

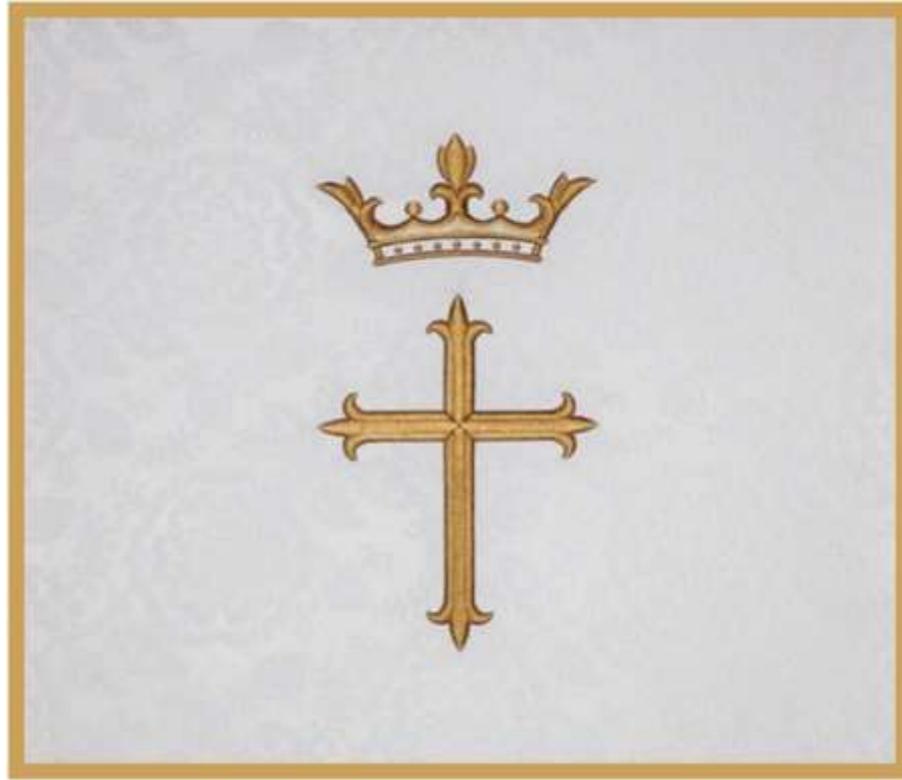


*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

Sunday, January 8, 2023 9:00 am

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+ GATHERING +

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

Welcome



Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301

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- 1. Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.**



**2. On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
 all the stars above were paling,
 all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh.**



**3. Sages from the east afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.**



**4. Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.**



**5. Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.**

**We too have a star to guide us
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.**



**6. And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**



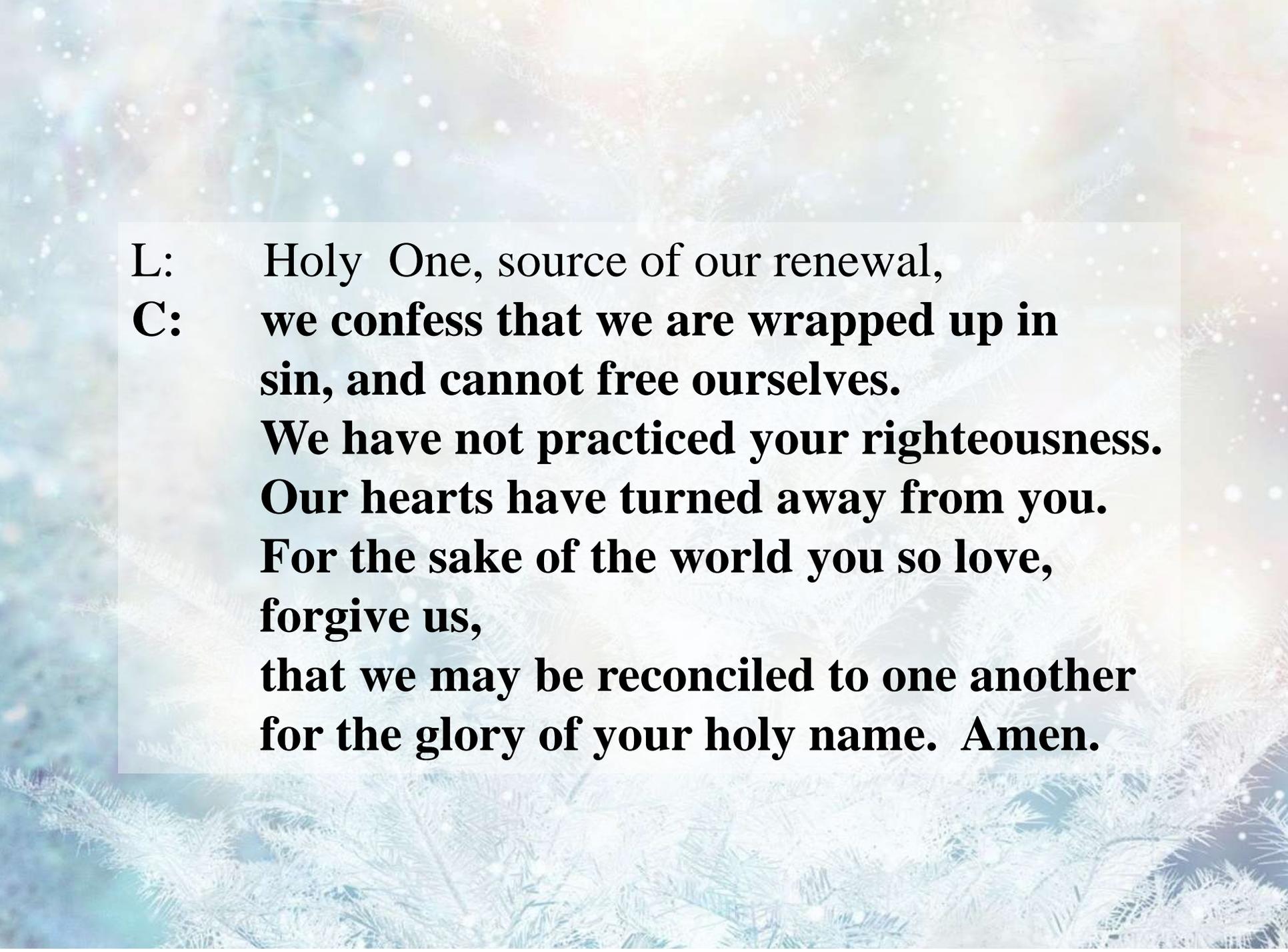
Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



L: Holy One, source of our renewal,
C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God:
“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”
God’s mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ
our Savior

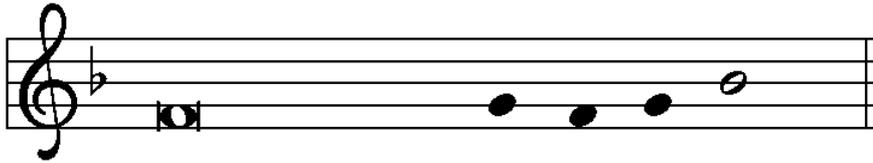
C: **Amen.**

Greeting

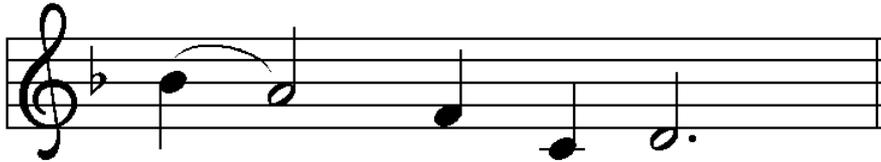
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

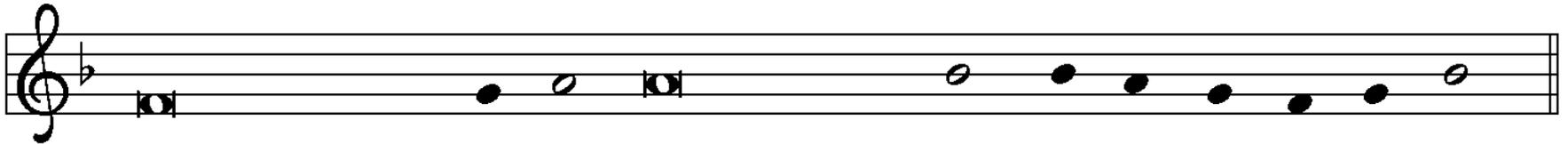
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



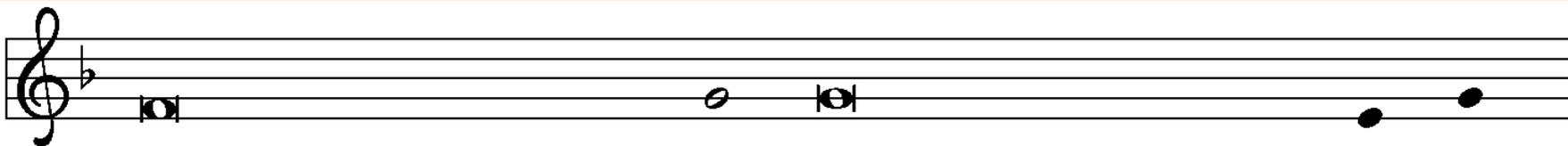
Lord, have mer - cy.



