

Welcome

TO THE 9:31



Our theme today is

GENEROSITY



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WELCOME

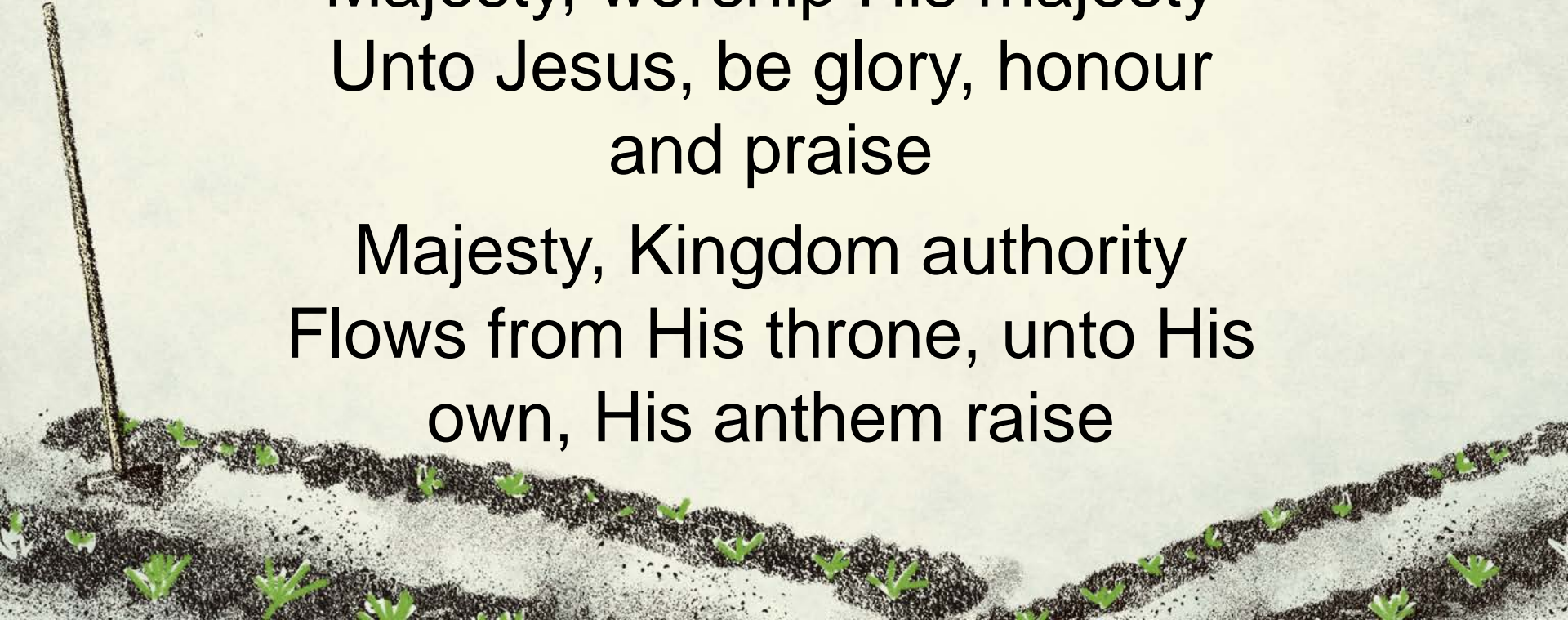
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

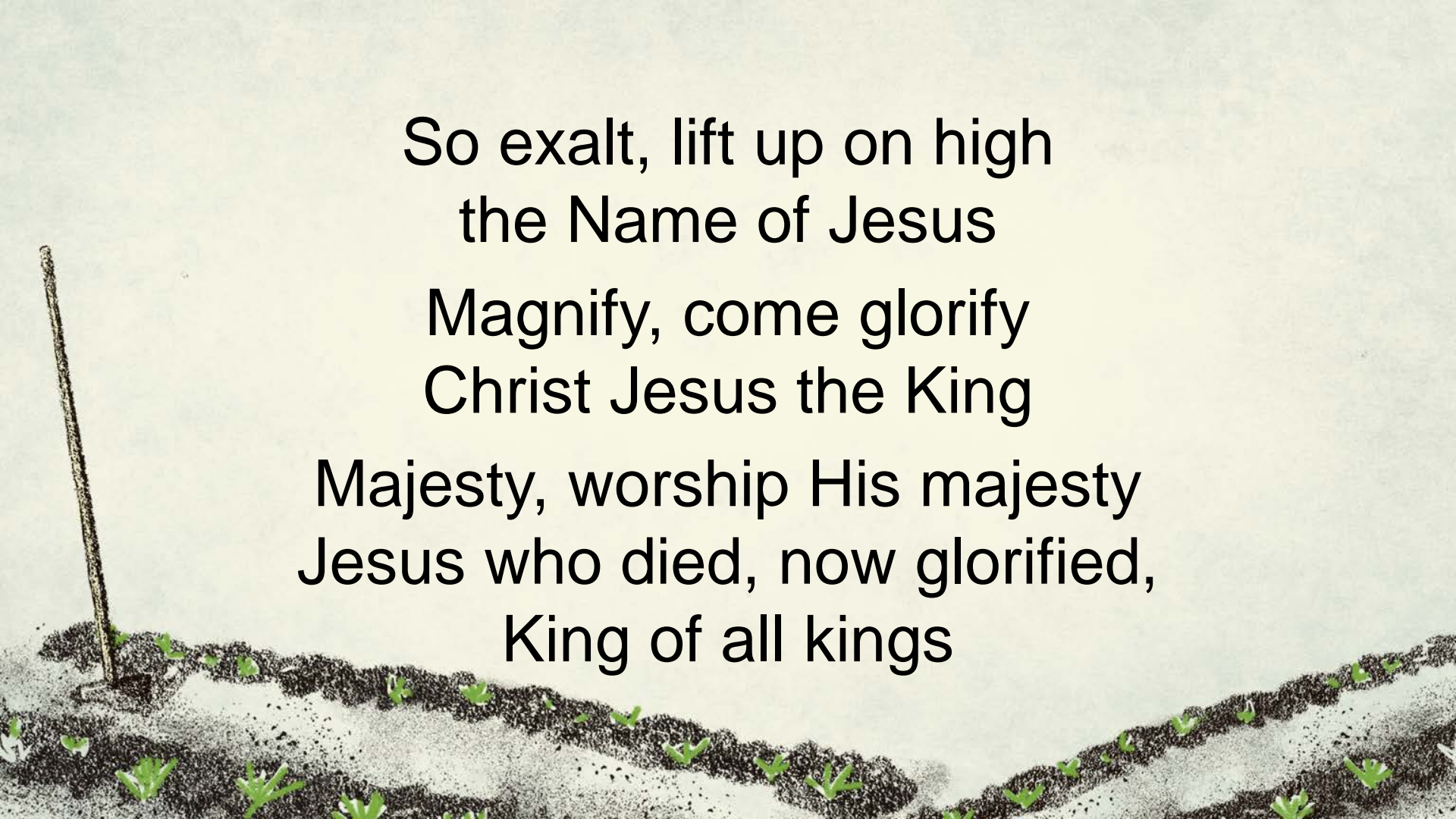
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Majesty Worship His Majesty

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Unto Jesus, be glory, honour
and praise

Majesty, Kingdom authority
Flows from His throne, unto His
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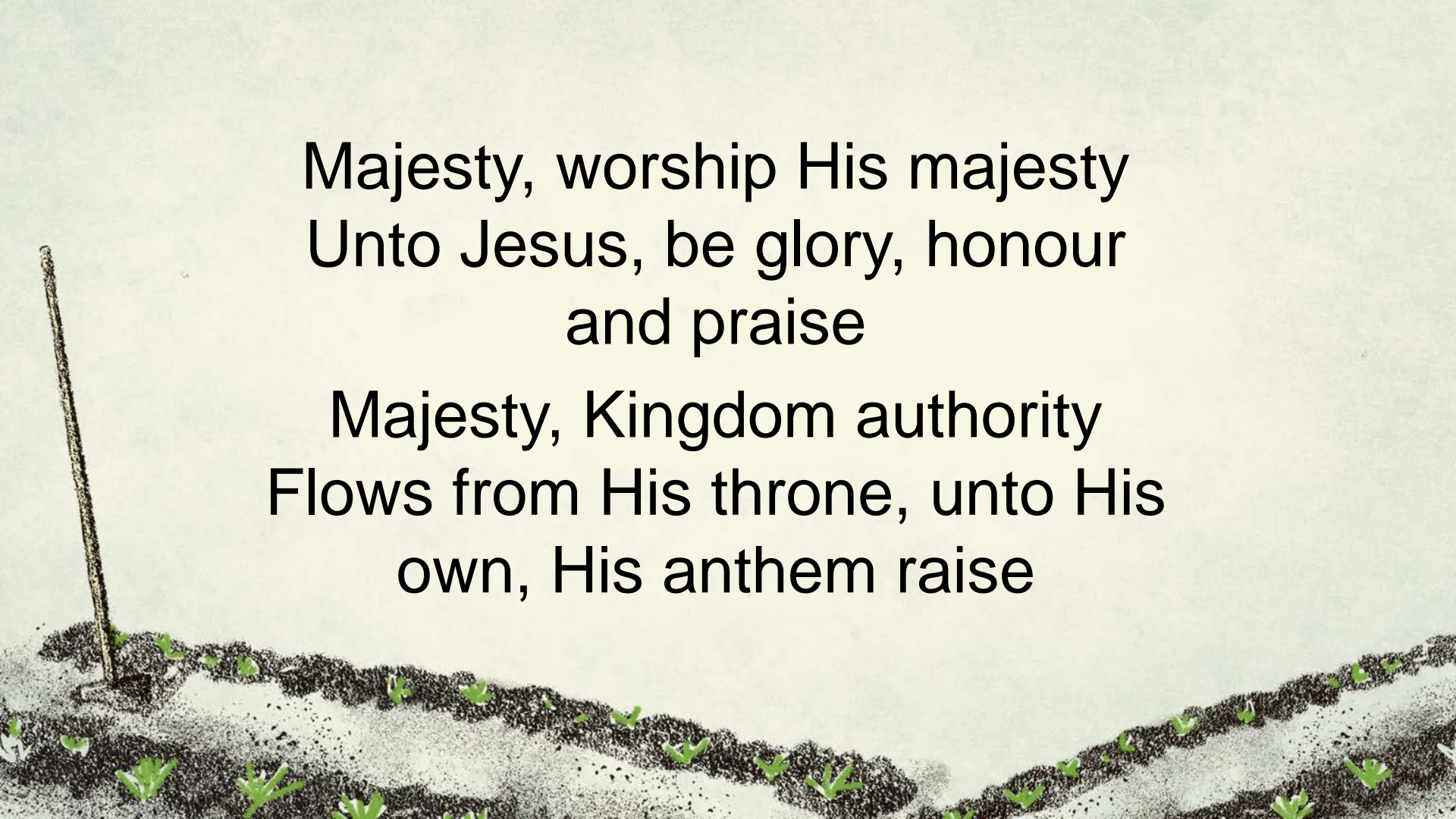




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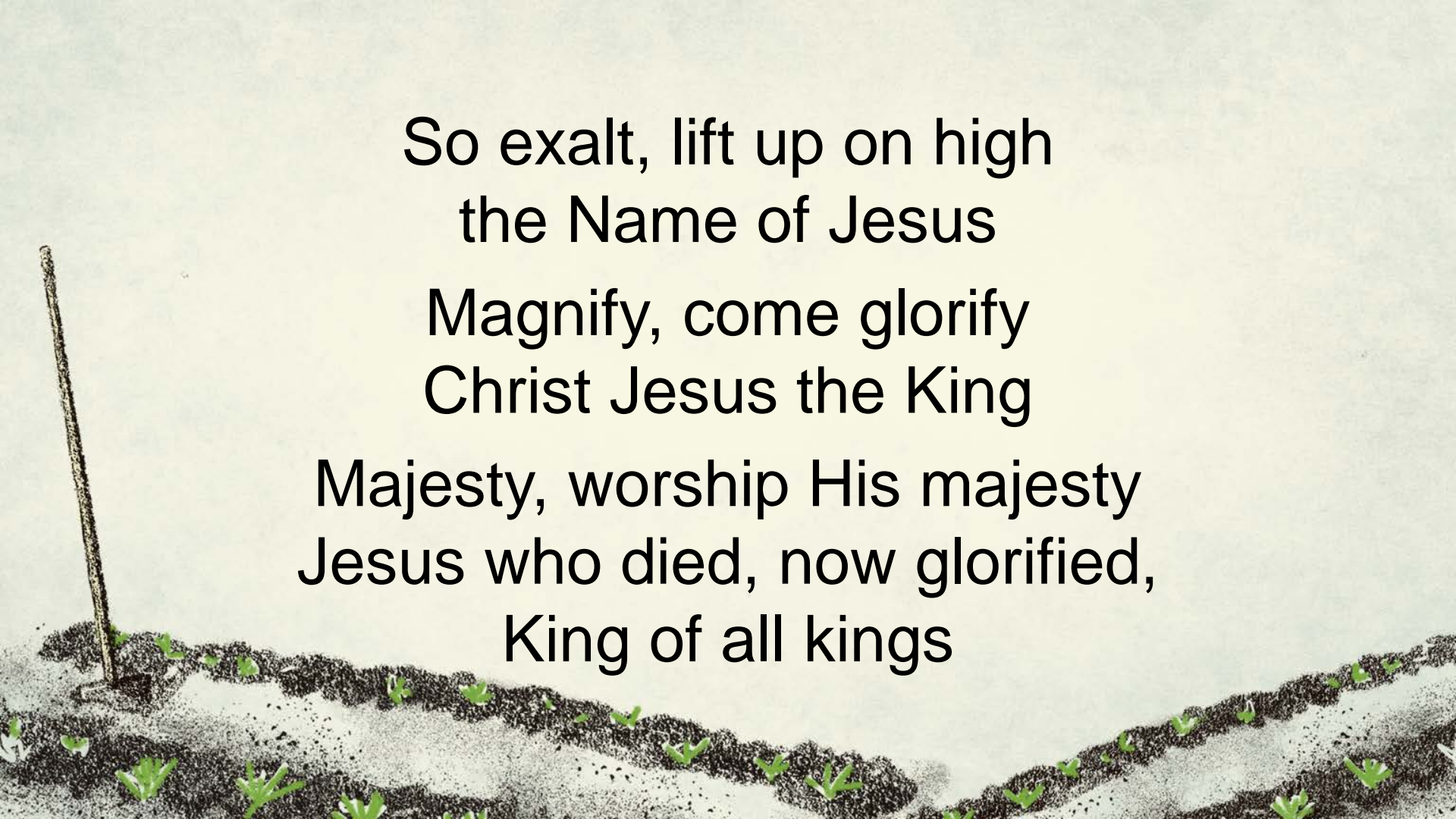
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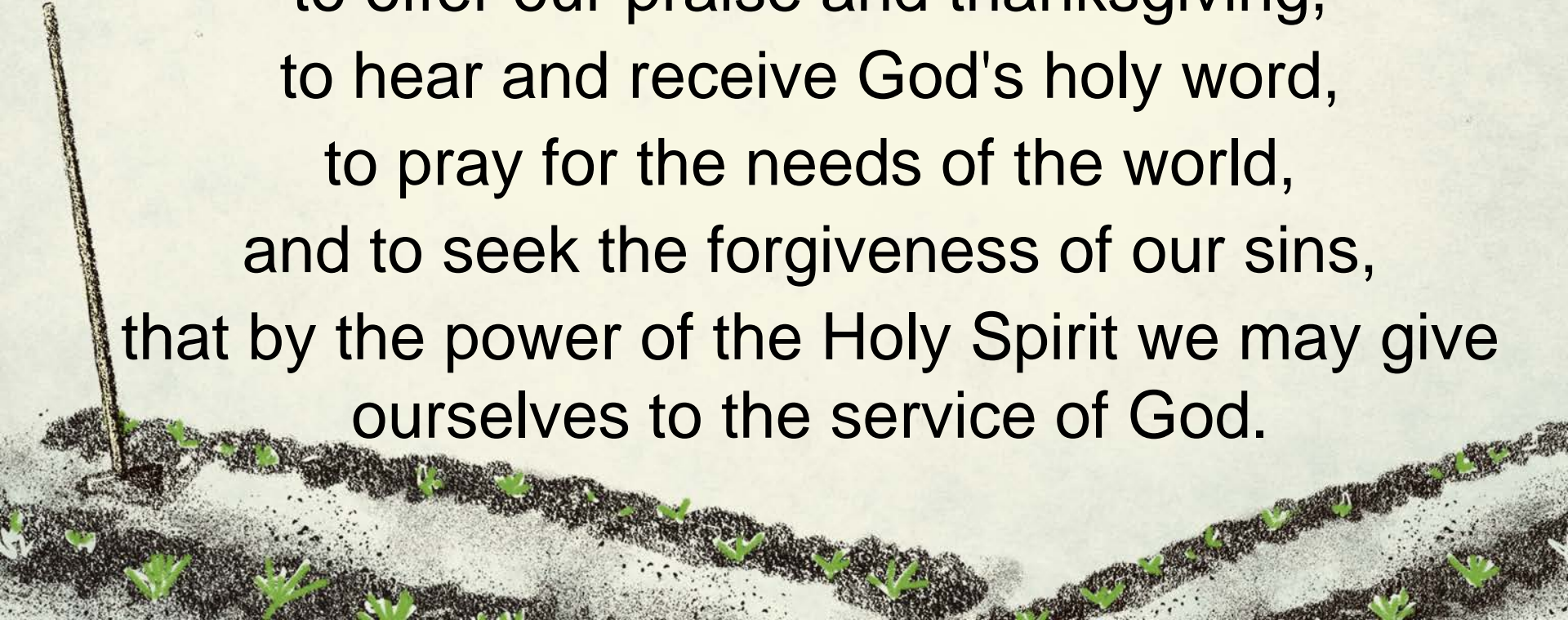
Welcome

