

*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*



*Sunday, September 21, 2025
9:00 am*

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Welcome and Announcements

Fall Dinner and Worship series

Wednesday, September 24

A spaghetti feed served by
The Community Concerns
and Property Committees.

Wednesday, October 1

Wednesday, October 8

Wednesday, October 22



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

Starting today!

**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.

Fall ditch cleaning and potluck
Sunday, September 28

**ADOPT-A-
HIGHWAY**



Afterward join in a potluck at the Galles' 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 Galles' house and use that as the starting point. Be sure to wear appropriate attire to be in the ditches! High-vis vests and garbage bags will be provided.
All cleaners must be at least 12 years of age.



Noisy Offering

will be collected TODAY.
All proceeds will go to the
Middle and High School
Classroom Supplies fund.



Each stop includes:

- A shared meal around the table
- A short devotion with singing and scripture reflection
- A presentation and conversation about God's mission among us
- Time to connect with neighbors in Christ

OCTOBER 13

12 PM | **Trinity** Moorhead
12 PM | **Calvary** Alexandria

OCTOBER 14

12 PM | **Trinity** Detroit Lakes
6 PM | **Redeemer** Thief River Falls

OCTOBER 15

12 PM | **Messiah** Roseau
6 PM | **Good Shepherd** Clearbrook

Sharing the Peace

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

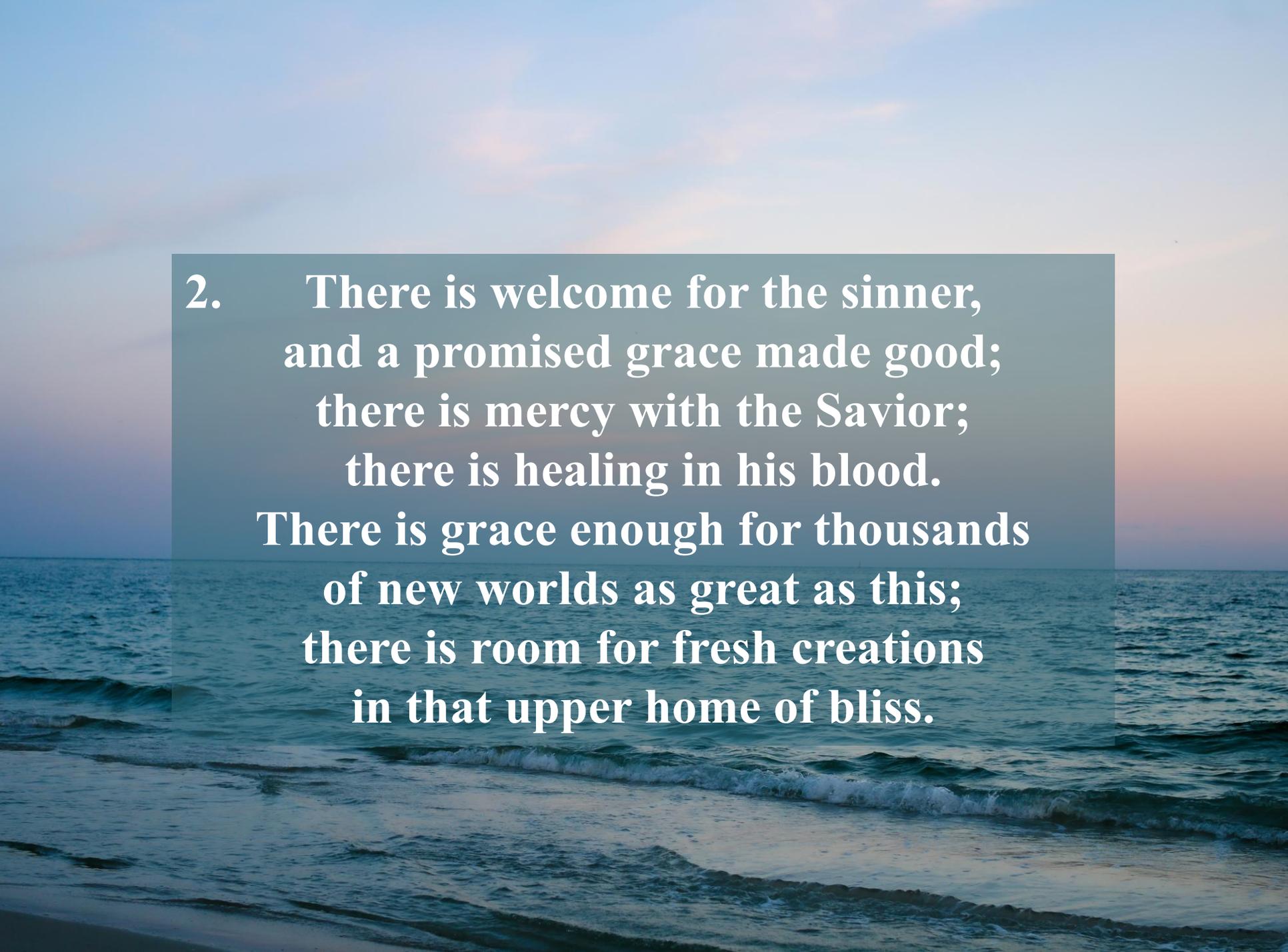
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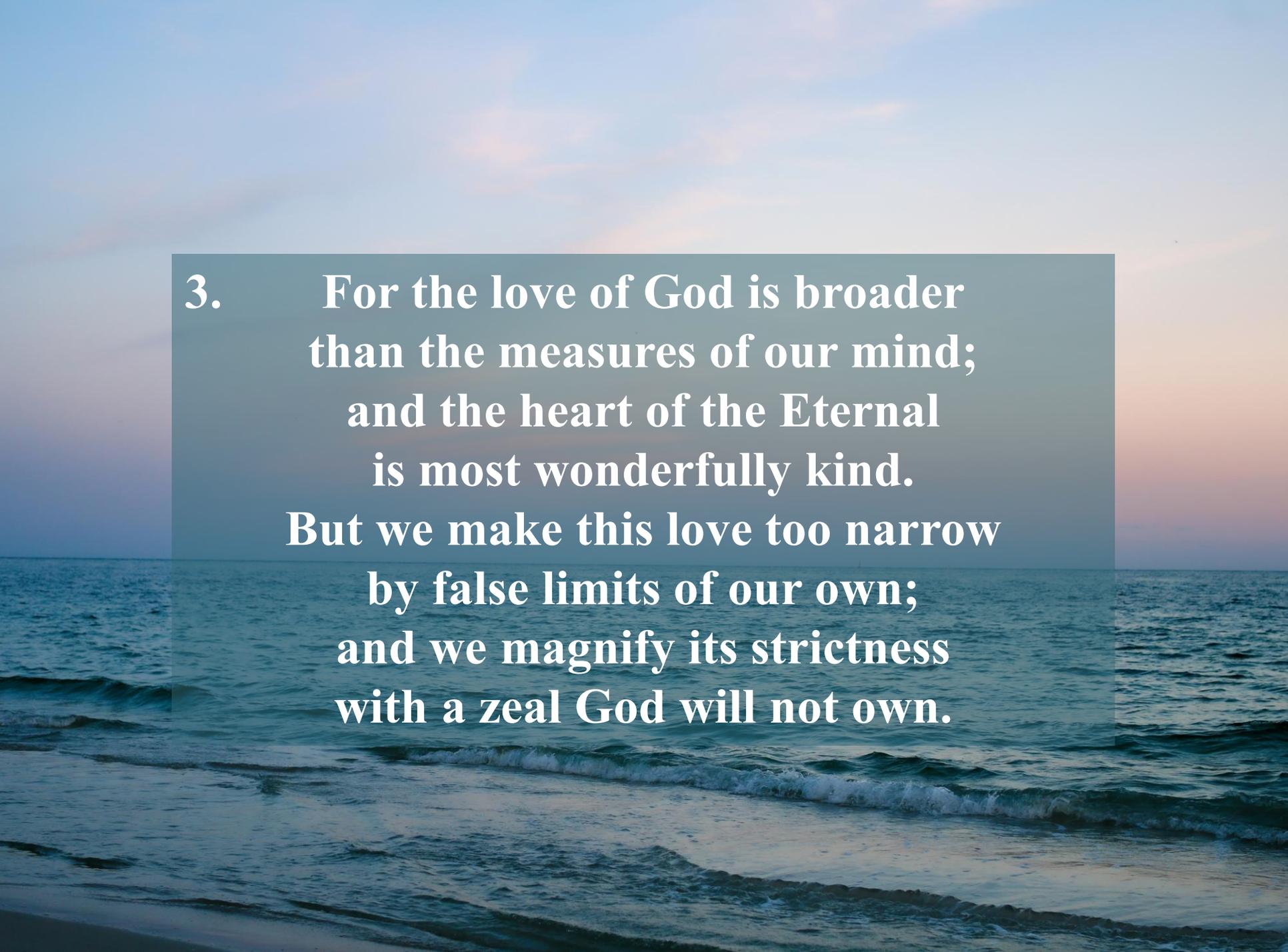
**1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.**