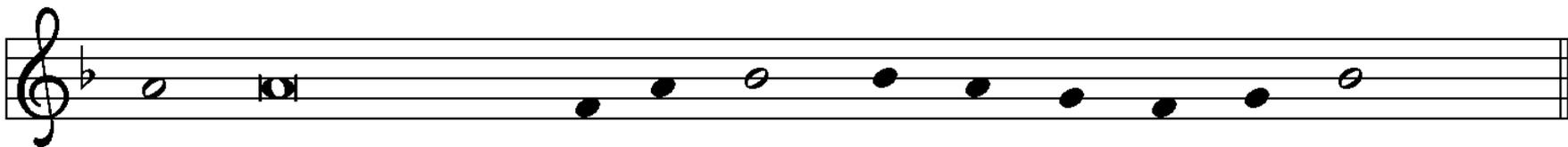
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



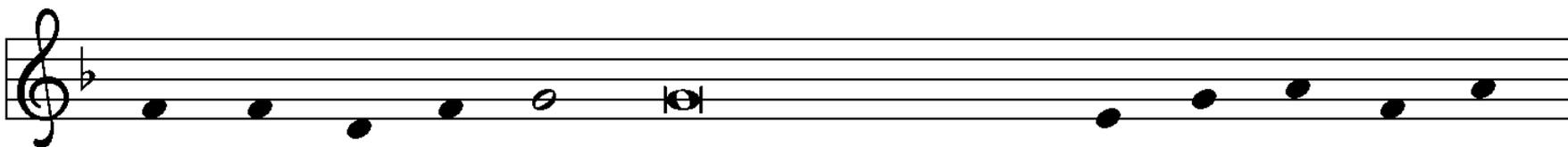
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



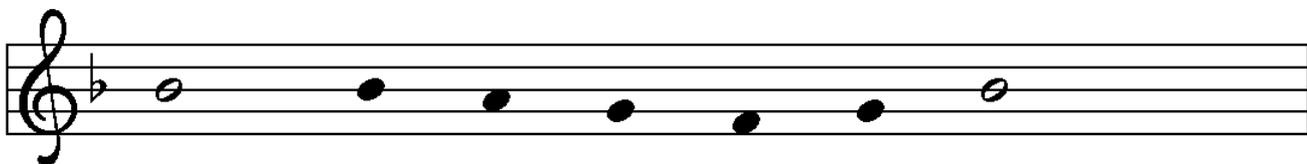
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



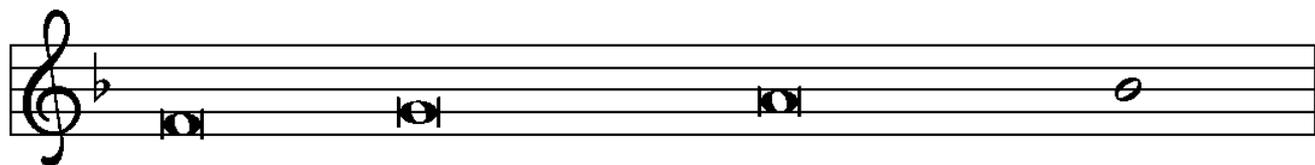
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



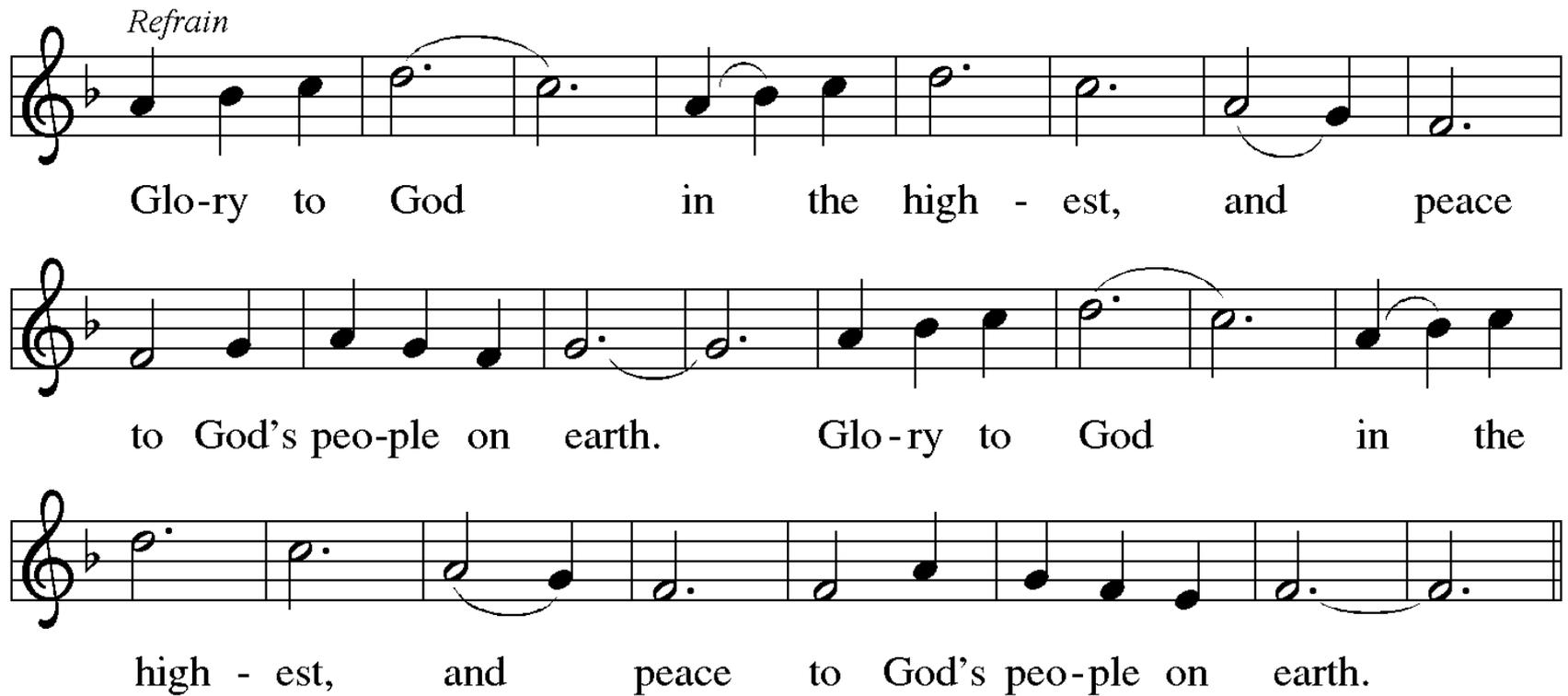
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

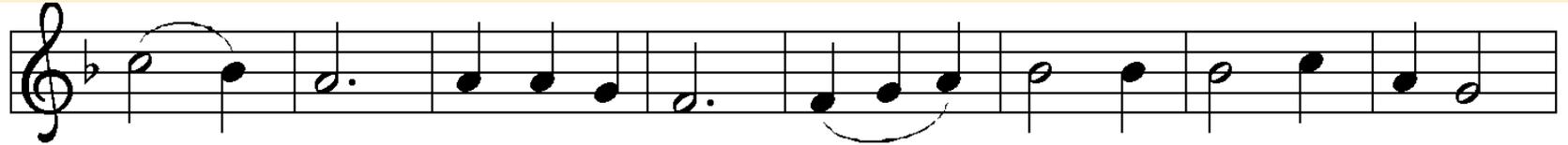
Hymn of Praise

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 for the second and third lines of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes and slurs. 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

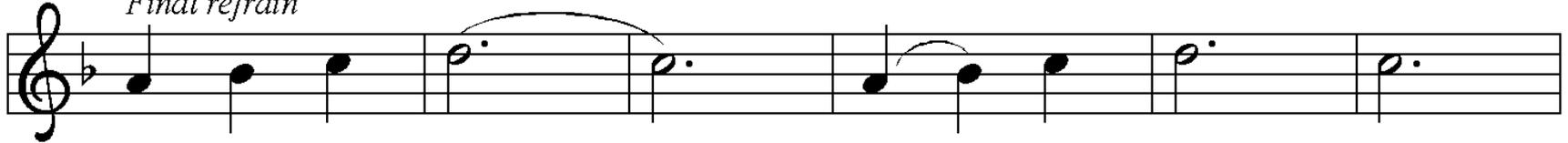


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

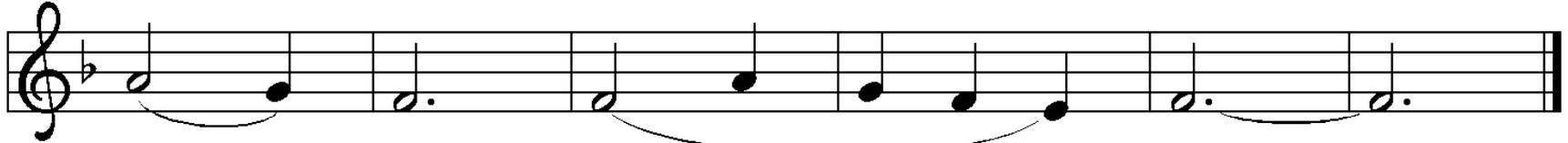


to God's peo-ple on earth.

