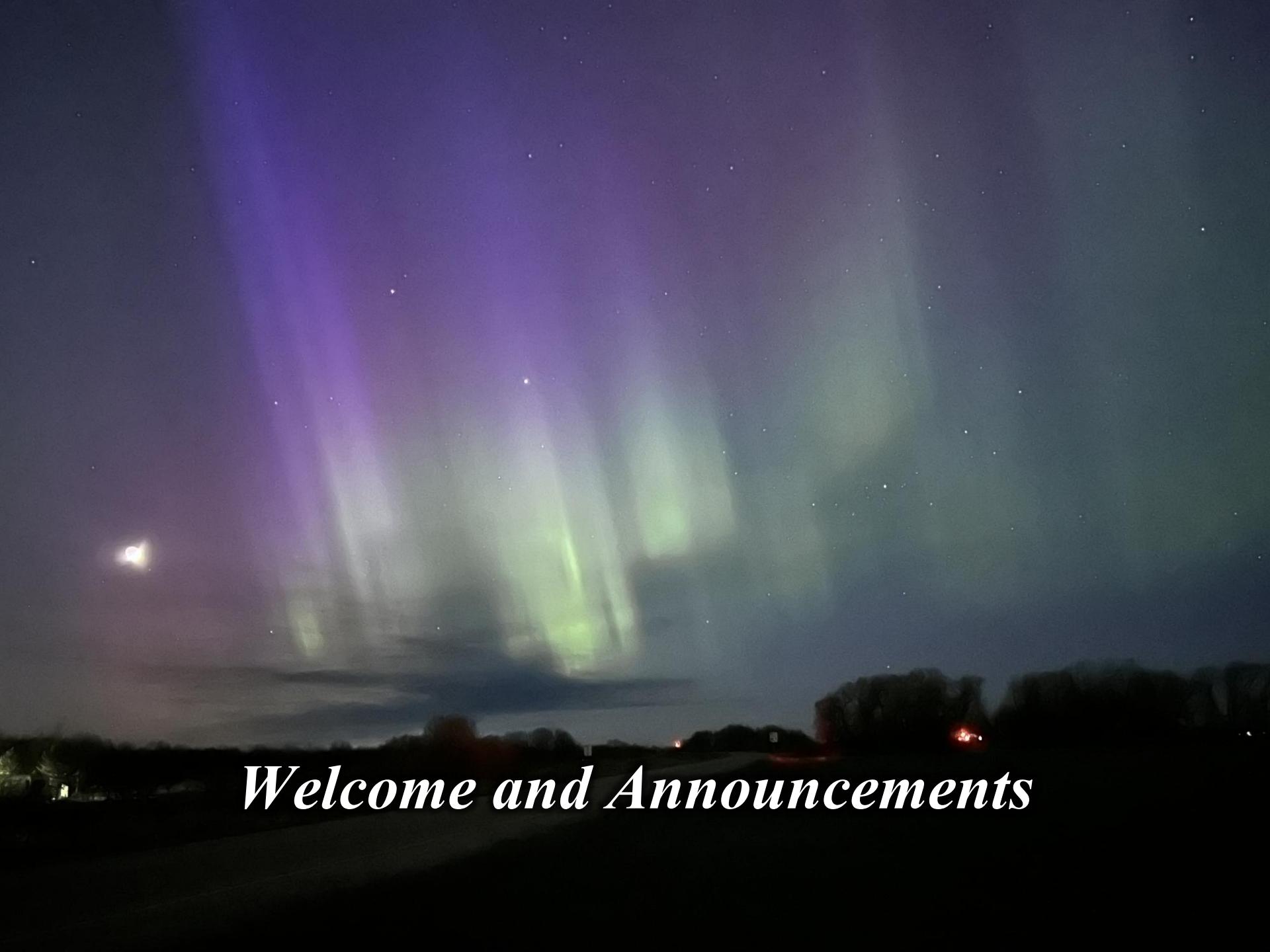


*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, February 1, 2026
9:00 am*

Northern Lights, May 2024
Photo by Sharon Smith

A photograph of a night sky. The upper half is filled with the Aurora Borealis, showing vibrant purple and green light streaks and curtains. A full moon is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The horizon line shows dark silhouettes of trees and a road with some distant lights.

Welcome and Announcements

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Available in the Gathering Space

Come and join us for a meal before worship!



Every Wednesday:

Meals will be served
at 5:00 pm before the
Wednesday night
worship services!

