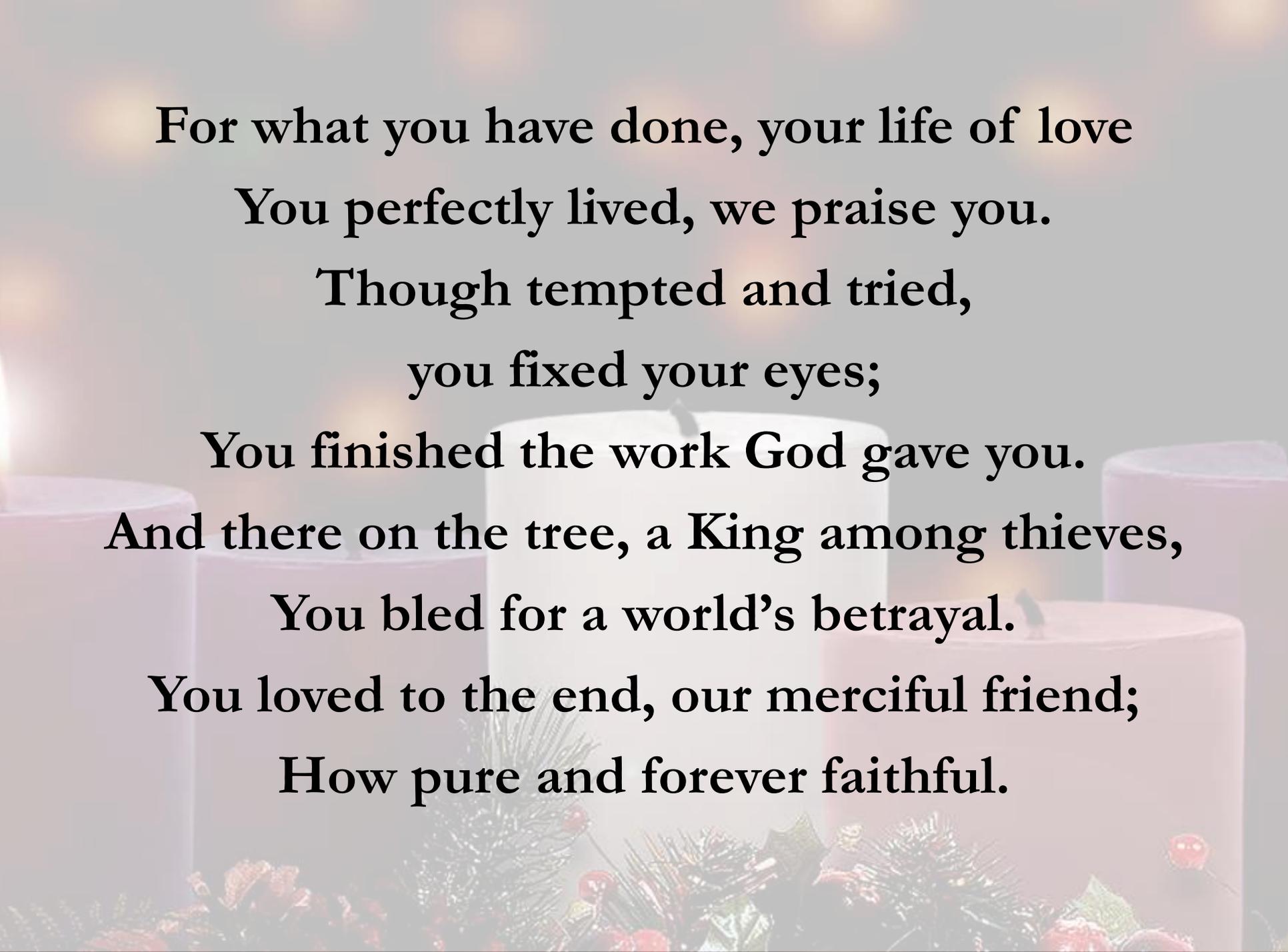


Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

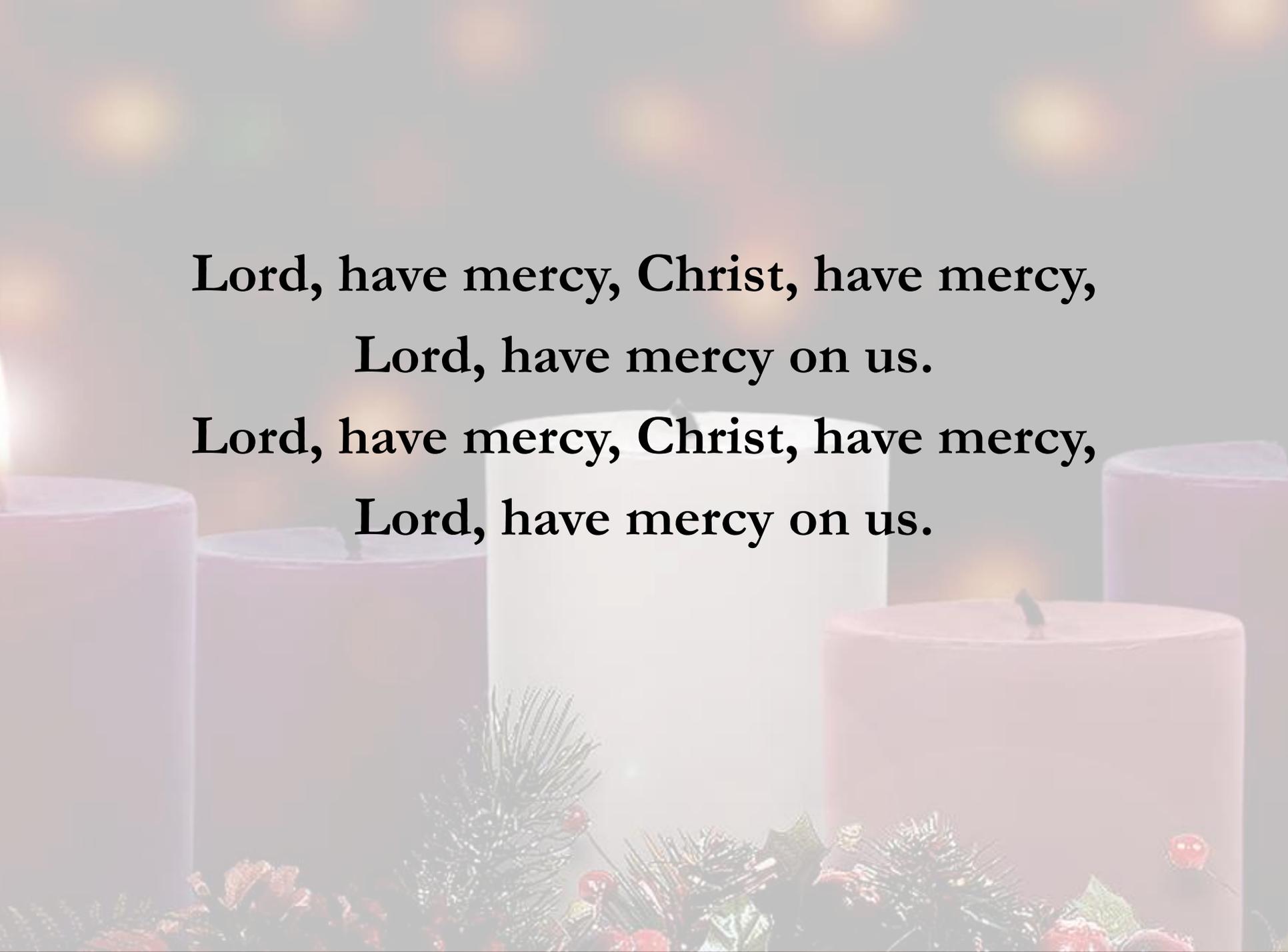
Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy on us.



**For what you have done, your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise you.
Though tempted and tried,
you fixed your eyes;
You finished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,
You bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;
How pure and forever faithful.**

