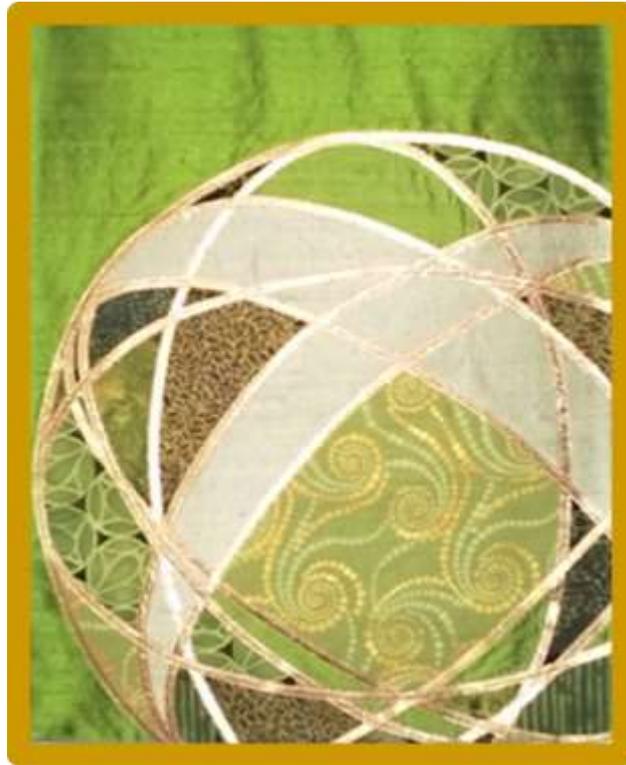


***Welcome to  
Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church***

***Sunday, November 13, 2022 9:00 am***

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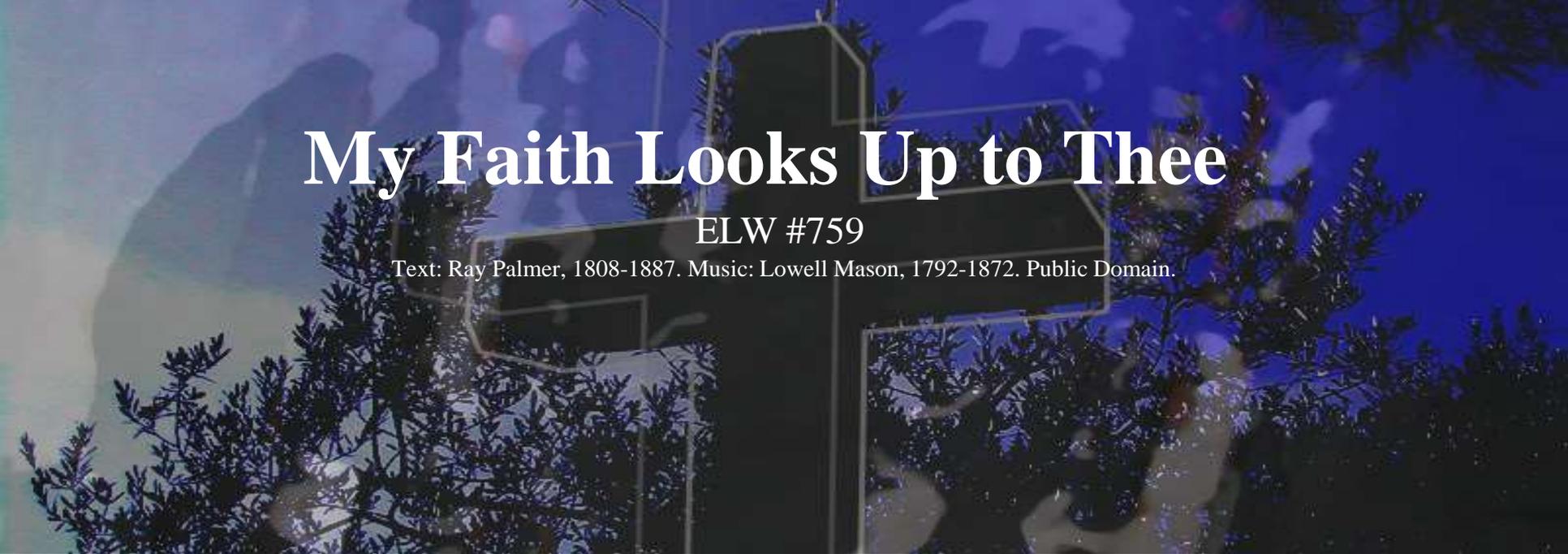


# + GATHERING +

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

*Welcome*





# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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- 1. My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!**



**2.           May thy rich grace impart  
              strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,  
              oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
              a living fire!**



- 3. While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**



**4.           When ends life's transient dream,  
              when death's cold, sullen stream  
                  shall o'er me roll;  
              blest Savior, then, in love  
              fear and distrust remove;  
              oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

