

Lent Cross for Easter Day

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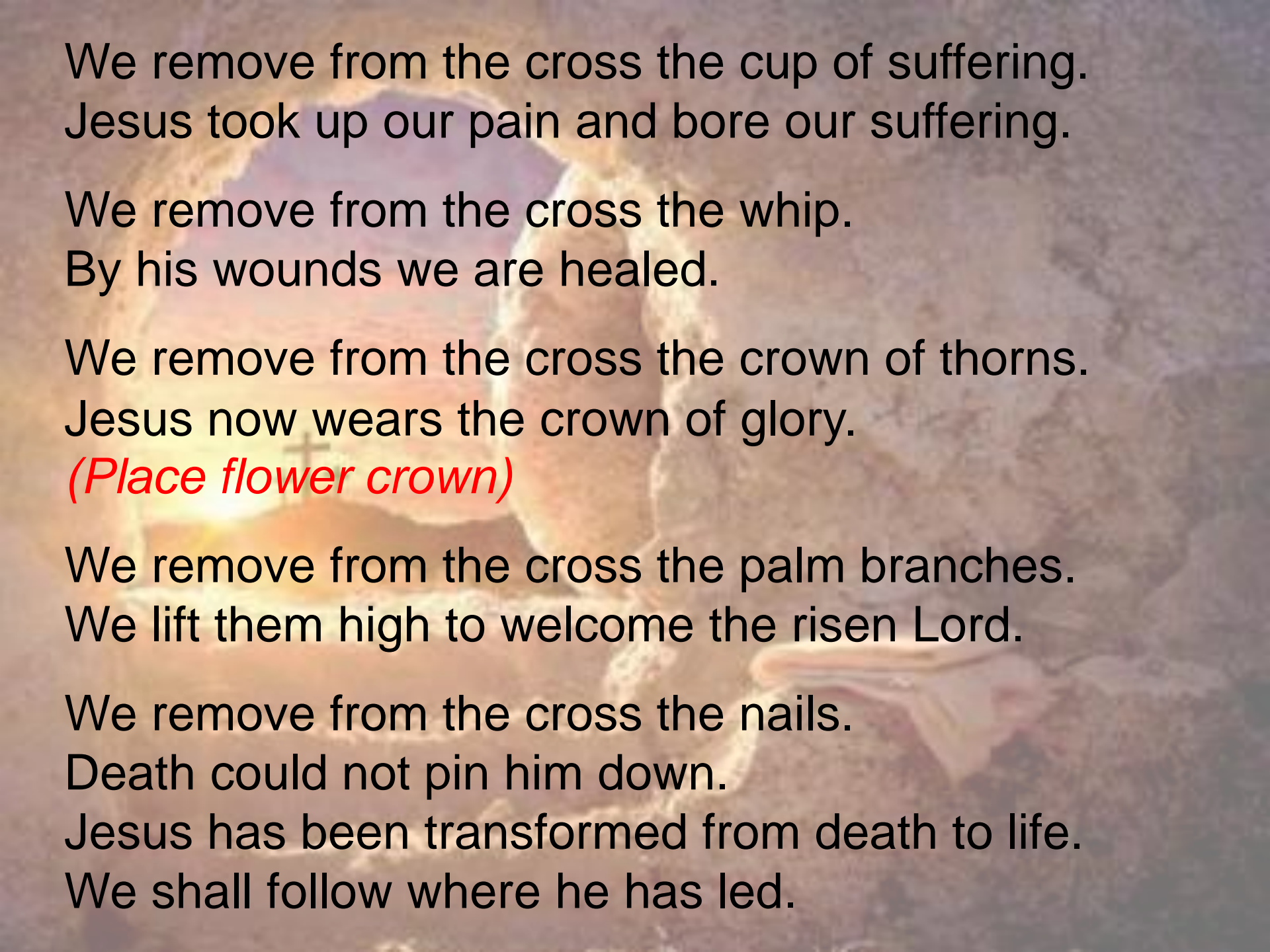
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. On this resurrection day we transform the Lenten cross of suffering into the glory of new life in Christ.

The symbols are removed in turn:

We remove from the cross the bag of money. Jesus has purchased our salvation.

We remove from the cross the towel and the bowl. Jesus is the servant King.