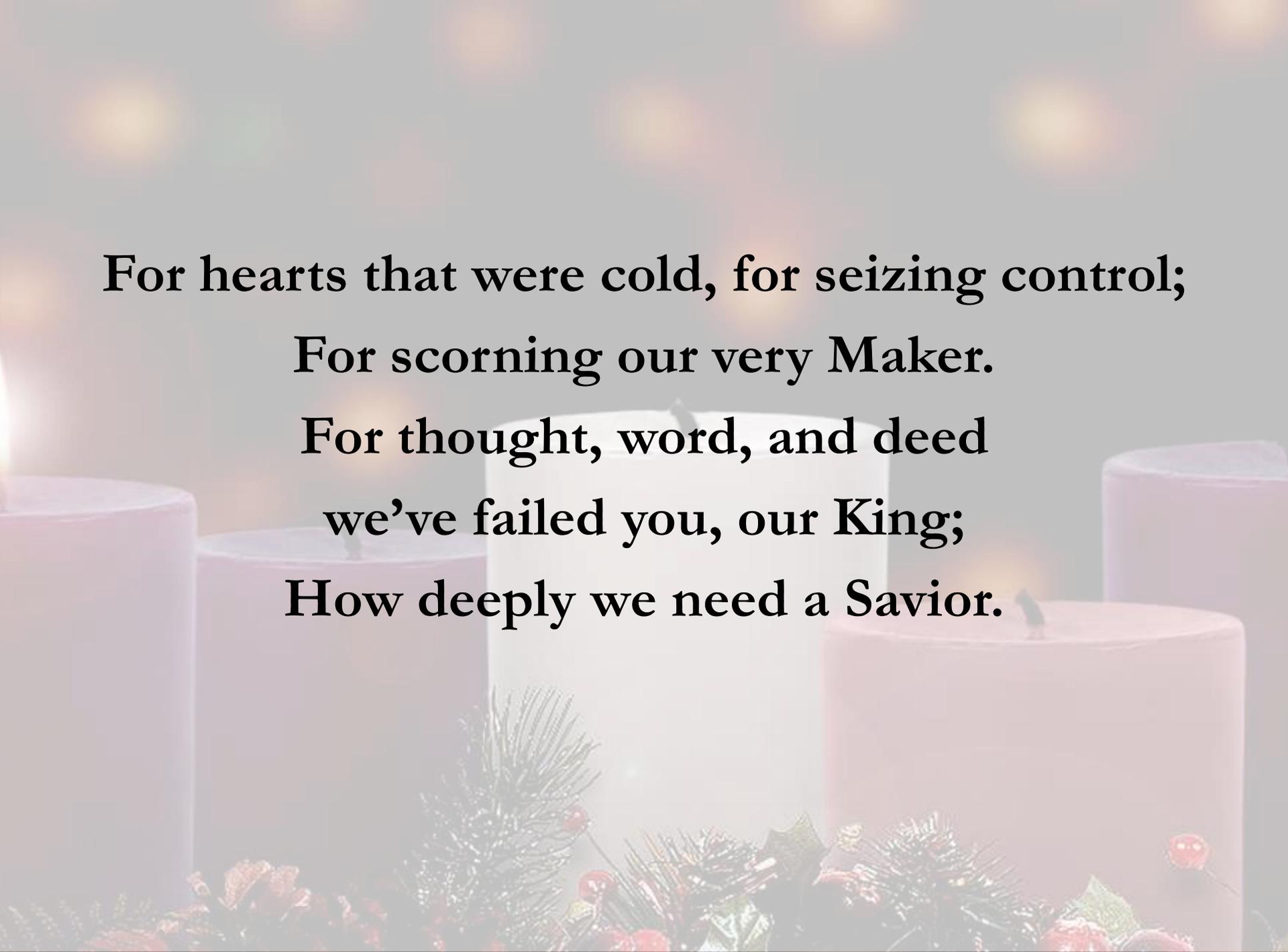


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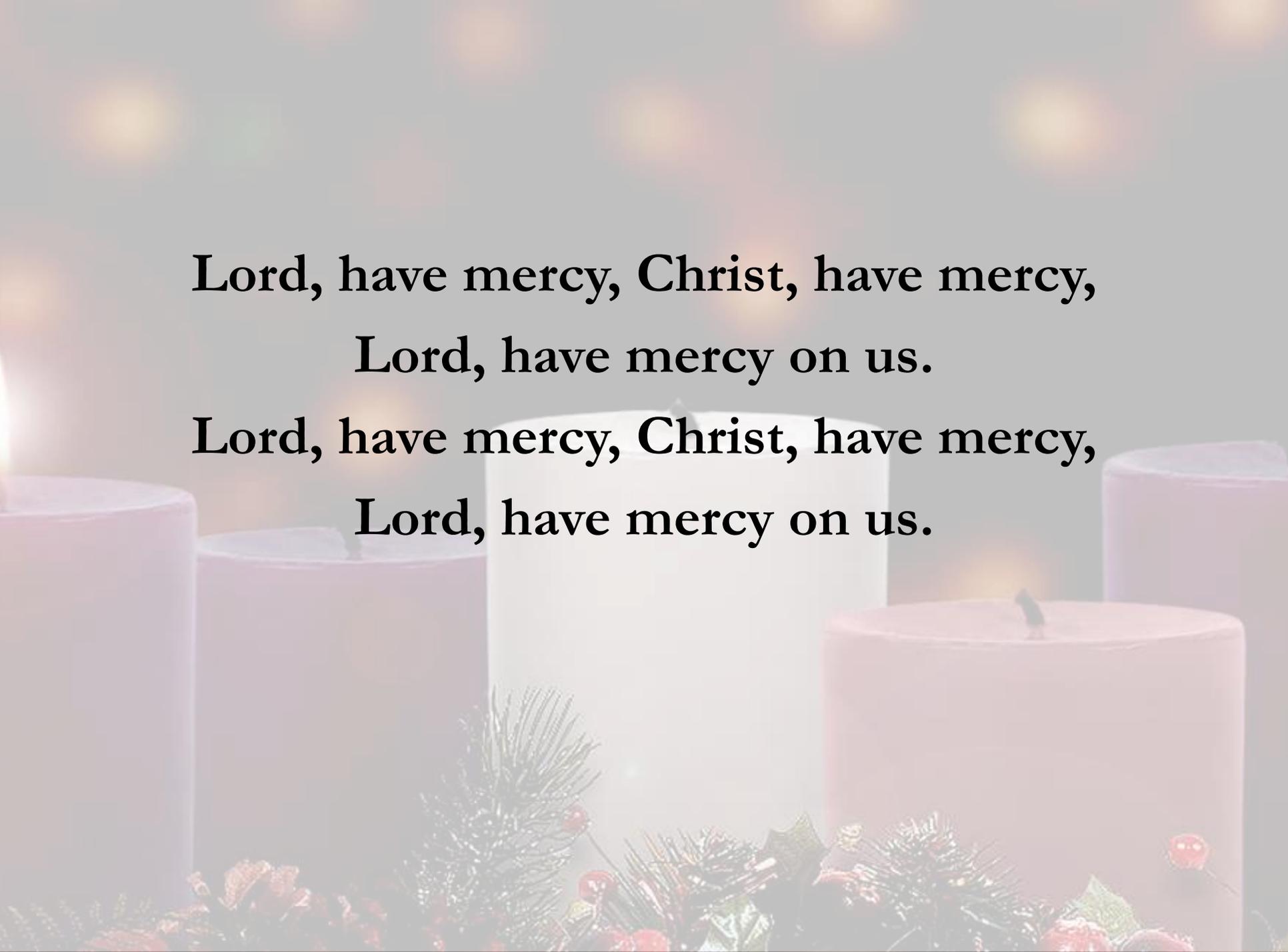
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**For hearts