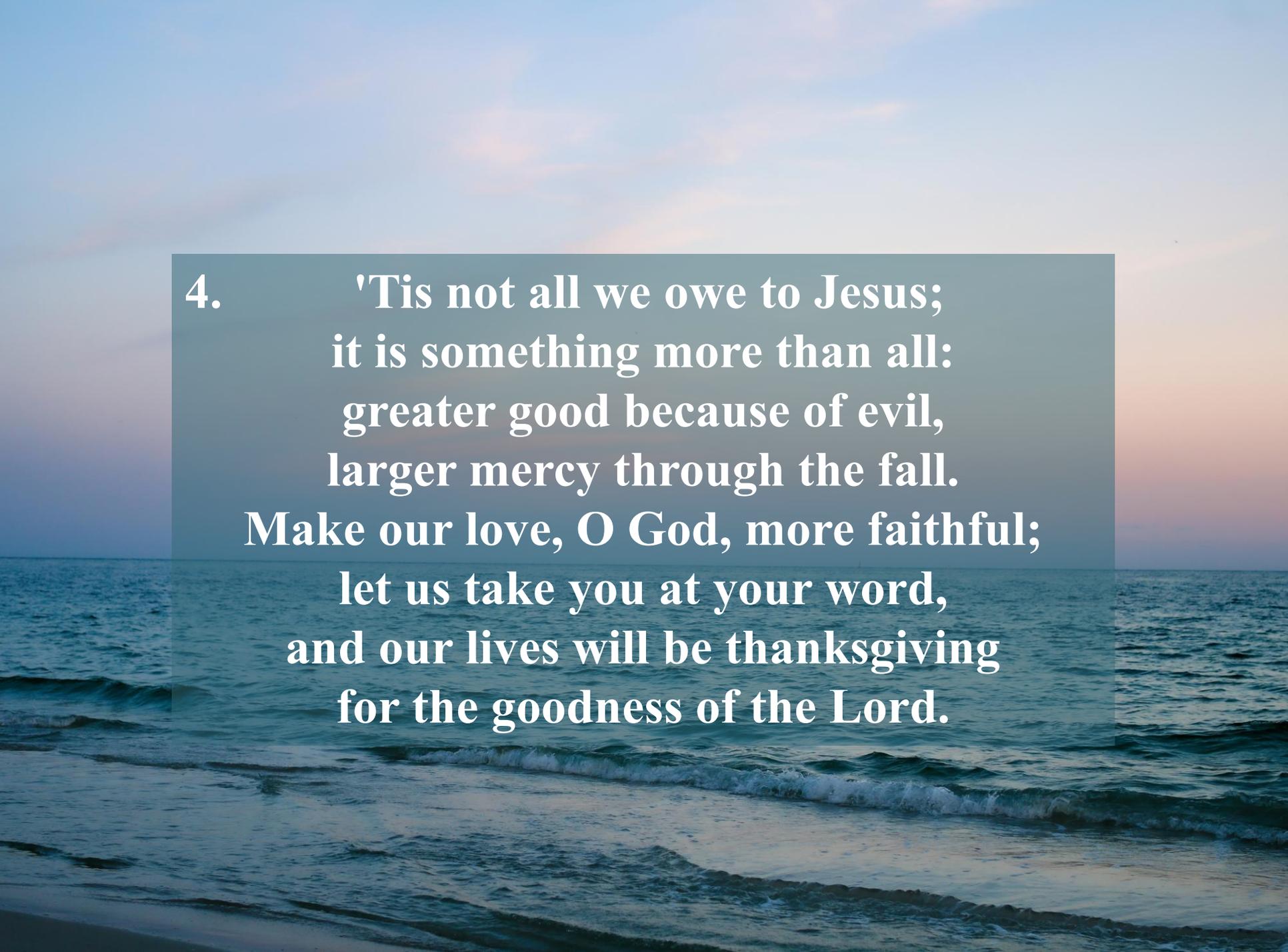
**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**



