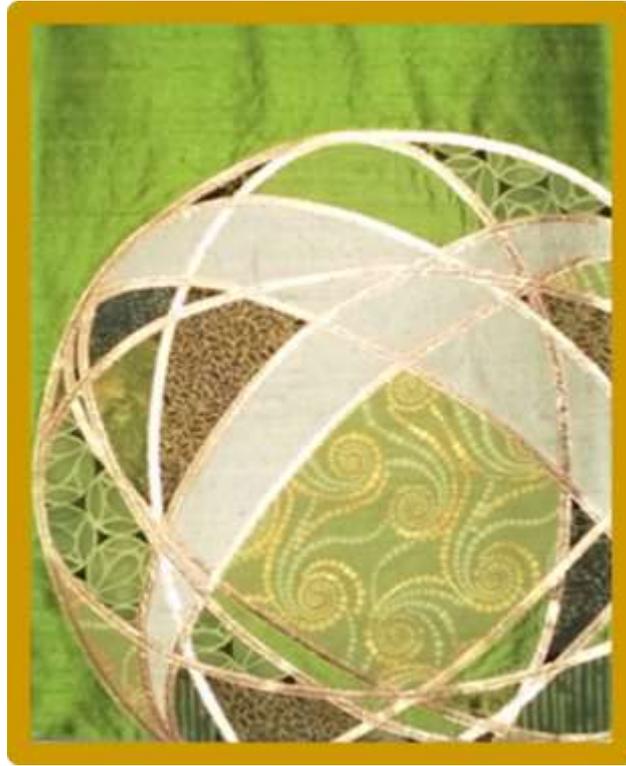




***Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church***

Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:00 am

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



Welcome

*Preparation
for Worship*

*“Be still,
and know
that I am
God.”*

Ps. 46:10



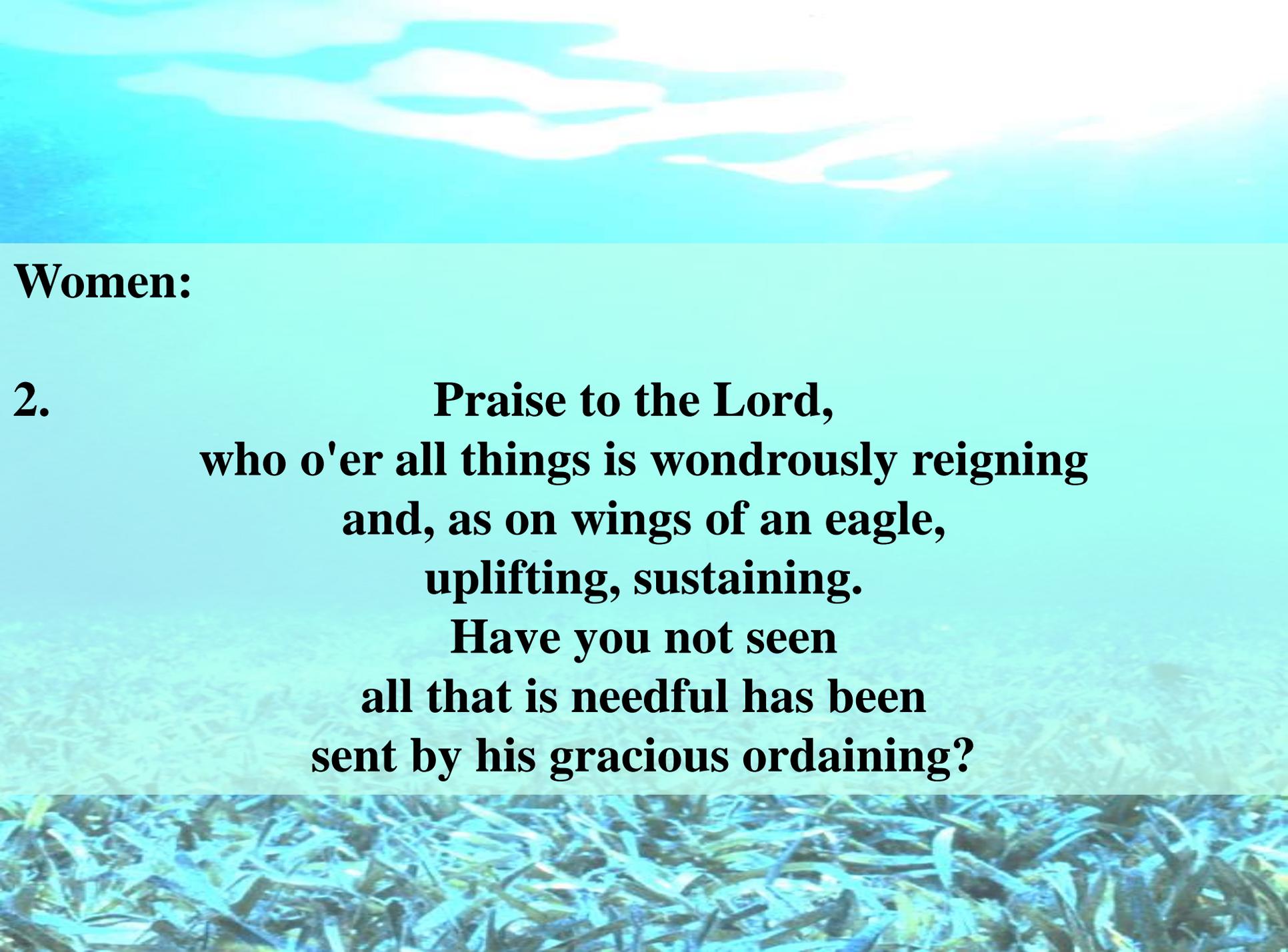
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

ELW #858

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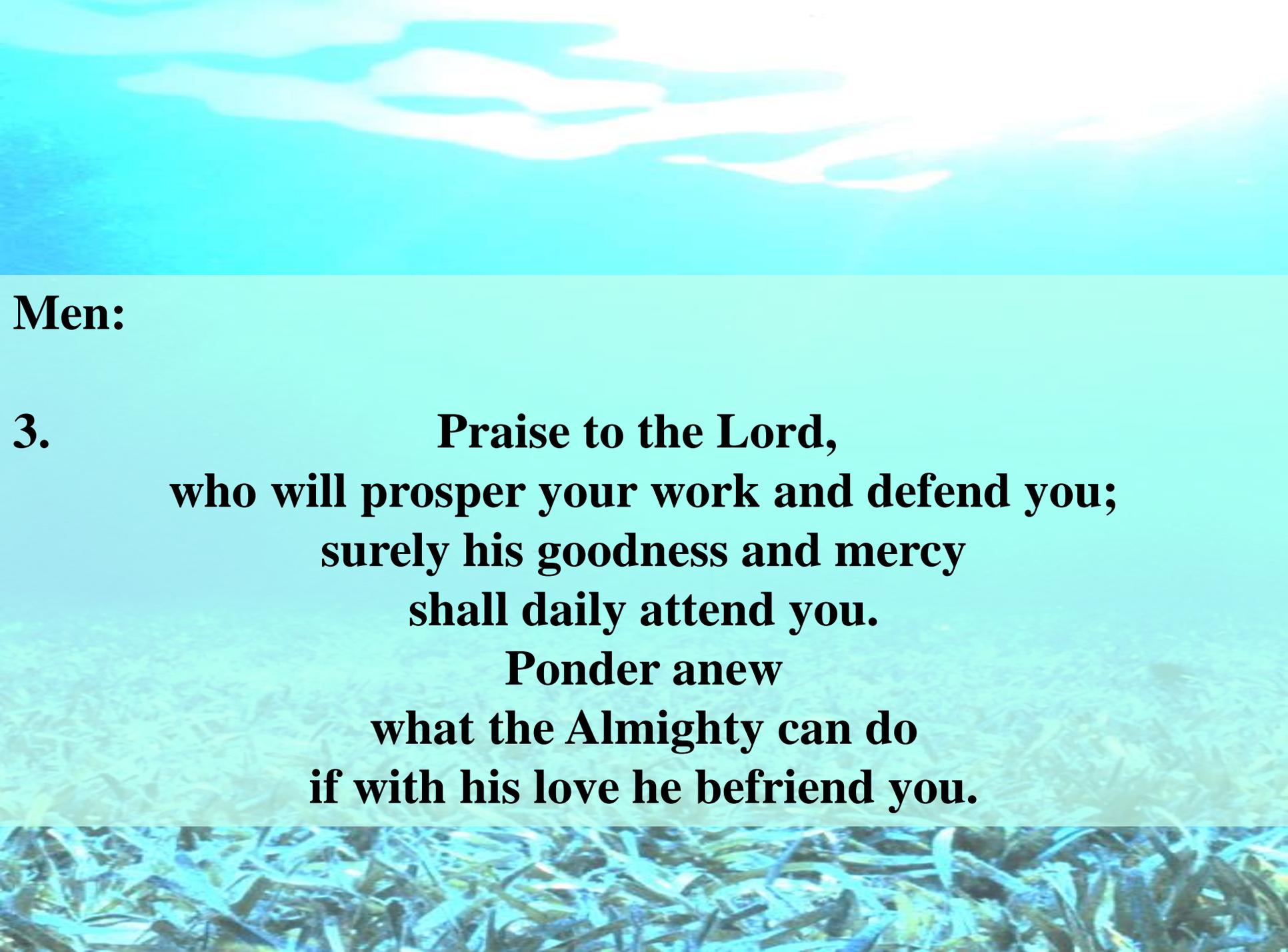
All:

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**



Women:

- 2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

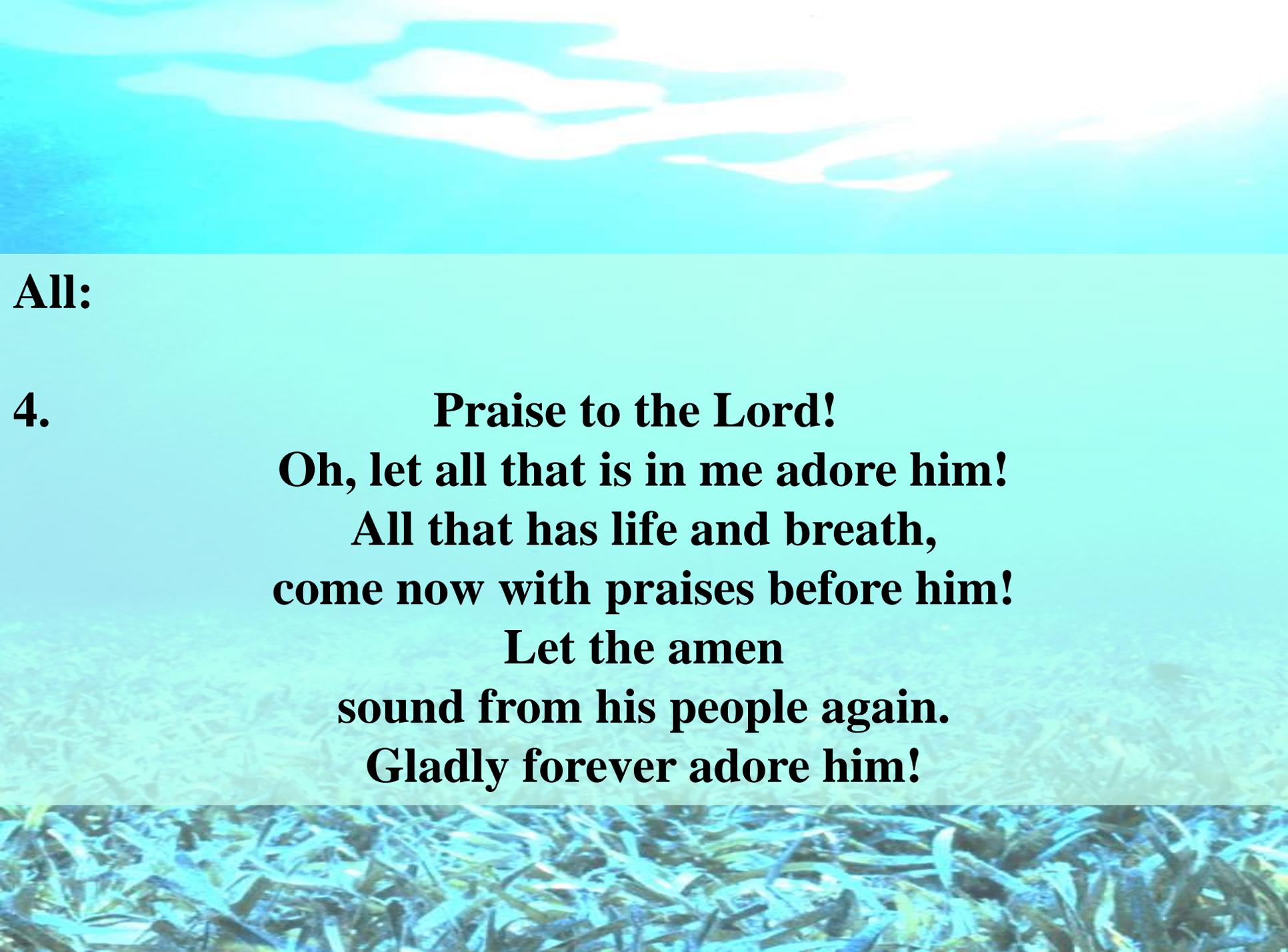


Men:

3.

**Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**



All:

4.

Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

**All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen
sound from his people again.**

Gladly forever adore him!



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves
us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



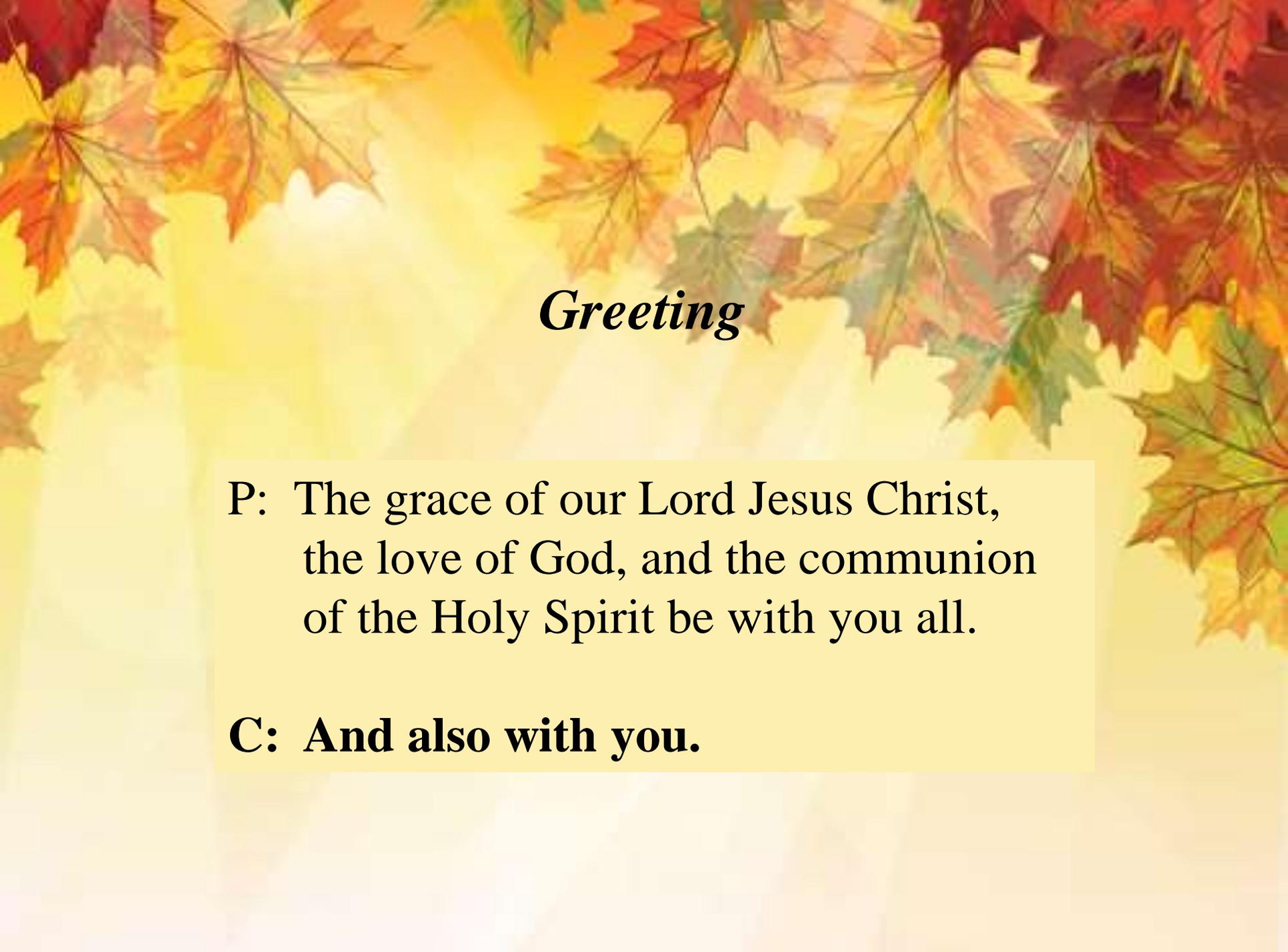
P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the
journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and
friend. Amen.**



P: Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are
made whole. God points the way to new
life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red frames the top and sides of the page. The background is a soft, light yellow with a subtle pattern of leaves.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