Worship will follow in the
Sanctuary at 5:45 pm.

Menu for February 4: Tacos

Zion is hosting a Blood Drive!

**Tuesday, February 3,
from 12:30 to 6:00 pm**

**The planners are looking
for donors (there are several openings)
*and volunteers!***

Volunteers are still needed for
greeting donors, checking ID's,
and keeping track of names

Contact Trent Hard to volunteer at 701-238-4139.

Join us for a

CRAFTERNOON

TODAY

11:30 to 2:30

at Zion

- ❖ bring your own project to work on
- ❖ help tie senior gift blankets
- ❖ participate in a mug exchange
(bring a mug, get a mug!)
- ❖ learn how to make a cake-in-a-mug
- ❖ make a mug rug
- ❖ make small kindness cards with
Bobbi Aker in celebration of kindness
month (February)
- ❖ see more details in the Messenger

Freewill baked potato bar lunch



it's all about the mugs!



Join us on Sunday, February 15, for Camp Sunday!

What is Camp Sunday?

Camp Sunday is a day where we invite our Pathways staff up to talk about what camp is and the ministries they lead.

Following worship there will be a Camp Emmaus style brunch with fresh fruit, french toast bake, gluten-free coffee cake, and yogurt.

It's the final week for filling the care package boxes for Zion's graduates.

The boxes are out in the Gathering Space and available to be filled now until February 8.



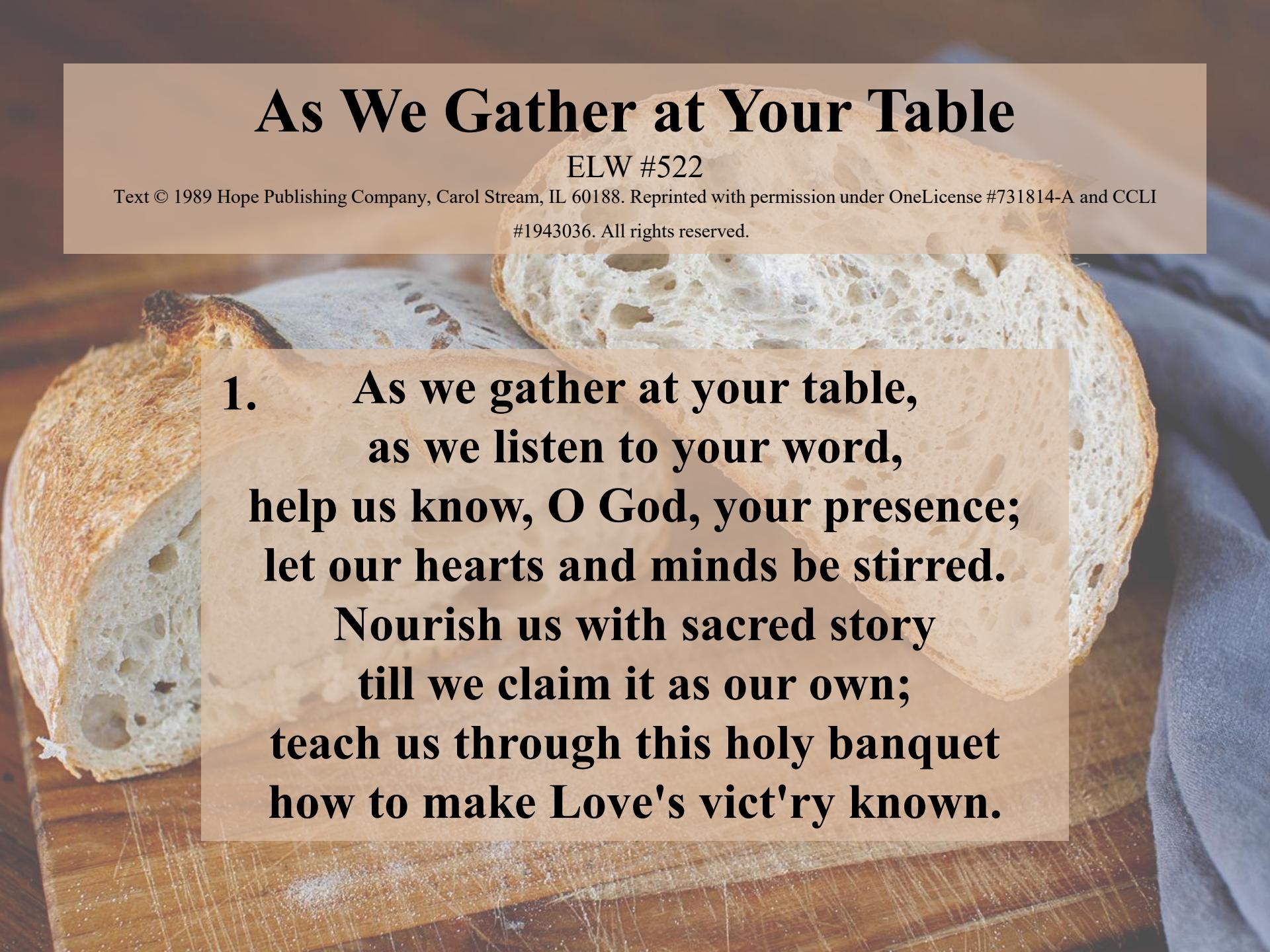
We will be mailing the packages so that students will receive them in time for Valentine's Day.