**2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

A serene sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges, and the water is a deep teal with gentle waves. The text is centered in the text box.

**3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**

A serene sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges, and the water is a deep teal with gentle waves. The text is centered in the text box.

4. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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.

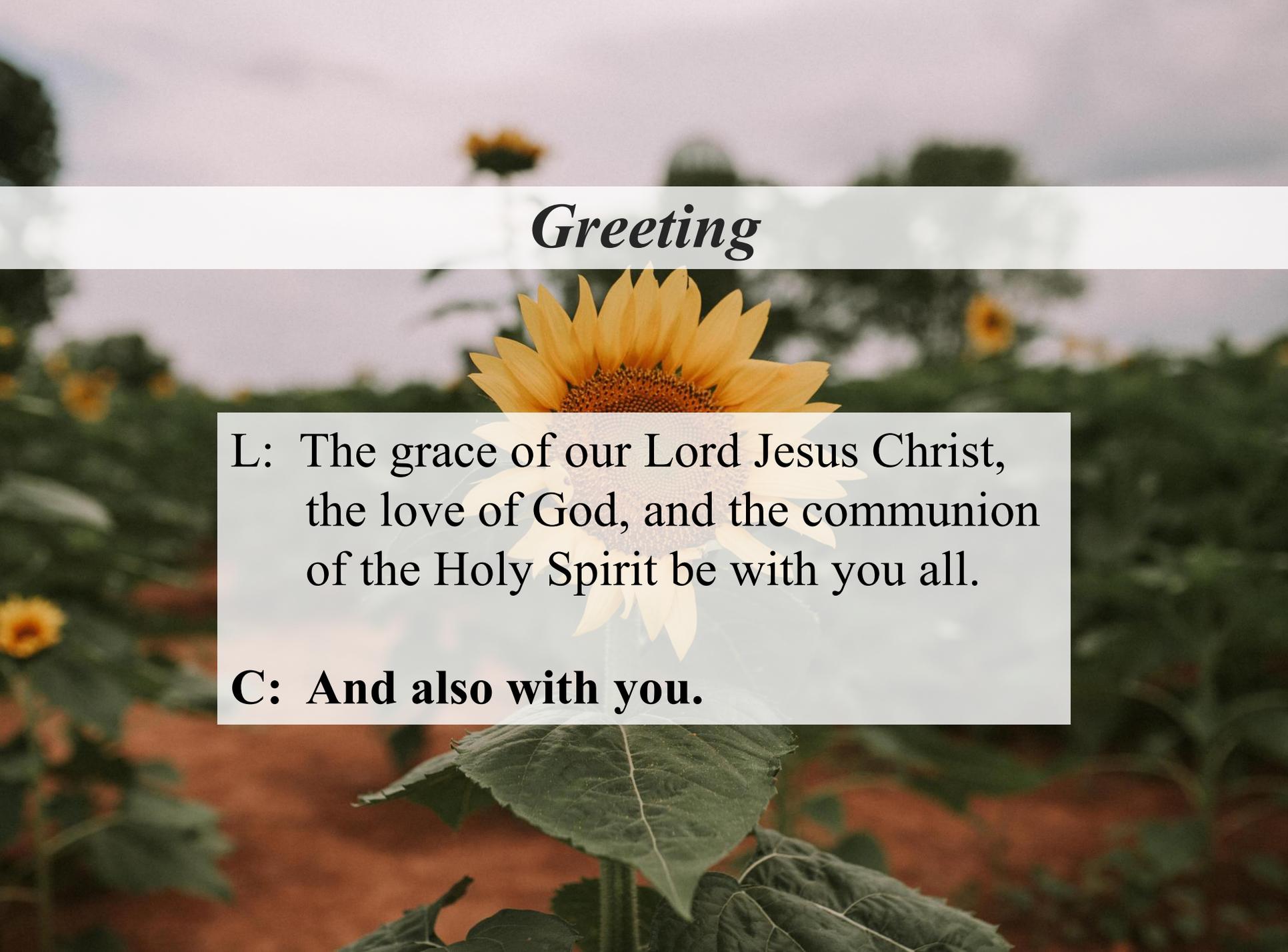
We turn away from the poor.

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 field of more sunflowers under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

Greeting

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

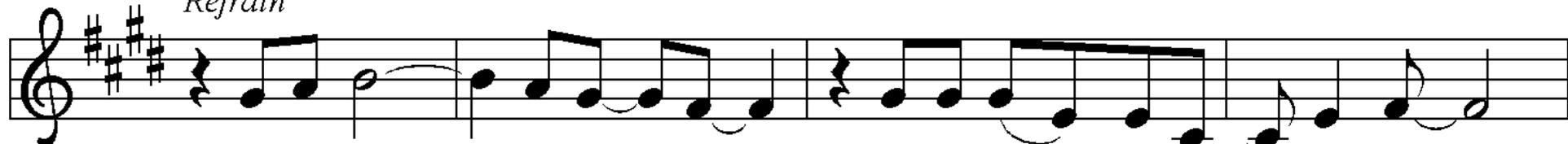
C: **And also with you.**

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.

