

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, reflecting in the calm water. In the foreground, a concrete road with a metal railing runs along the right side of the lake. In the background, there are several houses and trees, including a prominent white house with a steeple. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

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

***Sunday, September 14, 2025  
9:00 am***

Photo by Kamarra Brunelle

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, orange and yellow clouds, reflecting in the calm water. In the foreground, a concrete railing runs along a paved road on the right side. In the background, there are several houses and trees along the shoreline. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and beautiful.

***Welcome and Announcements***

# Fall Dinner and Worship series

**Wednesday, September 17**

Taco bar served by  
the Memorial and Mission  
Endowment Fund Committees.

Wednesday, September 24

Wednesday, October 1

Wednesday, October 8

Wednesday, October 22



Please sign up to help  
with worship and activities  
in the Gathering Space.





# Fill the Tank. Fuel the Mission.

A Special Offering to  
be collected  
this morning.

**Mission Support fuels ministry in every corner of our synod, including:**

Congregational Support  
*Leadership Equipping*



Pastoral Care and  
Support for Leaders



Stewardship and  
Generosity Resources



Rural Ministry Support  
Lay Leader Development



Coaching  
Candidacy  
Conflict Resolution



Events & Gatherings



New Ministry Starts



Continuing Education and  
Connection Opportunities



Disaster Recovery &  
Faithful Innovation



Healthy Boundary and  
Anti-racism Work



Youth Connections



Companion Synod  
Relations





*Have you ever wondered how to use the AED machine?*

There will be  
a short AED training  
here at Zion  
**TODAY** following  
worship at 10:15 am.



There are **ONLY**  
three days left for the...  
**Warroad Backpack Food  
Program Fundraiser!**

**REMEMBER!**  
There is an  
anonymous  
donation  
match for up  
to \$500.00!

The final date to make  
your donations is  
**Wednesday, September 17.**

How you can contribute:

- ❖ Write a check to Zion with the memo “Backpack Fundraiser”
- ❖ Use the collection banks on the tables in the Fellowship Hall





**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!



For questions and to volunteer, contact Amanda Bengtson at 320-292-2422 or email her at [amandabengtson611@gmail.com](mailto:amandabengtson611@gmail.com).



Fall ditch cleaning to take place on  
**Sunday, September 28.**

# ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



**Afterward join in a potluck at the Galle's house! You do not need to be in the ditches to join in the potluck meal!**

Be at our stretch of the highway by 10:30 am!  
You can park at the Galle's house and use that as the starting point. We have high-vis vests and garbage bags, be sure to wear appropriate attire to be in the ditches! **All cleaners must be at least 12 years of age.**

# *Sharing the Peace*



Fill the Tank. Fuel the Mission.

*Special Offering*

# **Beneath The Cross of Jesus**

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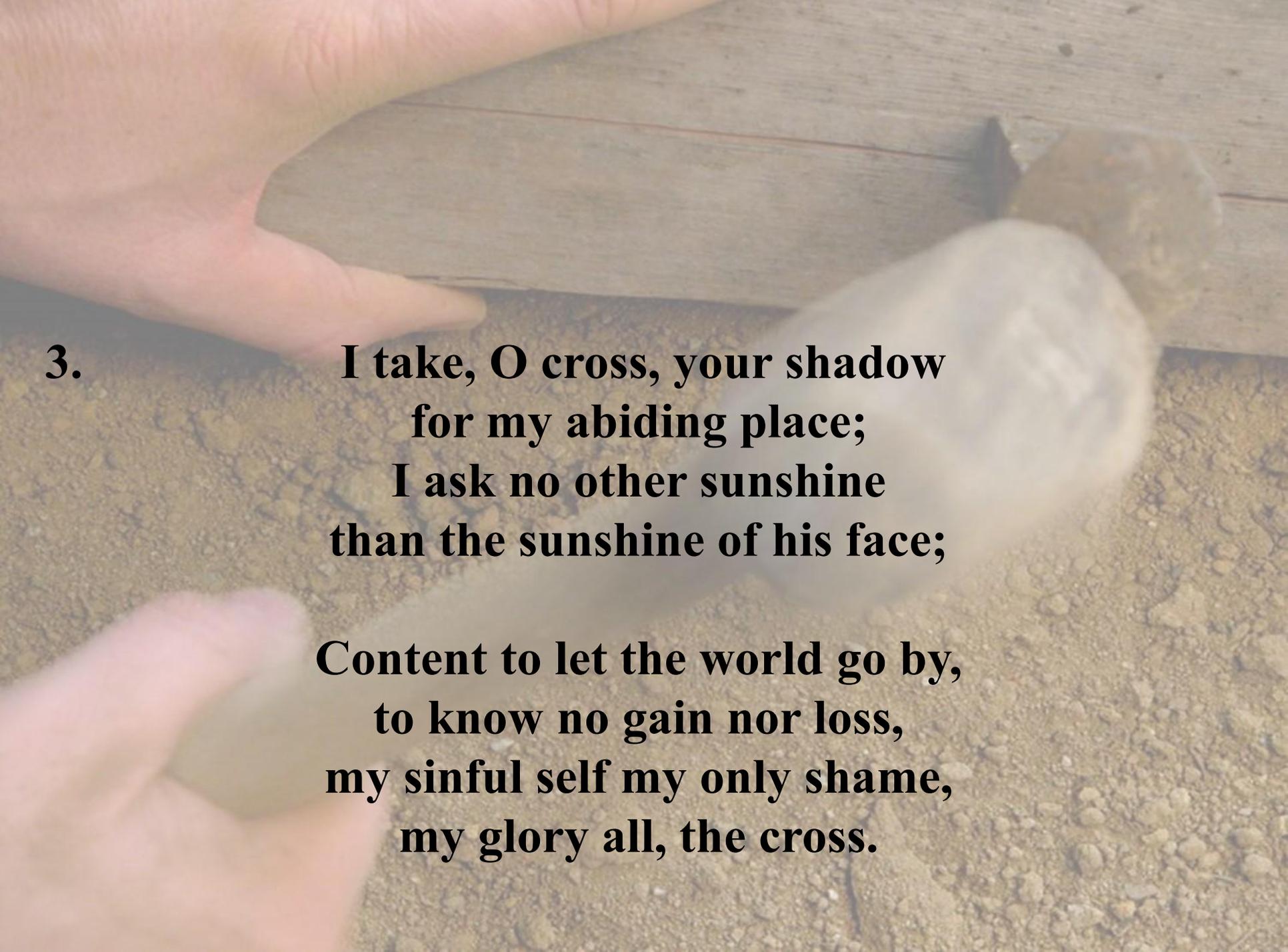
**1.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning  
of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.**

**2.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me**

**And from my contrite  
heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a simple wooden cross. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a wooden surface, possibly a table or floor, with a blurred white object in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

