

First Advent Candle

Hope



Hidden Christmas 1-

The Light





New York Times Bestselling Author of

THE REASON FOR GOD and THE SONGS OF JESUS

TIMOTHY
KELLER



HIDDEN
CHRISTMAS

*The Surprising Truth Behind
the Birth of Christ*

Isaiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.



John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.



John 1:3-4

³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.



John 1:5

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Isaiah 9:7

7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



The Meaning of Light

1. The sun gives life



Keller, Timothy.
Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth
Behind the Birth of Christ

The Meaning of Light

1. The Son gives life



The Meaning of Light

1. The Son gives life

2. The sun shows us the truth



The Meaning of Light

1. The Son gives life

2. The Son shows us the truth



The Meaning of Light

1. The Son gives life
2. The Son shows us the truth
3. The sun is beautiful





90's

Country

Country

Country





The Meaning of Light

1. The Son gives life
2. The Son shows us the truth
3. The Son is beautiful



The Great Thanksgiving & Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

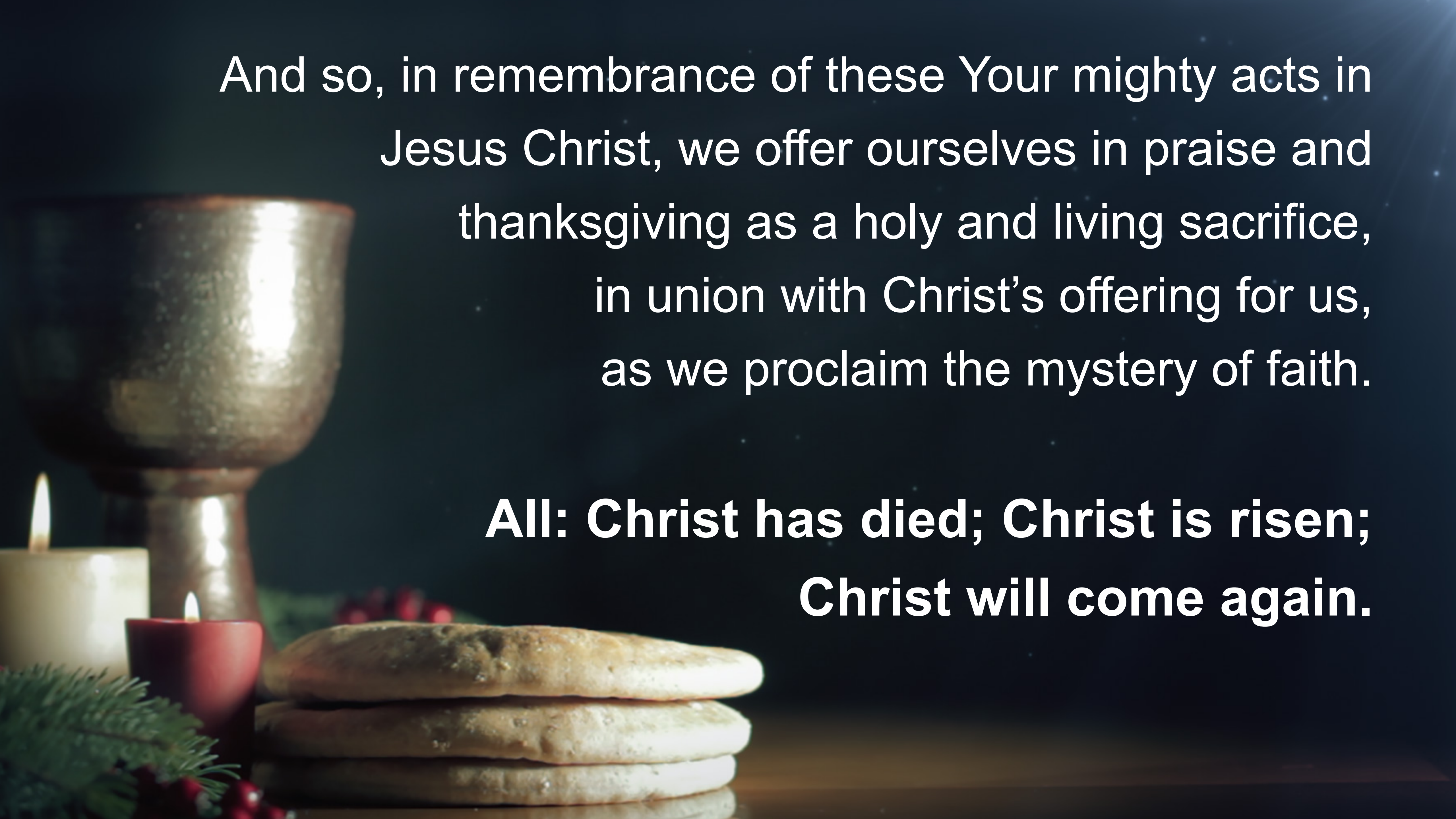


And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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 of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