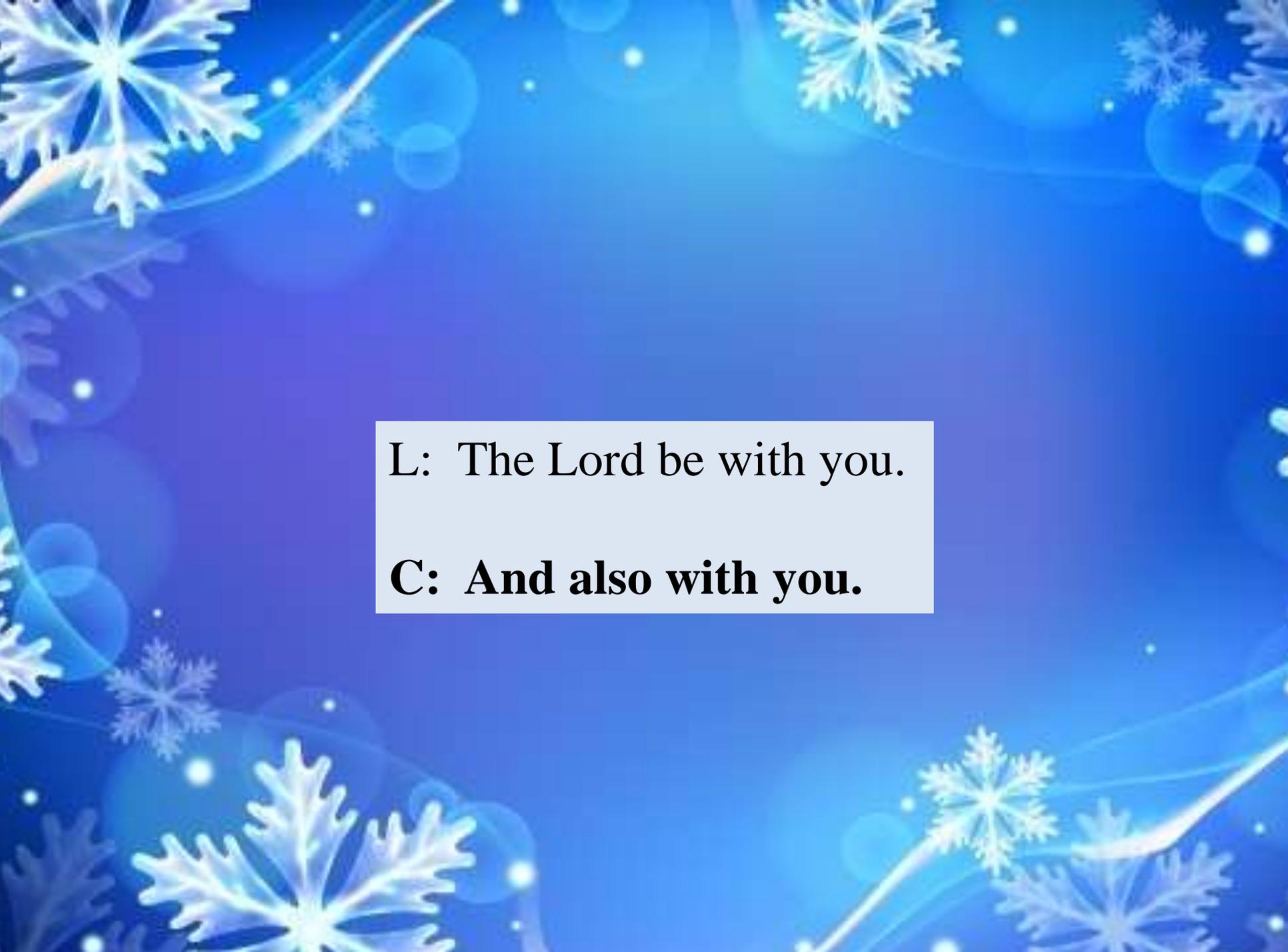
Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.



L: The Lord be with you.

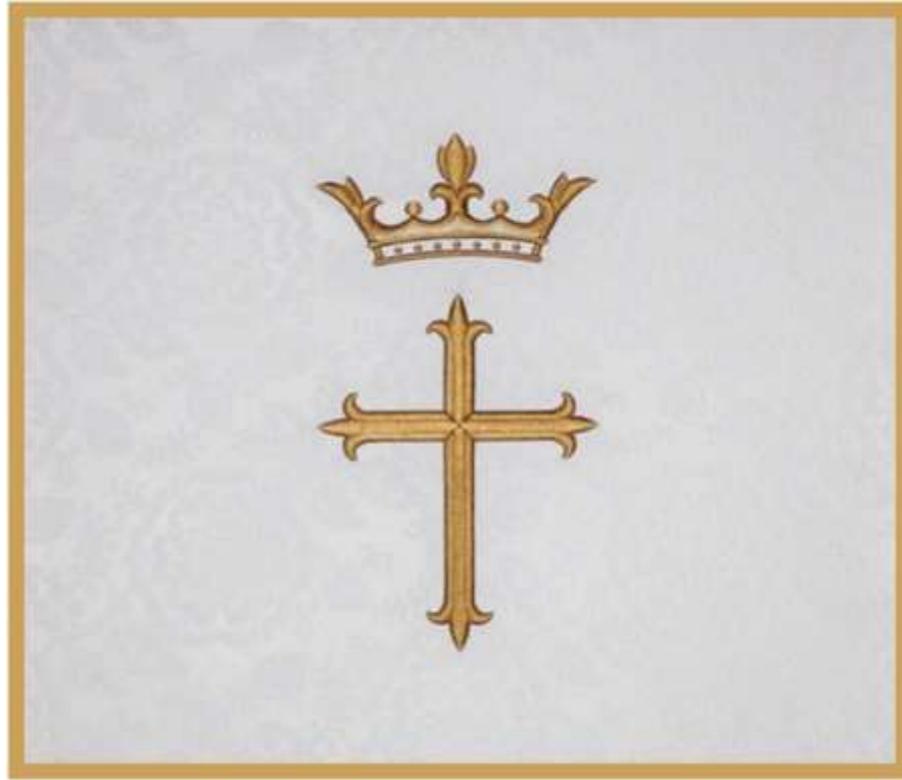
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

C: Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



+ WORD +

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

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

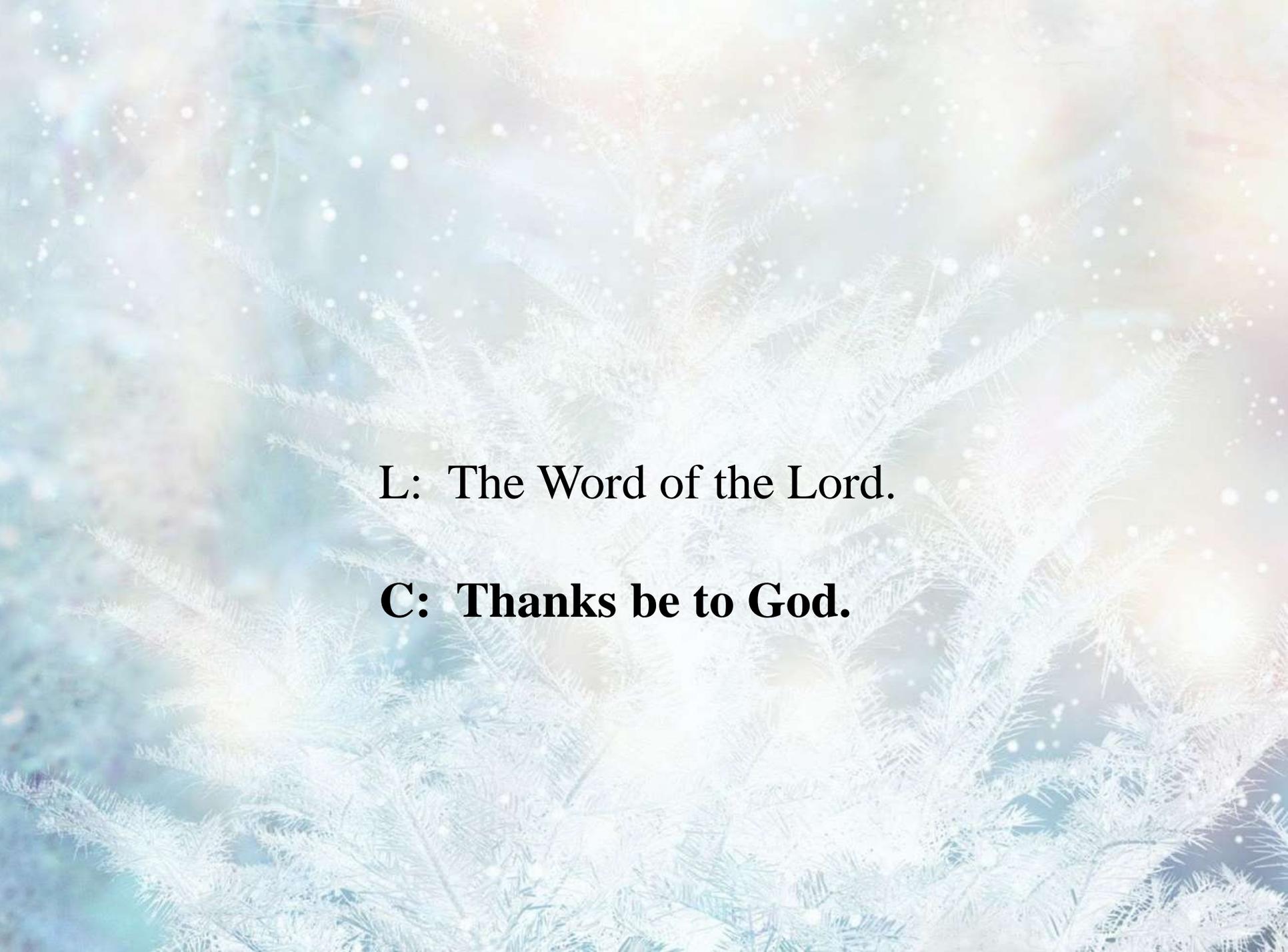
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from
it, who gives breath to the people upon it and
spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