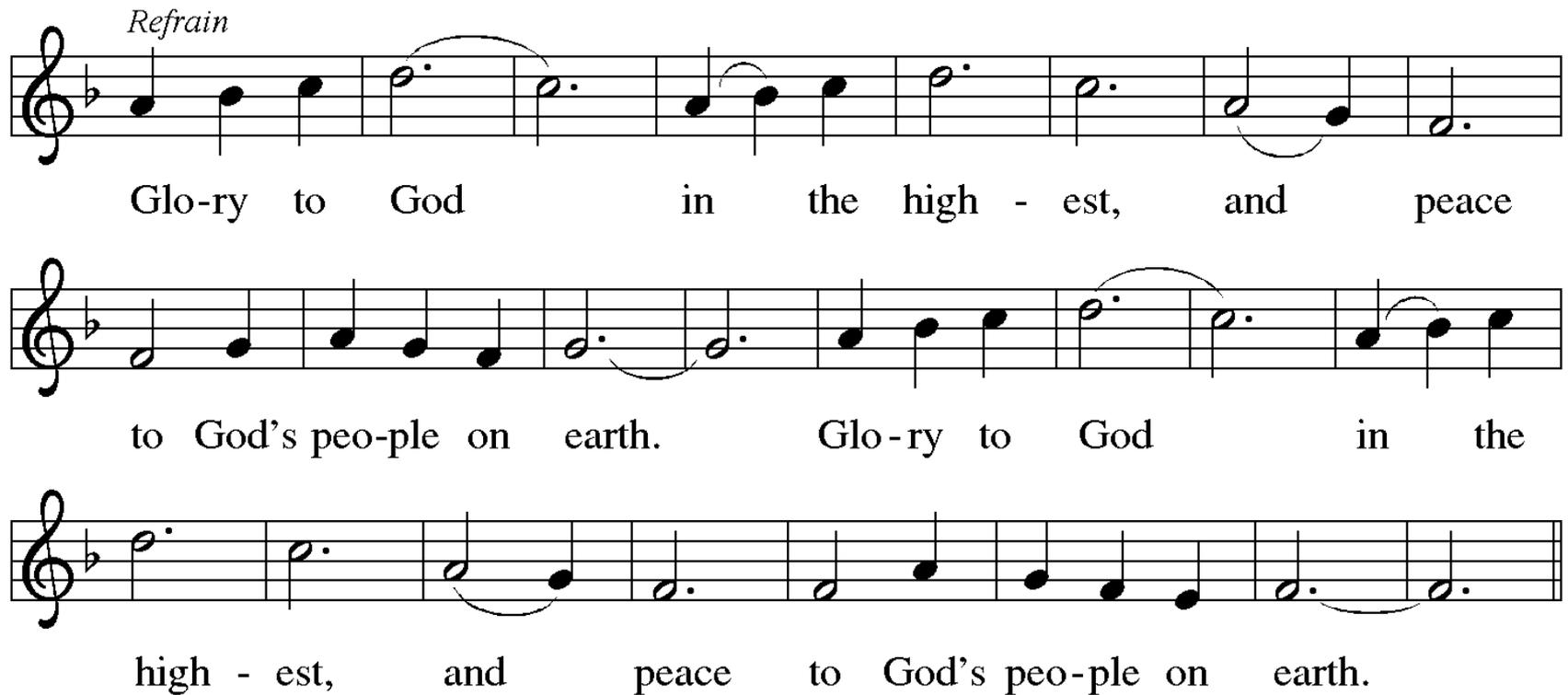
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain



The image shows three staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second and third staves continue the melody for the second and third lines of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together and some having slurs or ties. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.'

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

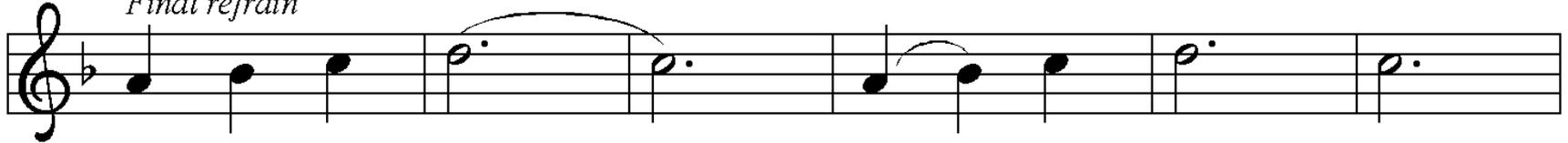


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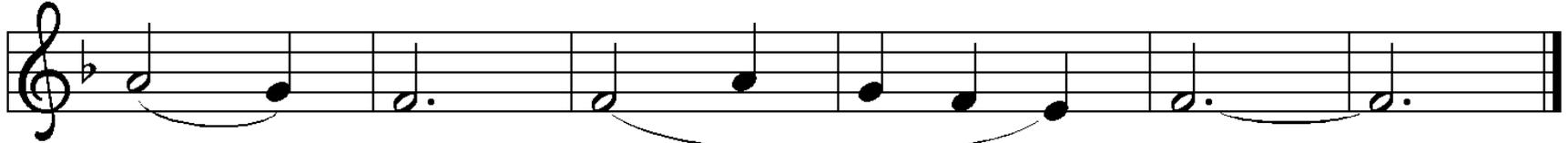


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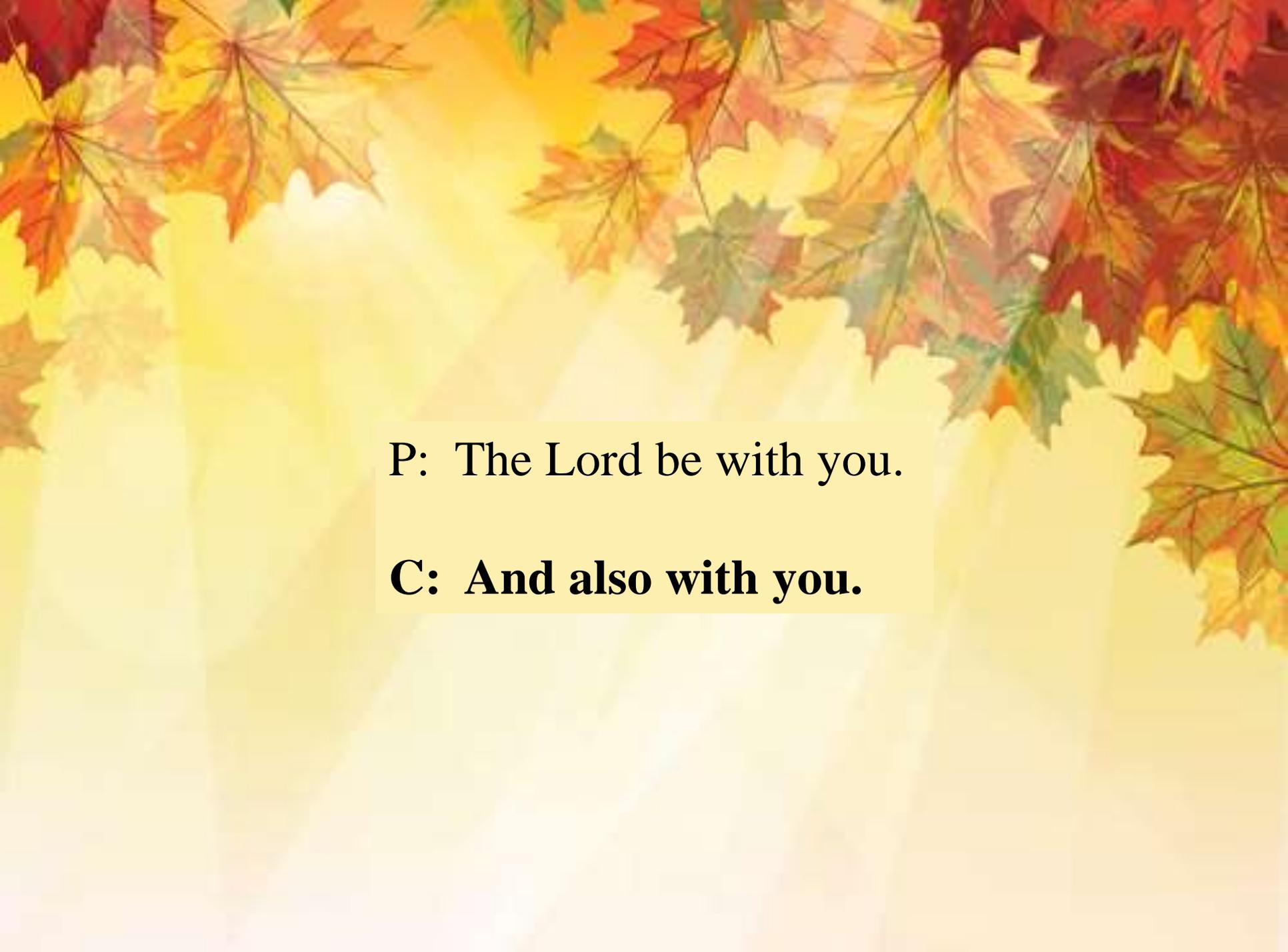
Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

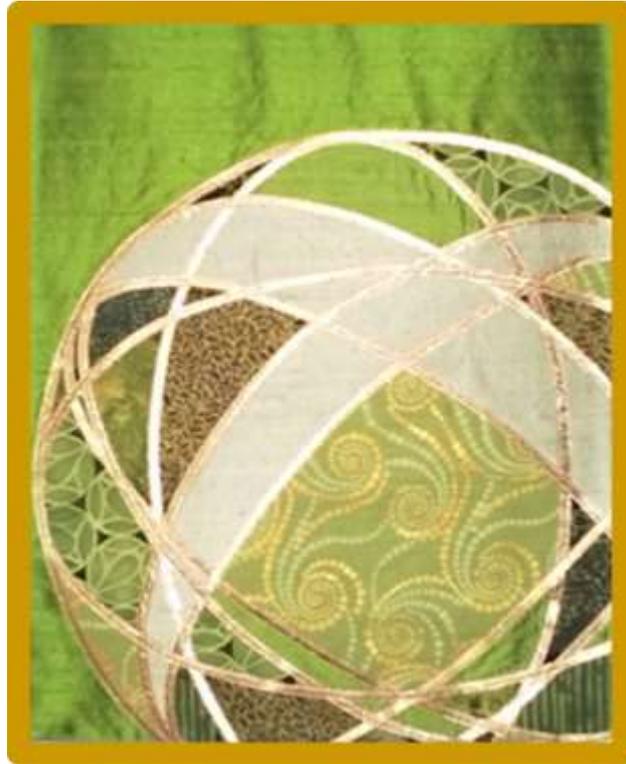


Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.