**3. I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine  
than the sunshine of his face;**

**Content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.**

# *Confession and Forgiveness*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: **Amen.**

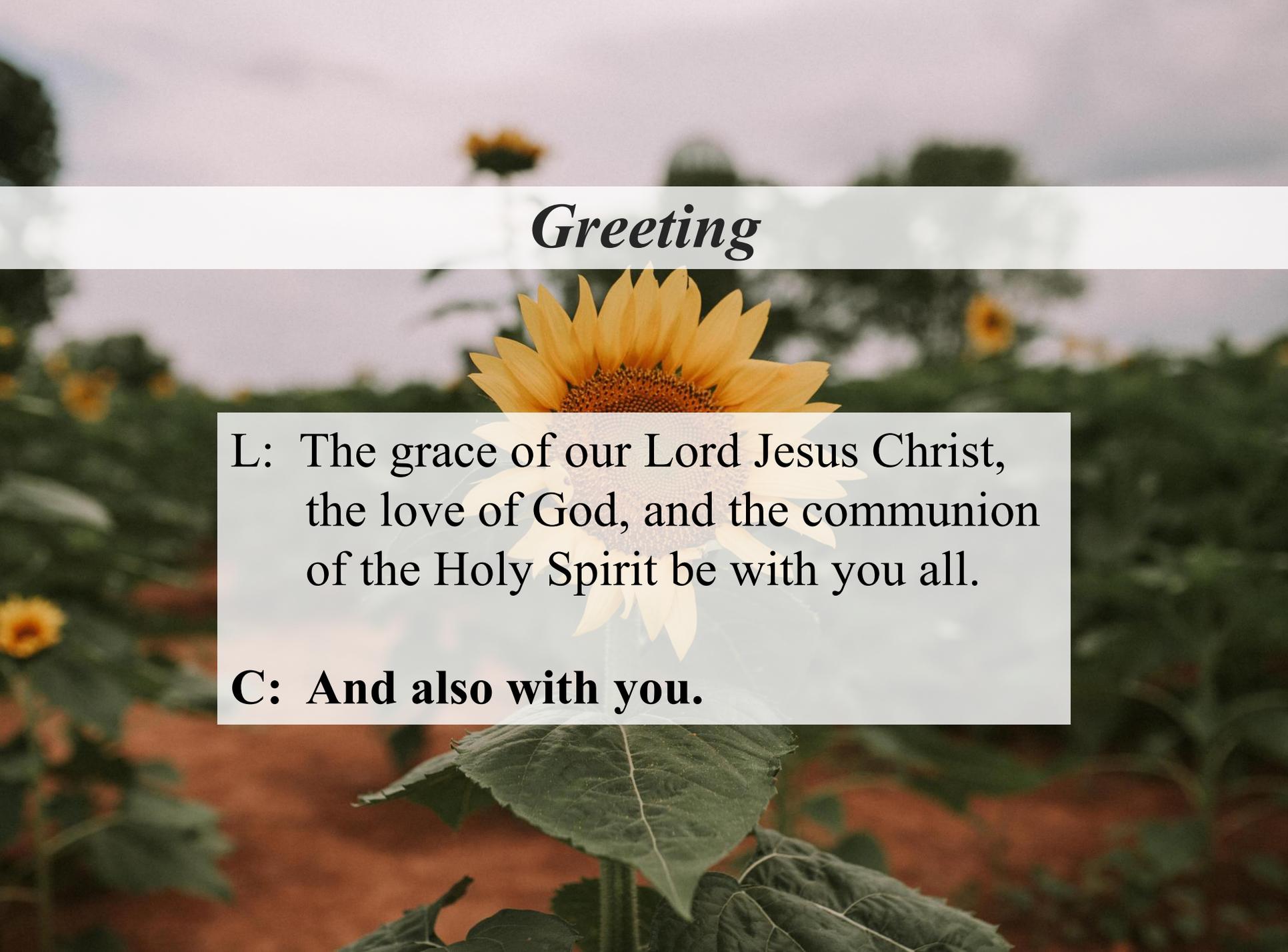
L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our  
sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.

*Silent Reflection*

L: Merciful and loving God,  
C: **we are your stiff-necked people.  
We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others.  
We turn away from the poor.  
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found. Amen.**

**L:** Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C:** Amen.

A photograph of a field of sunflowers. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The background is a soft-focus landscape with more sunflowers and green foliage under a pale, overcast sky. A white horizontal band is overlaid across the top of the image, containing the word "Greeting" in a black, italicized serif font.

## *Greeting*

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

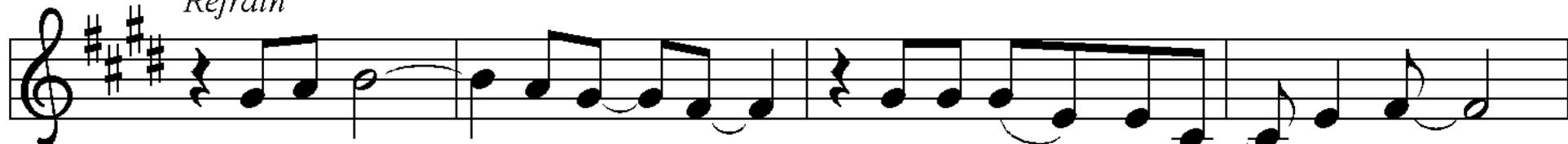
**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie

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*All:*

*Refrain*



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. 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 refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. 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.

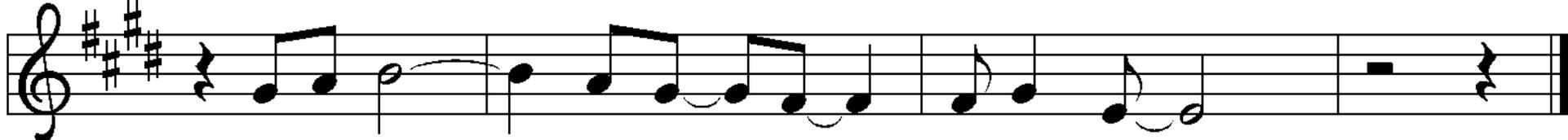
All:

*Refrain*



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

The first line of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). 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 four notes: a quarter note C5, an eighth note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. This is followed by another quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. A final slur covers the last four notes: a quarter note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4.



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

The second line of musical notation continues on the same staff and key signature. It starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. A slur covers the next four notes: a quarter note C5, an eighth note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. This is followed by a quarter note F#4, an eighth note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The line concludes with a quarter rest, a quarter note C5, and a final double bar line.

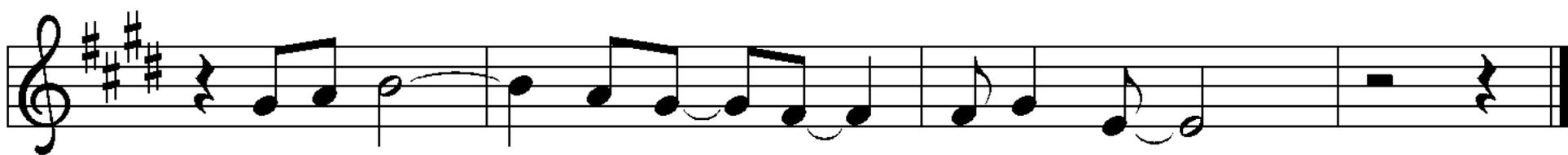
Cantor: That we may live out  
your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out  
truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

# All:

*Refrain*



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



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

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.

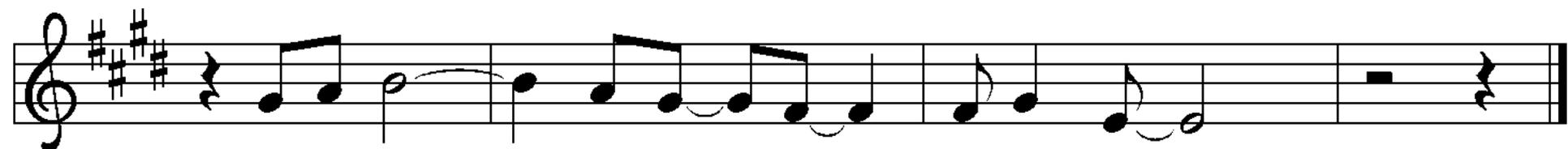
Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;  
that you center our lives  
in the water and the word;  
that you nourish our souls  
with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

All:

*Refrain*



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



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

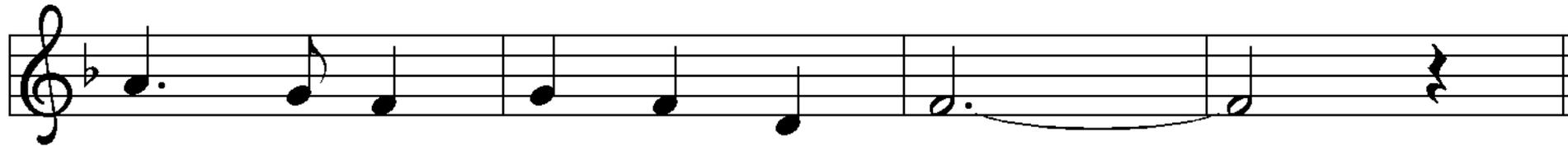
# *Hymn of Praise*

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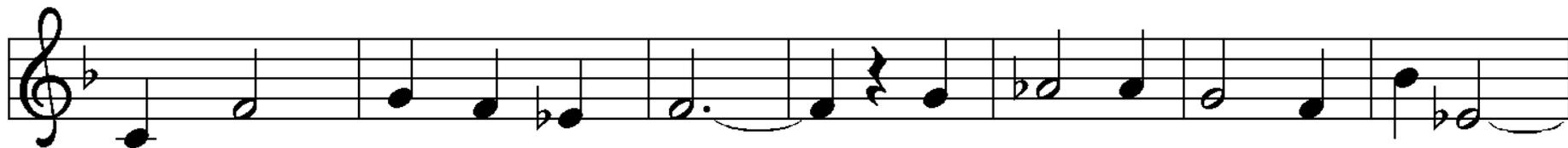
*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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.