L: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's
name; worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.**

L: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the
God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: ⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of
the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

C: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

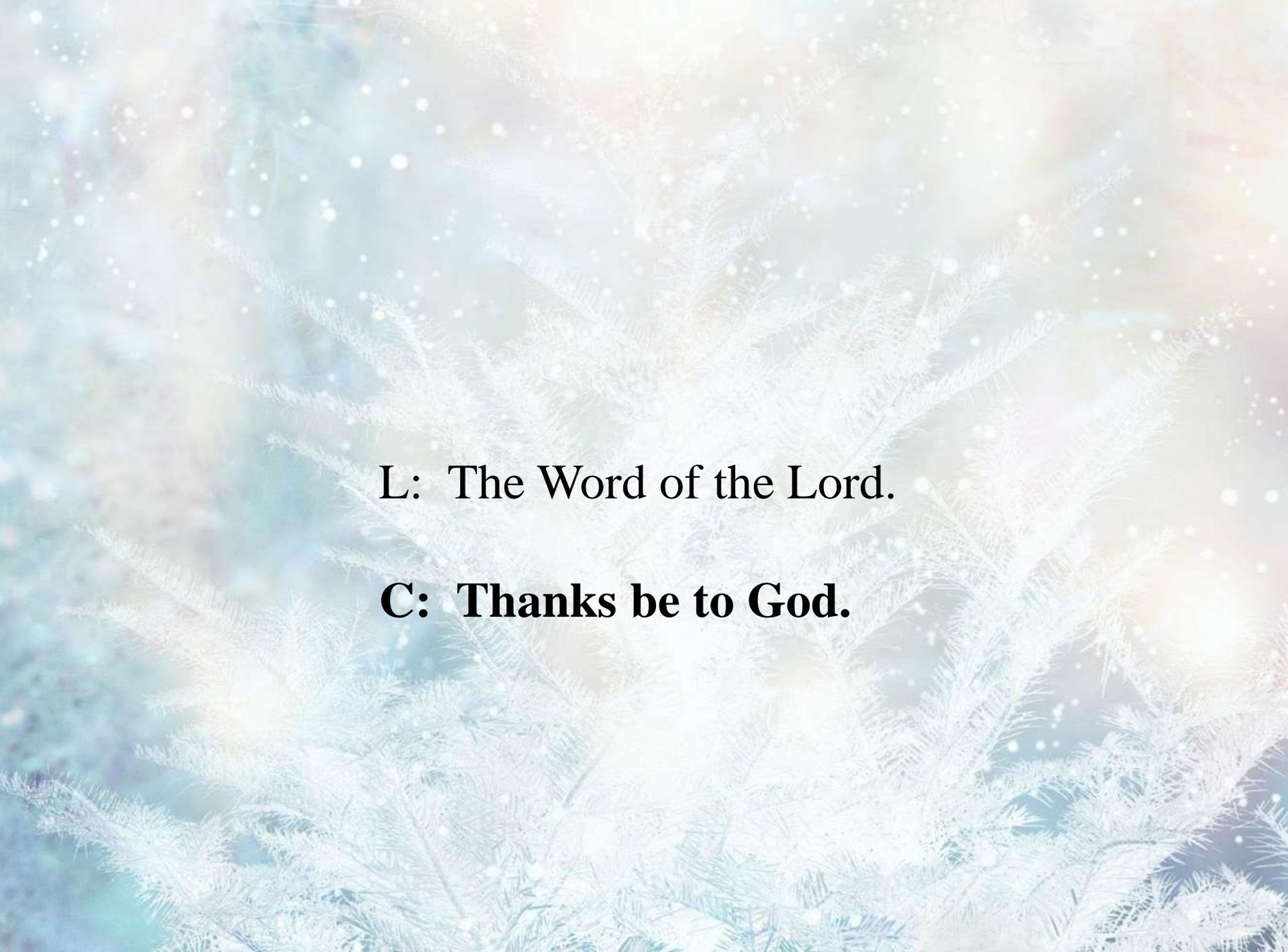
L: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



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Gospel Acclamation

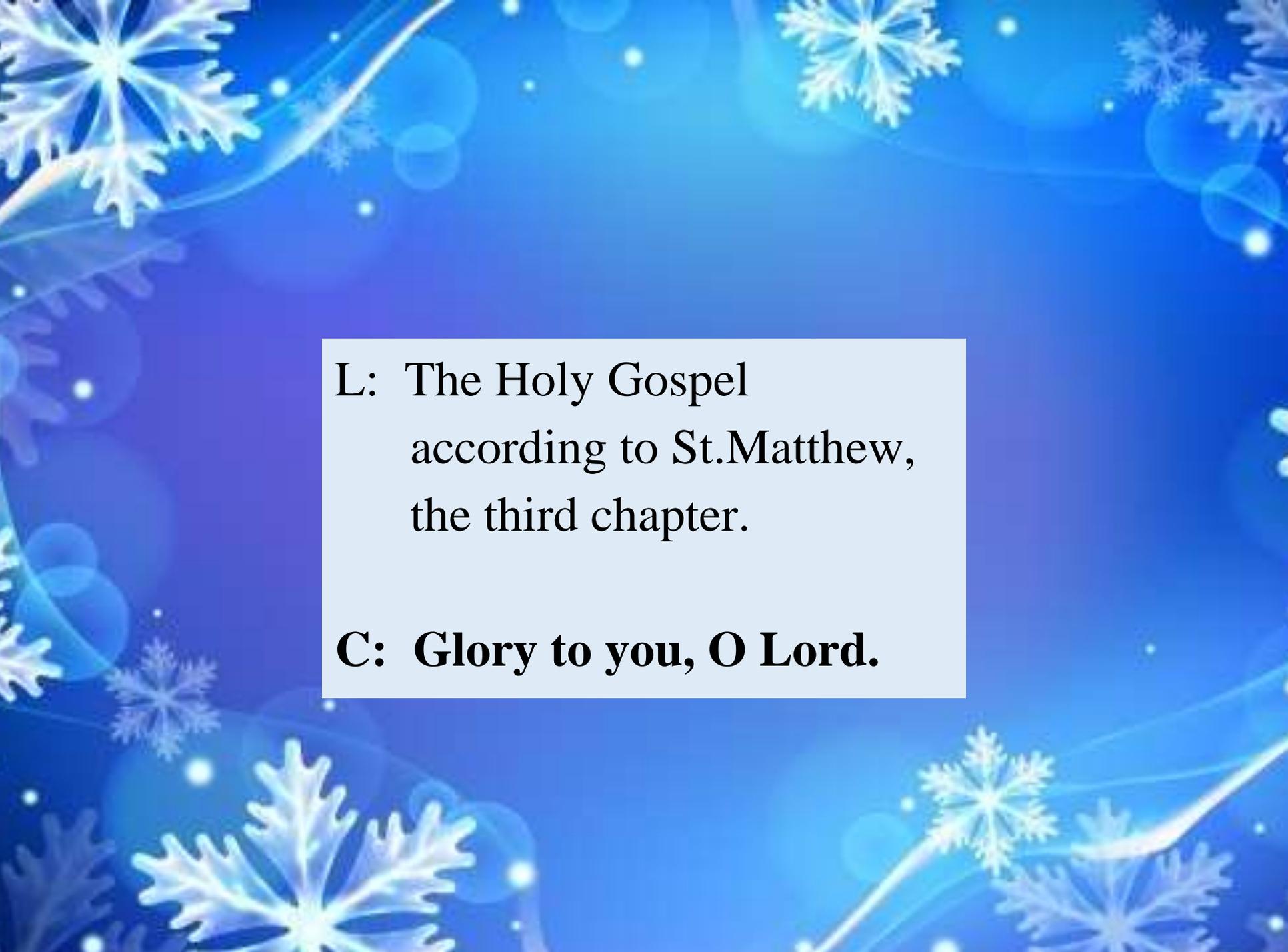
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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



