



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, August 3, 2025
9:00 am*

Photo by Nancy Brandli

A close-up photograph of green leaves and branches, with a white snake-like object visible on one of the branches. The text "Welcome and Announcements" is overlaid at the bottom in a white, italicized font.

Welcome and Announcements



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SUMMER CELEBRATION AT CAMP EMMAUS!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

9:00AM-4:00 PM

all ages welcome!

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SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday,
September 3**

It's a crazy-busy
week.

Let us make
supper for you
and your family.

**Grilled burgers, brats, hot dogs,
salads, chips, beverages, bars*



Outdoor Picnic* at 5:00 pm

**Outdoor Worship
at 5:45 pm**

Backpack Food Program Fundraiser

Hosted by the Community Concerns Committee

- Collection banks will be on the tables in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time after church services each week from August 3rd through September 14th.
- Up to \$500 Anonymous Match for funds collected
- All money collected will go towards the Warroad Backpack Food Program

Community Concerns Committee Members:

Dr. Deb Erickson, Carol Hallan, Trent Hard, Marty Howes, Joleen Kezar, Deb Lalim, Deb Landin, Kim Lawler, and Pastor Linda Wimmer



What is the Warroad School Backpack Food Program?

- A volunteer program that provides food for children
- Food goes home with them
- 110 students served last school year
- \$41,000 per year budget



Thank you for helping!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILL HAVE CLASSES
FOR KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH GRADE 5
ON SUNDAYS THIS FALL!

Join us weekly
10:00 to 10:30 am
(after the 9:00 am worship service)
beginning Sept. 21



Questions? Contact Amanda Bengtson at 320-292-2422
or email her at amandabengtson611@gmail.com.

Volunteers
Needed
for

Sunday School

Lesson plans will be provided for each teacher. We ask for a 1 Sunday a month commitment for those able to help. Thank you!

It takes a **BIG HEART** to help shape the **FAITH** of children. We are looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School.

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Thank You

Sharing the Peace

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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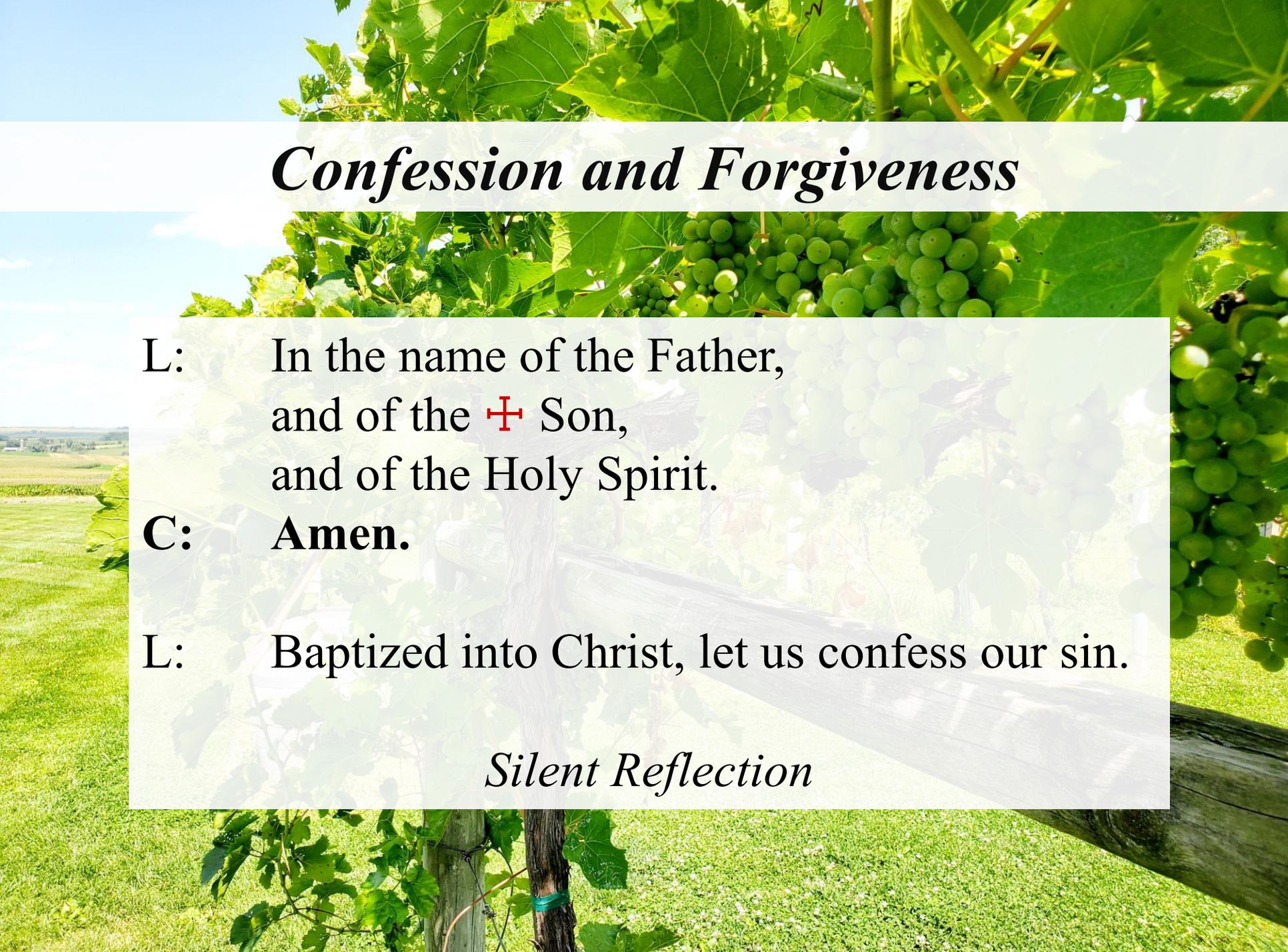
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1. **O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune.
Sing “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God Triune.**

**2. On you, at earth's creation,
 the light first had its birth;
 on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
 on you, our Lord victorious
 the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
 a three-fold light was given.**

**3. Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where Gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.**

**4. New graces ever gaining
 from this our day of rest,
 we reach the rest remaining
 to spirits of the blest.
 We sing to you our praises,
 O Father, Spirit, Son;
 the church its voice upraises
 to you, blest Three in One.**



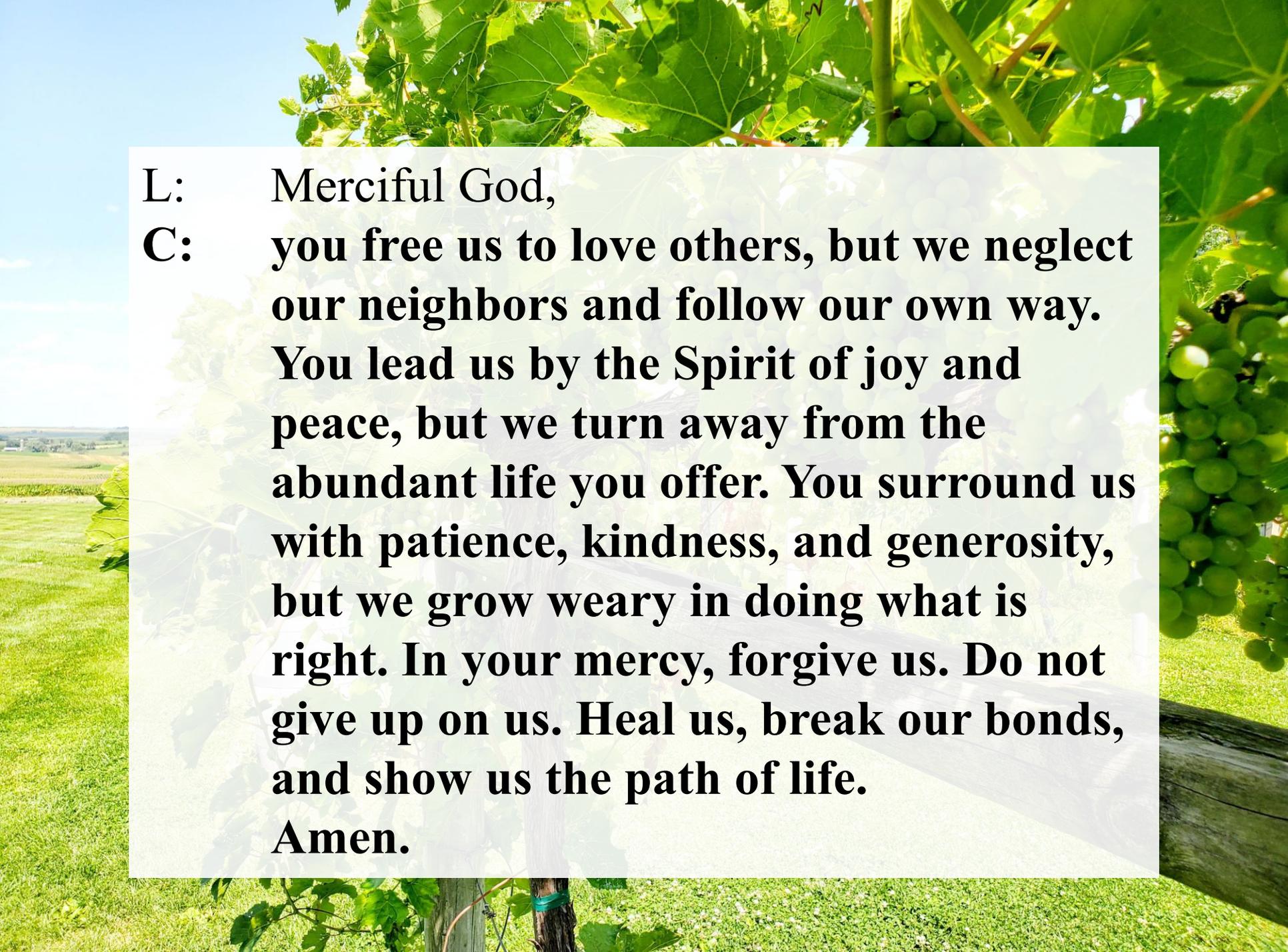
Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

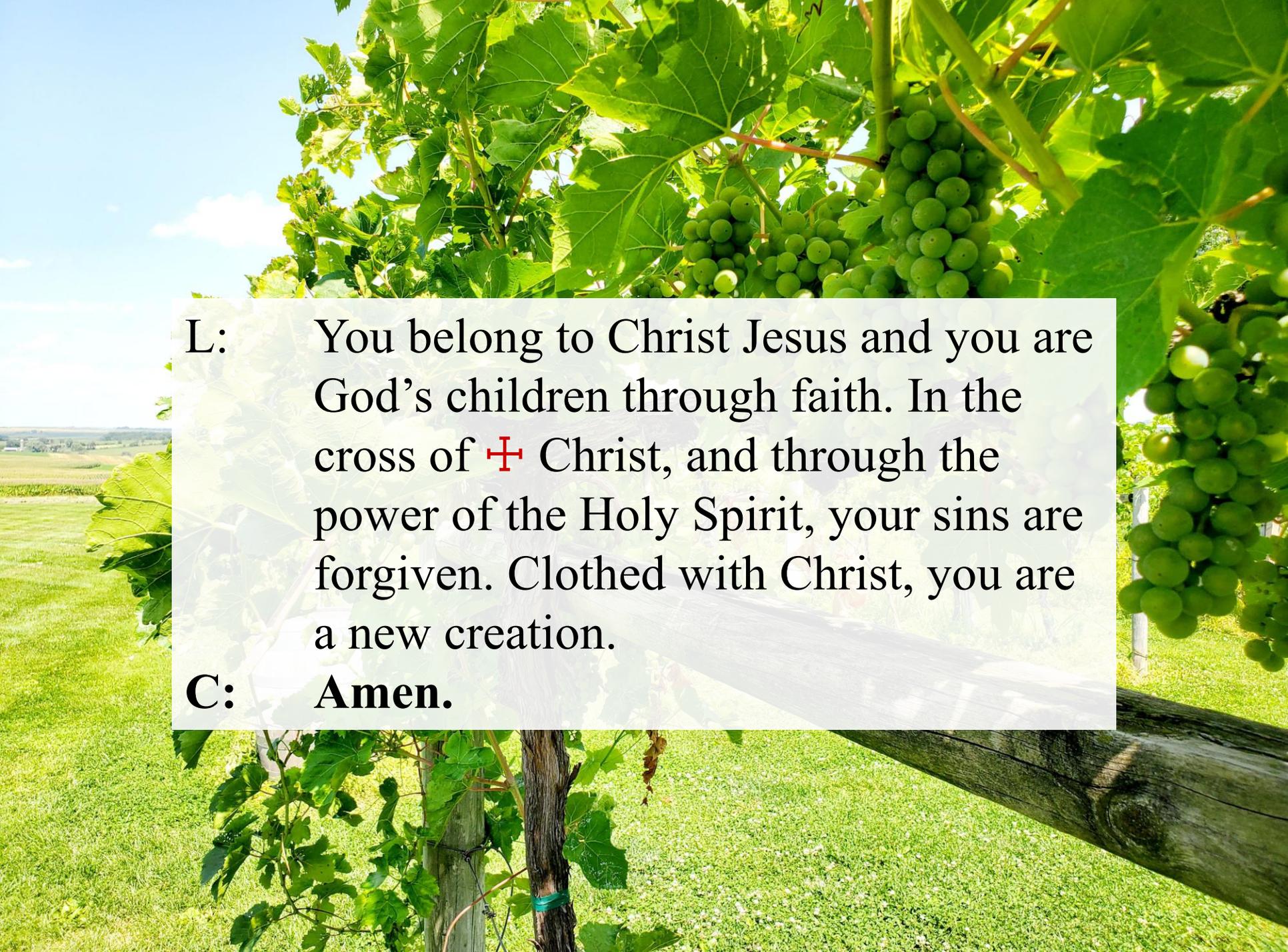
C: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silent Reflection