that were cold, for seizing control;
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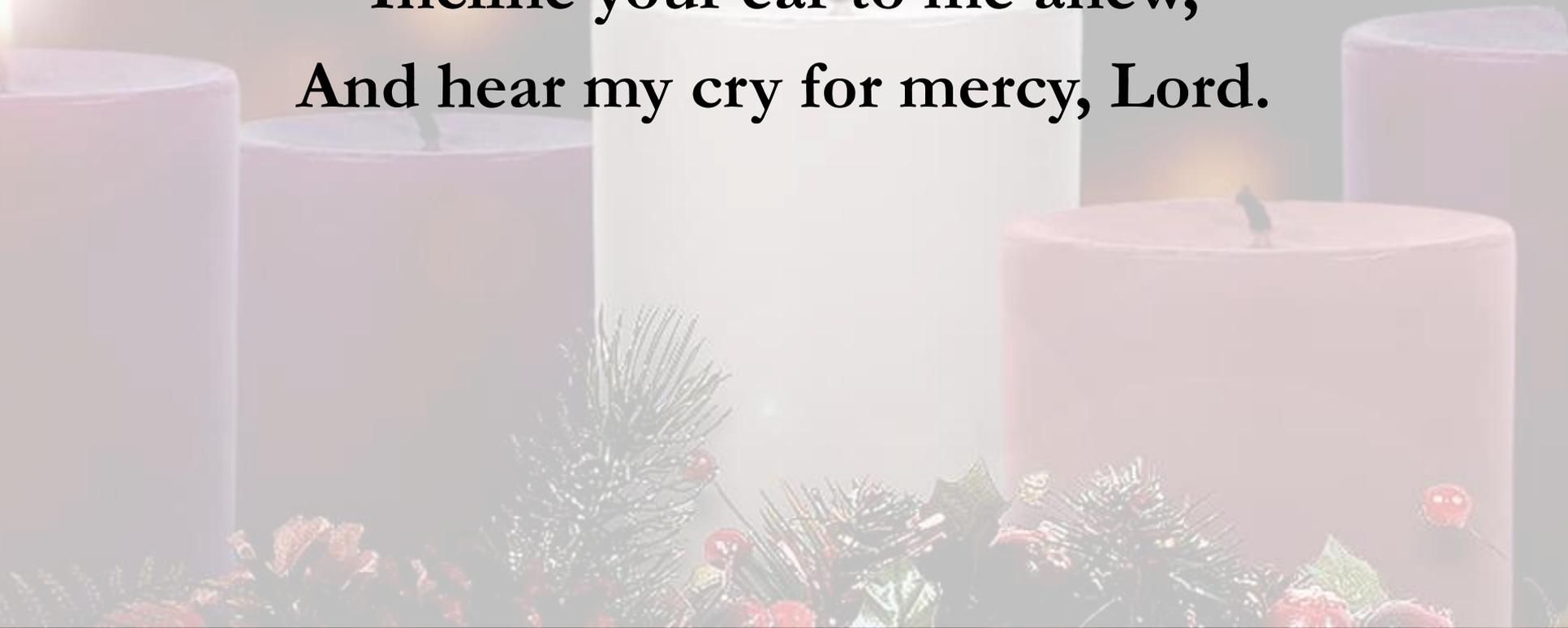
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I Will Wait for You

