

MORNING WORSHIP





GATHERING SONG

by John Bell

OPENING PRAYERS

by The Rev. Ivar Hillesland, adapted

¡Aleluya! Cristo ha resucitado.

**¡Es verdad! El Señor ha
resucitado. ¡Aleluya!**



One:

In the beginning, God created humankind out of the mud of the earth and blew the breath of life into them.

ALL:

God created everything for the delight of humankind, to care for it and cultivate it.

One:

In the days of prophets and priests the Spirit of God gave life to dry bones and blew through the people, and humankind was called once again to love the God of all creation.

ALL:

The people resisted, but God's persistent love was stronger than their stubbornness.

One:

When Christ came, God became flesh so that we might see the world through the eyes of God, touch the world with the hands of God and love the world with the heart of God.

ALL:

We gather today to feel the breath of God upon us, that we may be renewed in the love and service of God and in the care of the world God has created and redeemed in Christ Jesus.



Alleluia!

The Holy One is in our midst:

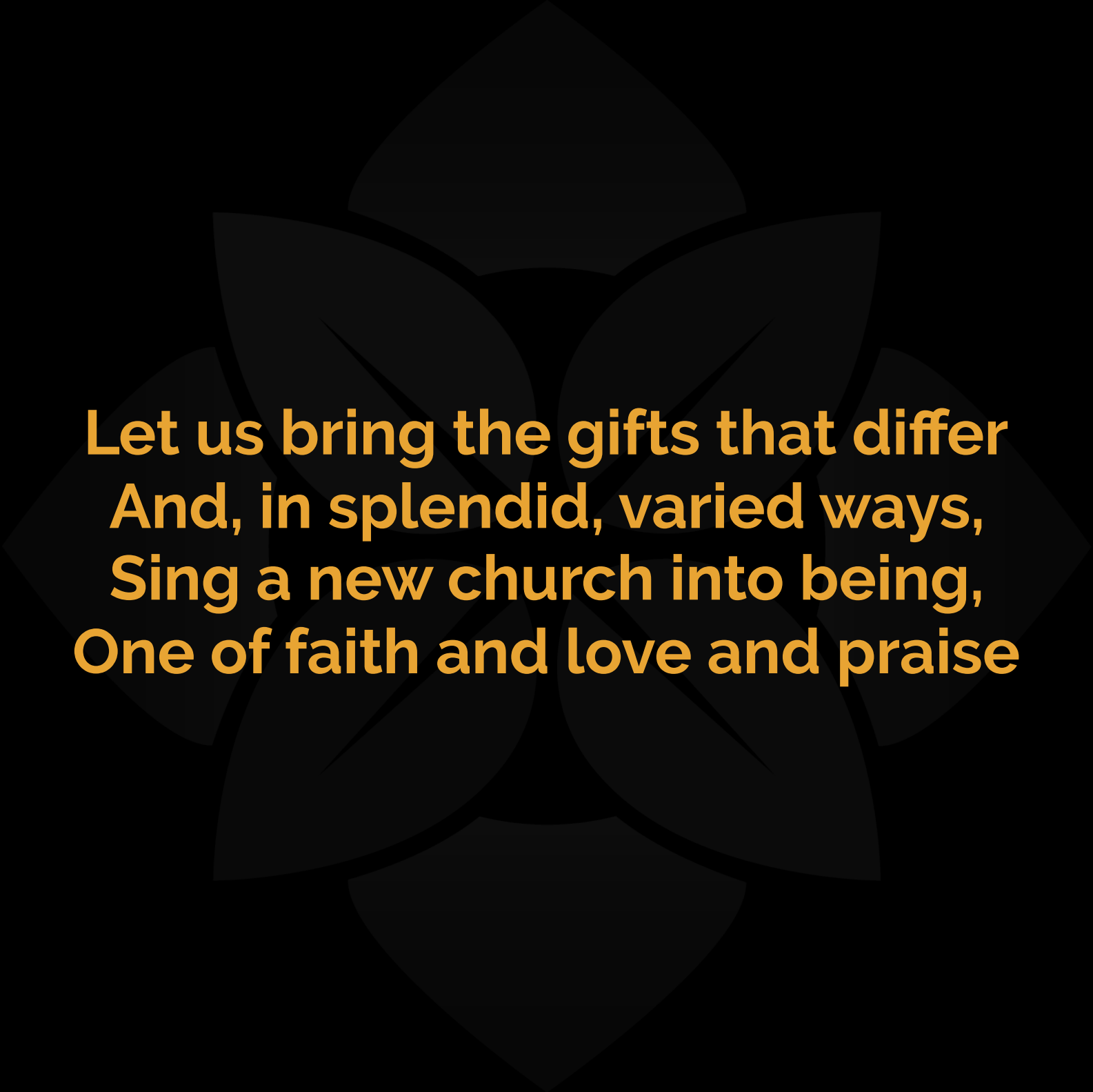
O Come, let us worship!