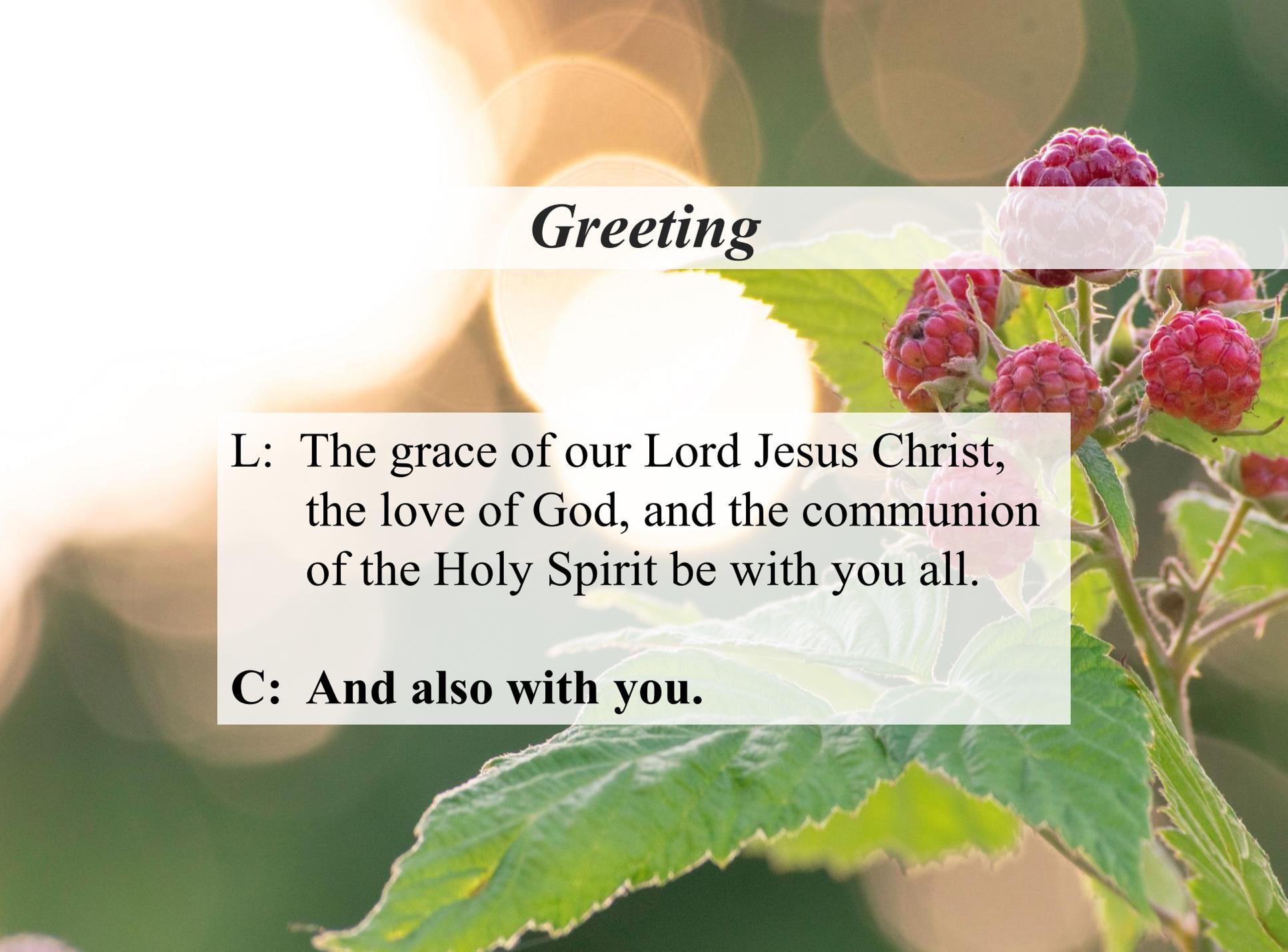


L: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.



L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

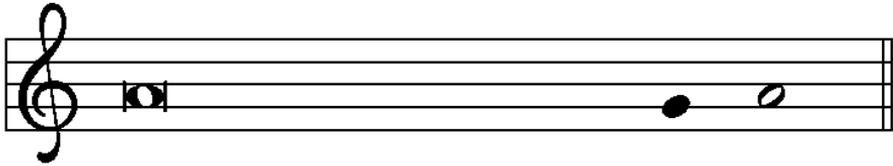
A close-up photograph of several ripe raspberries on a branch with green leaves. The background is a bright, out-of-focus sun, creating a warm, golden glow and lens flare effects. The raspberries are in various stages of ripeness, with some appearing more red and others more pinkish-white.

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.

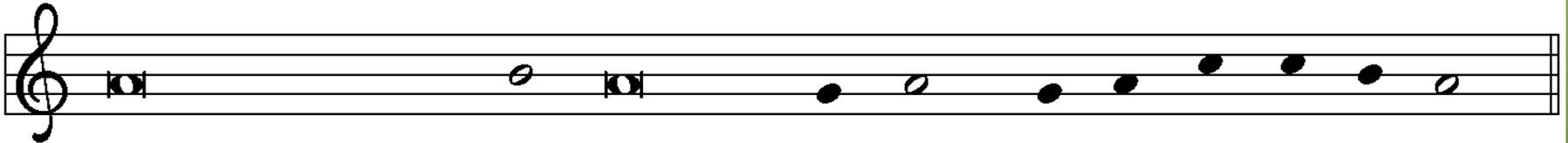
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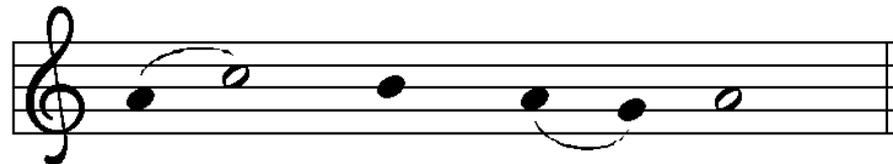
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



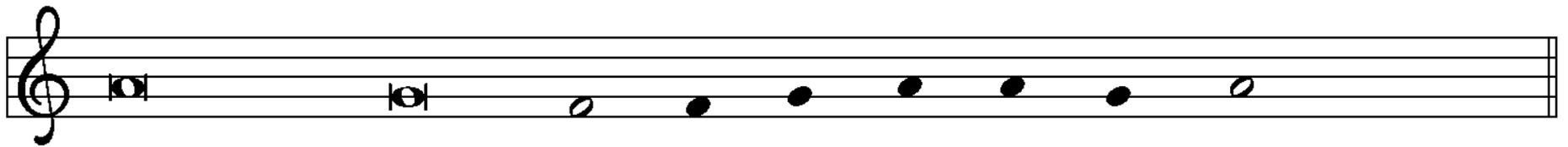
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



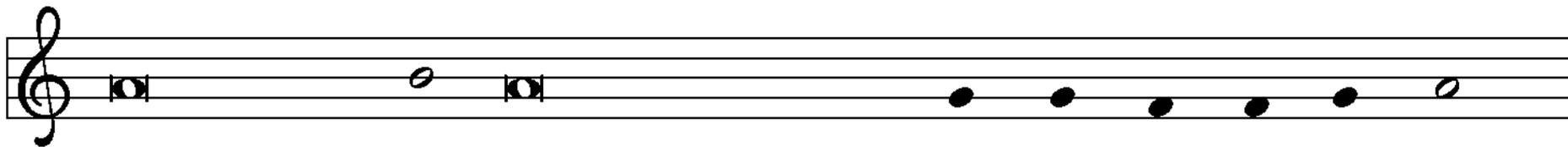
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



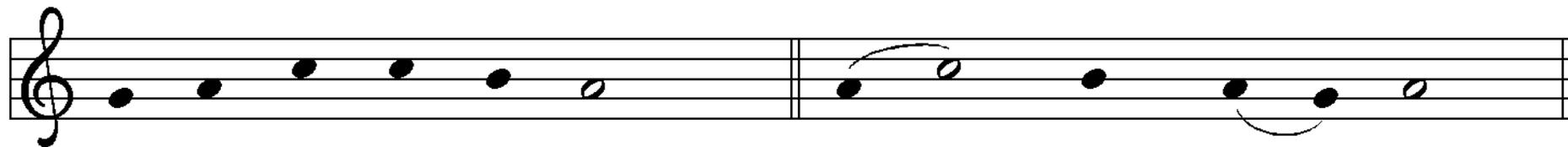
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

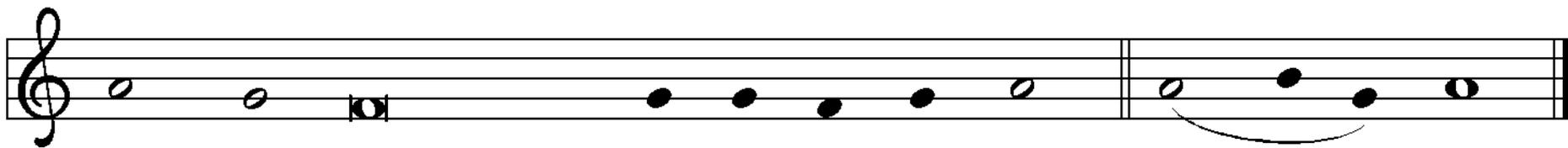


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



All
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

A close-up photograph of several ripe raspberries on a branch with green leaves. The background is a bright, out-of-focus sun, creating a lens flare effect. The raspberries are a vibrant red color, and the leaves are a lush green. The overall scene is bright and natural.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