- Welcome to this informal all age service. Please relax, enjoy and celebrate that Jesus is alive.
- You are welcome to stay throughout or leave for Foundation around 9:45. Ignite and Roots stay here.
- Today we start a new 3 part series, 'Generous Giving'
- All are invited to share Holy Communion here at 10:15
- Refreshments in the hall at 10:30



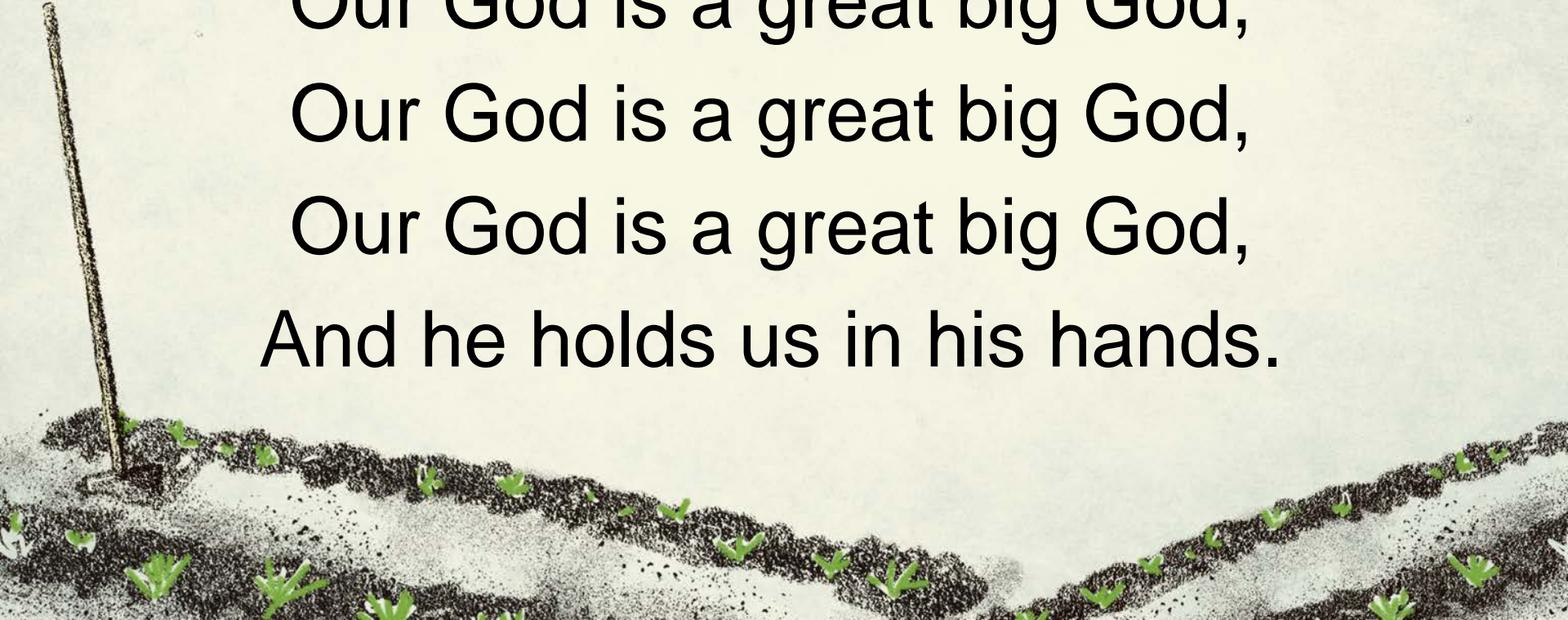
‘Why are we here?’

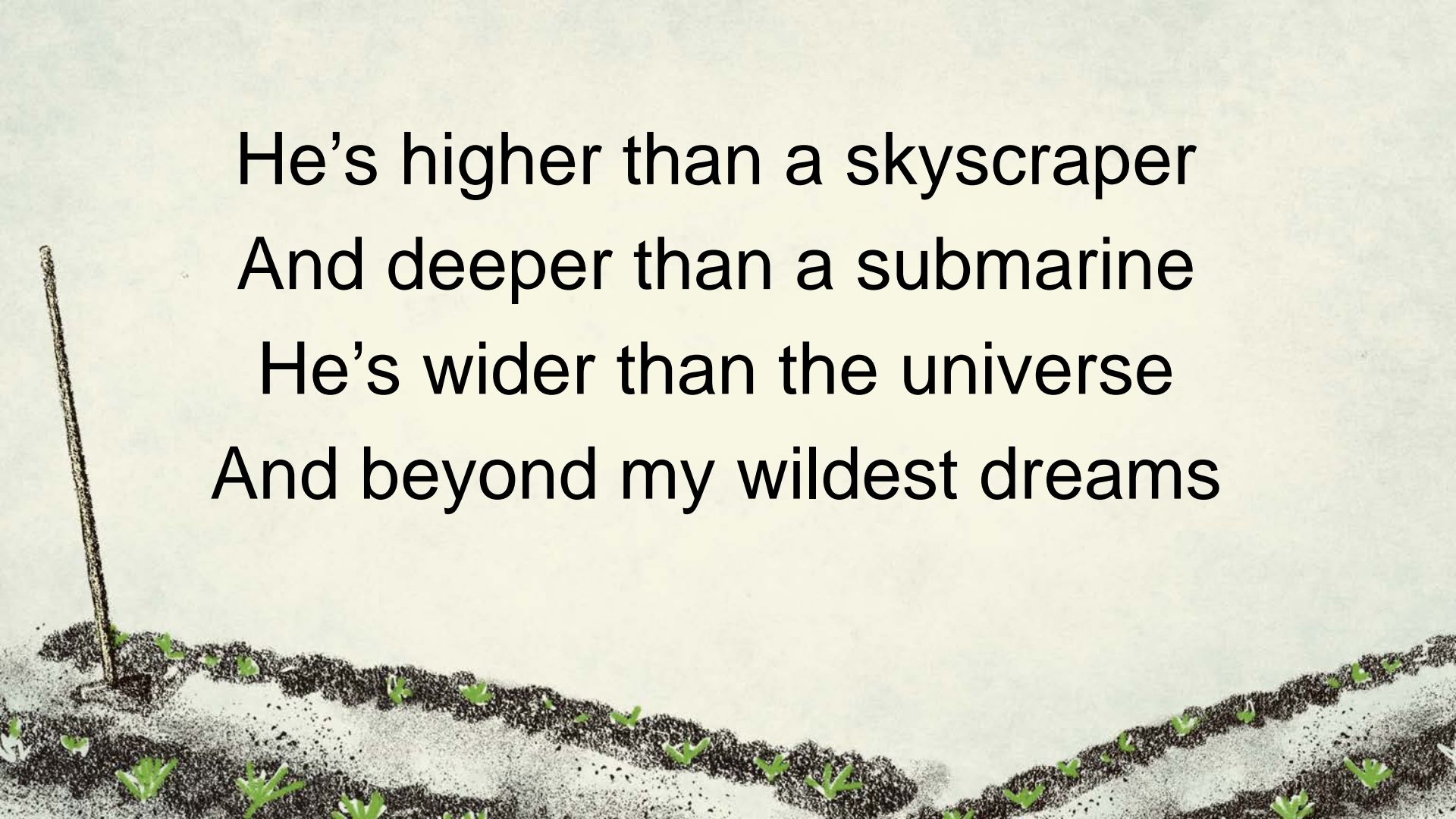
We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give
ourselves to the service of God.



Our God is a Great Big God

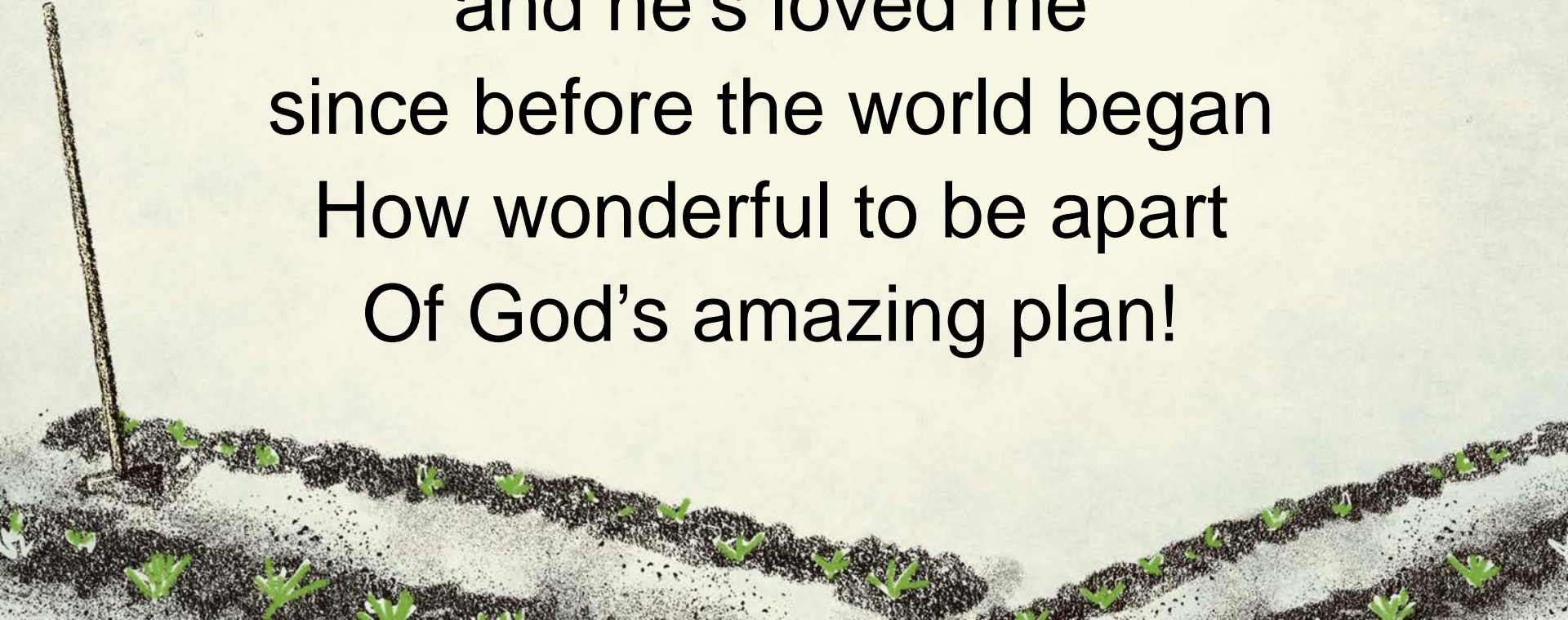
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And he holds us in his hands.