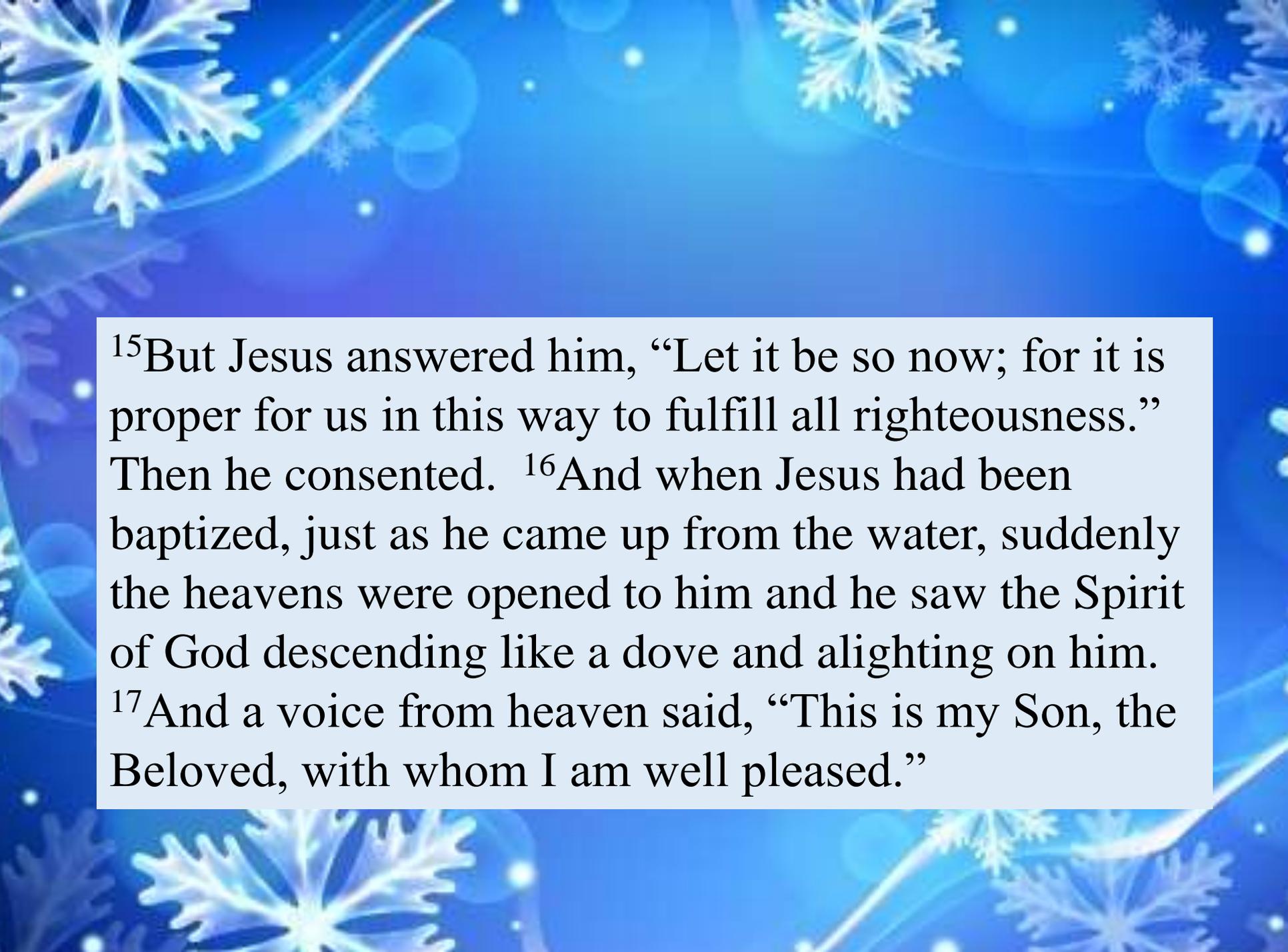
L: The Holy Gospel
according to St. Matthew,
the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

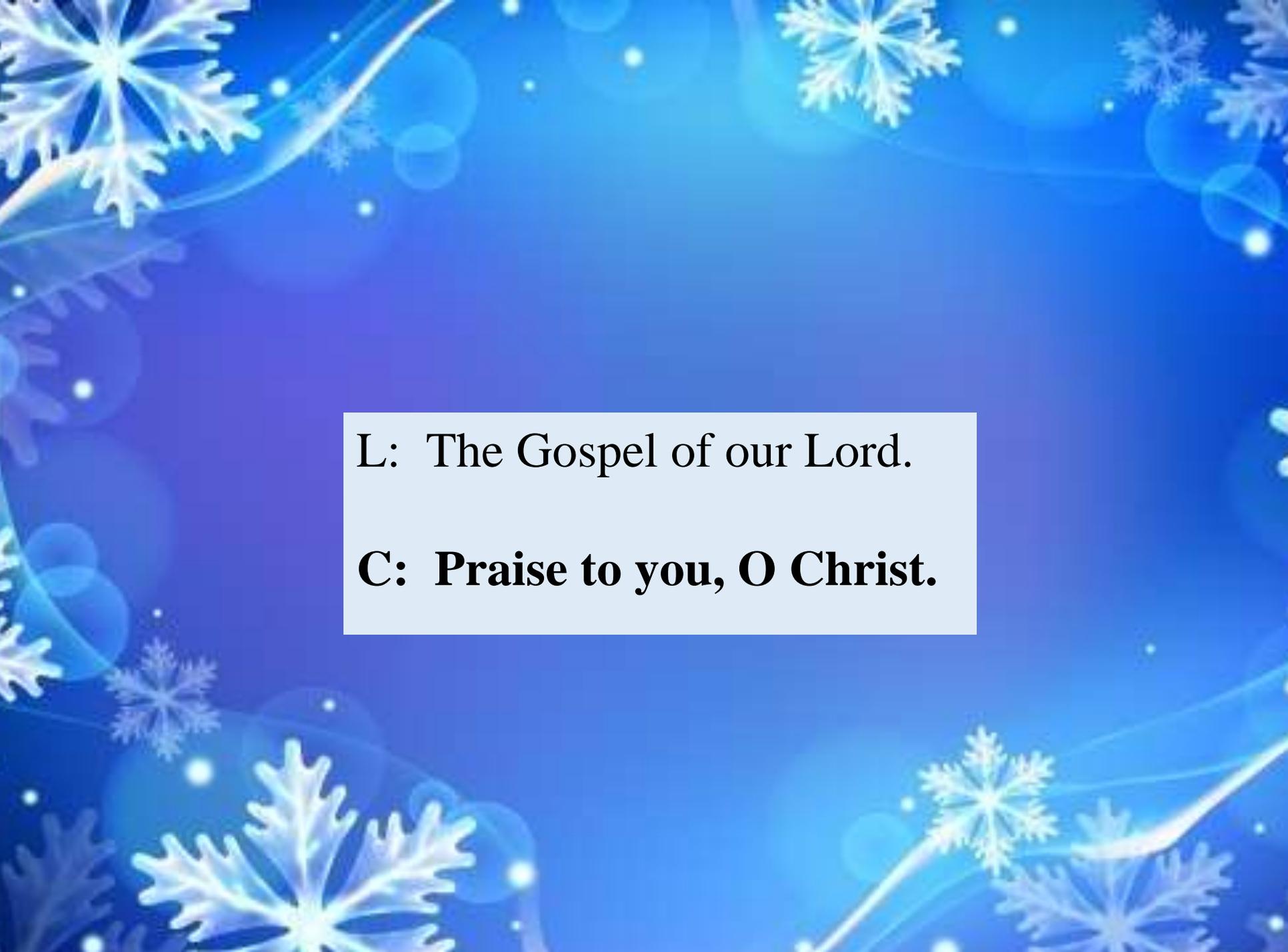
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"



¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”



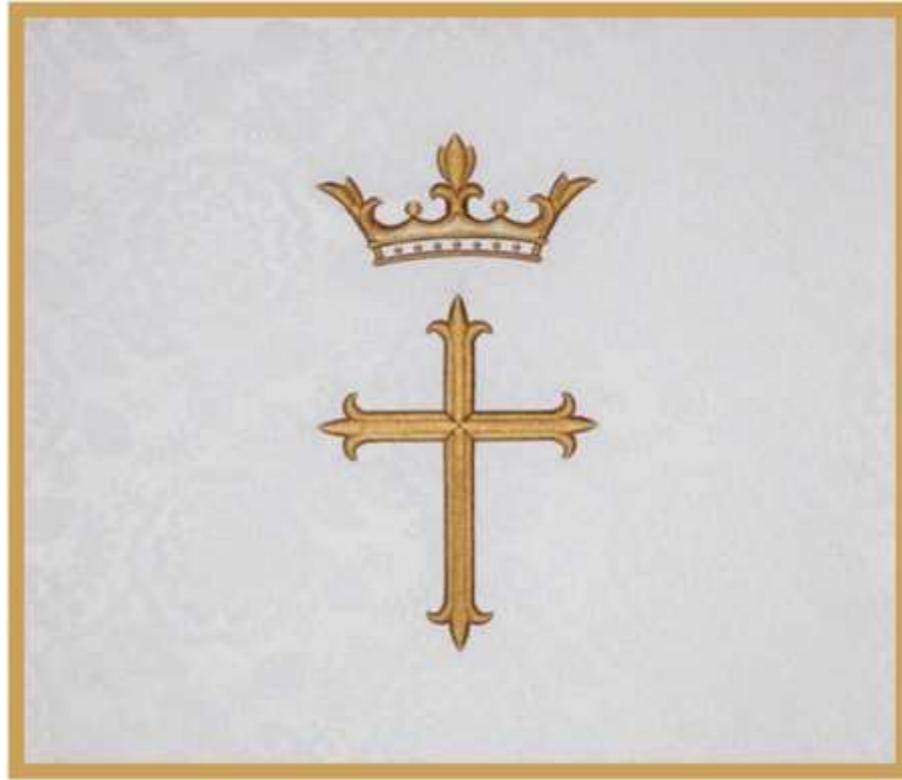
L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

“Let It Shine”





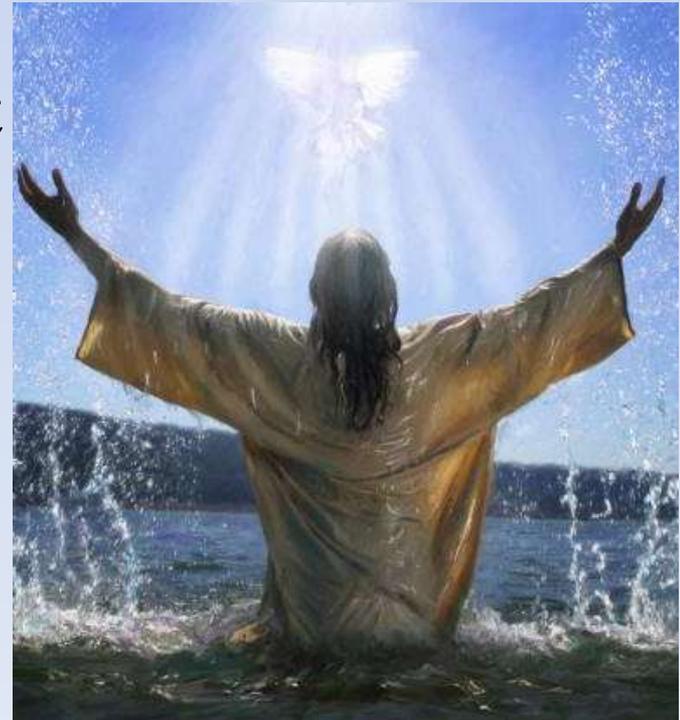
+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

