



FOLLOWING JESUS

Sharing the journey

WELCOME everybody.

THIS WEEK:

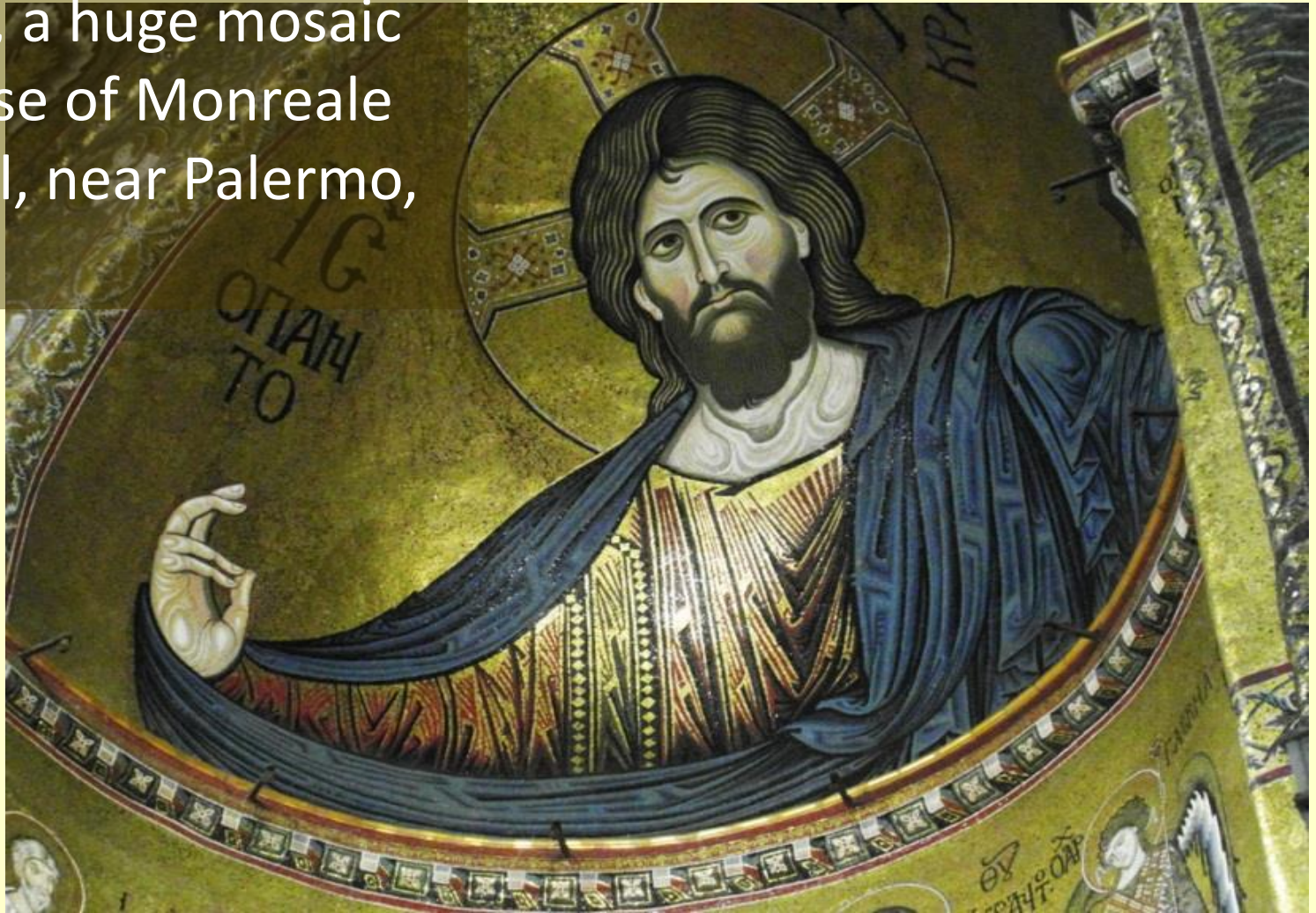
- Community Hub, Mon, 10-2, MVH
- Mulbarton APCM, Wed, 7:30, Harvest House
- Coffee & Prayer, Thu, 9:15, Harvest House
- Churchyard Clearing, Sat, from 9am
- Flordon Plant Sale, Sat, 2-4pm

UPCOMING FUNERALS:

- Helena Smith, 12noon, Tue 21st, Mulbarton
- Doreen Nicholson, 12:30, Thu 23rd, Flordon
- Alison Richards, 12noon, Fri 24th, Bracon Ash
- Lindsey Davies, TBC, Wed 29th, Mulbarton

Jesus Christ, our Risen and Ascended Lord

Jesus Christ, Pantocrator:
Jesus Christ, Ruler of the
Universe, a huge mosaic
in the apse of Monreale
Cathedral, near Palermo,
Sicily



Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Christ has ascended
on high
He reigns for ever!
Alleluia!