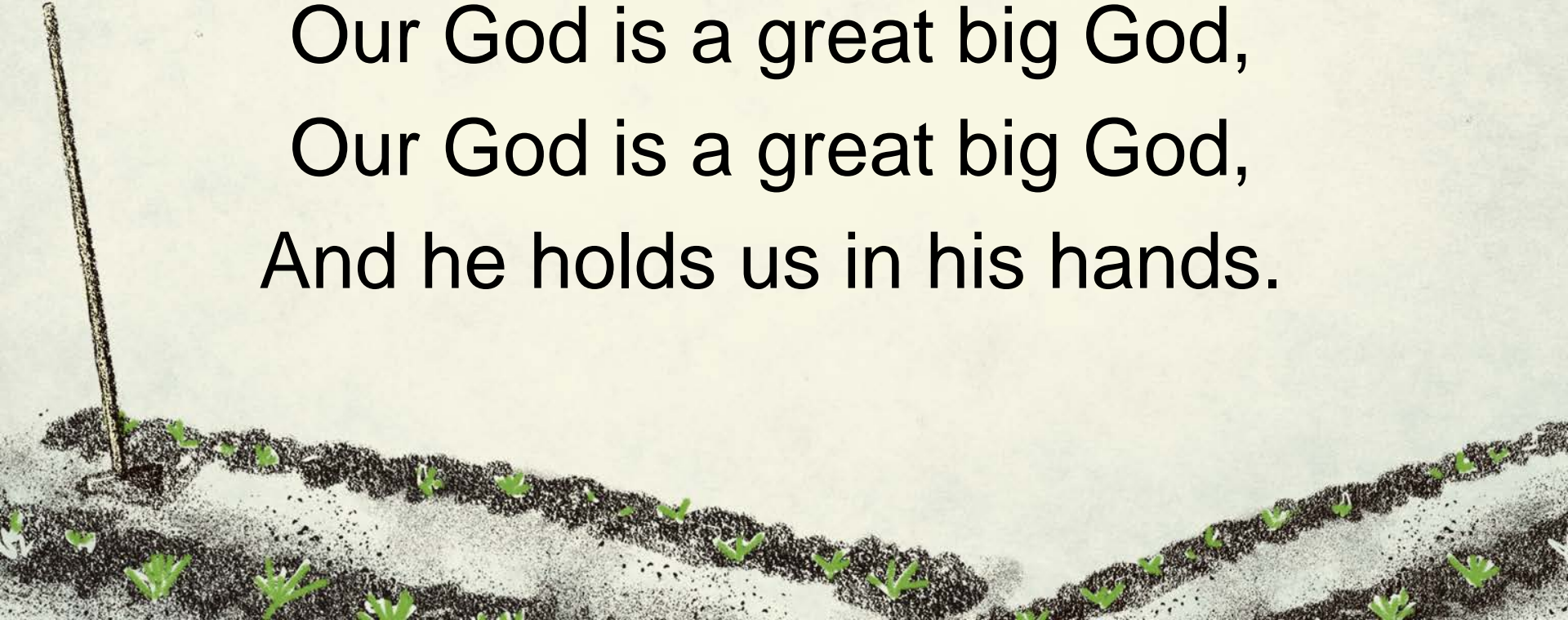


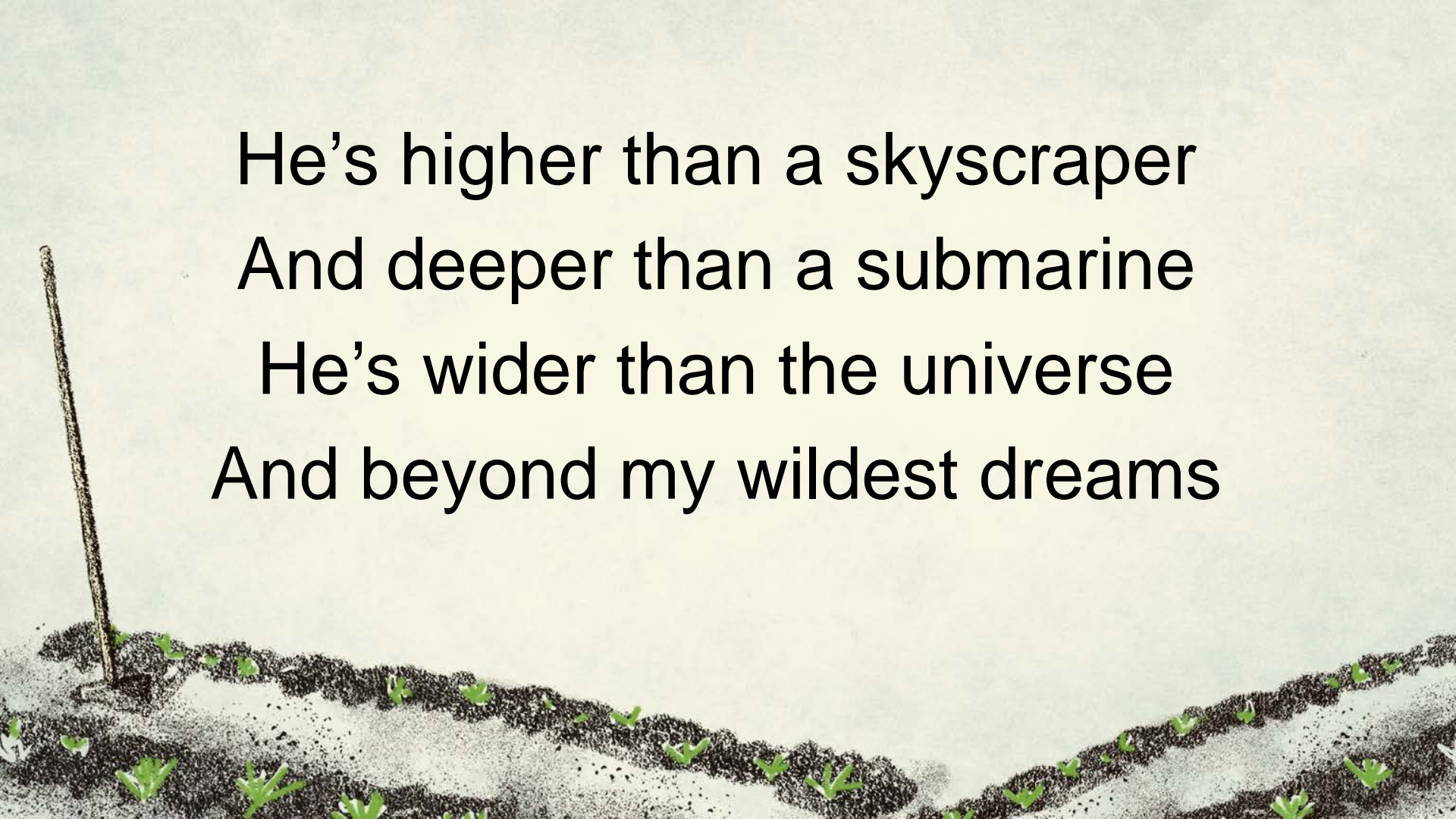
He's higher than a skyscraper
And deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams

And he's known me
and he's loved me
since before the world began
How wonderful to be apart
Of God's amazing plan!



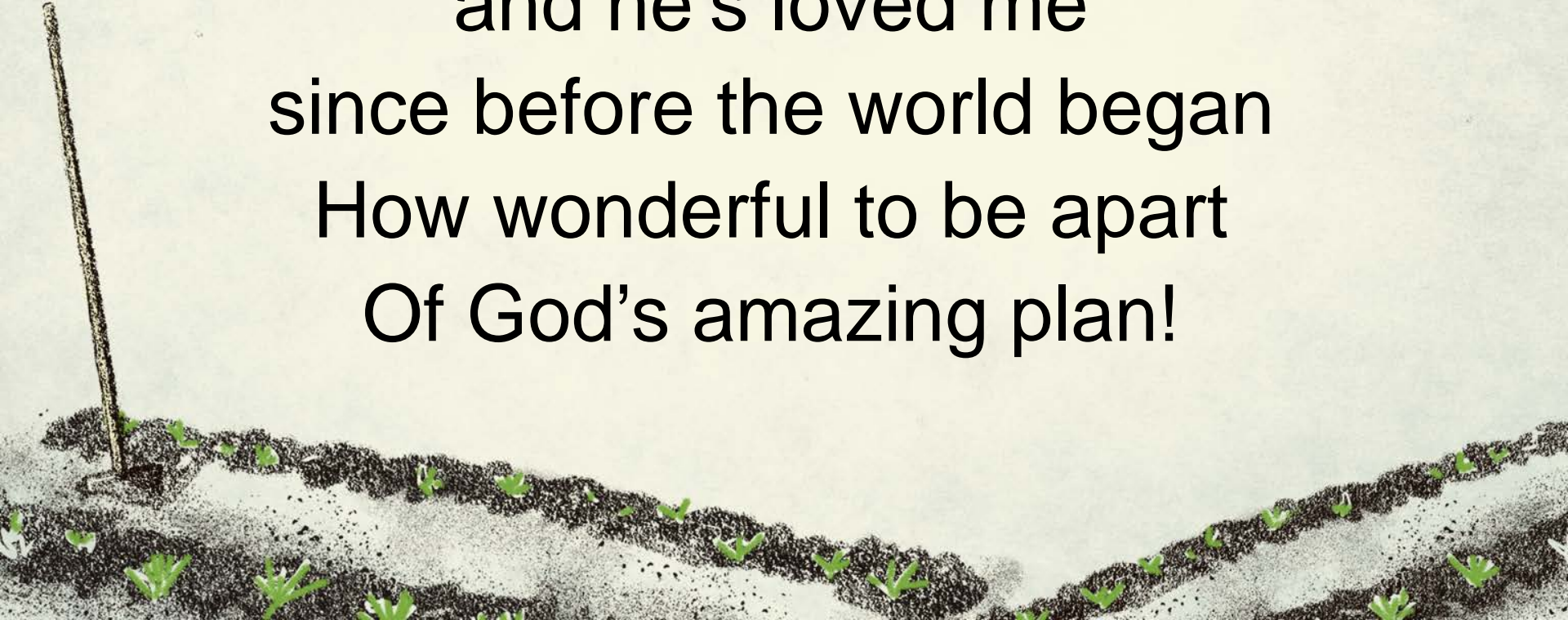
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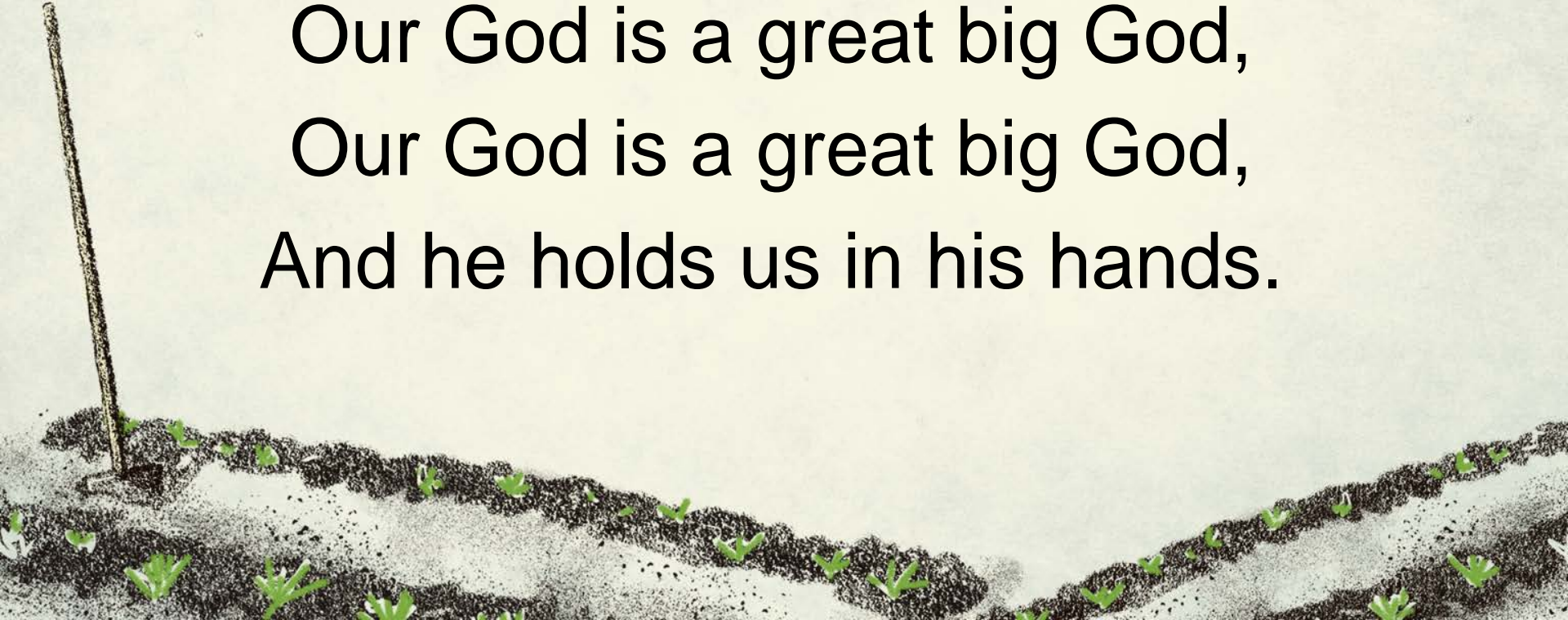


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Who Made the Twinkling Stars?

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Our father God



Who made the plants that grow?

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Who made the plants that grow?

Our father God



Who made the rolling sea?

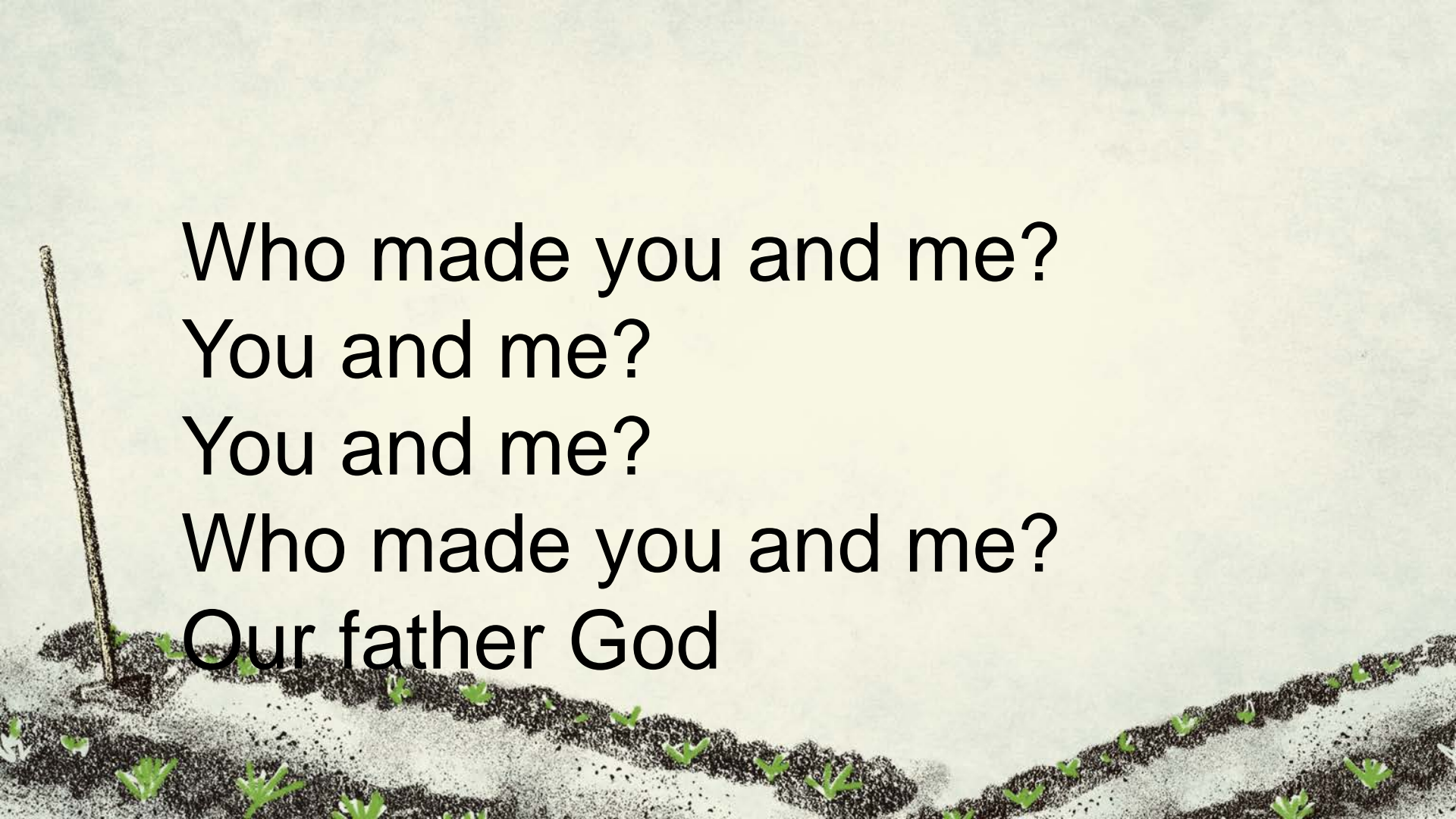
The rolling sea?

The rolling sea?

Who made the rolling sea?

Our father God





Who made you and me?
You and me?
You and me?
Who made you and me?
Our father God

Would you share these things with other people?