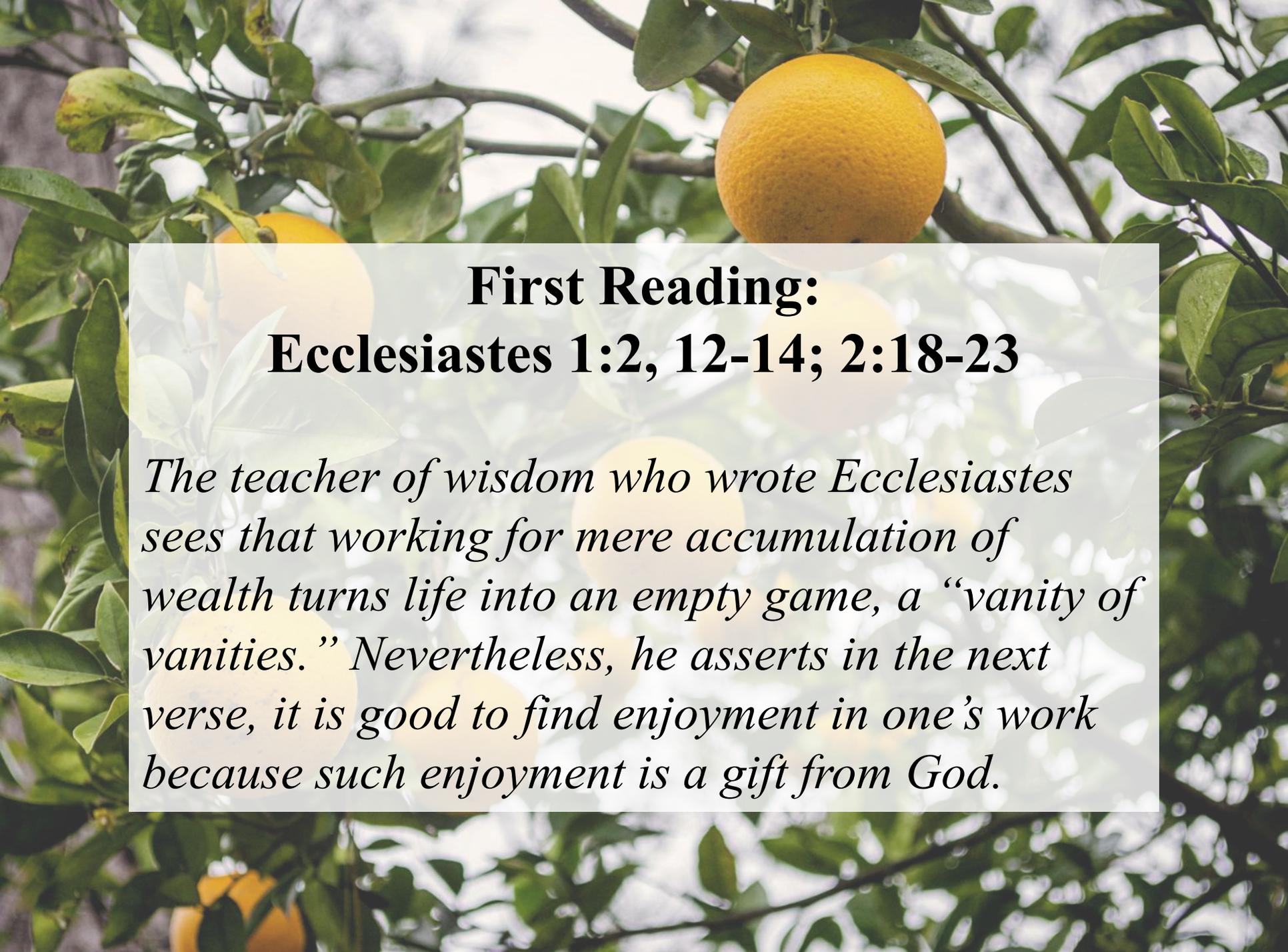
Prayer of the Day

L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

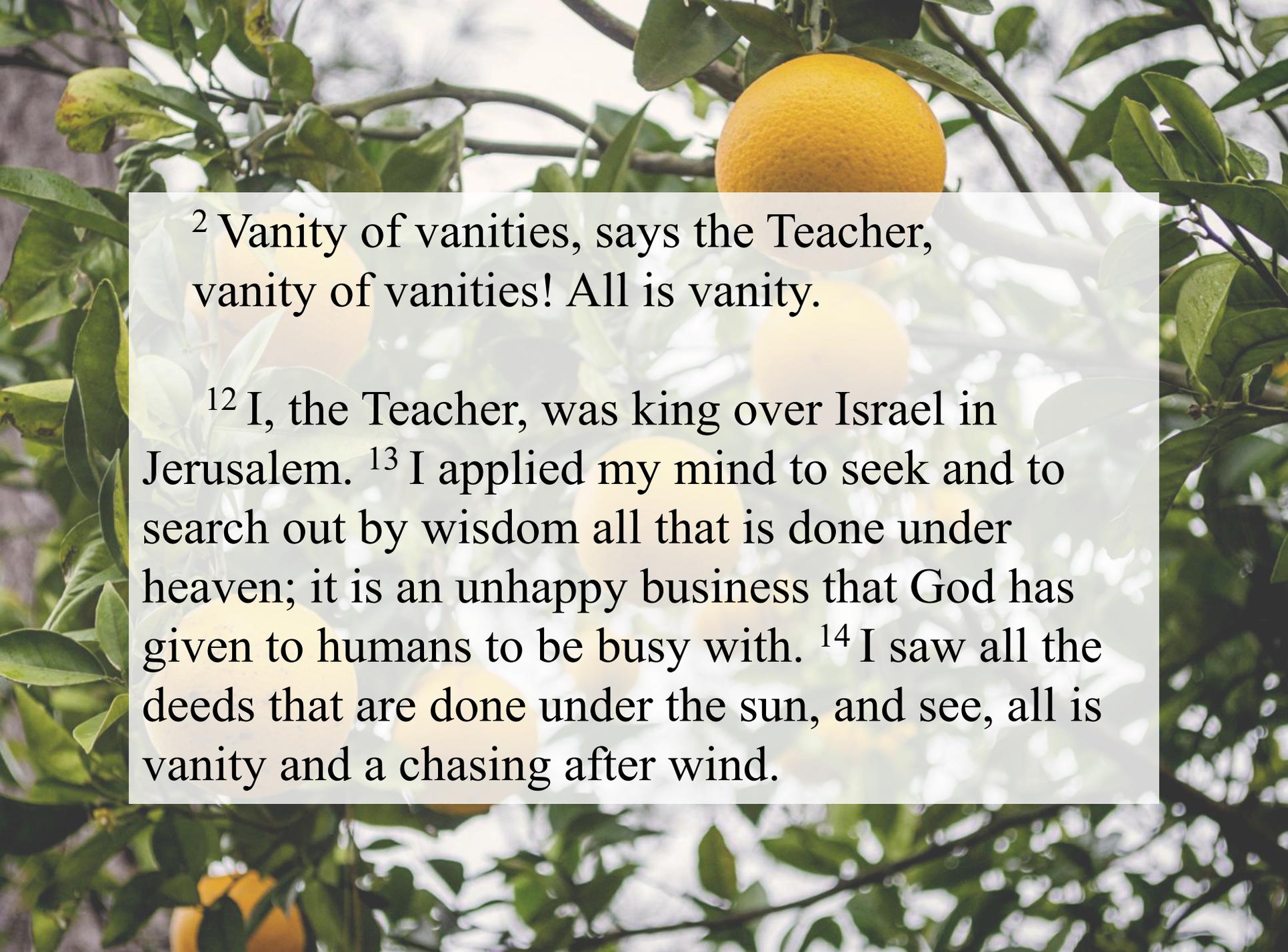
*A Message for
All God's Children*





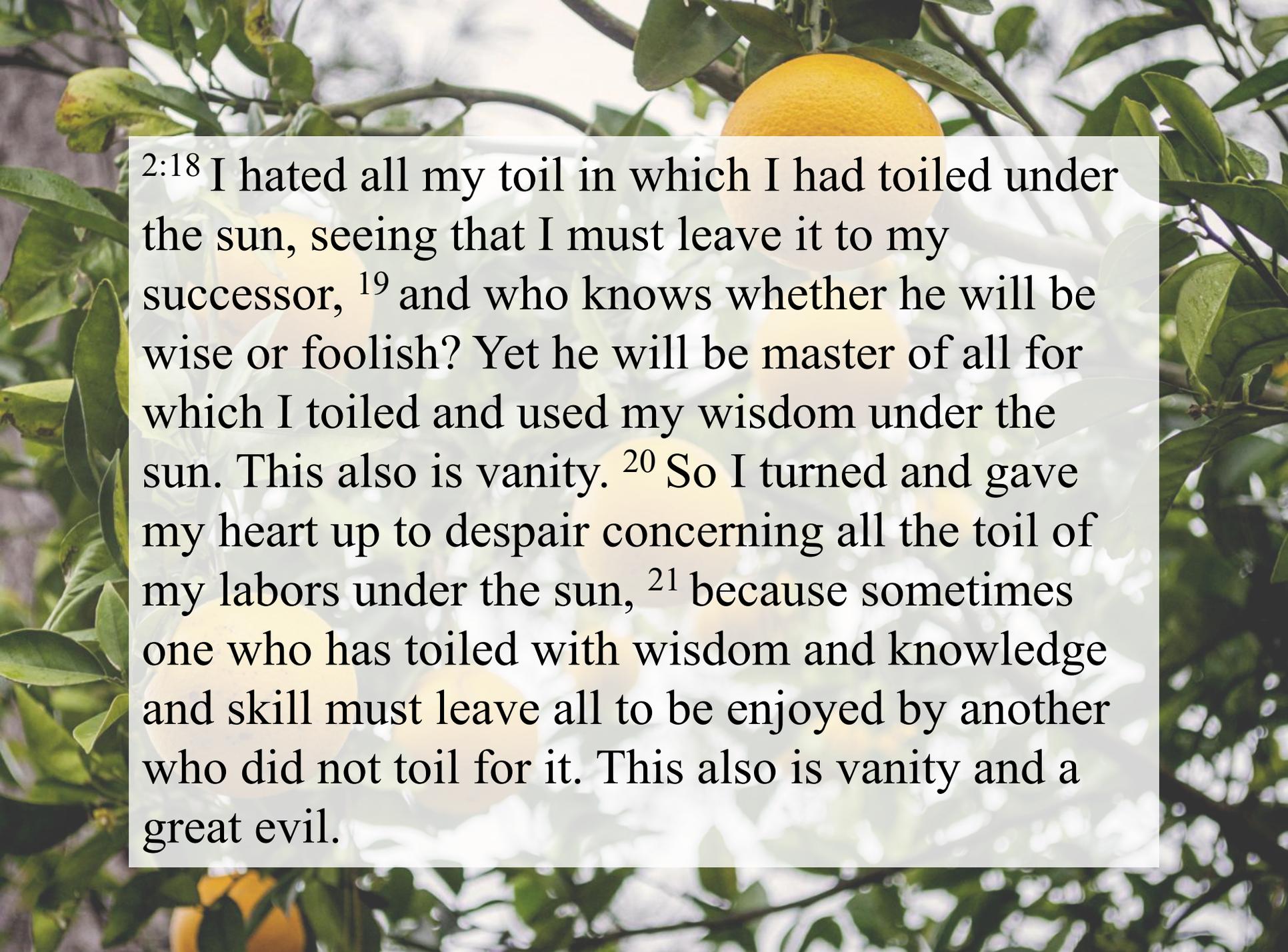
First Reading:
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

