



*Welcome to Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, August 17, 2025  
9:00 am*

Sunset on Lake Bronson, 2024  
Photo by Claudia McFarlane

A vertical photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with the sun just below the horizon. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the background, there is a dark silhouette of a tree line. In the foreground, there are some reeds or grasses. The overall mood is peaceful and calm.

*Welcome and Announcements*

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*



# Fall Dinner Worship series

## Schedule:

- Wednesday, September 3
- Wednesday, September 10
- Wednesday, September 17
- Wednesday, September 24
- Wednesday, October 1
- Wednesday, October 8
- Wednesday, October 22



*If your group or committee wants to help serve the meal for one of the dates, contact Vicki at the church office to see what's available.*



# Parent-Student Informational Meeting for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation

Wednesday, September 3  
6:30 pm  
(following the 5:45 pm  
worship)

The meeting will cover  
class dates and times as  
well as requirements and  
upcoming events.

Register for classes at [zlcw.org](http://zlcw.org) and follow the Quick Links tab  
to Student Registration Forms.



**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**



Register here!



Questions? Contact Amanda Bengtson at 320-292-2422  
or email her at [amandabengtson611@gmail.com](mailto: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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# Noisy Offering

will be collected TODAY.  
All proceeds will go to  
Middle and High School  
Classroom supplies.

# *Sharing the Peace*

# **Let Us Go Now to the Banquet**

ELW #523

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**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**1. I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family.**

**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**2. God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food.**

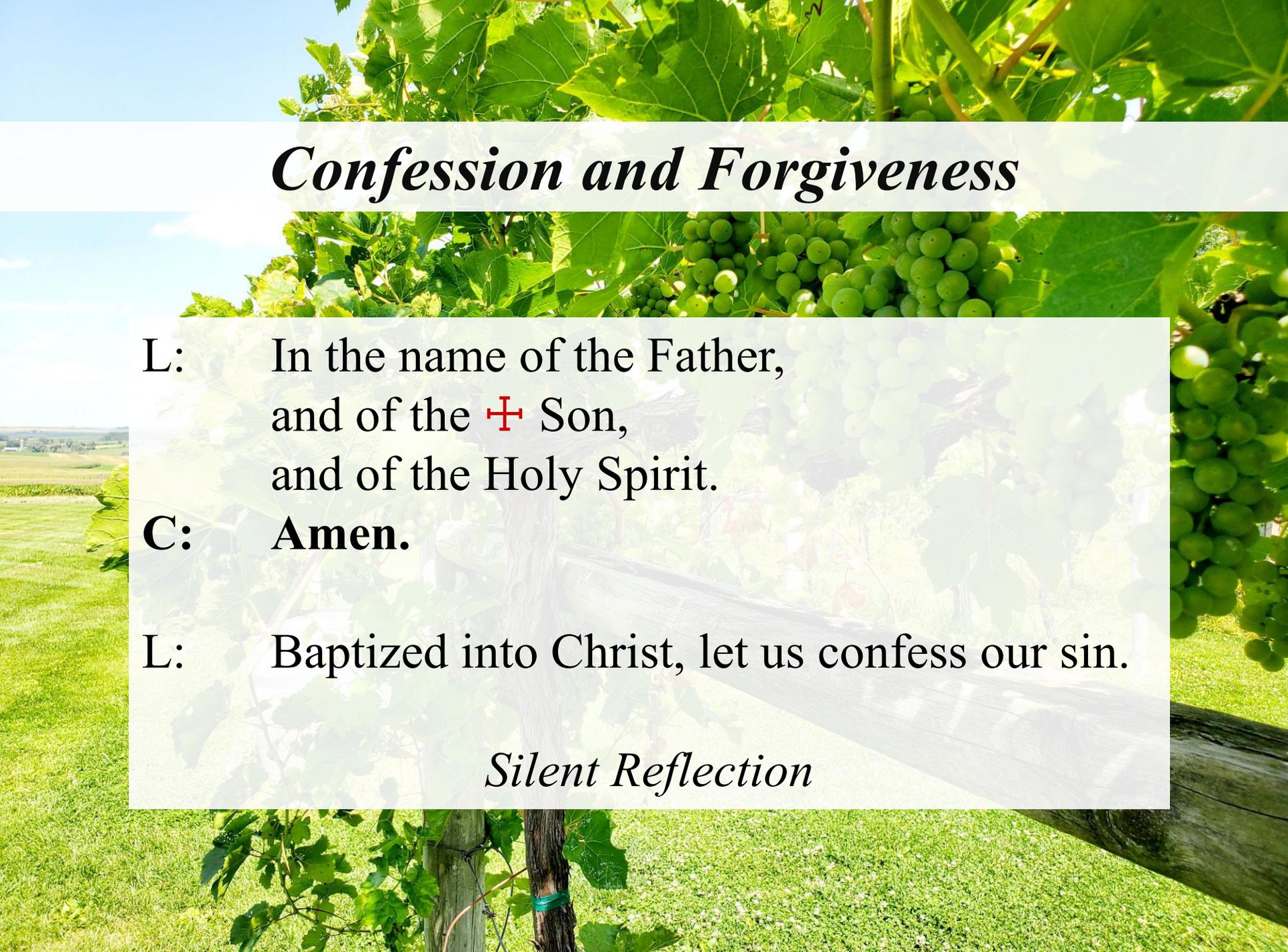
**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.**

**The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**3. May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have.**

**Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.**

**The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**



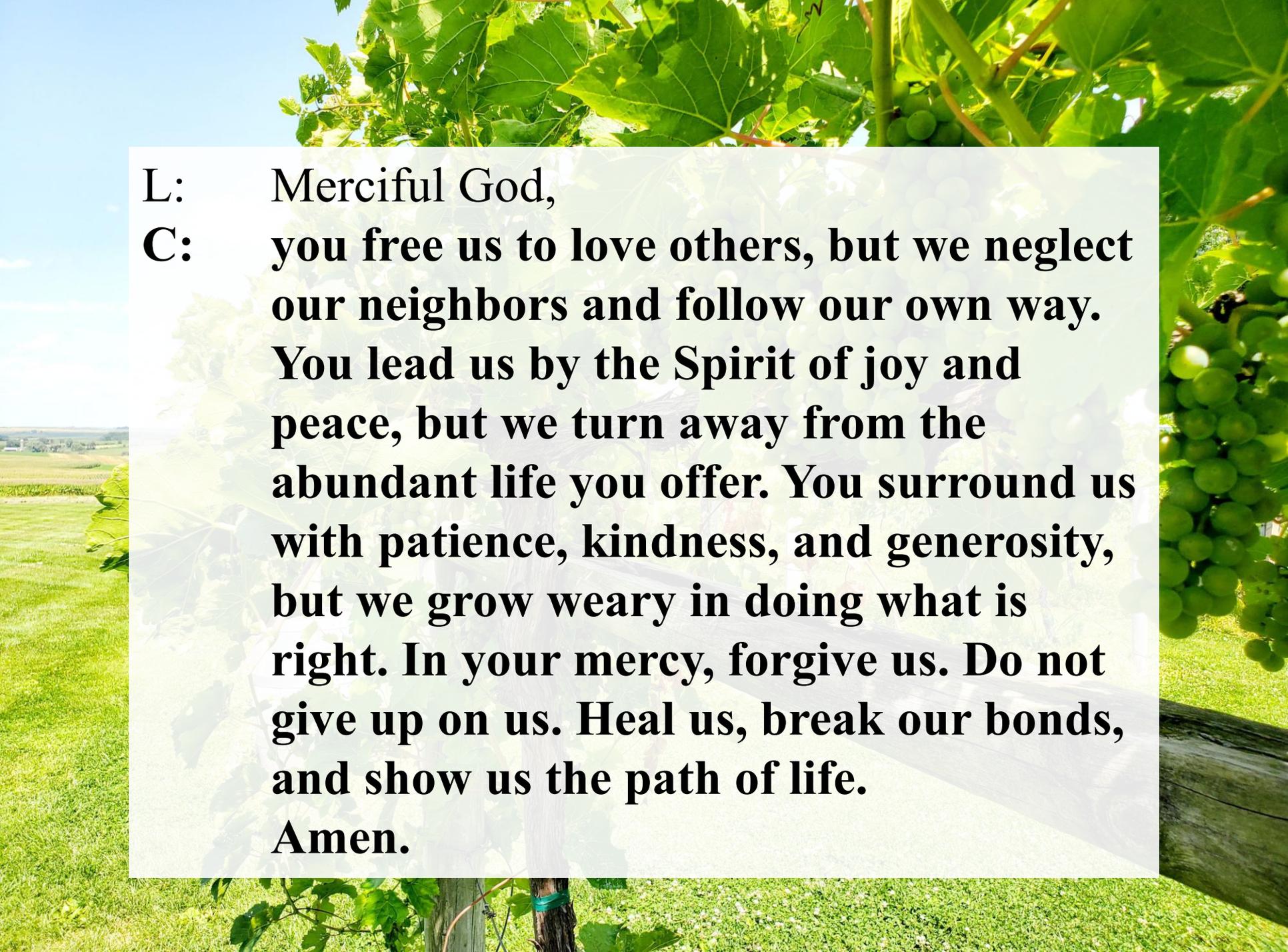
# *Confession and Forgiveness*

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

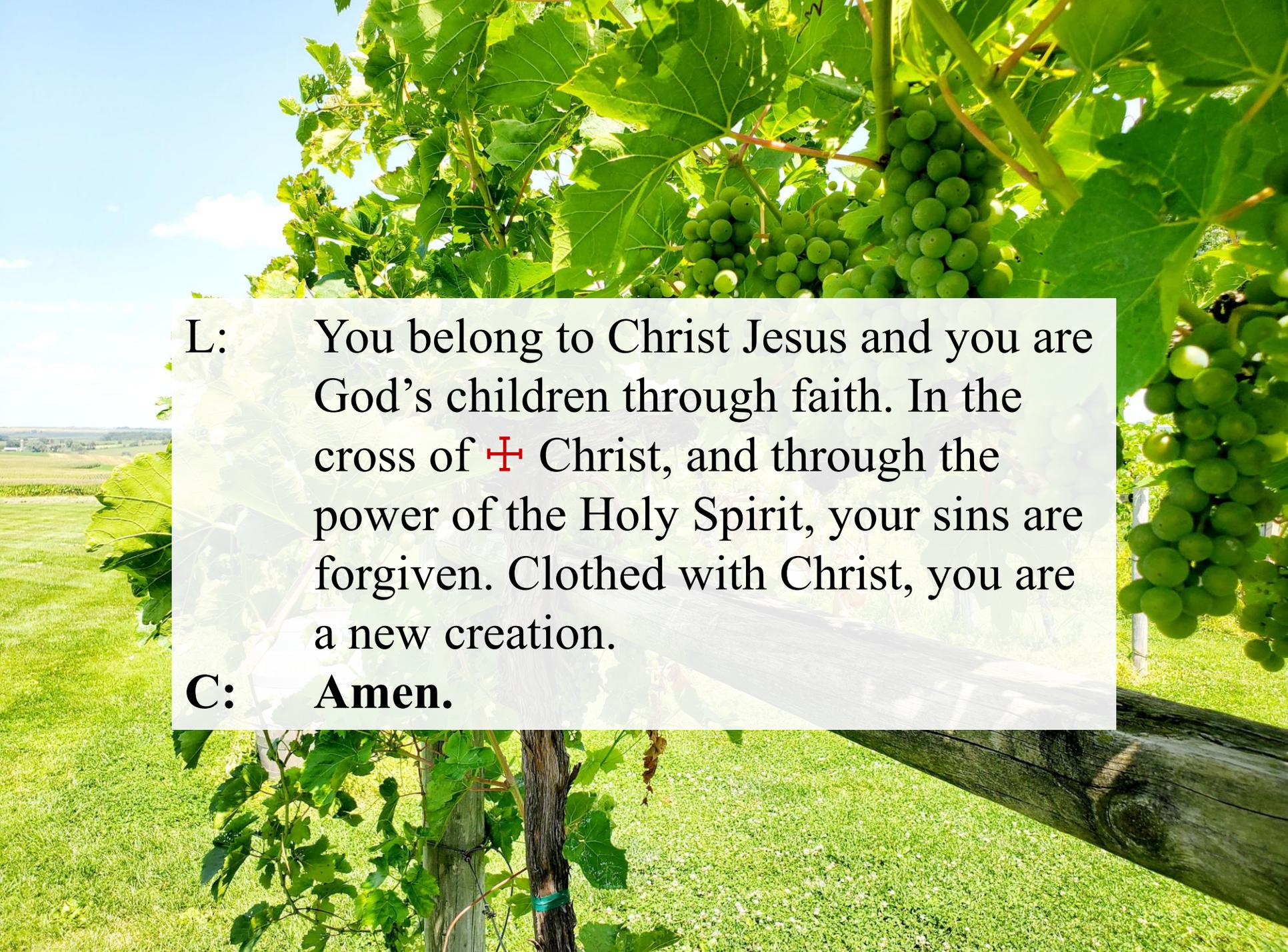
**C: Amen.**

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

*Silent Reflection*

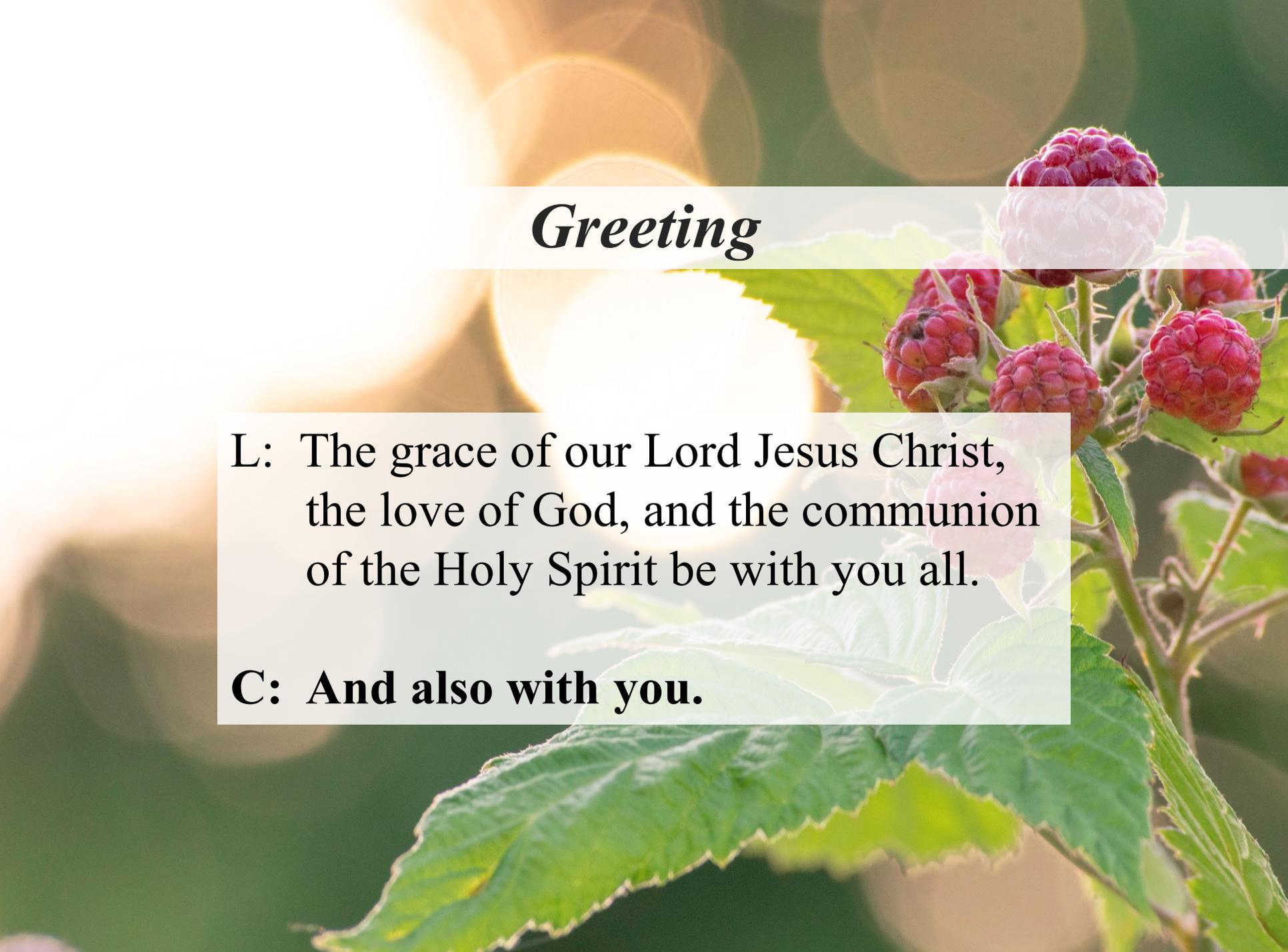


**L:** Merciful God,  
**C:** you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. 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 showing a mix of red and 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.

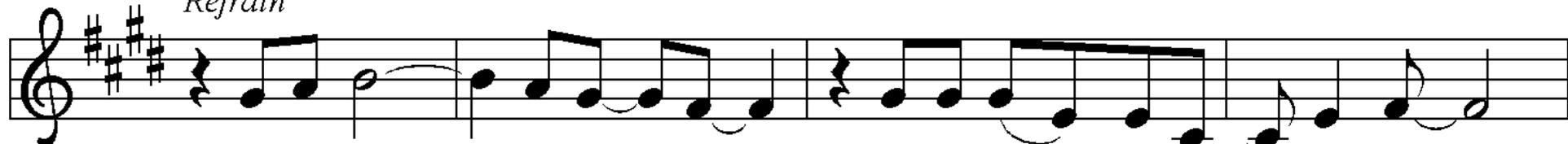
**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie

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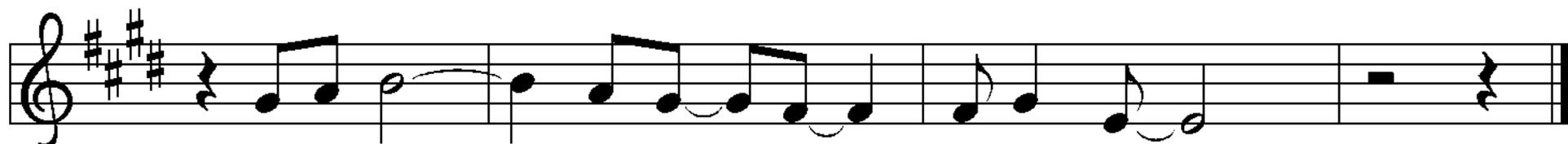
*All:*

*Refrain*



Musical notation for the first line of the Kyrie refrain. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Musical notation for the second line of the Kyrie refrain. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in the world,  
for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house,  
for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: That we may live out  
your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out  
truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

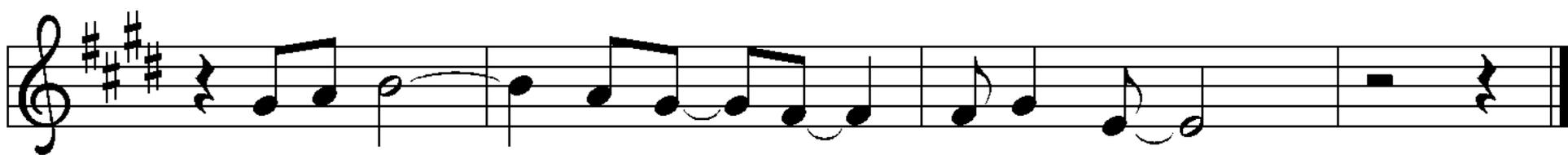
All:

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. A slur covers the next three notes: a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. A slur covers the next three notes: a half note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The line ends with a quarter note G3.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

The second line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef, continuing from the first line. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. A slur covers the next three notes: a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. This is followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. A slur covers the next three notes: a half note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The line ends with a quarter note G3.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts,  
for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family;  
for life and for love,  
for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

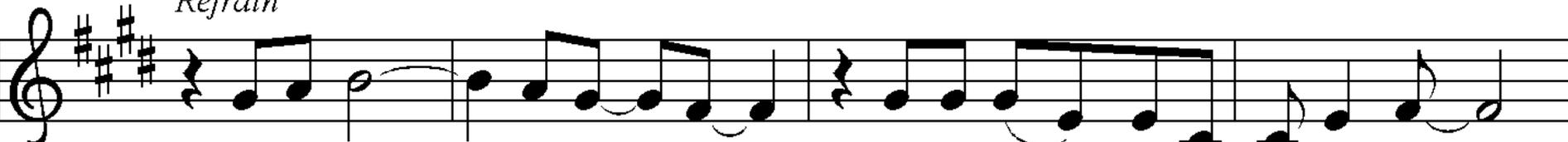


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;  
that you center our lives  
in the water and the word;  
that you nourish our souls  
with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

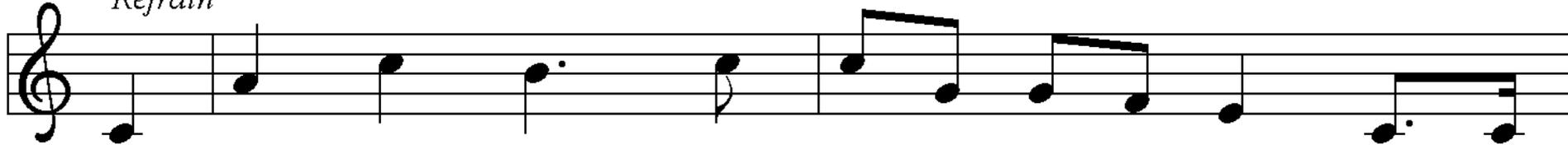


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

# Hymn of Praise

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*Refrain*



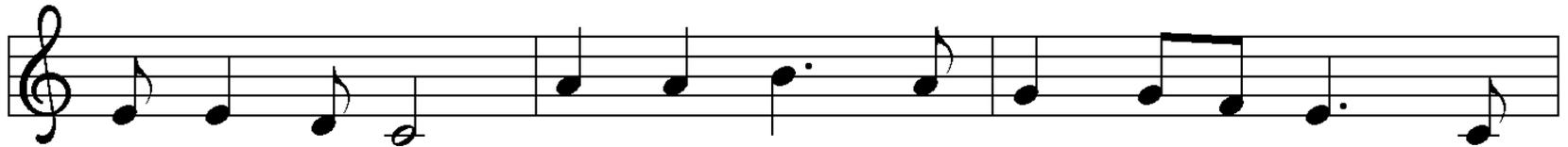
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

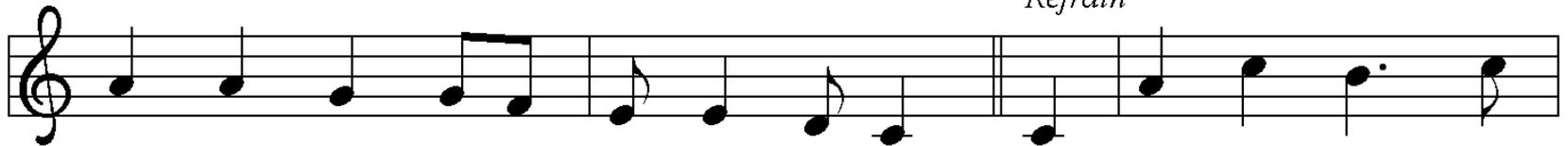


1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



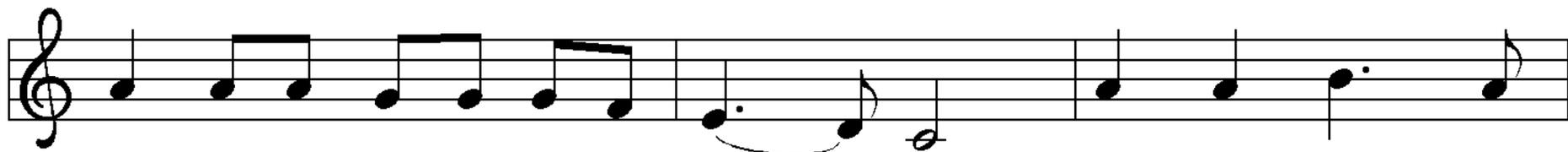
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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, hon - or,



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 a vibrant red color, and the leaves are a fresh green. The overall scene is bright and natural.