*Final refrain*



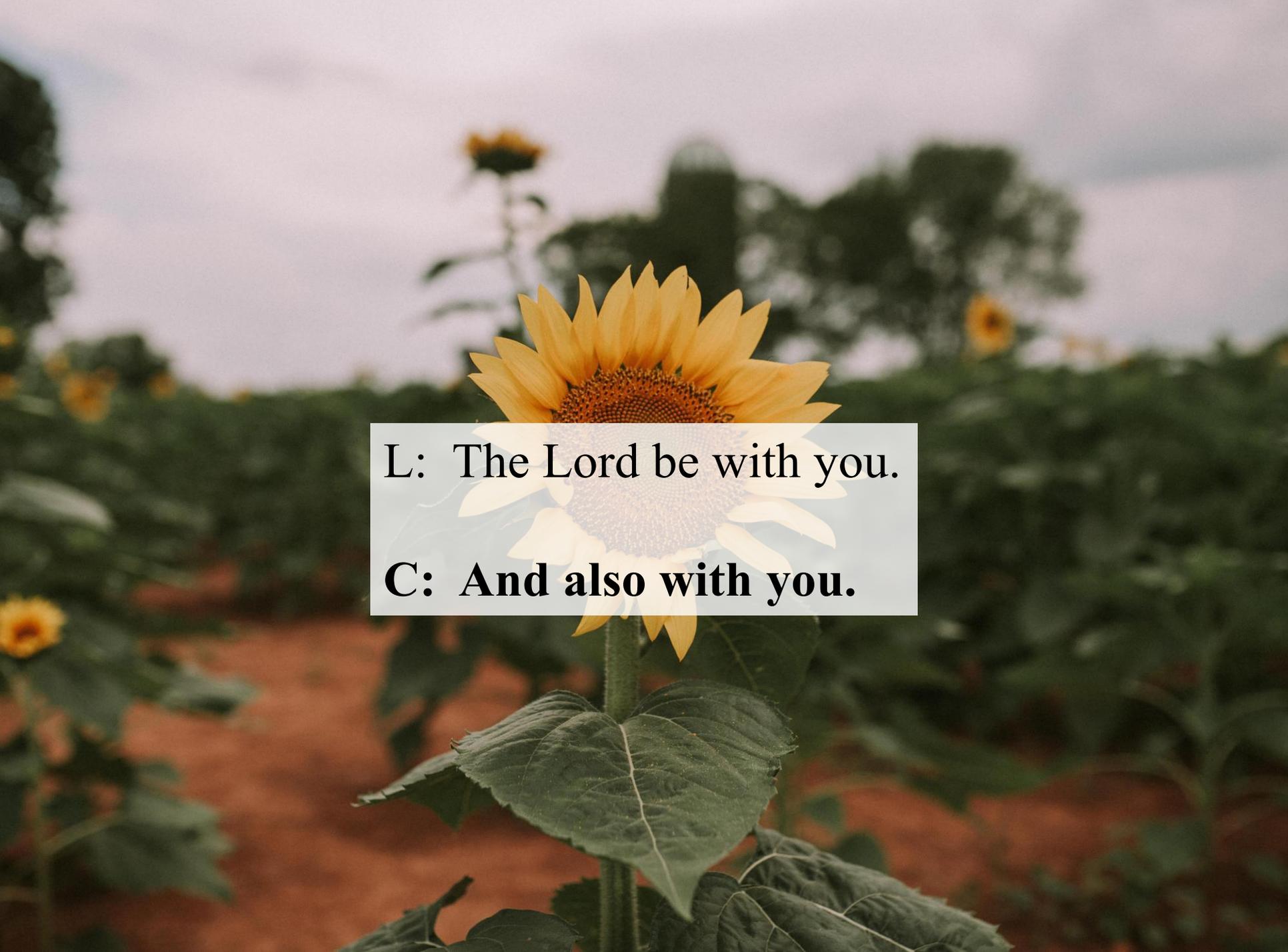
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