A Poor Widow Gives All She Has



Give me oil in my lamp

Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning

Give me oil in my lamp I pray

Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning

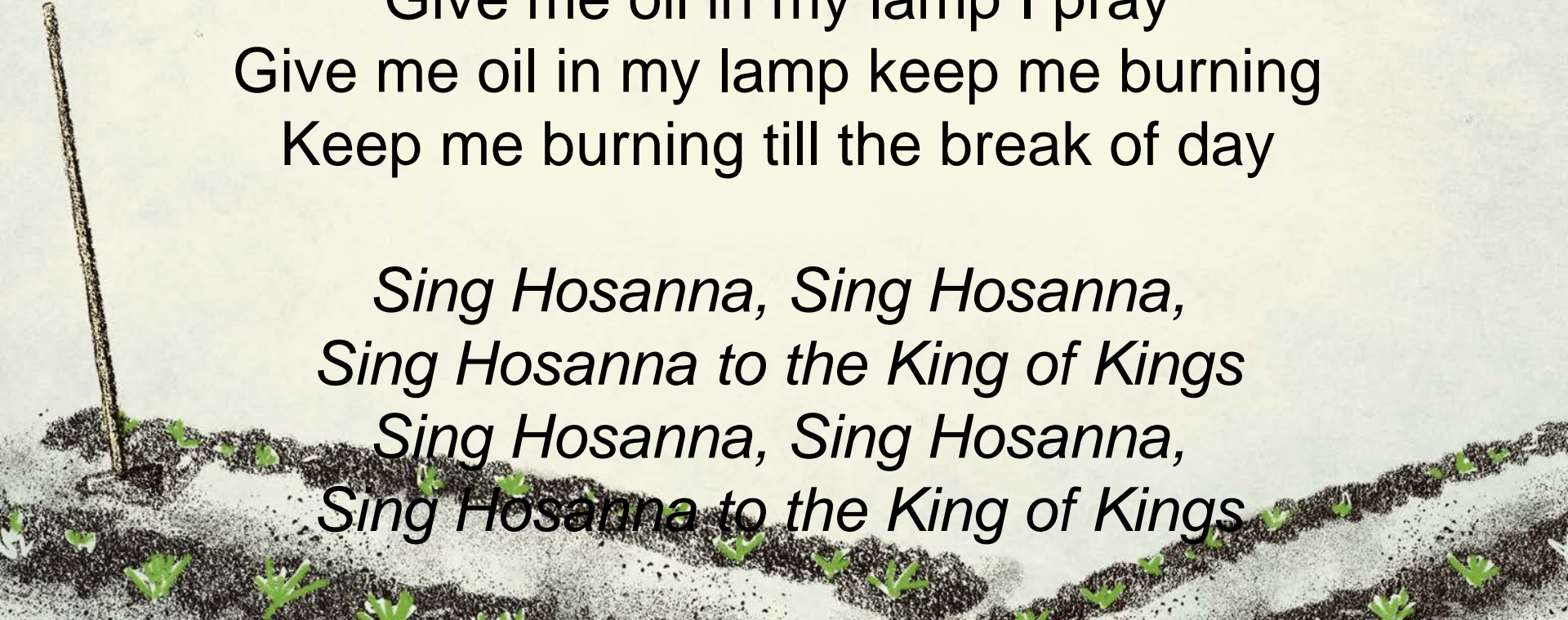
Keep me burning till the break of day

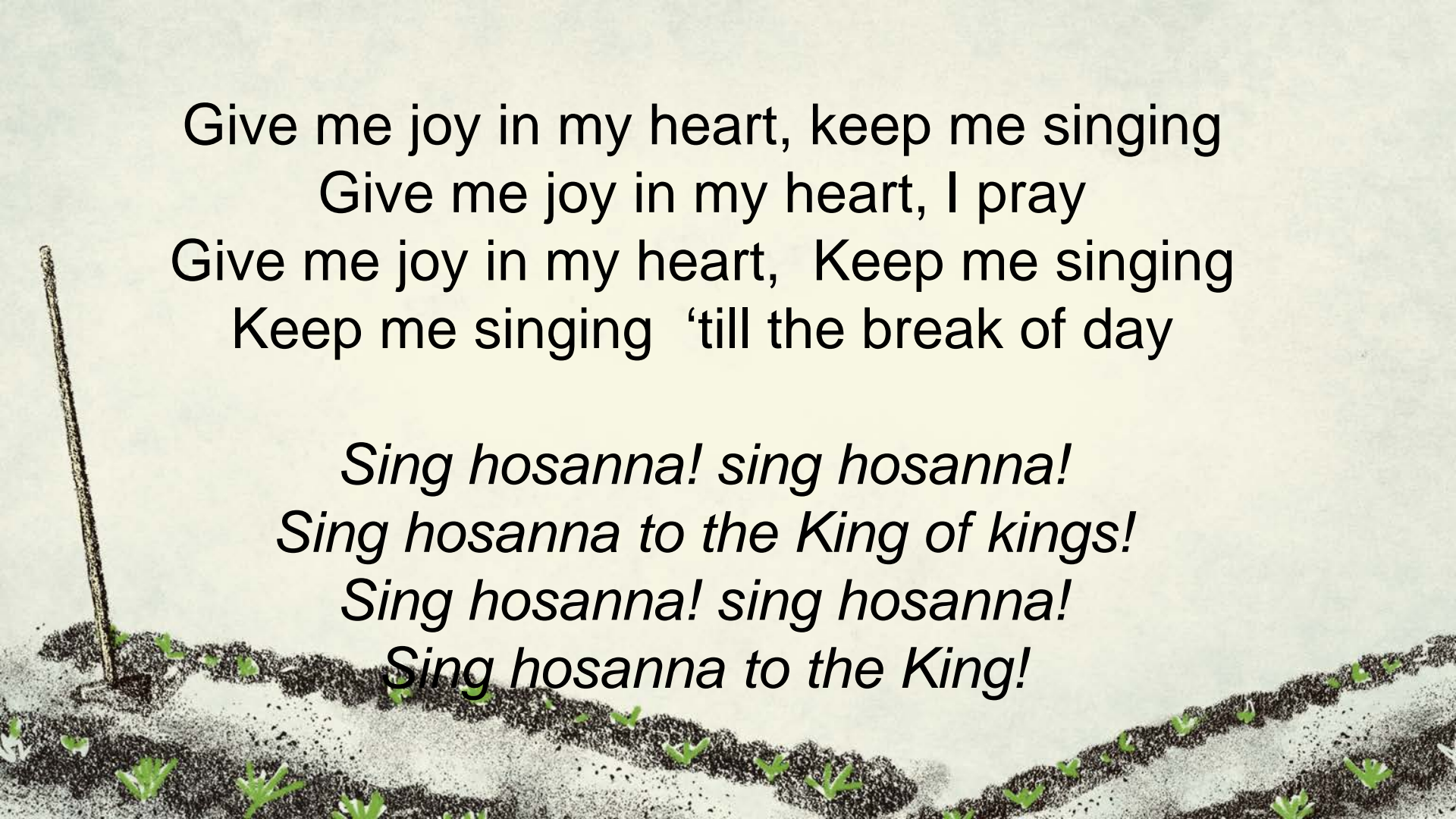
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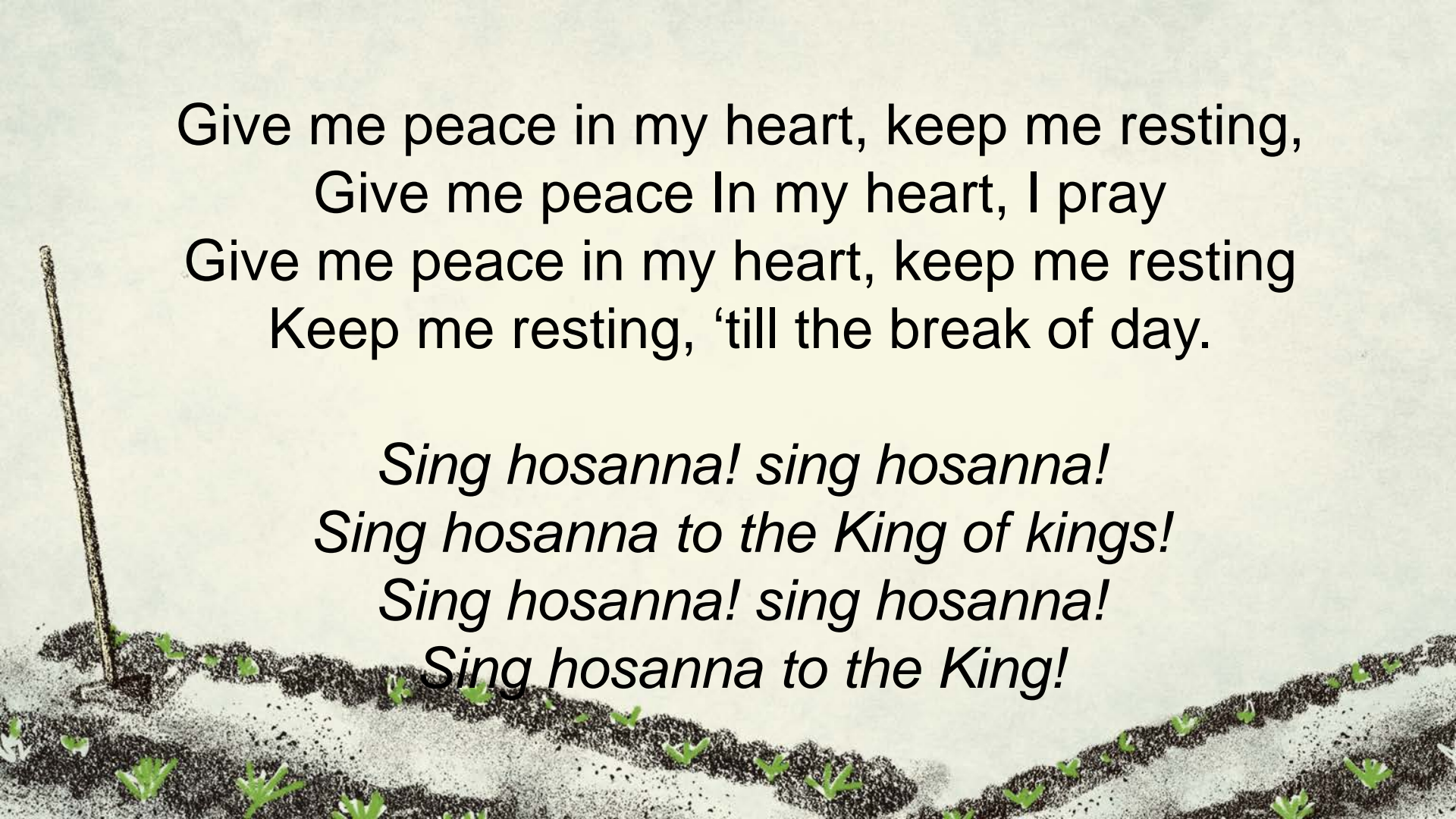
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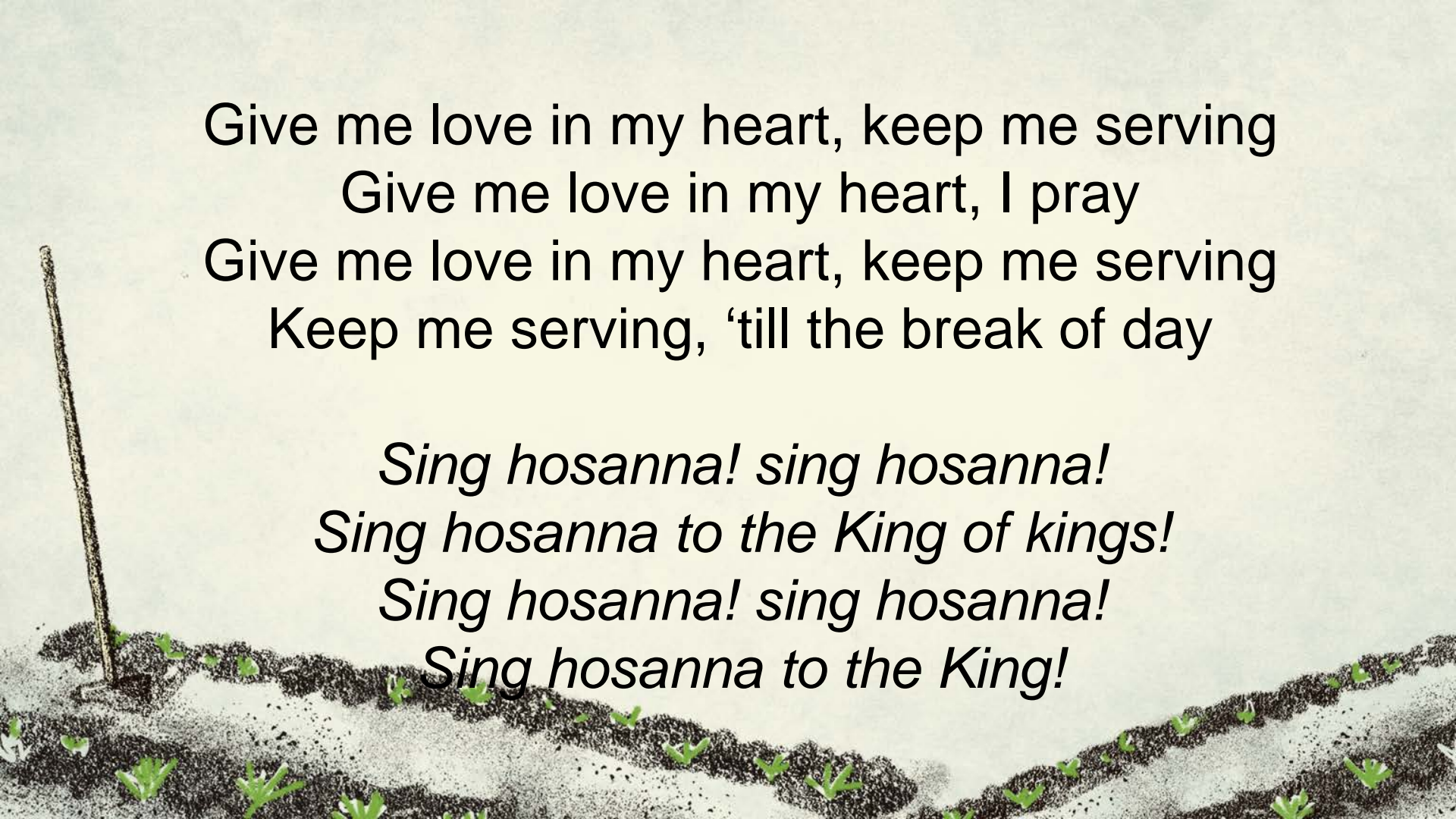
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, Keep me singing
Keep me singing 'till the break of day

*Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*



Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
Give me peace In my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting, 'till the break of day.

Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!



Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving, 'till the break of day

Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!

**We say
sorry to
God.**




Come and Praise the Lord our King

Come and praise the Lord our King,
hallelujah,

Come and praise the Lord our King,
hallelujah

Jesus died on Calvary, hallelujah

There from sin to set us free, hallelujah.



Come and praise the Lord our King,
hallelujah,

Come and praise the Lord our King,
hallelujah

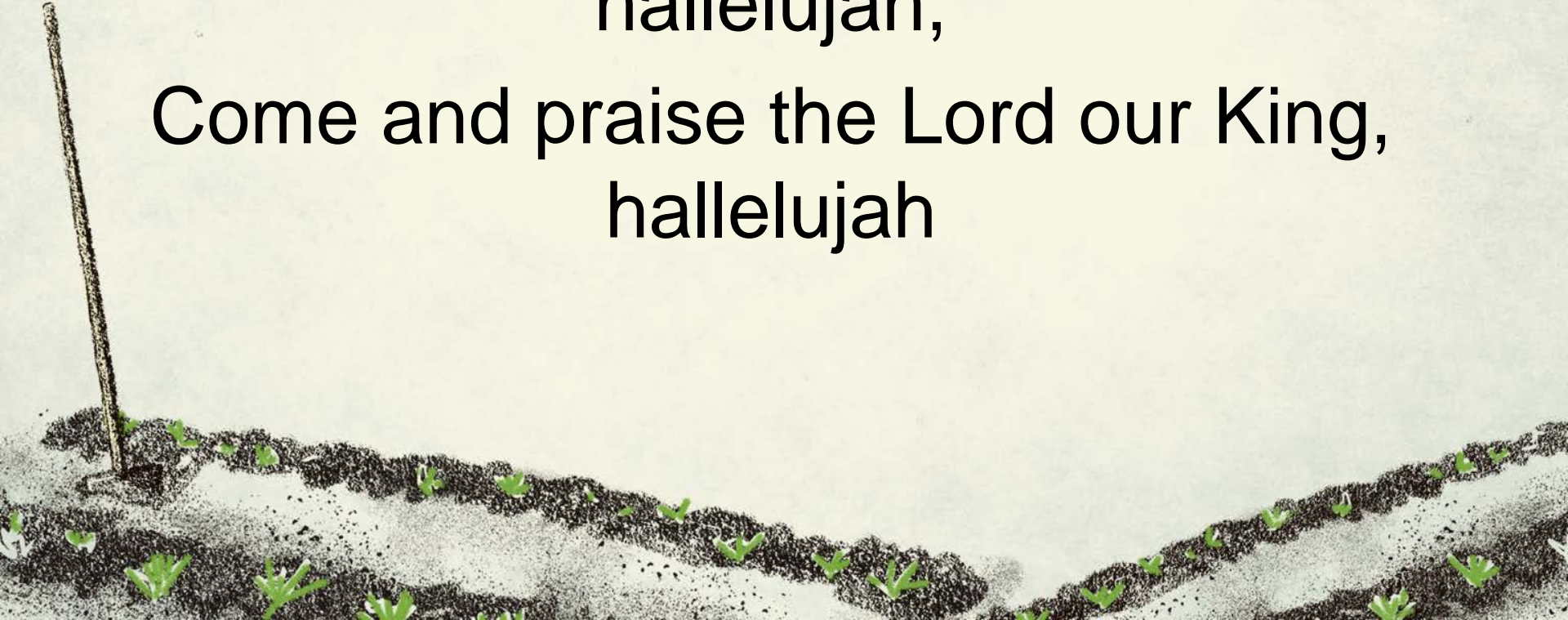
He will cleanse us from our sin, hallelujah

If we live by faith in him, hallelujah.