Alleluia!

A HYMN OF PRAISE

By Delores Dufner

**Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity:**



**Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One of faith and love and praise**



LOW VOICES:

**Trust the goodness of creation;
Trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised
Sprung from seed of what has been.**



ALL:

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And, in splendid, varied ways,
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HIGH VOICES:


**Bring the hopes of every nation;
Bring the art of every race.**

**Weave a song of peace and justice:
Let it sound through time and space.**

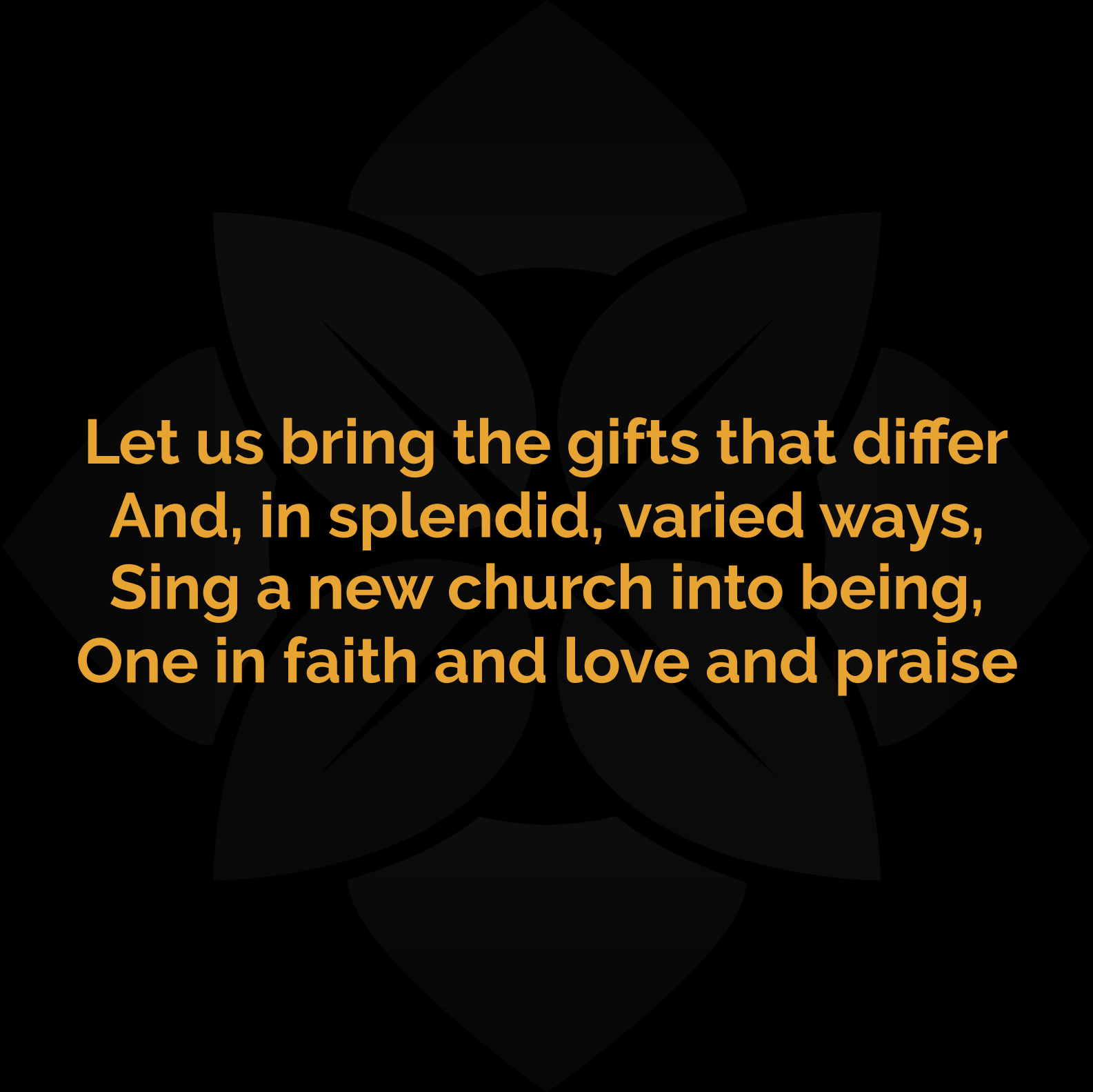


ALL:

**Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
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**Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free.**



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A READING FROM EZEKIEL

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know."

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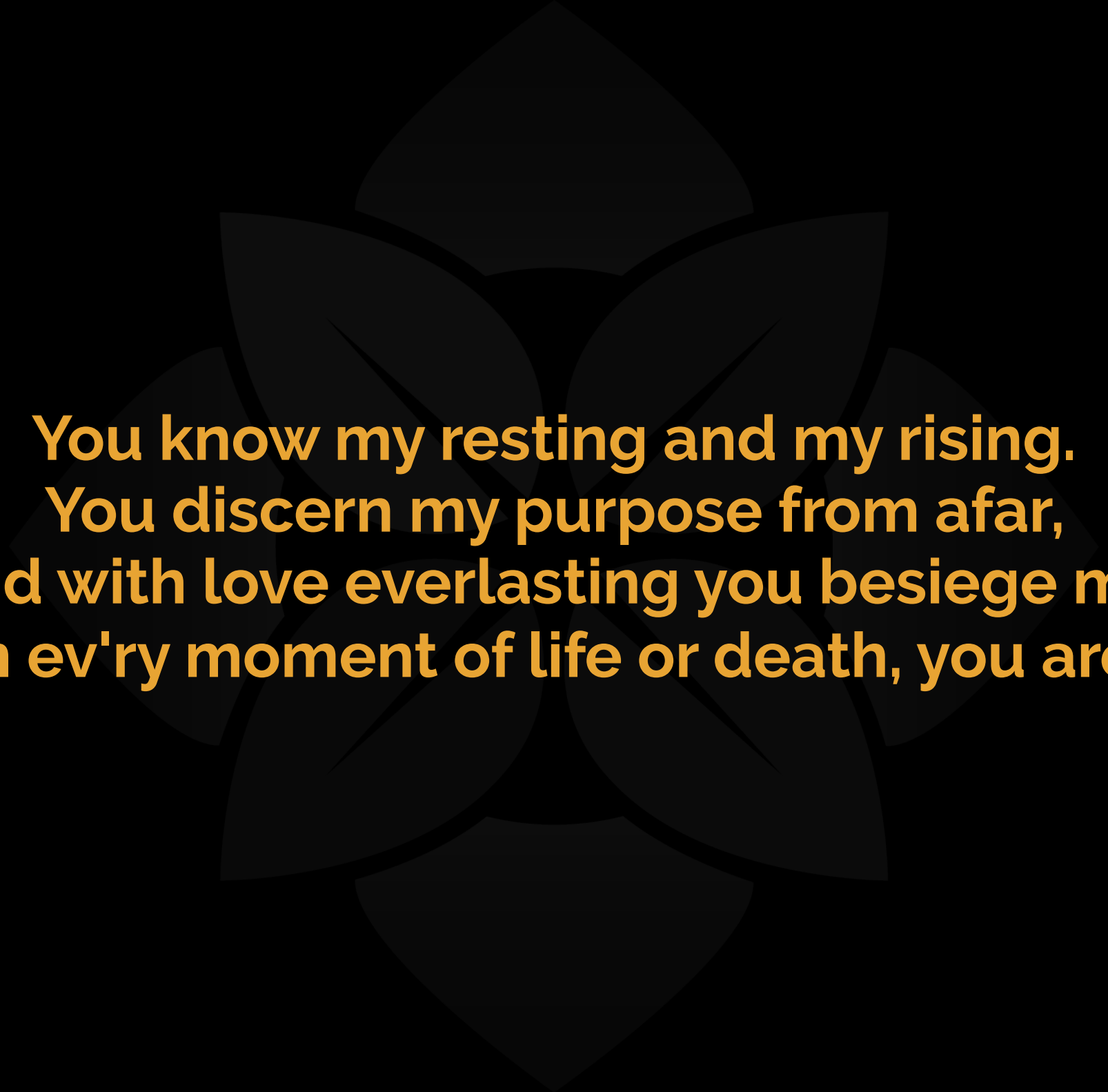
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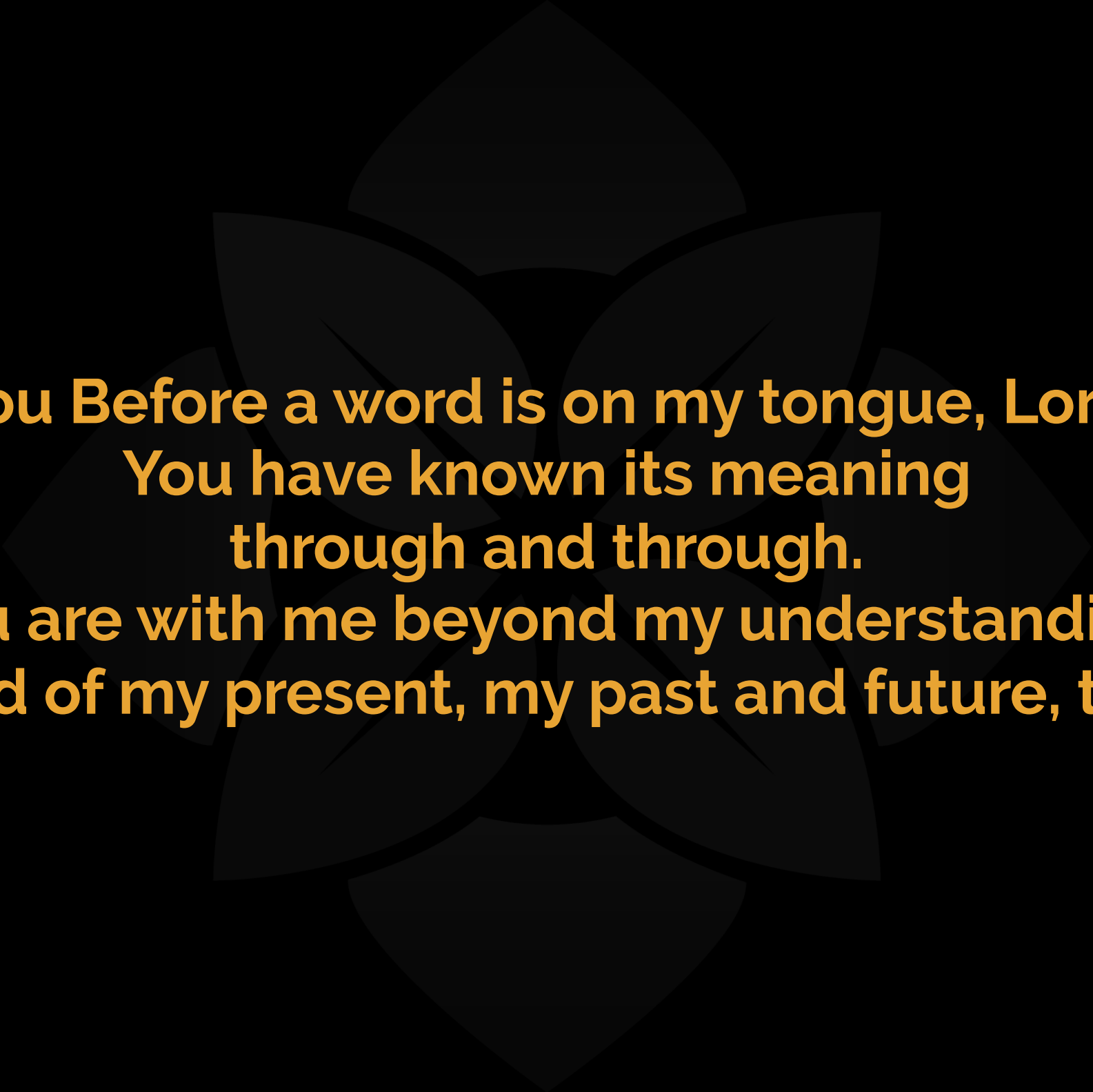
A REFLECTION
from *Gospel Medicine*
by Barbara Brown Taylor