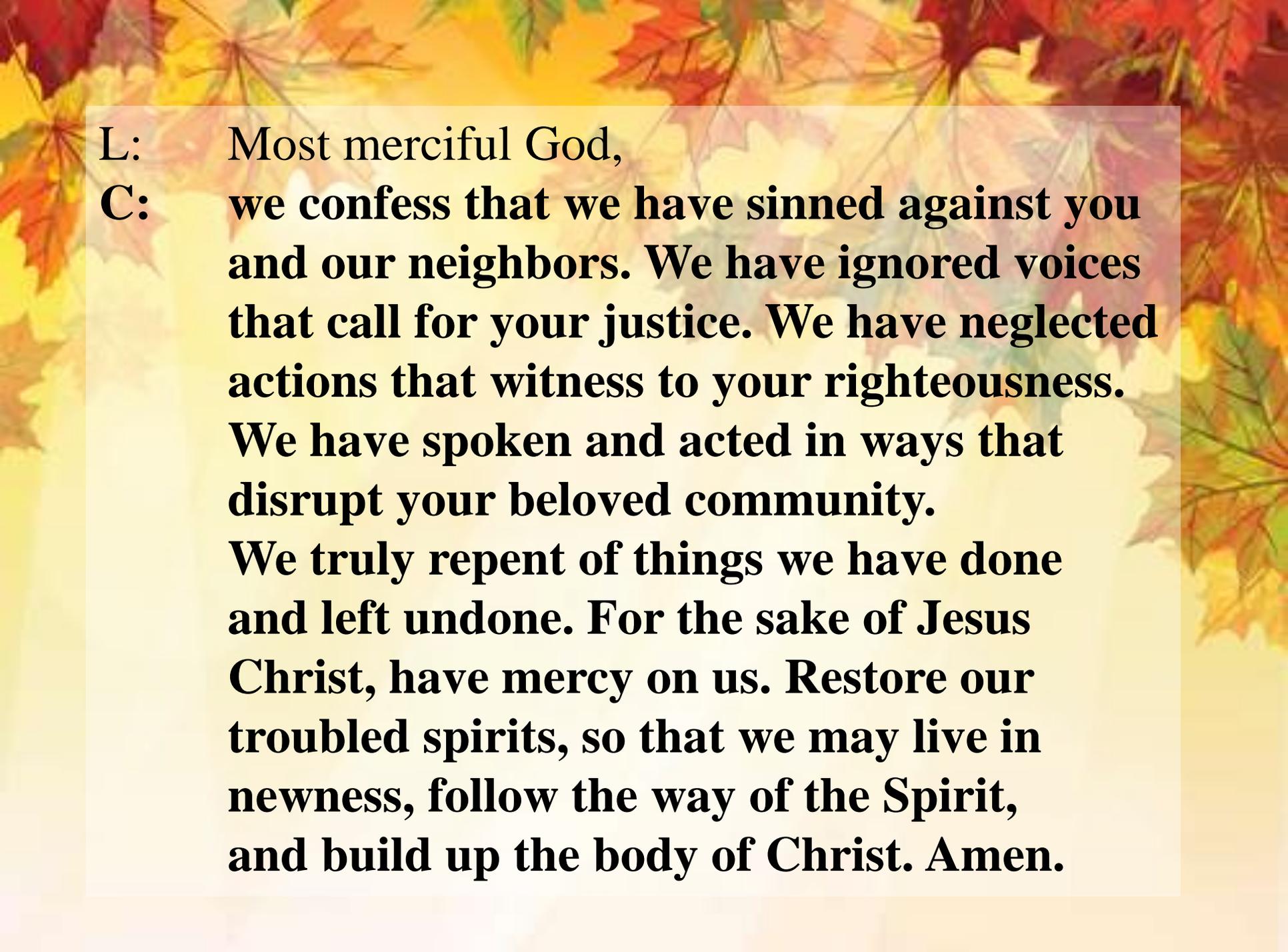
## *Confession and Forgiveness*

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

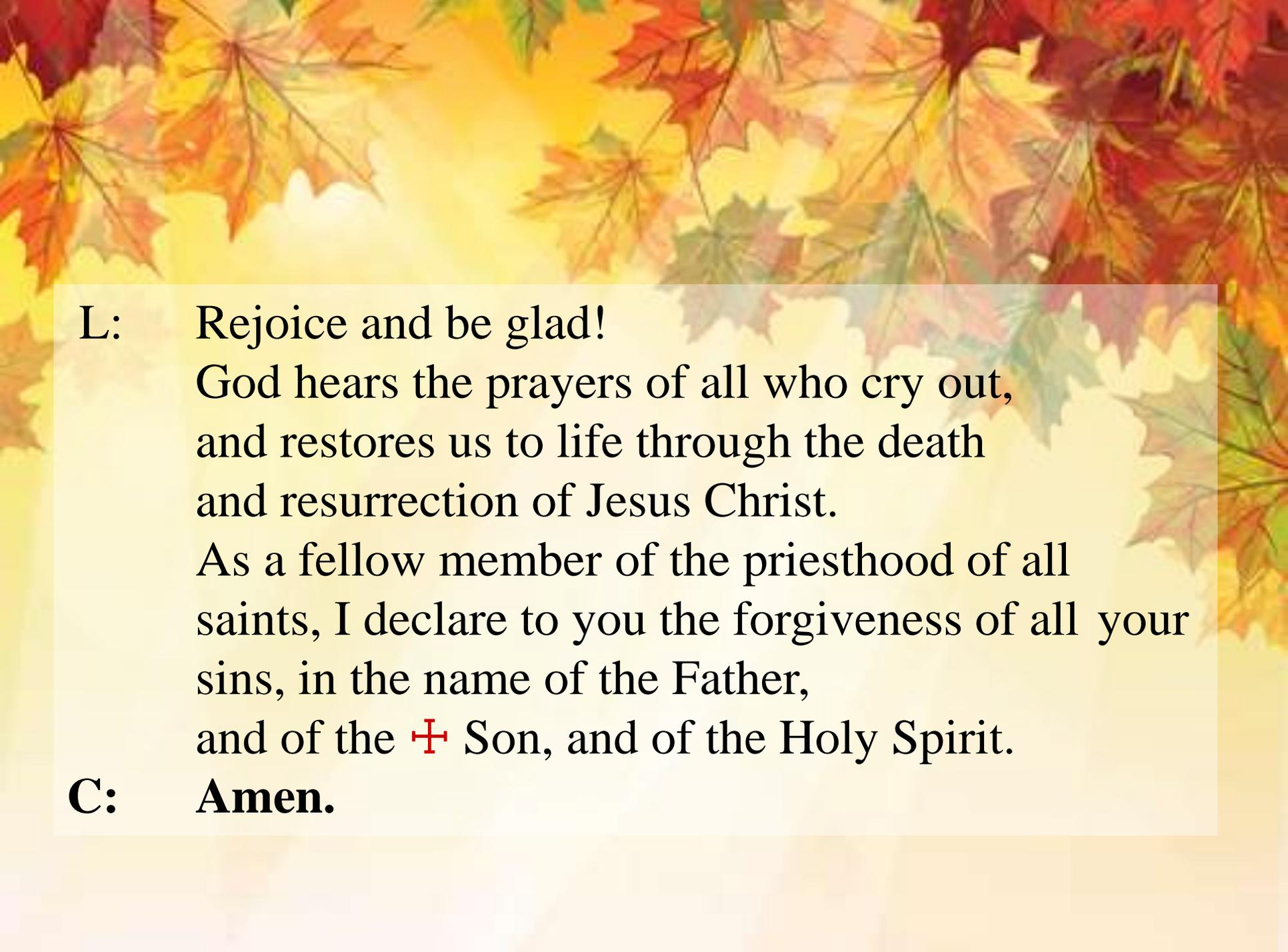
**L:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

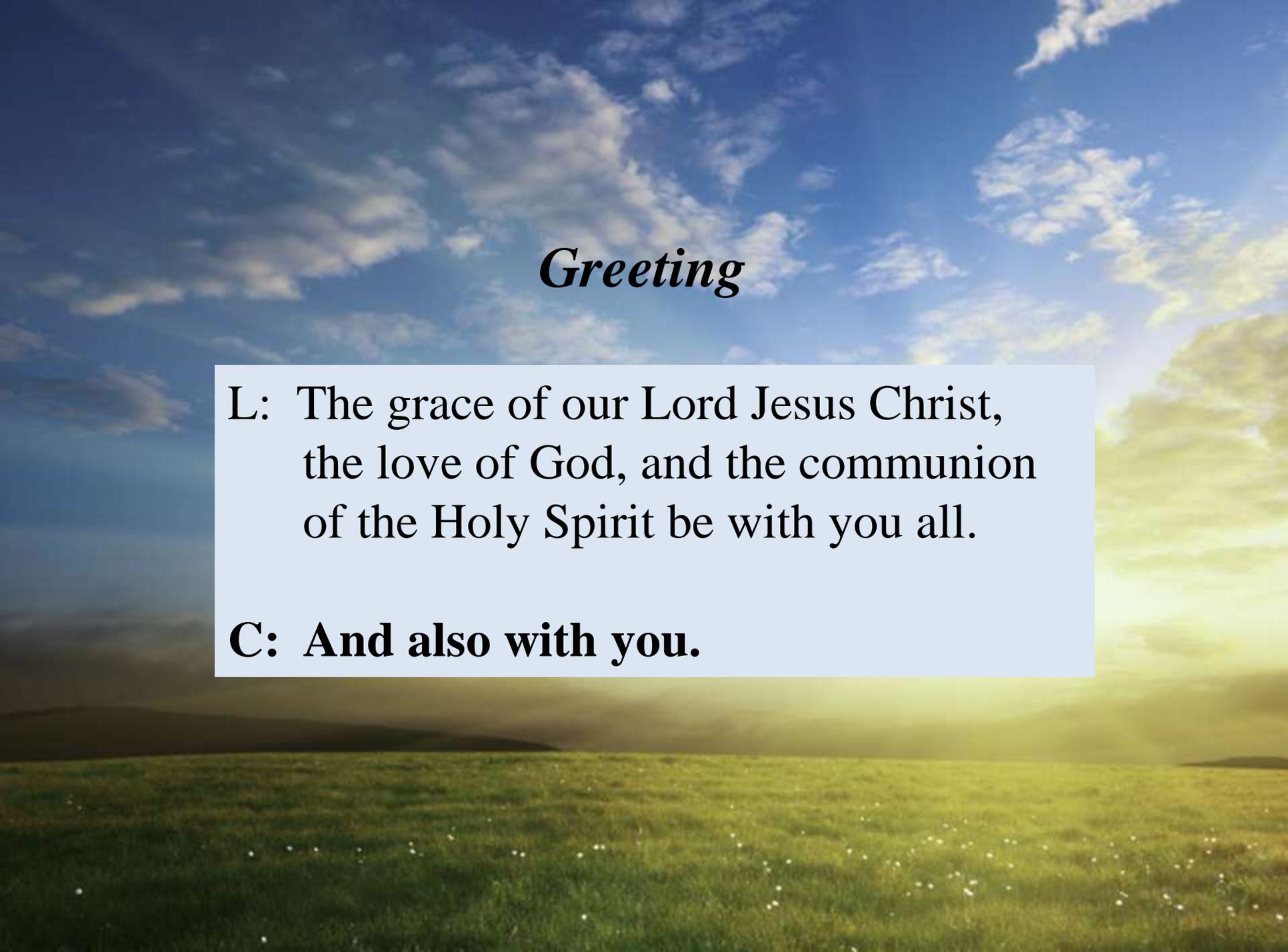


L: Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a fellow member of the priesthood of all  
saints, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your  
sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



## *Greeting*

L: 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.

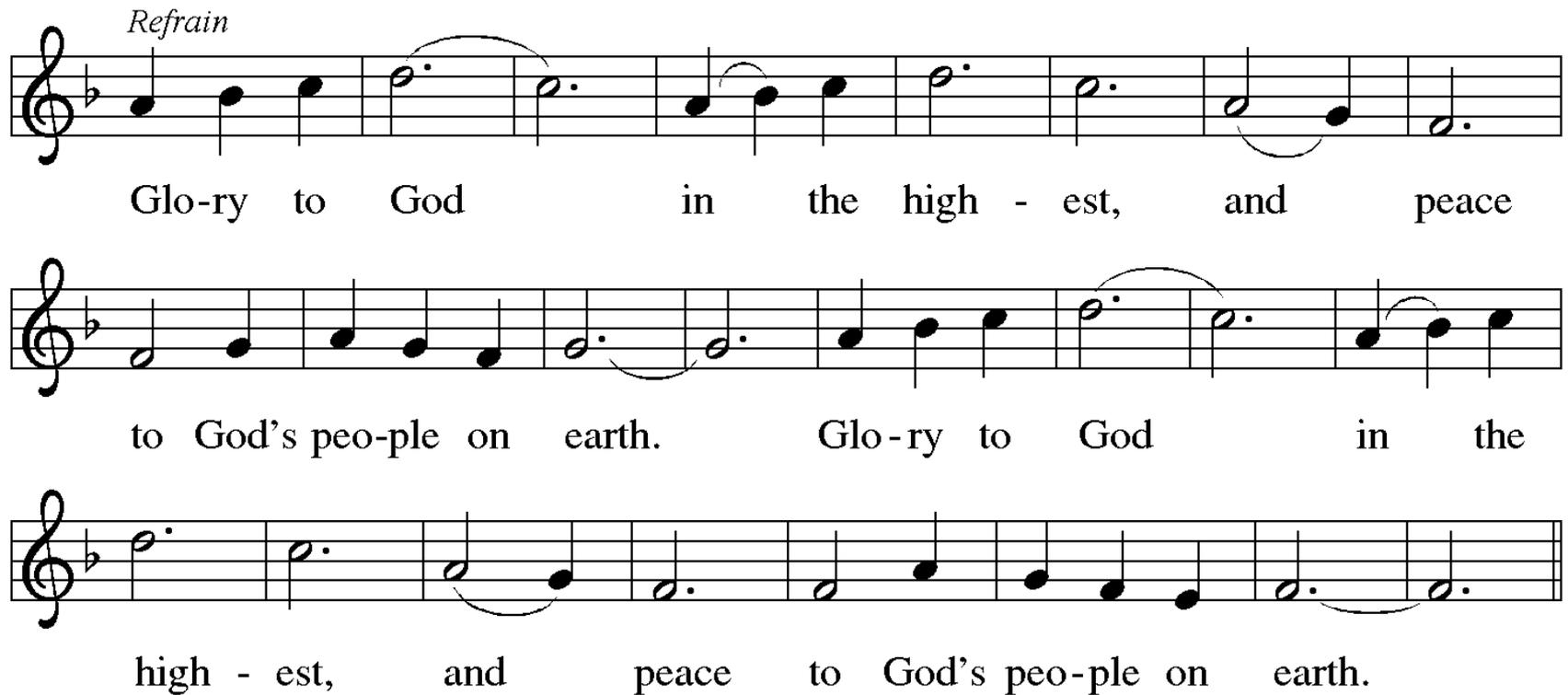
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