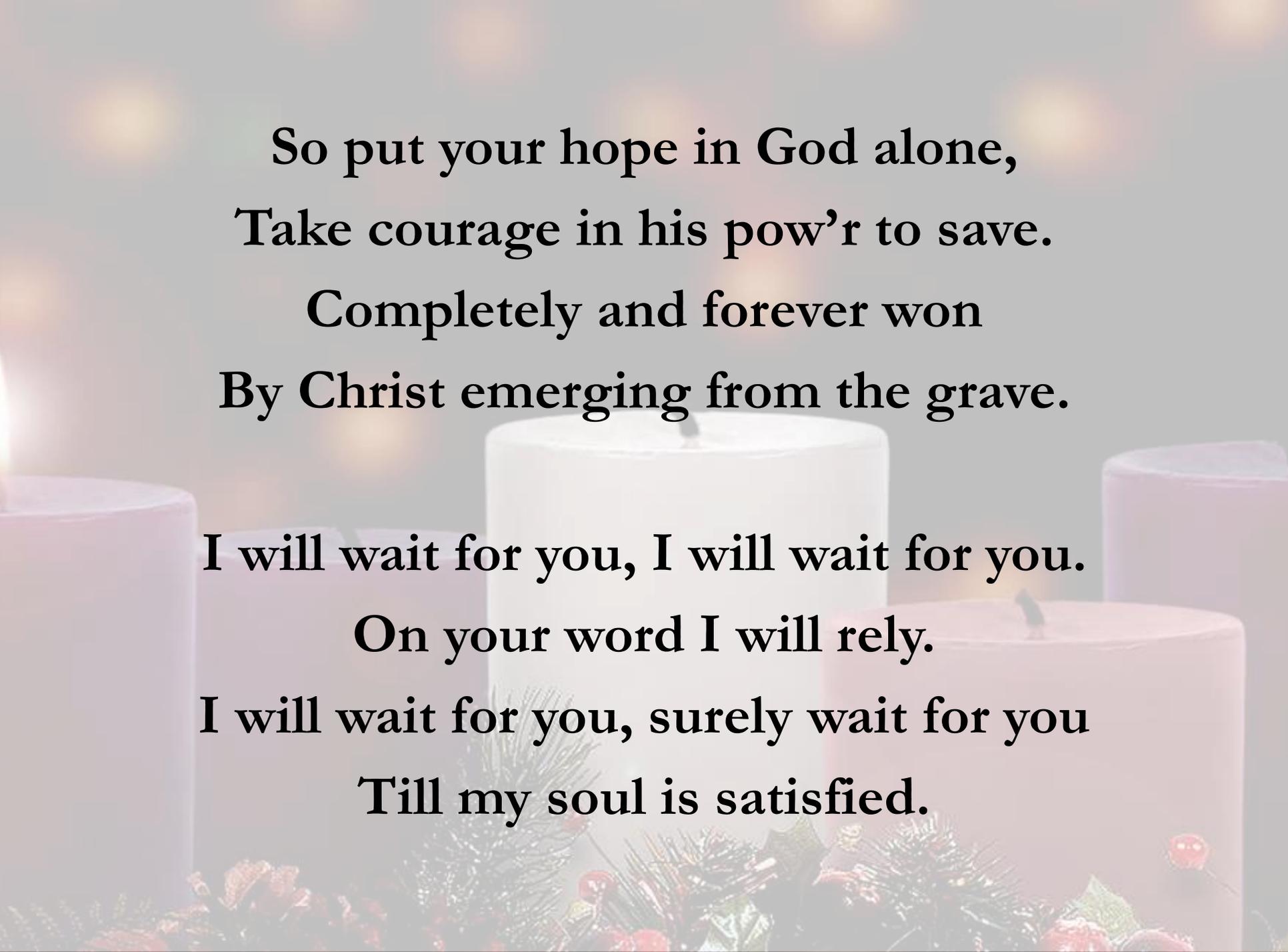
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**Out of the depths I cry to you,
In darkest places I will call.
Incline your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.**



Were you to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze.
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.
On your word I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you
Till my soul is satisfied.