C: Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

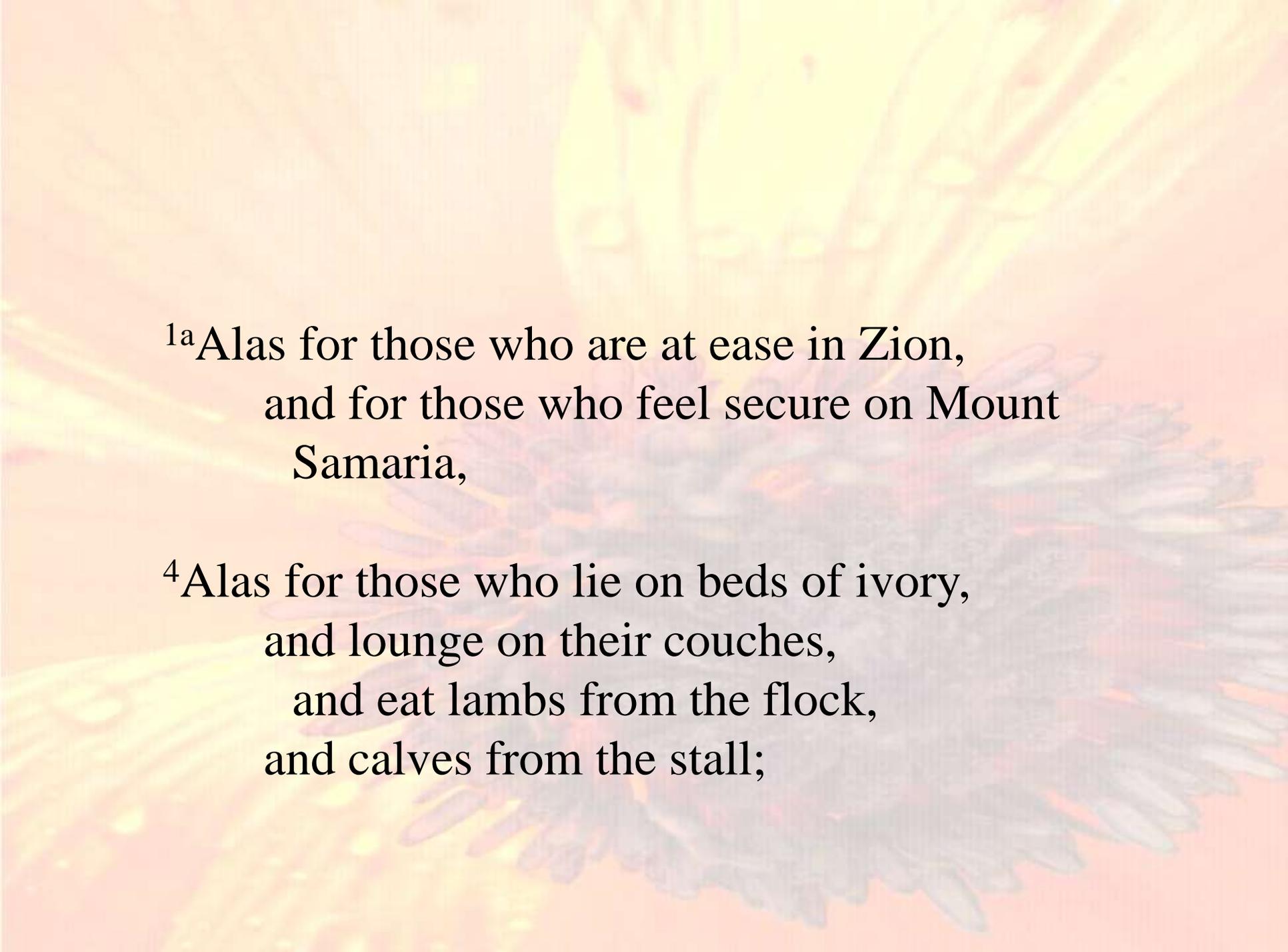


+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.



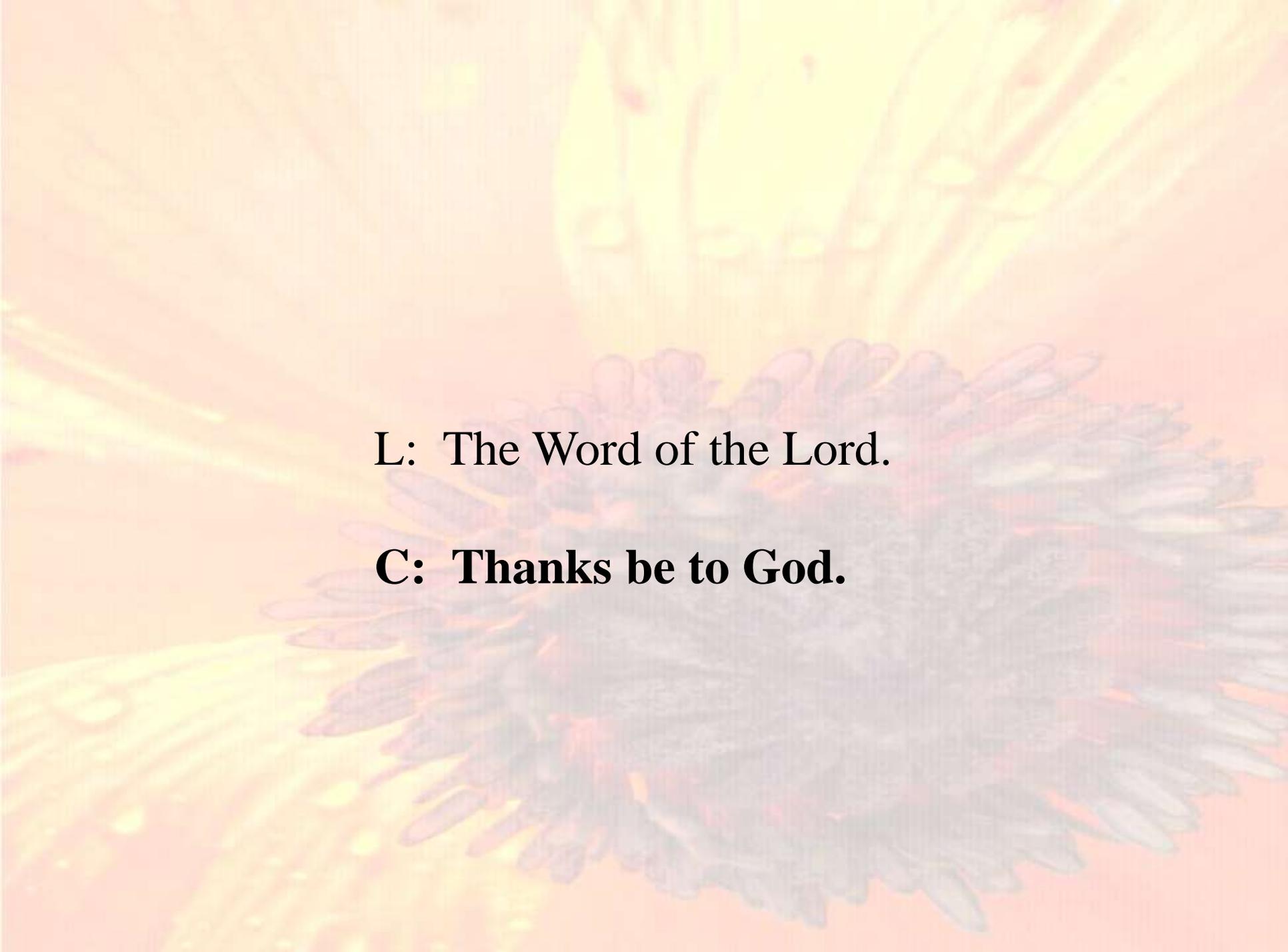
^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount
Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of
music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into
exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass
away.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

L: ¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: ²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.**

L: ³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: ⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to
earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