A still life image featuring a golden chalice on the left, a stack of four round, golden-brown breads in the center, and two lit candles (one white, one red) on the left. The background is dark with some greenery and red berries. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in
Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

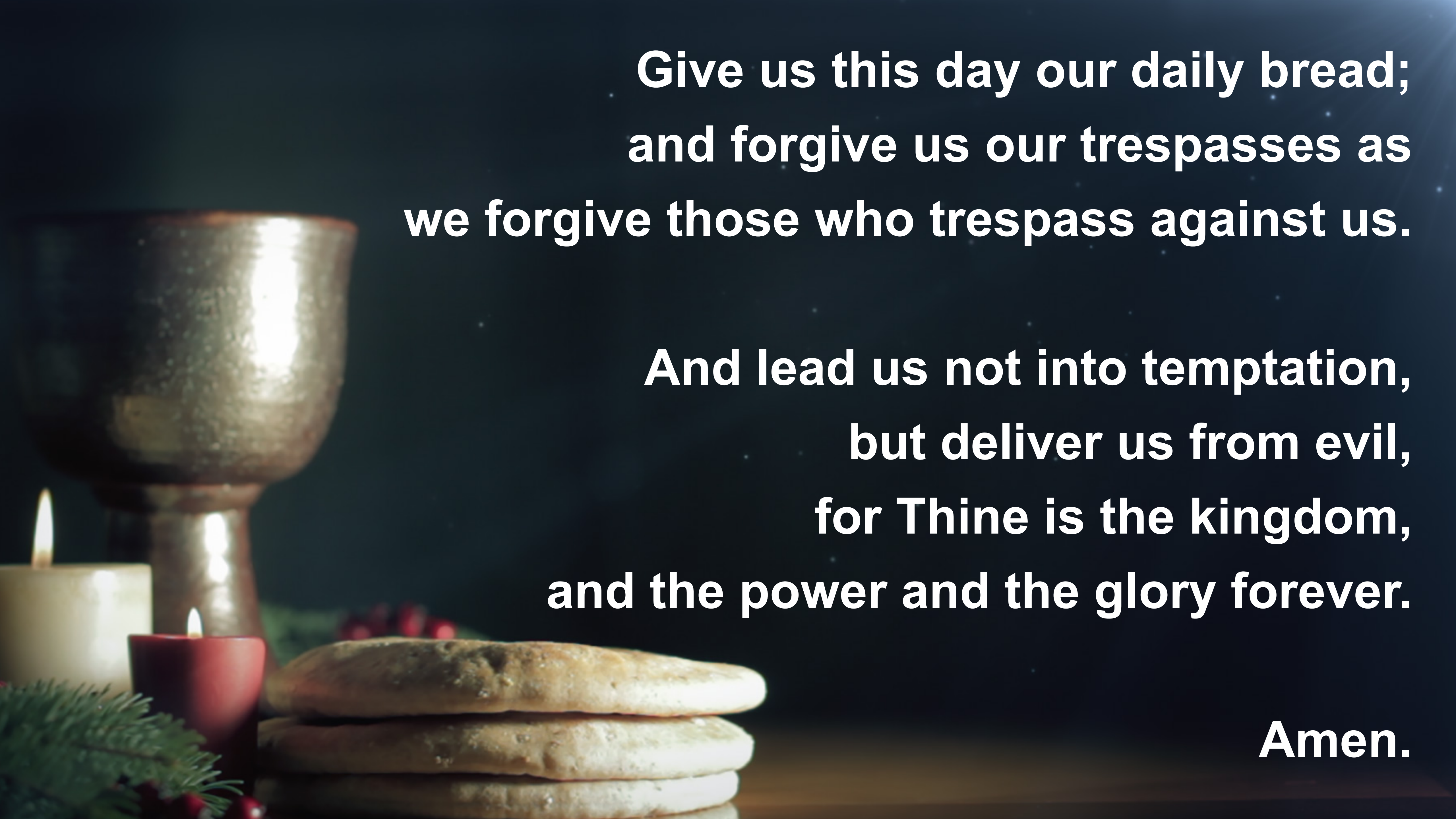
All: Amen



One: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**All: 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 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.**

Amen.

Hidden Christmas 1-

The Light