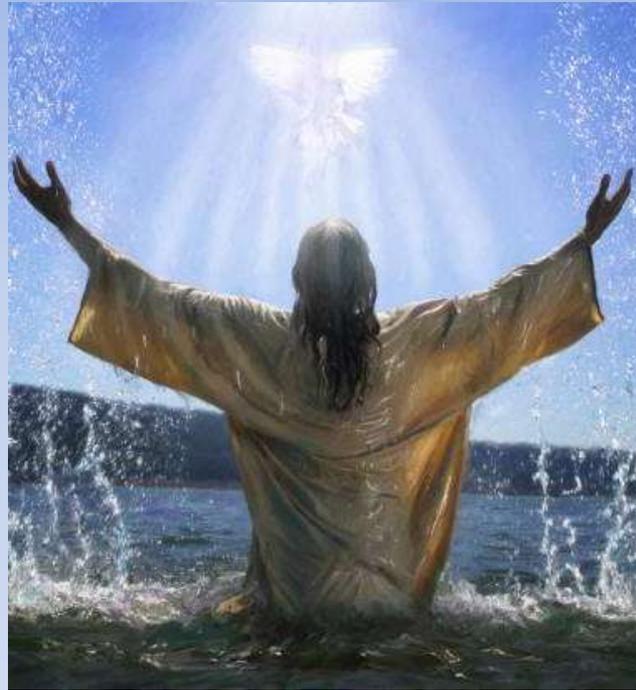
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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- 1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.**

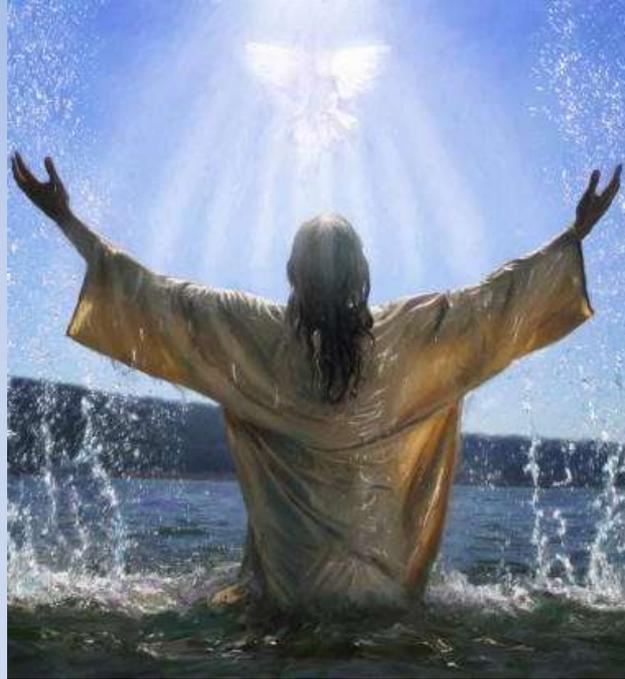




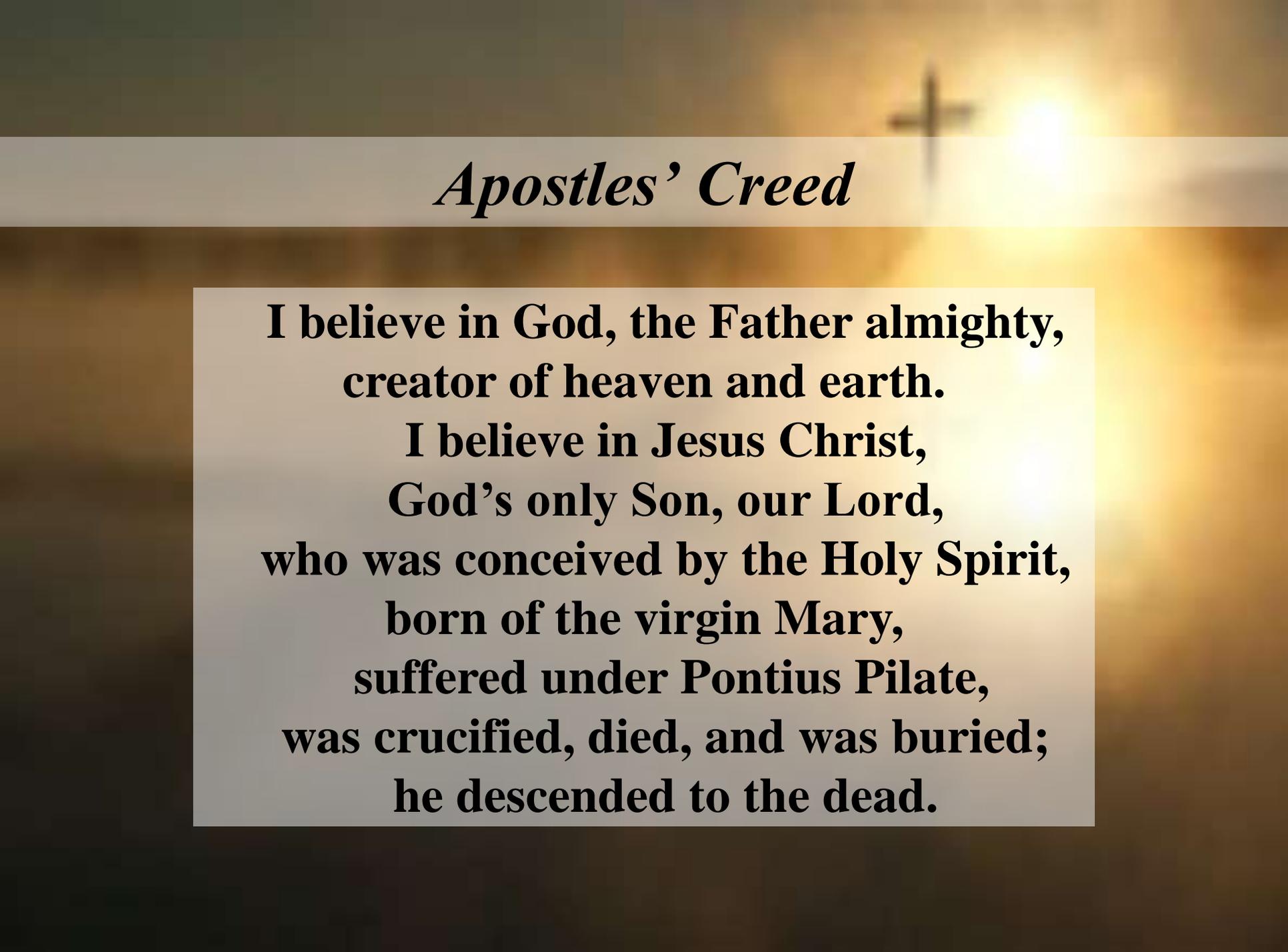
- 2. God called you, “My beloved Son”;
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**



- 3. Straight-way and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.**



- 4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.**



Apostles' Creed

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

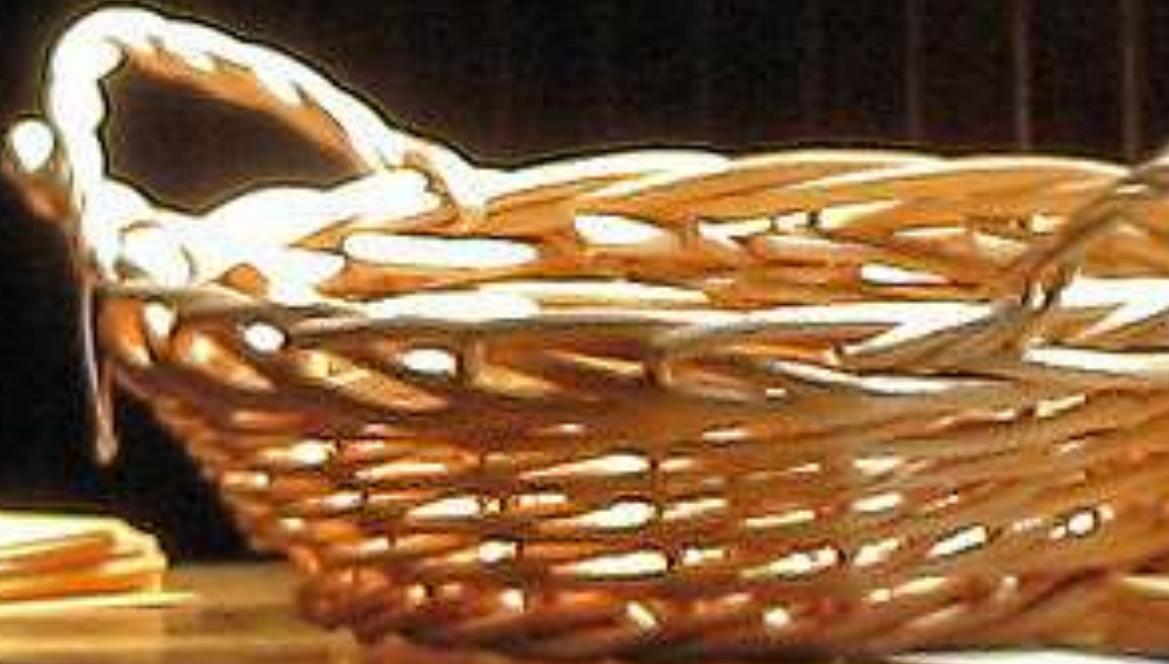
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**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