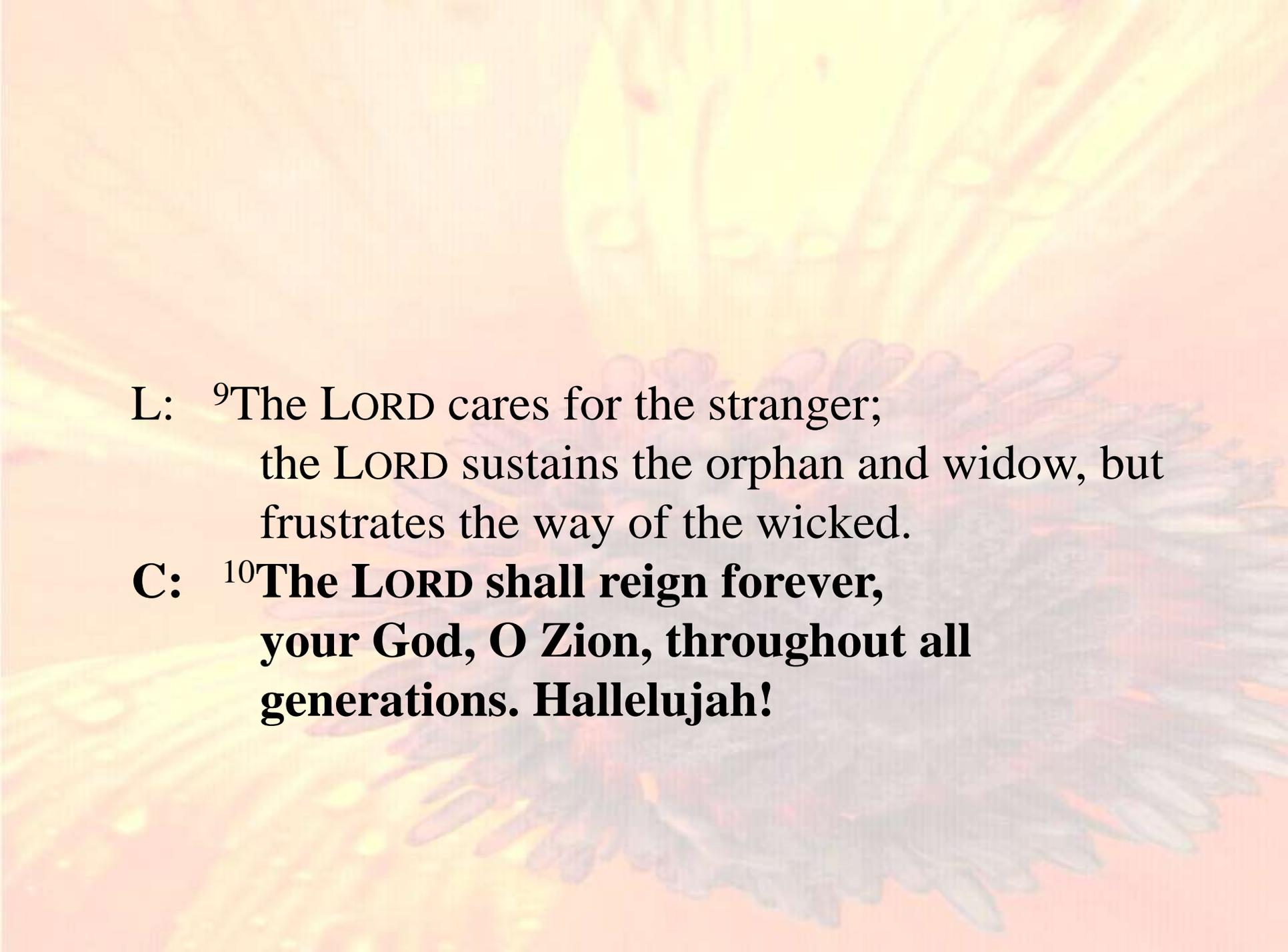
L: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

L: ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

C: ⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The background of the slide features a pair of large, feathered wings, likely belonging to an angel, rendered in a soft, ethereal style. The wings are primarily light yellow and white, with some darker, more detailed feathers visible towards the bottom. The overall color palette is warm and soft, with a gradient from light yellow at the top to a pale pinkish-orange at the bottom. The wings are spread wide, filling most of the frame.

L: ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but
frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C: ¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

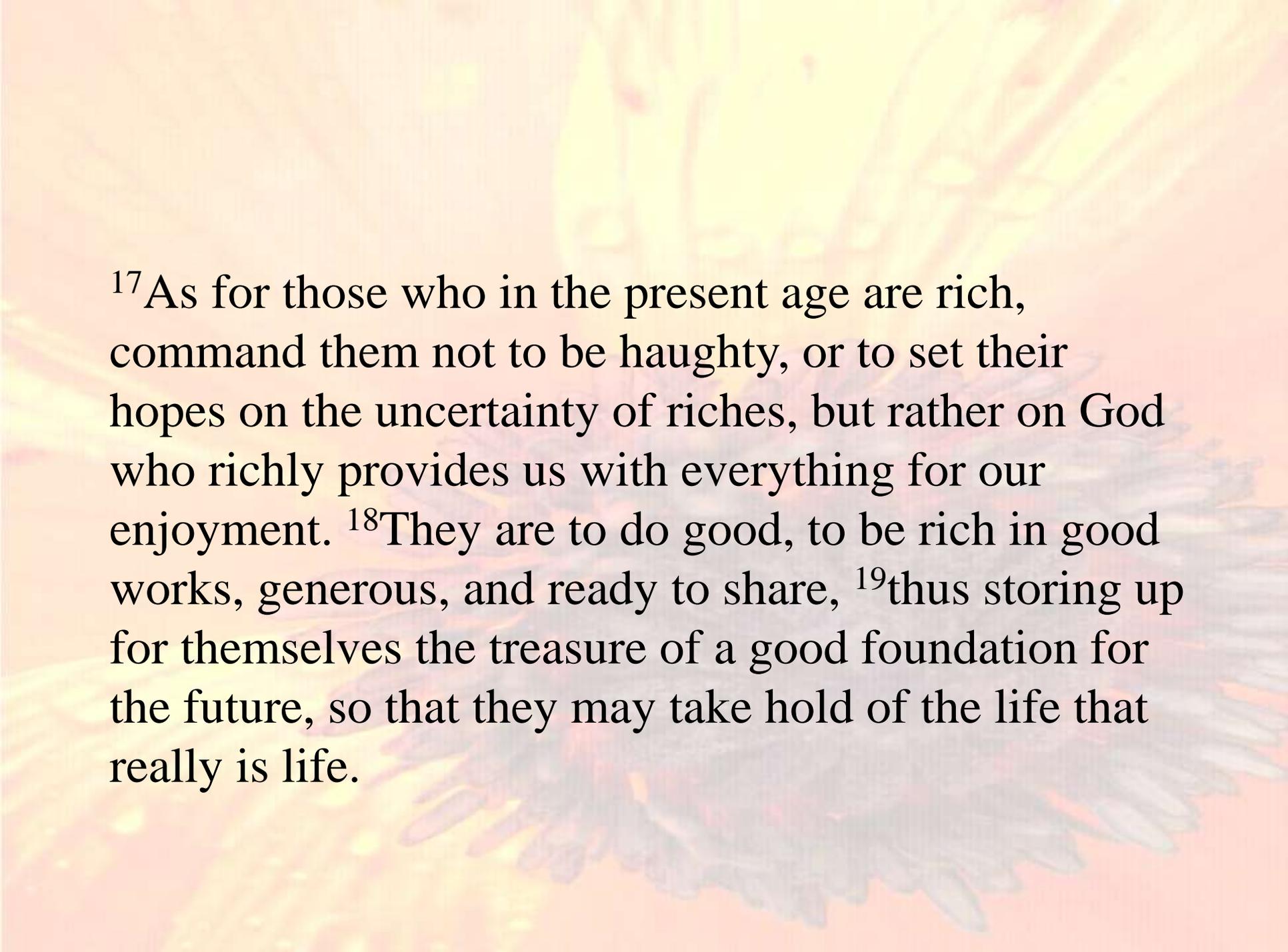
Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