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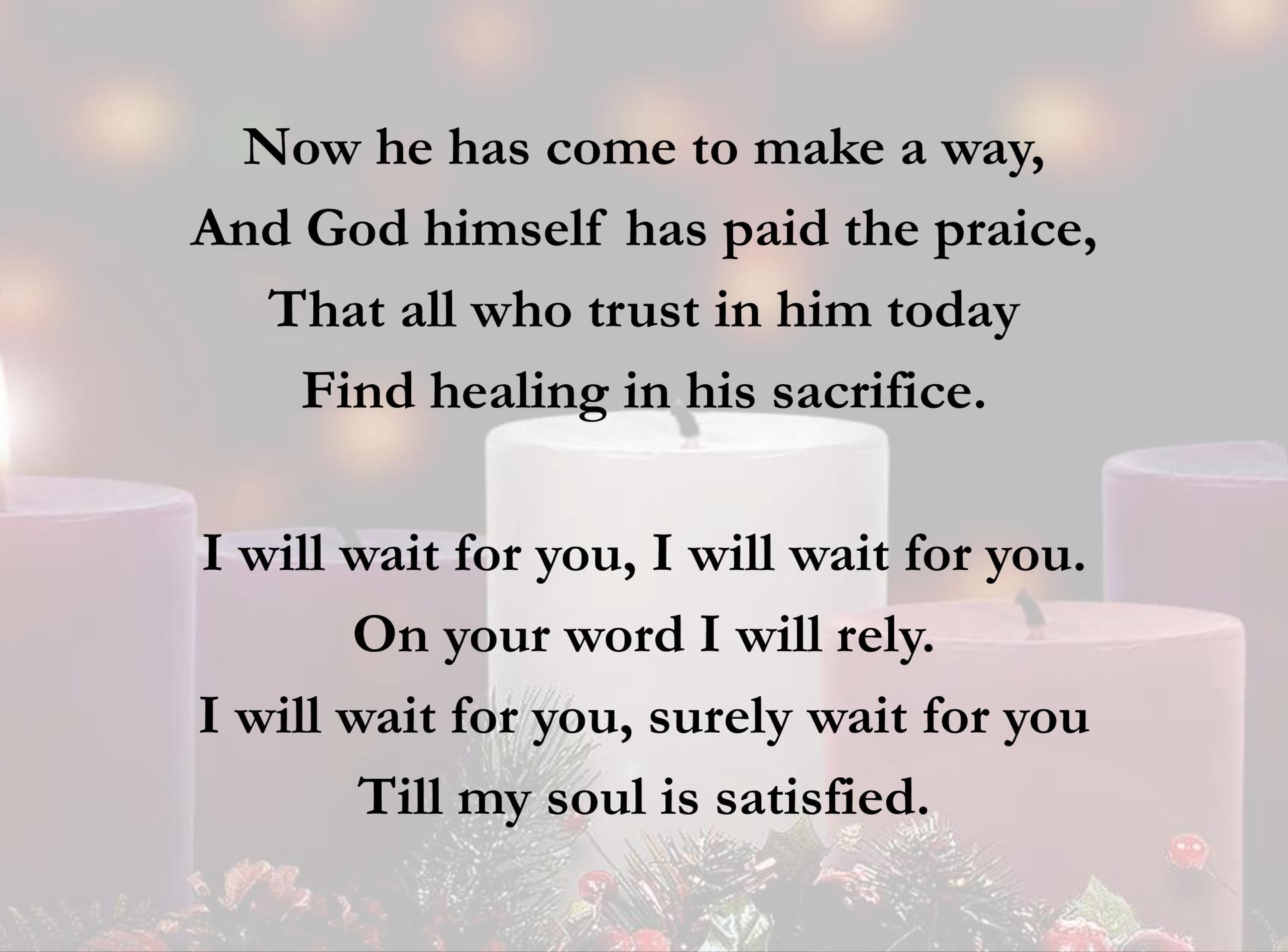
**So put your hope in God alone,
Take courage in his pow'r to save.
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.**

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

On your word I will rely.

I will wait for you, surely wait for you

Till my soul is satisfied.