Psalm 139

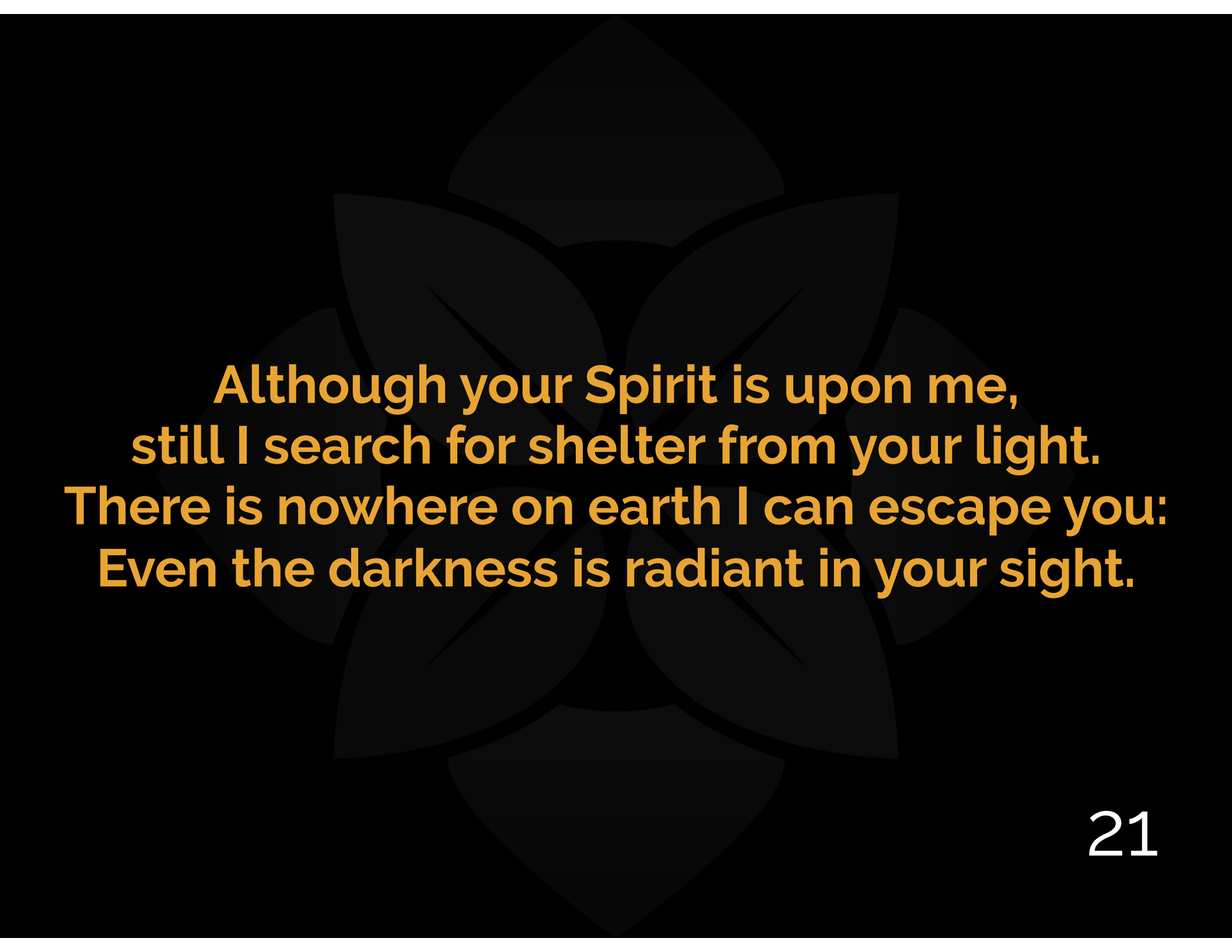
O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.