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

**L:** O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

*A Message for  
All God's Children*

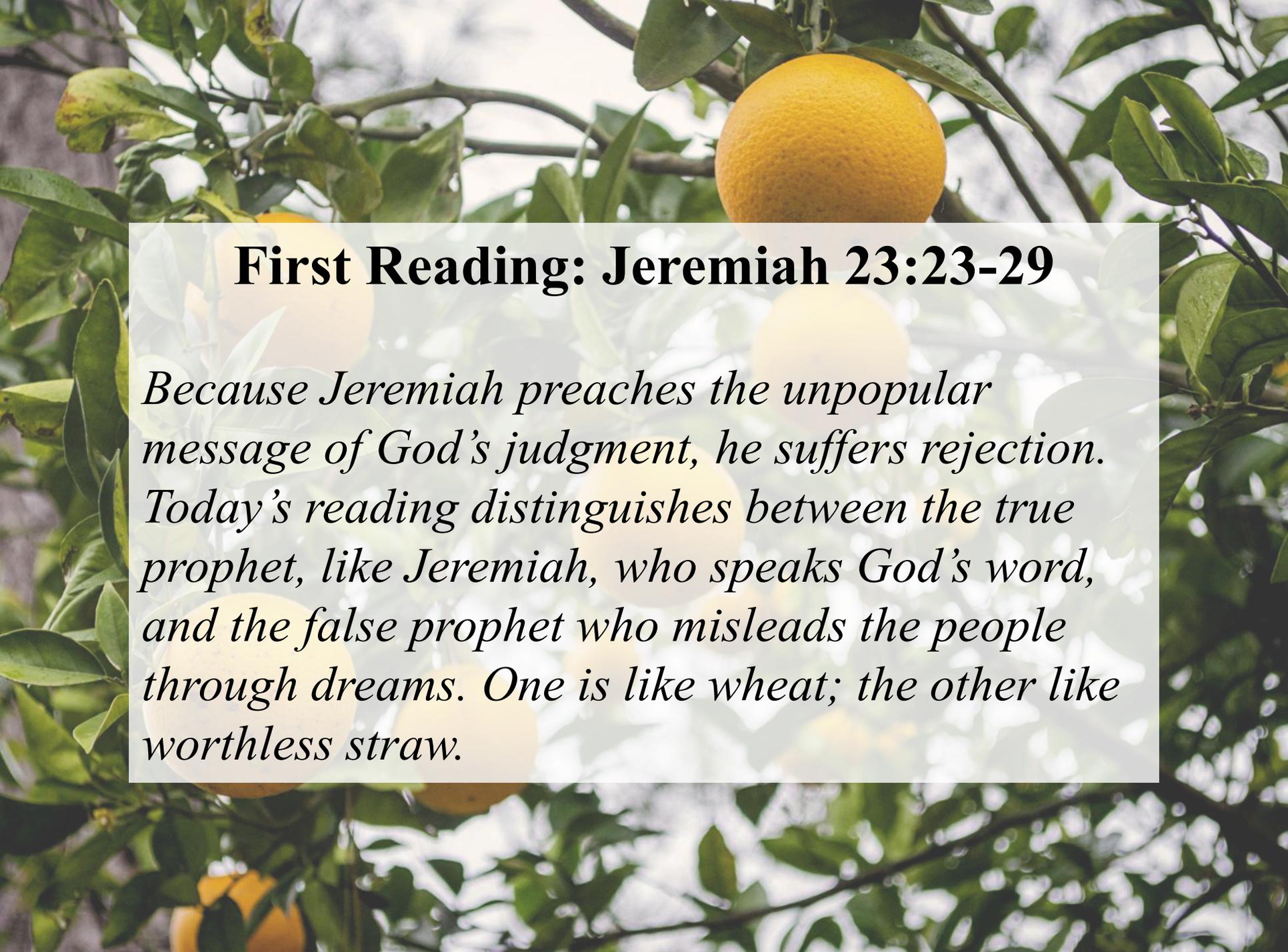


# **Noisy Offering!!!**

**Drop your change in the buckets  
and make some noise!**

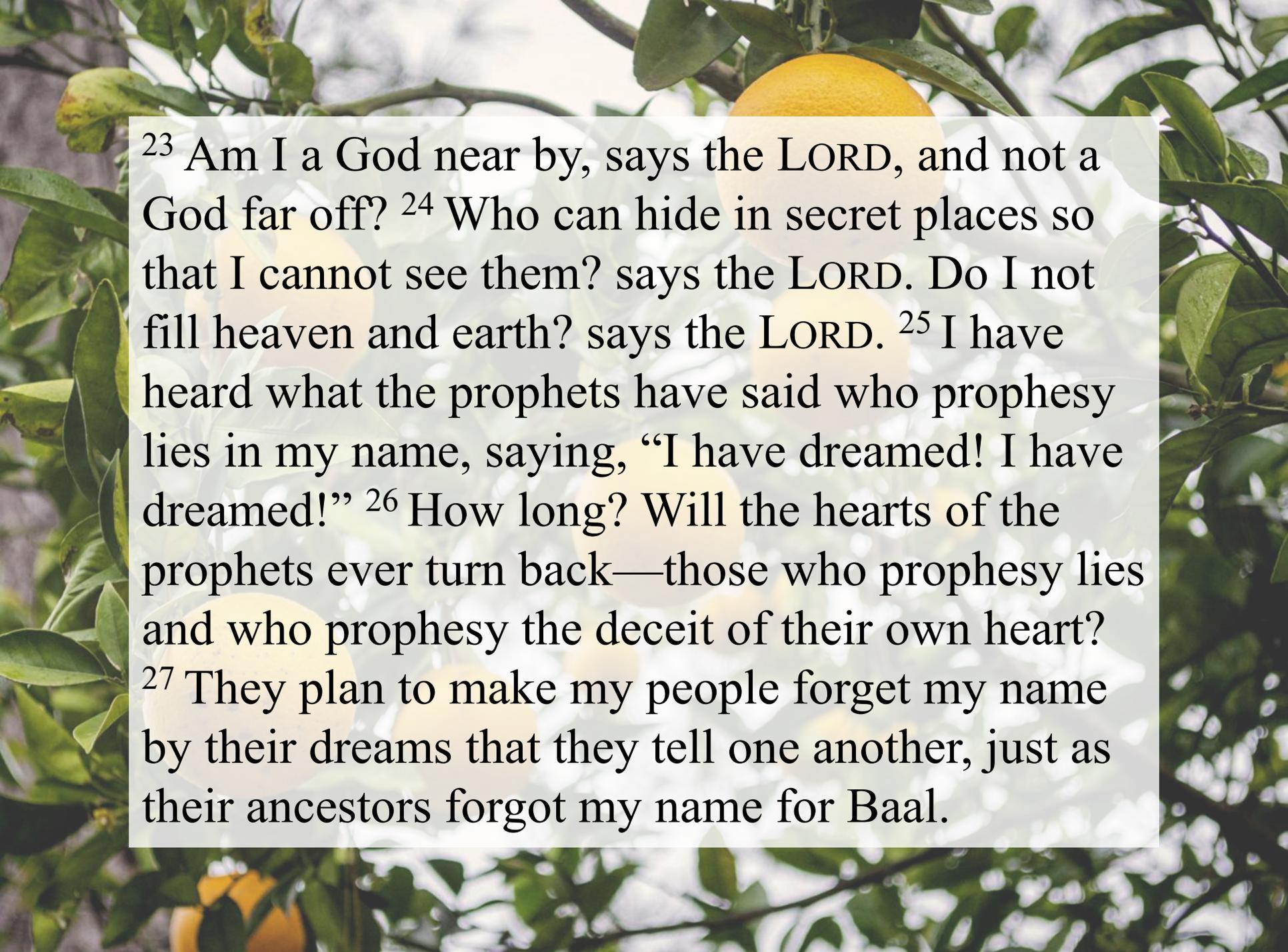
**Proceeds will go to  
Middle and High School  
Classroom supplies.**