# Hymn of Praise

*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 and lyrics. 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.' The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes and slurs. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

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*

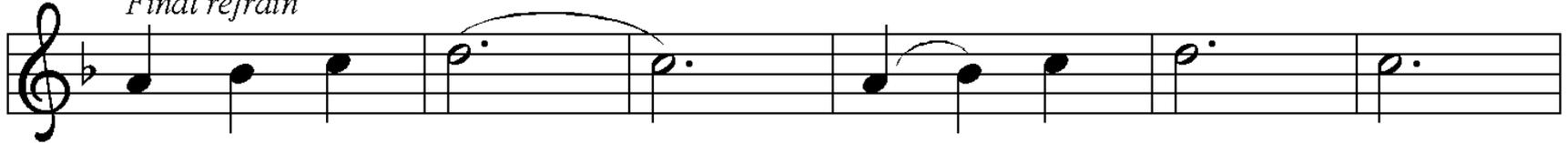


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

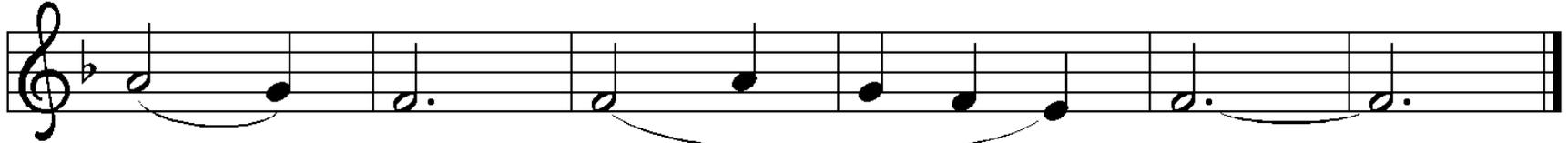


to God's peo-ple on earth.

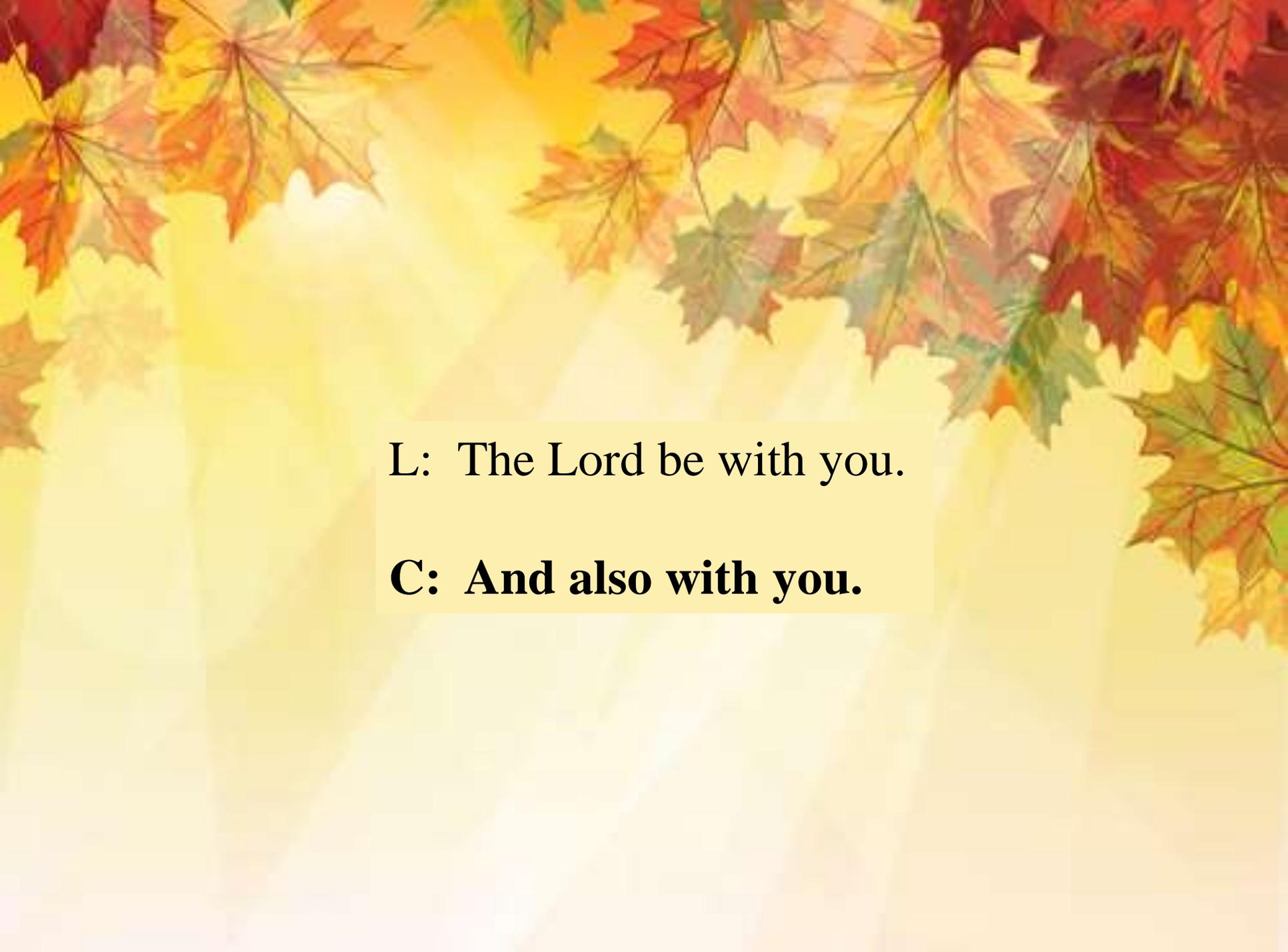
*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