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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.

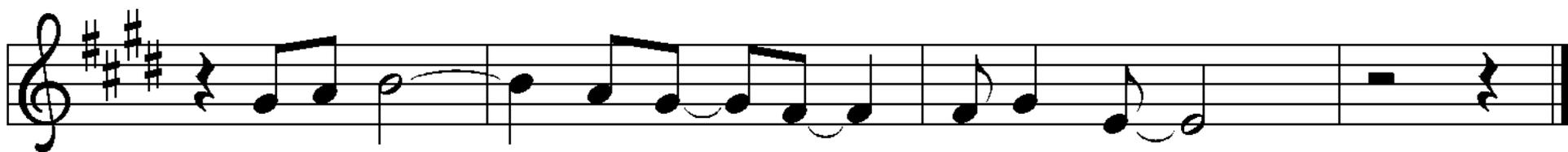
Cantor: That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

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.

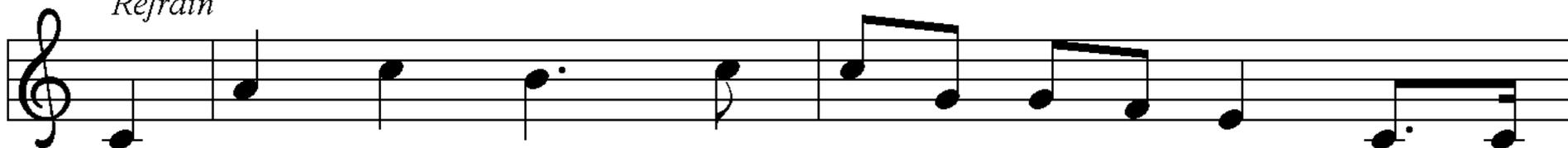
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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.

Hymn of Praise

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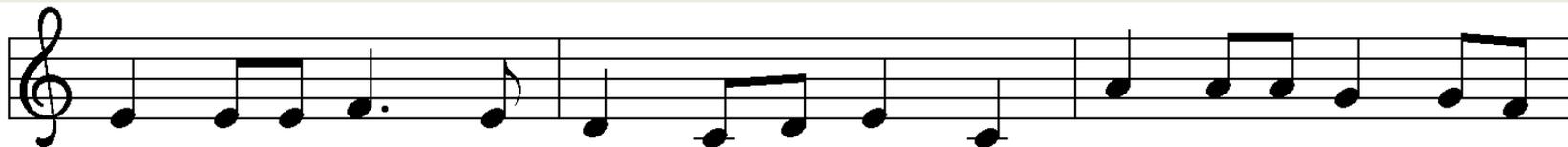
Refrain



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



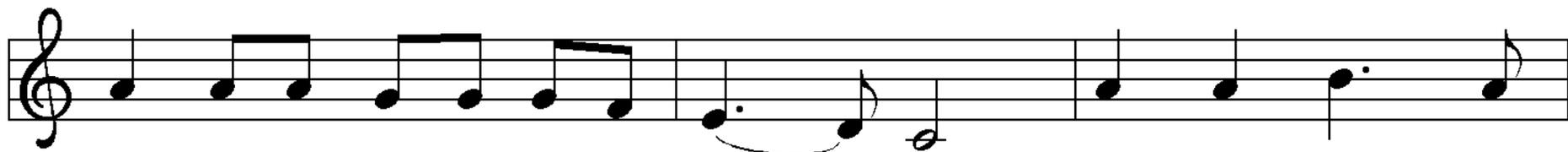
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



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.