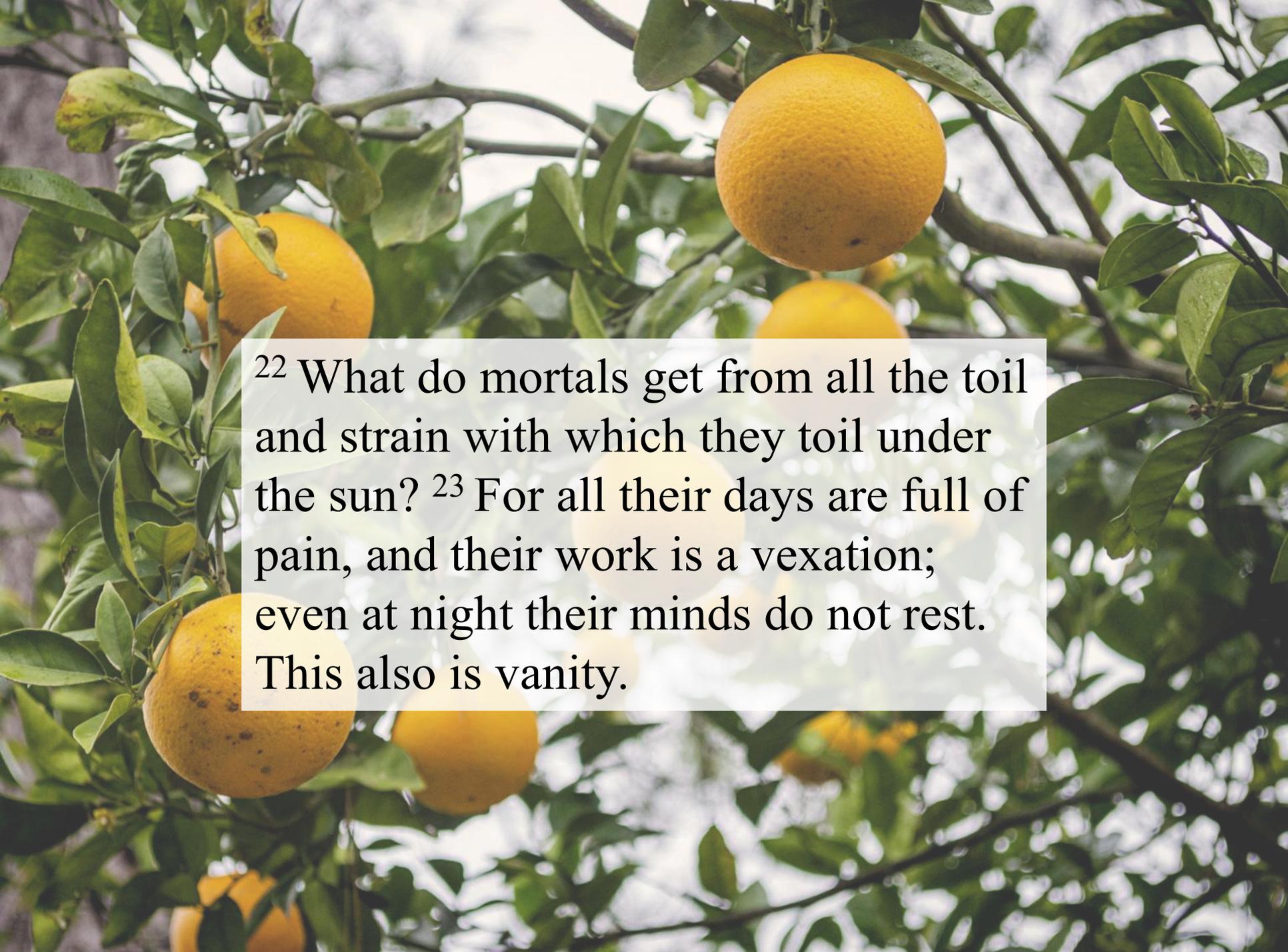


² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

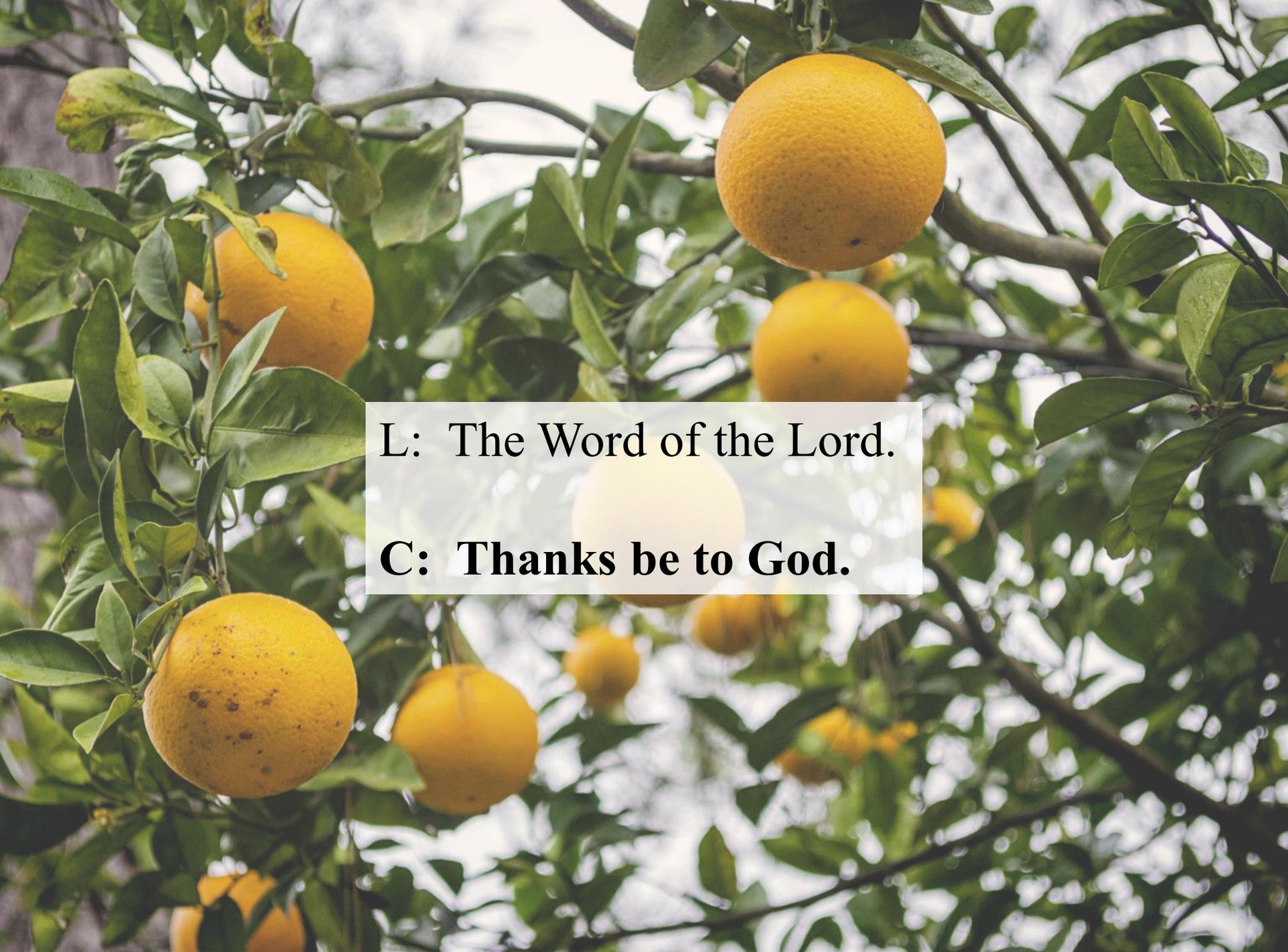
¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in
Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to
search out by wisdom all that is done under
heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has
given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the
deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is
vanity and a chasing after wind.



2:18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

A photograph of several ripe, yellow-orange oranges hanging from a tree with green leaves. The oranges are the central focus, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The lighting is natural, suggesting an outdoor setting.

²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A photograph of an orange tree with several ripe, yellow-orange fruits hanging from the branches. The leaves are green and dense. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the tree and a hint of a sky.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

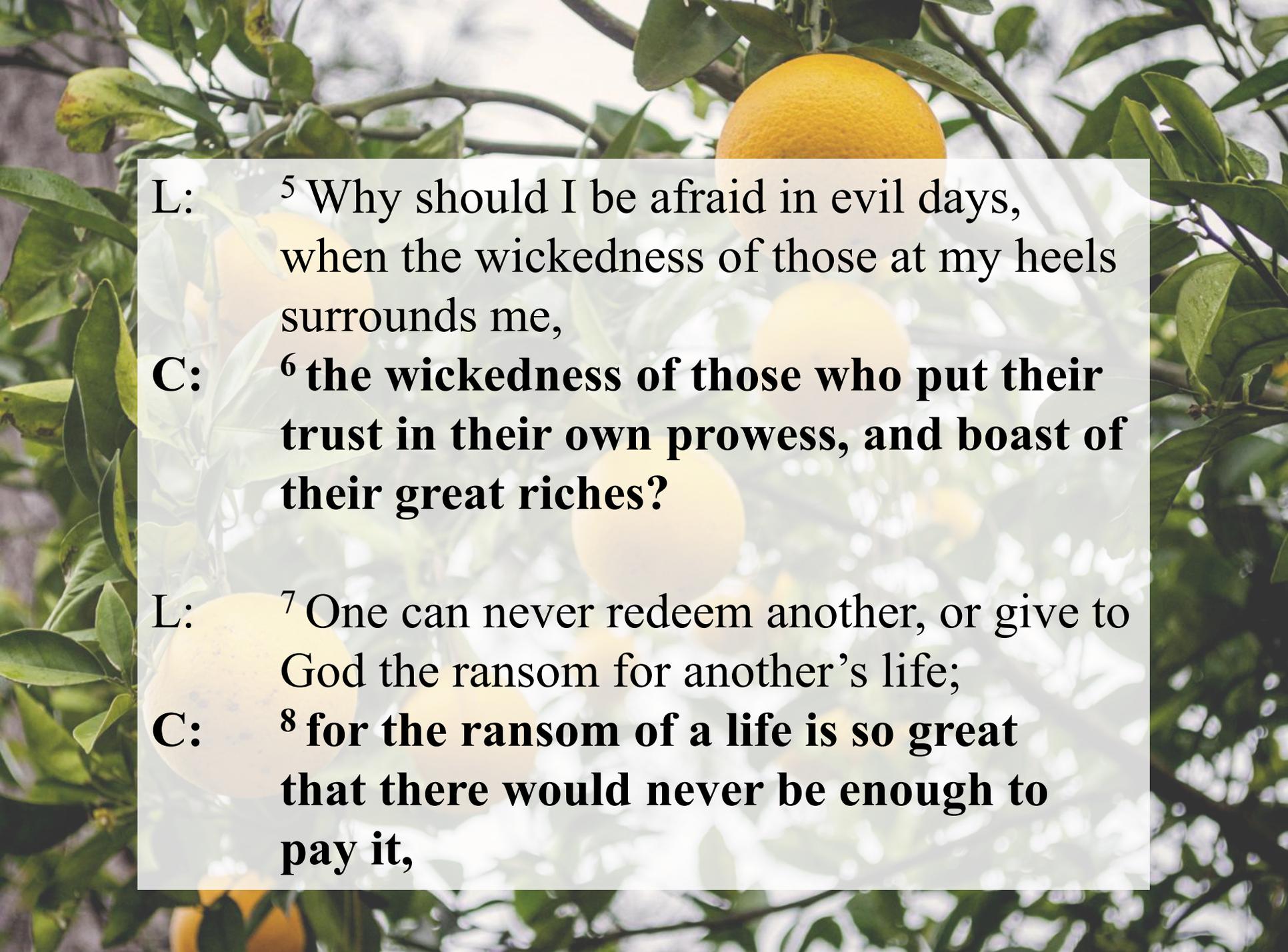
Psalm 49:1-12

L: ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C: ² **you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

L: ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.