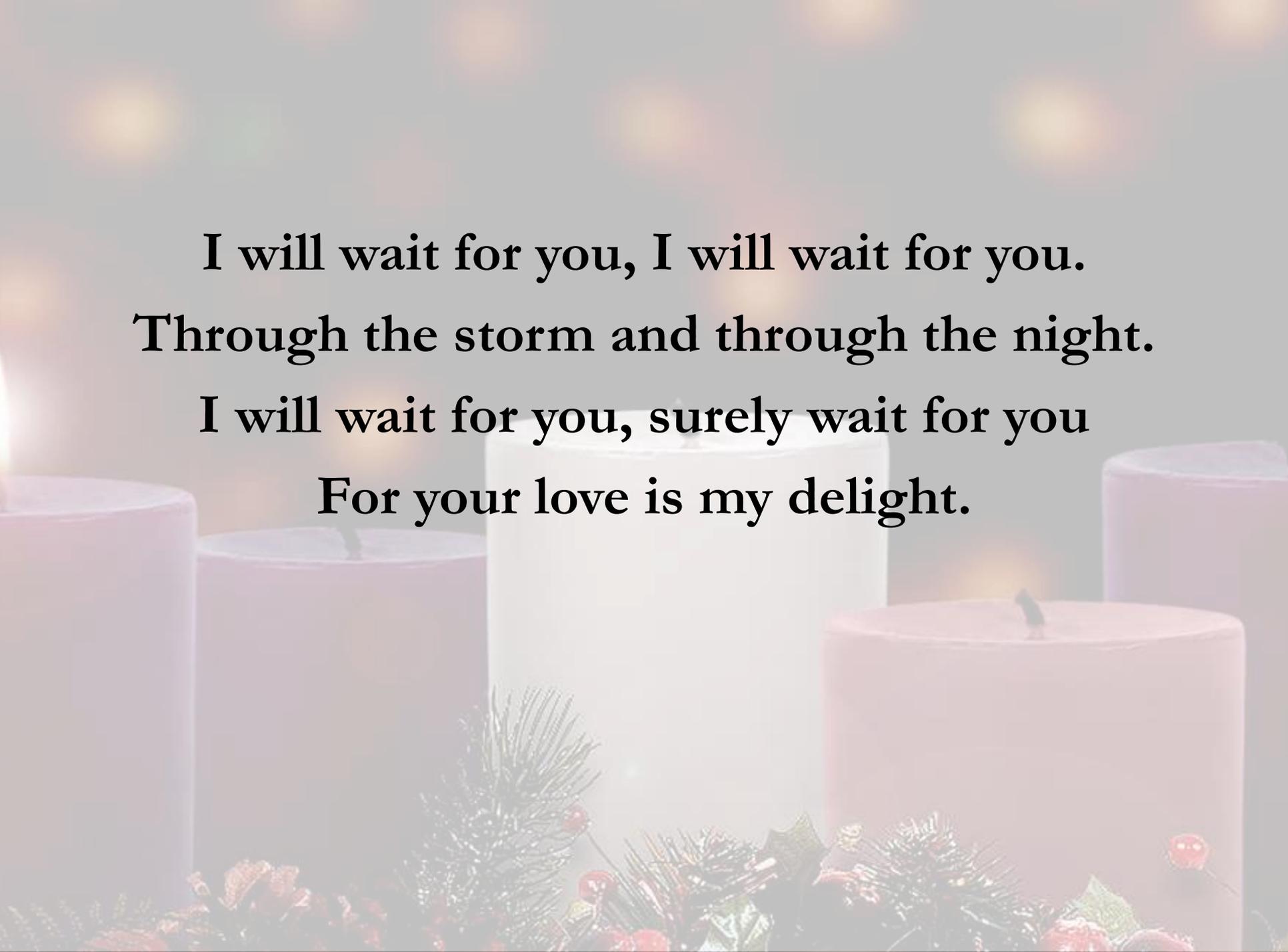
**Now he has come to make a way,
And God himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in him today
Find healing in his sacrifice.**

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

On your word I will rely.

I will wait for you, surely wait for you

Till my soul is satisfied.



**I will wait for you, I will wait for you.
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for you, surely wait for you
For your love is my delight.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,

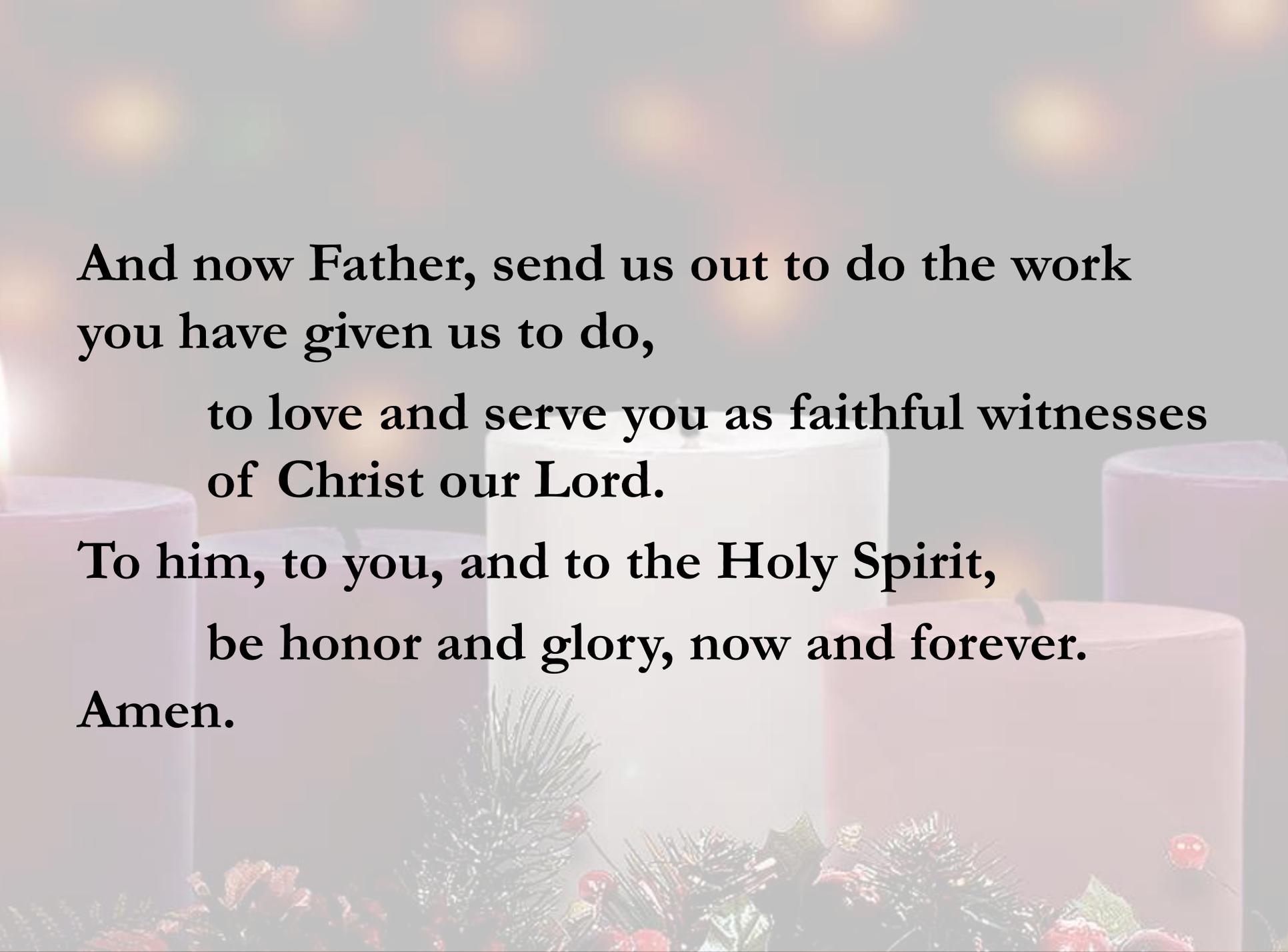
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual
food of the most precious body and blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries