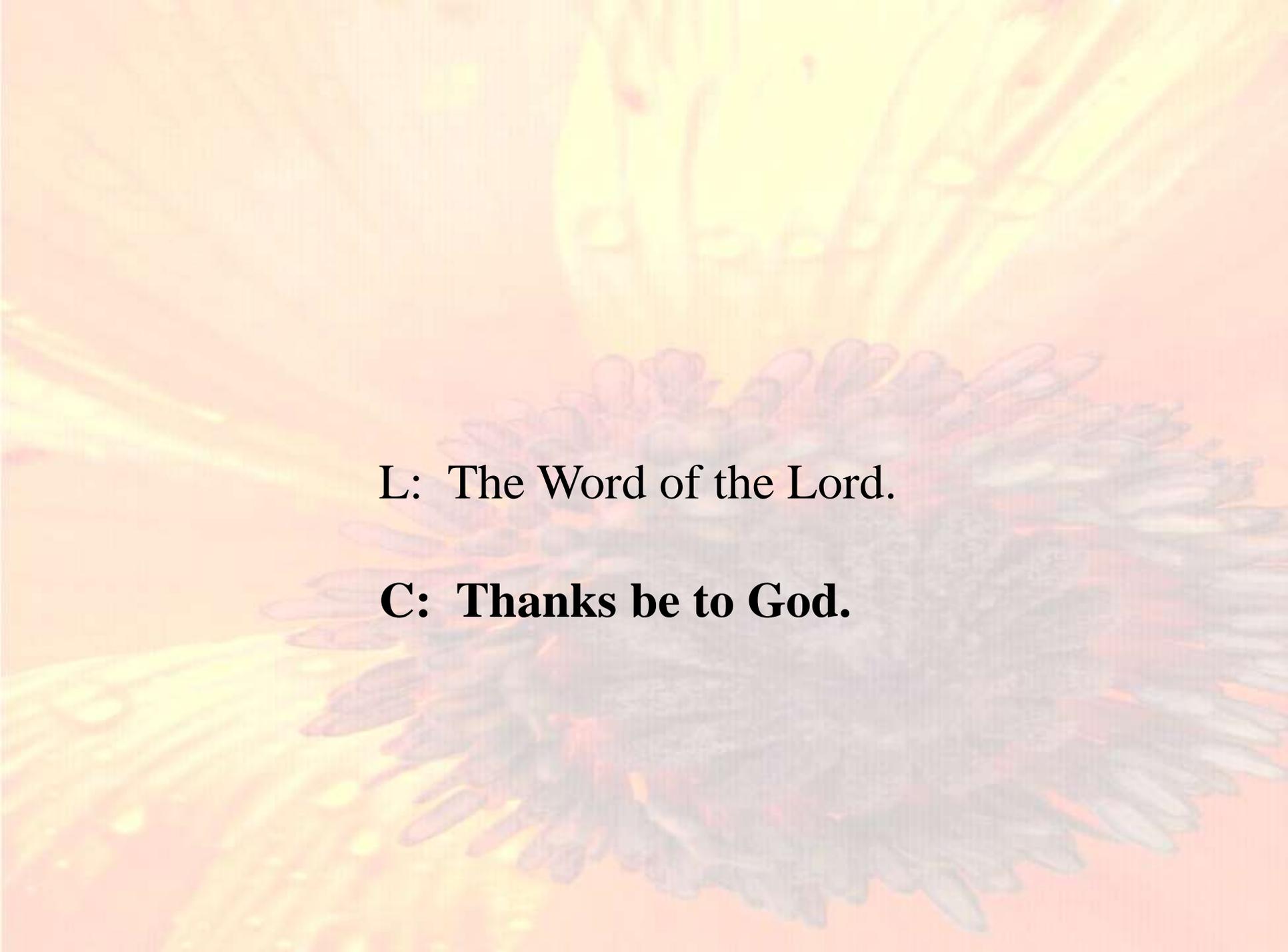
⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.



¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Kids' Time

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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**Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.**

**Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.**

**Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced.**

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Gospel Acclamation

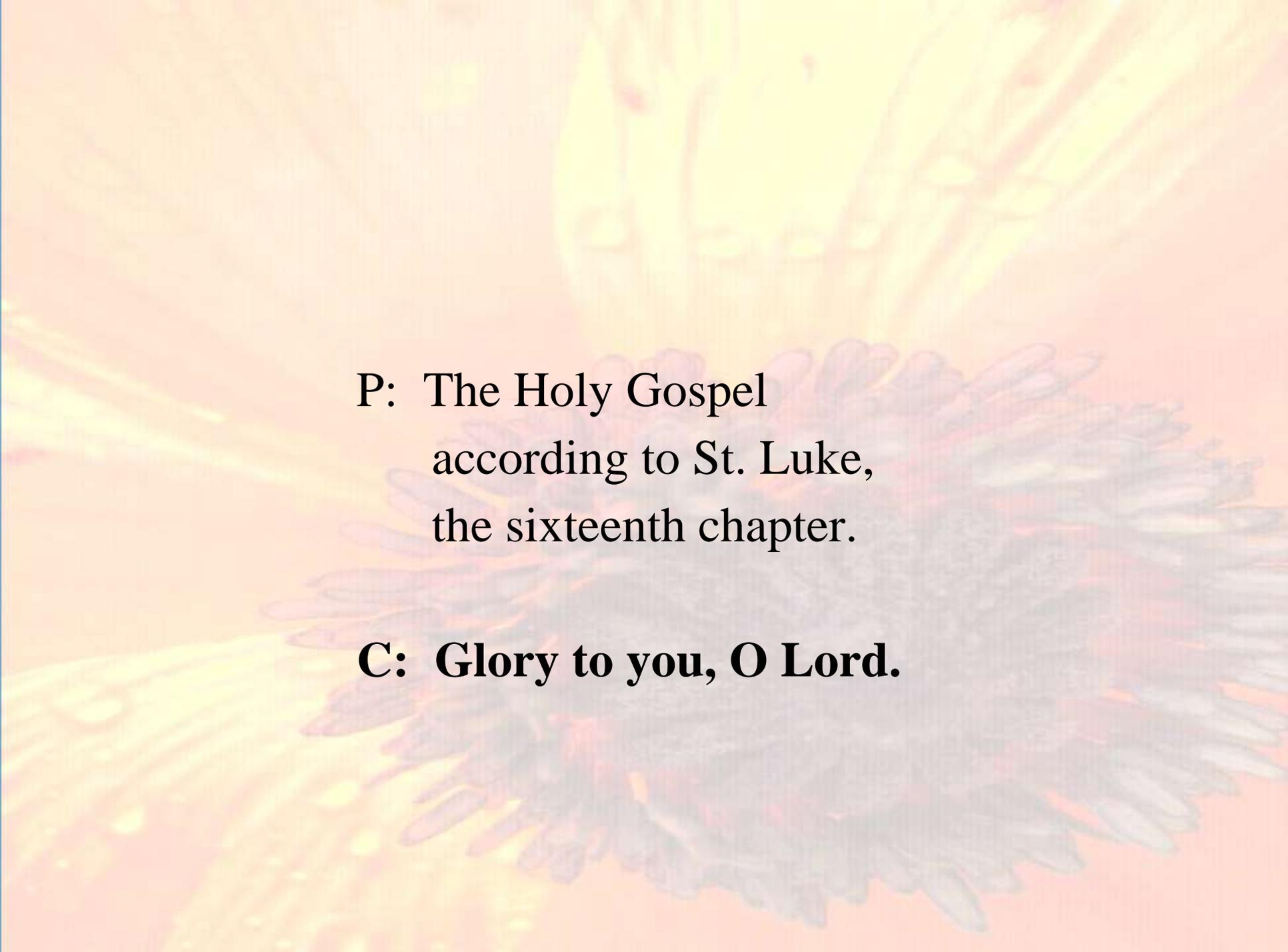
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



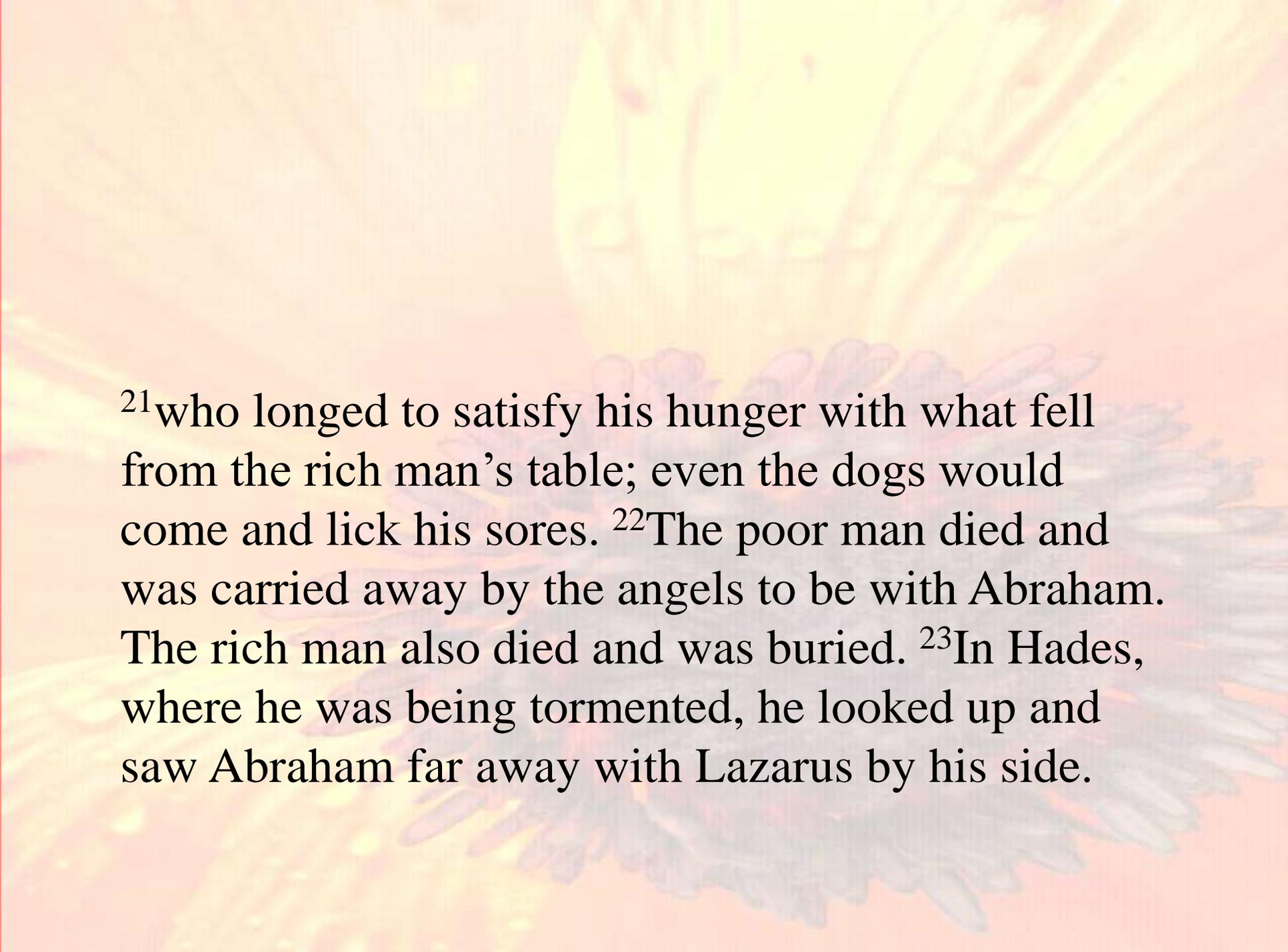
P: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Luke,
the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