May we lift up our hearts in praise and worship.
We lift them up to the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ Triumphant



Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!

death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Michael Seward (born 1932) © Michael Seward/Jubilate Hymns

Confession:

**Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified, risen and ascended for us:
we confess that we have not loved you as
our Redeemer,
nor obeyed you as our Lord;
we have not brought our prayers to you,
nor heeded your tears shed over the
world.....**

**Forgive us, we pray;
breathe into us a new spirit of service,
and make us joyfully obedient to your will:
for your glory's sake.**

AMEN

Our assurance of forgiveness is based on God's promises:

1 John 1 verse 9:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Praise be to our risen and ascended Lord.

Ephesians 1 verses 18 to 23 - Paul's prayer

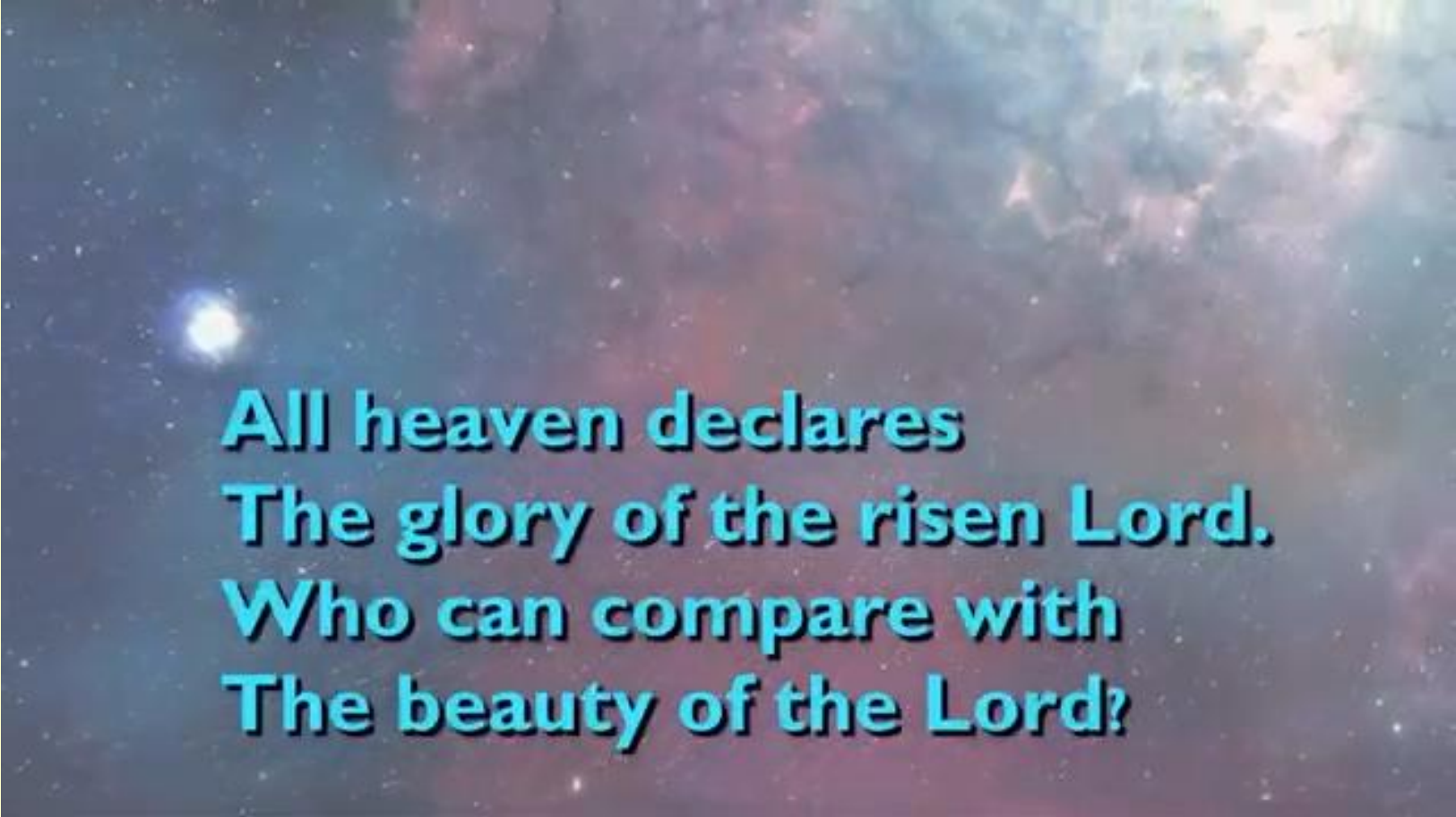
I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which [God] has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills everything in every way.