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A poor Widow: Luke 21. 1 - 4

The Widow's Offering

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



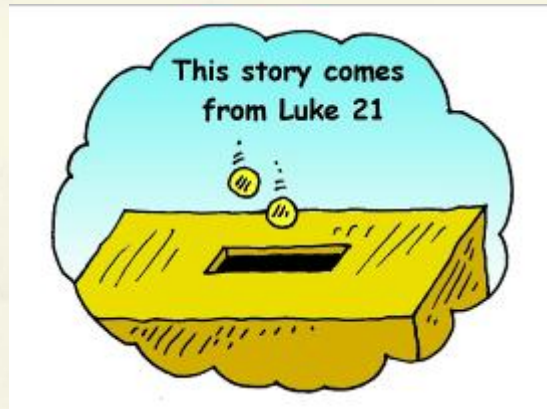
The Scene



Two Small Coins For God

By Jill Kemp

Illustrated by Richard Gunther

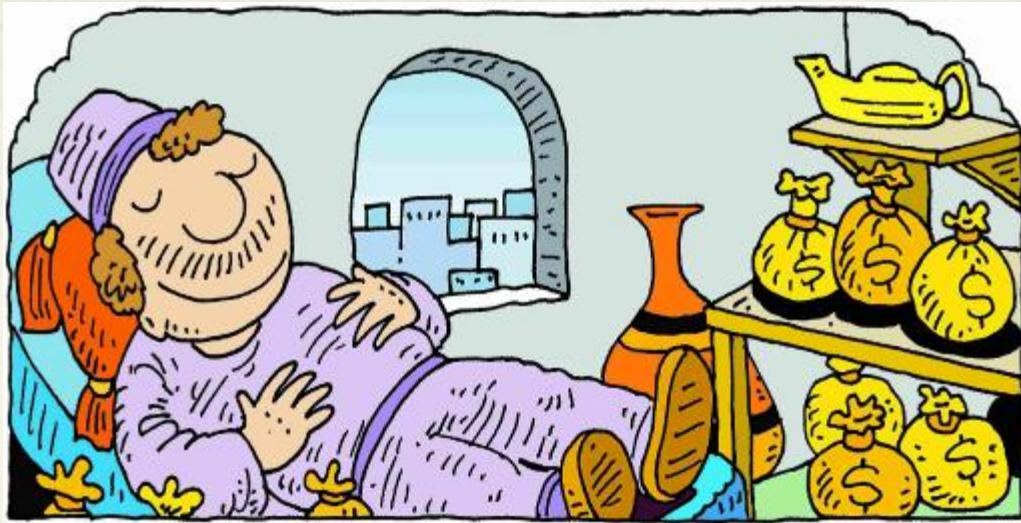




A very rich man came into the temple
with a big bag of money.
He was putting it all
into the donation box.



The rich man was very pleased with himself
and hoped that everyone would notice
how much money he was putting into the box.
It jingled loudly as it went in. Such a lot of money!



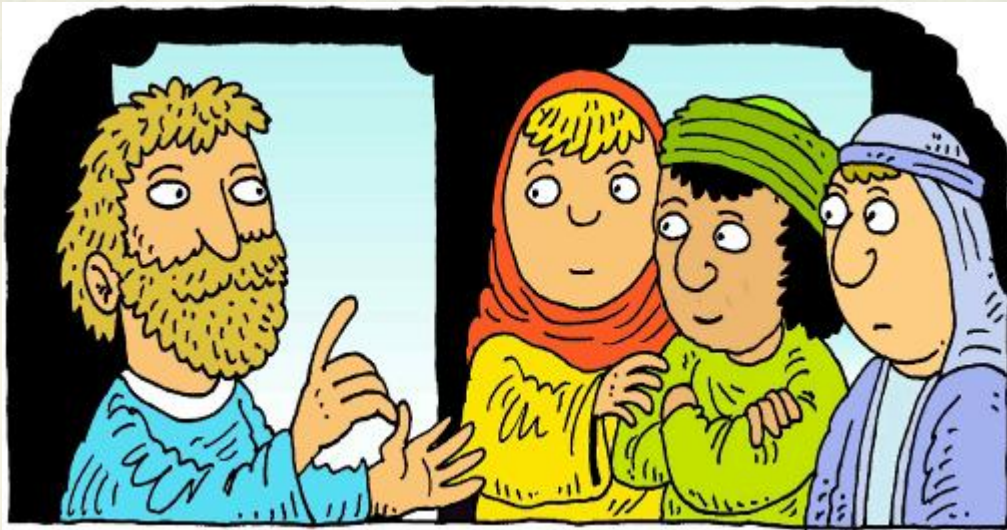
It was easy for the rich man to give lots of money.
He had plenty of money to spend and
he could buy anything he wanted.
The rich man had lots more money at home.



Then Jesus saw a poor little lady quietly
drop two tiny coins into the donation box.
She didn't have much money,
but she loved God very much.



The poor lady had no more money to give.
She could have kept it for herself.
She gave it with a heart of
thankfulness and love.



Jesus said, "This poor lady has given
more than all the rich people.
Giving money didn't matter one bit to them, but this
poor lady gave God something when she didn't have much."



God sees the way we give to Him.
He wants us to give because we love Him,
not so that others can see how rich we
are and think that we are important.

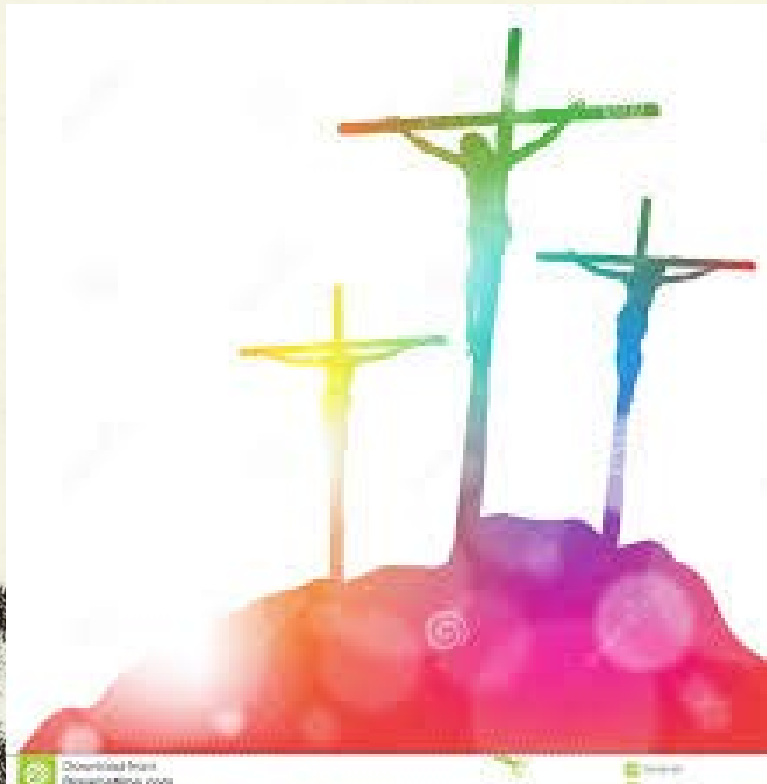
God made everything for us to use freely and responsibly



People Messed it Up



God generously gave the most precious thing he had – his Son – to rescue us.



**He invites us to put our lives under
his love and leadership**

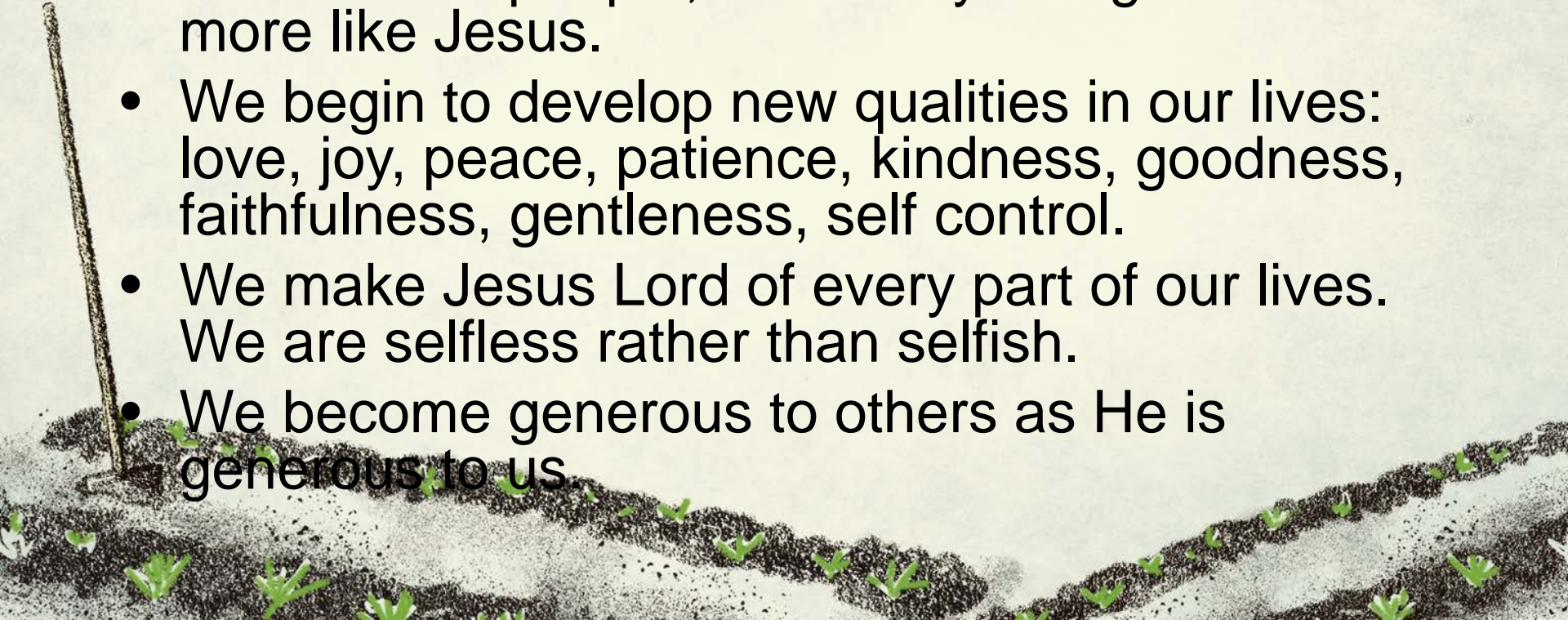


He lives in us by His Holy Spirit



What does this mean for us?

- We are new people, constantly being made more like Jesus.
- We begin to develop new qualities in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control.
- We make Jesus Lord of every part of our lives. We are selfless rather than selfish.
- We become generous to others as He is generous to us.

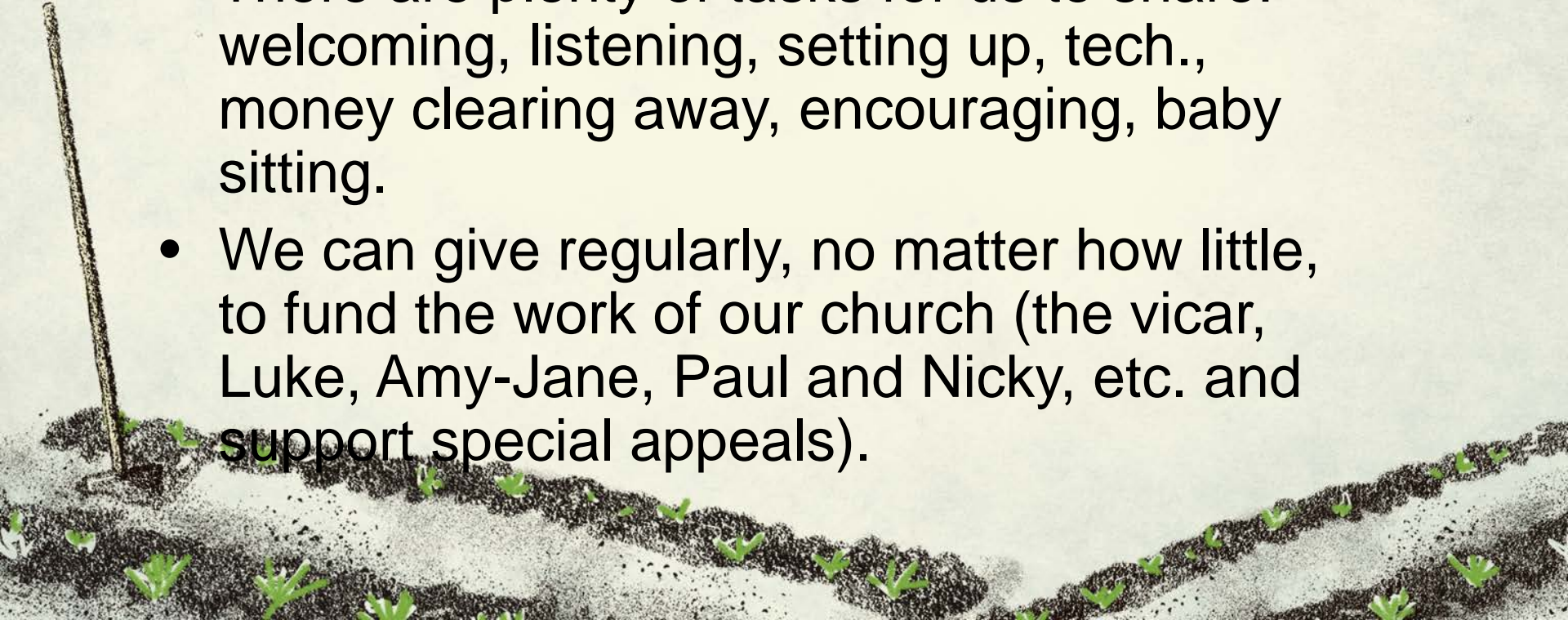


How does this work in the church?

- We love and serve each other
- We pray for each other and support each other
- We use our gifts and abilities to help each other
- We use our resources, (homes, money etc. not only for ourselves but for others too)
- People see that we love each other and are attracted to Jesus.

In practical terms

- There are plenty of tasks for us to share: welcoming, listening, setting up, tech., money clearing away, encouraging, baby sitting.
- We can give regularly, no matter how little, to fund the work of our church (the vicar, Luke, Amy-Jane, Paul and Nicky, etc. and support special appeals).



A time to pray...