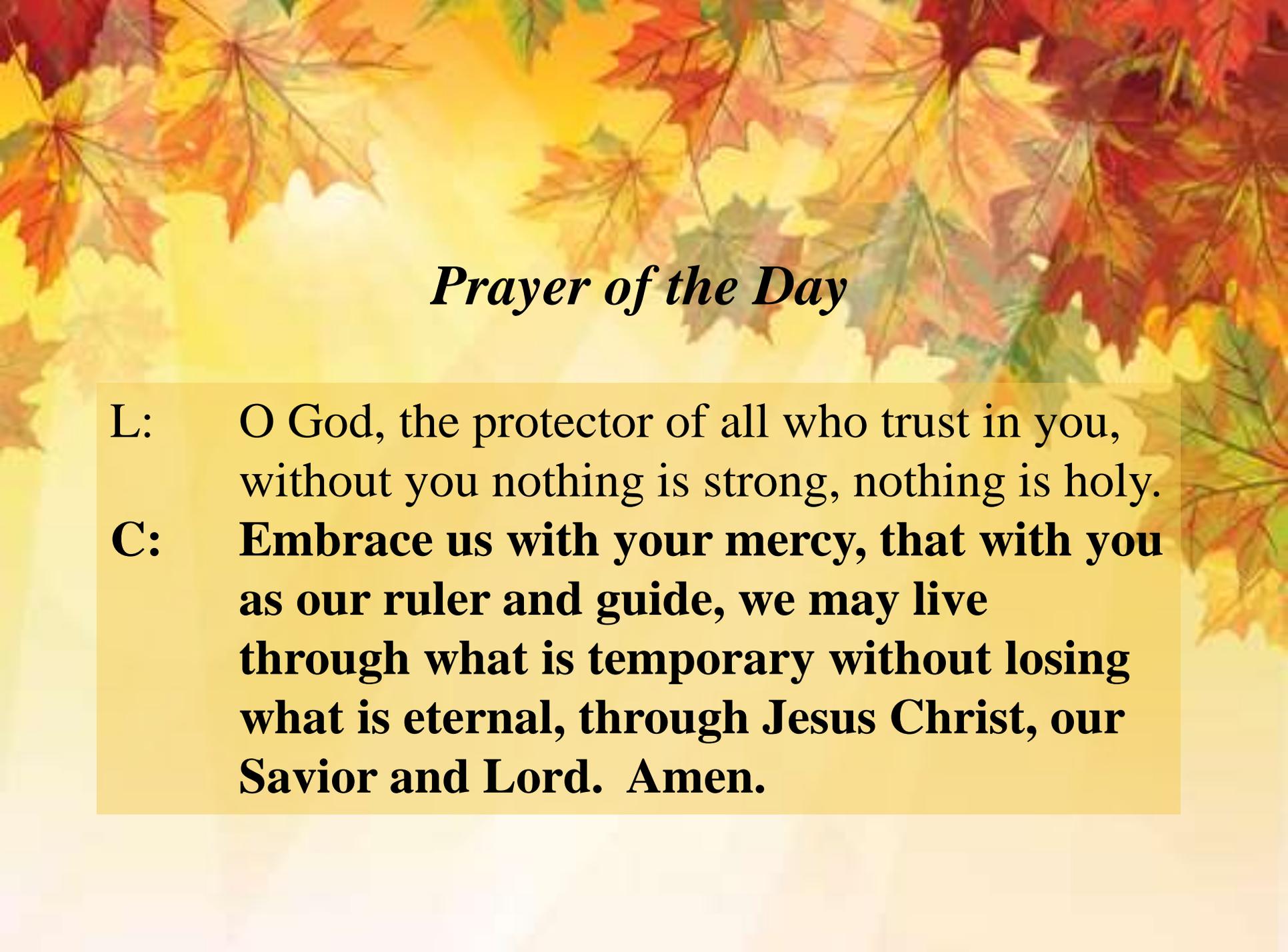


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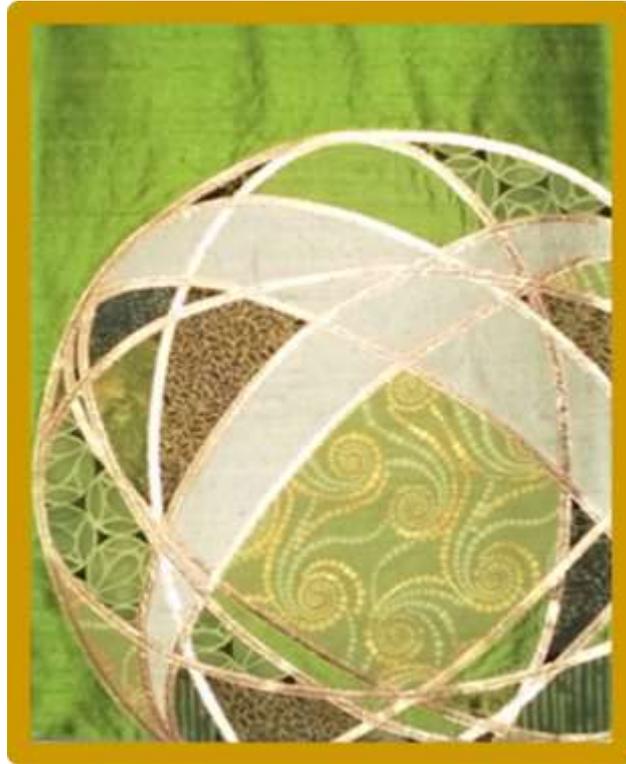
L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**



## *Prayer of the Day*

- L:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
- C:** **Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

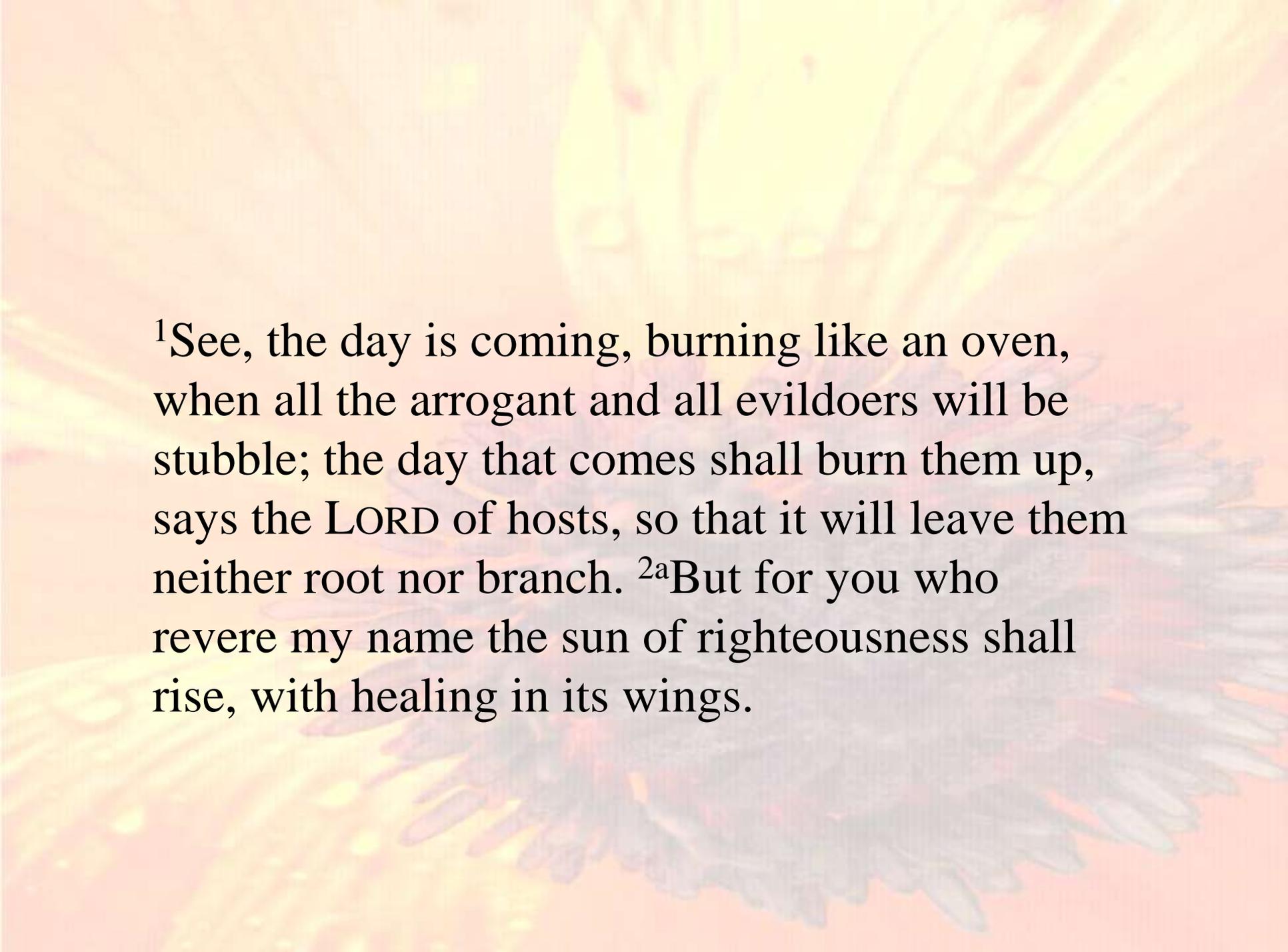


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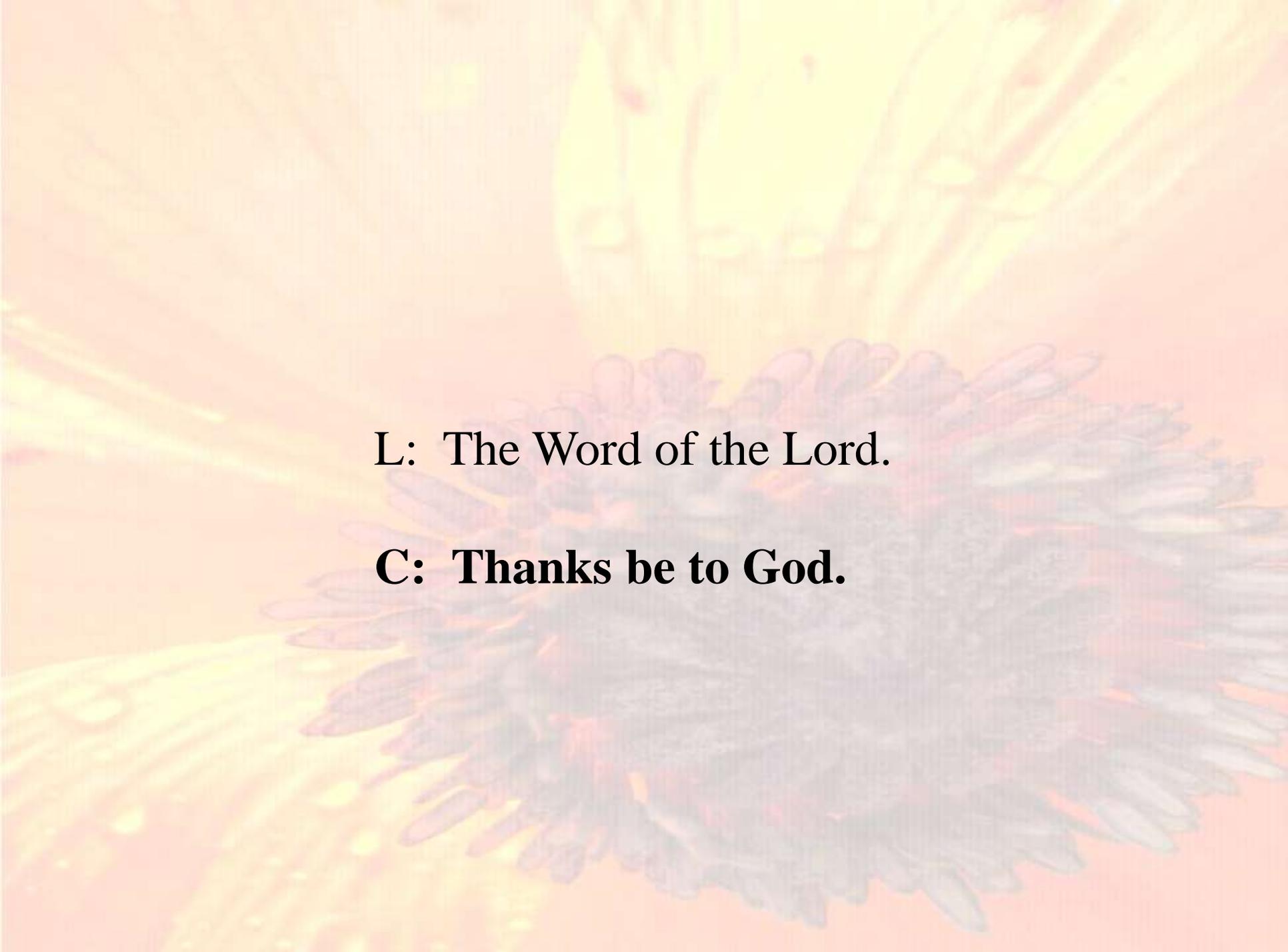
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*