Worthy, O worthy Are You, Lord

Worthy, O worthy are You Lord

All Heaven Declares

A vibrant, colorful nebula in space, featuring a bright star on the left and a dense cloud of gas and dust in shades of blue, purple, and pink. The text is overlaid on the lower right portion of the image.

**All heaven declares
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with
The beauty of the Lord?**

Acts 1 verses 1 to 11:

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke to them about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand there looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.

Hebrews 7 verses 24 – 26:

...because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 4 verses 14 – 16:

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us, then, approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Collect for today:

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into
all the world**

with the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live

the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

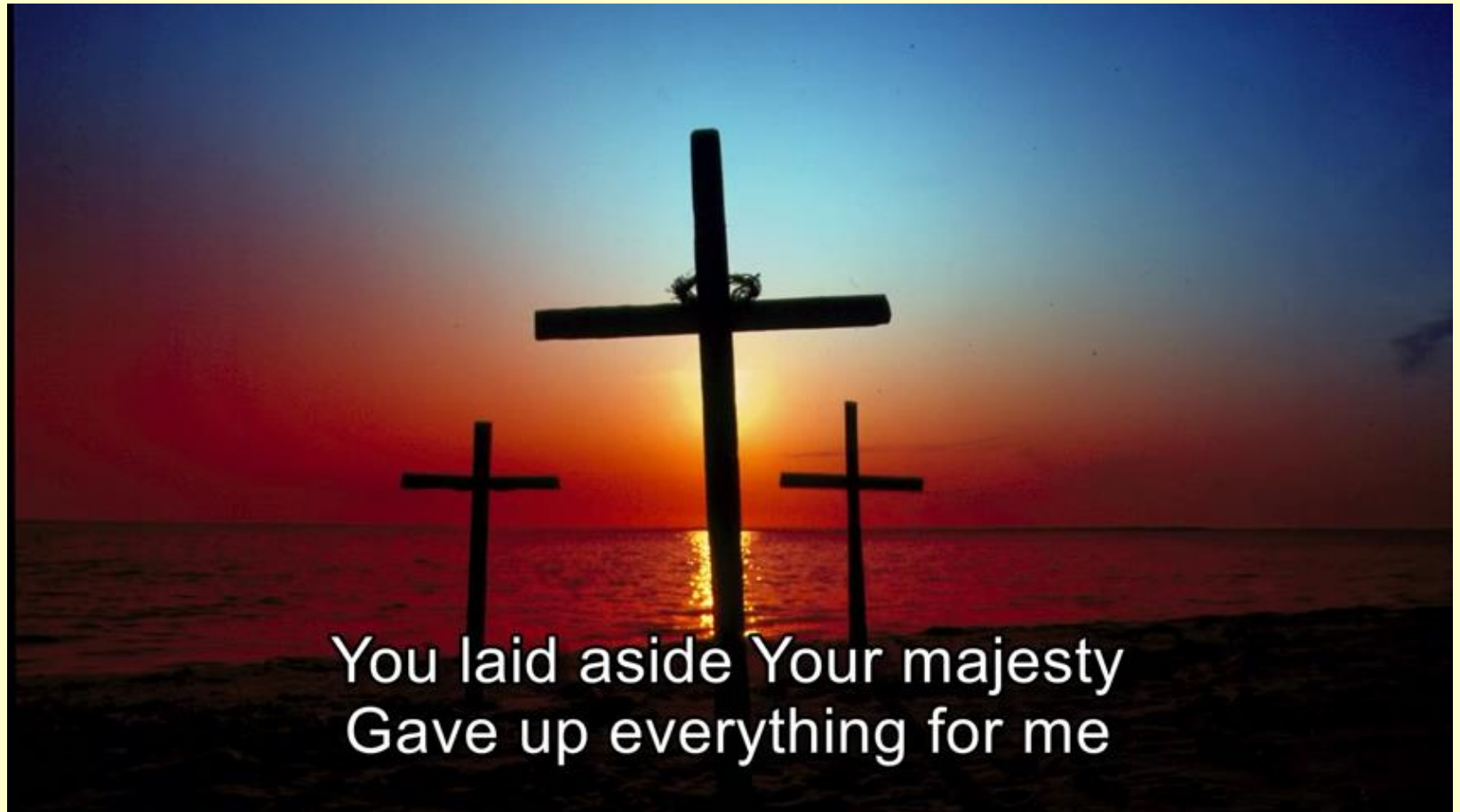
Using words from Paul's letter to the Philippians, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Son of God:

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

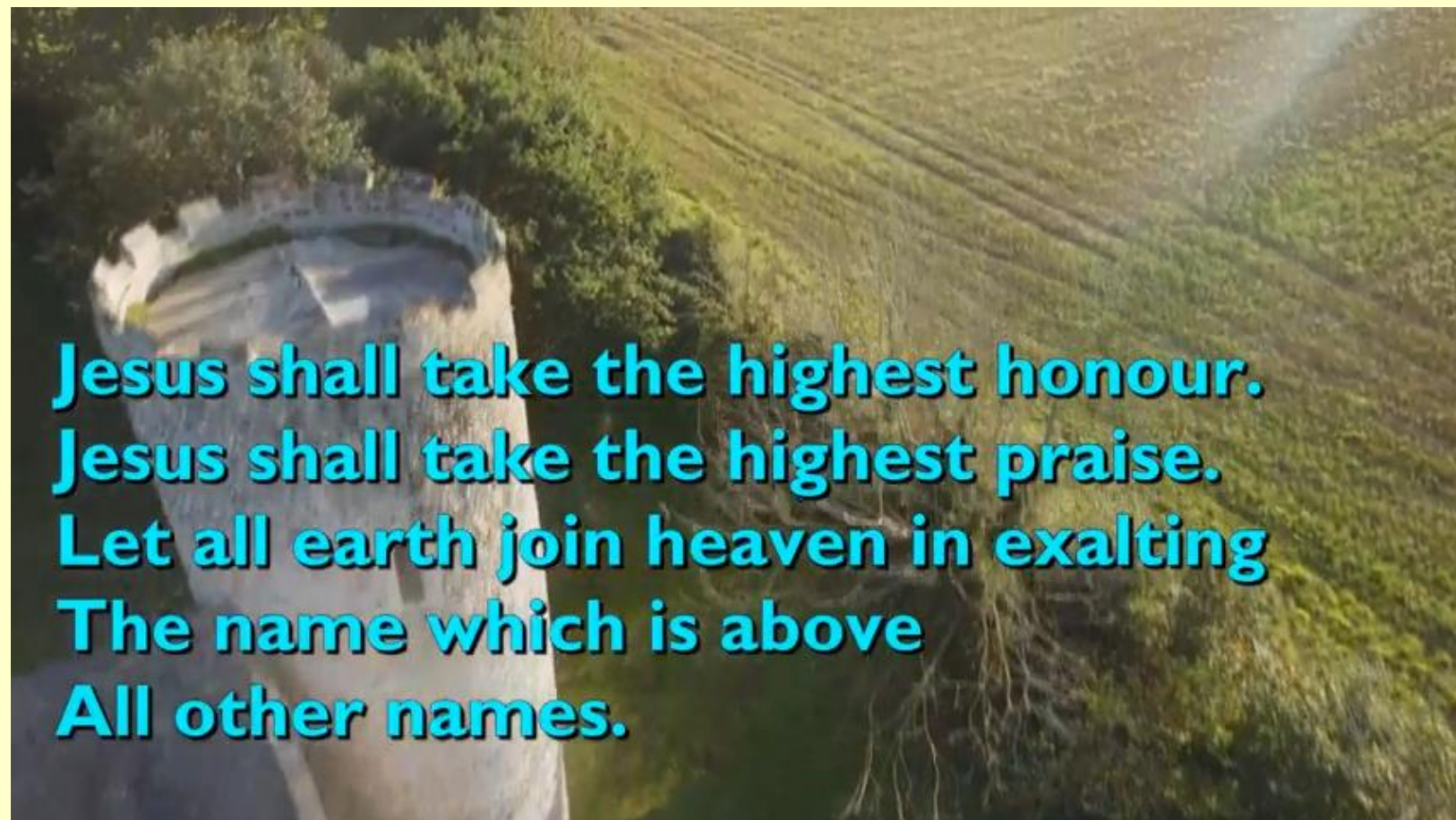
**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
AMEN.**