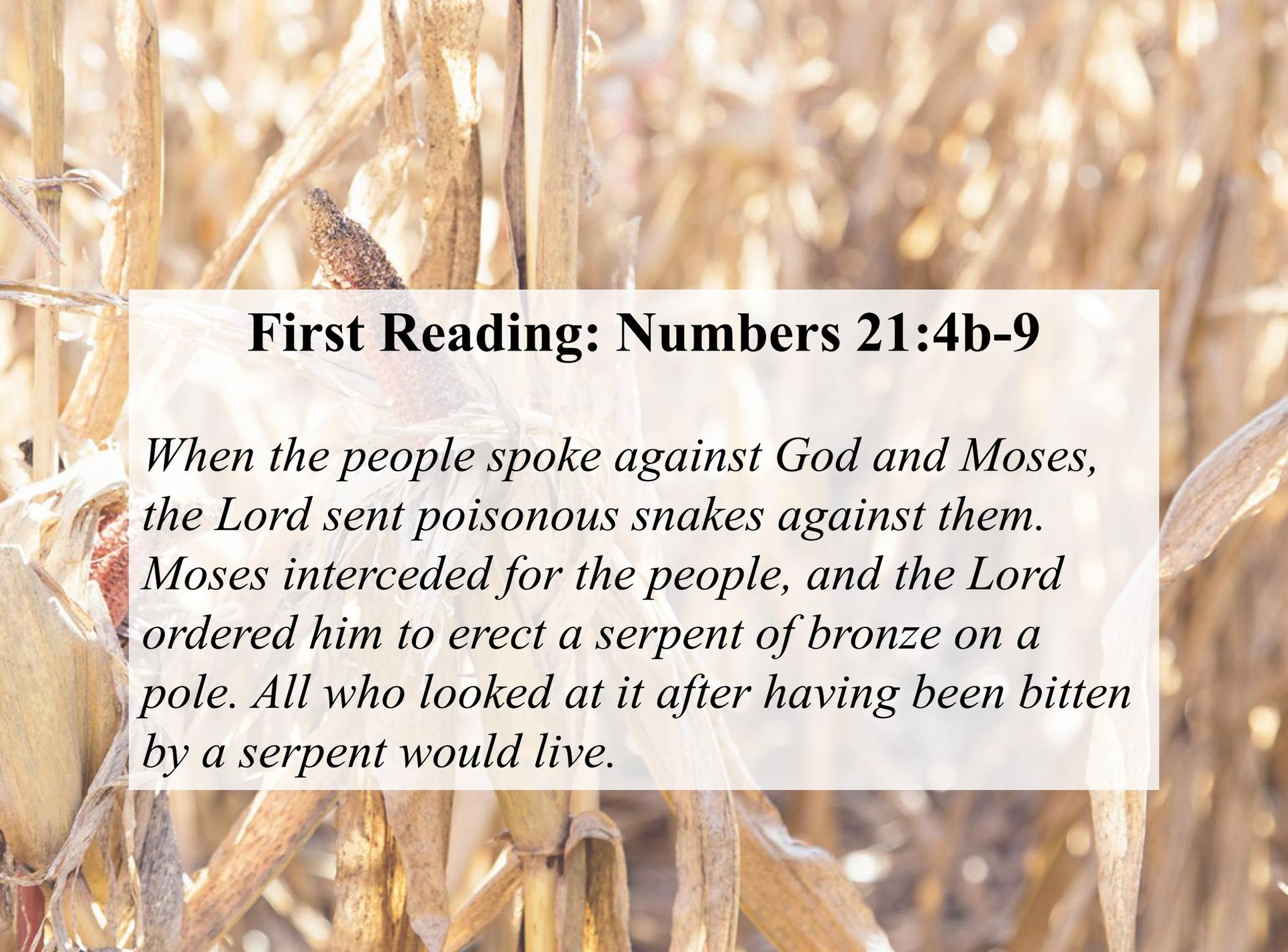
## *Prayer of the Day*

**L:** Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

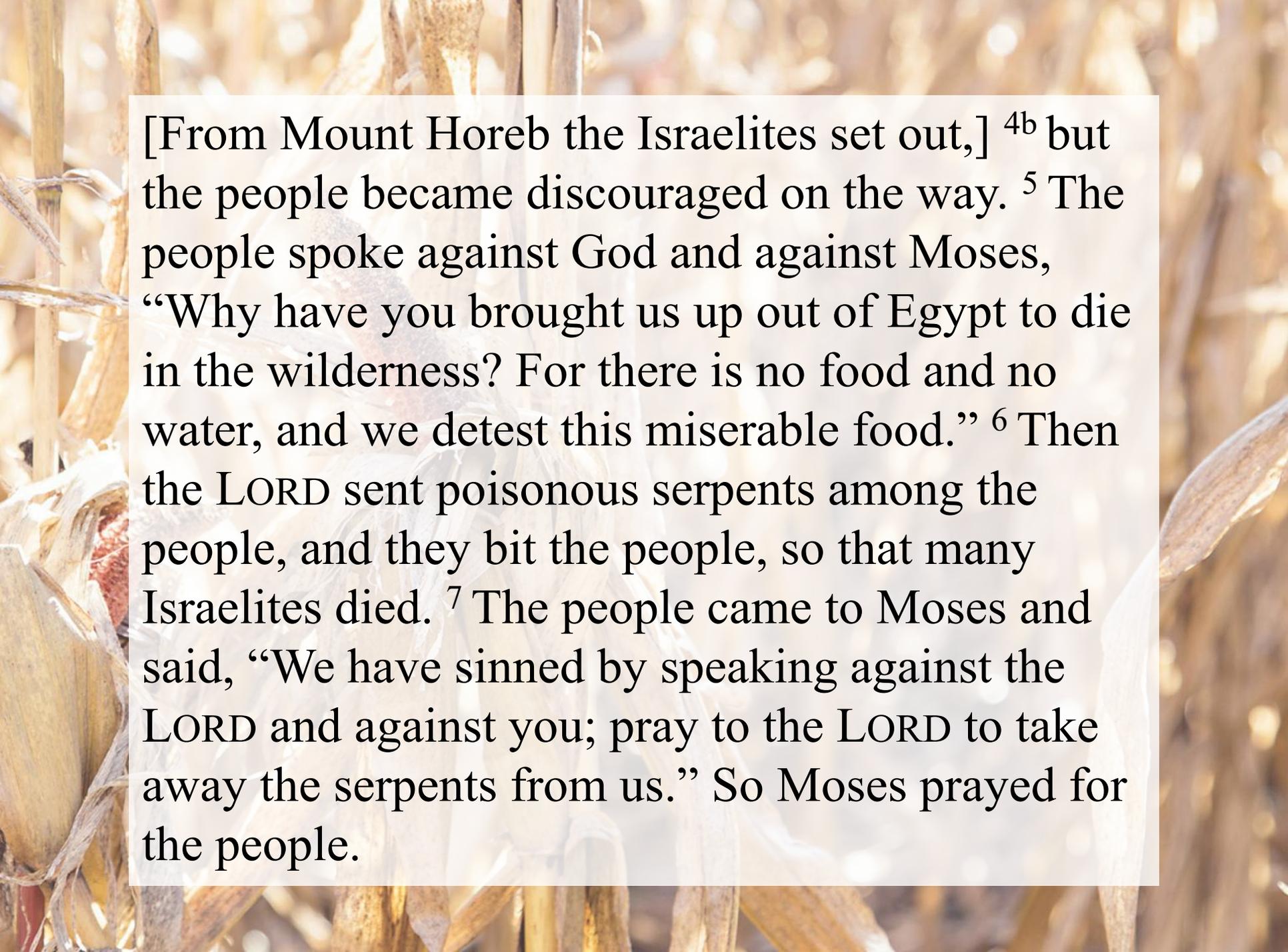
*A Message for  
All God's Children*



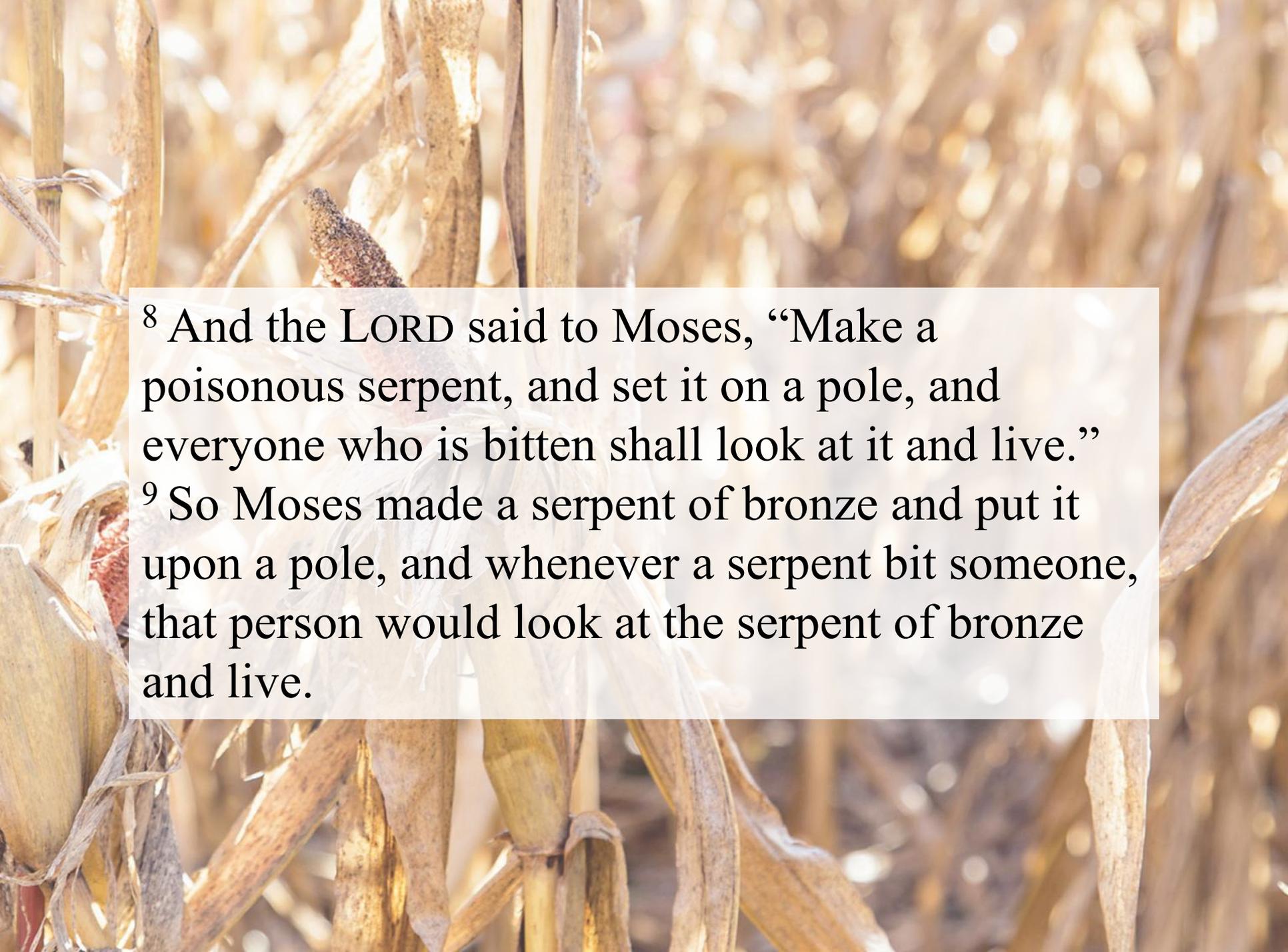


## **First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**

*When the people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.*

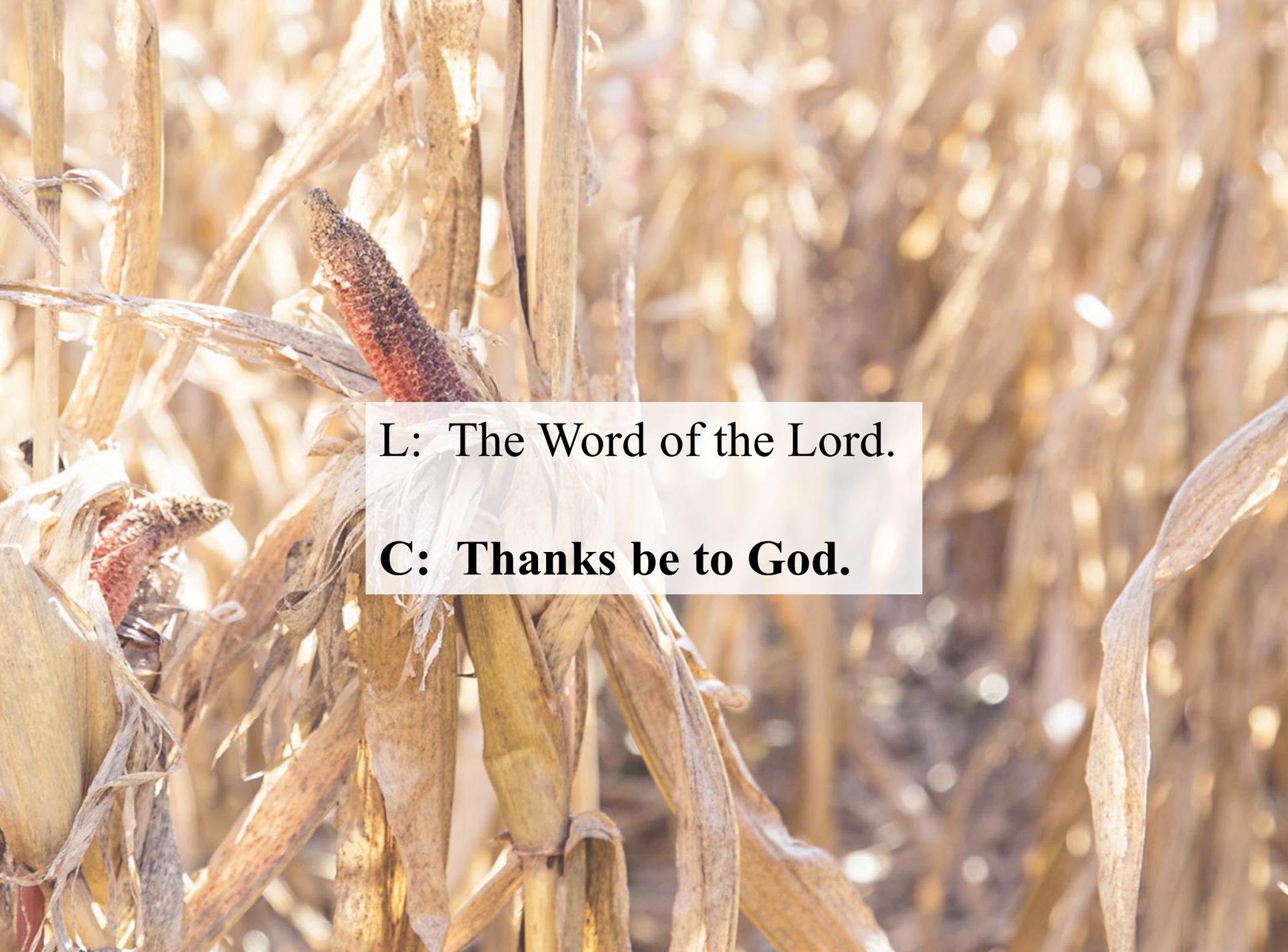