<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.



L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

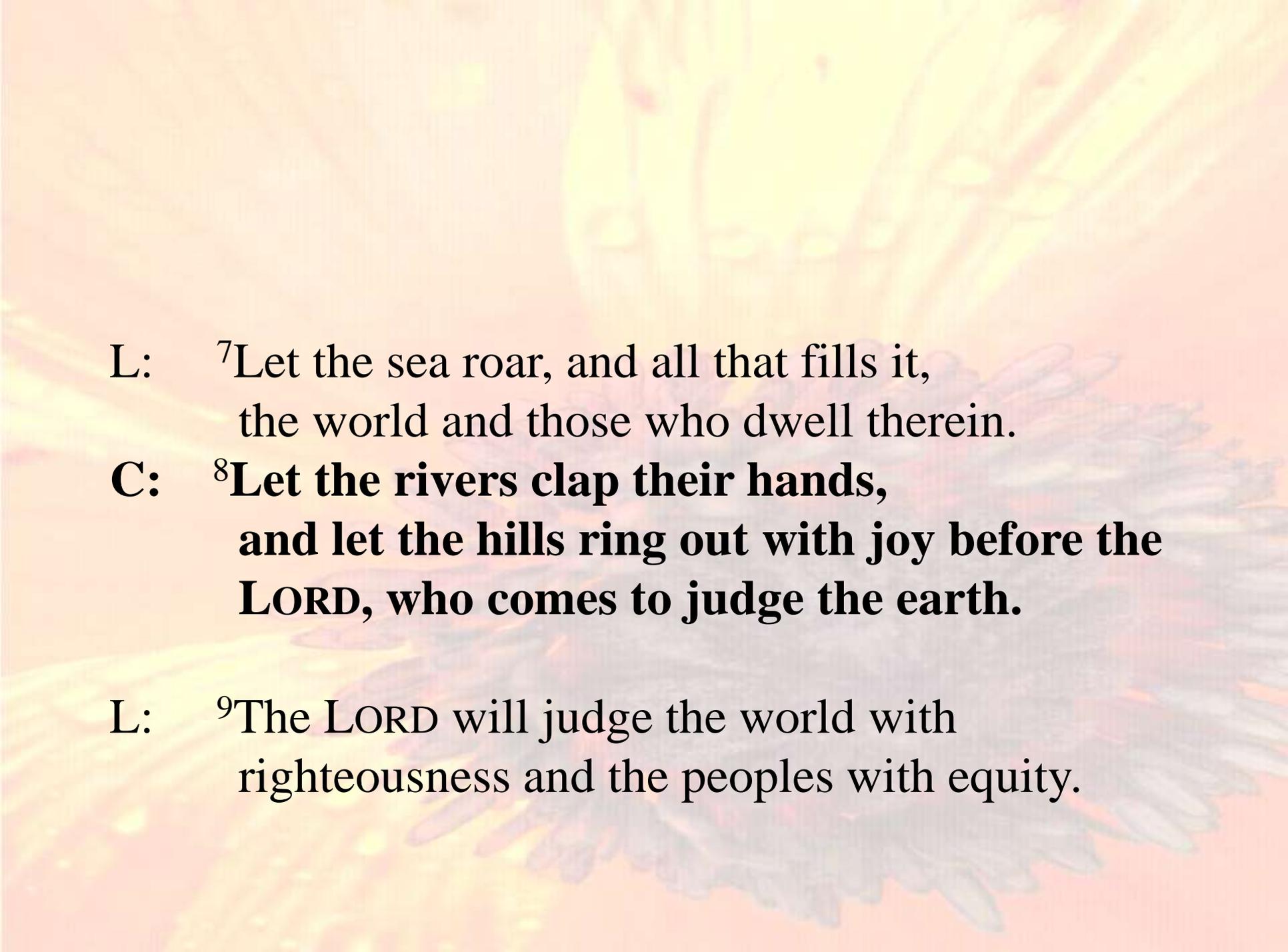
- L: <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C: <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

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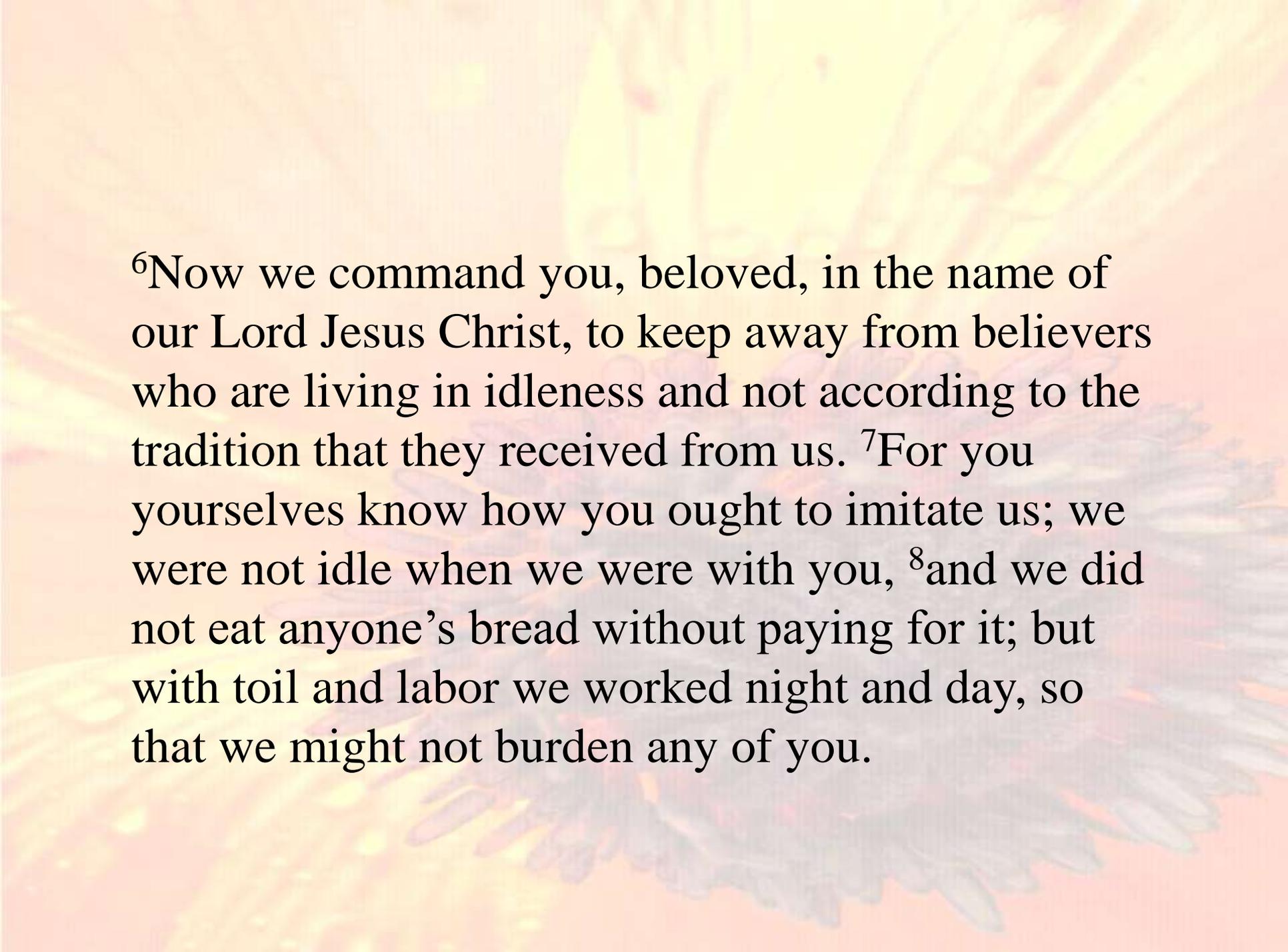
L: <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the  
LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with  
righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