Sharing the Peace

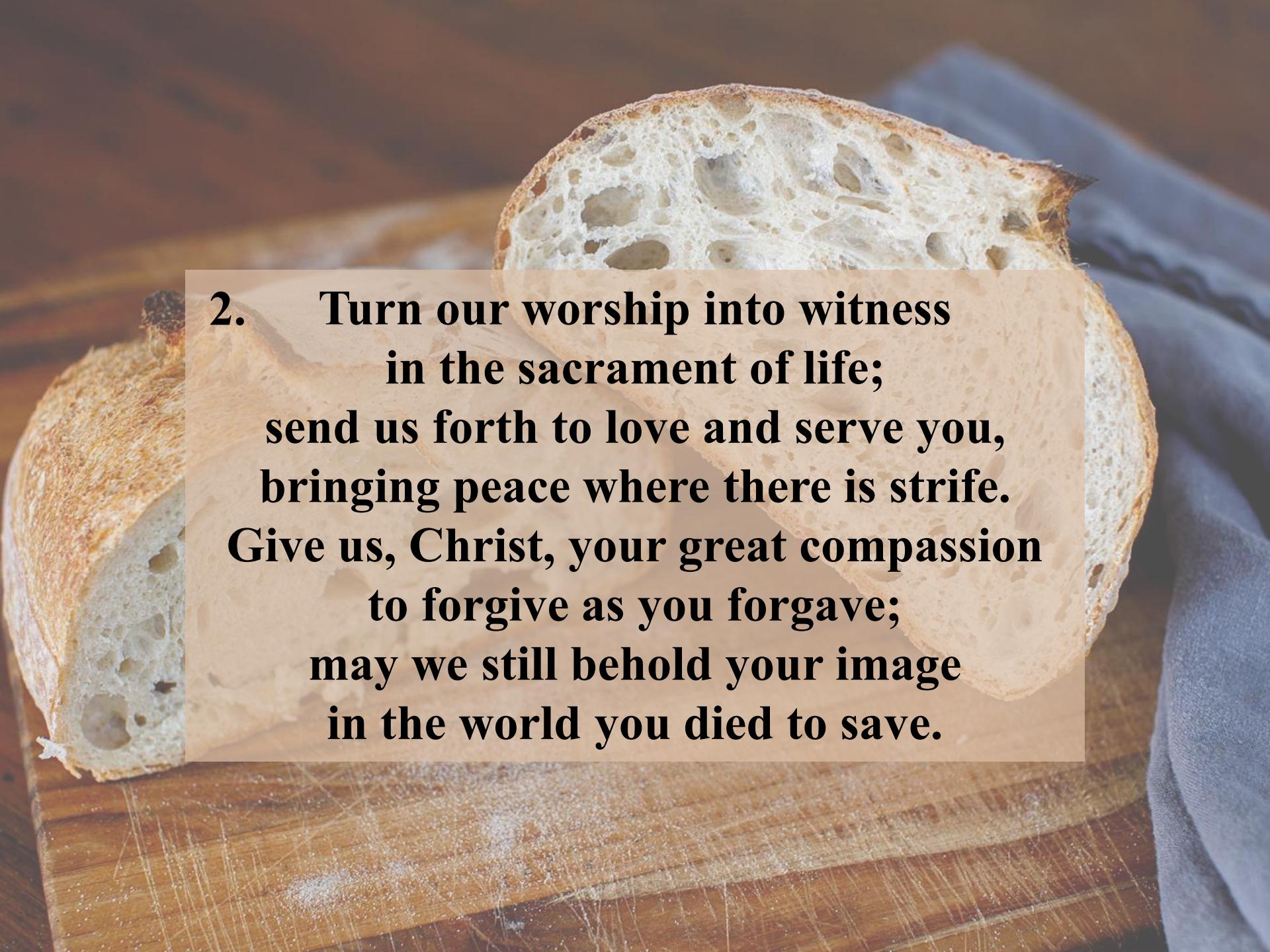
As We Gather at Your Table

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1. **As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**
**Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