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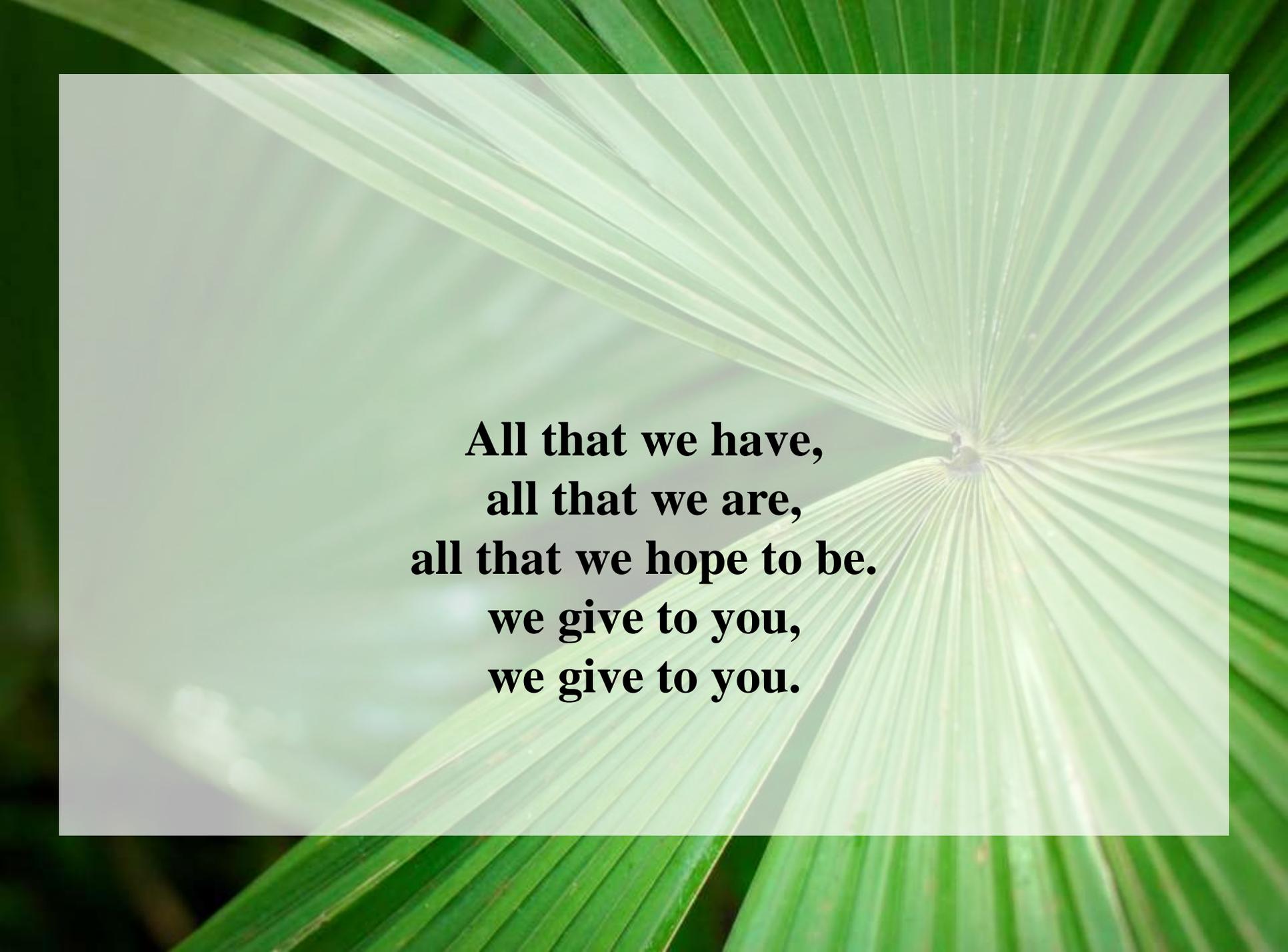
We Are an Offering

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**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you,
we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
We are an offering.**



**All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be.
we give to you,
we give to you.**

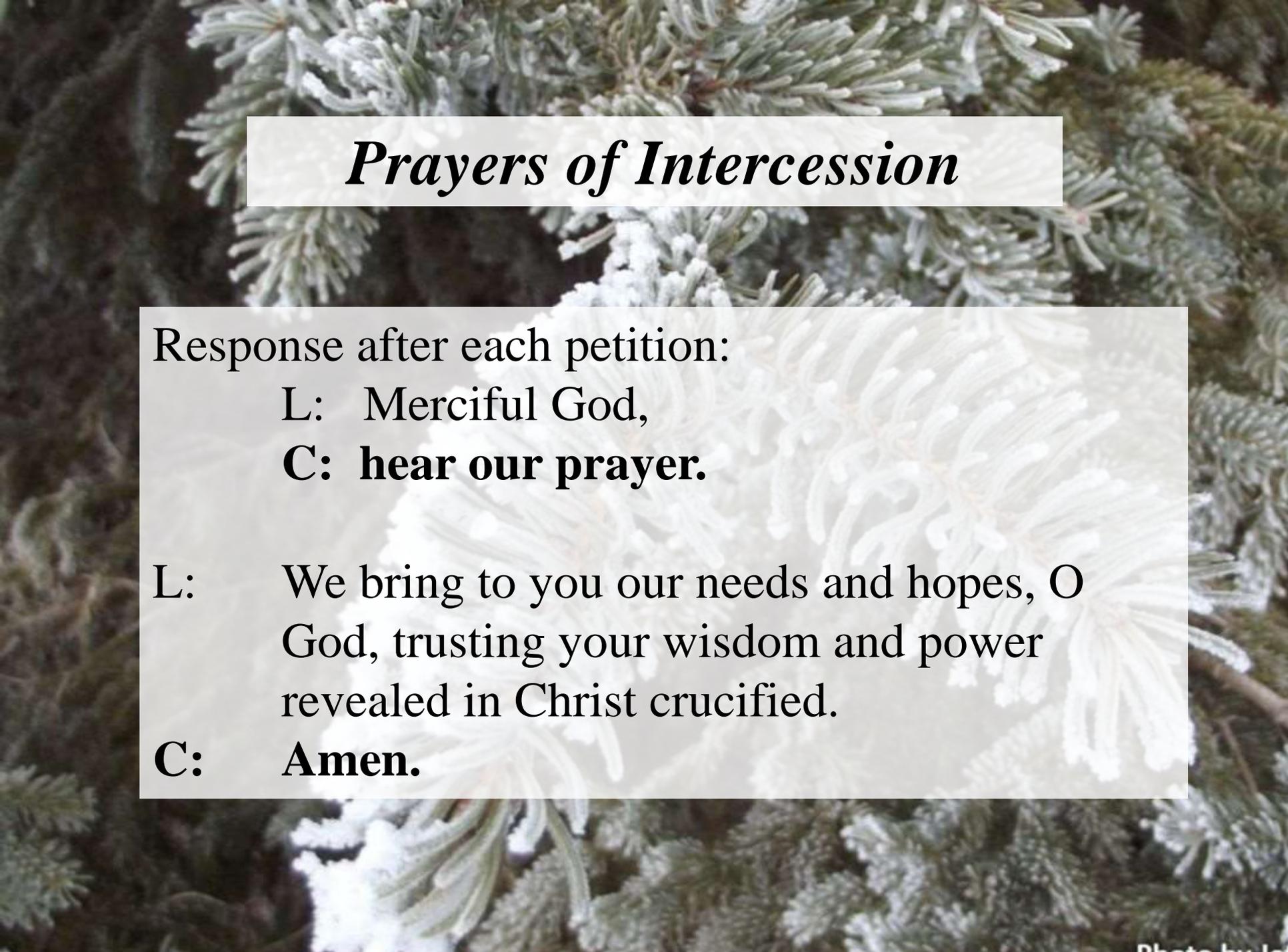


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we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering,
we are an offering.**

Offering Prayer

L: Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and
freedom. You we magnify and adore, through
Jesus our Savior,