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.



Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

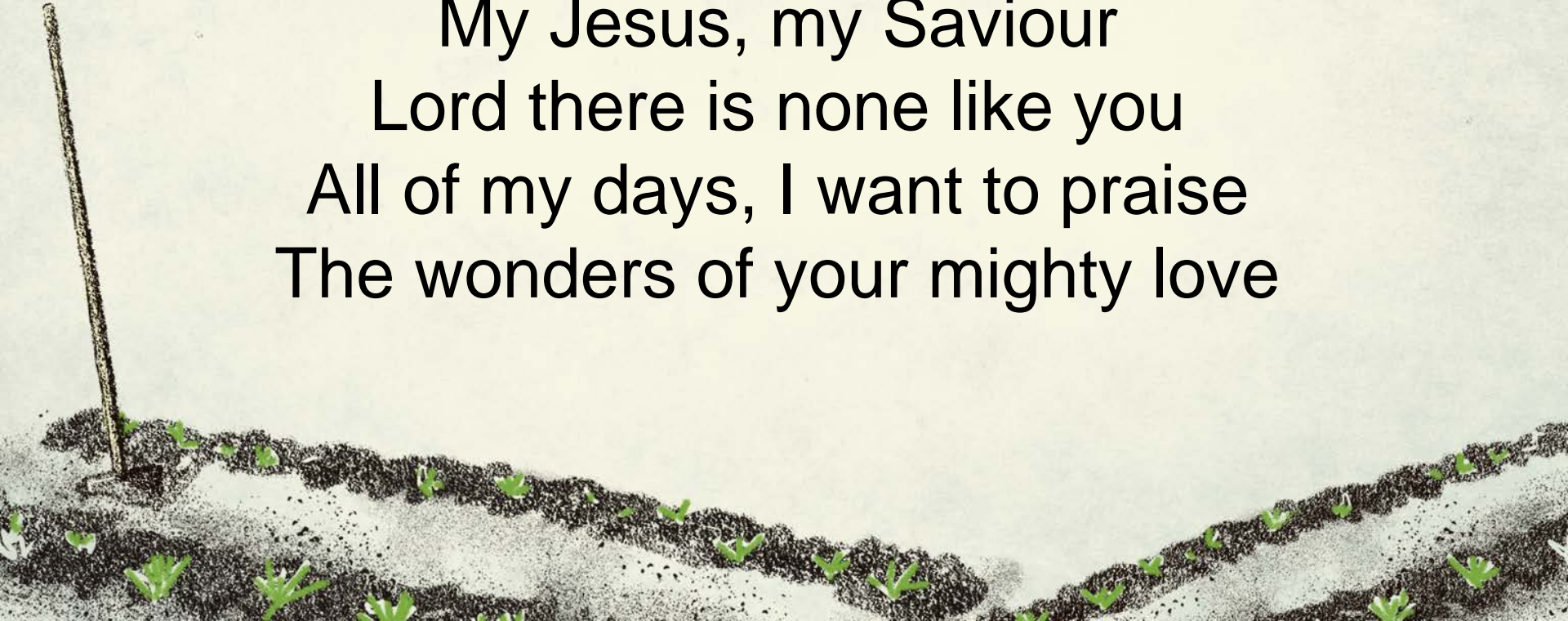
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

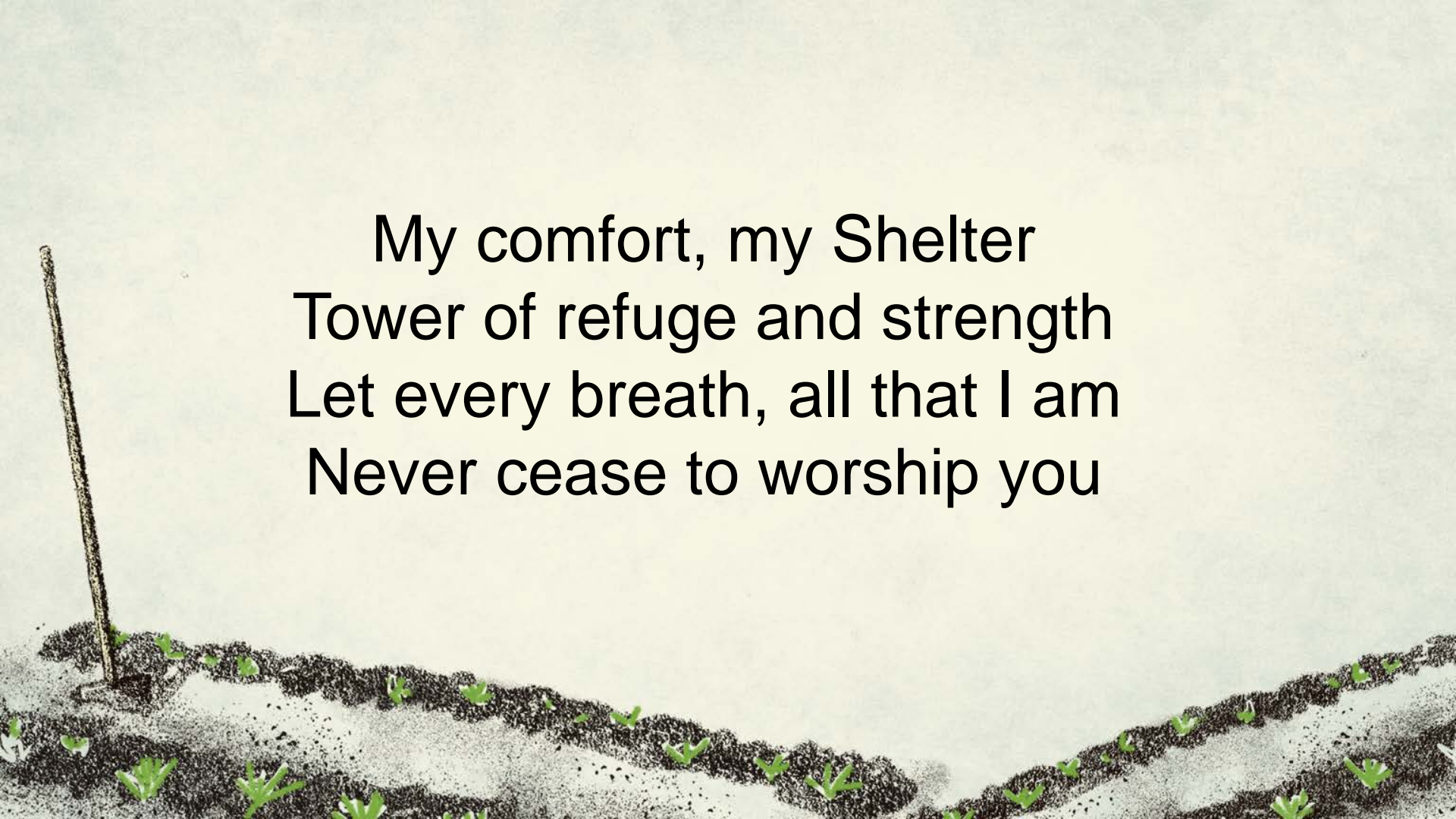
Amen.



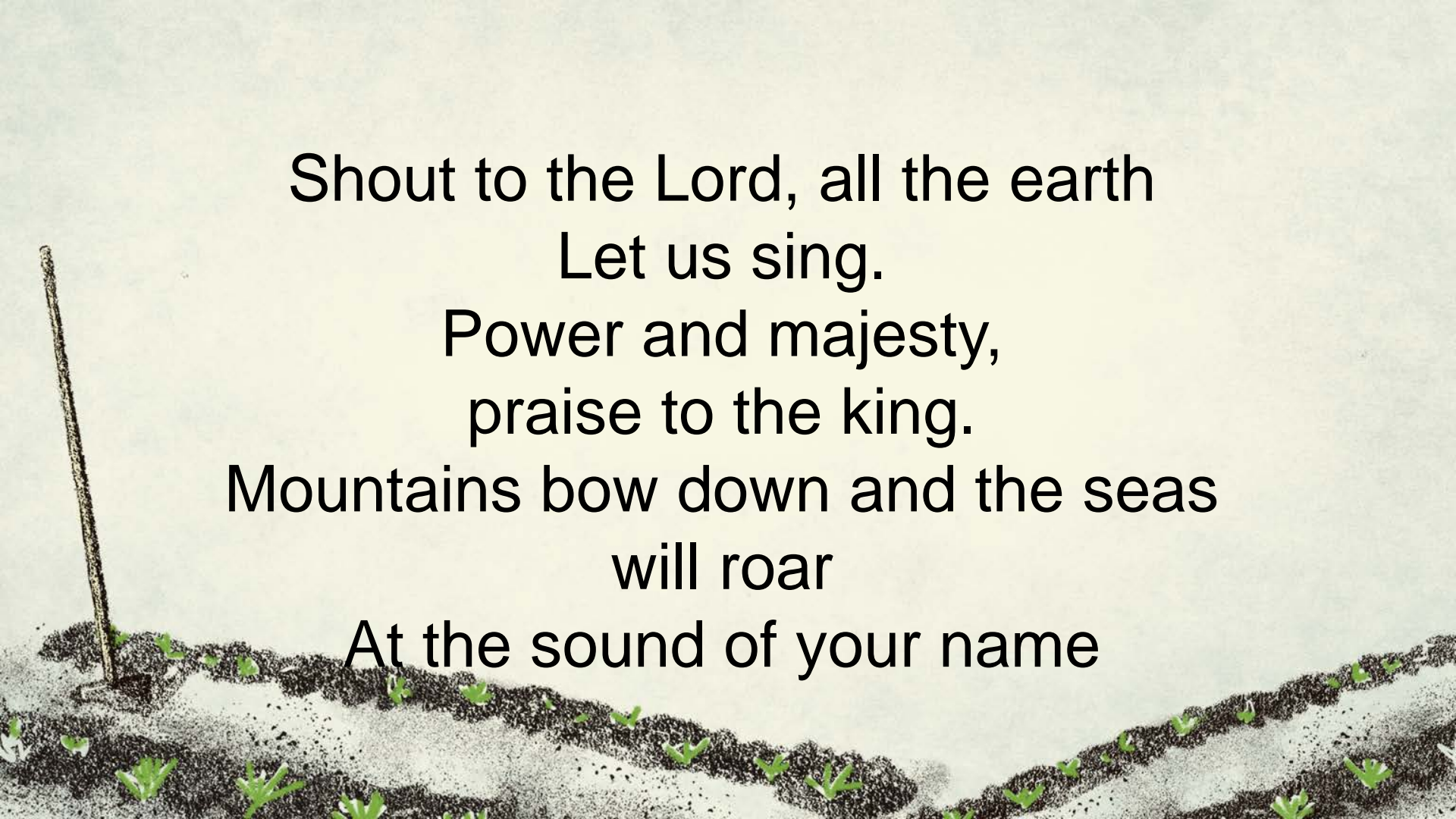
My Jesus, My Saviour

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Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love



A photograph of a sandcastle on a beach. A wooden stick is stuck into the sand, forming a tower. The sandcastle is surrounded by small green plants growing in the sand. The background is a light, overcast sky.

My comfort, my Shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you




Shout to the Lord, all the earth
Let us sing.

Power and majesty,
praise to the king.

Mountains bow down and the seas
will roar

At the sound of your name

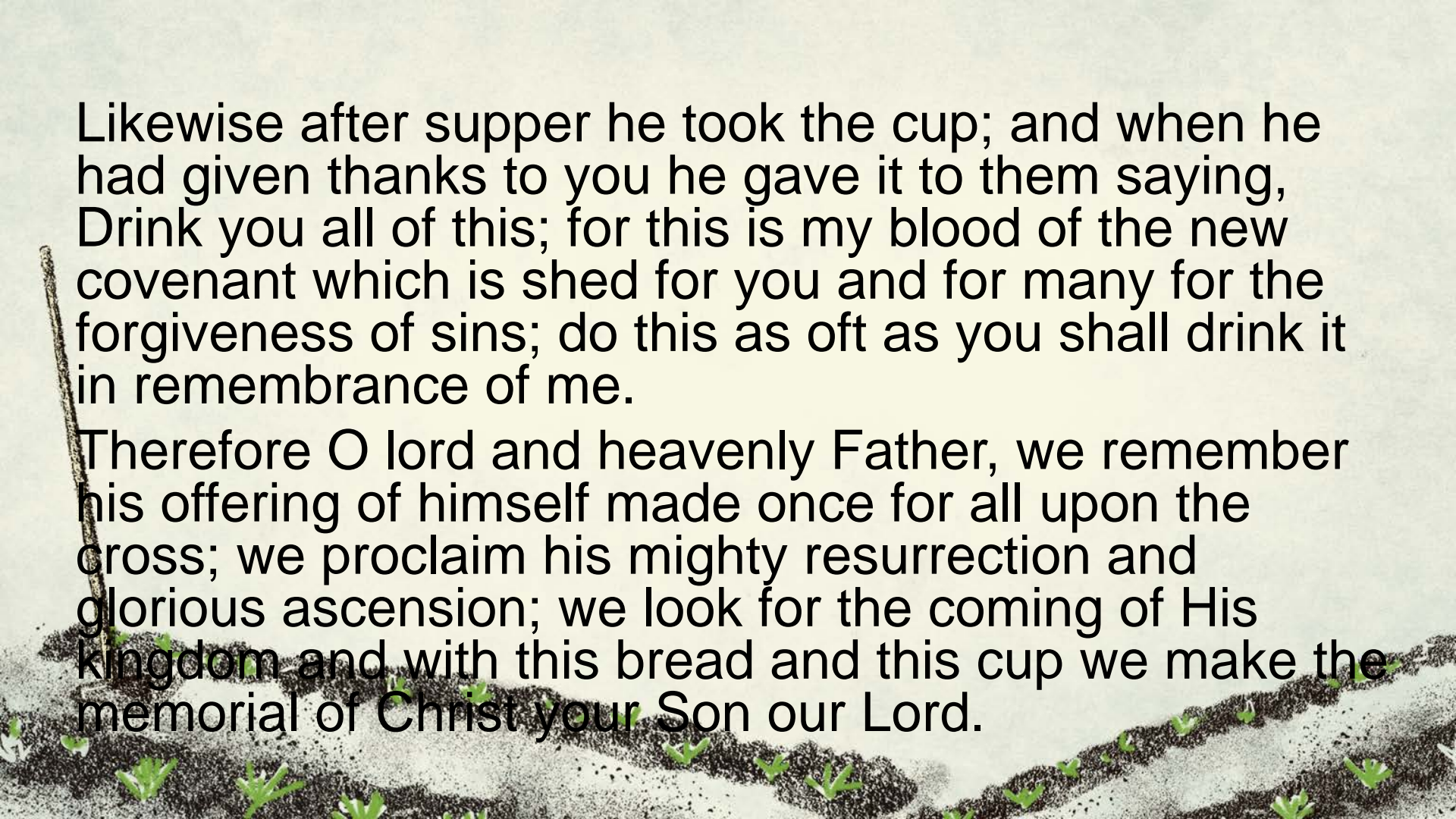
The background of the image shows a sandy, undulating landscape. A single, thin, weathered wooden stick is planted vertically in the sand on the left side. Scattered across the sand are numerous small, bright green, star-shaped plants. The overall scene is brightly lit, with a clear, light-colored sky.

I sing for joy
at the works of your hands
Forever I'll love you,
forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to
the promise I have in you

Holy Communion

Accept our praises, Heavenly Father, through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and, as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood; who, in the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.