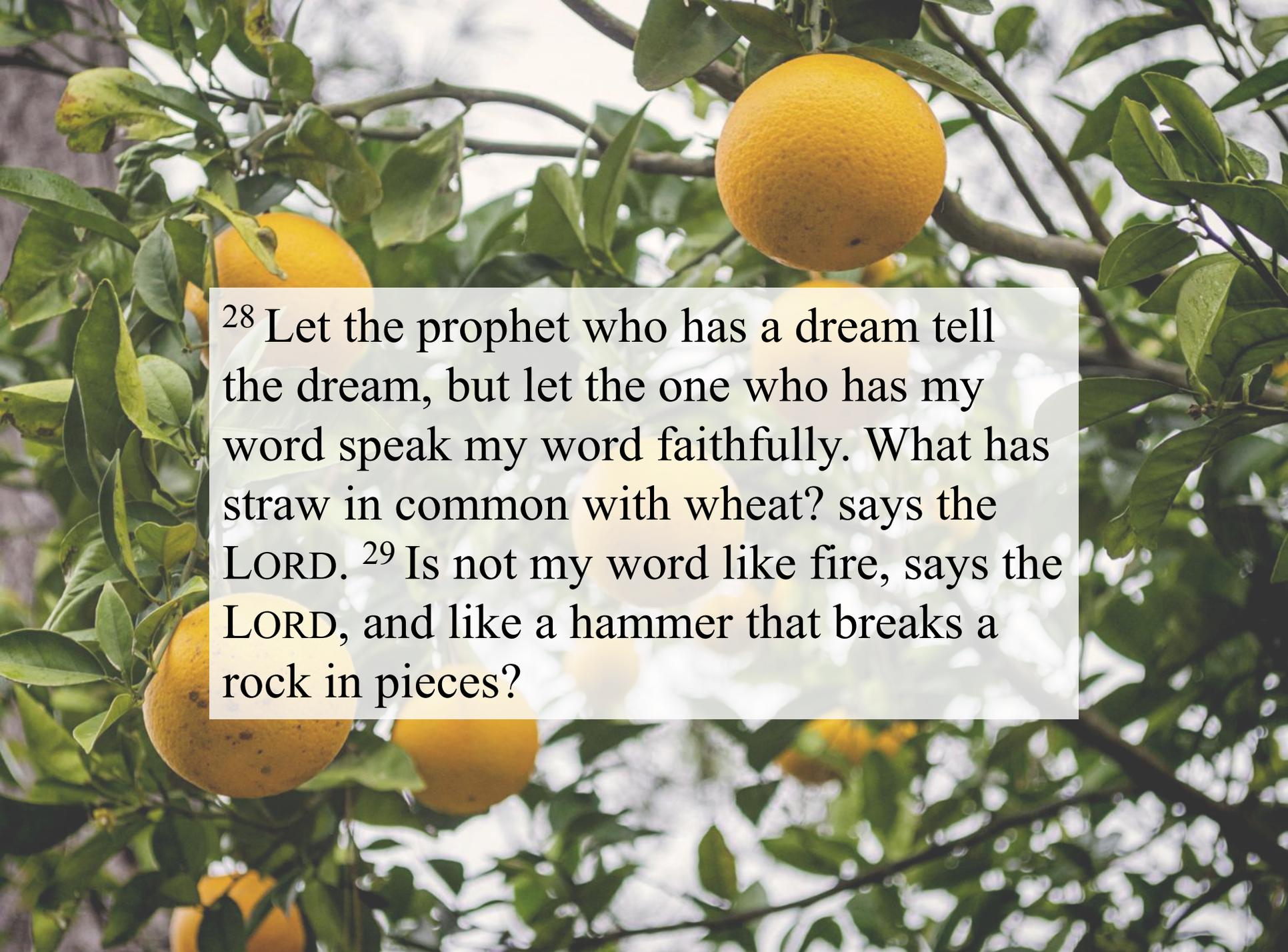


## **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

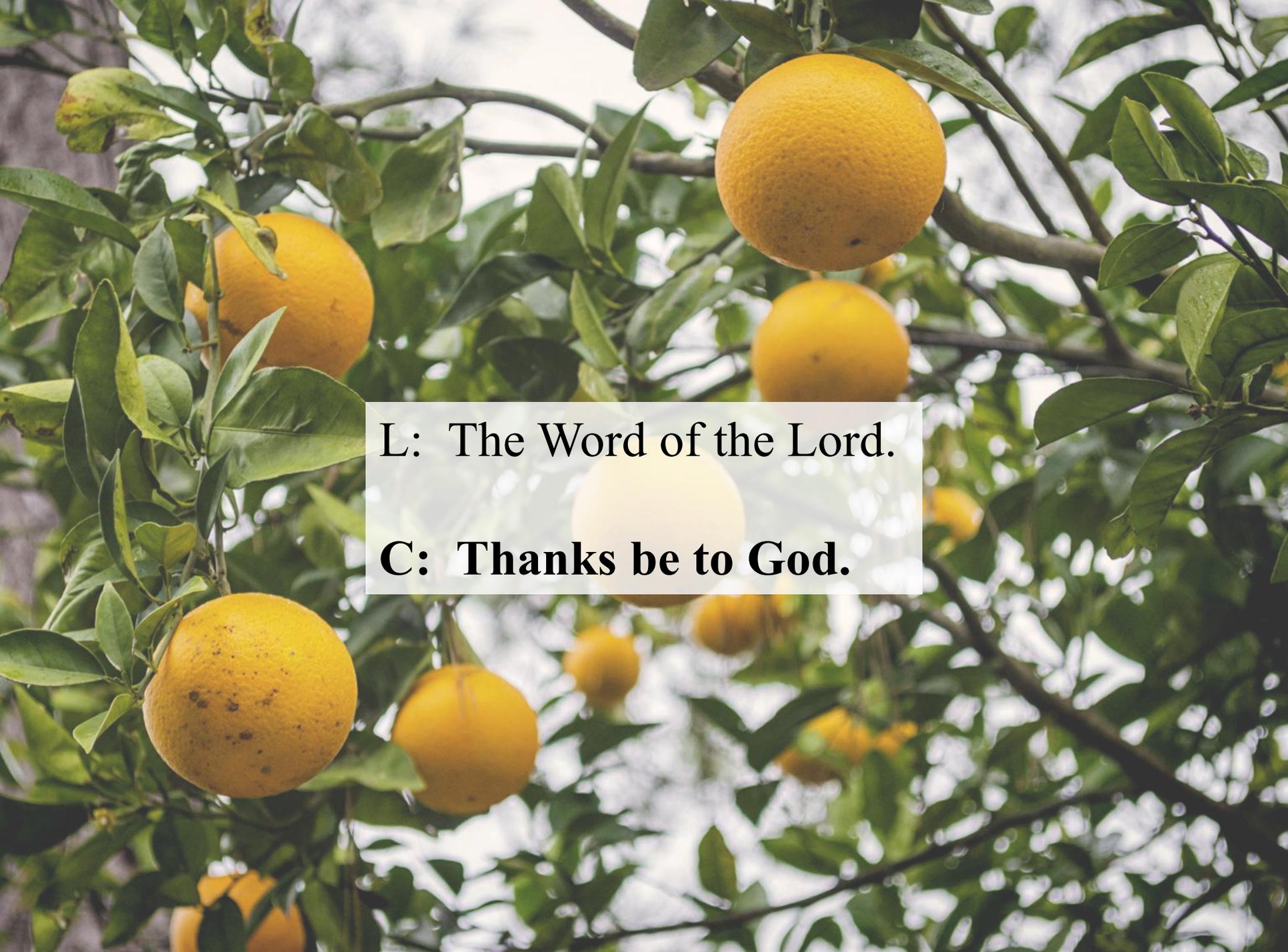
*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*



<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.



<sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

A photograph of several ripe, yellow-orange oranges hanging from a tree with green leaves. The oranges are in various stages of ripeness, with some appearing more yellow and others more orange. The background is a soft-focus view of the tree's canopy and sky.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

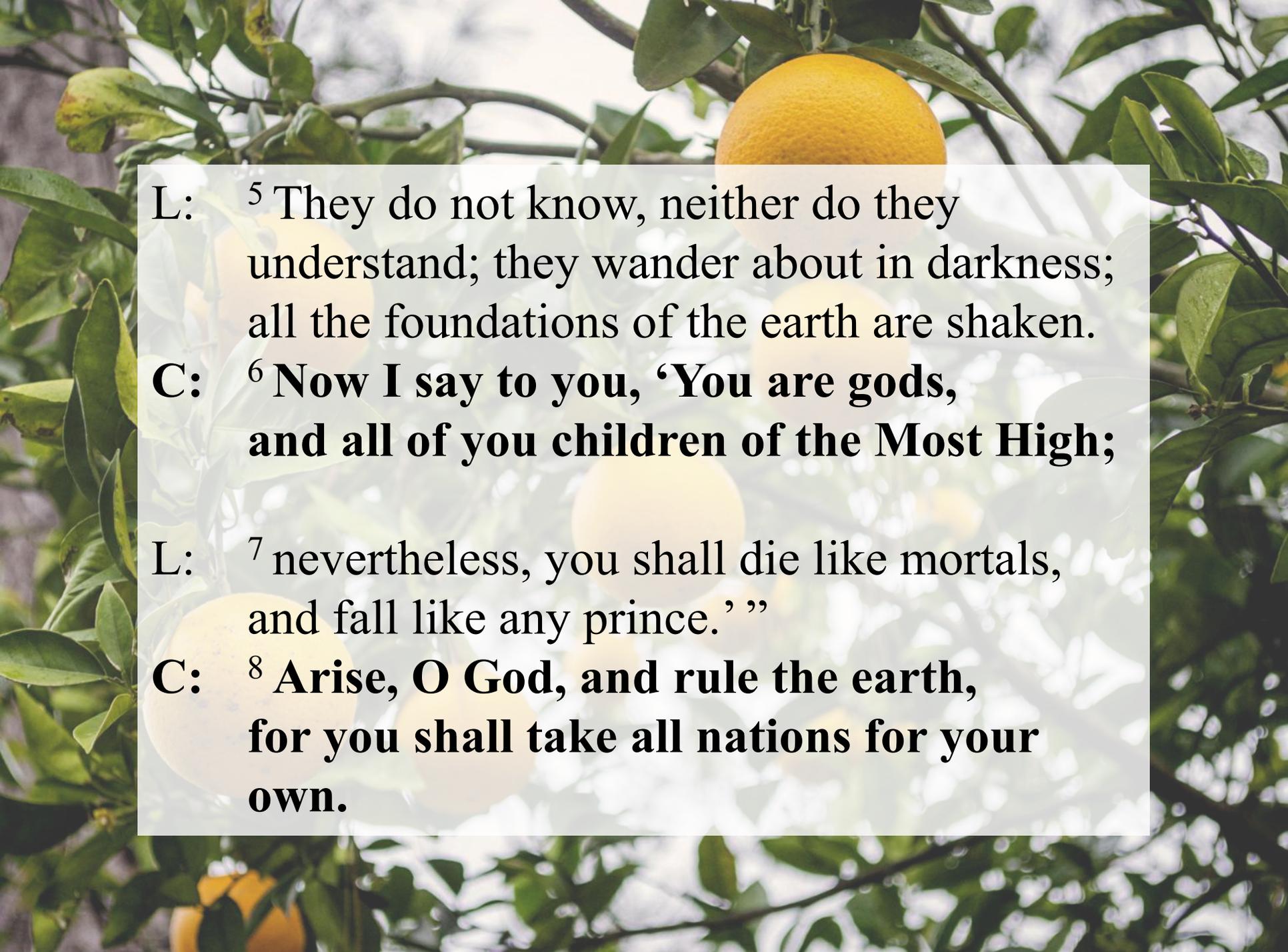
## Psalm 82

L: <sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: <sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

L: <sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

C: <sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

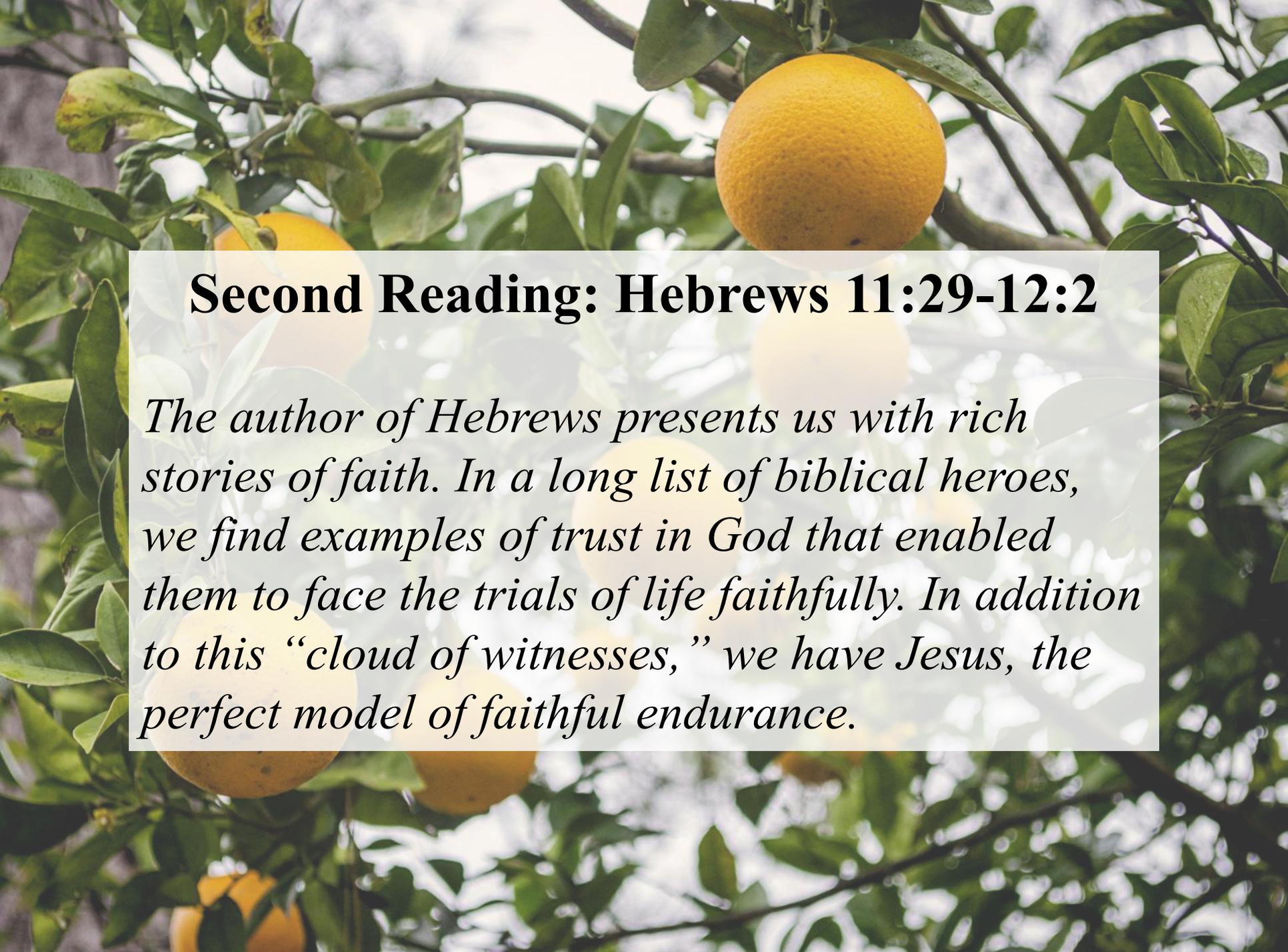


L: <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

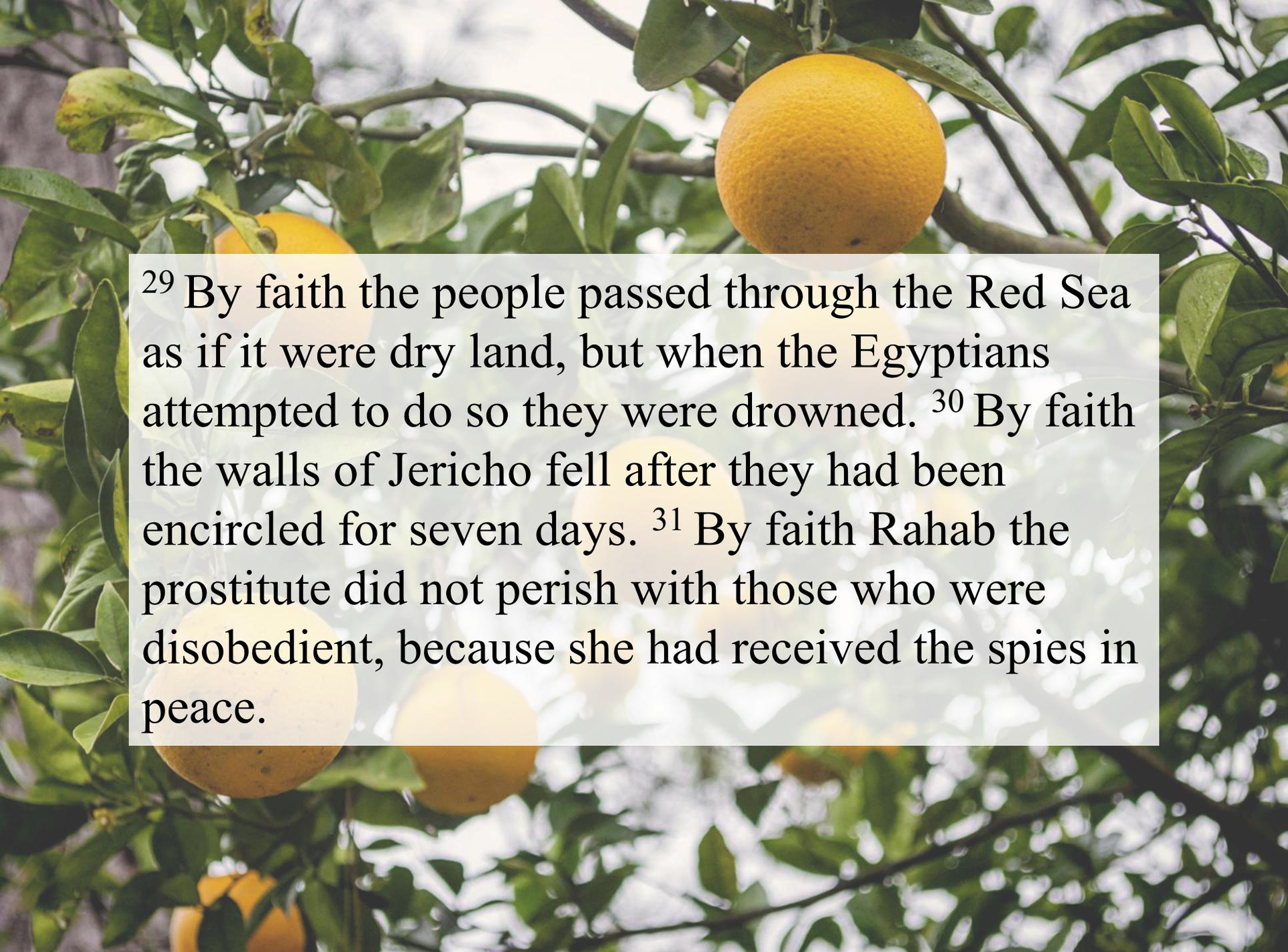
L: <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”