You laid aside your majesty

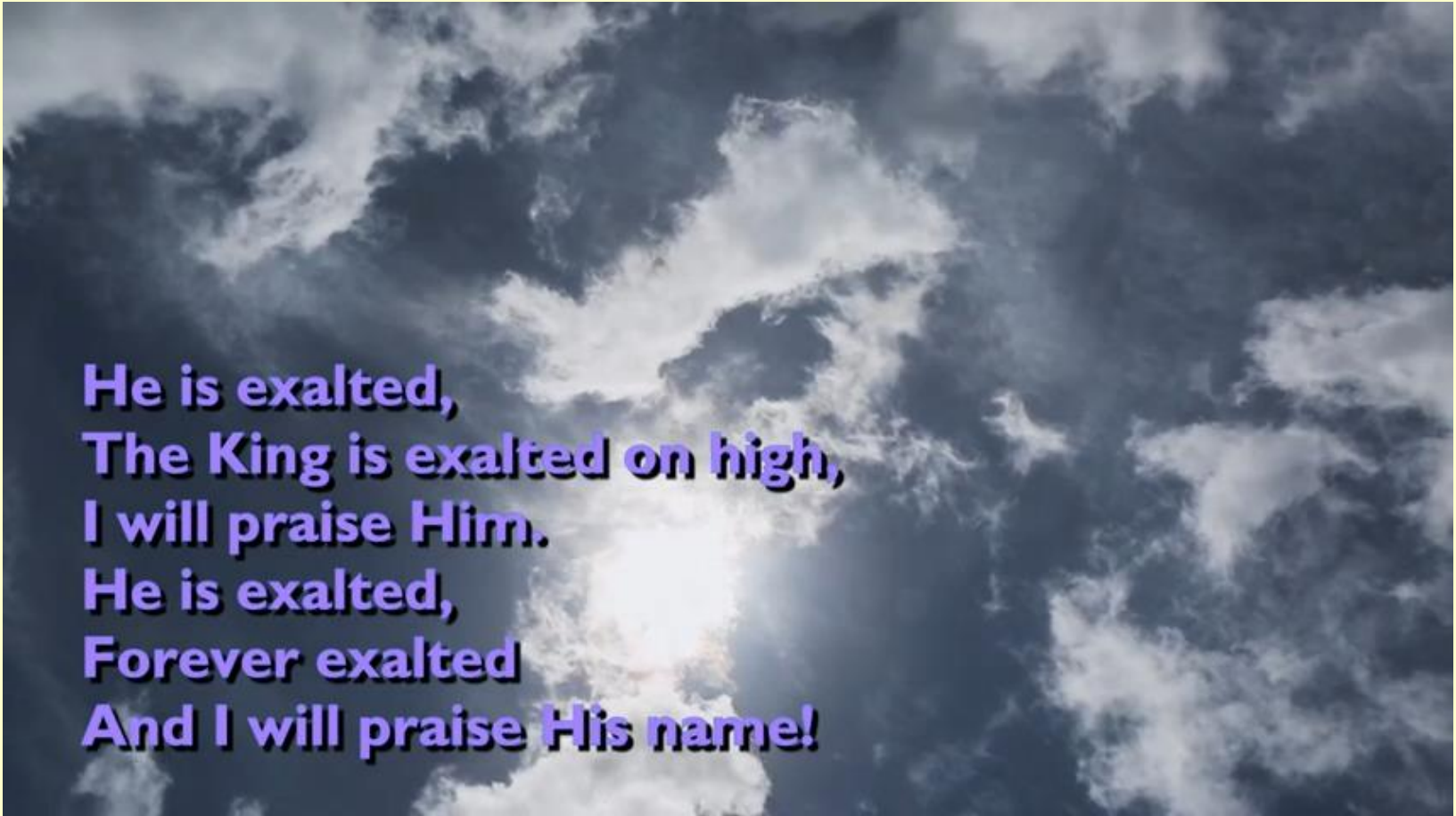


You laid aside Your majesty
Gave up everything for me

Jesus shall take the highest honour



He is exalted, the king is exalted



**He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted,
Forever exalted
And I will praise His name!**

Our Prayers

at the start of Christian Aid Week



As our risen Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

PRAY from Ascension Day to Pentecost....