We remove from the cross the cup of suffering.
Jesus took up our pain and bore our suffering.

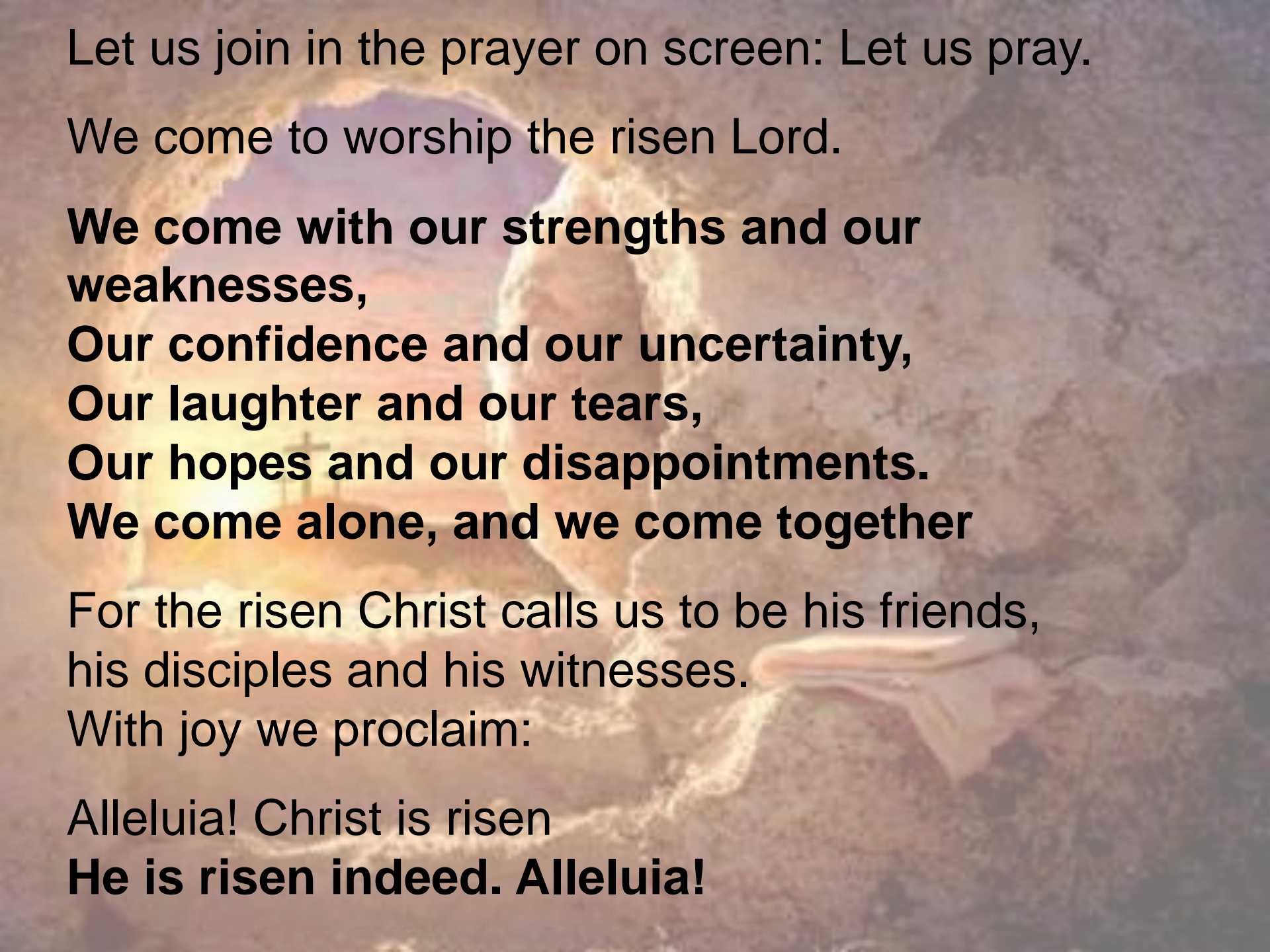
We remove from the cross the whip.
By his wounds we are healed.

We remove from the cross the crown of thorns.
Jesus now wears the crown of glory.

(Place flower crown)

We remove from the cross the palm branches.
We lift them high to welcome the risen Lord.