**C: <sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

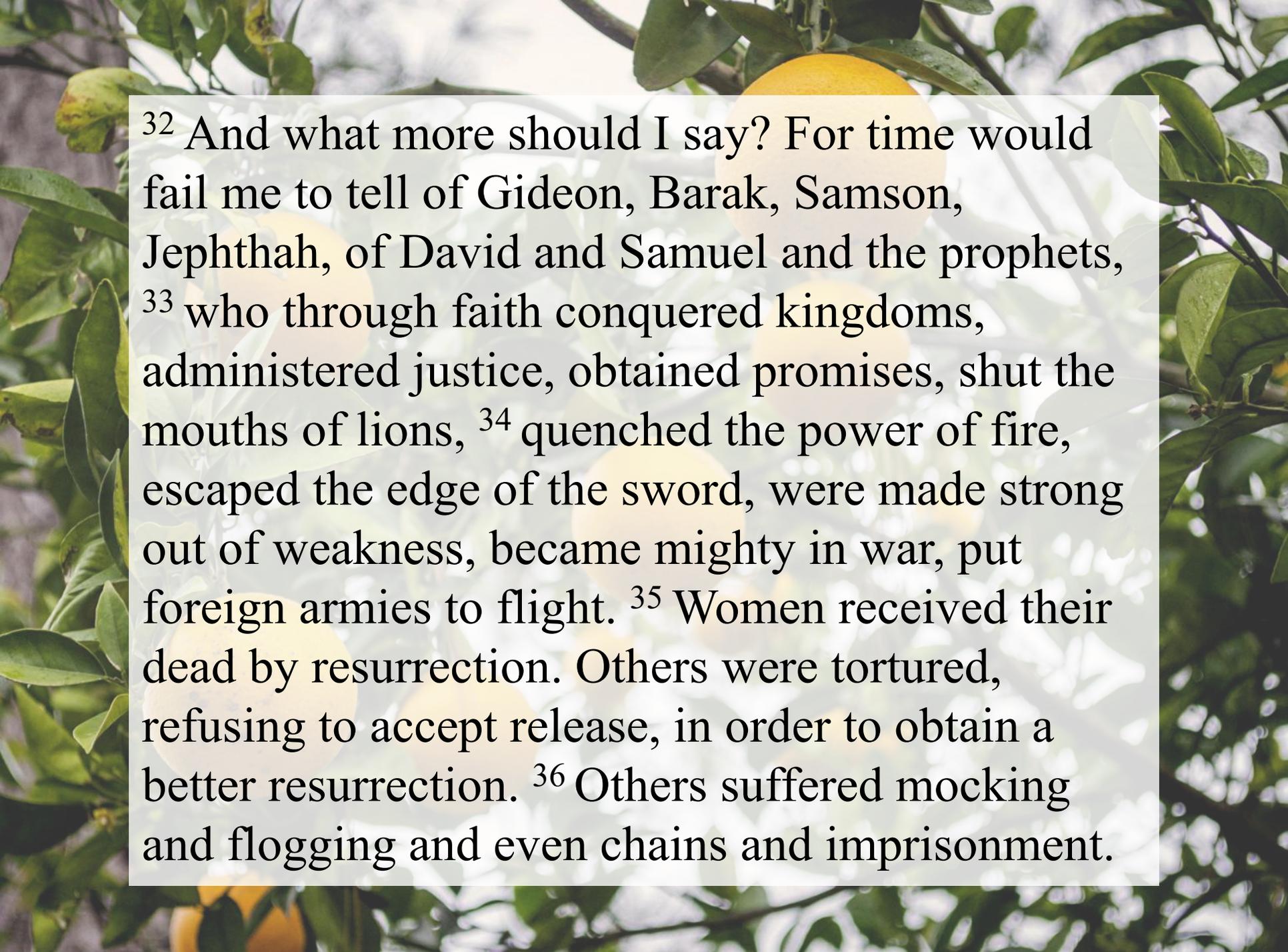
A photograph of several ripe, yellow-orange oranges hanging from a tree with green leaves. The oranges are the central focus, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

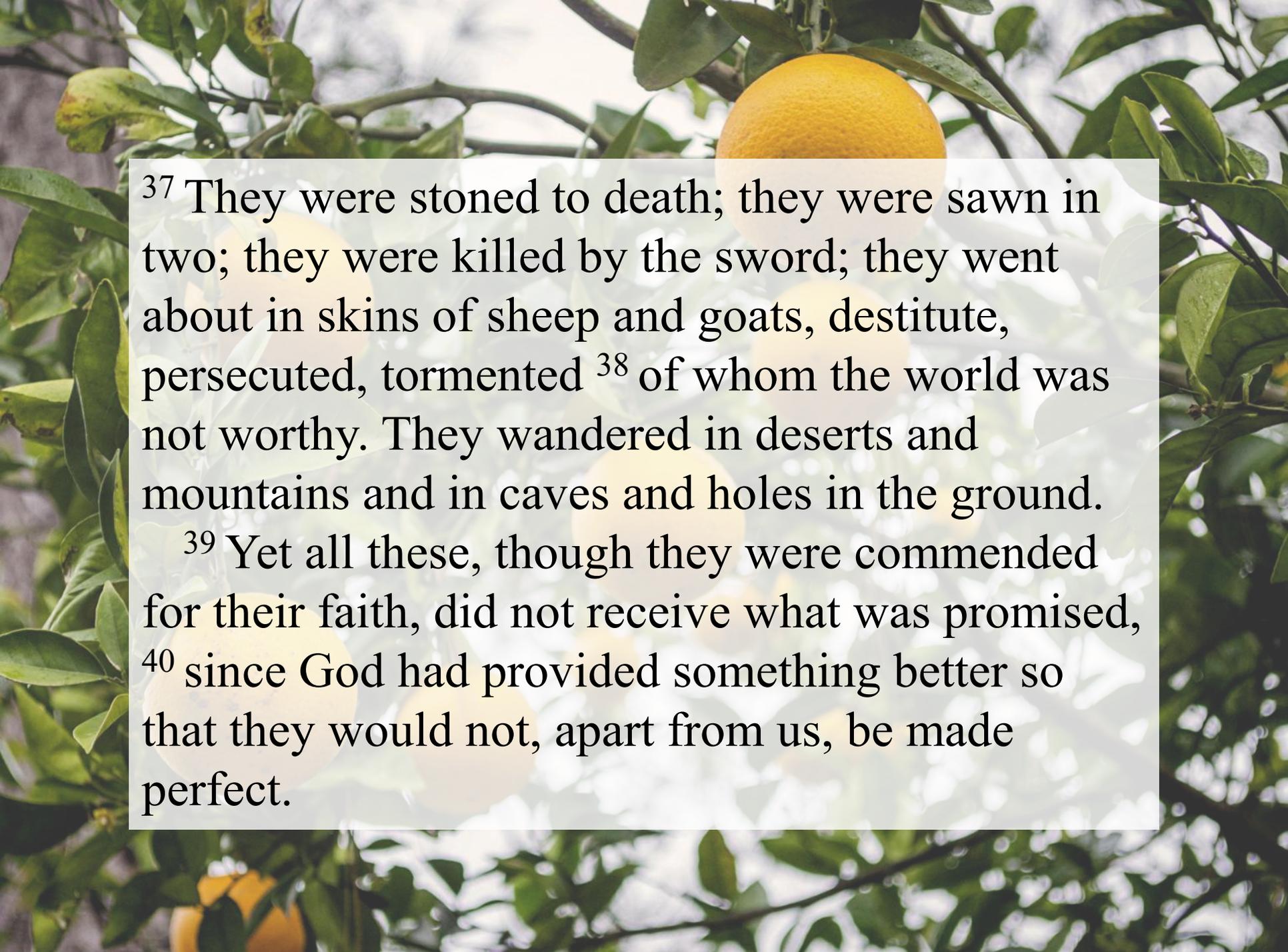
*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*



