



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, December 10, 2025
5:45 pm*

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Rejoice

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**We've seen a great light
mystery and awe so bright.
Our lives forever changed.
Oh we follow the call in the night.**

**We've wandered and journeyed so far
following a bright star.
We bring our riches and song.
O we are Bethlehem bound.**

**Rejoice we've been made new!
Rejoice we've been made new!
The baby has come, our life has begun.
Rejoice we have been made new!**

**Sometimes it feels like hope is gone.
We've prayed for our Christ to come.
And now our savior is born,
our savior is born!**

**Rejoice we've been made new!
Rejoice we've been made new!
The baby has come, our life has begun.
Rejoice we have been made new!**

**Through the dark and lonely night
you come Emmanuel.
Oh God with us your light has come
to set us all free!**

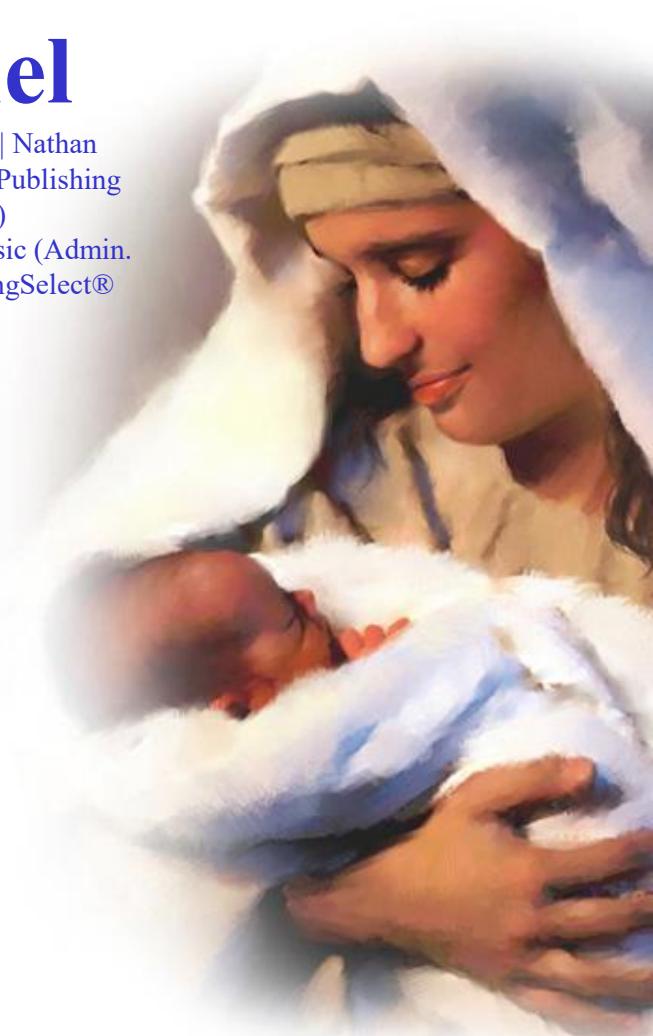
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Rejoice we've been made new!
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The baby has come, our life has begun.
The earth will rejoice; sing into the night.
the season's begun; our Savior has won.
Rejoice we have been made new!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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**O, come, O, come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**



**O come, thou rod of Jesse free,
thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



**O come thou day-spring come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**



**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.
shall come to you, O Israel.**



Revival

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Introduction solo

**As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet,
So you love this city and you love these streets.
Every child out playing by their own front door
Every baby laying on the bedroom floor.**

**Every dreamer dreaming in their dead-end job
Every driver driving through the rush hour mob
I feel it in my spirit, feel it in my bones
You're going to send revival,
bring them all back home.**

**I can hear that thunder in the distance
It's like a train on the edge of town
I can feel the brooding of the Spirit
"Lay your burdens down,
Lay your burdens down."**

**From the Preacher preaching when the well is dry
To the lost soul reaching for a higher high
From the young man working through his hopes and fears
To the widow walking through the veil of tears.**

**Every man and woman, every old and young
Every father's daughter, every mother's son.
I feel it in my spirit, feel it in my bones
You're going to send revival,
bring them all back home.**

**I can hear that thunder in the distance
It's like a train on the edge of town
I can feel the brooding of the Spirit
"Lay your burdens down,
Lay your burdens down."**

**Revive us! Revive us!
Revive us with Your fire!
Revive us! Revive us!
Revive us with Your fire!
Revive us! Revive us!
Revive us with Your fire!**



Welcome & Announcements

Do you want to help with WeCare?

**Wednesday, December 17, at 8:00 am they will
be packing the memory bags
and delivering them.**

Everyone is welcome to come help!



For anyone who has lost someone or feels
sad or lonely during the holidays...

You are
invited to bring
a framed picture
of a loved
one to be
on display.

Blue Christmas Service

at Zion Lutheran Church

Thursday, December 11

6:30 pm

Refreshments following service

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee



Beautify Zion's sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas

**Order forms for Zion's Christmas
worship services are available in the
Gathering Space.**

Orders are due by December 15.

Sanctuary Seating Survey

Now is the time to share your thoughts!

An **online** survey form is available:

- Click the link in the e-Messenger
- Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to complete the online survey

or

Pick up a **paper** survey
in the Gathering Space



Survey responses are due by January 5.



Lighting the Advent Wreath

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

C: **John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way, for the kingdom of heaven is near.**



L: Bless us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath, the candle of hope and the candle of peace.