We remove from the cross the nails.
Death could not pin him down.
Jesus has been transformed from death to life.
We shall follow where he has led.



Let us join in the prayer on screen: Let us pray.

We come to worship the risen Lord.

We come with our strengths and our weaknesses,

Our confidence and our uncertainty,

Our laughter and our tears,

Our hopes and our disappointments.

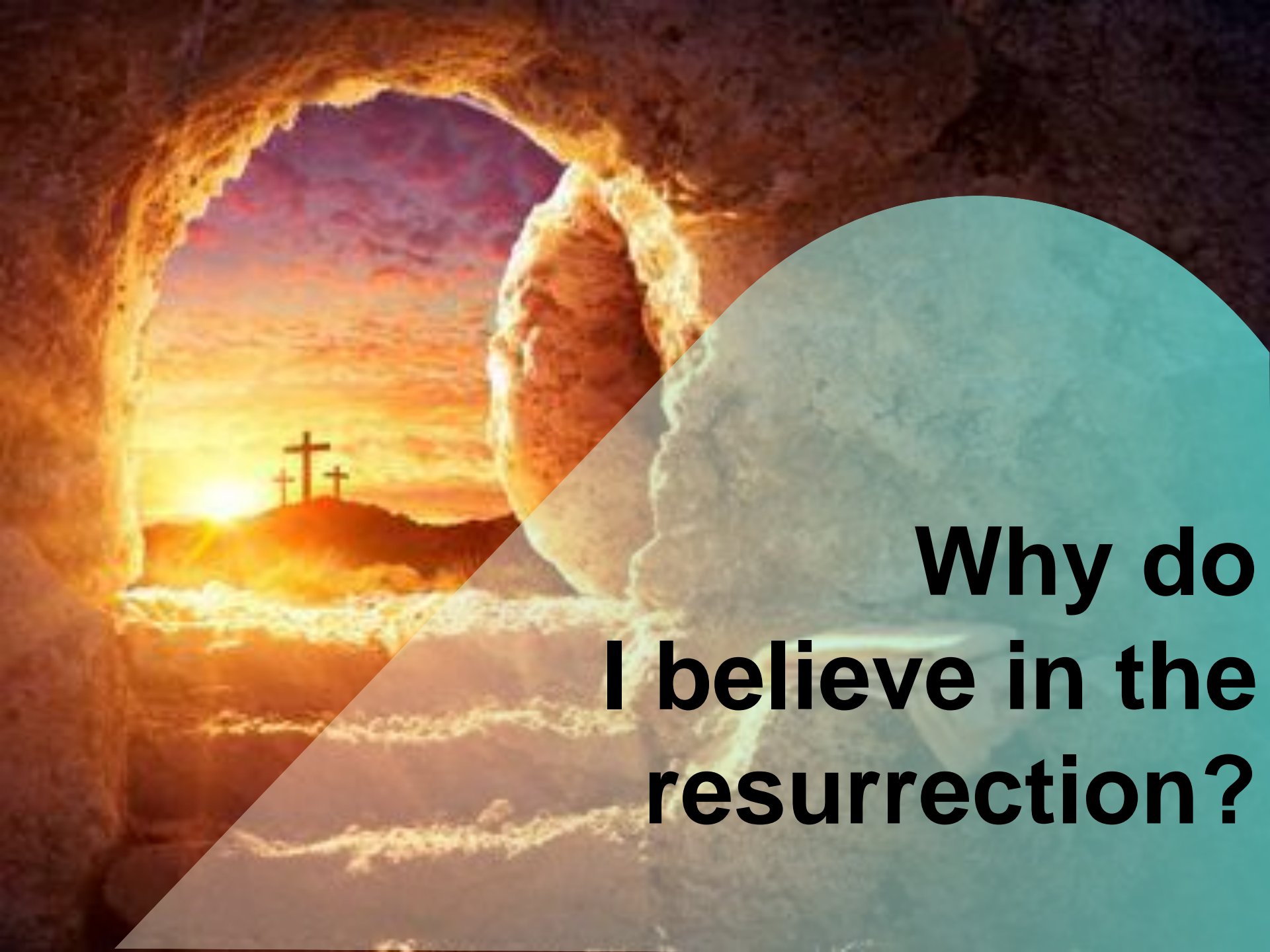
We come alone, and we come together

For the risen Christ calls us to be his friends,
his disciples and his witnesses.