9th – 19th May

Suggestions include:

Pray for 5

Prayer walking

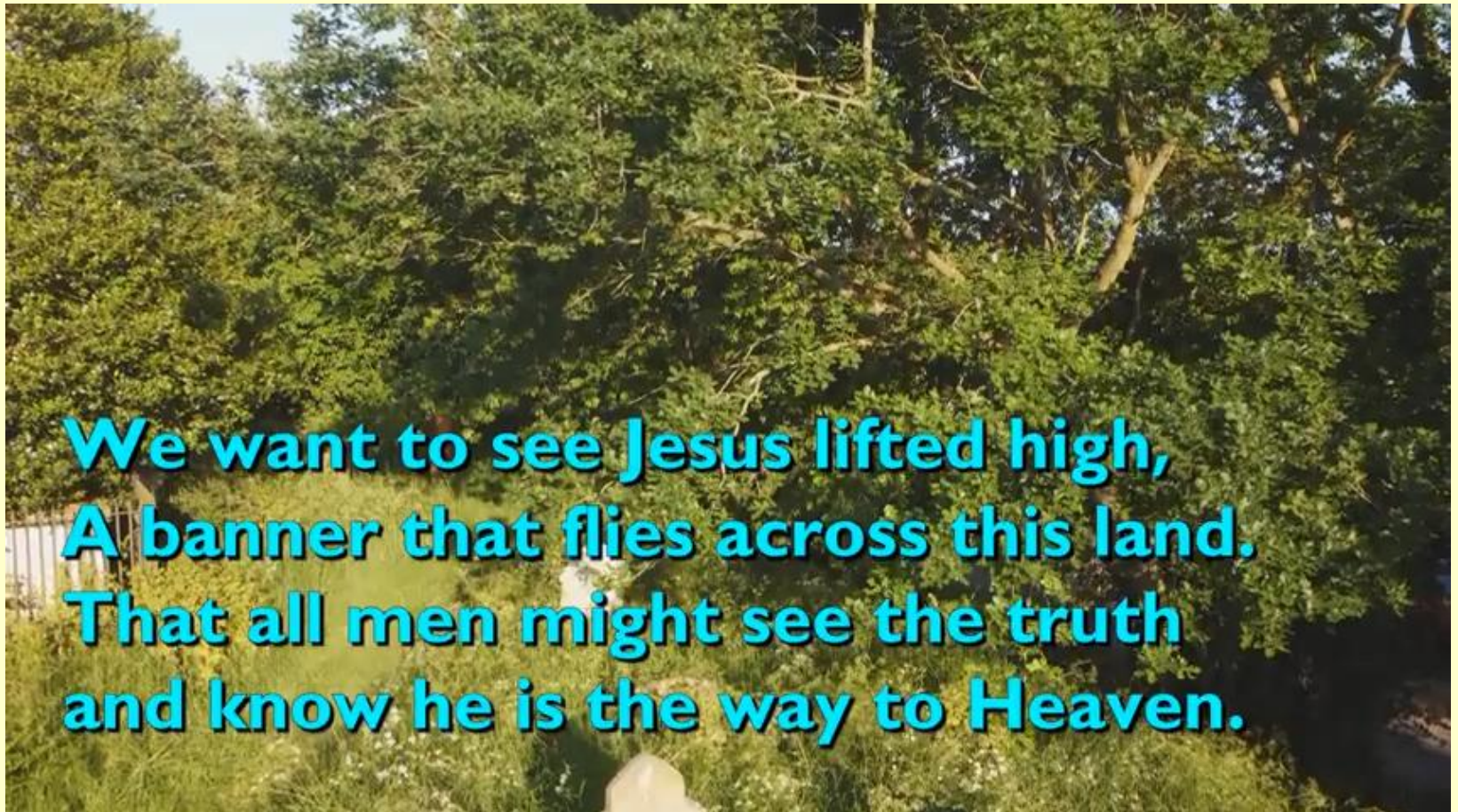
Join the global pray – in on Pentecost Sunday

17.15 – 17.35

Visit: www.thykingdomcome.global for details
& more ideas



We Wanna See Jesus Lifted High



Final prayer:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.

**Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
And you are exalted as head over all.
Alleluia, Alleluia, AMEN.**