<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

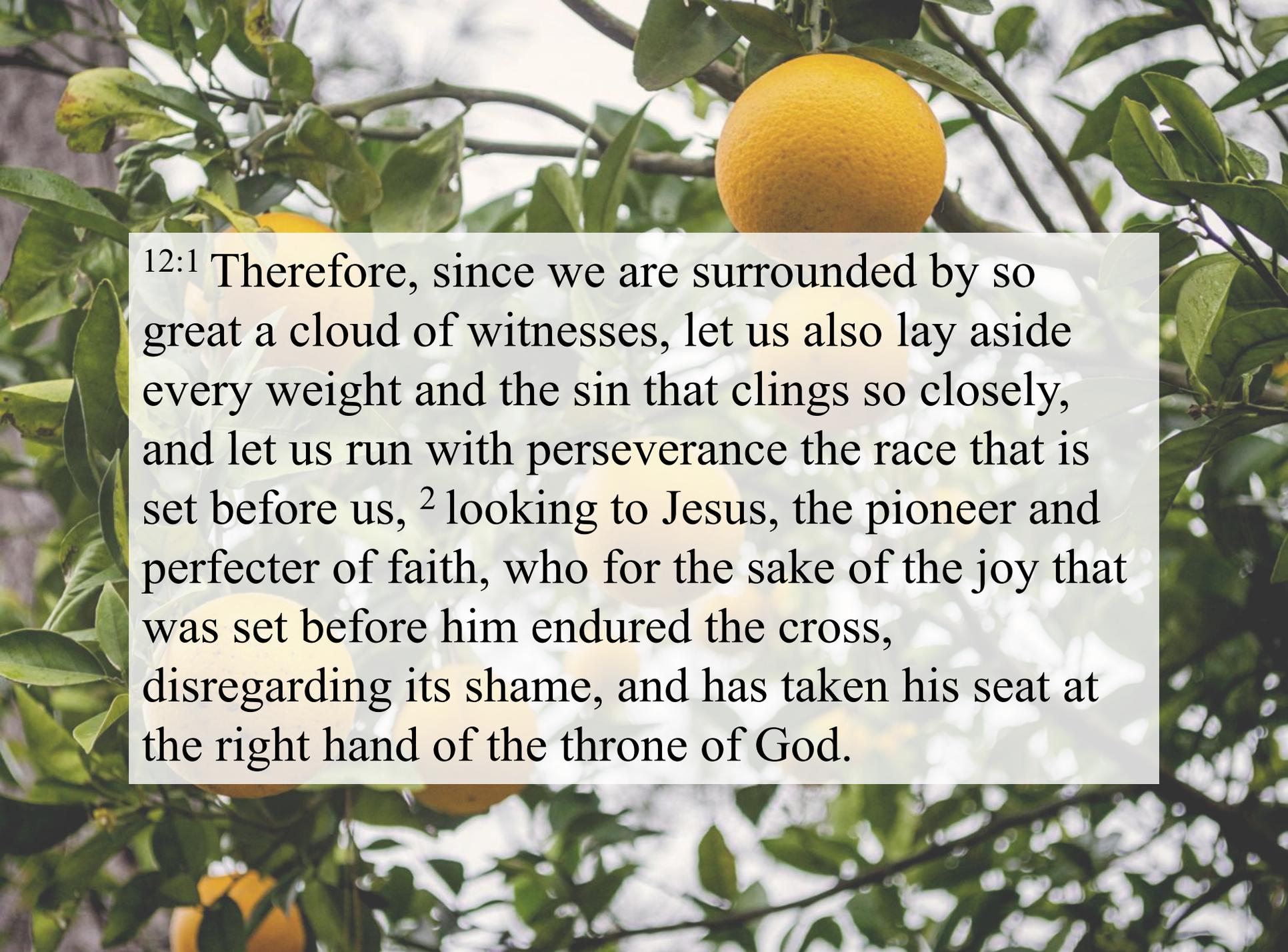


<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

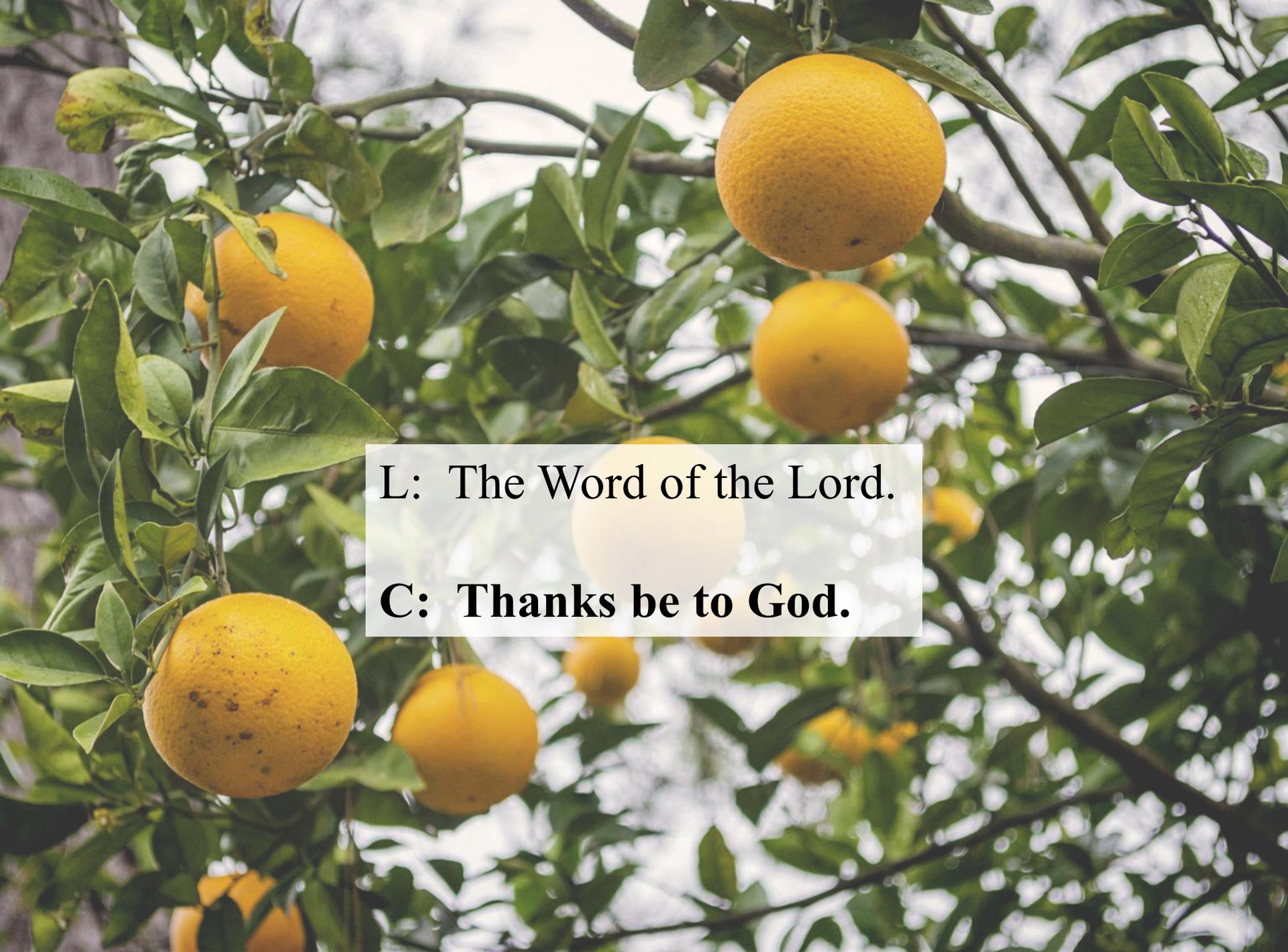


<sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.



12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

A photograph of several ripe, yellow-orange oranges hanging from a tree branch. The oranges are surrounded by lush green leaves. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the tree and a hint of a sky. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

L: The Word of the Lord.

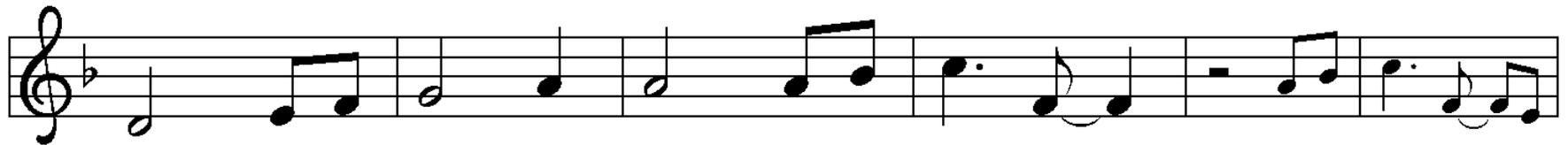
**C: Thanks be to God.**

# *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.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

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

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

## Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

<sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

<sup>53</sup> they will be divided:

father against son

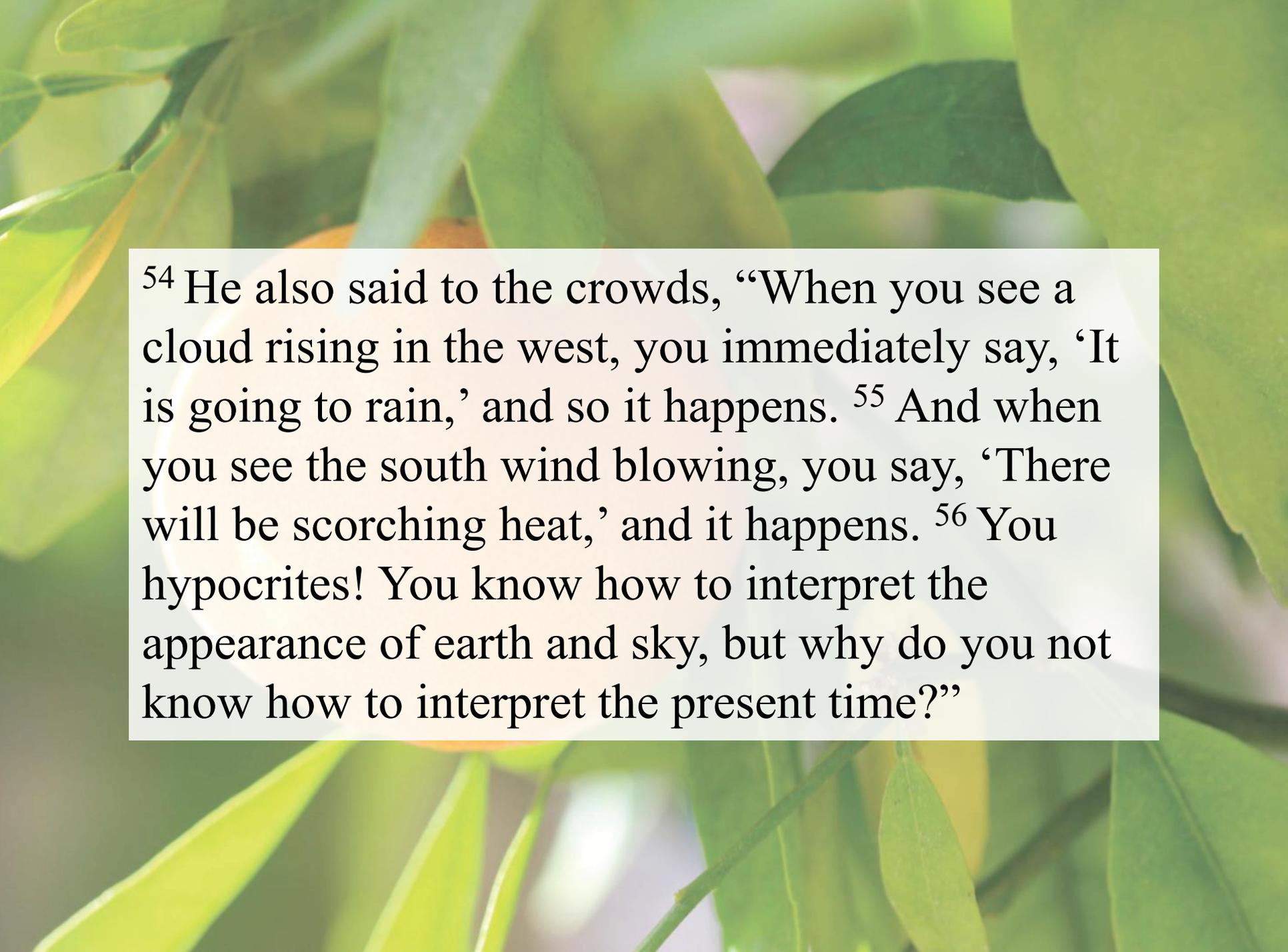
and son against father,

mother against daughter

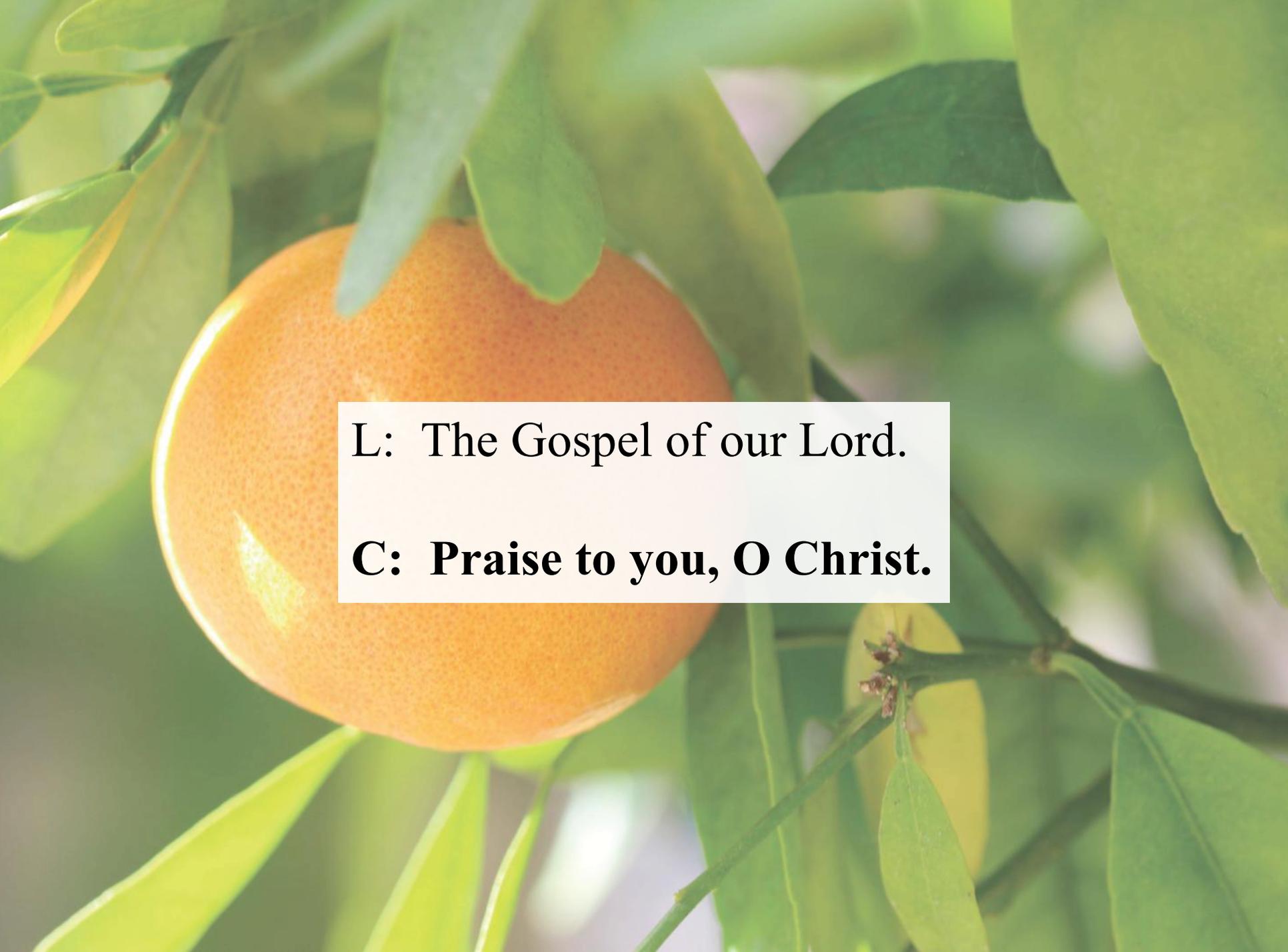
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Message*

# **Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult**

ELW #696 vv. 1, 3-5

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- 1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."**



3.

**Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."**





**4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
“Christian, love me more than these.”**





**5.**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.**



## *Apostles' Creed*

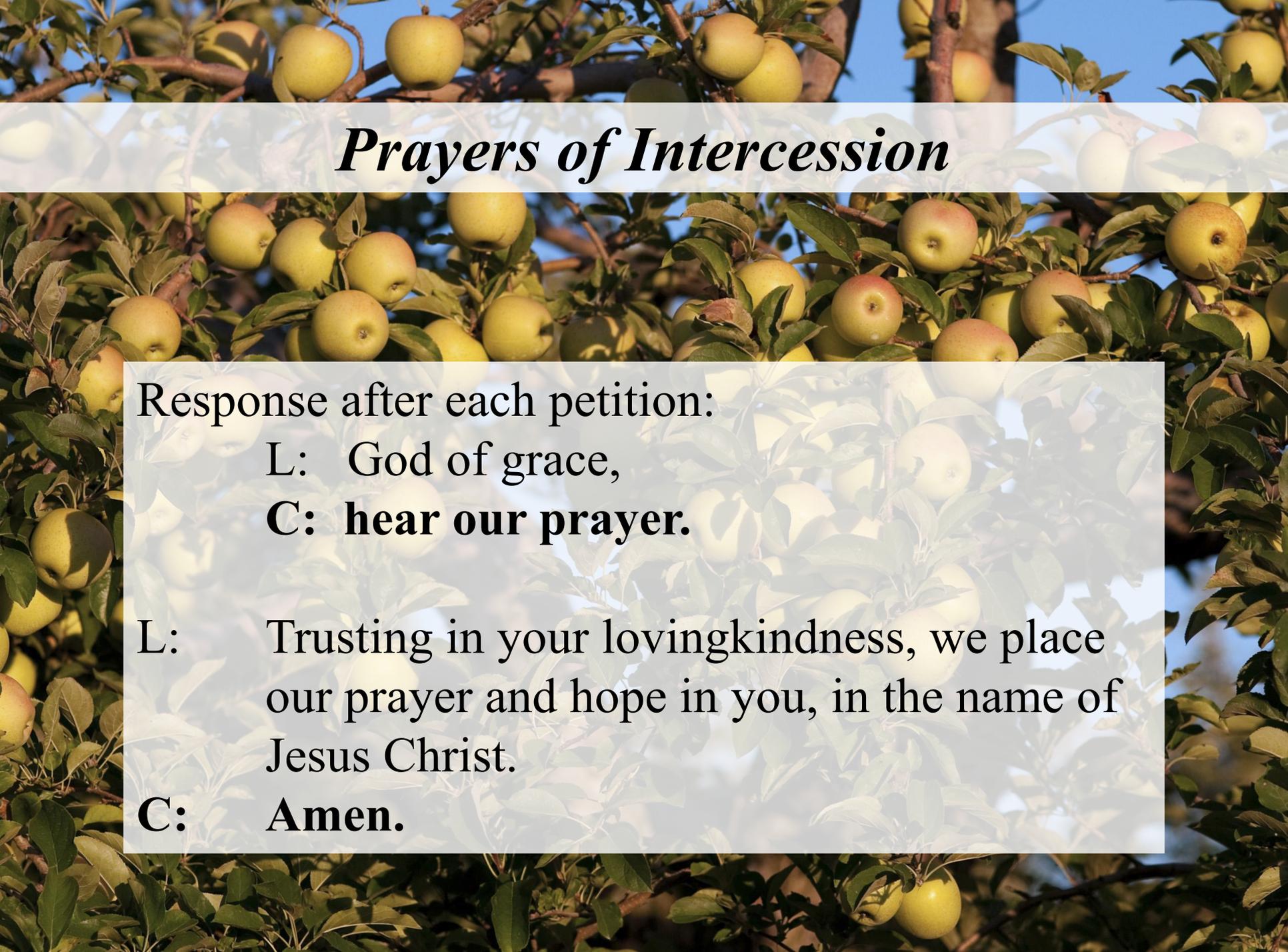
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 high in the sky, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere and a prominent lens flare in the lower-left quadrant. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame.

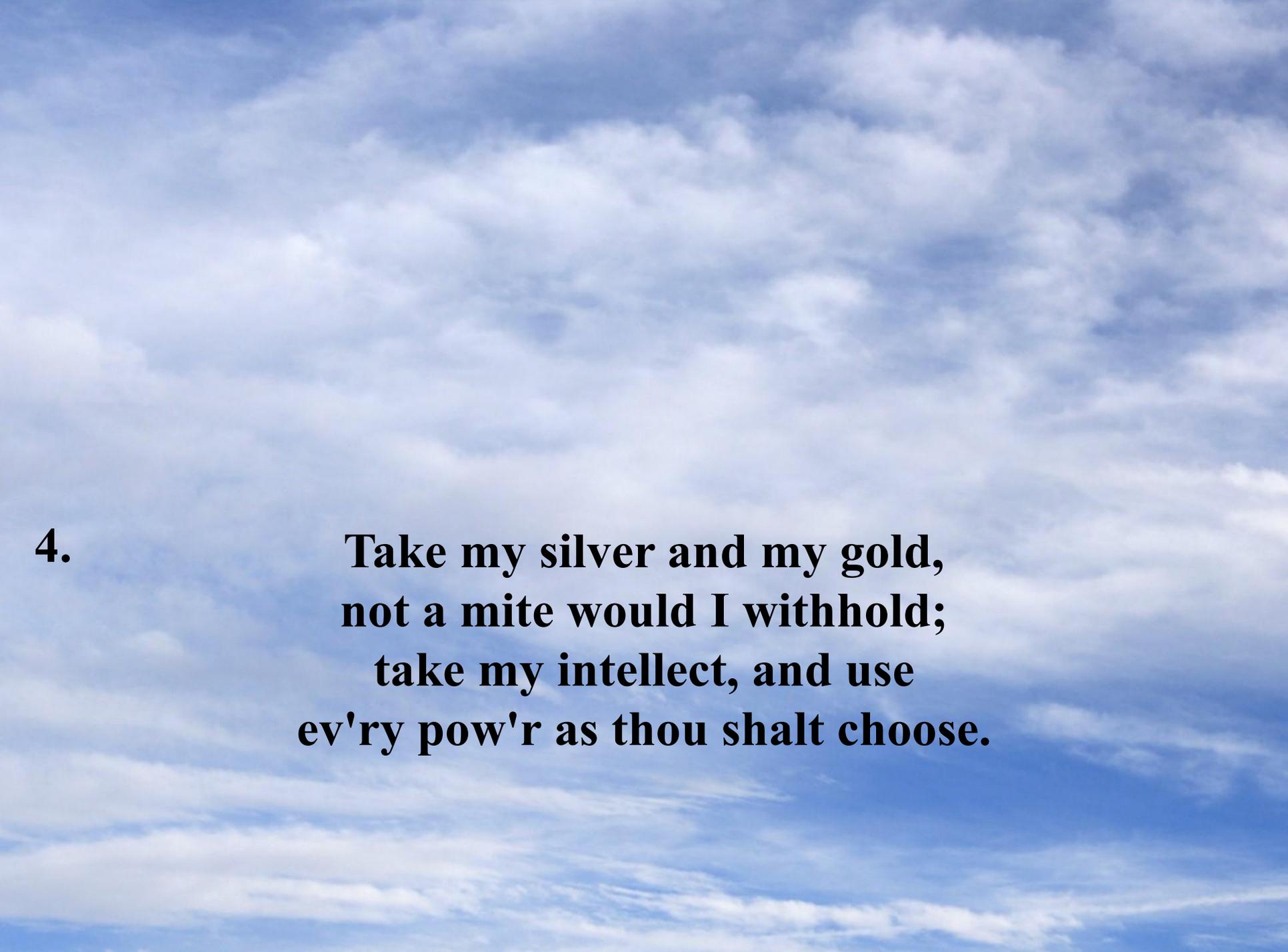
*Offering*

# **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.**



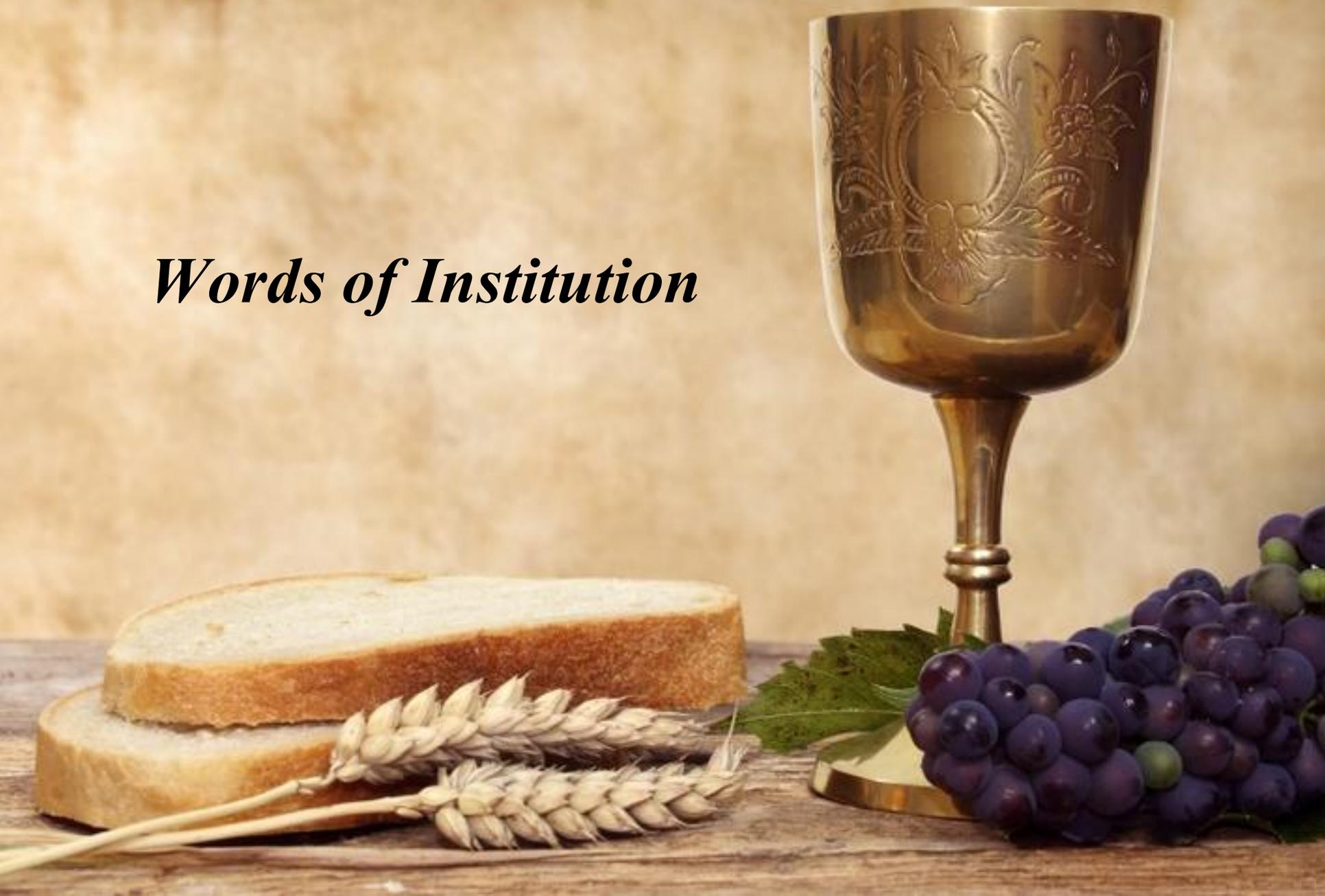
**4.           Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
          take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all  
that is good and the harvest is  
plentiful. Strengthen us 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: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting his presence in every time and place,  
we plead Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, 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.*