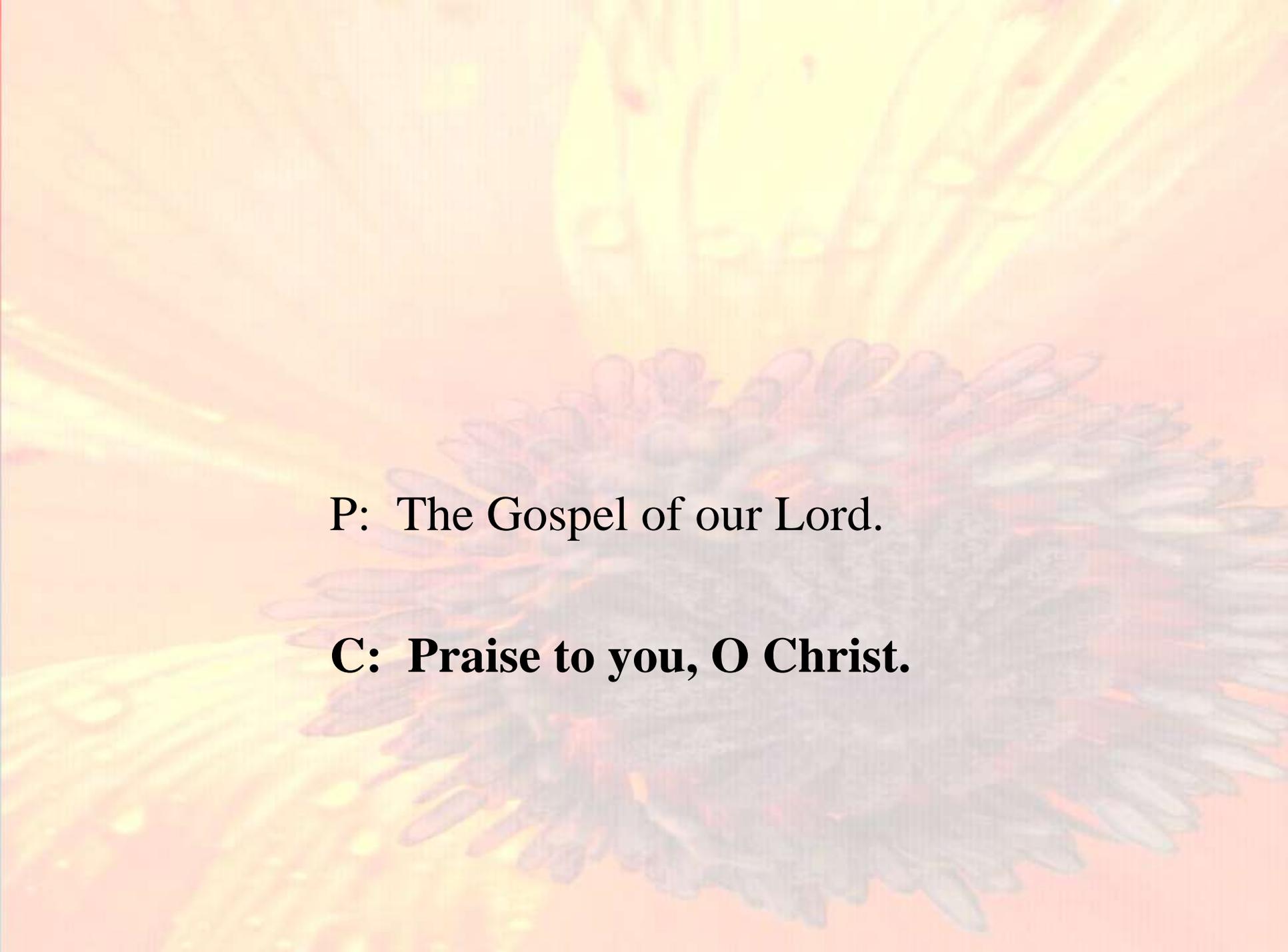
Jesus said: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,



²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”



P: The Gospel of our Lord.

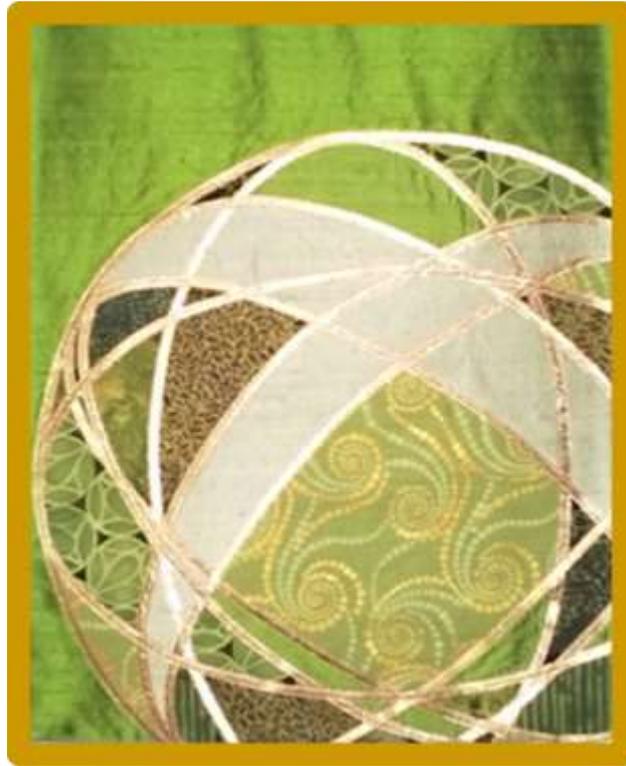
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Ministry of Making Many Rich”

1 Timothy 6:11-21





+ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** +

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW #719

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt. Music: W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815. Public Domain.

All:

- 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

All:

- 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

Women:

- 3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.**

Men:

- 4. The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.**

All:

- 5. O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;**

All:

- 6. Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.**

A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

Offering





Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ELW #694

Text: John S. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Music: Johann Steurlein,
1546-1613. Public Domain.

- 1. Sing to the
Lord of harvest
your songs of
love and praise;
with joyful hearts
and voices
your alleluias raise;**



**by him the
rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord
of harvest
a joyous song of love.**



**3. Bring to this
sacred altar
the gifts
his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves
of harvest,
the souls Christ
died to save.**



**Your hearts lay down
before Him
when at his feet
you fall,
and with your lives
adore him
who gave his life
for all.**

Offering Prayer

- P:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
- C:** **Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

A photograph of a forest path during autumn. The path is covered in fallen orange and red leaves. Tall, thin trees line the path, with some leaves turning yellow and orange. The scene is misty, and the lighting is soft and warm, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the path, containing the text "Prayer Lab Moment" in a black, italicized serif font.

Prayer Lab Moment

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

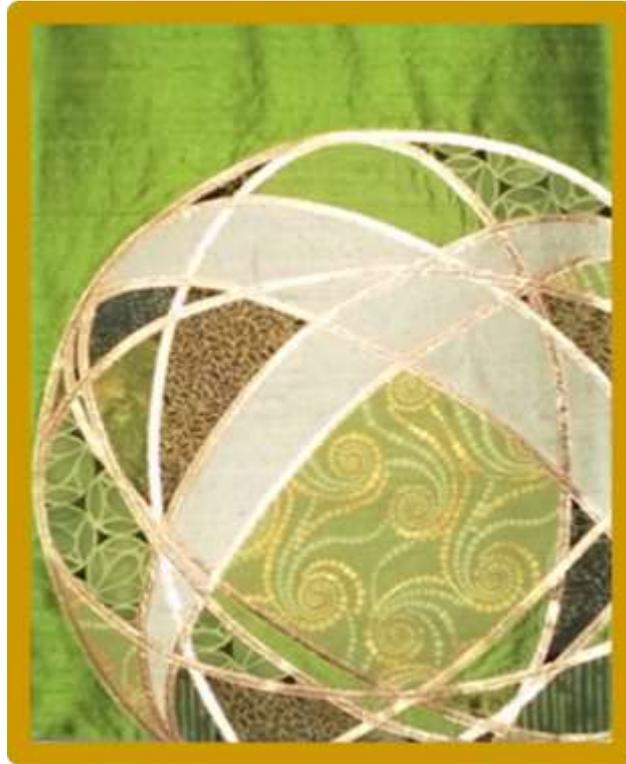
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



+ **SENDING** +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**



Announcements

Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion?