[From Mount Horeb the Israelites set out,] <sup>4b</sup> but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.



<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.”

<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.



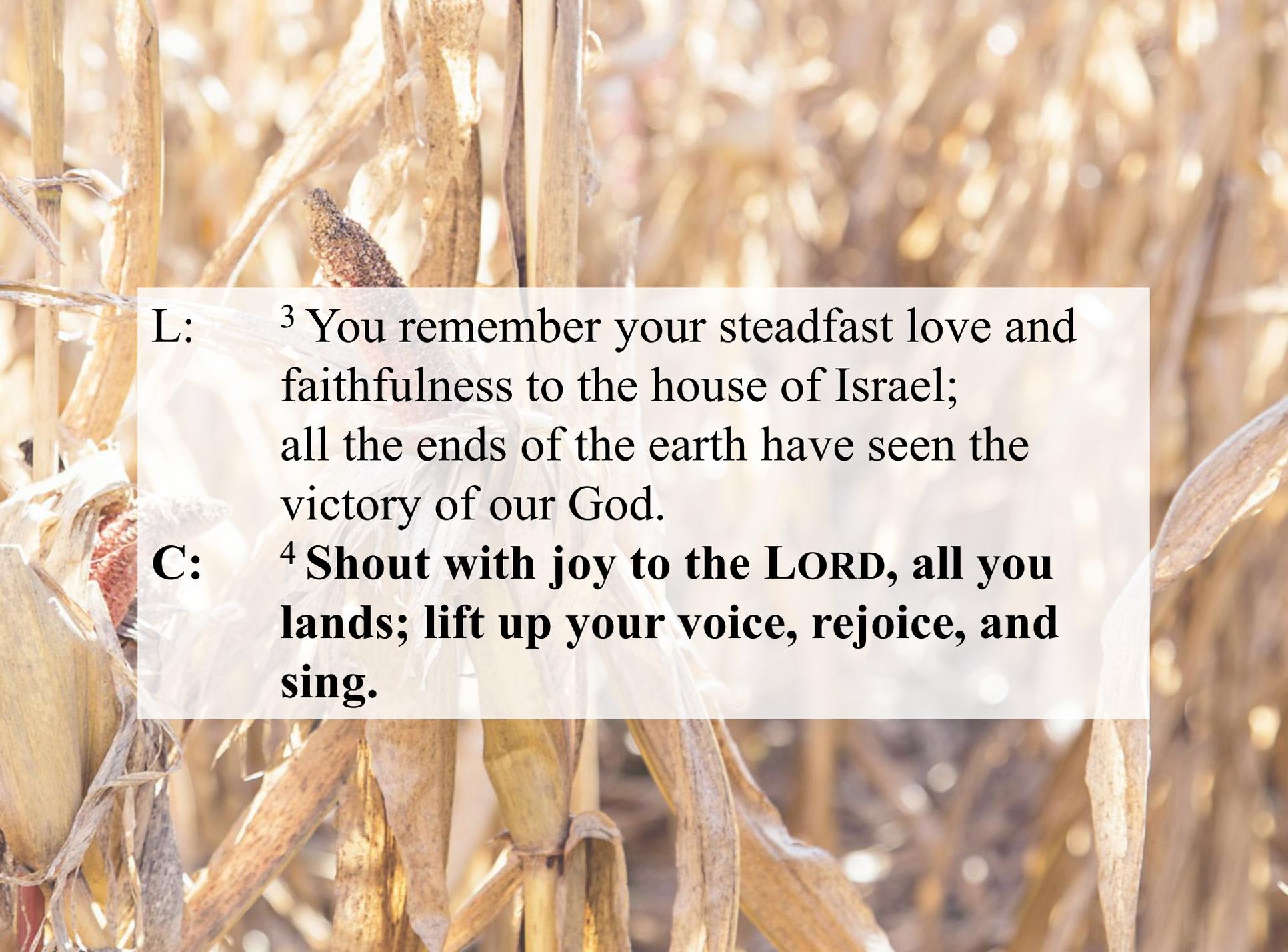
L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98:1-4

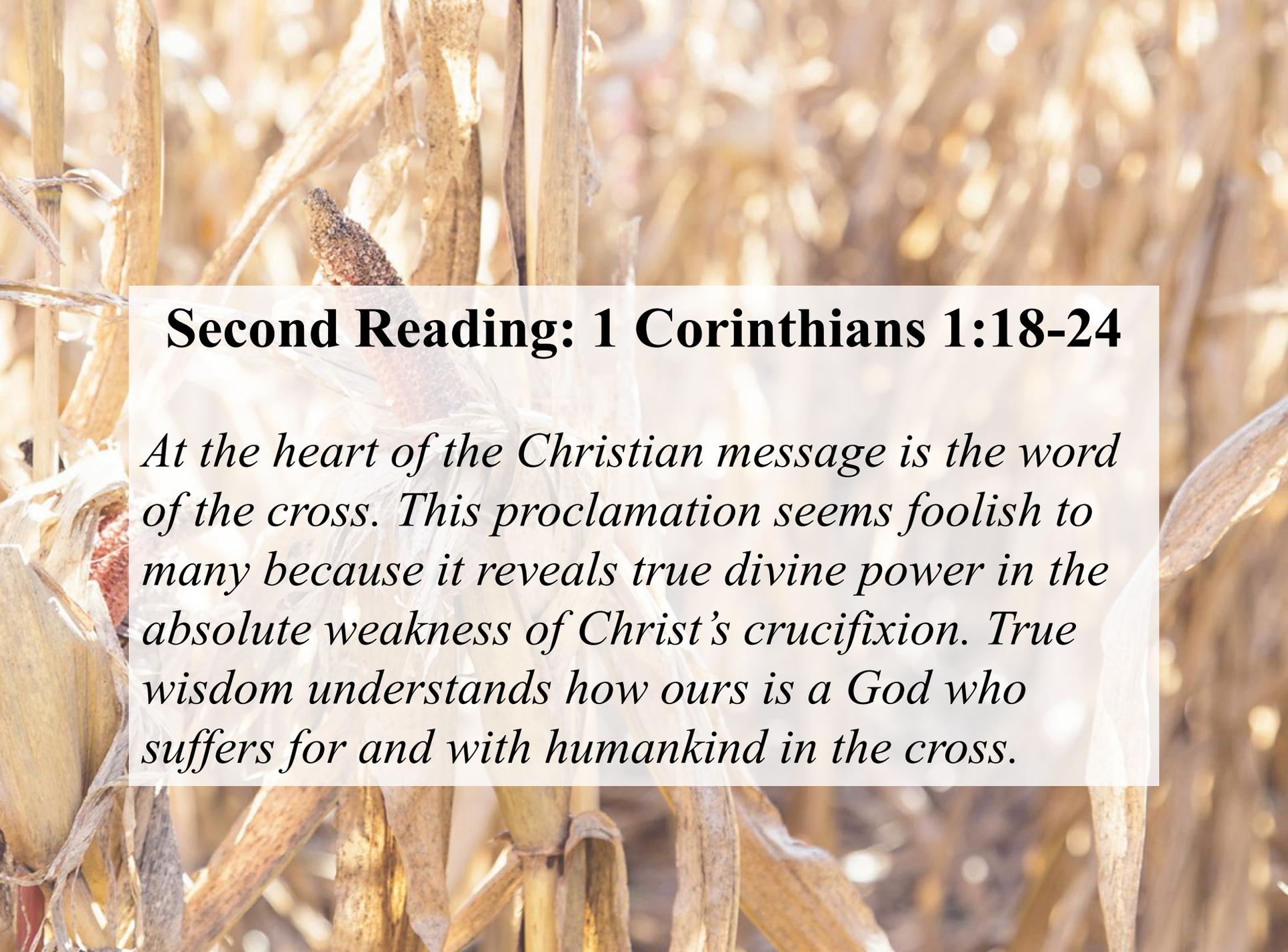
L: <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: <sup>2</sup> **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**