C: **Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

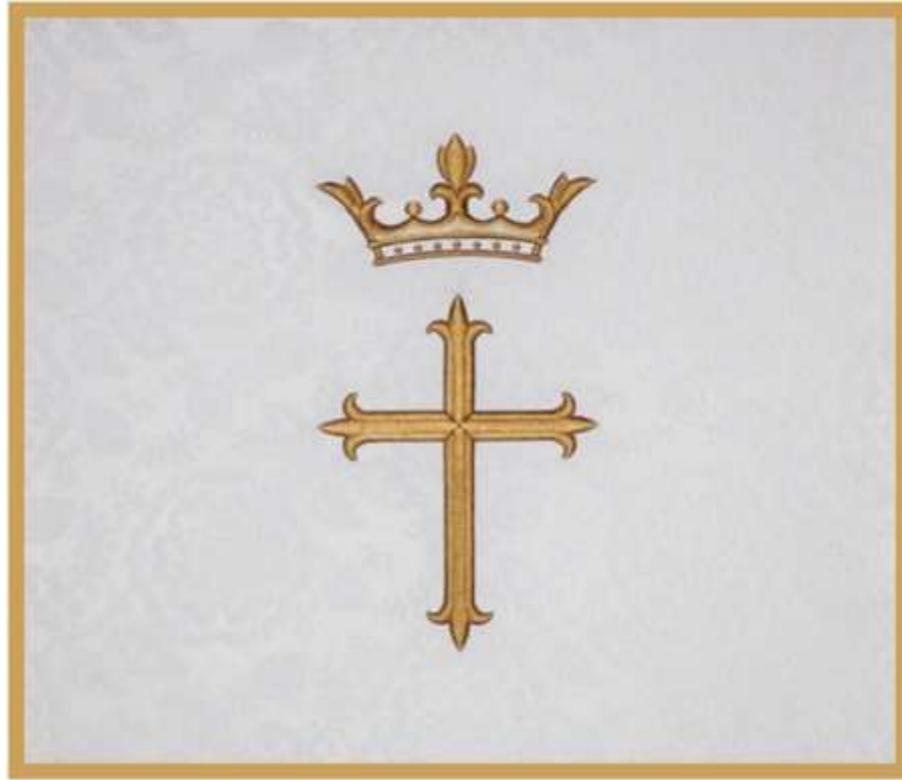
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**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.**

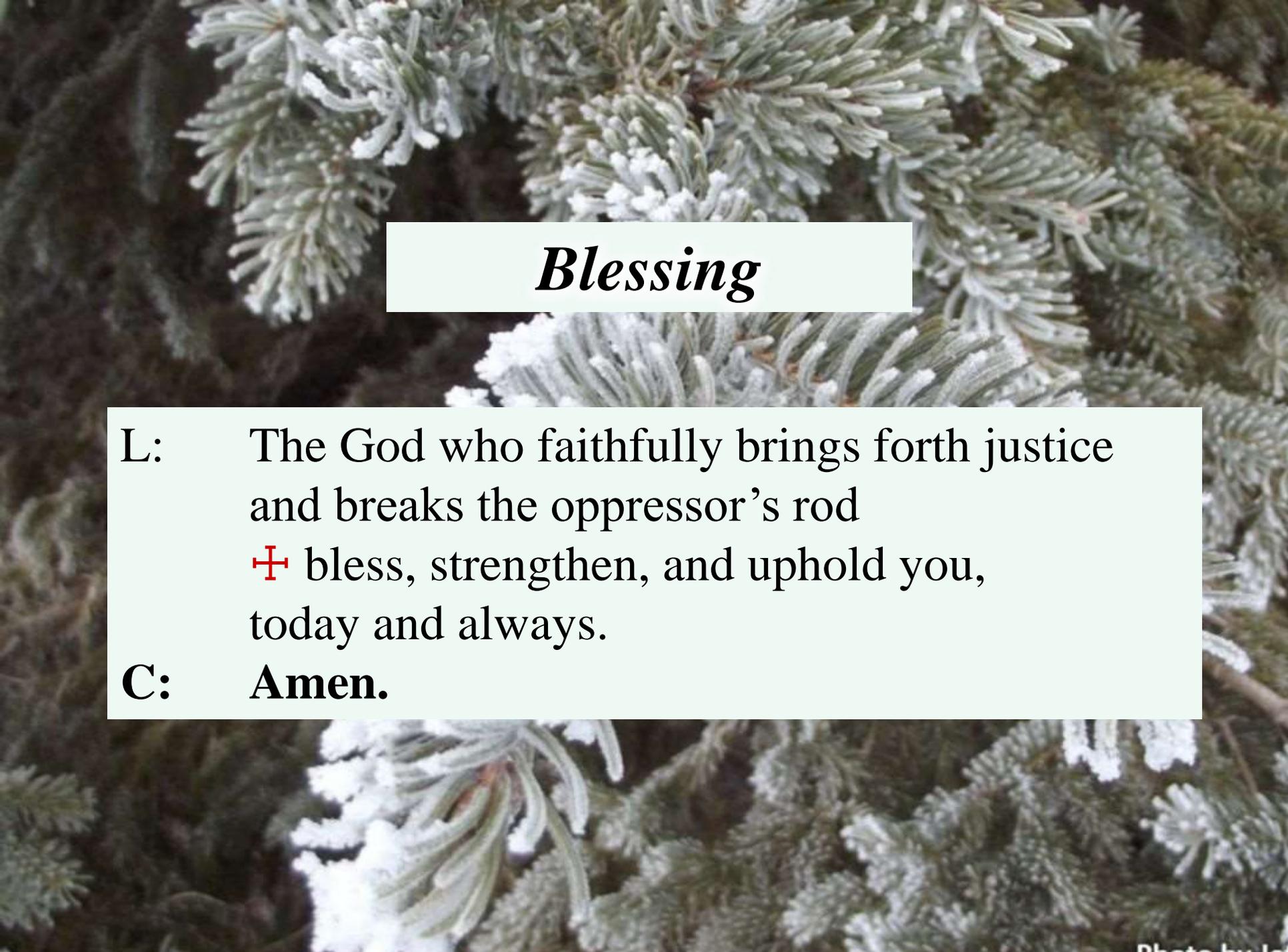
**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements



The long wait is over!

Wednesday classes and worship services start up again on January 11, so you don't need to wait another single minute to load up the kids and come to Zion! Well... you might want to wait until Wednesday.

4:30 pm- Wednesday School

4:30 pm- Pre-confirmation

5:30 pm- Worship

6:15 pm- 8th grade Confirmation



Our Mission Statement

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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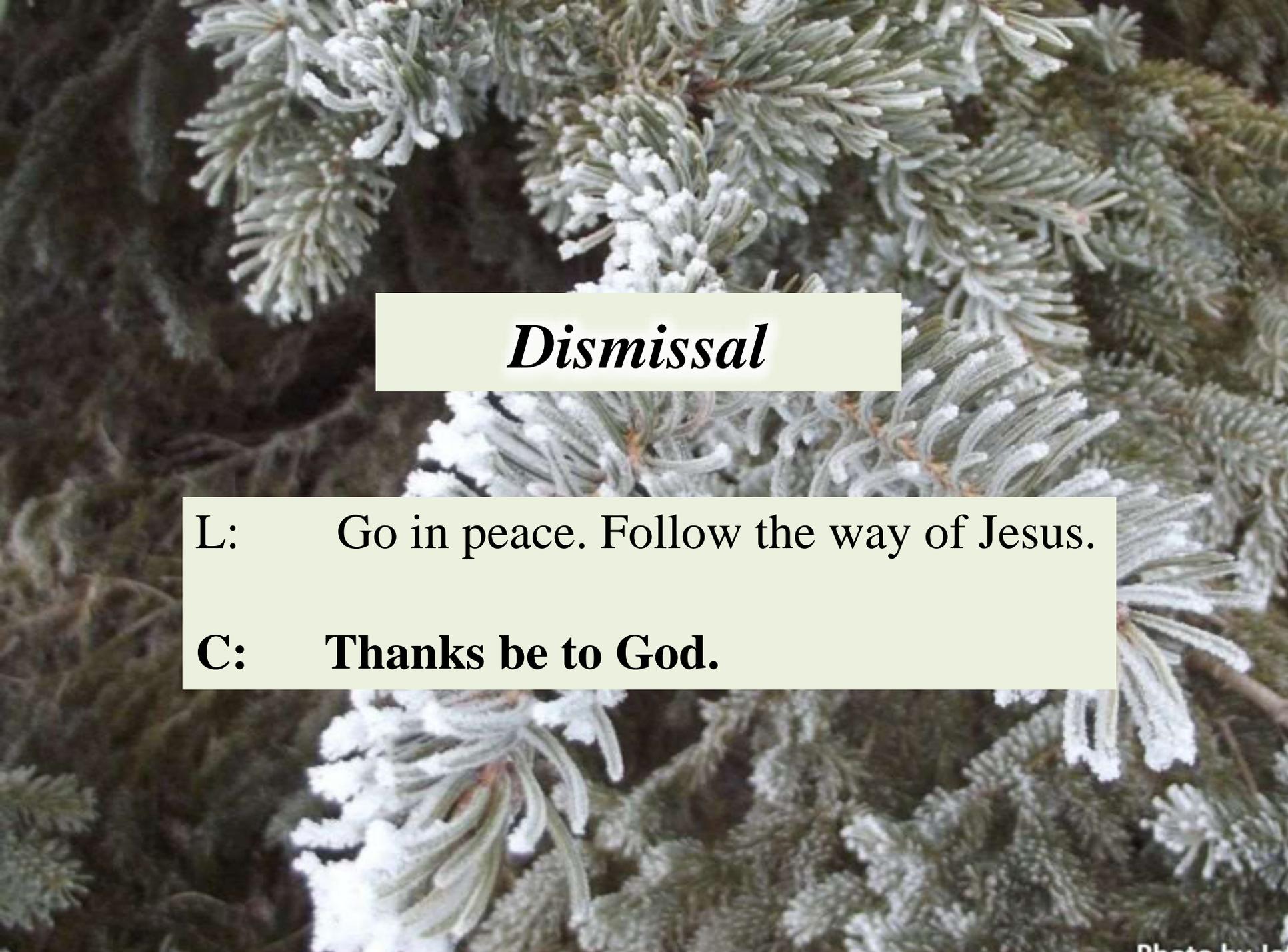
- 1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

3.

**Manifest in making whole
Weakened body, fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**4. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy word;
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany,
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us today!*

*May God
bless you!*

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