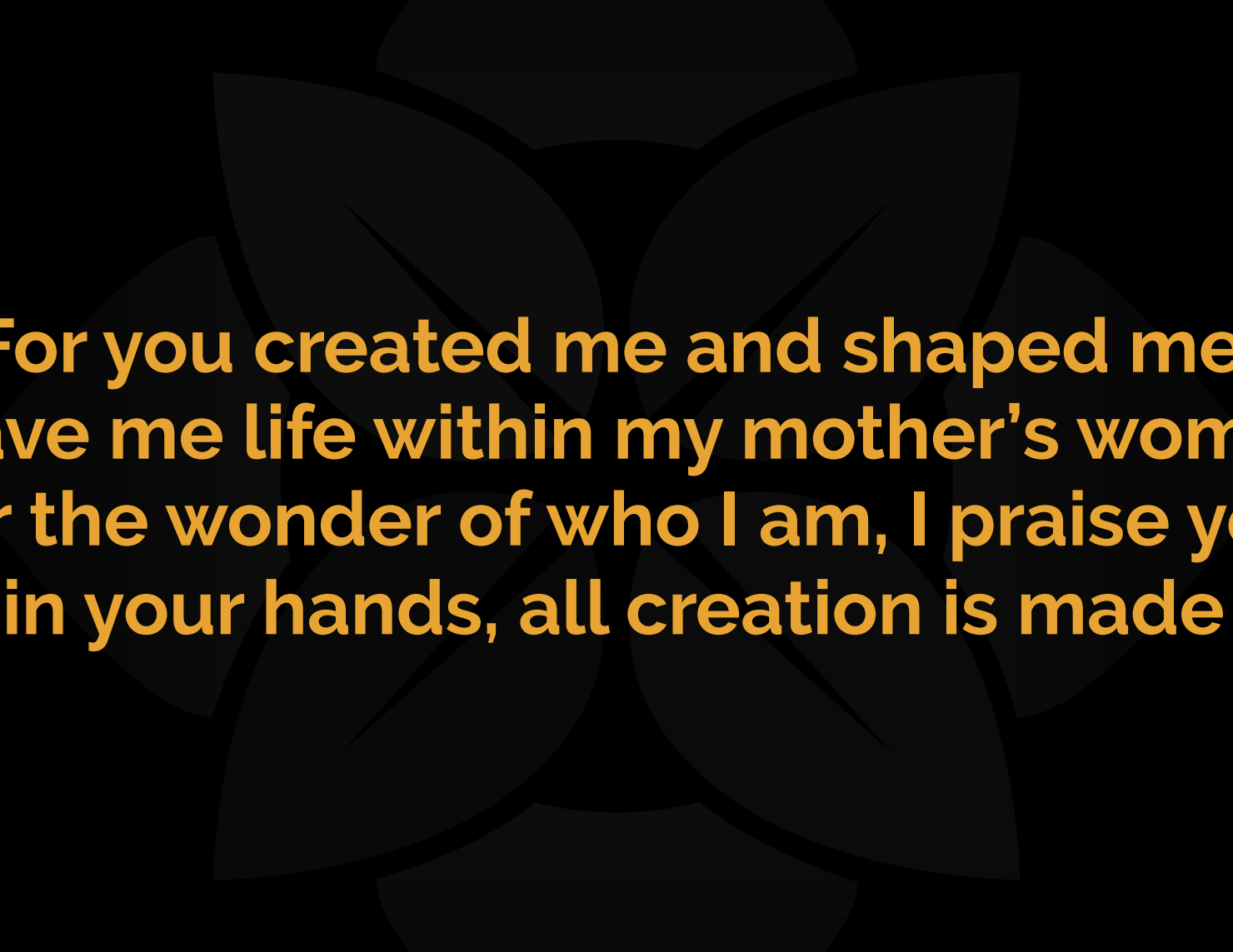
**You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.**



**You Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.**



**Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**



**For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**



A TIME OF RESPONSE

SONG

by John Tirro

**...to you all hearts are open
to you all desires known
to you there are no secrets
Almighty God, we come...**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

by The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to bear new life in your name. We place our gifts, our fears and our hopes in your hands. Make of them - make of us - what you will. Only you know the future for this broken, blessed body known as your church. Lead us on. Take us with you. Help us trust. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

John Bell/Fran McKendree

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**When the wind on chaos blew,
when the world from nothing grew,
when the primal dream came true,
God was there.**

**When the earliest mortals talked,
when the virgin land was walked,
when emergent faith was rocked,
God was there.**



**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**When the tradesman was denied,
when the Savior was decried,
When his Son was crucified,
God was there.**

**God was there and not in vain,
shielding joy and sharing pain.
raising life to live again,
God was there.**



**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**In each darkness, cloud, and fire,
in the quiet as words retire,
In our lost and best desires,
God is there.**

**Not for what we are or do,
not for what we journey through,
But for all you call us to,
God be there.**



**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!**



**Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

THE GRACE

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.