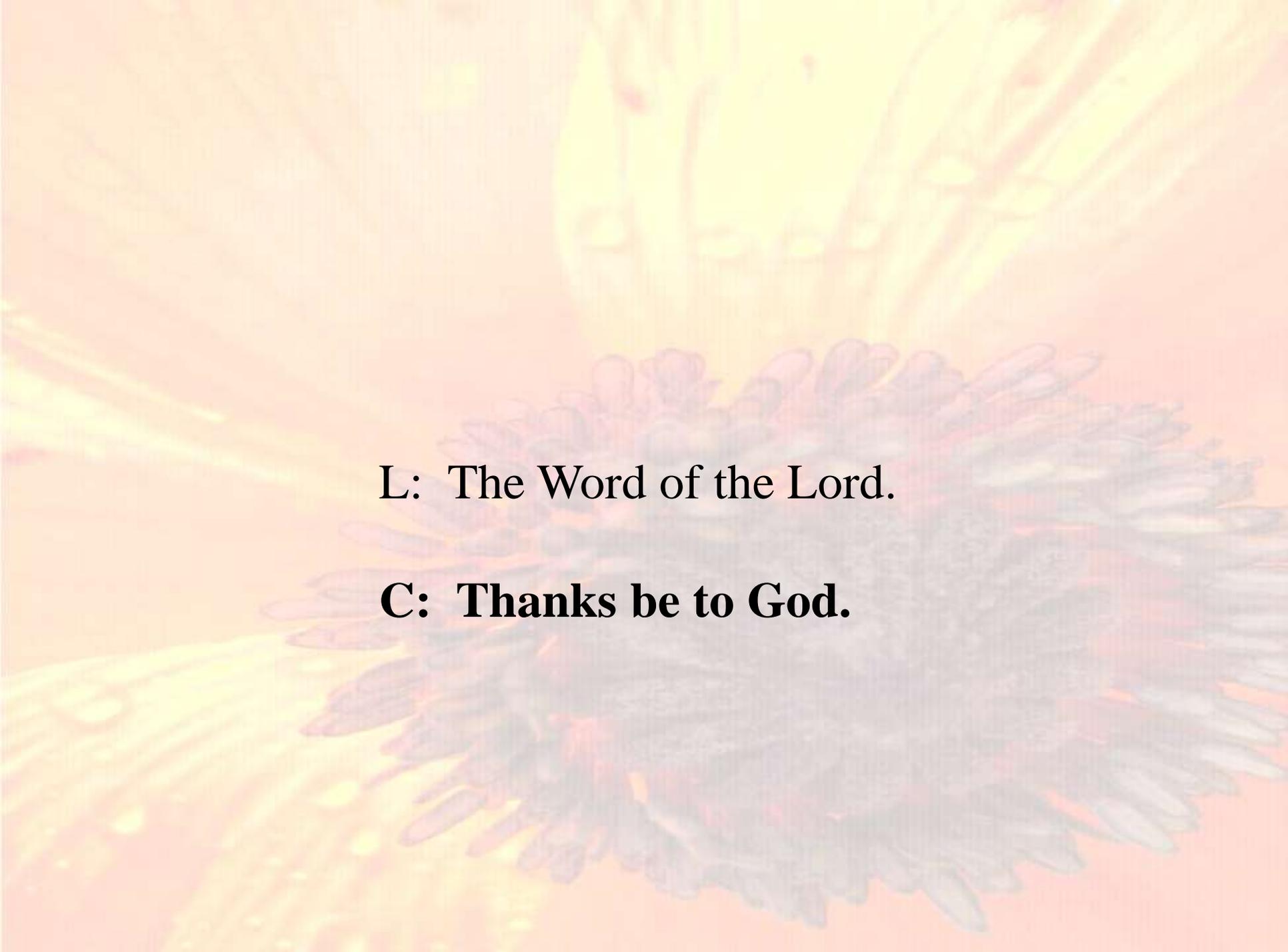
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<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

<sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

<sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.



**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# *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.

L: The Holy Gospel  
according to St. Luke,  
the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

<sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

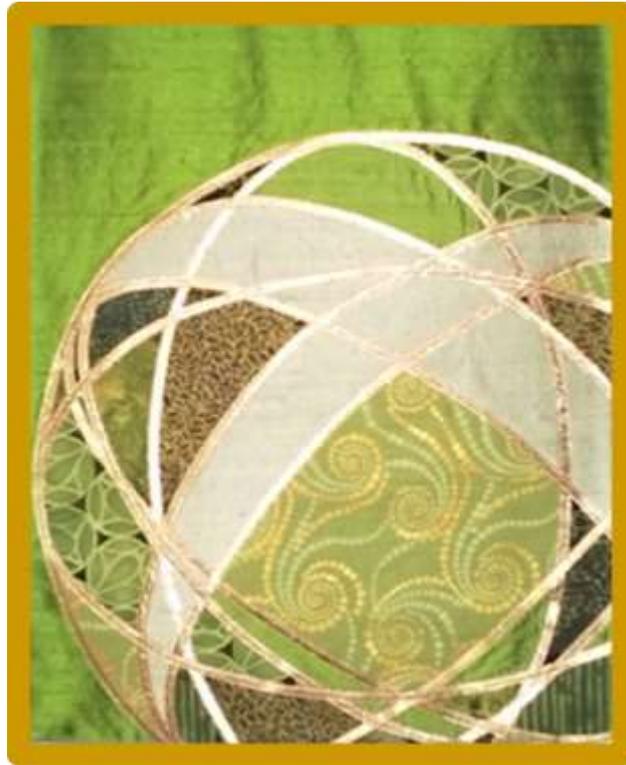
*Message*

*“How Do I Lead?”*

Pastor Hans Dahl  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, MN







**+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +**

# **Children of the Heavenly Father**

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- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2. God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4.     Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.**

## *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

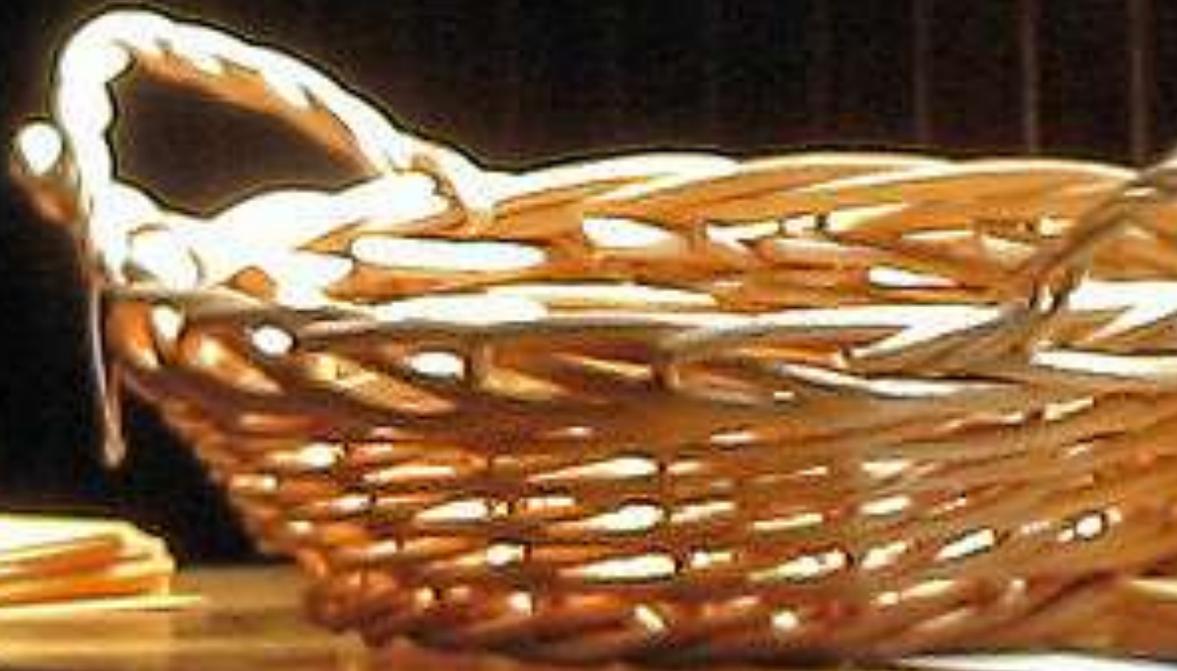
**Amen.**

*Offering*

*with*

*Choir Anthem*

“Oh Love That Will Not  
Let Me Go”



