

Valor & Scribe announces Pines, Rivers & Mercy, a God-centred roots-folk album of faith, kinship and returning home

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — 4 August 2026 — Australian Christian faith-music project Valor & Scribe will release Pines, Rivers & Mercy on 13 August 2026 across major streaming platforms, led by the focus track “Carry Me Through the Pines.”

Drawing together Appalachian-inspired folk, country-gospel storytelling and musical influences gathered across decades of listening, learning and life, the 17-song album travels through rivers, pine forests, mountains, firelight and winter ground. Beneath every landscape is its central truth: God remains present in grief and healing, in silence and prayer, in the wilderness and on the long road home.

Built around acoustic guitar, fiddle, dobro, hand-drum textures, close harmonies and spacious, weathered vocals, Pines, Rivers & Mercy explores faith, identity, family, endurance, mercy and resurrection. Although firmly centred on God, it was written to welcome listeners who may not ordinarily reach for Christian music, meeting people beside graves, around family tables and through seasons of waiting.

For founder Caroline Vaigafa Gallulo, the album’s sound reaches back into strong country family roots, a lifelong connection to folk storytelling and her Central and South American heritage. Earlier study of First Nations history, language and culture also left a lasting respect for traditions in which land, memory, spirituality and story remain closely connected. Valor & Scribe does not present the album as Native American music or claim to represent any First Nation.

“I pray I have treated every influence with humility and respect,” Caroline says. “At its heart, this album belongs to God. It is about His presence in the places where we feel most lost, His mercy when we are weary, and the life He can bring from ground that looks empty.”

The lead track, “Carry Me Through the Pines,” follows a lost traveller calling for the Shepherd who does not need directions to find him. Other key songs include “Smoke Signals,” a communal prayer for family, community and the land; “Thaw,” where spiritual winter begins to break; and “Come, Weary Soul,” an invitation to find rest in God.

Across the full album, rivers remember names, mountains carry love, smoke lifts prayers and frozen ground becomes a promise that resurrection can still follow winter. “Call My Name Again” explores the way Christ restores identity, “A Table in the Wilderness” draws on Psalm 23, and “Nothing Buried Stays Lost” uses seeds, graves and spring to proclaim God’s power to restore.

Caroline writes the lyrics, develops and records the melodies, and directs the arrangements. The finished recordings use AI-generated voices and instrumental sounds as part of the production process. Valor & Scribe discloses this openly so broadcasters, journalists and curators can make informed editorial decisions.

A limited vinyl edition offers a carefully selected track list shaped by the format’s playing-time limits. In the lead-up to release, songs are also being shared through a companion YouTube listening series, with a YouTube Live listening event planned through @ValorScribe.

Pines, Rivers & Mercy will be available from 13 August 2026 on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music and other major streaming services.

Album	Pines, Rivers & Mercy
Artist	Valor & Scribe
Lead track	Carry Me Through the Pines
Release date	13 August 2026
Press kit	valorandscribe.com/pines-rivers-mercy/playlists-radio.html
Spotify	open.spotify.com/artist/5aADMicrvLNqrgYA37mQ
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ABOUT VALOR & SCRIBE

Valor & Scribe is an Australian Christian faith-music project founded by Caroline Vaigafa Gallulo. Guided by the vision of creating “godly music for everyone,” it explores faith across blues, folk, gospel and other musical traditions for different generations, cultures and listening spaces.

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