C: ⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

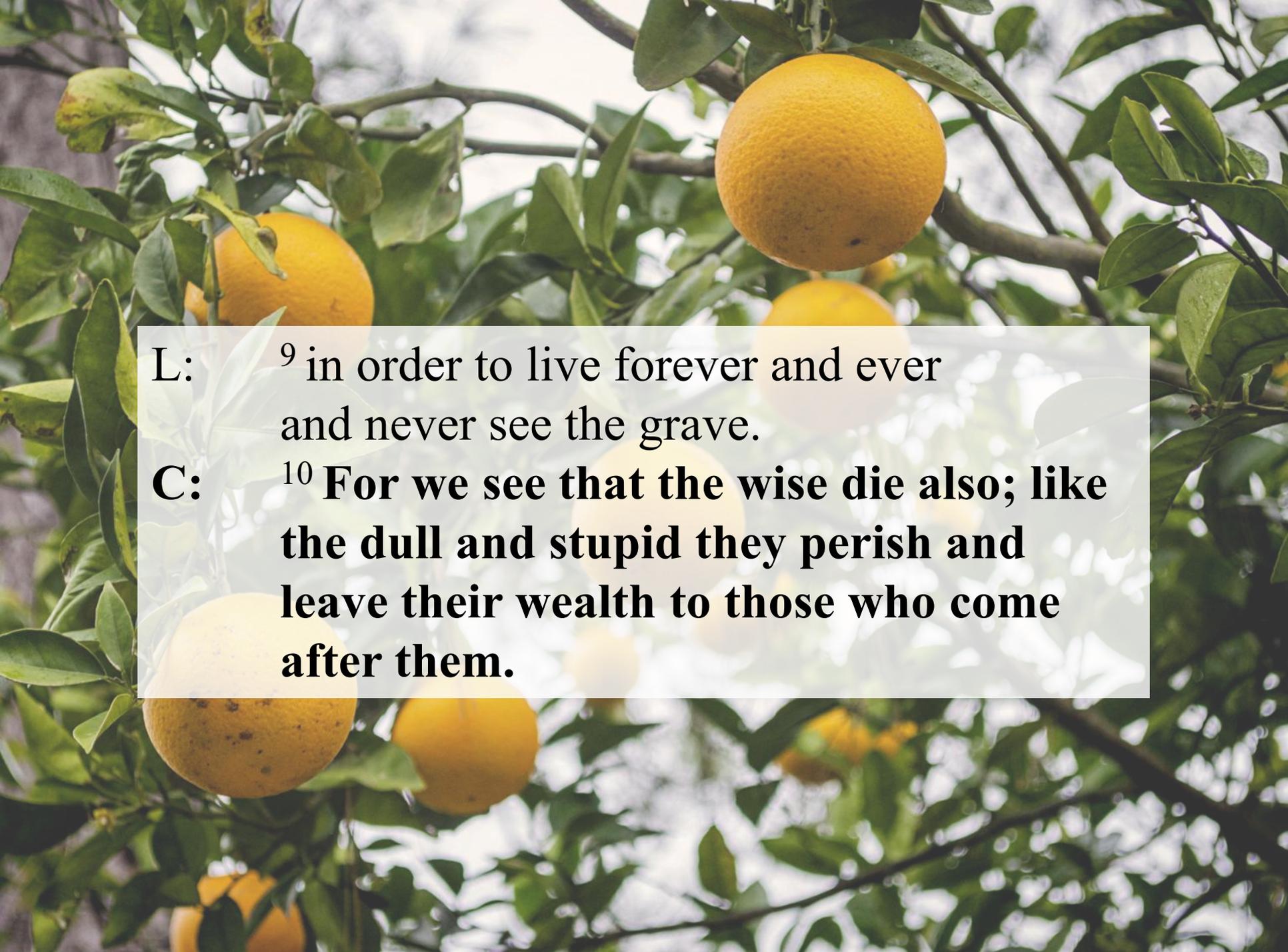


L: ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels
surrounds me,

**C: ⁶ the wickedness of those who put their
trust in their own prowess, and boast of
their great riches?**

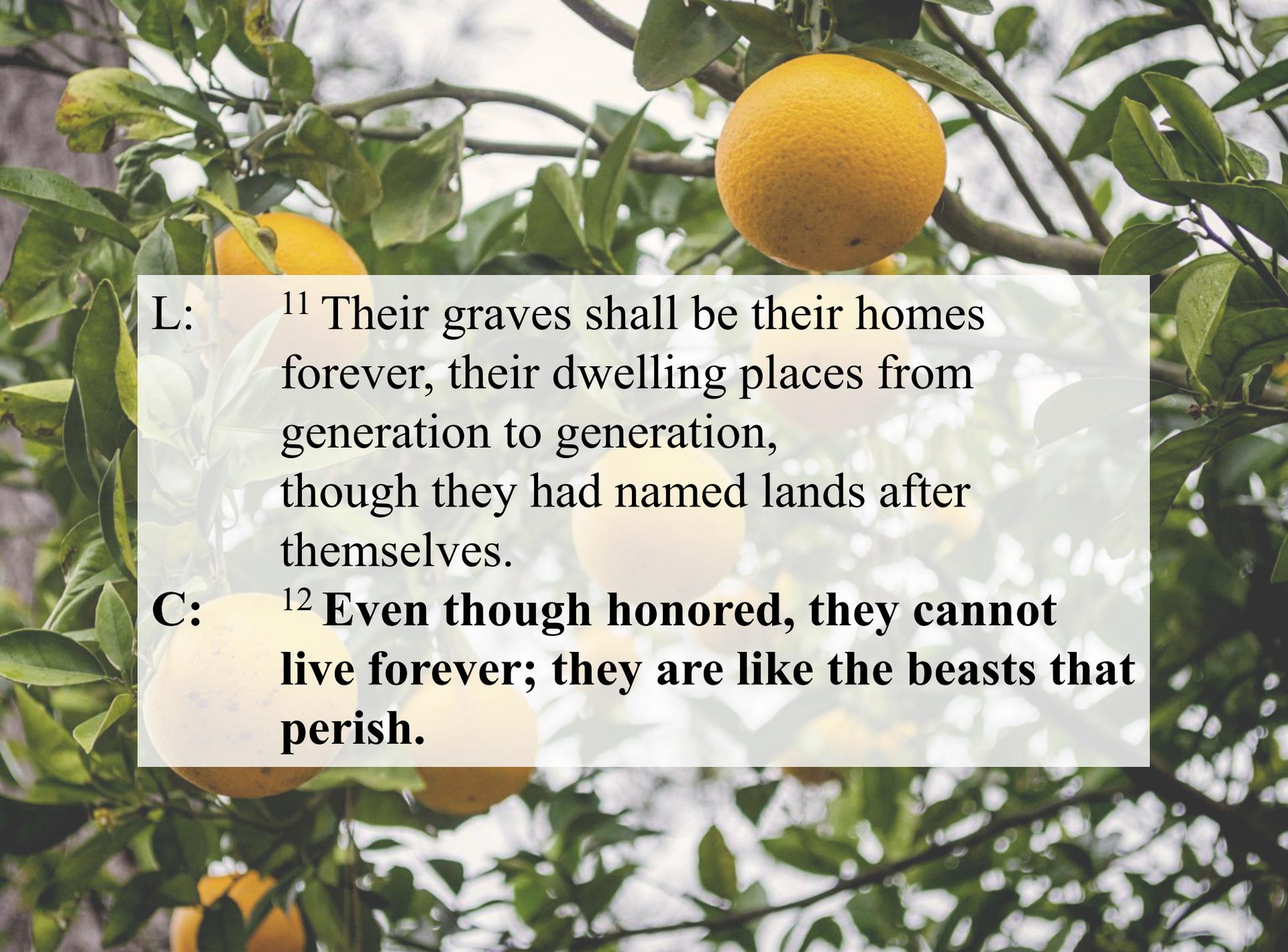
L: ⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to
God the ransom for another's life;

**C: ⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to
pay it,**

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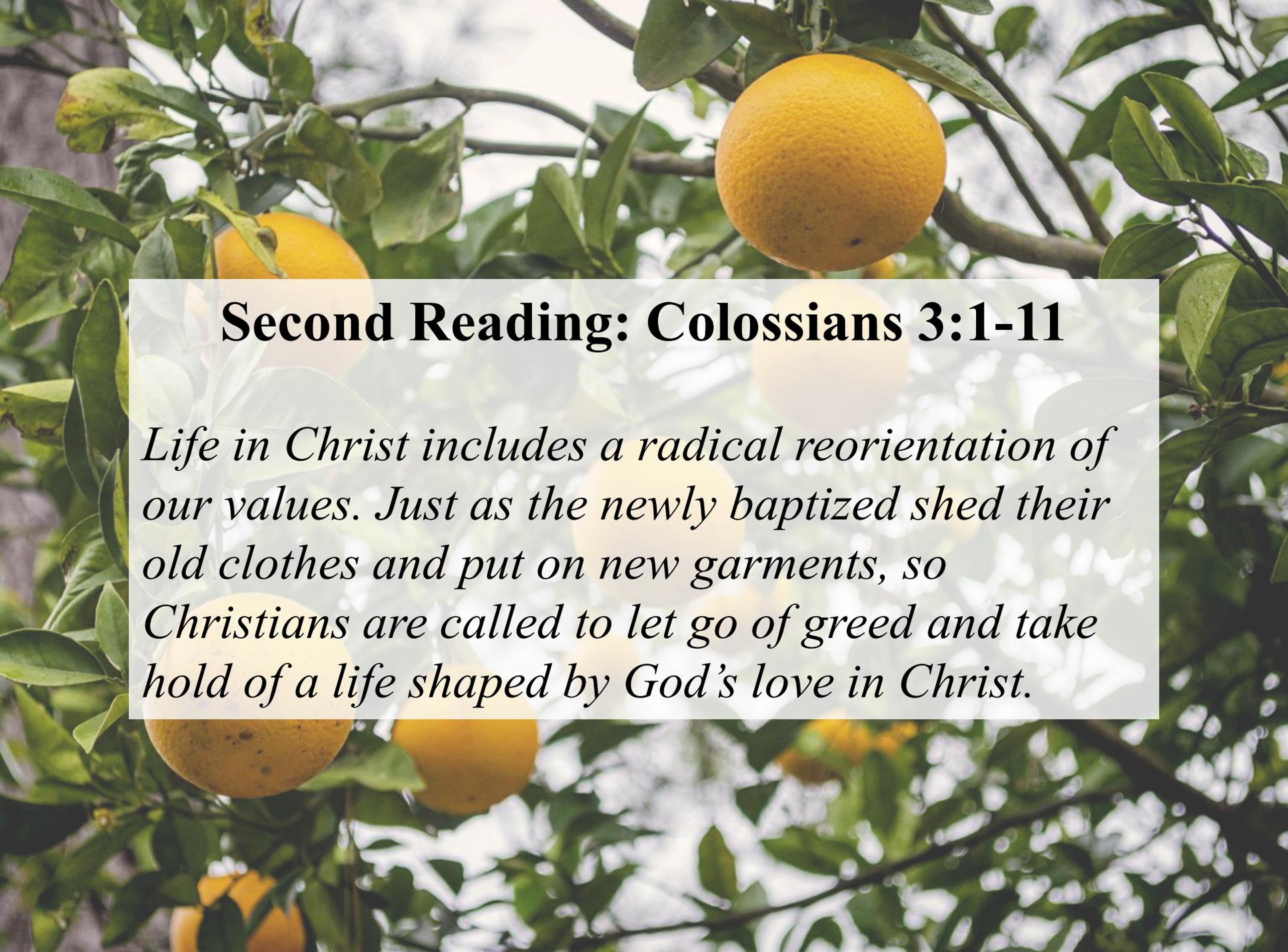
L: ⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**C: ¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like
the dull and stupid they perish and
leave their wealth to those who come
after them.**



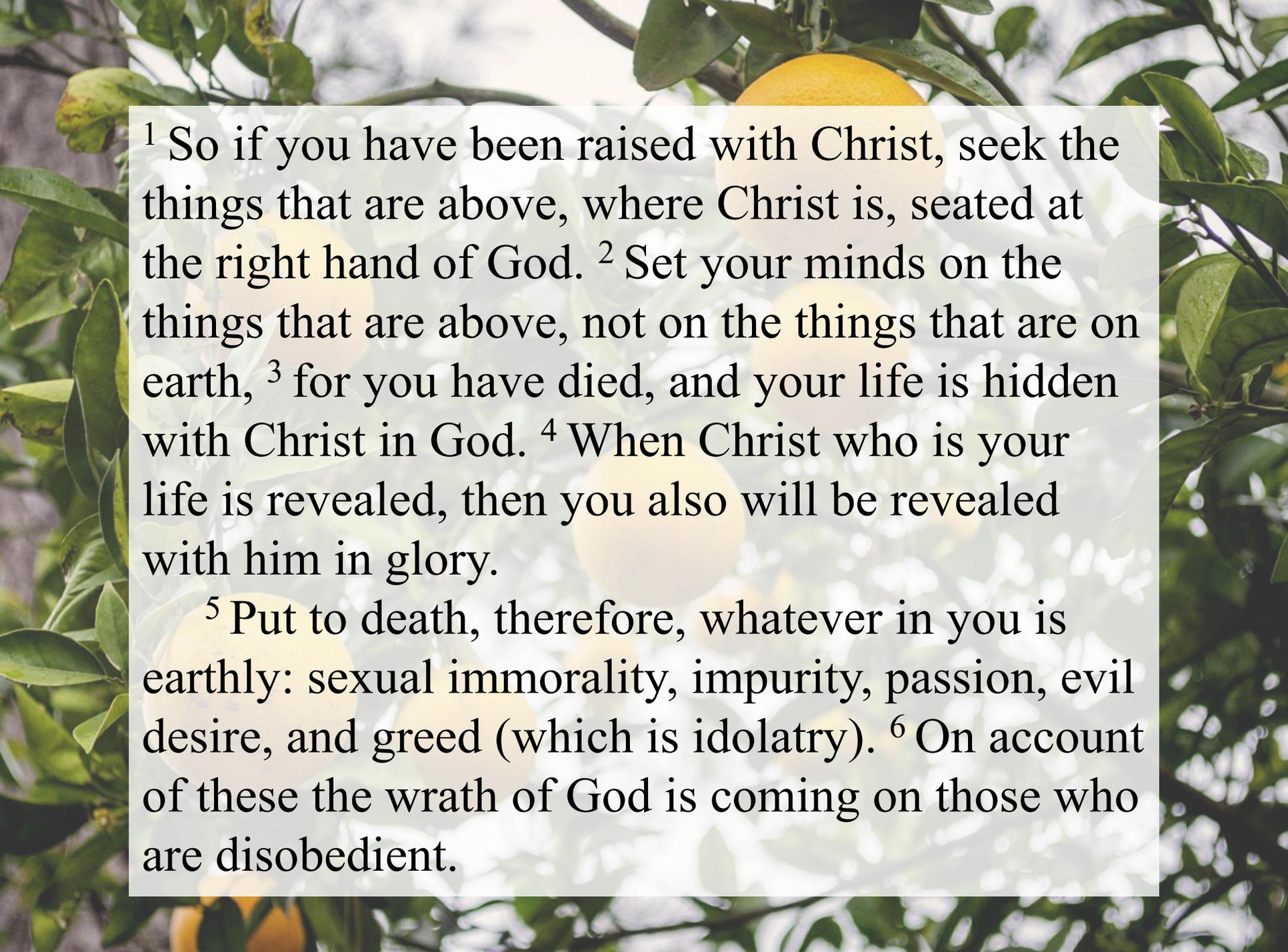
L: ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C: ¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

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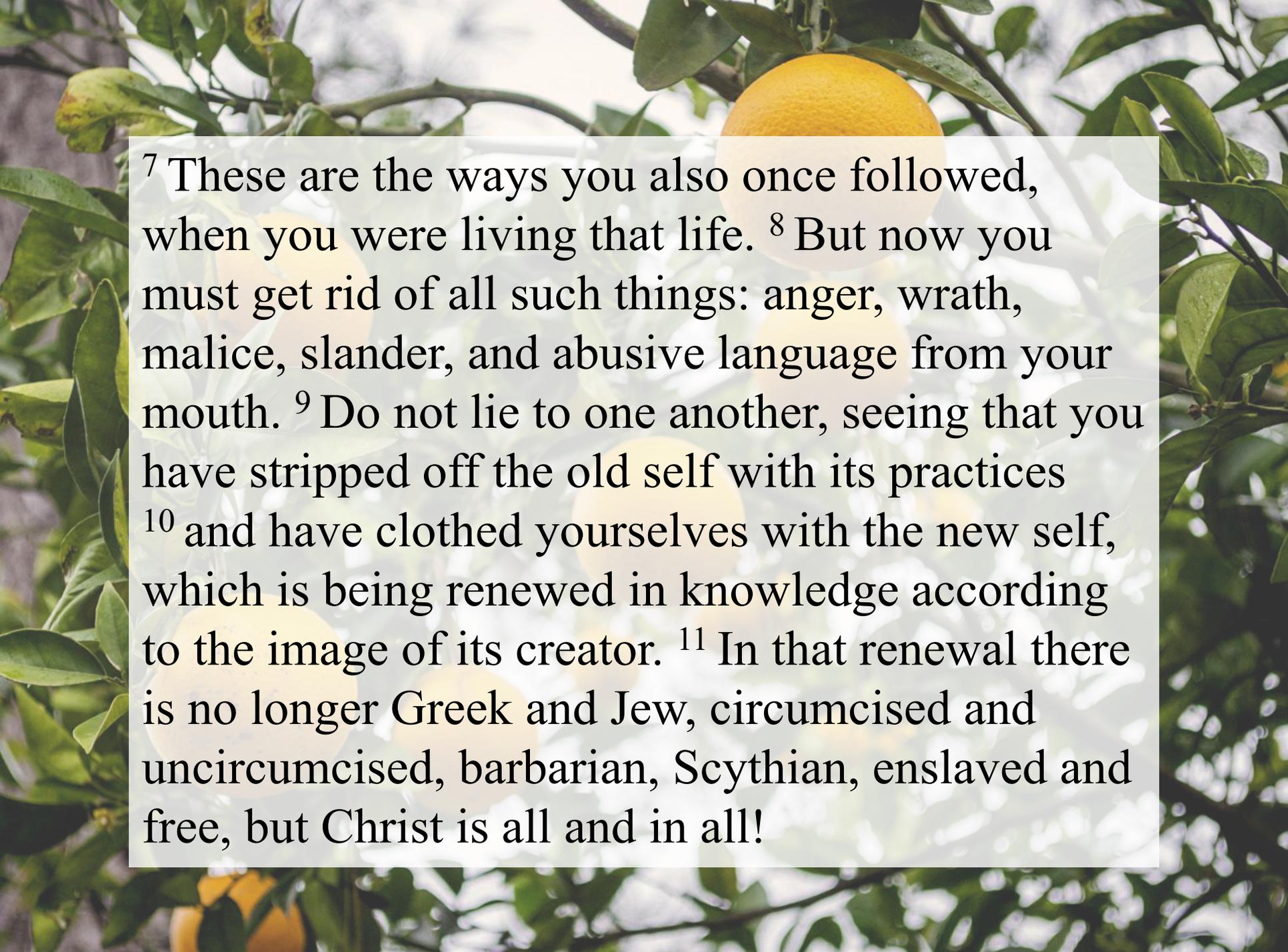
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