OFFERTORYS AND OFFERINGS

# When Peace Like a River

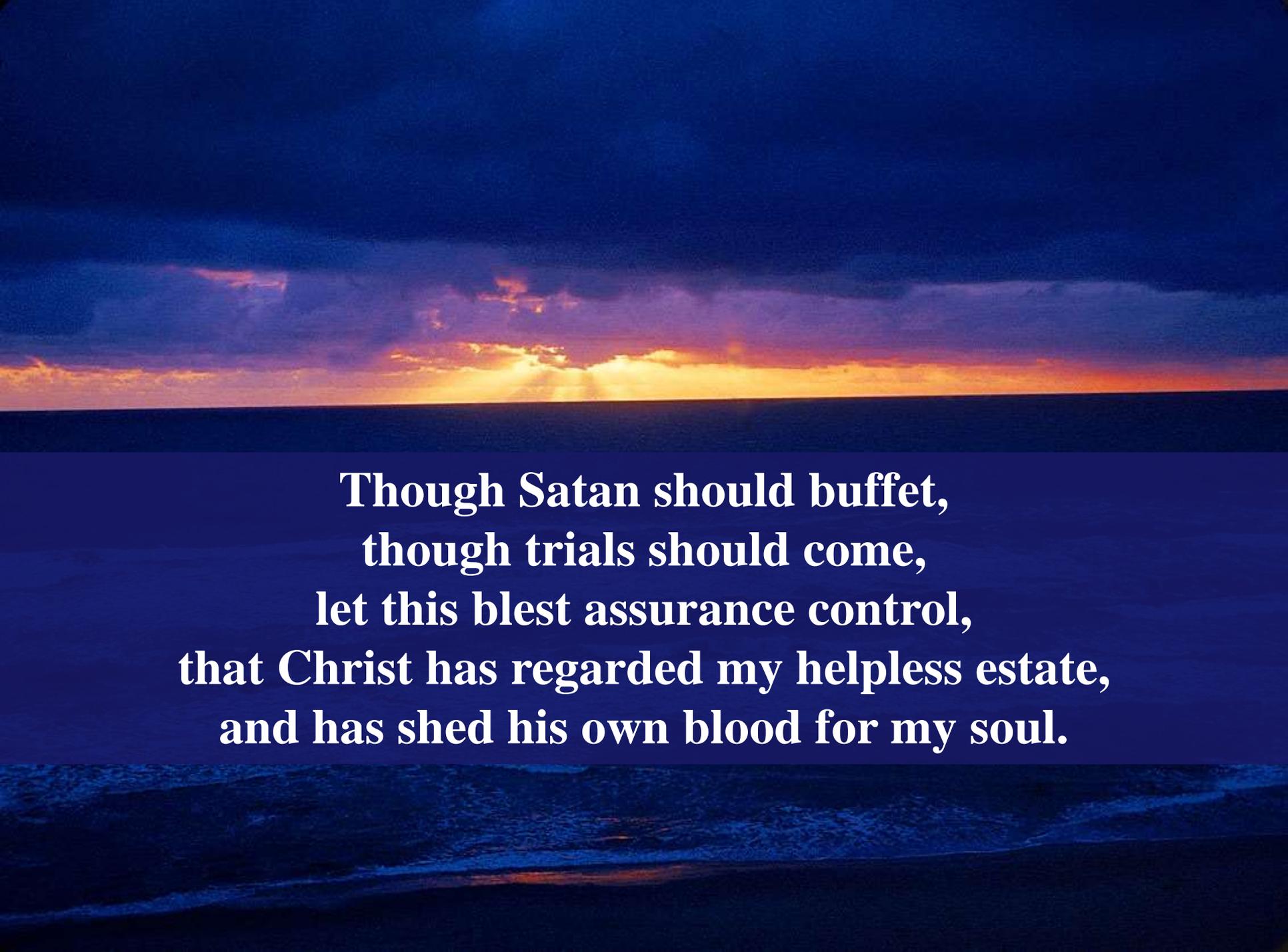
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**When peace like a river  
attendeth my way;  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is a deep, dark blue, with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon where the sun is setting. The ocean is dark blue with white-capped waves breaking in the foreground. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

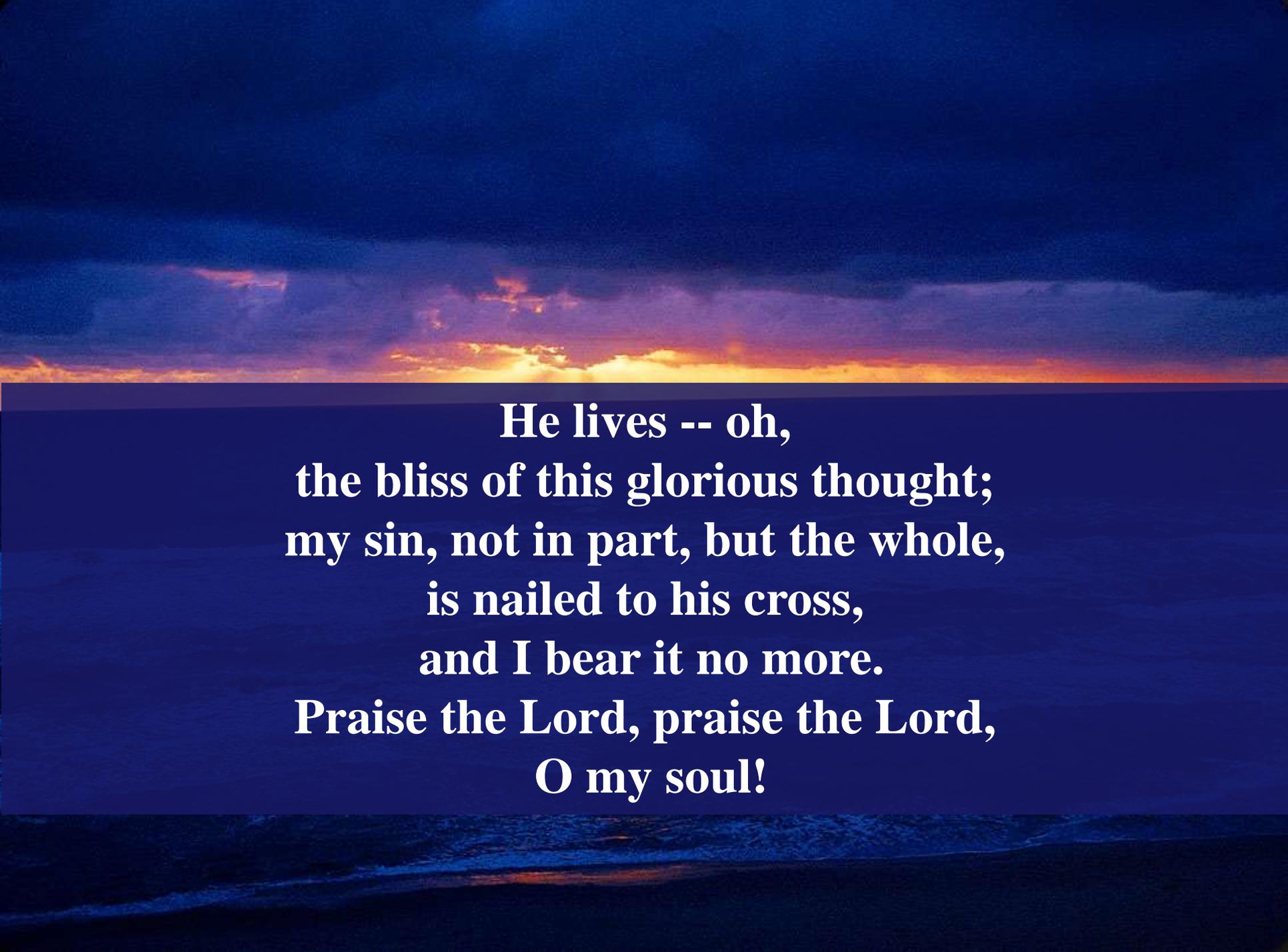
**It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**



**Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.**

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is dark blue and black, with a bright orange and yellow glow along the horizon where the sun is setting. The ocean is dark blue with white-capped waves breaking in the foreground. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

**It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**



**He lives -- oh,  
the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross,  
and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul!**