# **Just As I Am, without One Plea**

ELW #592

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- 1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4. Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

# **I Come with Joy**

ELW #482

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- 1. I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

- 2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.**

**5. Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.**

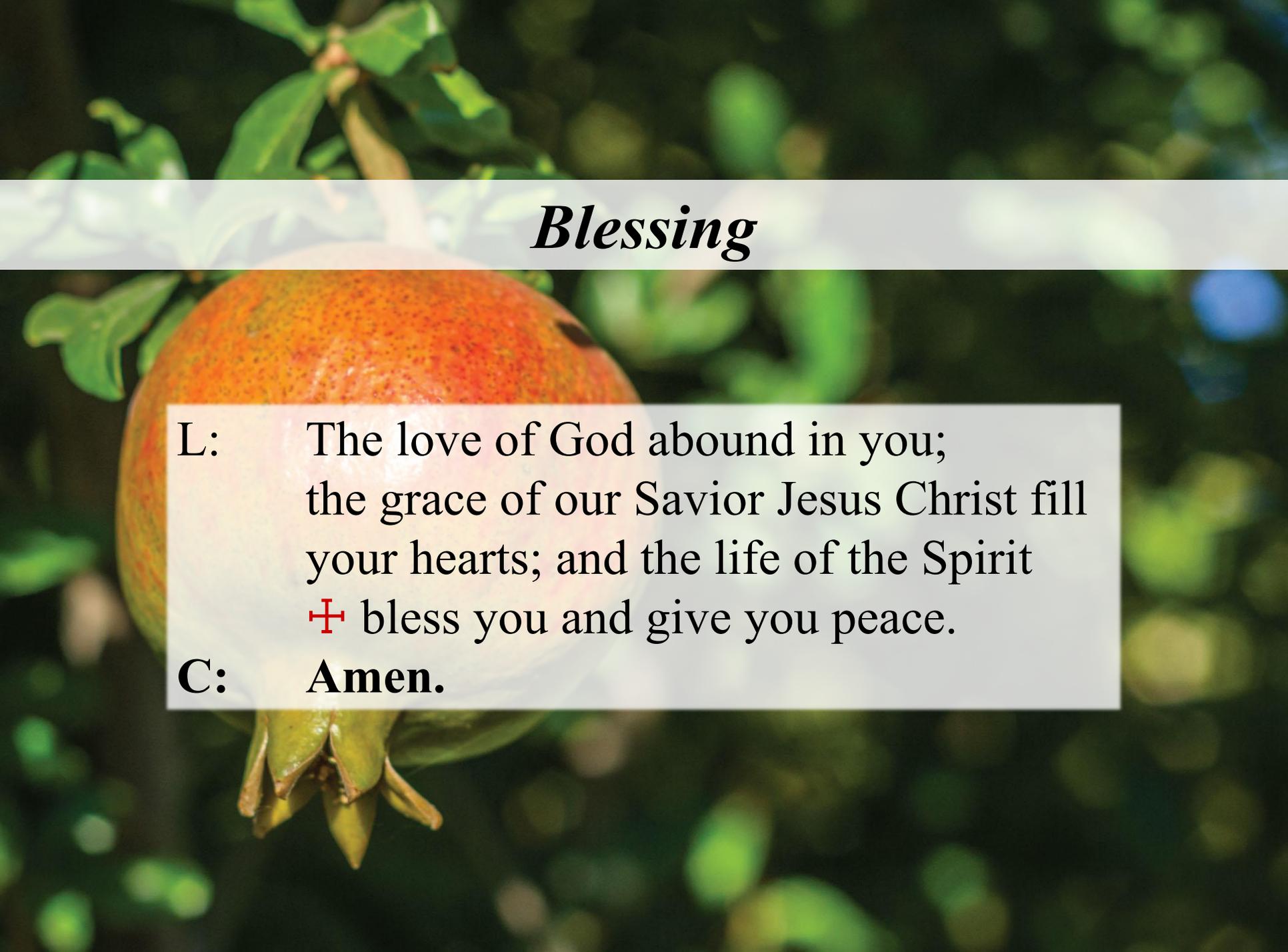
*Communion Blessing*



## *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.**

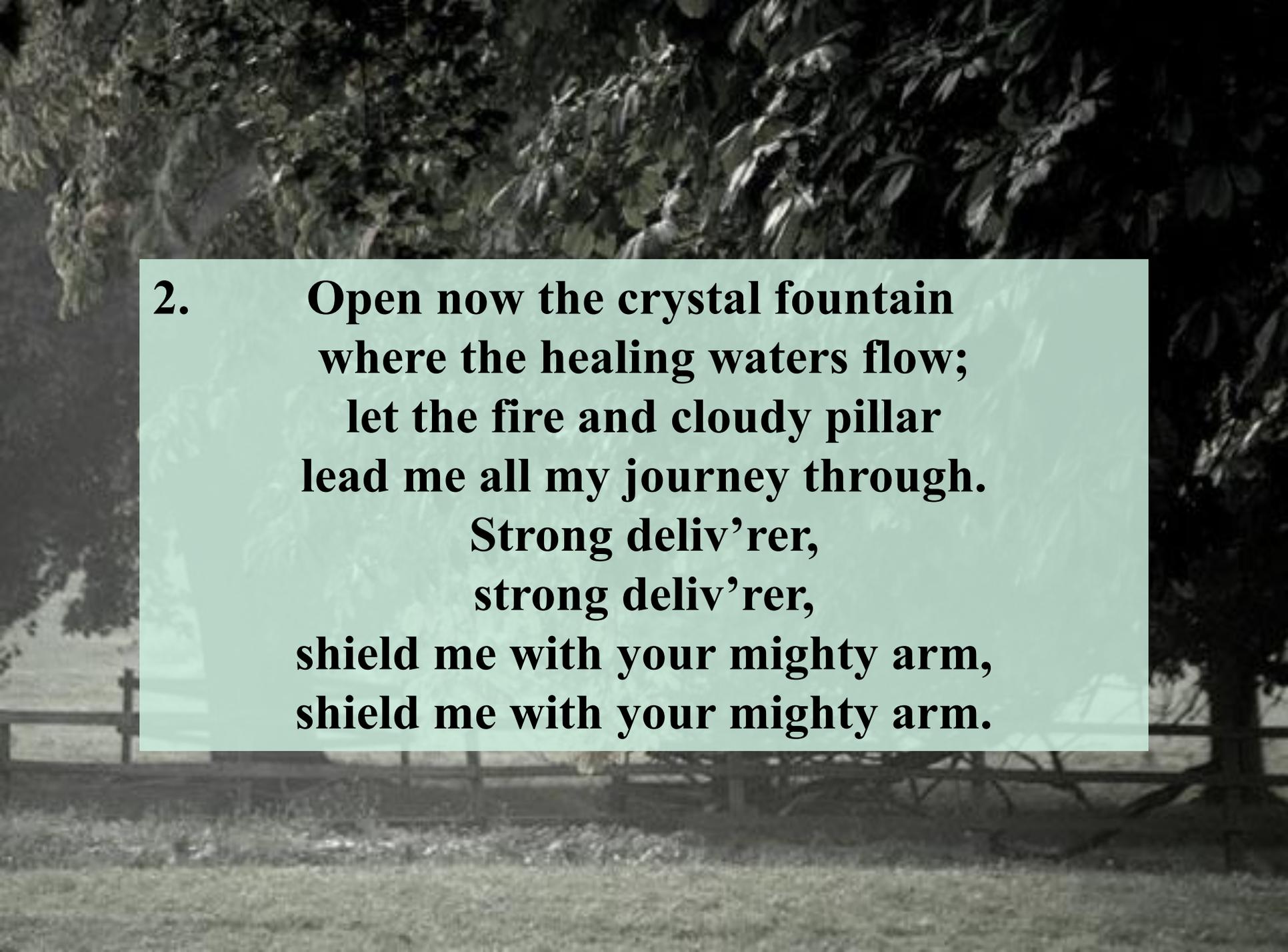
# **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

ELW #618

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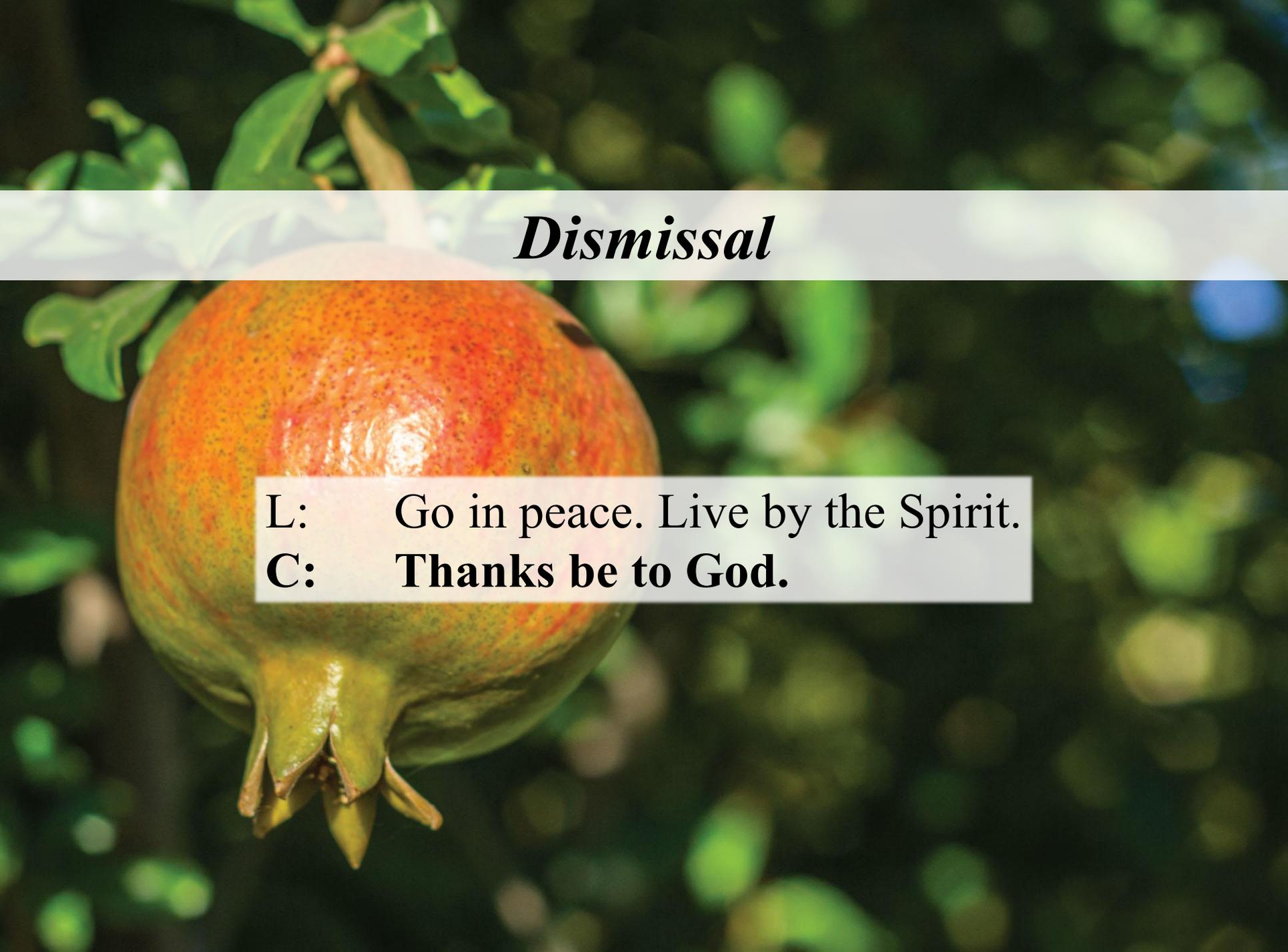
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- 1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**



**2. Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer,  
strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**3.       When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
          bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
          land me safe on Canaan's side.  
          Songs and praises,  
          songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**



## *Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*