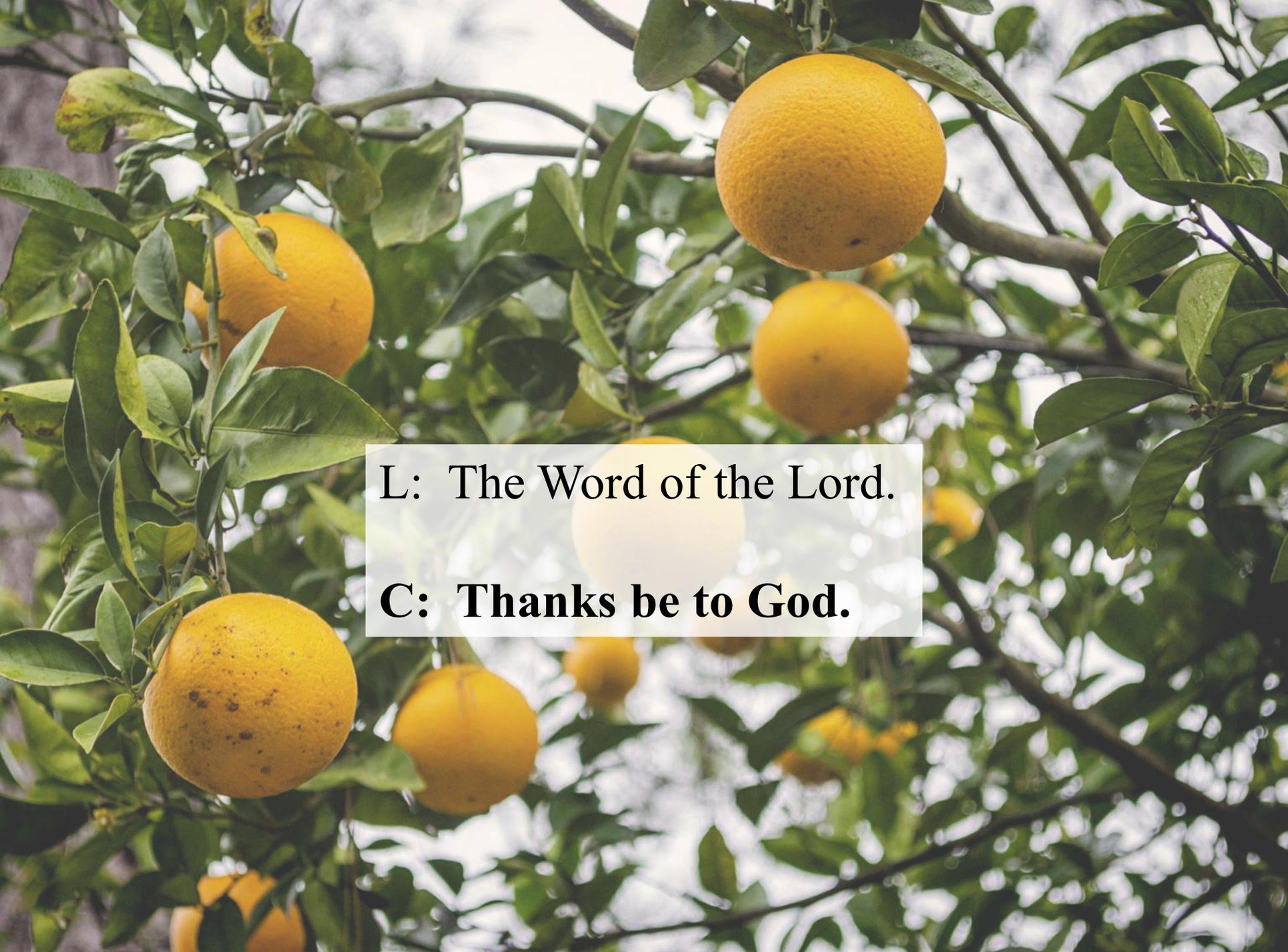


¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.



⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

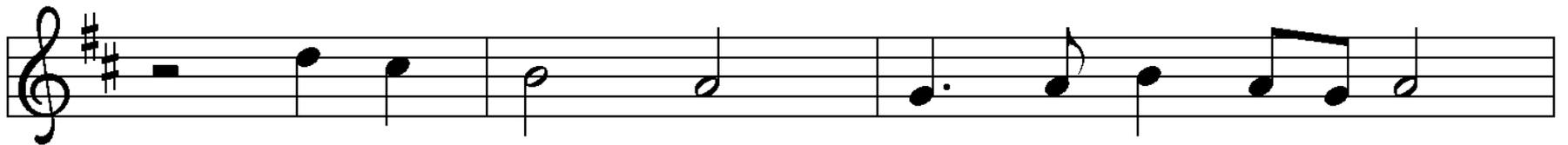
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L: The Word of the Lord.

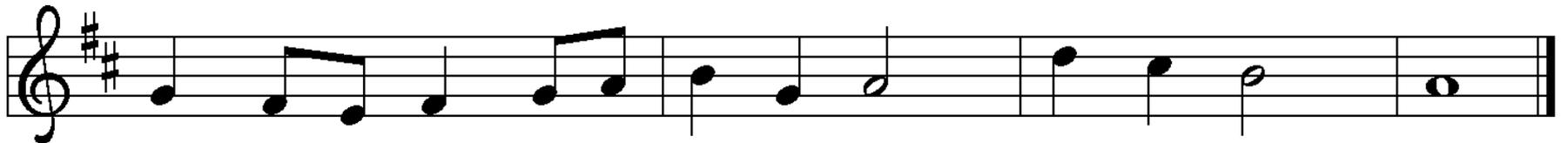
C: Thanks be to God.

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.

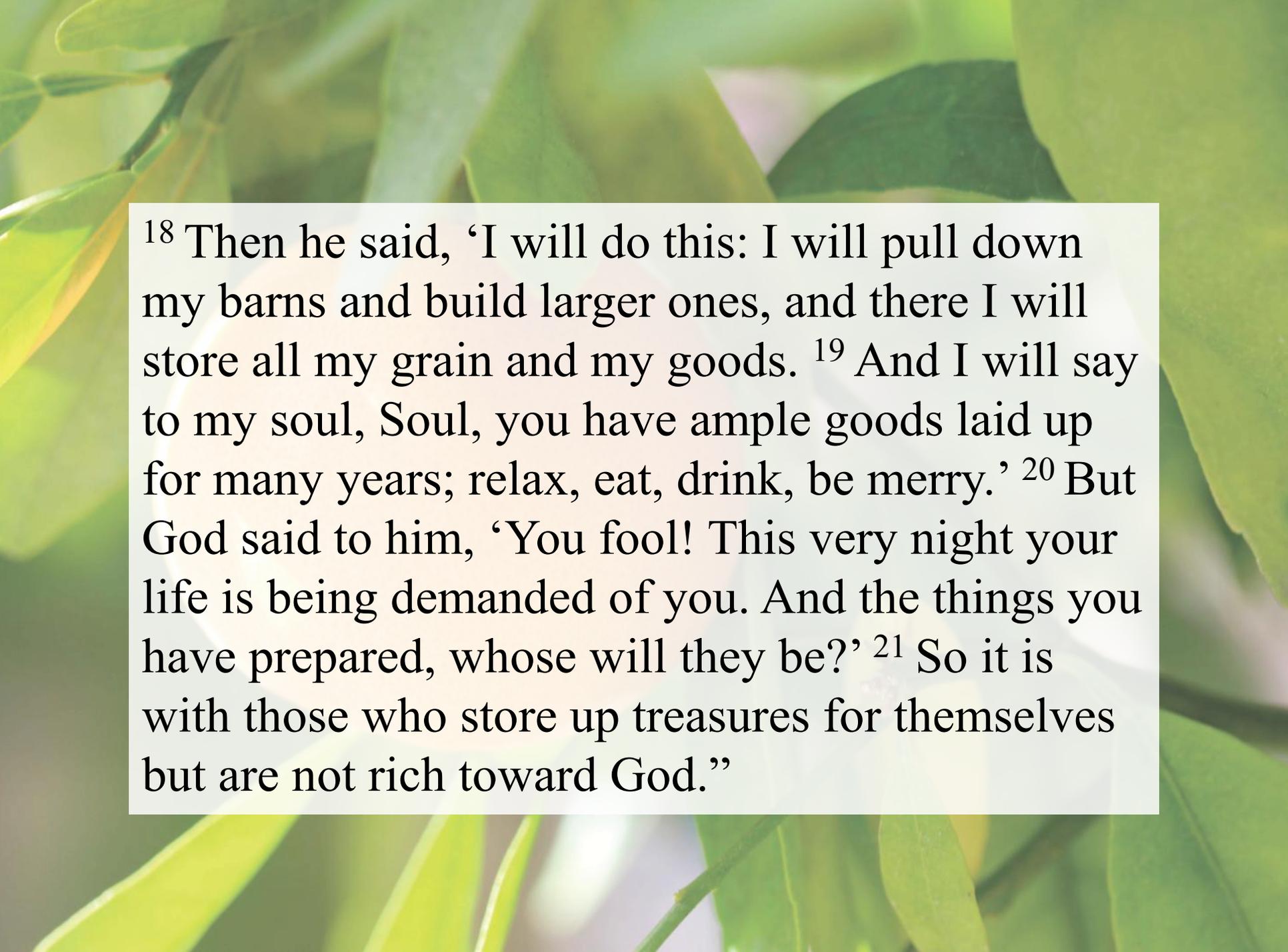
In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

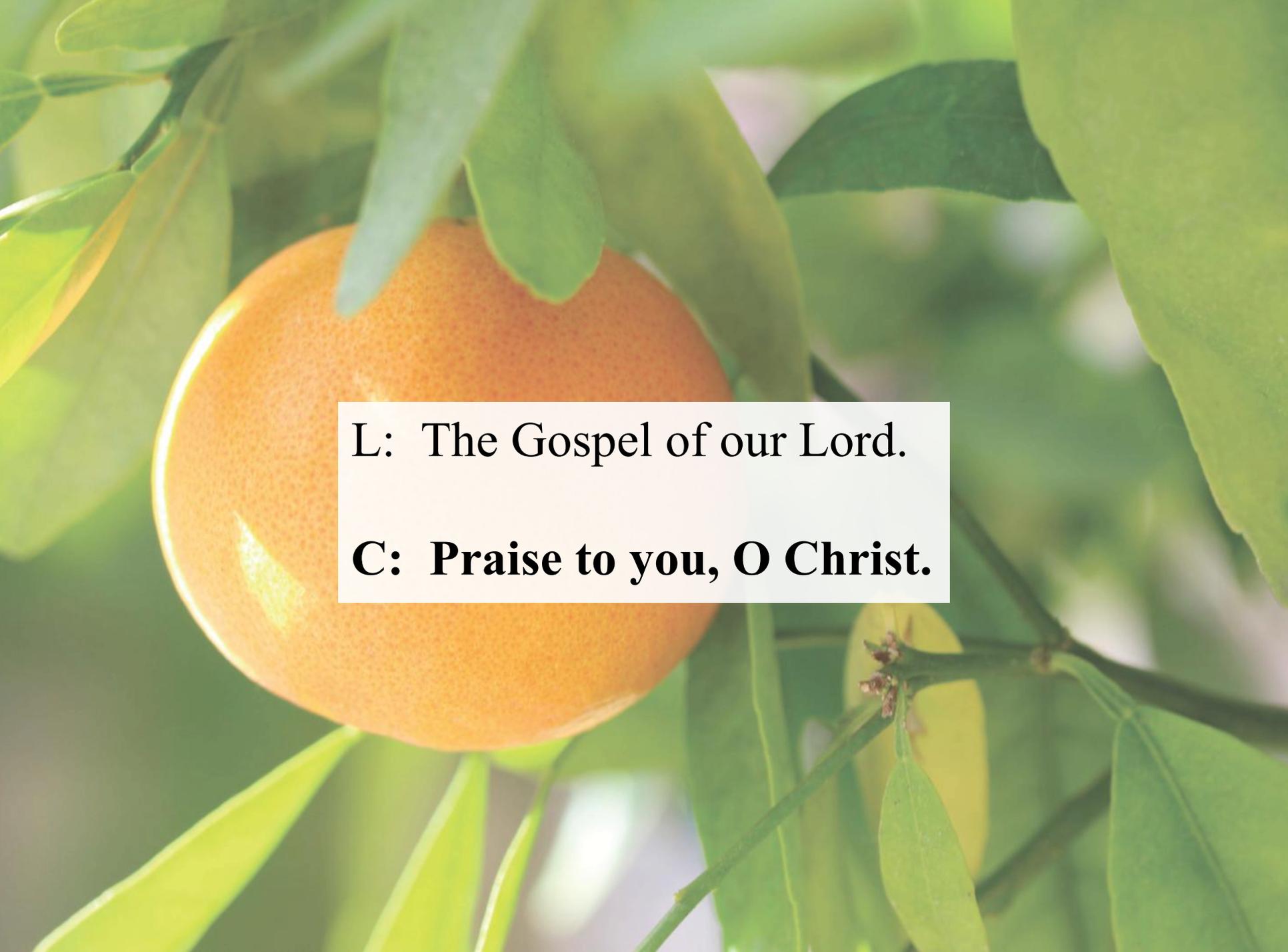
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’”



¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW #359 vv. 1-3

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- 1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**



**2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.**



3. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Apostles' Creed

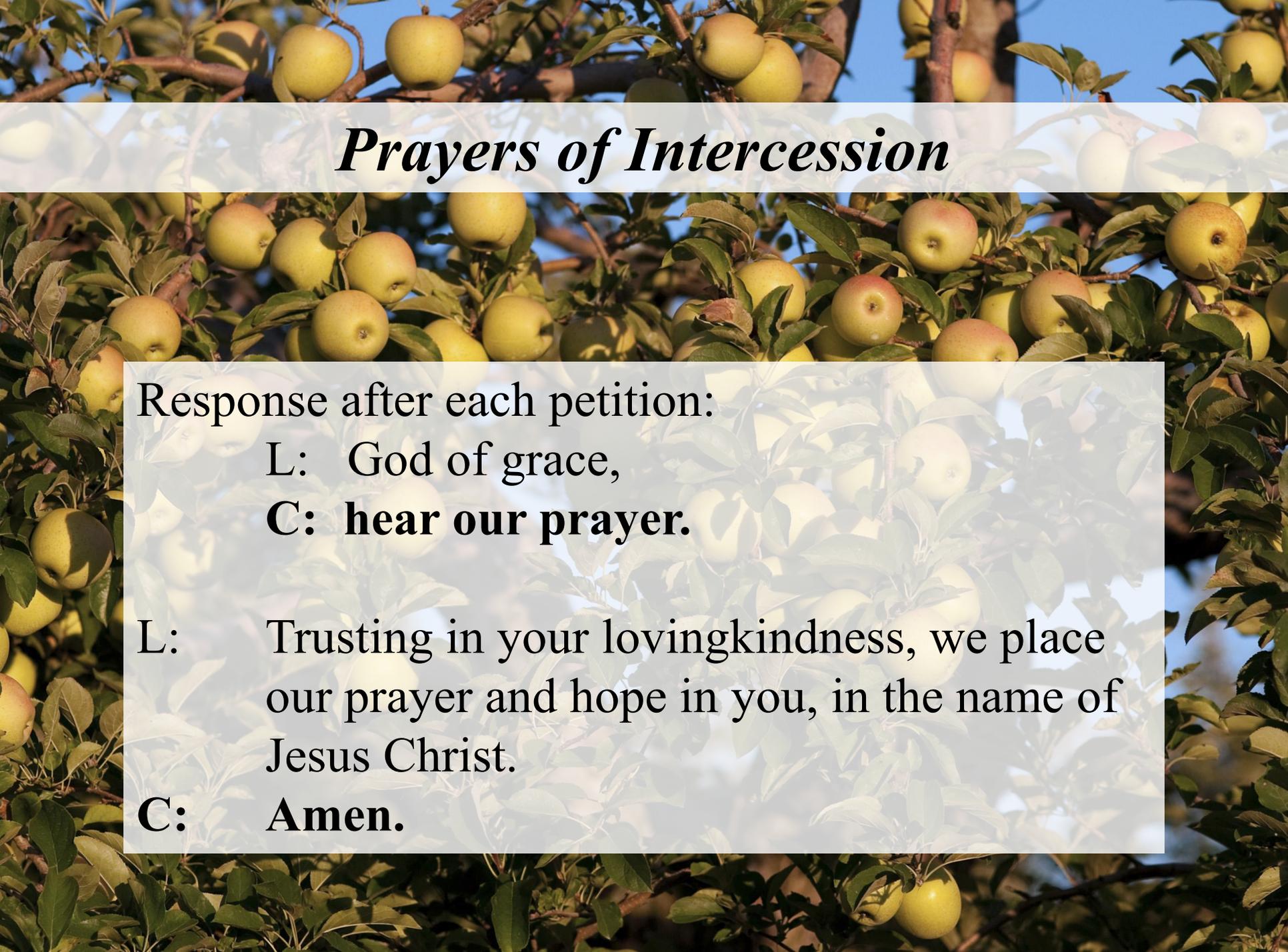
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.



Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of golden wheat. The sun is positioned high in the center of the frame, creating a strong lens flare effect with multiple circular bokeh spots. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame, their heads glowing with the warm light of the sun. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden-yellow and light brown tones.

Offering

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685 vv. 1, 4

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- 1. Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

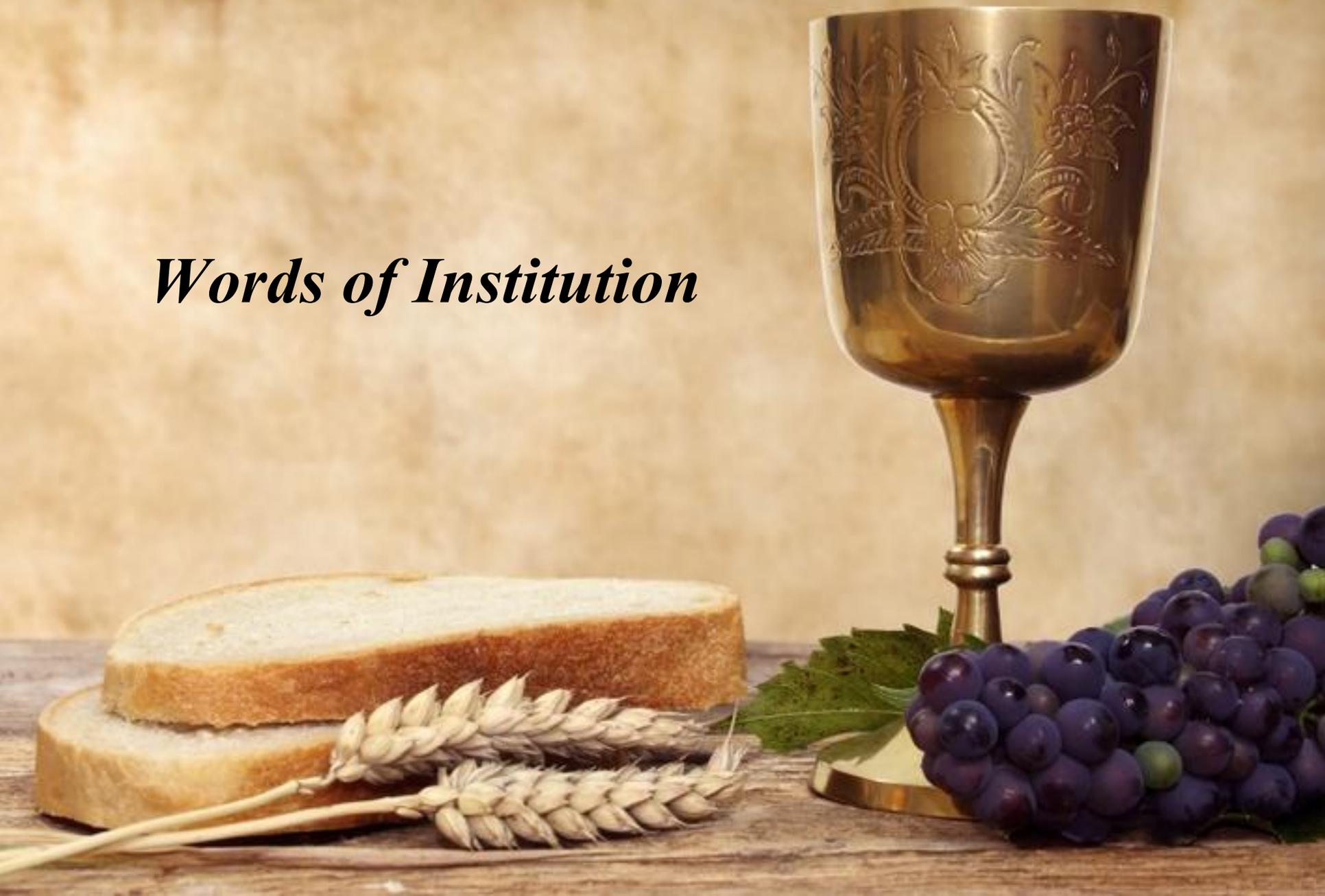
**4. Take my silver and my gold,
 not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect,
 and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

Offering Prayer

L: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all
that is good and the harvest is
plentiful. Strengthen us at your table
with these gifts of the earth and our
labor, that we may work for the
good of all; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



I Received the Living God

ELW #477

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**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.**

- 1. Jesus said: I am the bread
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die.**

**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.**

**2. Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew.**

**I received the living God,
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I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.**

**3. Jesus said: I am the truth;
if you follow close to me,
you will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free.**

**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy**

- 4. Jesus said: I am the life
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know.**

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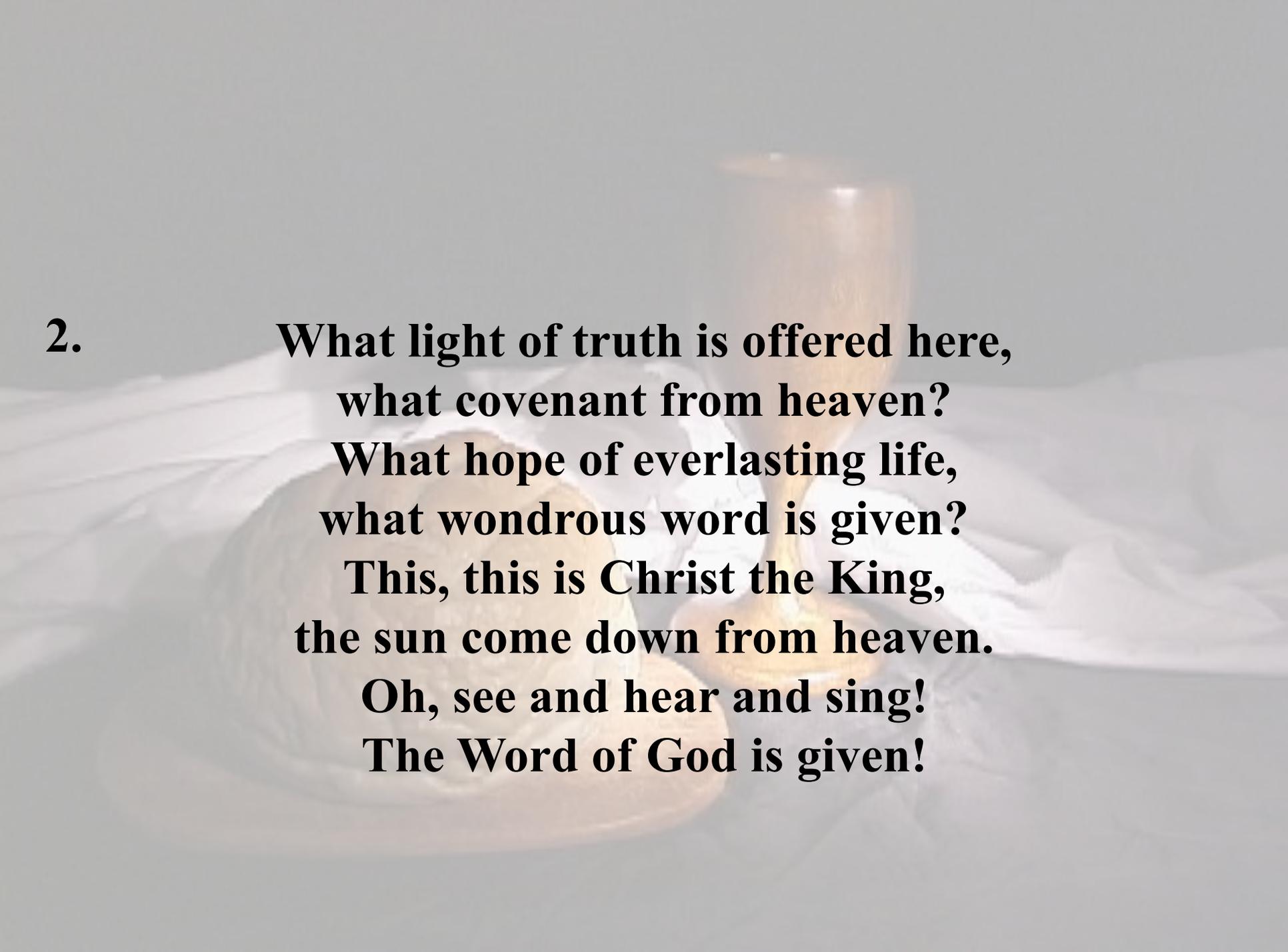
**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
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What Feast of Love