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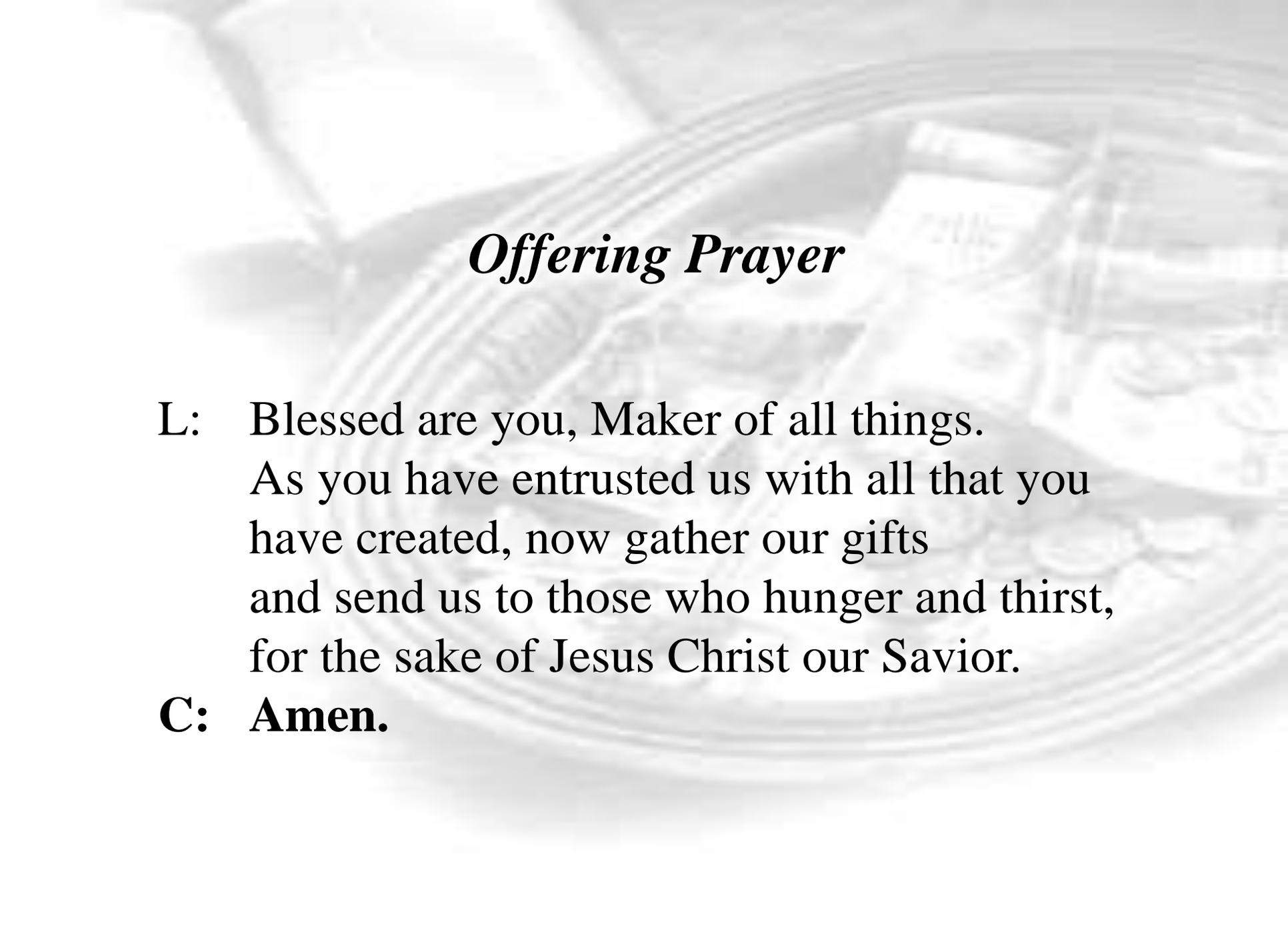
**It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**



**Lord, hasten the day  
when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound  
and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.**

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is dark blue and black, with a bright orange and yellow glow along the horizon where the sun is setting. The ocean is dark blue with white foam from waves breaking. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

**It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**



## *Offering Prayer*

**L:** Blessed are you, Maker of all things.  
As you have entrusted us with all that you  
have created, now gather our gifts  
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



## *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

**L:** Accept these prayers, gracious God,  
and those known only to you; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *The Lord's Prayer*

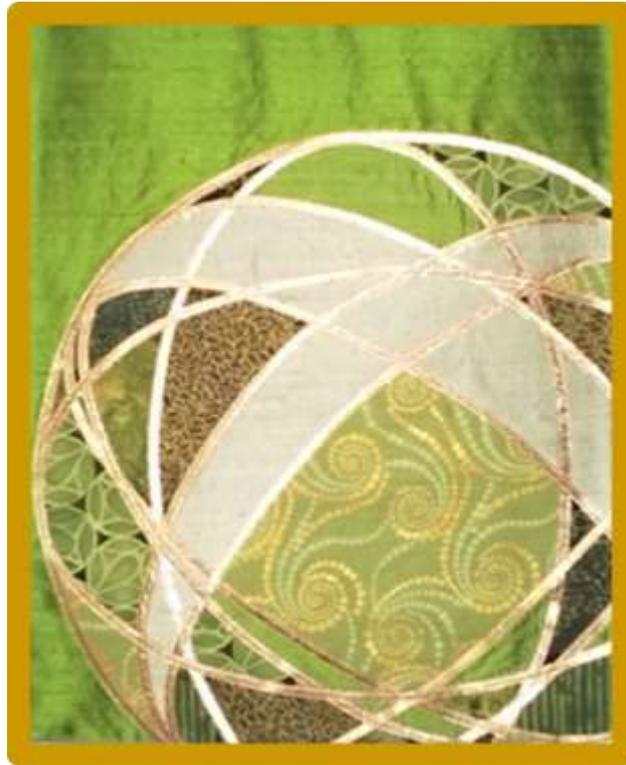
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**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.*

## *Blessing*

**L:** The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them  
good, who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *Announcements*







**Join us after the service for  
Prayer Threads Work Day  
from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

A free will offering soup and bread lunch will be available.



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 bokeh lights are scattered throughout, creating a gentle, ethereal atmosphere. The overall composition is centered and balanced, with the text clearly legible against the light background.

***Our Mission Statement***

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

# **A Mighty Fortress**

ELW #504

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- 1.           A mighty fortress is our God,  
              A sword and shield victorious;  
              he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
              and wins salvation glorious.  
              The old satanic foe  
              has sworn to work us woe!  
              With craft and dreadful might  
              he arms himself to fight.  
              On earth he has no equal.**

**2.**

**No strength of ours  
can match his might!**

**We would be lost, rejected.**

**But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be?**

**The Lord of hosts is he!**

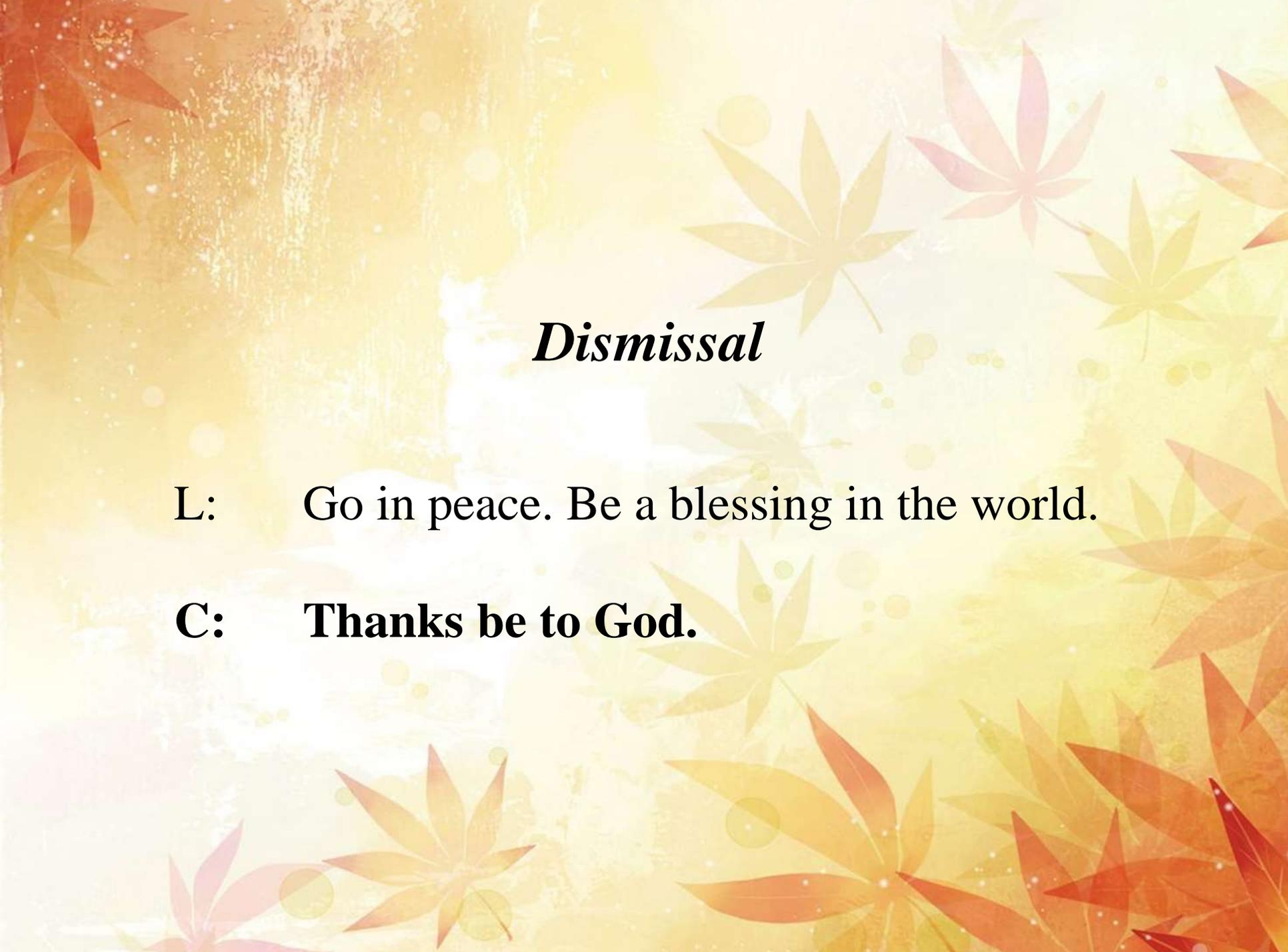
**Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,**

**God's only Son, adored.**

**He holds the field victorious.**

**3.    Though hordes of devils fill the land  
          all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
          they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
          in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**4. God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

The background features a warm, golden-yellow color palette with soft, out-of-focus bokeh lights scattered throughout. Stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and pink are scattered across the page, some appearing as faint, light-colored silhouettes and others as more vibrant, detailed shapes. The overall effect is a gentle, celebratory atmosphere.

## *Dismissal*

**L:** Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us today!*

*May God  
Bless You!*

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