C: **Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,**

L: for he is our light and our salvation.

C: **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**





Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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2.

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**

Sharing the Peace

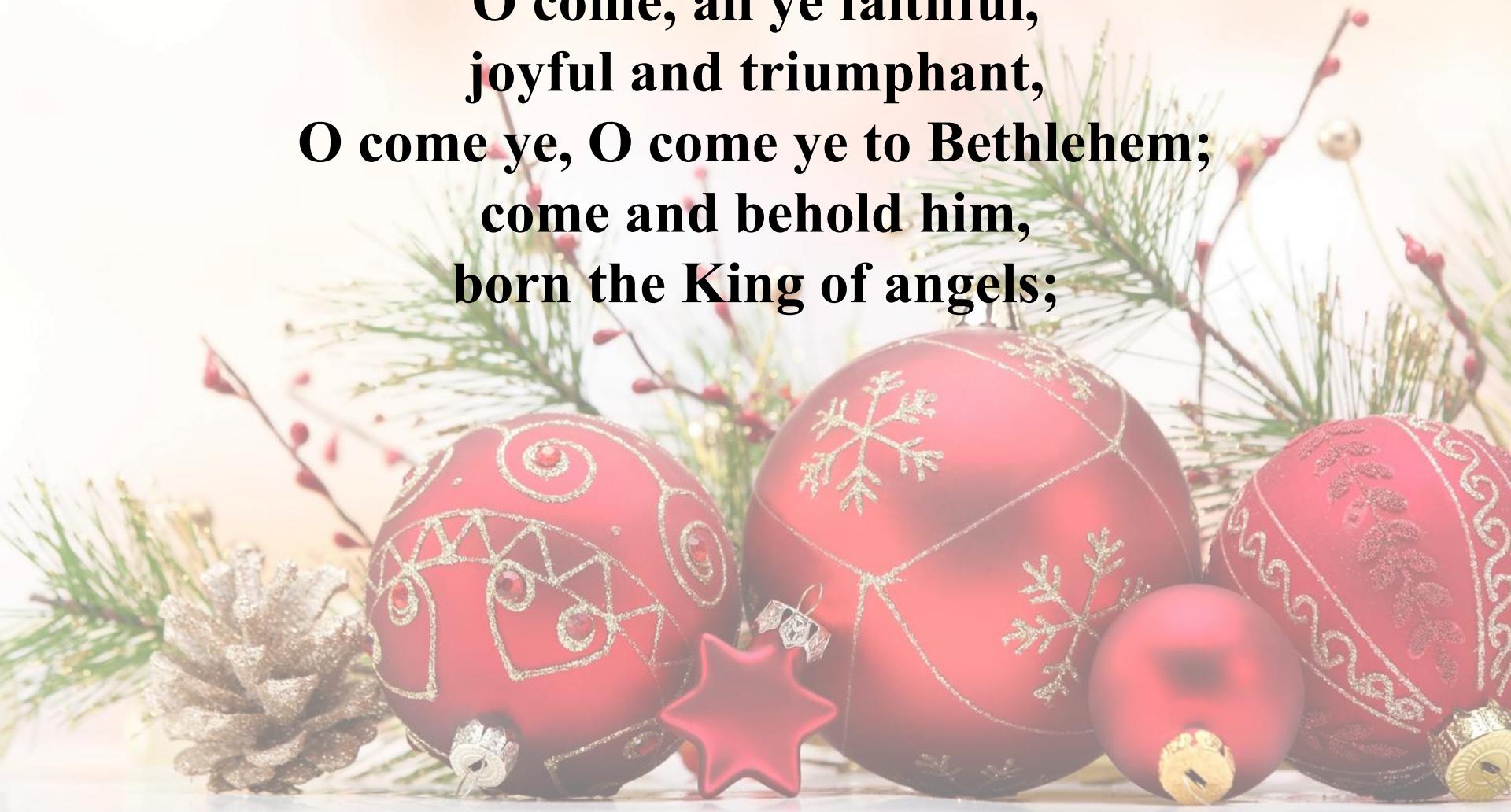
Prepare Ye – O Come all Ye Faithful

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**Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
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Prepare ye the way of the Lord.**