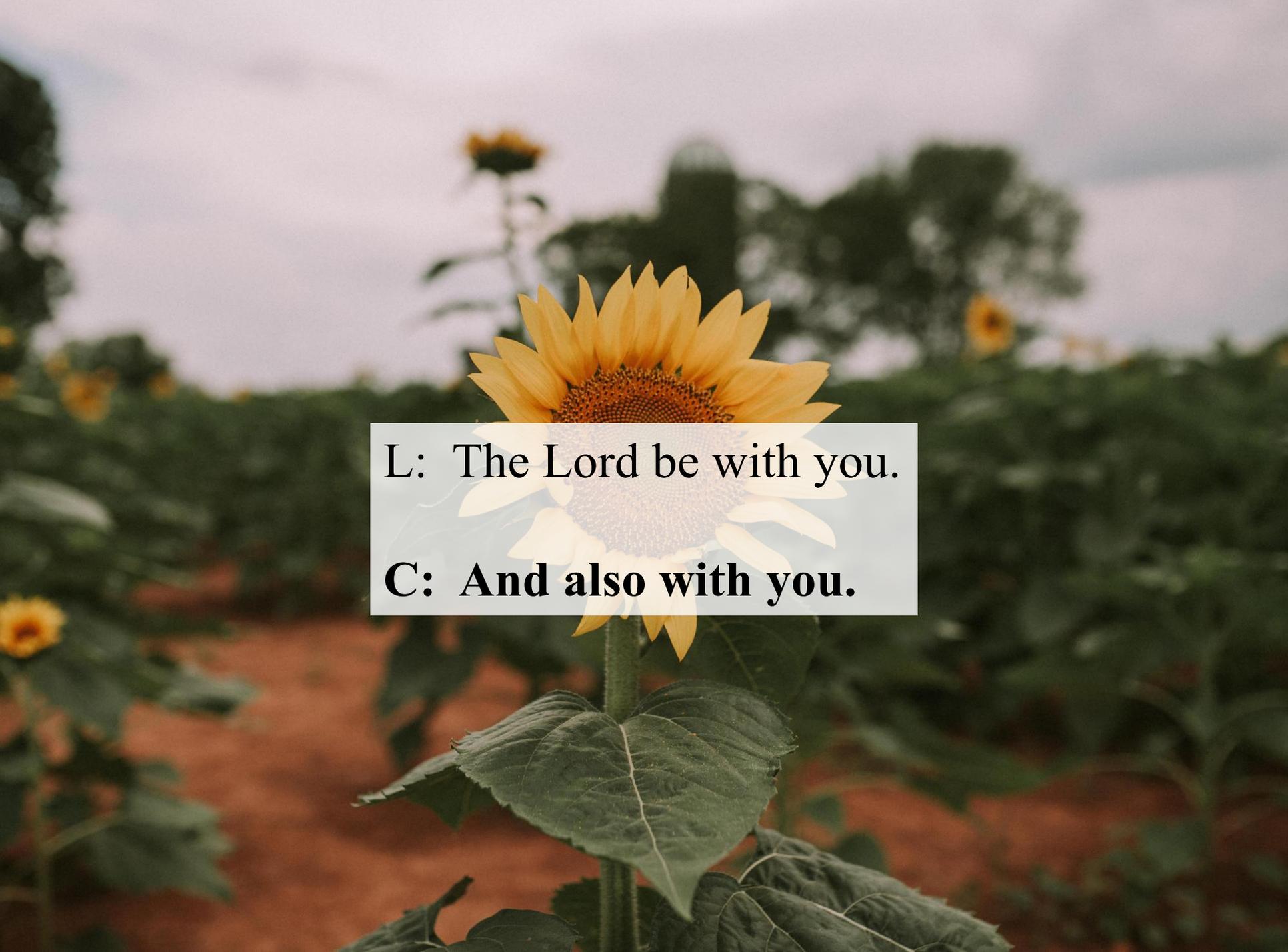
Final refrain



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.



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A Message for All God's Children
with
Sunday School Installation and Blessing

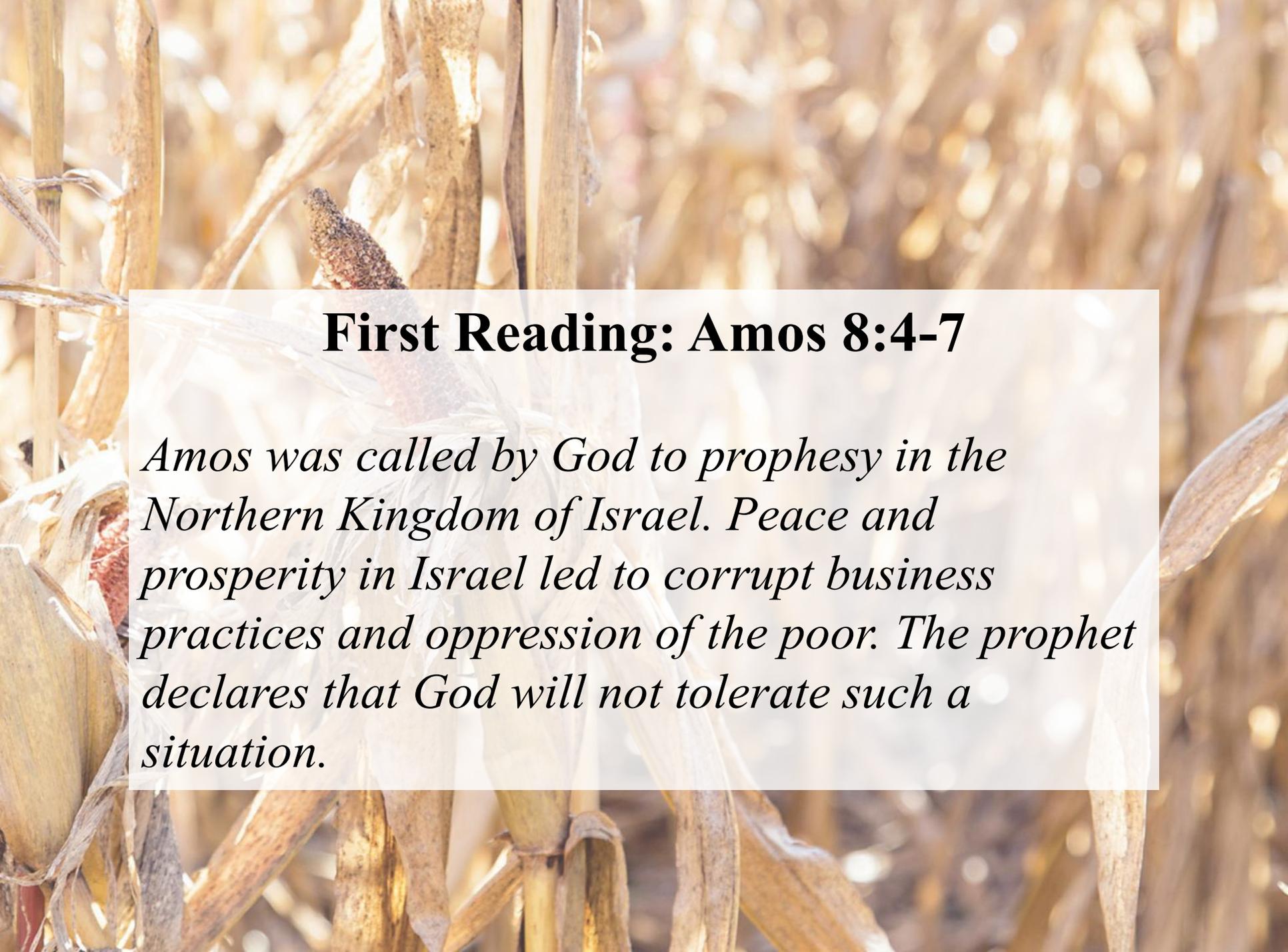


Noisy Offering!!!