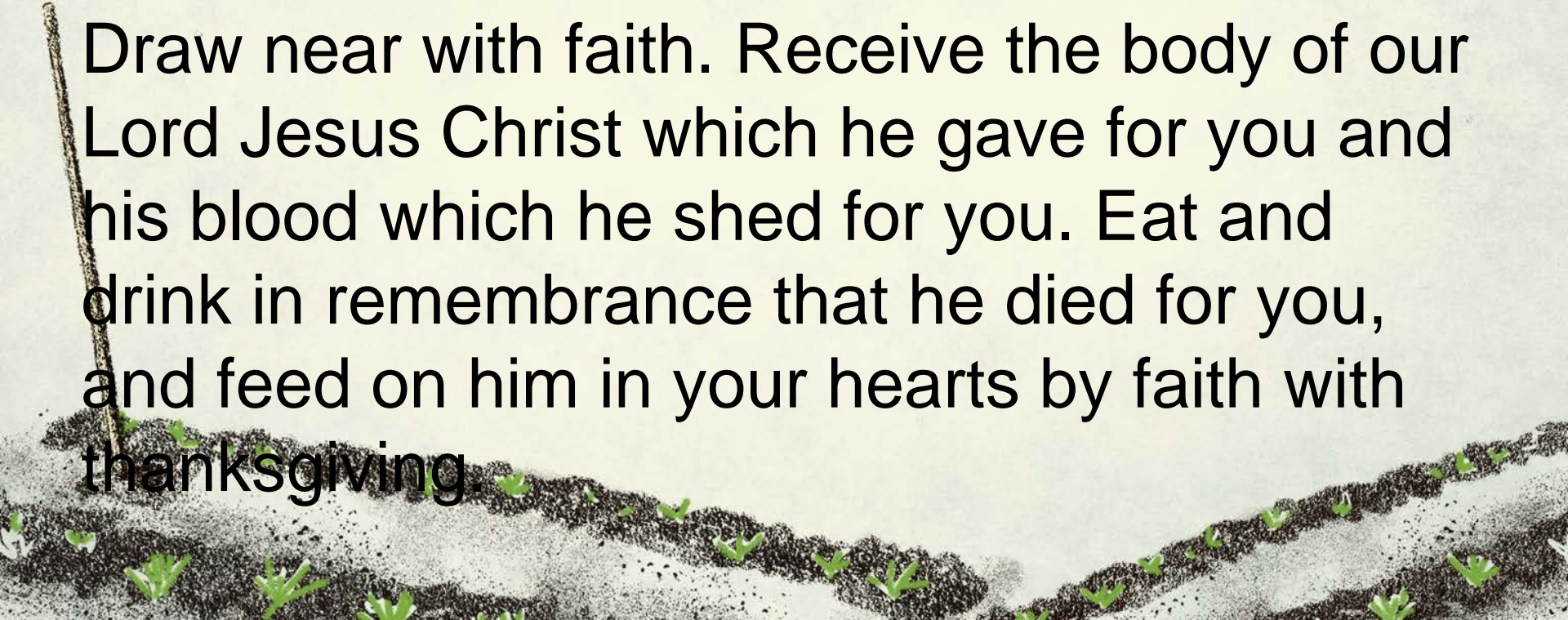


Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you he gave it to them saying, Drink you all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as oft as you shall drink it in remembrance of me.

Therefore O lord and heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of His kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



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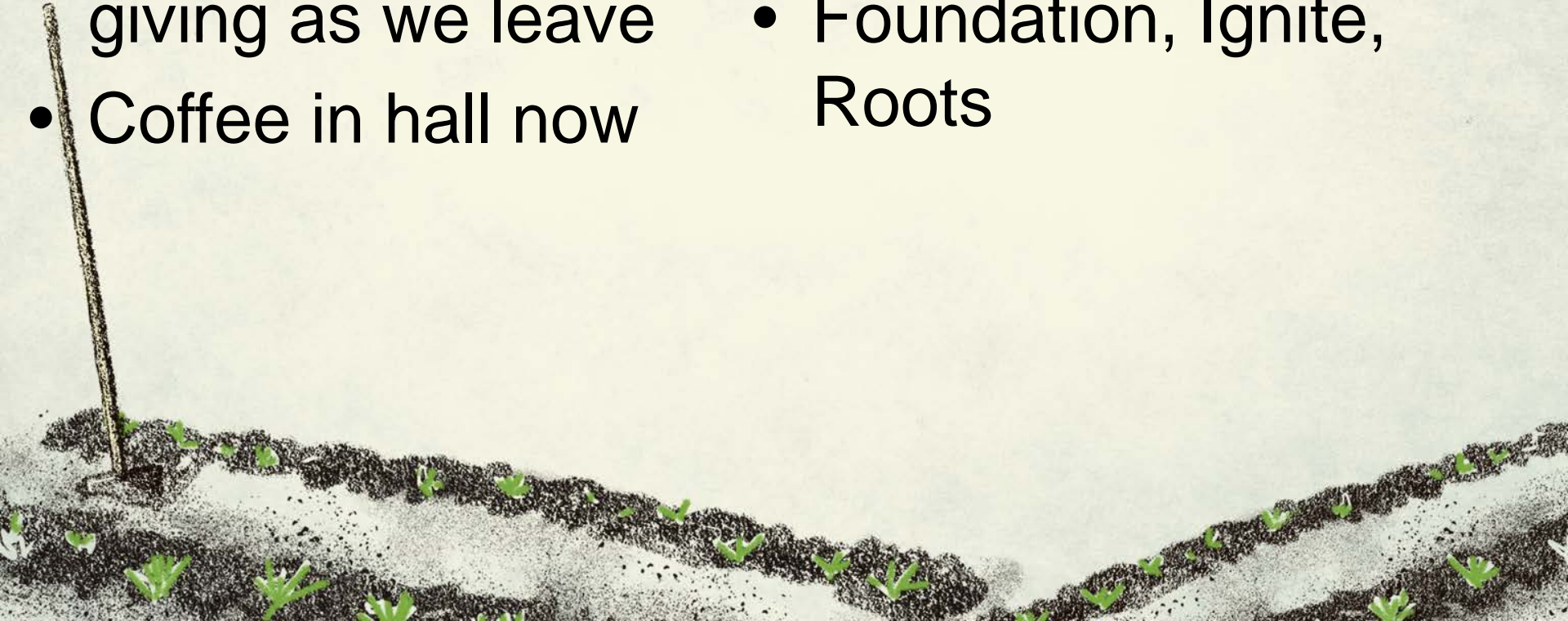
Prayer ministry in side chapel

Don't forget:

- Leaflets on planned giving as we leave
- Coffee in hall now

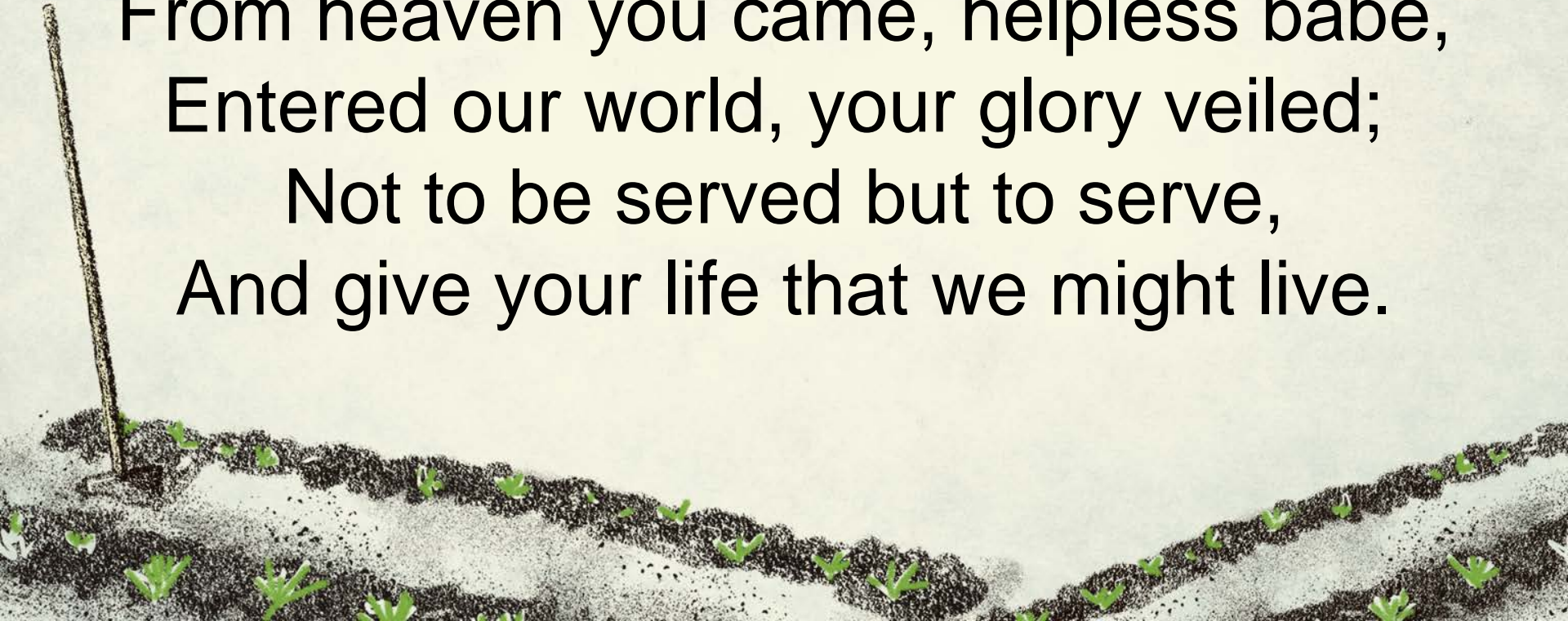
Next Sunday:

- The 9.31
- Foundation, Ignite, Roots

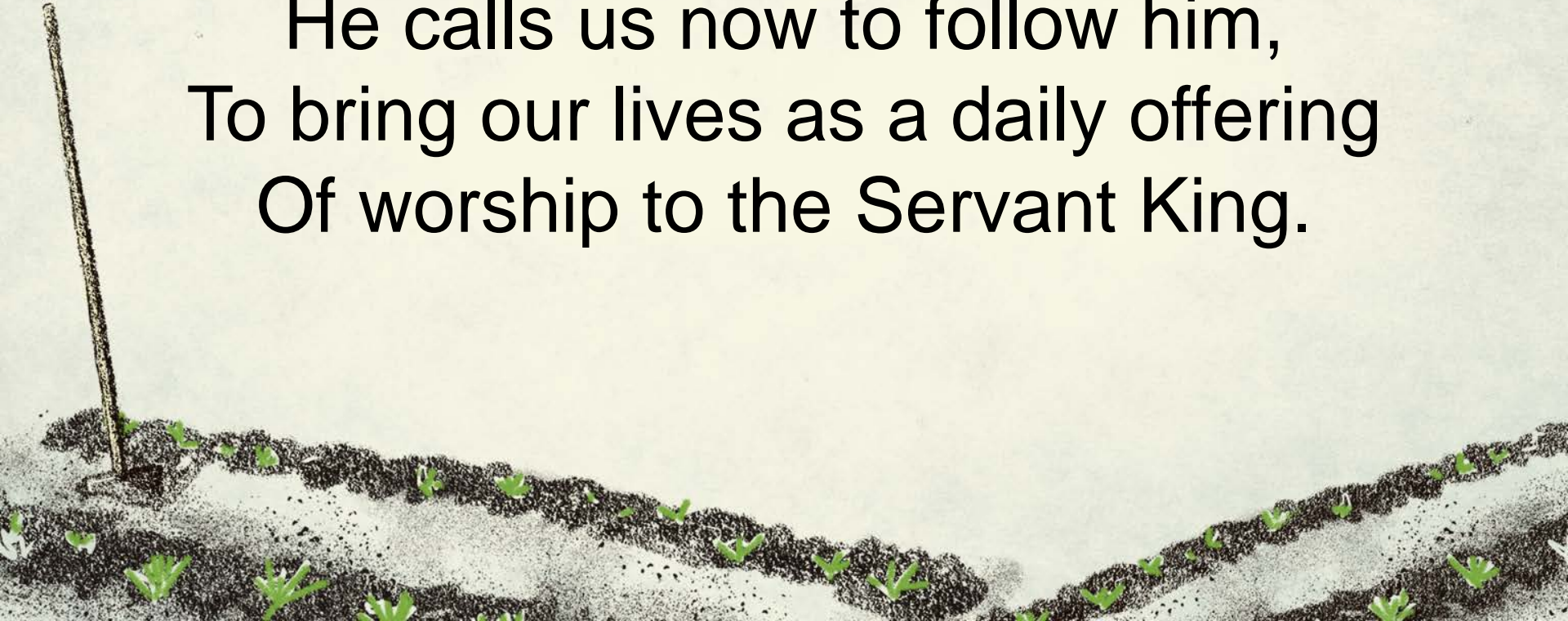


From heaven you came

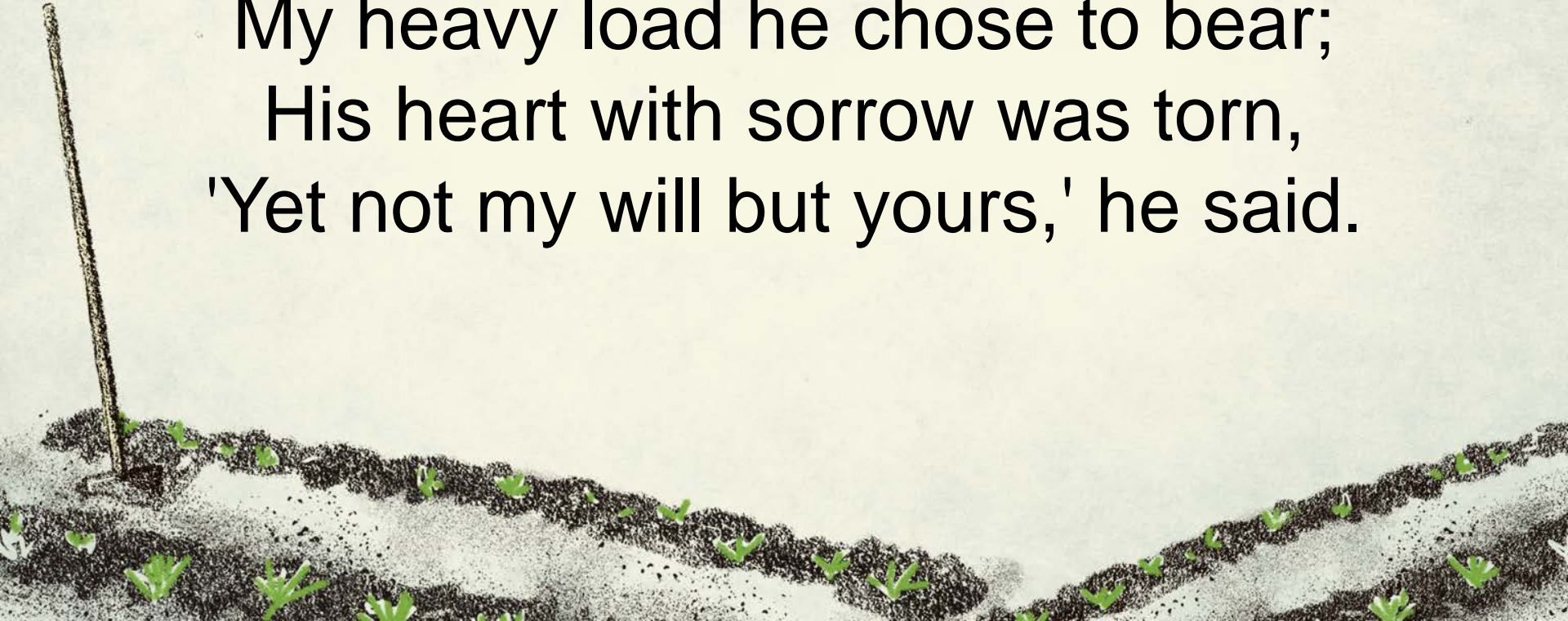
From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.