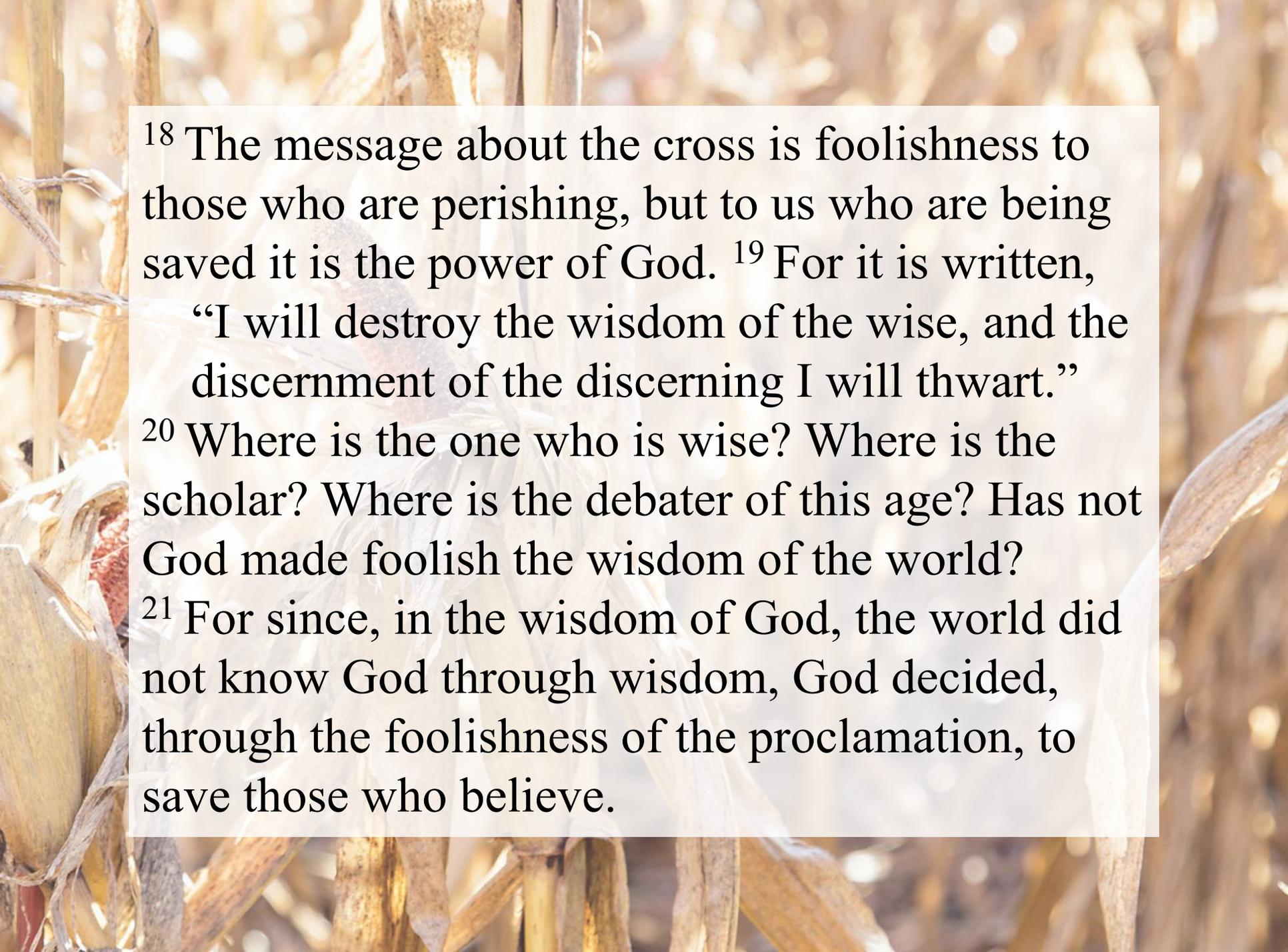
L: <sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

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



## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

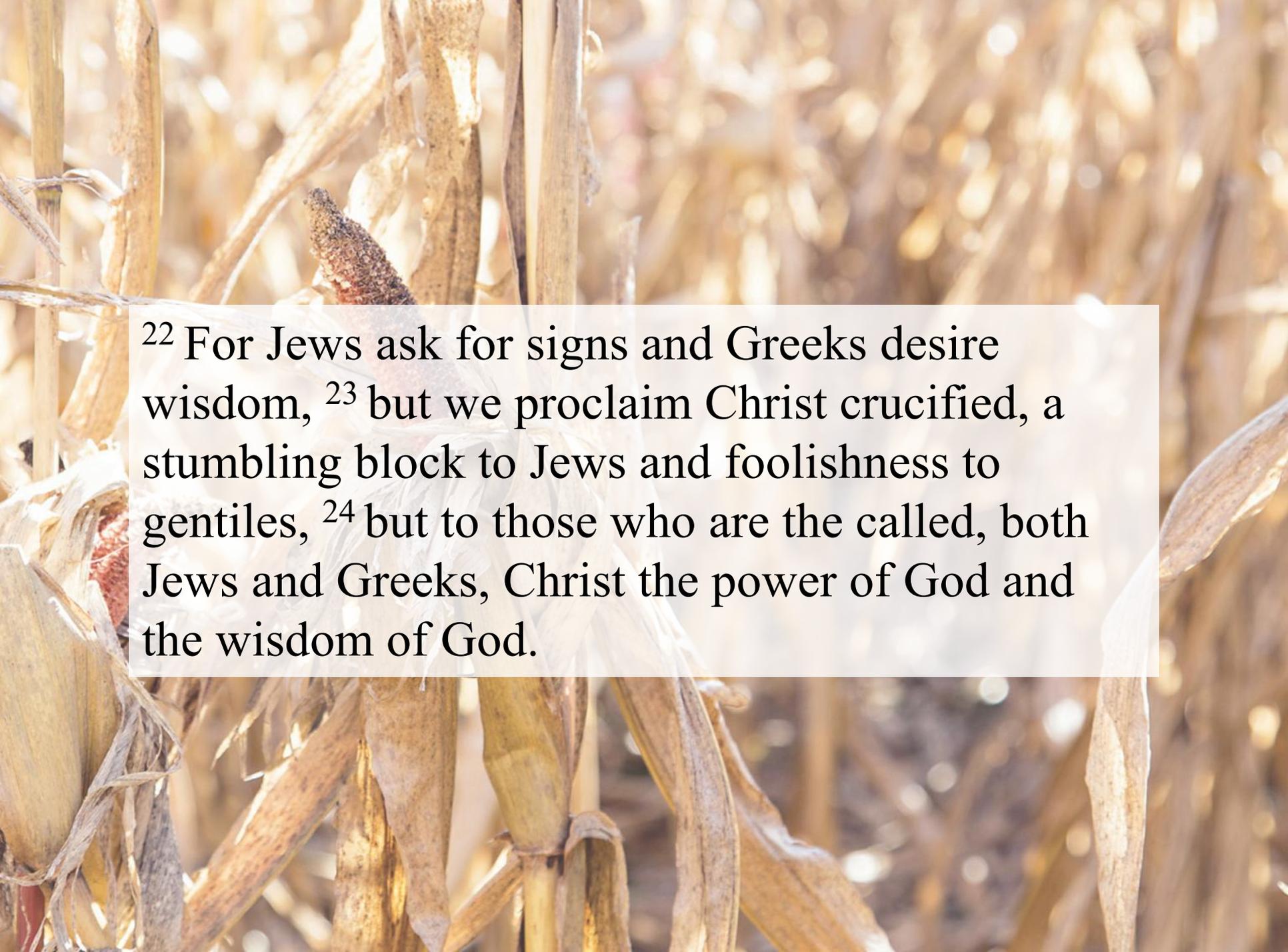
*At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.*



<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.



<sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



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



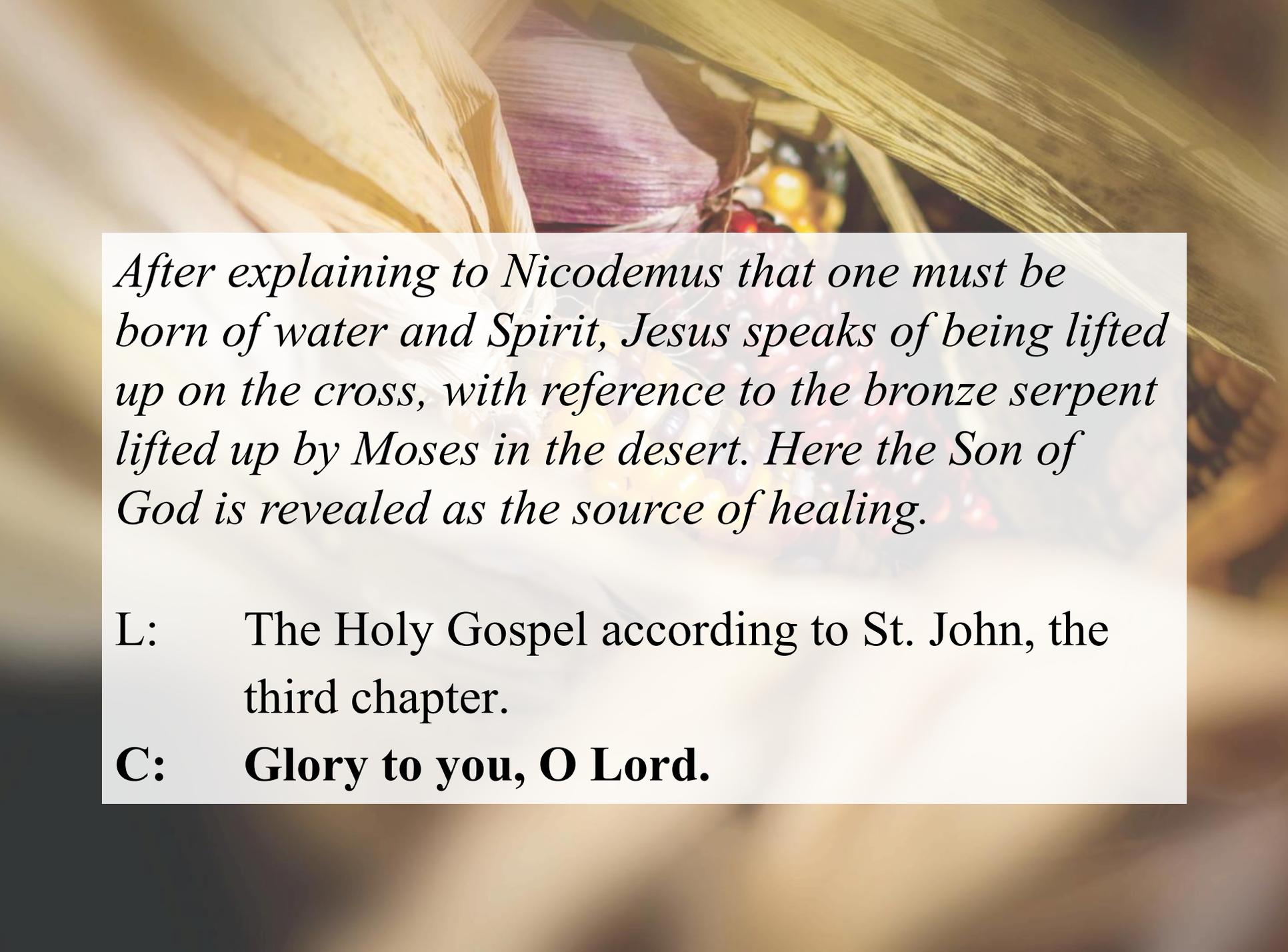
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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



*After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.*

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

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

## Gospel: John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Message*

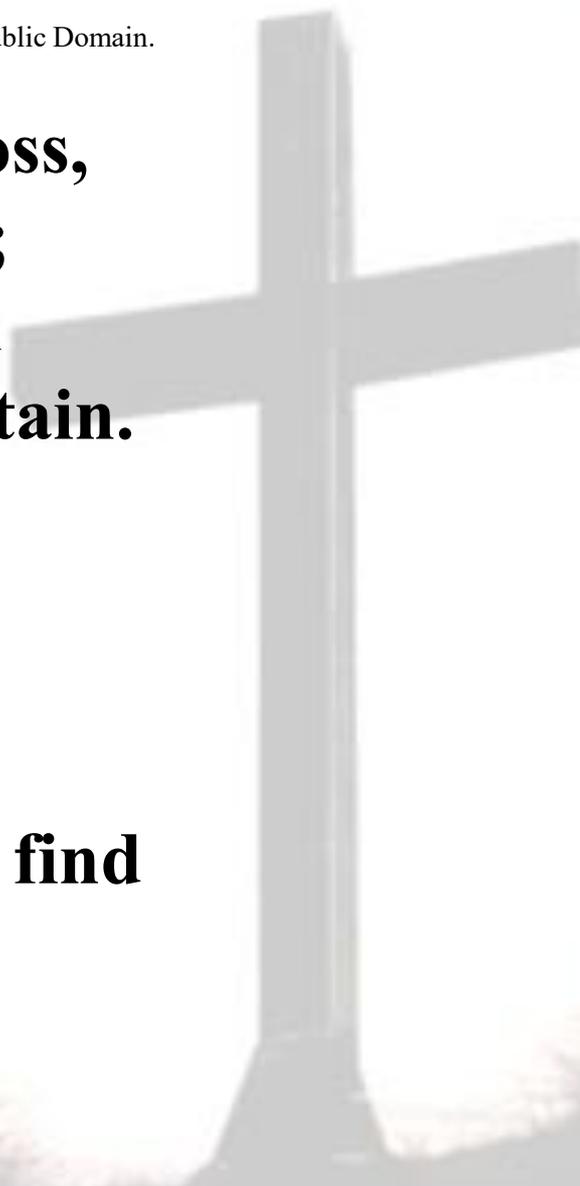
# **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

ELW #335

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- 1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**



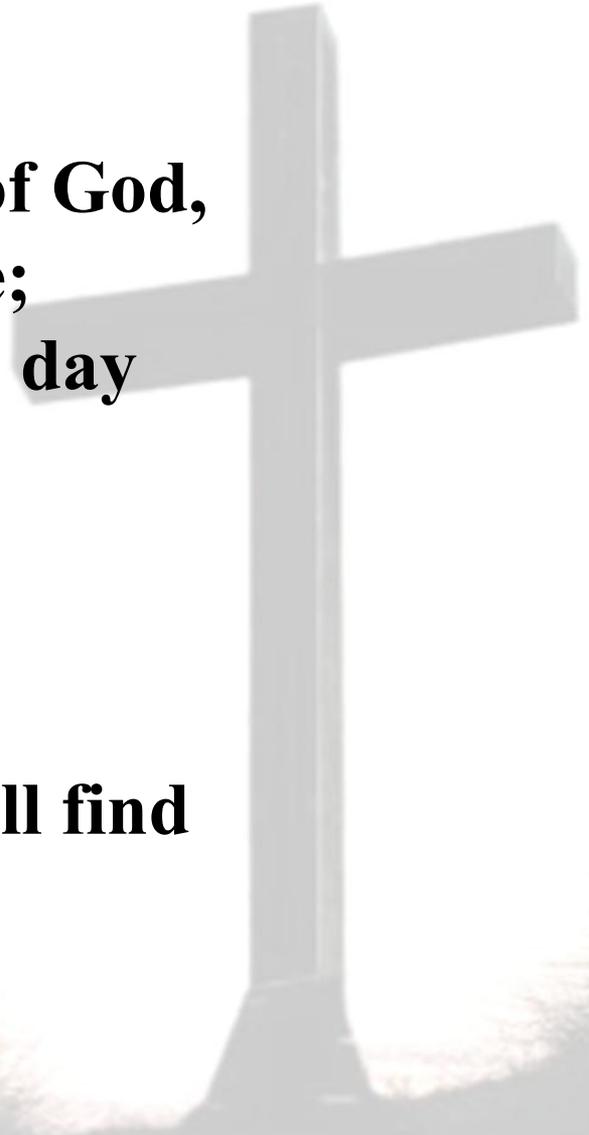


**2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me.**

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

**3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me.**

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**



**4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river.**

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**



## *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*

# **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

ELW #186

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free spirit.**

# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what  
you have given to us. Turn us to set  
our hope not on the uncertainty of  
riches, but on you, who richly  
provides for us. Multiply what we  
have gathered to bless all who are  
suffering and in need, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