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

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





First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

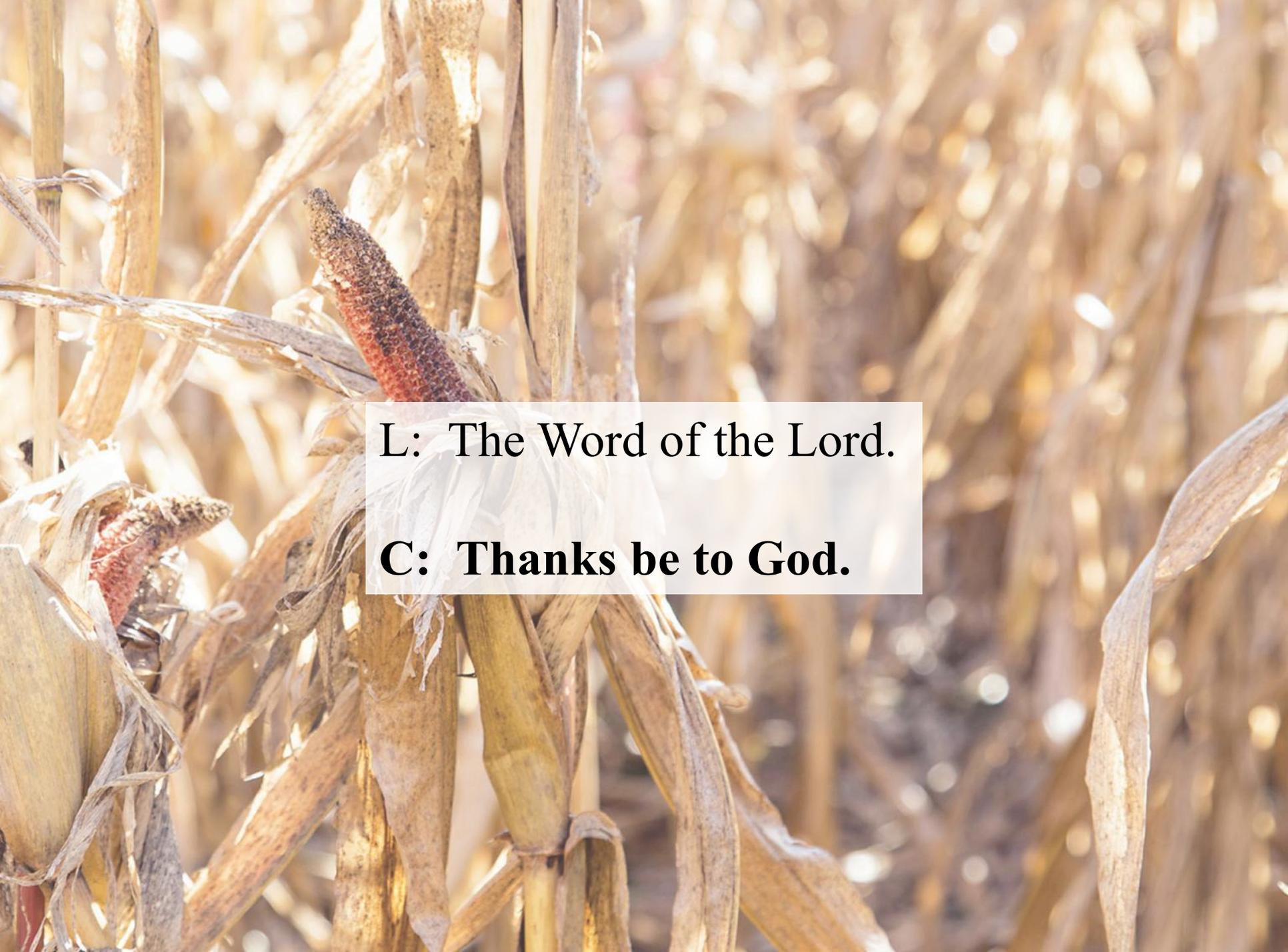
Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the
shekel heavier and practice deceit with false
balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: ² **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

L: ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

C: ⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

L: ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

**C: ⁶ but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

L: ⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the
dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**C: ⁸ enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

L: ⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a
childless house to be a joyful mother of
children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

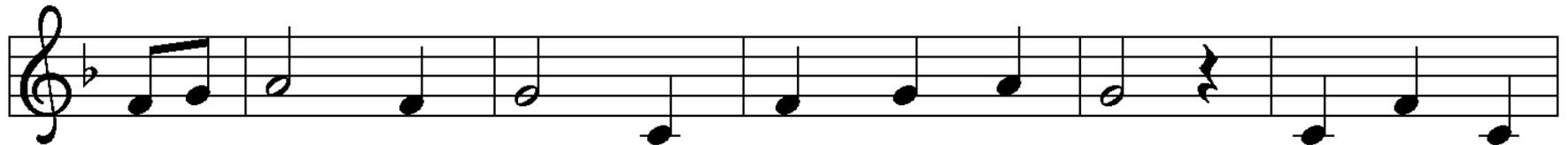


L: The Word of the Lord.

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.