**O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;**



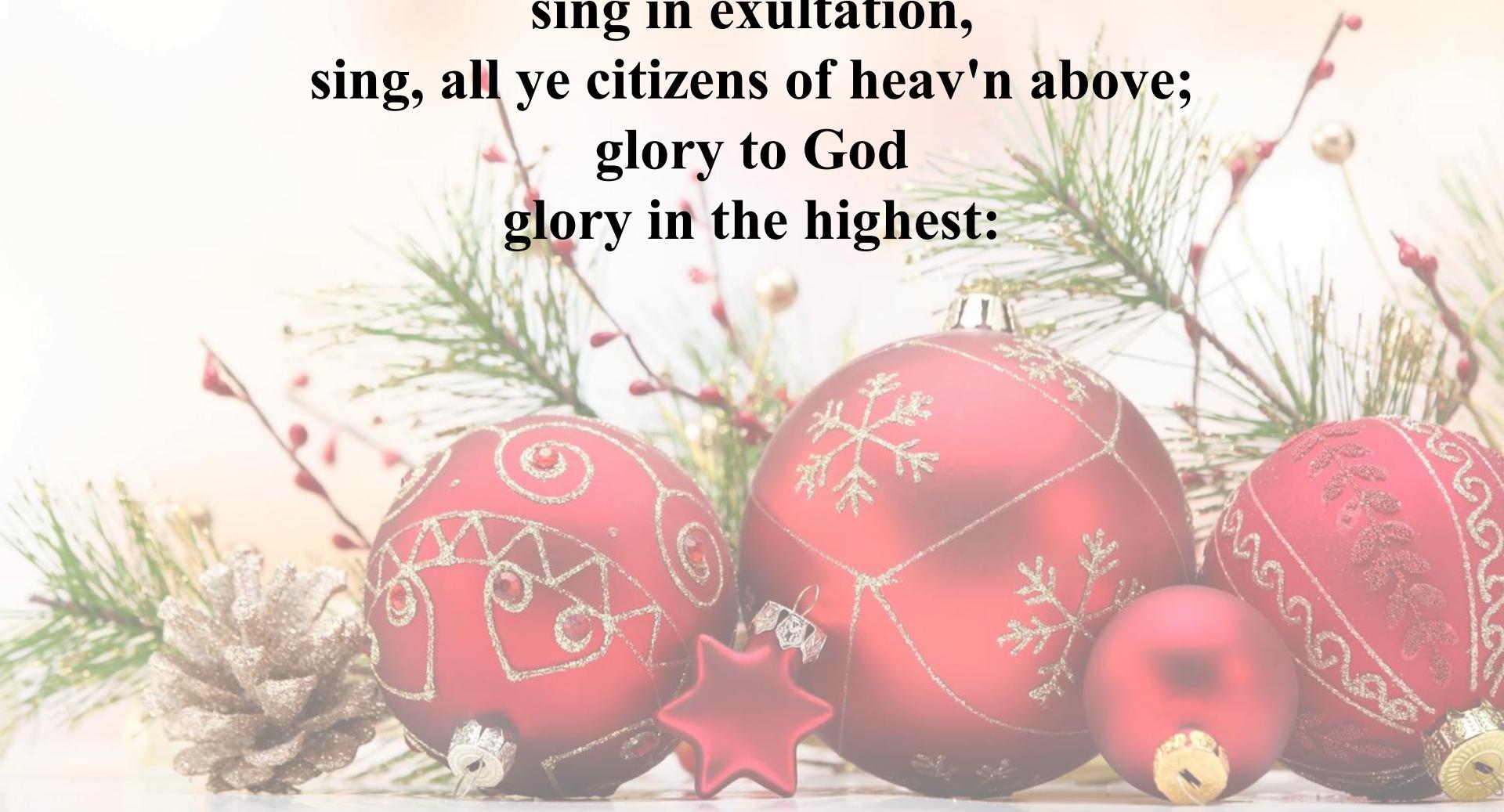
**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!**



**Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.**



**Sing choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God
glory in the highest:**

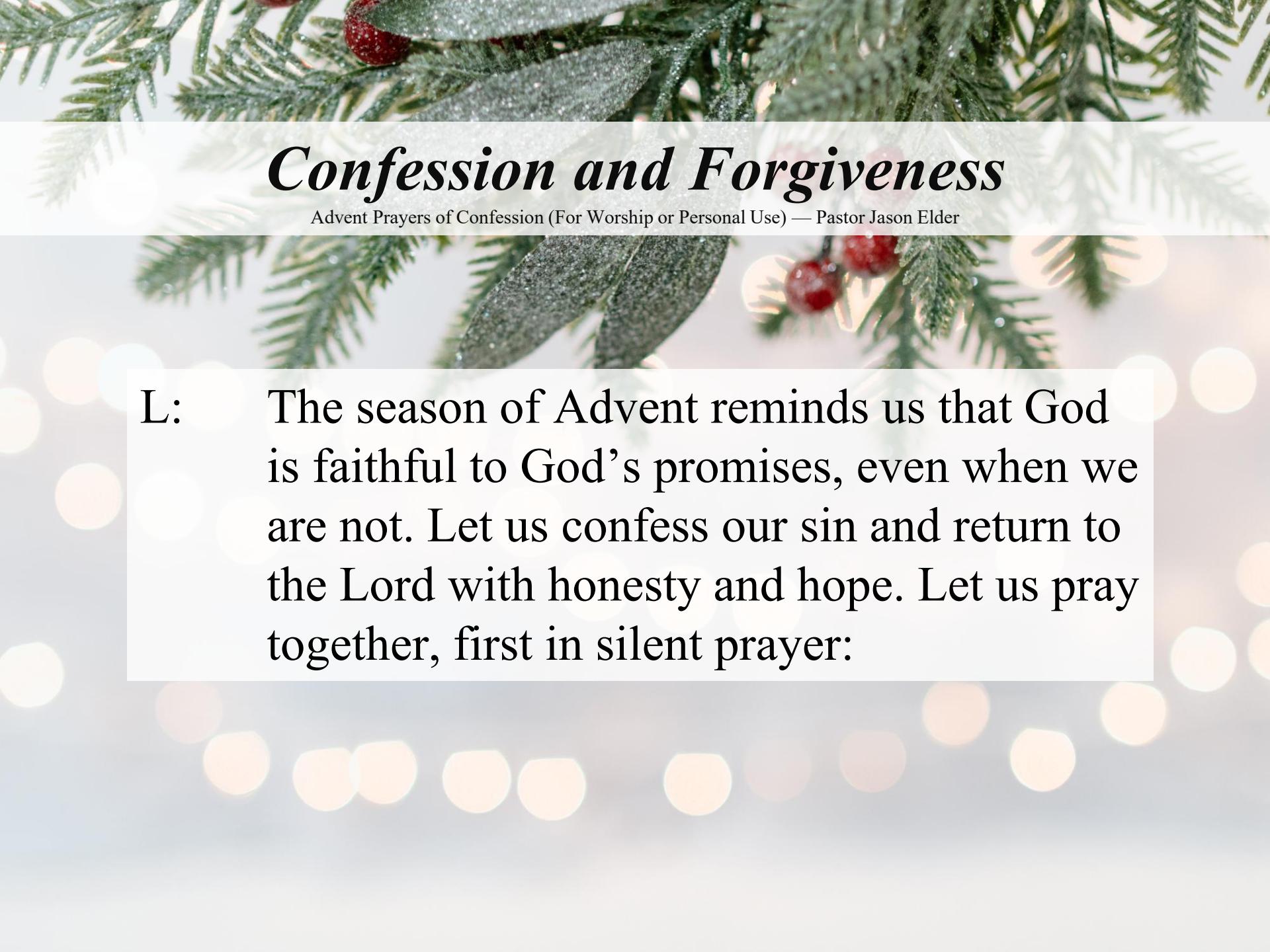


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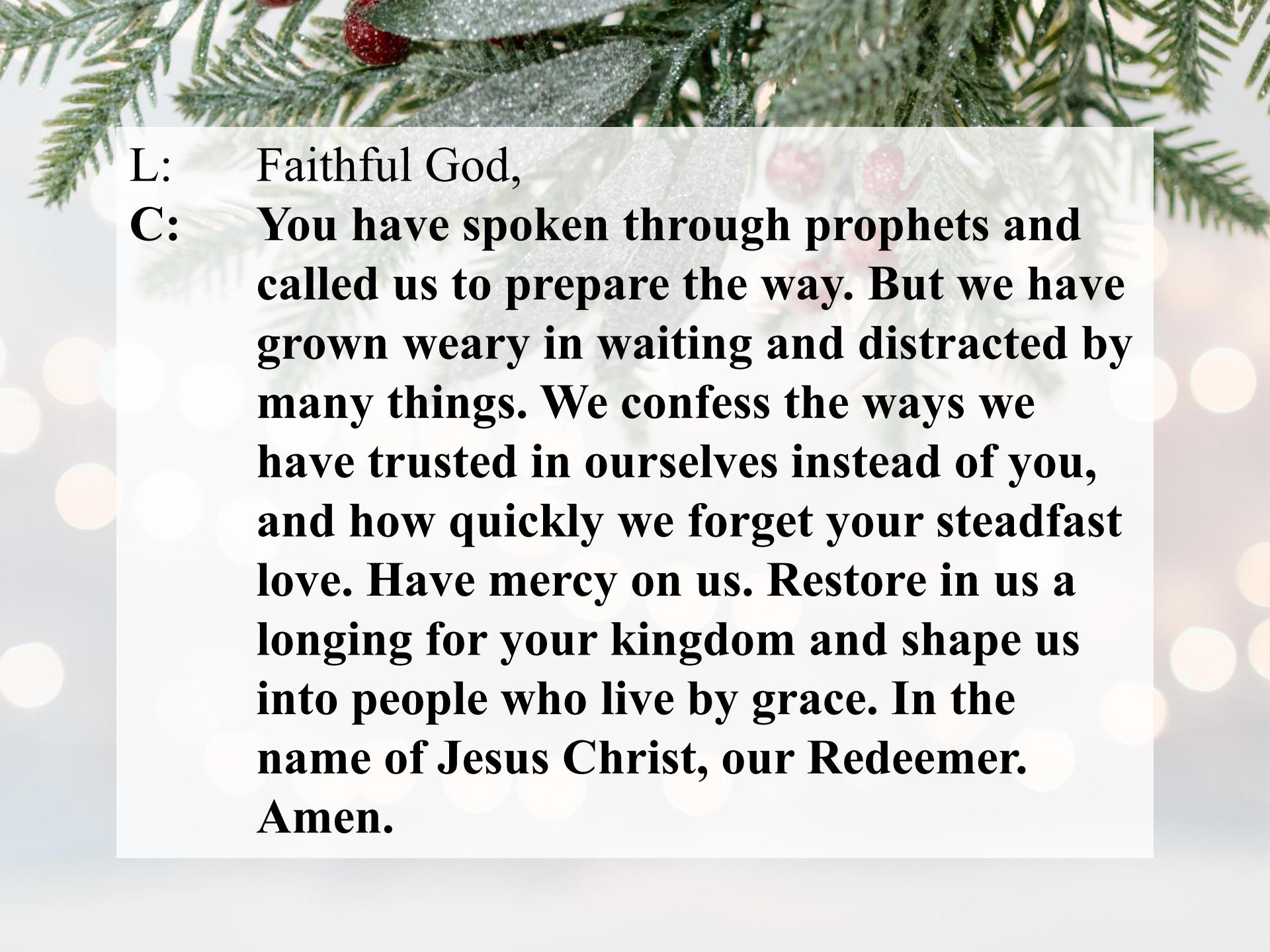