that we are living members of the body
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.



**And now Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,**

**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses
of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.**

Amen.

Announcements

We desire to be a church family that forms disciples, lives generously, and shares the love of God in our neighborhoods



Announcements

Wednesday 2 December @ 6:30pm

Youth group meeting over Zoom. All youth grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join. For more info, contact youth@holyspiritchurchsd.org

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Coming Up

Sunday 6 December

Nominations for Advent Outreach Project due.
Please nominate a neighbor or family member that
our congregation can bless with grocery or
shopping help for Christmas.

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Wednesday 9 December @ 6:30pm

Vestry Meeting over Zoom

Sunday 13 December

Gathering of Gift Card Donations for Advent
Outreach Project

Keeping the O's

December 16-23 @ 5:30pm

Join us online for 15-20 minutes each of the seven nights leading up to Christmas Eve to meditate on the verses of O Come Emmanuel.

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Christmas Worship

Thursday 24 December @ 4pm

Christmas Eve Worship @ DCBC and Online

Friday 25 December @ 9:30am

Christmas Day Worship @ DCBC and online

The Blessing

The priest pronounces the blessing of God over the congregation

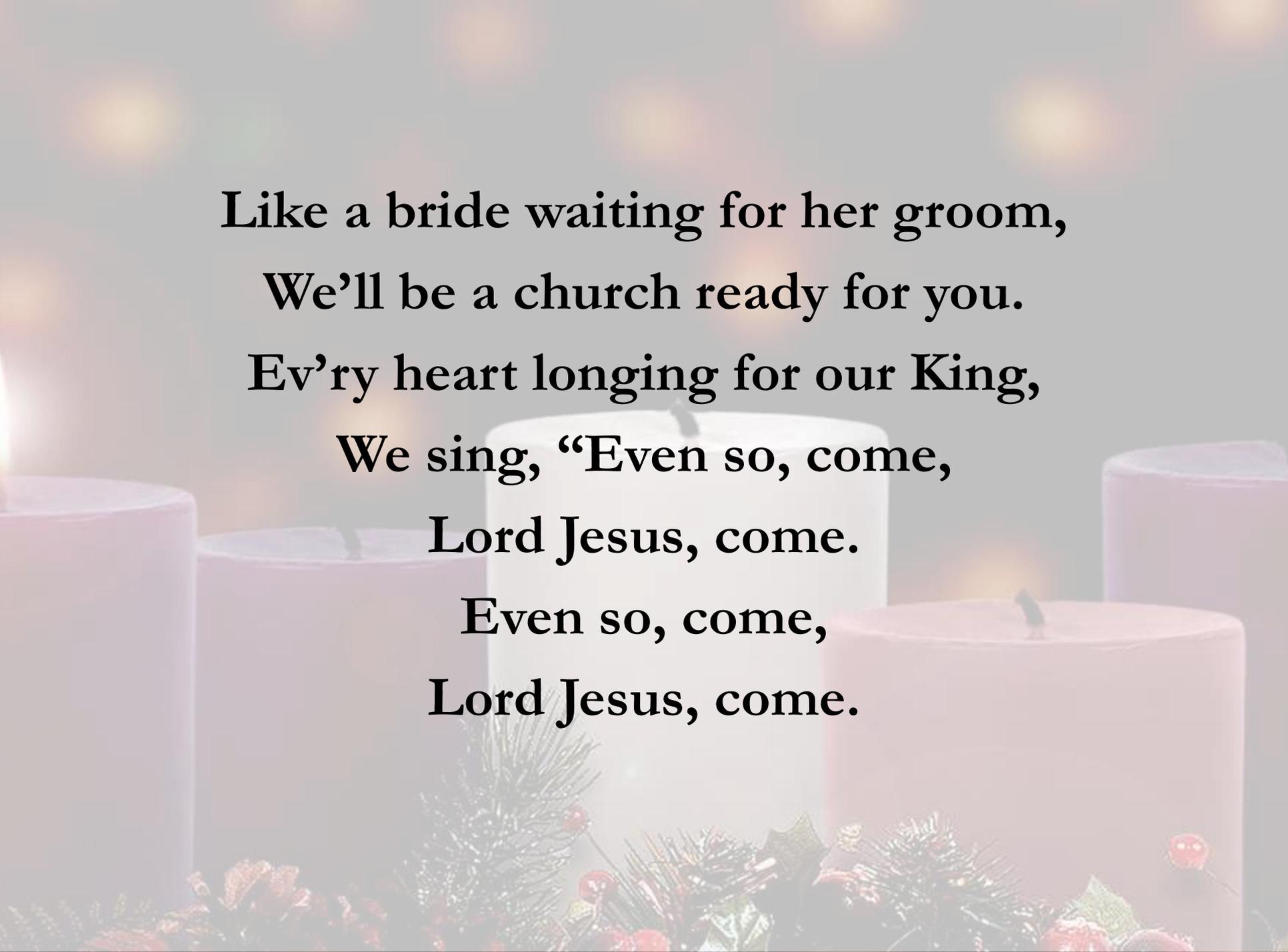


Even So, Come

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All of creation. All of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout out your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.



**Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for you.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King,
We sing, "Even so, come,
Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come,
Lord Jesus, come.**

**There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon.**

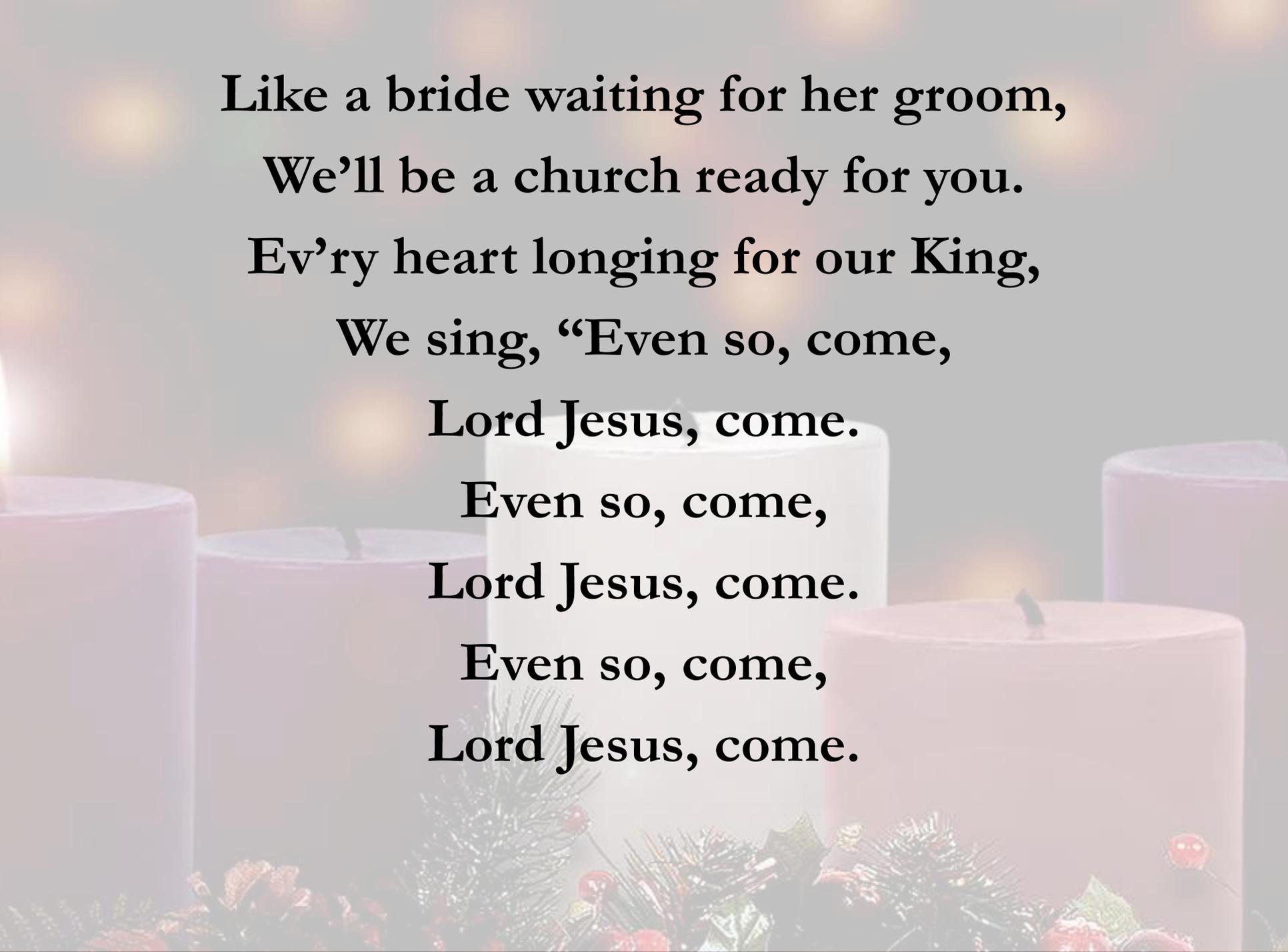




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**So we wait, we wait for you.
God we wait; you're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for you.
God we wait; you're coming soon.**



Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for you.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King,
We sing, "Even so, come,
Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come,
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Even so, come,
Lord Jesus, come.

The Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**