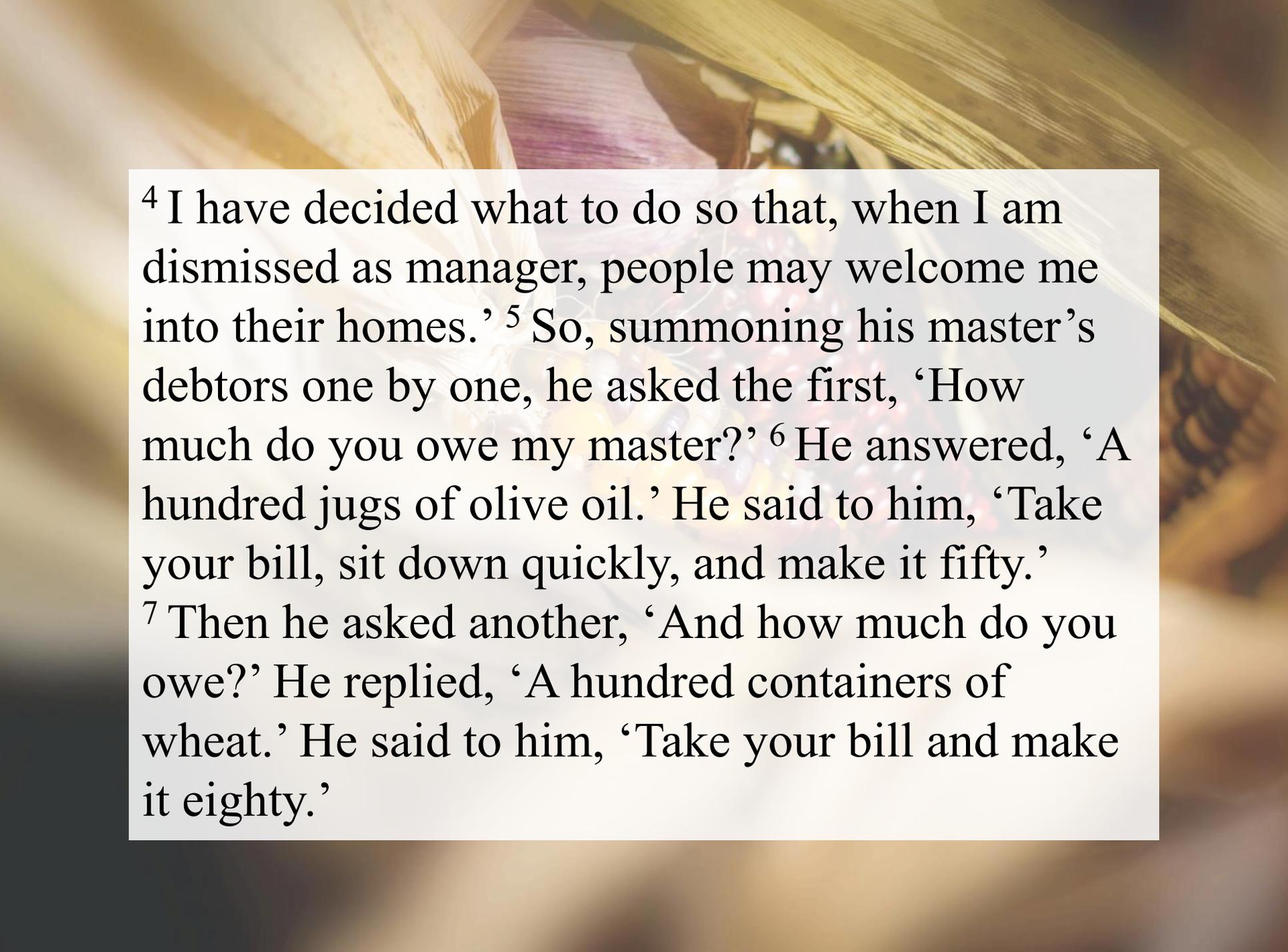
Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

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

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

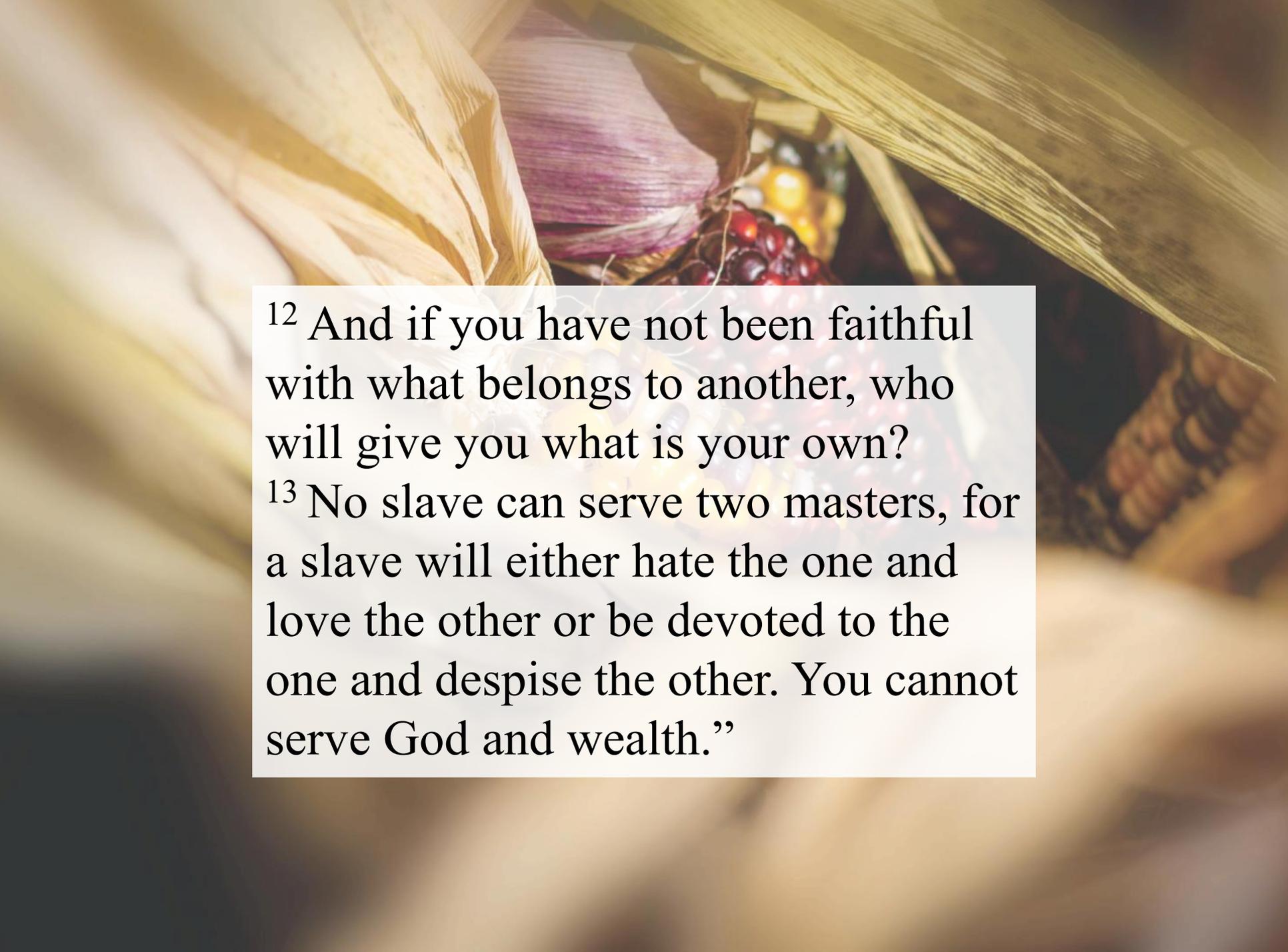
¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.



⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’

⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?



¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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- 1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2. Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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: **receive our prayer.**

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

C: **Amen.**



Offering

This Little Light Of Mine

ELW #677

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1.

**This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



2.

**Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
ev'rewhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



3.

**Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



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.**

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

L: Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

L: Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

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.



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

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- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer,
In His arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

When Peace Like a River

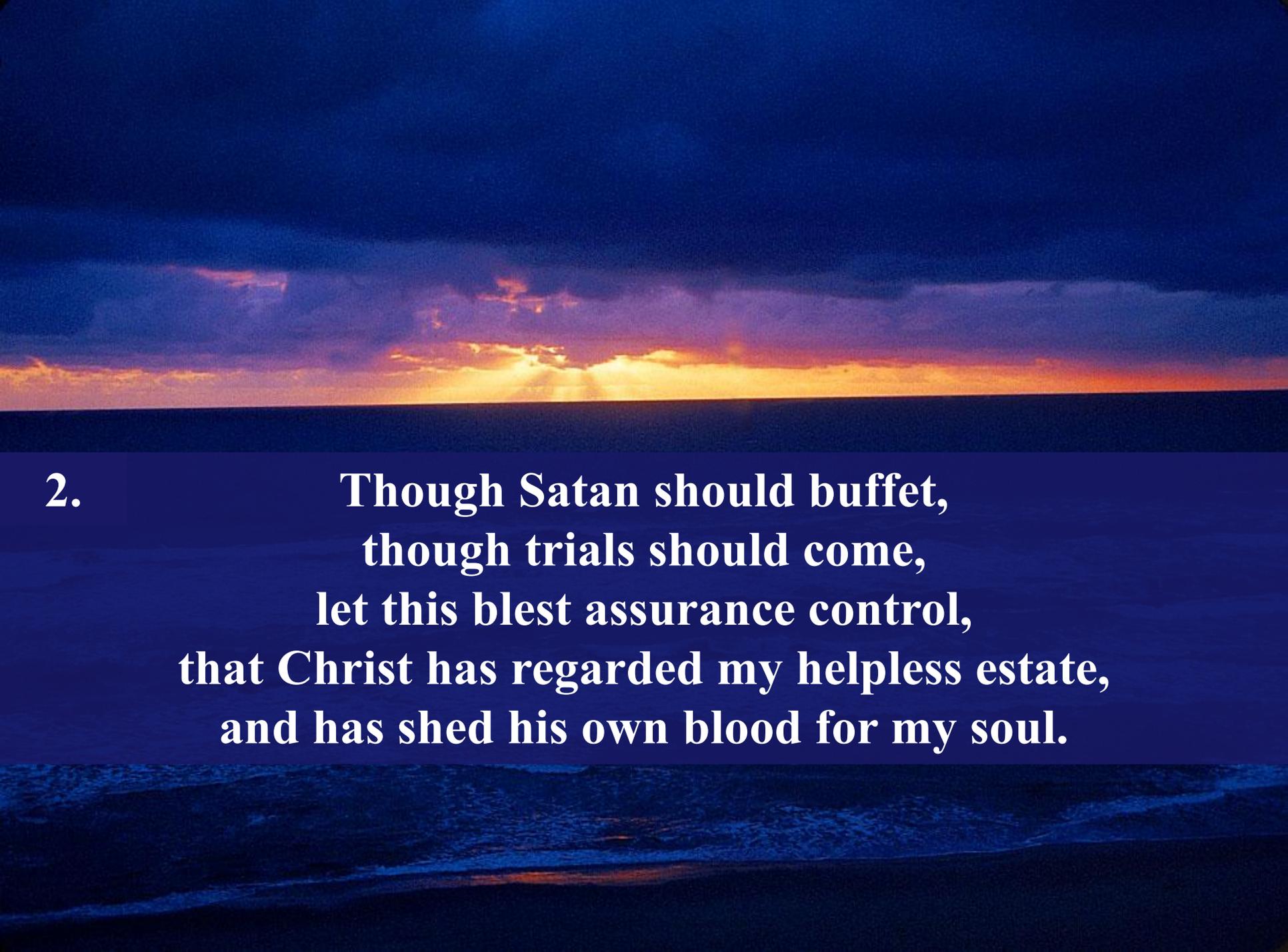
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1. **When peace like a river
attendeth my way;
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

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

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

A sunset over the ocean with a dark blue overlay for text. The sky is a mix of deep blue and purple, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun. The ocean is dark blue, and the waves are visible in the foreground.

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

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

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

3.

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

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!**

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

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



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

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

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

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: O God,
through this meal you have
strengthened us and appointed us to be
your servants. Send us to do good and
to share our possessions with all in
need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

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- 1. “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

2.

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

- 3. “Go my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

A red metal plow is positioned in a field of tall grass. In the background, a church with a golden dome is visible through a hazy atmosphere. The scene is captured in a soft, natural light.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

A large elk with impressive antlers stands in a field of tall grass and shrubs. The elk is facing right, and its antlers are large and dark. The background is a mix of green and brown vegetation, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!