Confession and Forgiveness

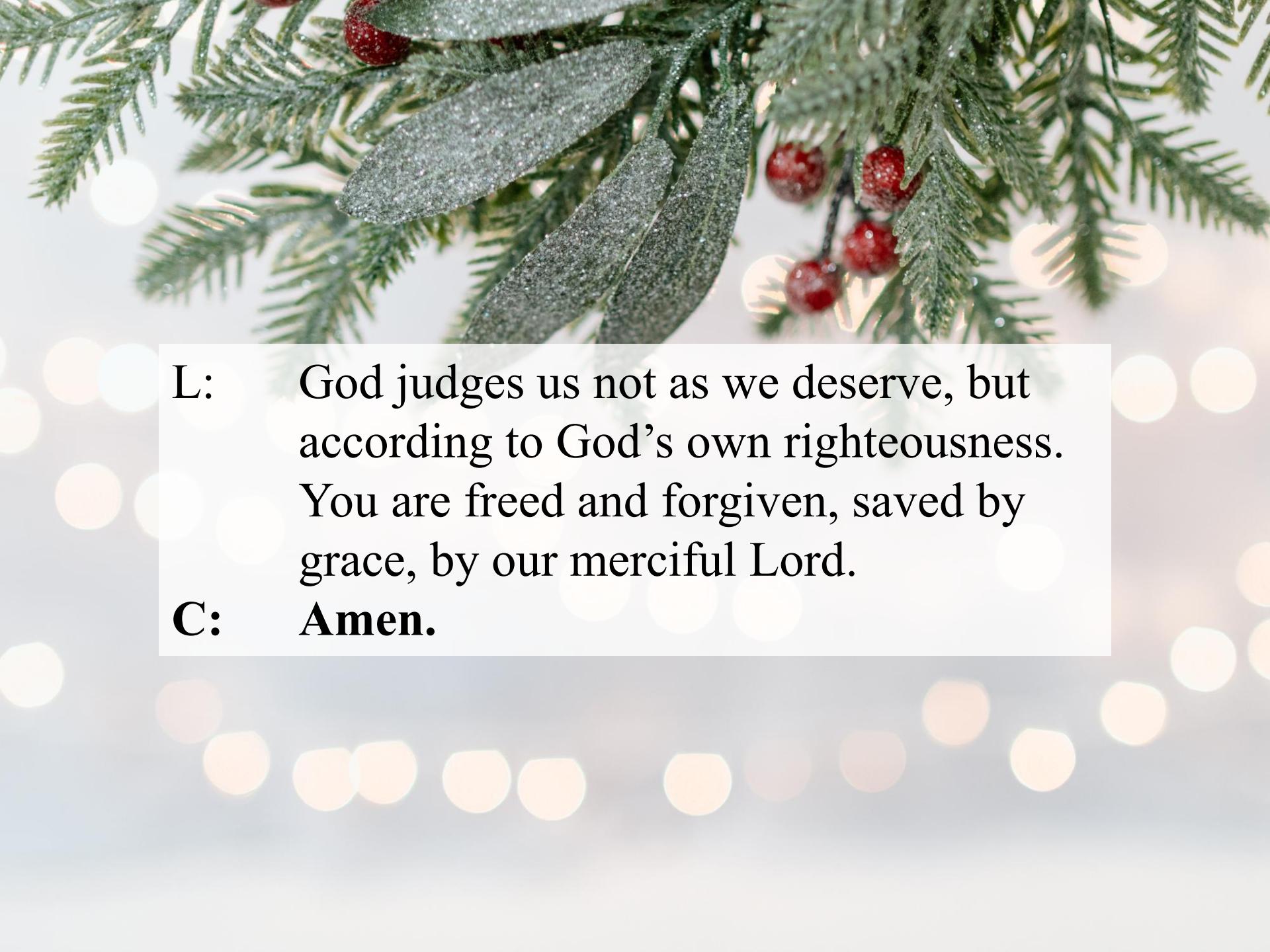
Advent Prayers of Confession (For Worship or Personal Use) — Pastor Jason Elder

L: The season of Advent reminds us that God is faithful to God's promises, even when we are not. Let us confess our sin and return to the Lord with honesty and hope. Let us pray together, first in silent prayer:



L: Faithful God,

C: **You have spoken through prophets and called us to prepare the way. But we have grown weary in waiting and distracted by many things. We confess the ways we have trusted in ourselves instead of you, and how quickly we forget your steadfast love. Have mercy on us. Restore in us a longing for your kingdom and shape us into people who live by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**



L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, by our merciful Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A Message for All God's Children





First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the
earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of
his mouth,