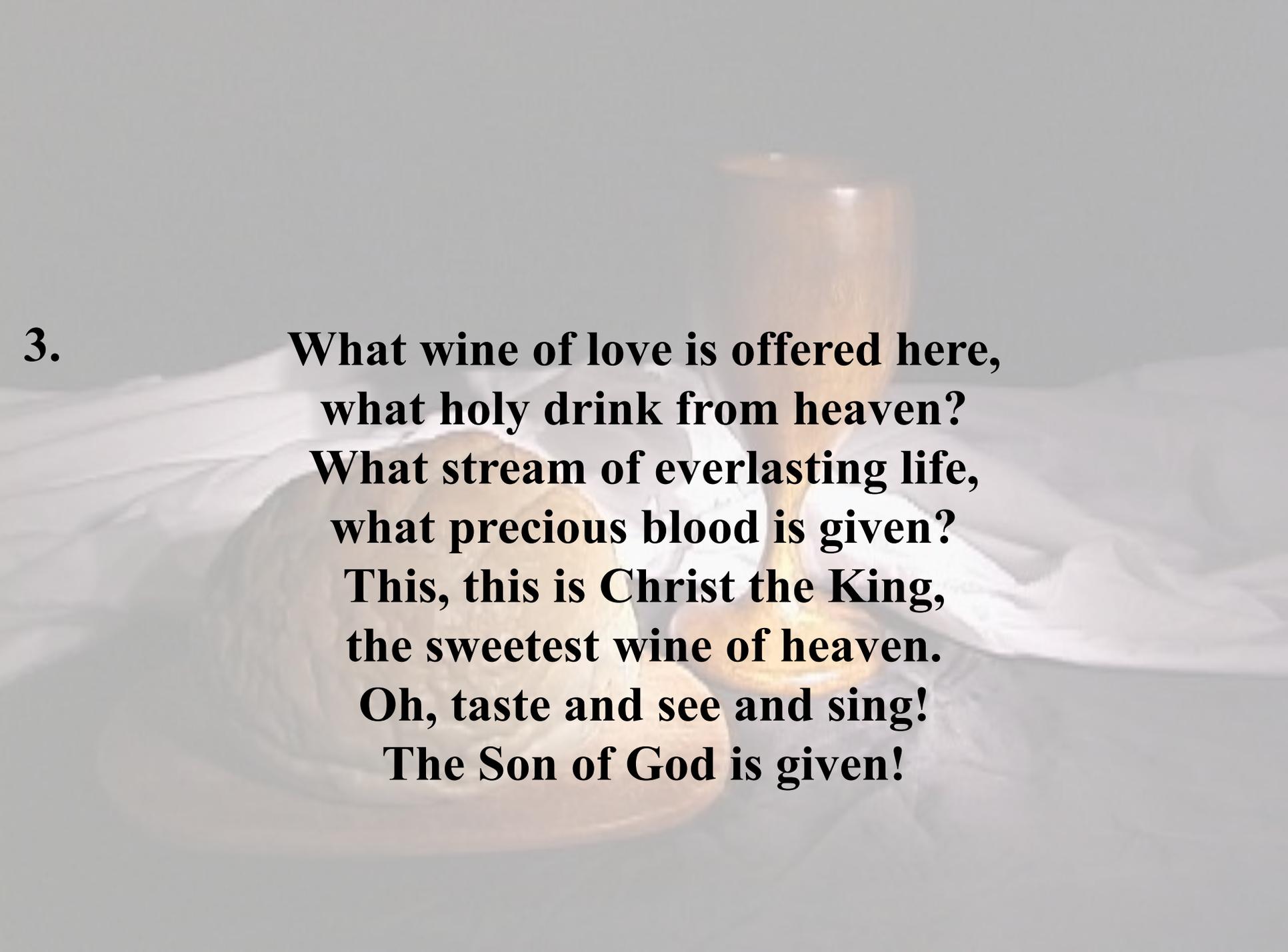
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- 1. What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**



**2. What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

A golden chalice and a round wafer are placed on a white cloth. The chalice is tall and slender, and the wafer is round and flat. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white cloth.

**3. What wine of love is offered here,
what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

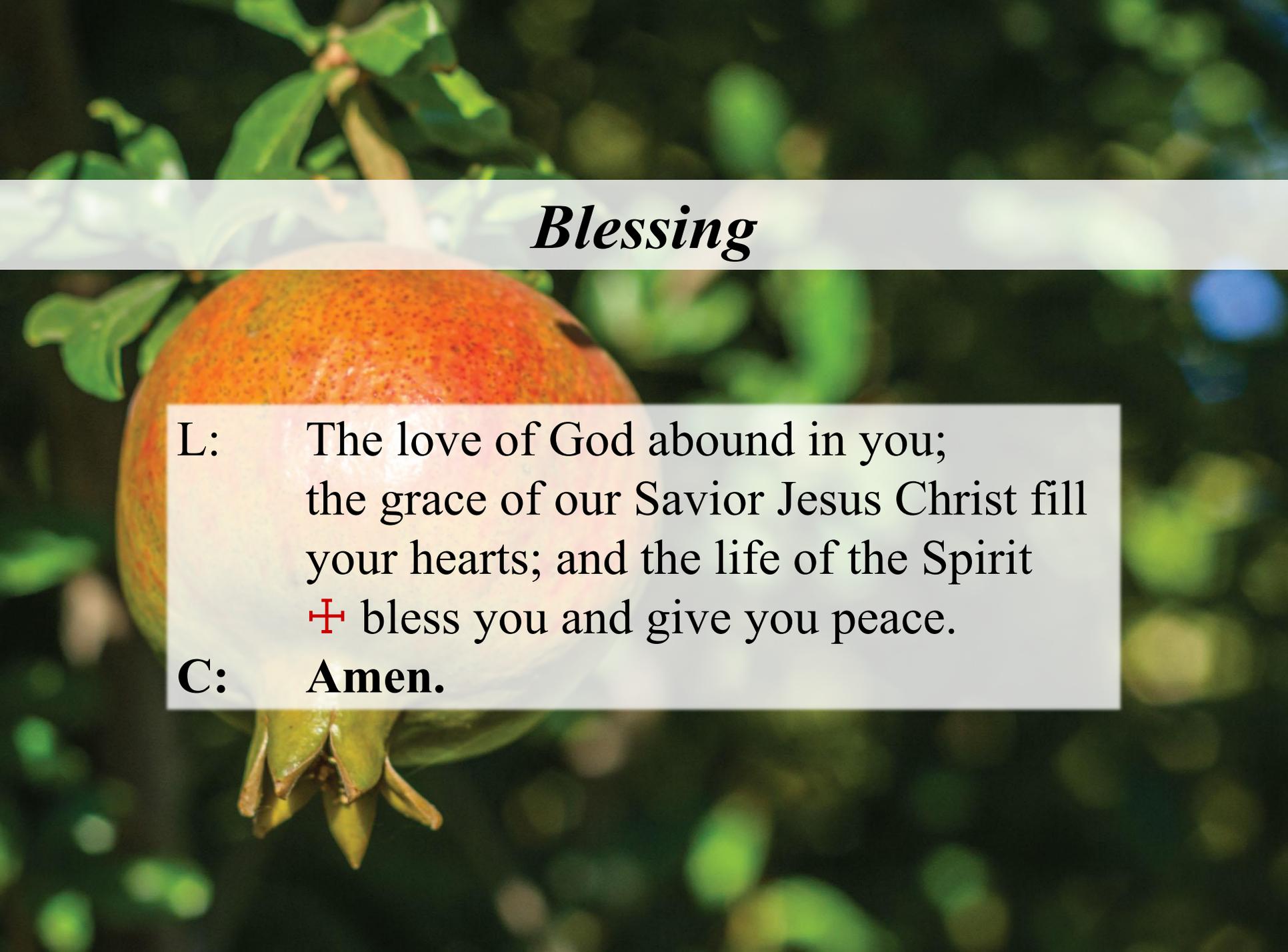
Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



Blessing

L: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill
your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✝ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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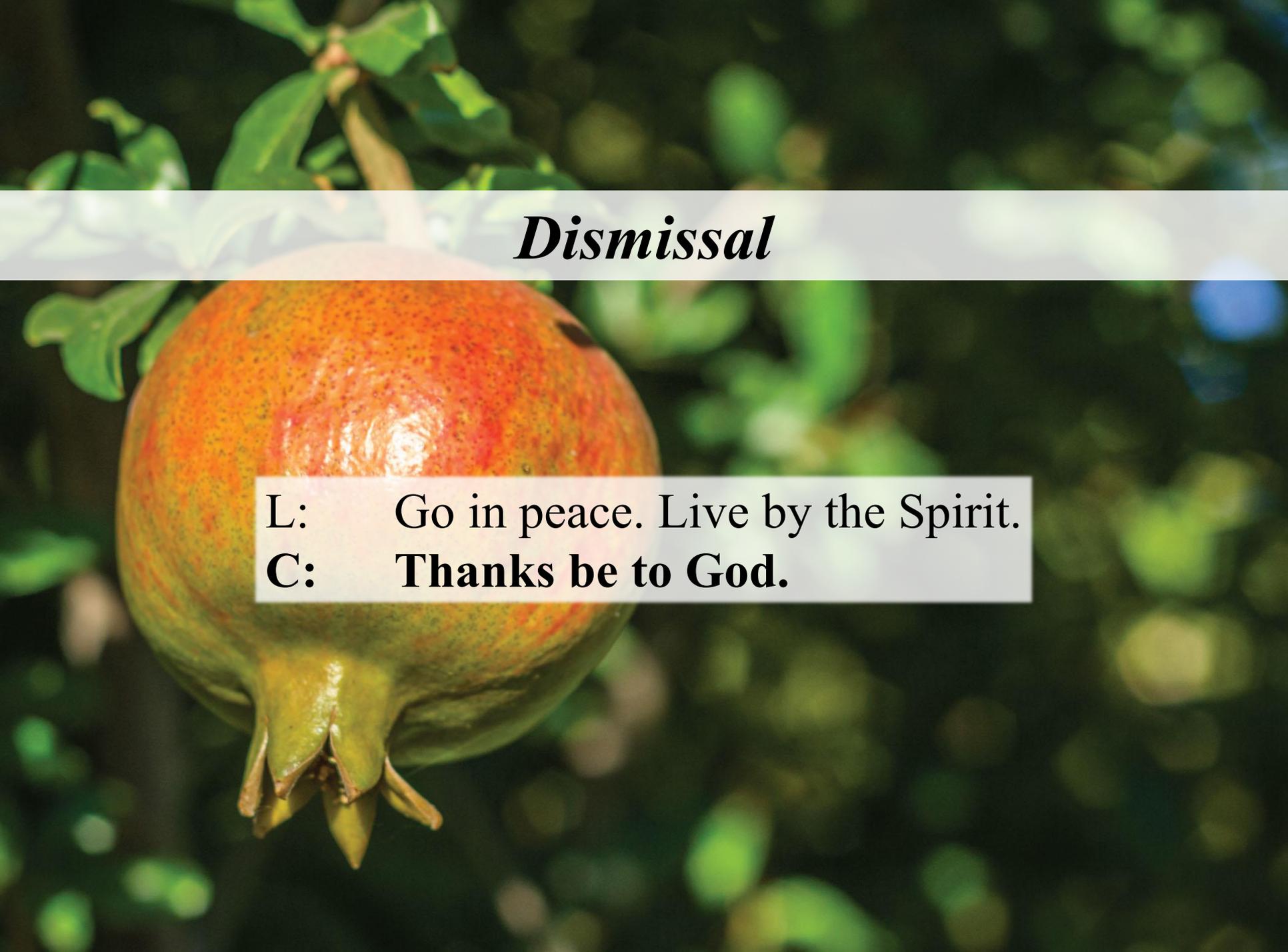
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**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.**

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a better place to live.**

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.**

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!