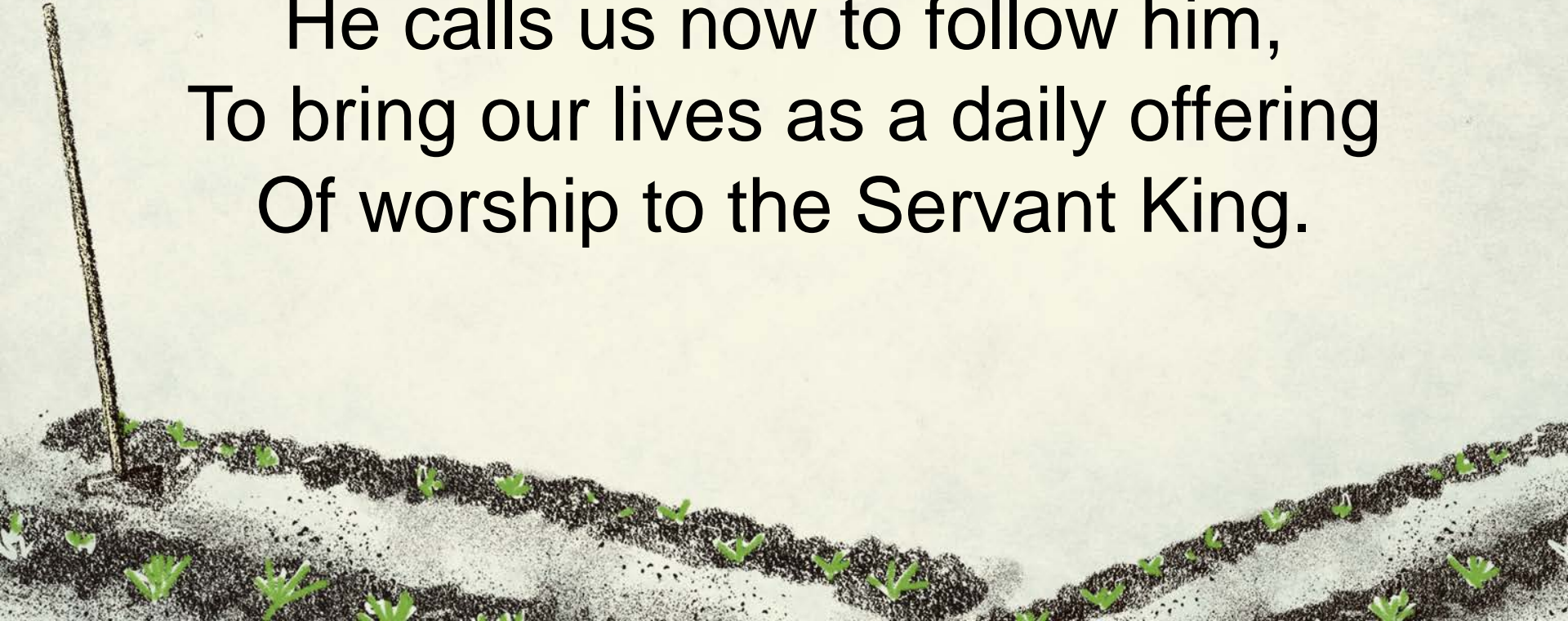
This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.



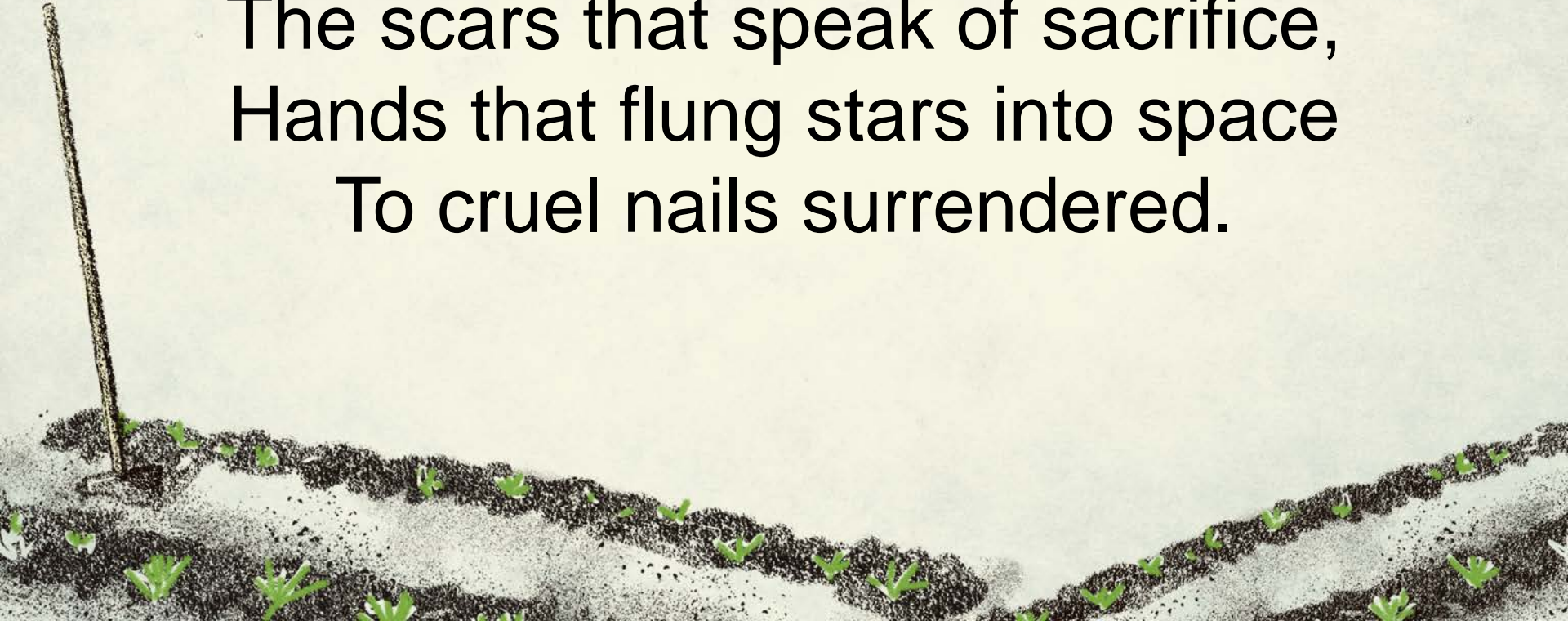
There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.



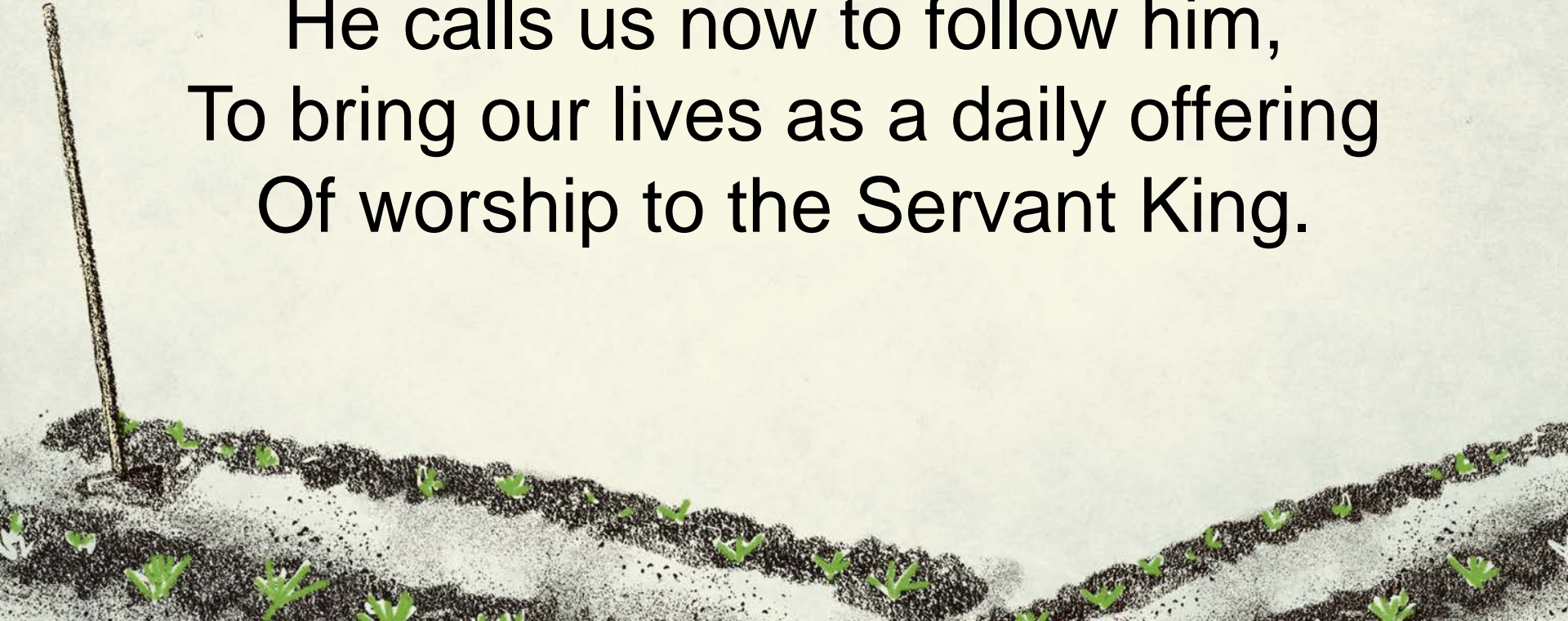
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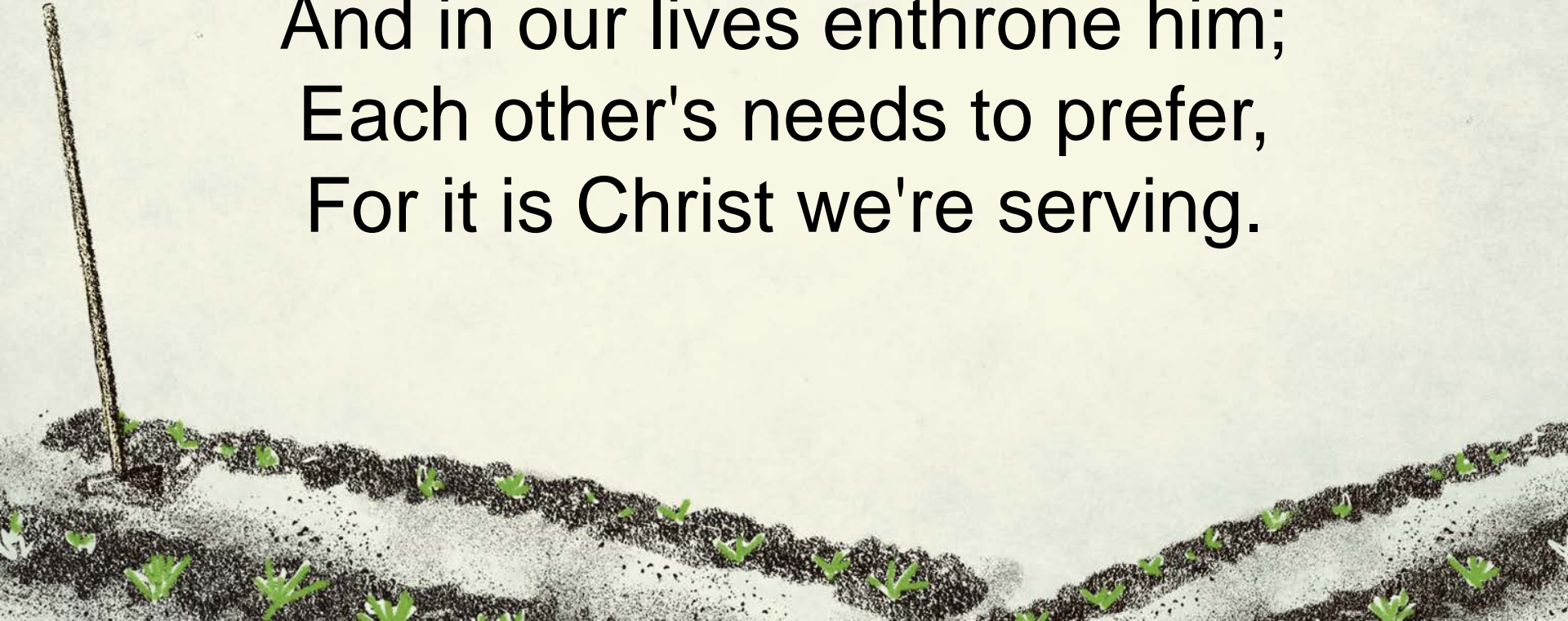
Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.



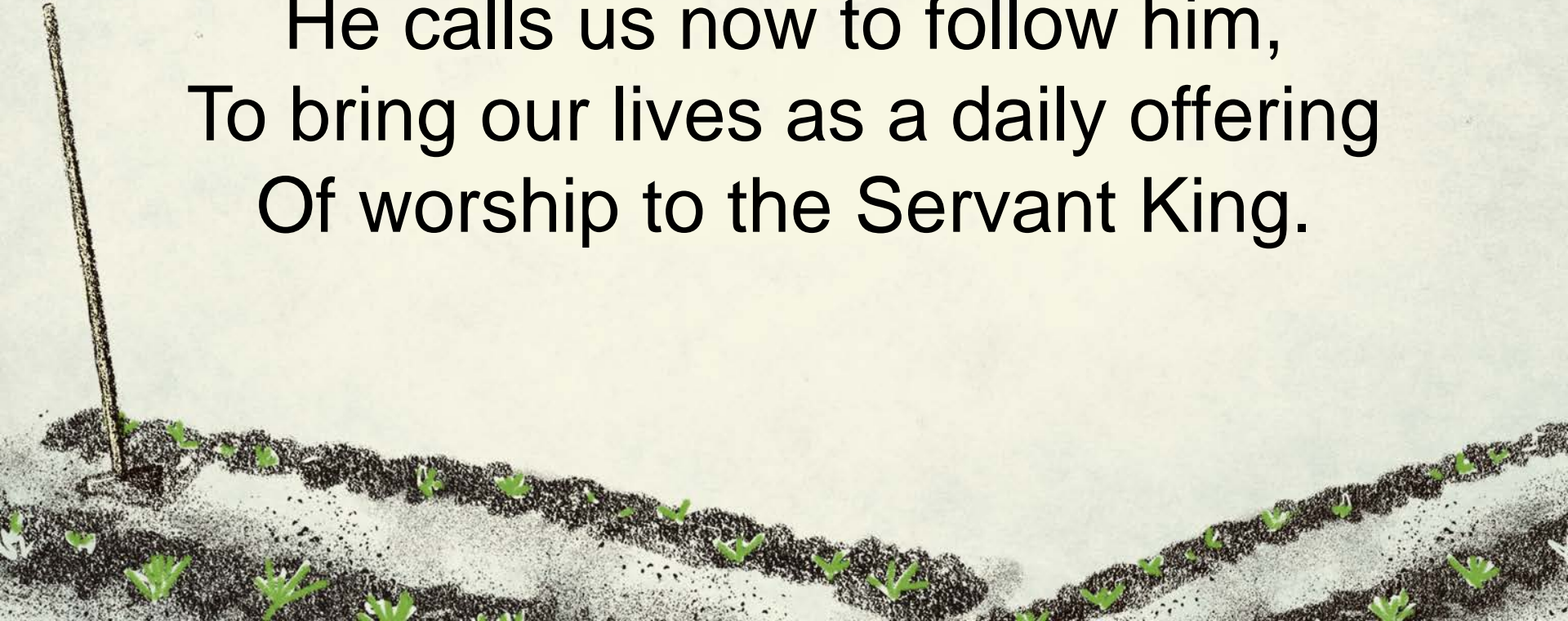
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So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.



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The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.