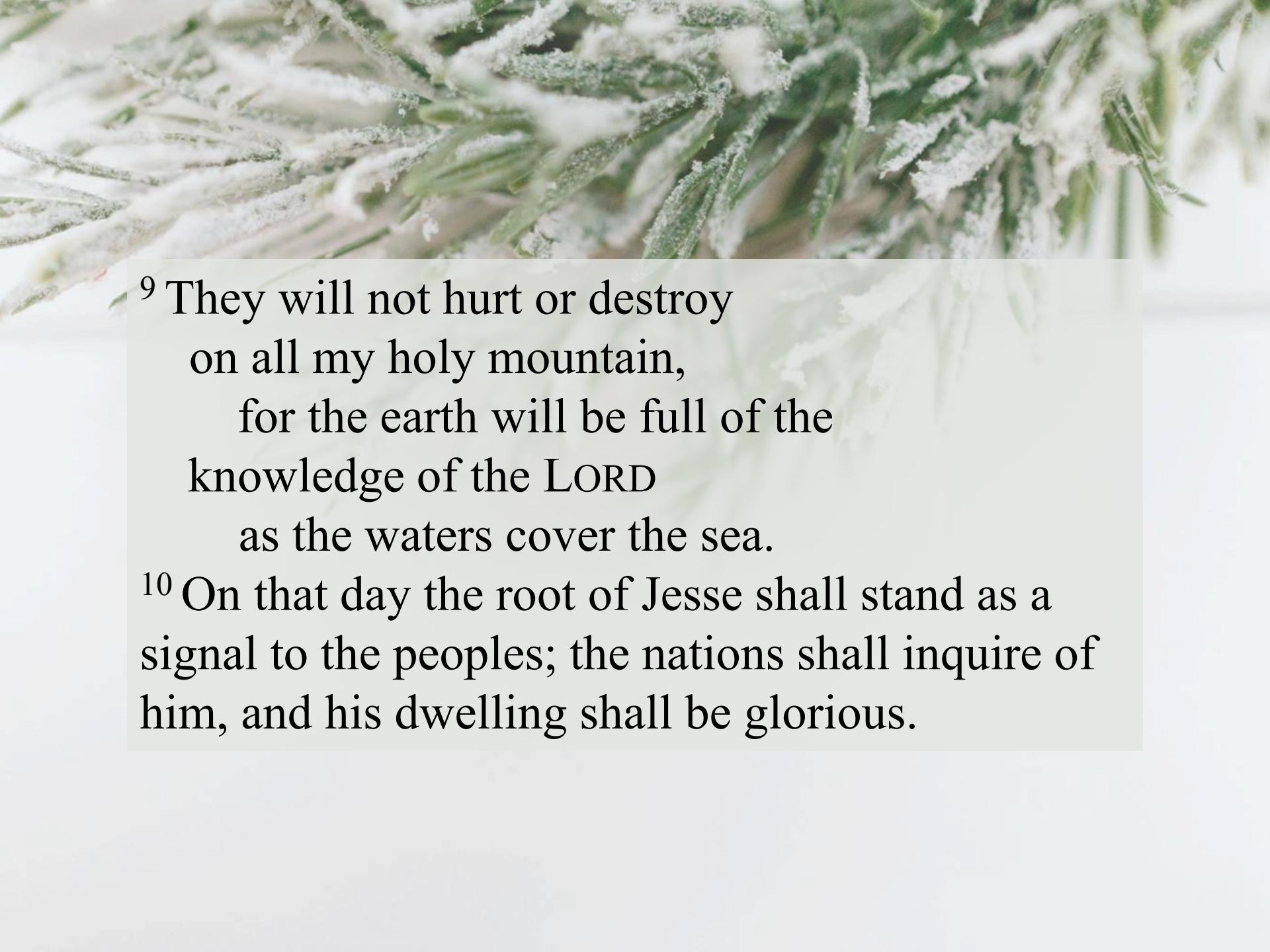
and with the breath of his lips
he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over
the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand
on the adder's den.



⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the
knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



L: The Word of the Lord.

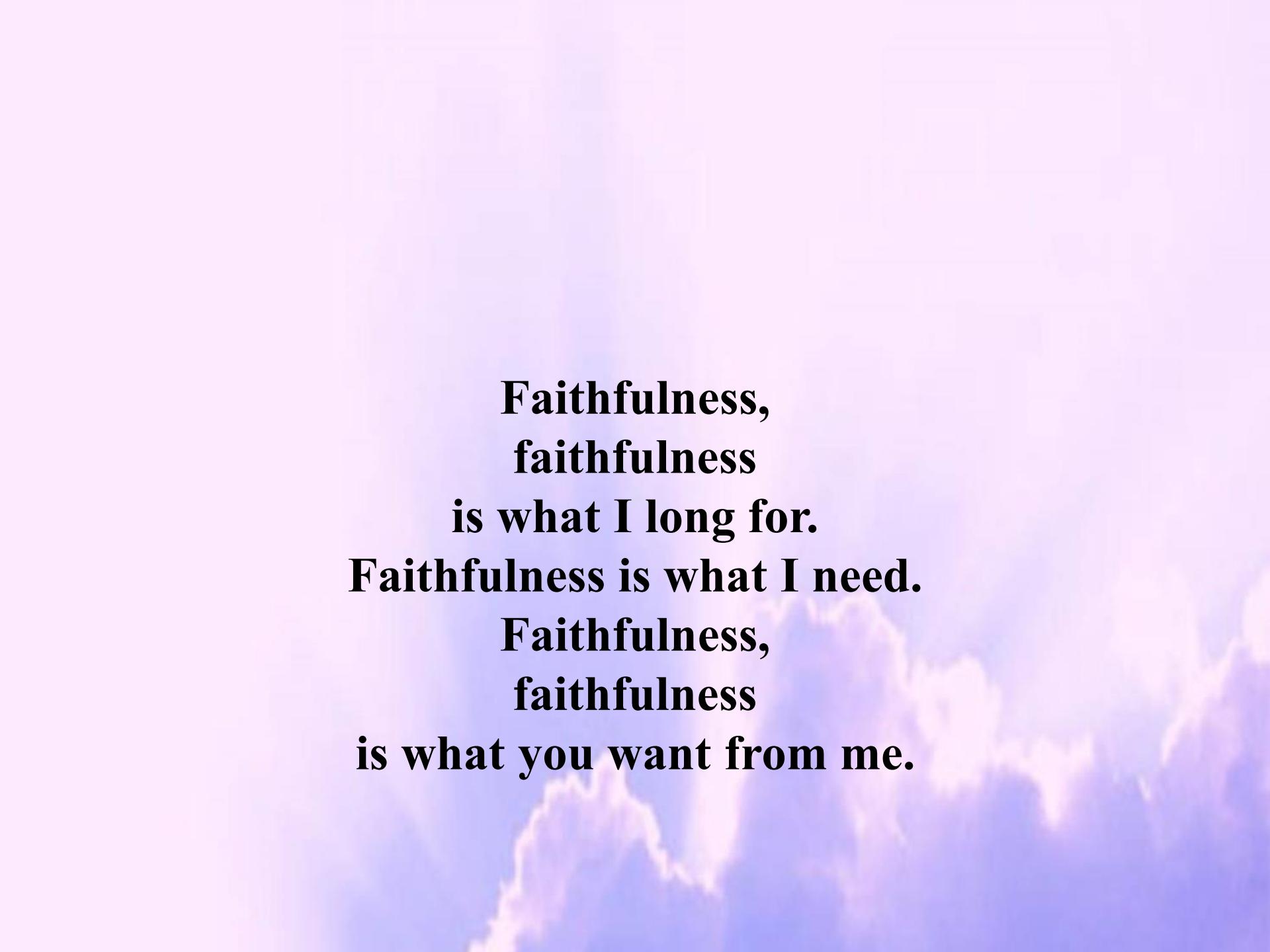
C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Take My Life