With joy we proclaim:

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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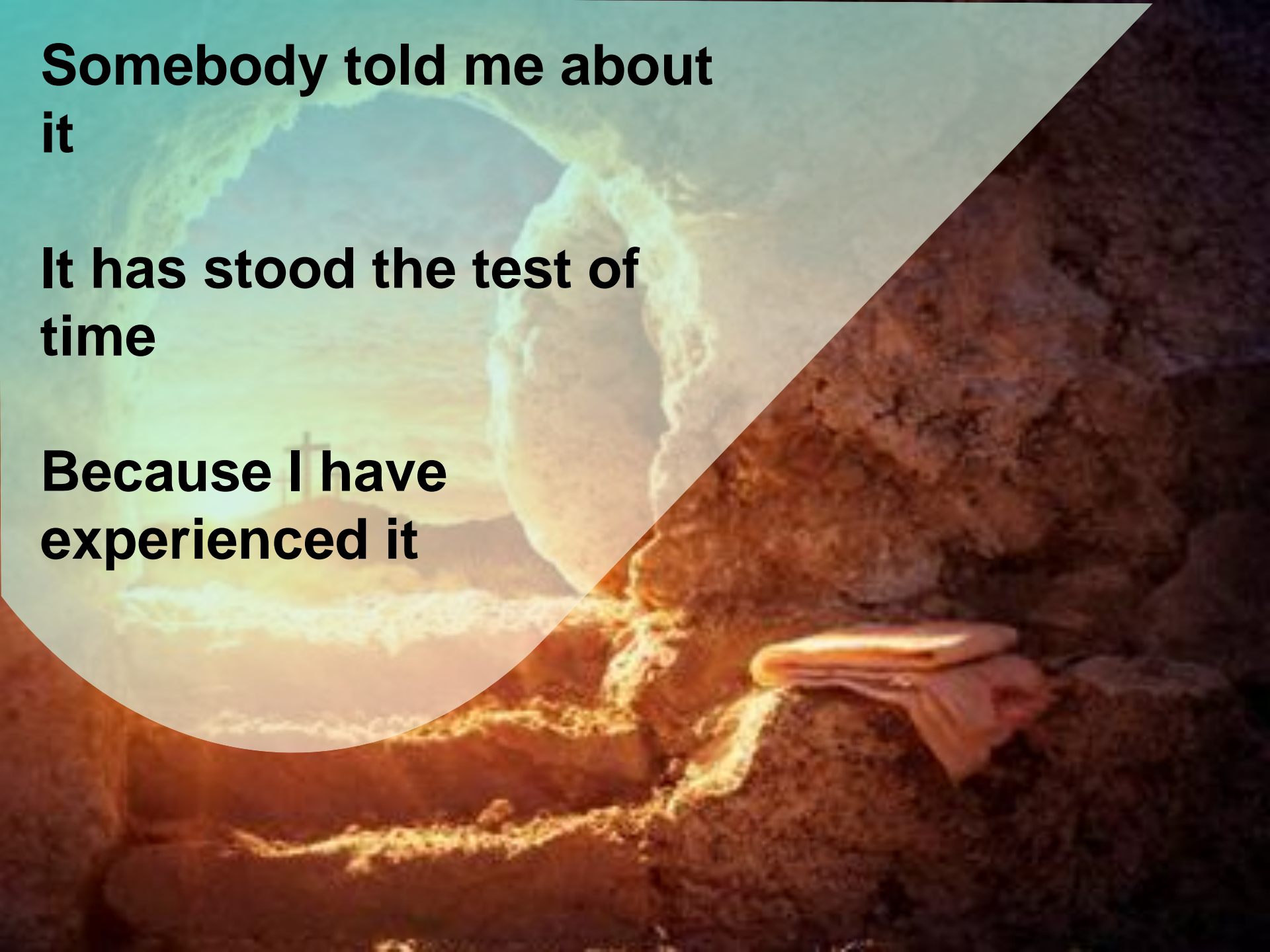
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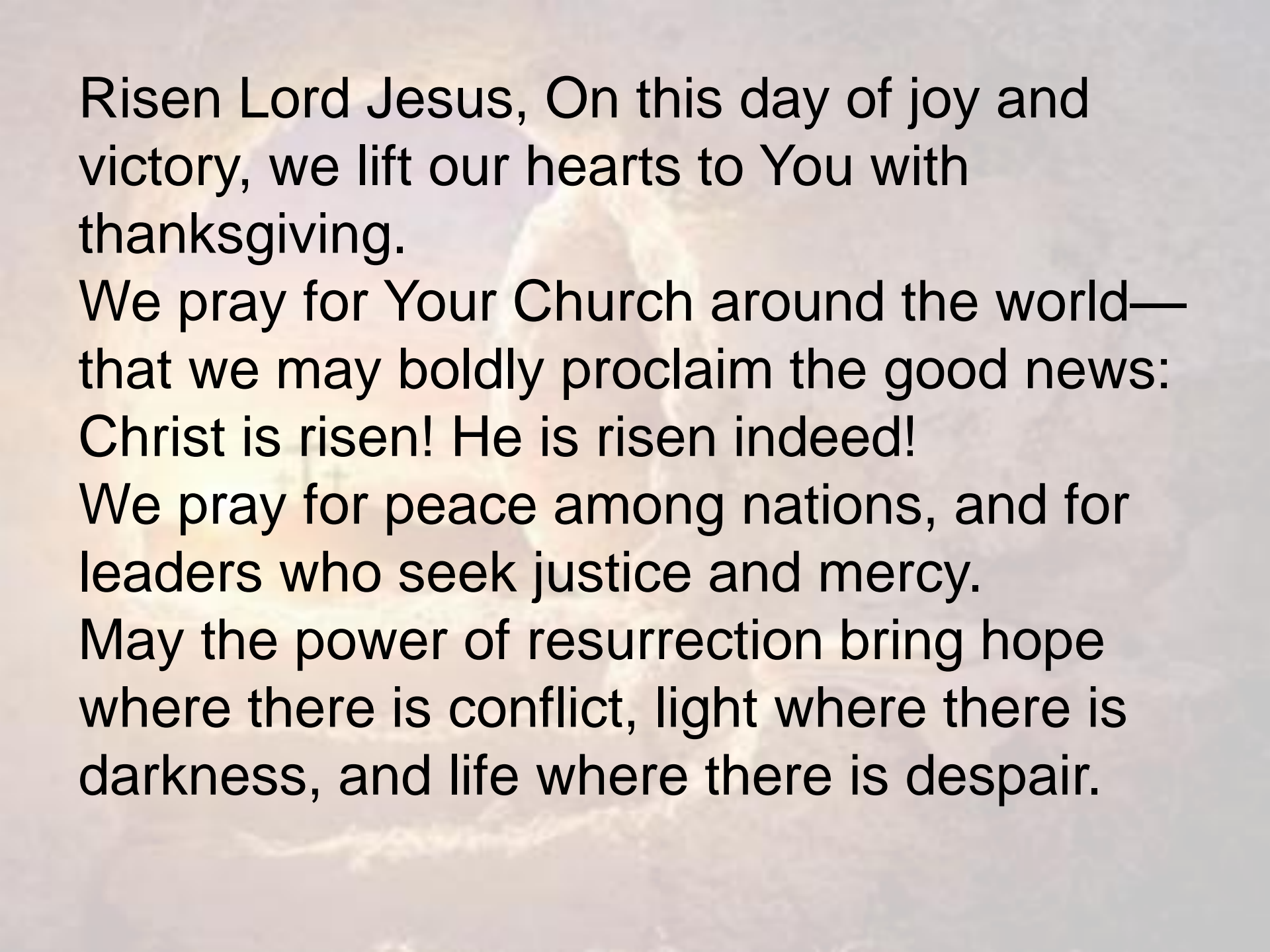
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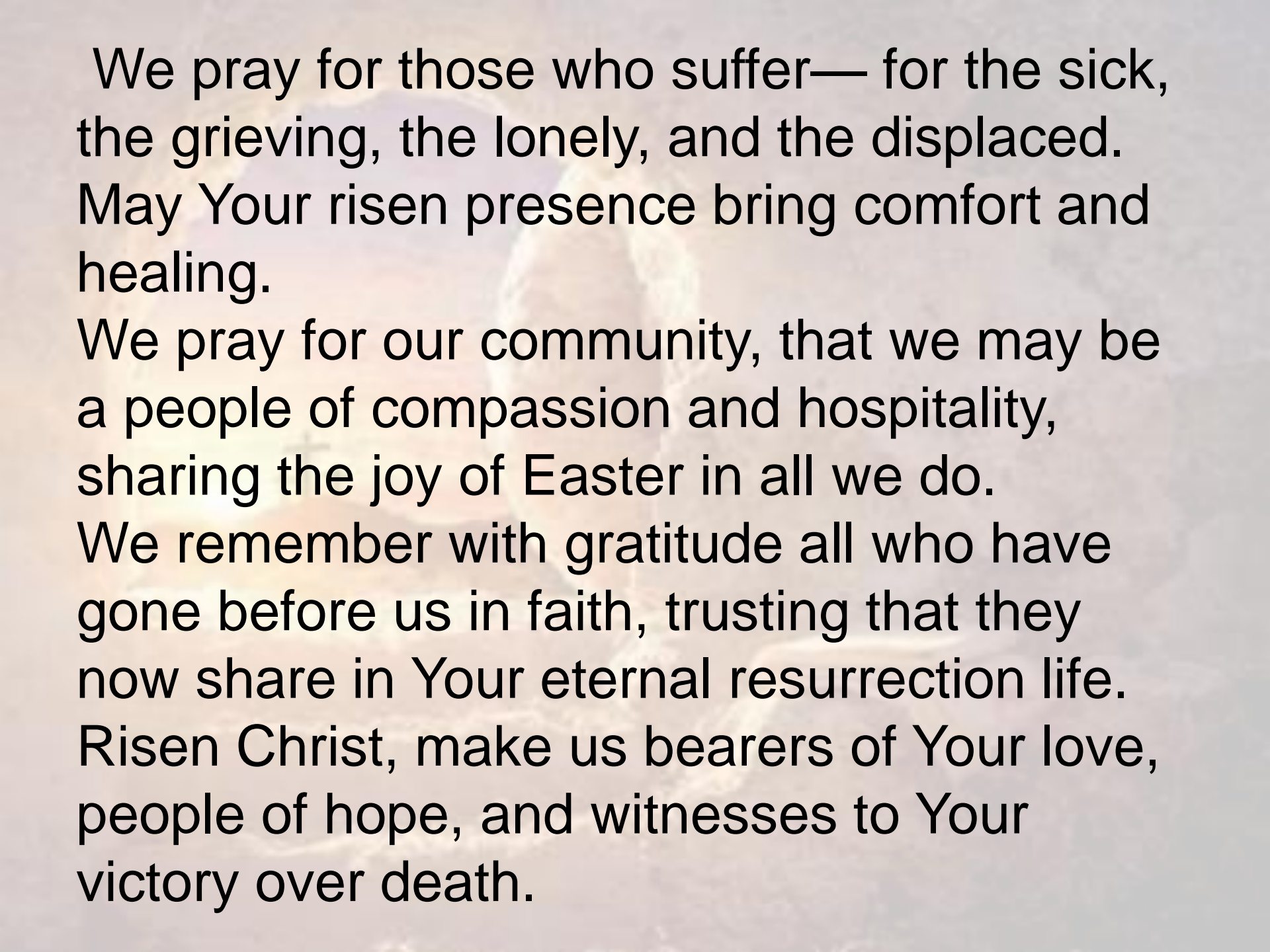


Risen Lord Jesus, On this day of joy and victory, we lift our hearts to You with thanksgiving.

We pray for Your Church around the world—that we may boldly proclaim the good news: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

We pray for peace among nations, and for leaders who seek justice and mercy.

May the power of resurrection bring hope where there is conflict, light where there is darkness, and life where there is despair.



We pray for those who suffer—for the sick, the grieving, the lonely, and the displaced. May Your risen presence bring comfort and healing.

We pray for our community, that we may be a people of compassion and hospitality, sharing the joy of Easter in all we do.

We remember with gratitude all who have gone before us in faith, trusting that they now share in Your eternal resurrection life.

Risen Christ, make us bearers of Your love, people of hope, and witnesses to Your victory over death.