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

# *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**L:** God of grace,

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

**L:** We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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.**

# *Blessing*

L: The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



# Lift High the Cross

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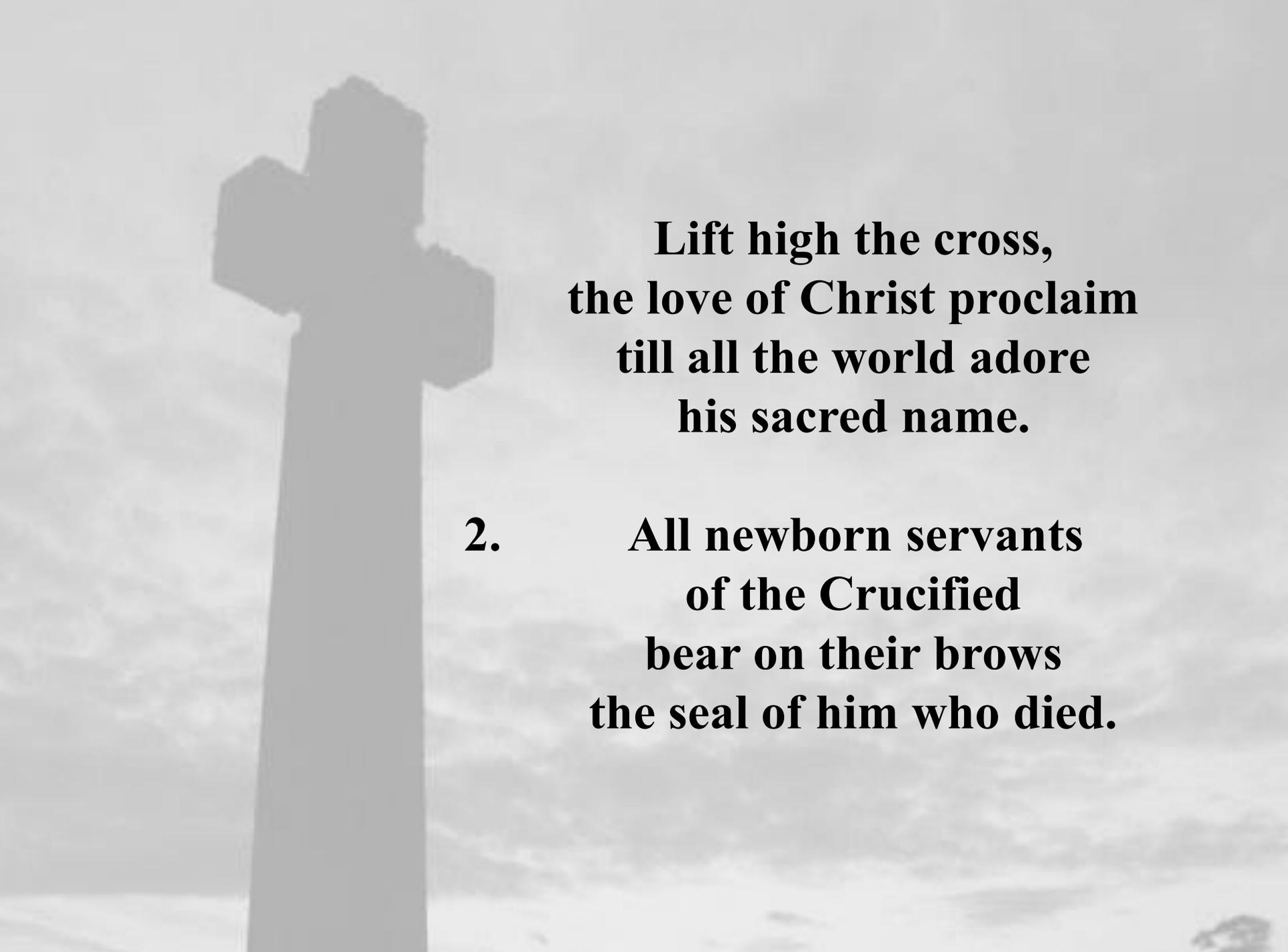
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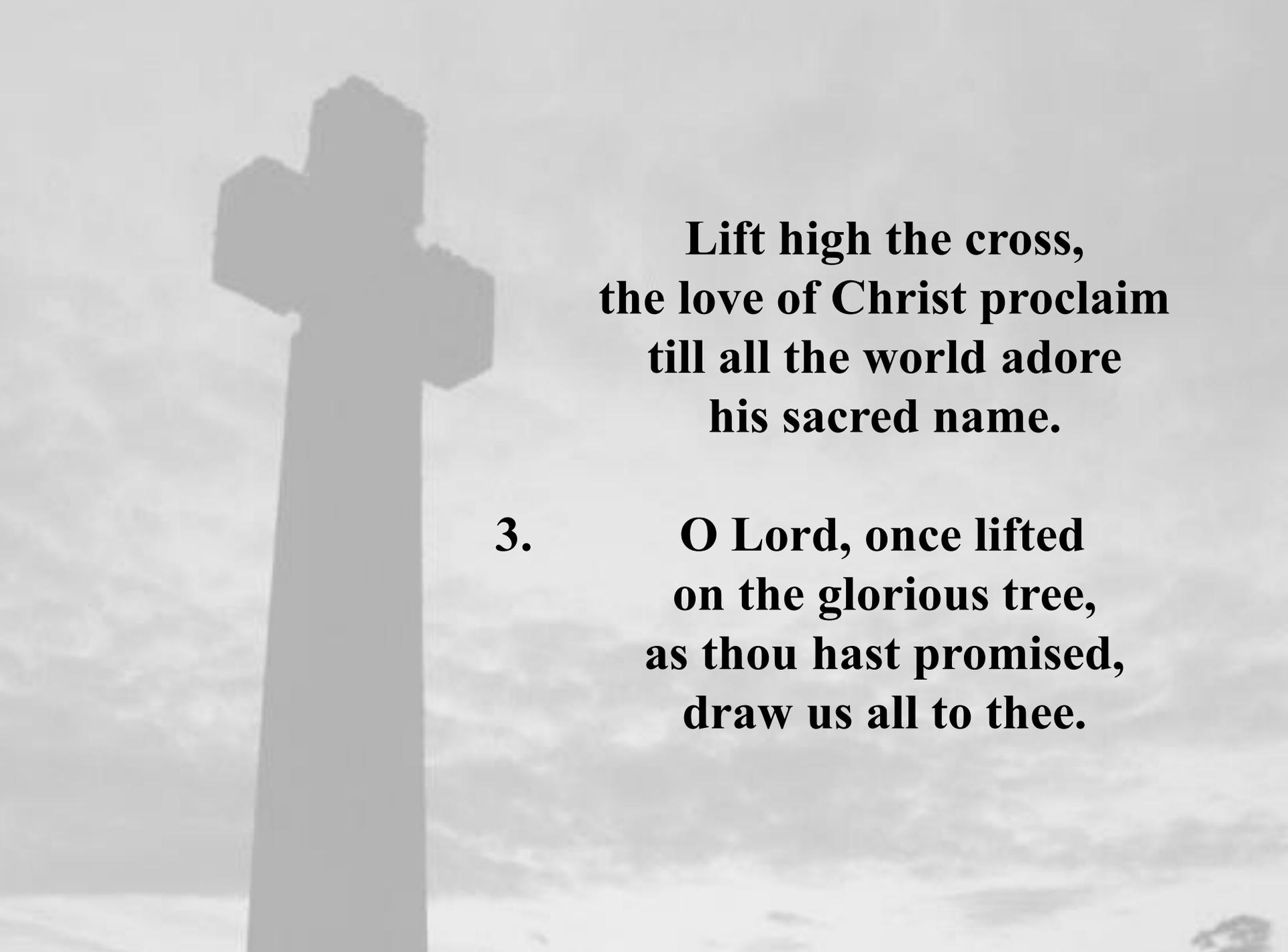
**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.**

- 1. Come, Christians, follow  
where our captain trod,  
our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God.**



**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.**

**2. All newborn servants  
of the Crucified  
bear on their brows  
the seal of him who died.**



**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.**

**3. O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised,  
draw us all to thee.**



**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.**

**4. So shall our song  
of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified  
for victory!**



**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred name.**

A red plow is shown in a field of tall grass. In the background, a church with a golden dome is visible under a hazy sky. The plow is the central focus, with its multiple blades and hydraulic arm clearly visible.

## *Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, a road with a metal railing runs along the right side of the lake. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding trees. In the background, there are several houses and trees.

*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*