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**Holiness,
holiness
is what I long for.
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness,
holiness is what you want from me.**



**Faithfulness,
faithfulness
is what I long for.
Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness,
faithfulness
is what you want from me.**



**So take my heart and form it.
Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it
to yours, to yours, oh Lord.**

**Righteousness,
righteousness
is what I long for.**

Righteousness is what I need.

**Righteousness,
righteousness
is what you want from me.**

**So take my heart and form it.
Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it
to yours, to yours, oh Lord.**

**So take my heart and form it.
Take my mind, transform it.
Take my will, conform it
to yours, to yours, oh Lord.**

**To yours,
to yours,
oh Lord.**

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



Offering

There is a Redeemer

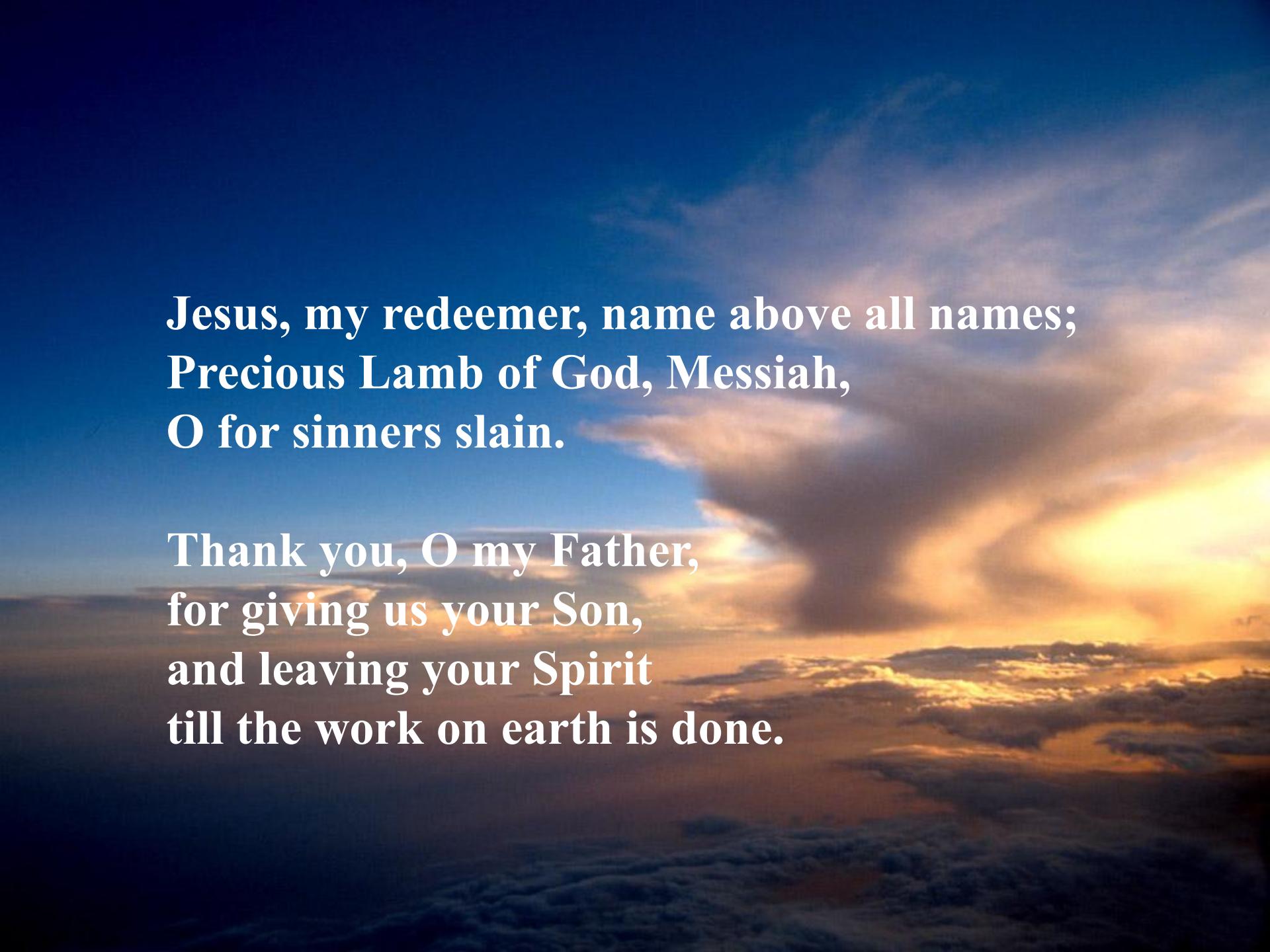
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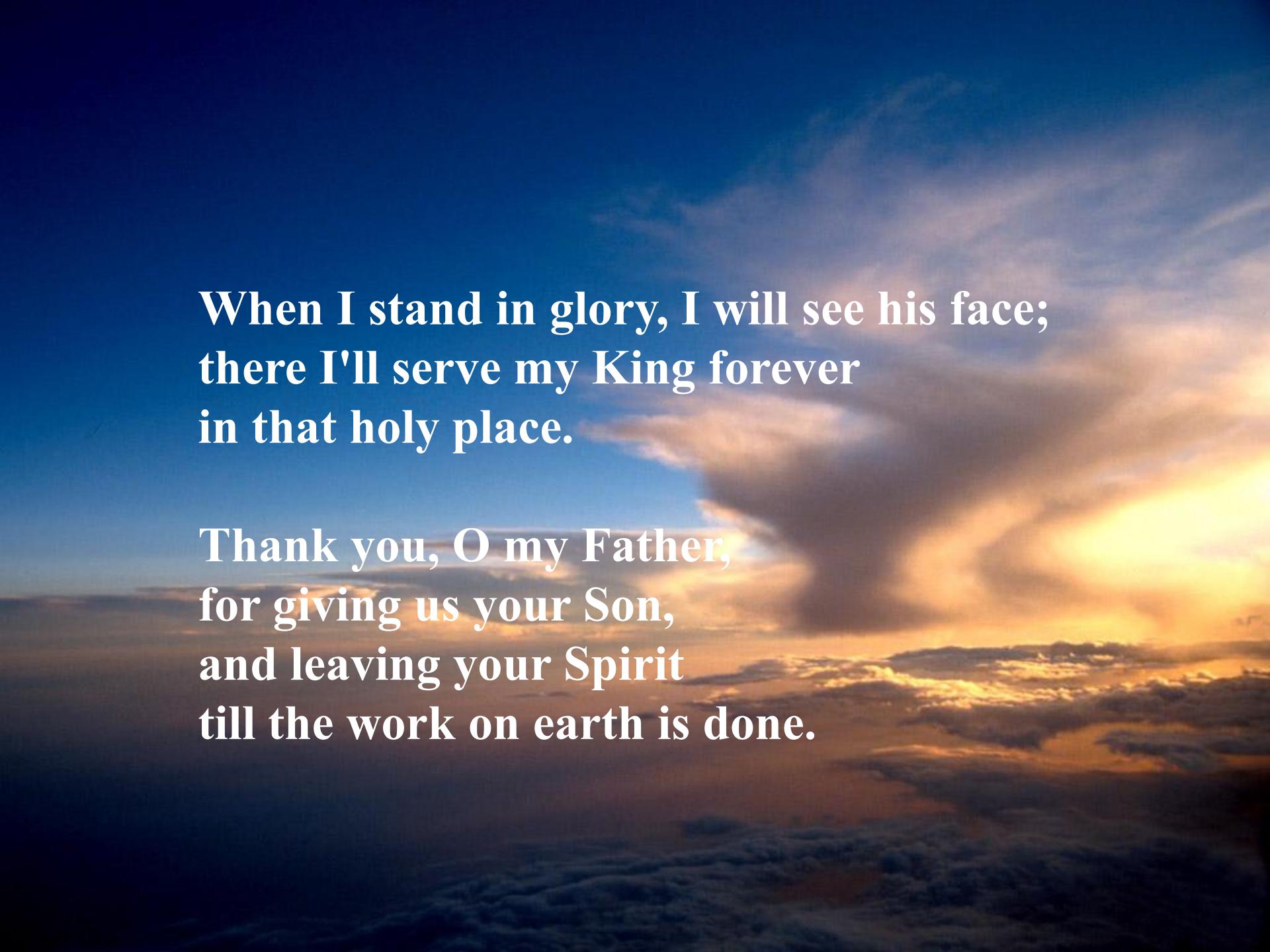
**There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**



**Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.**



When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

Offering Prayer

<https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent>

L: Let us pray together:

C: **Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace. A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear. A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these generous offerings and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.**

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

L: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, 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.*



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!**

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: God our host,
at this table you have fed us with
joy and gladness. Send us forth,
eager to share the feast, welcome
the stranger, and bear good fruit in
the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: May God who comes among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen!

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/Glorious

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**It came upon a midnight clear
that glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on earth goodwill to all
from heaven's all-gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.**



Glorious.

My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord.

Glorious.

He stands above the rulers of the earth.

Glorious, glorious, Lord, you are glorious.



For lo the days are hast'ning on
by prophets seen of old.

When with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold.

When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling.

And the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.



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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.
C: **Thanks be to God!**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!