New member meetings will be held:

- Sunday, September 25, at 10:20 am
- Monday, September 26, at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 28, at 4:30 pm

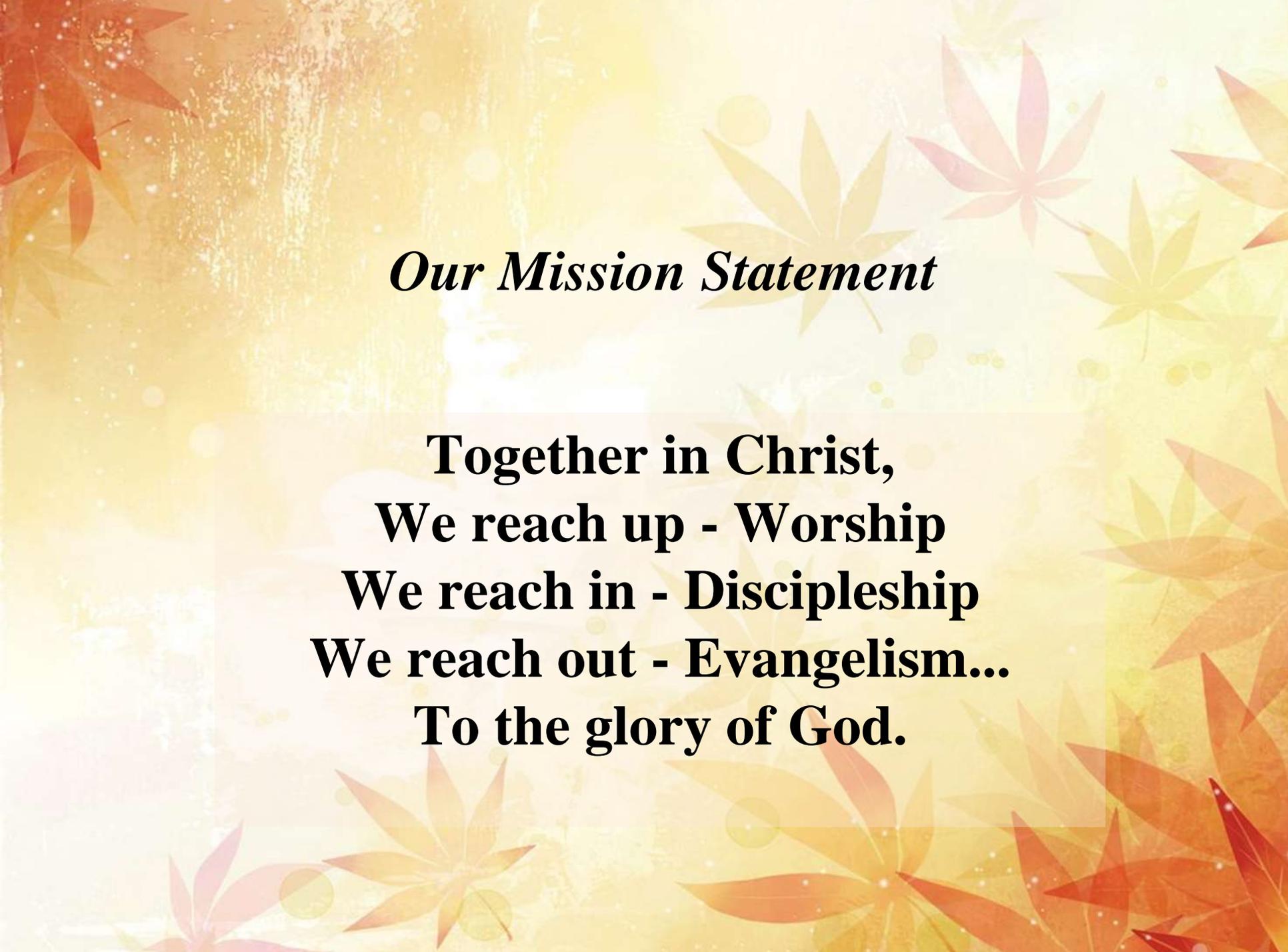
You only need to attend *one* meeting and be received at *one* worship service. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, October 2 (9:00 am), and Wednesday, October 5 (5:30 pm).



Save the Date!
Zion's Annual Harvest Festival
will be October 16.

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space to volunteer to bring food, cook food, help serve, and help clean up.

You may also give a monetary donation.

The background features a warm, golden-yellow color palette with scattered autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and pink. Soft, out-of-focus circular lights (bokeh) are scattered throughout, creating a gentle, ethereal atmosphere.

Our Mission Statement

**Together in Christ,
We reach up - Worship
We reach in - Discipleship
We reach out - Evangelism...
To the glory of God.**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW #534

Text: John Elleerton, 1826-1893, alt. Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; alt. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900. Public Domain.

- 1. Savior, again to your dear name
we raise with one accord
our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless you
Ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending,
wait your word of peace.**



**2. Grant us your peace
upon our homeward way;
with you began,
with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin,
the hearts from shame,
that in this house have
called upon your name.**

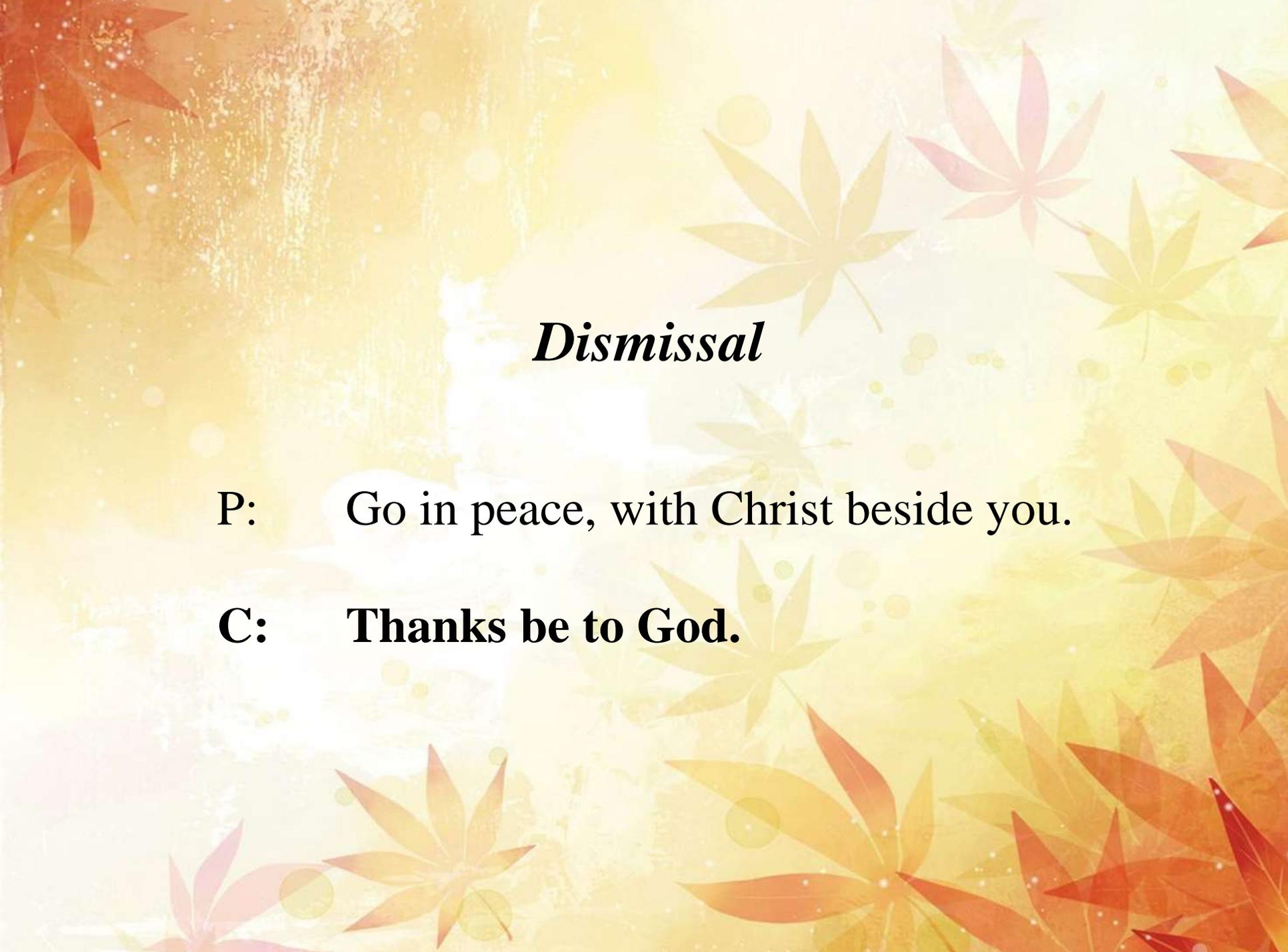


**3. Grant us your peace, Lord,
through the coming night;
for us transform its
darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and
danger till the dawn;
your evening presence
promise to your own.**



**4. Grant us your peace
throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow,
and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall
bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord,
to your eternal peace.**



The background features a warm, golden-yellow color palette with soft bokeh light effects. Scattered throughout are stylized autumn leaves in various shades of orange, red, and pink, some appearing as faint silhouettes and others as more vibrant, detailed shapes. The overall aesthetic is gentle and celebratory.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us today!*

*May God
Bless You!*