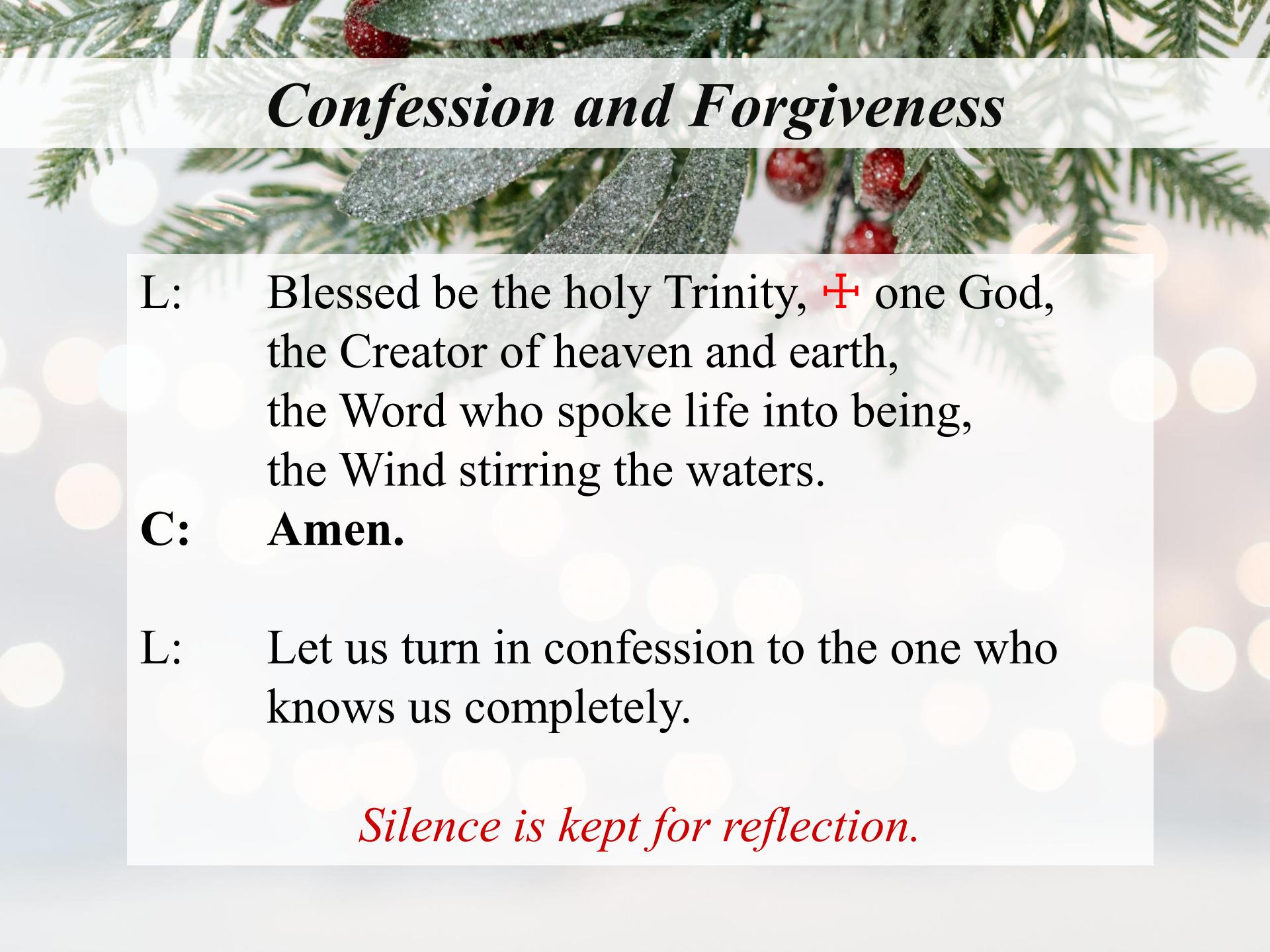


**2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**



**3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

Confession and Forgiveness



L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

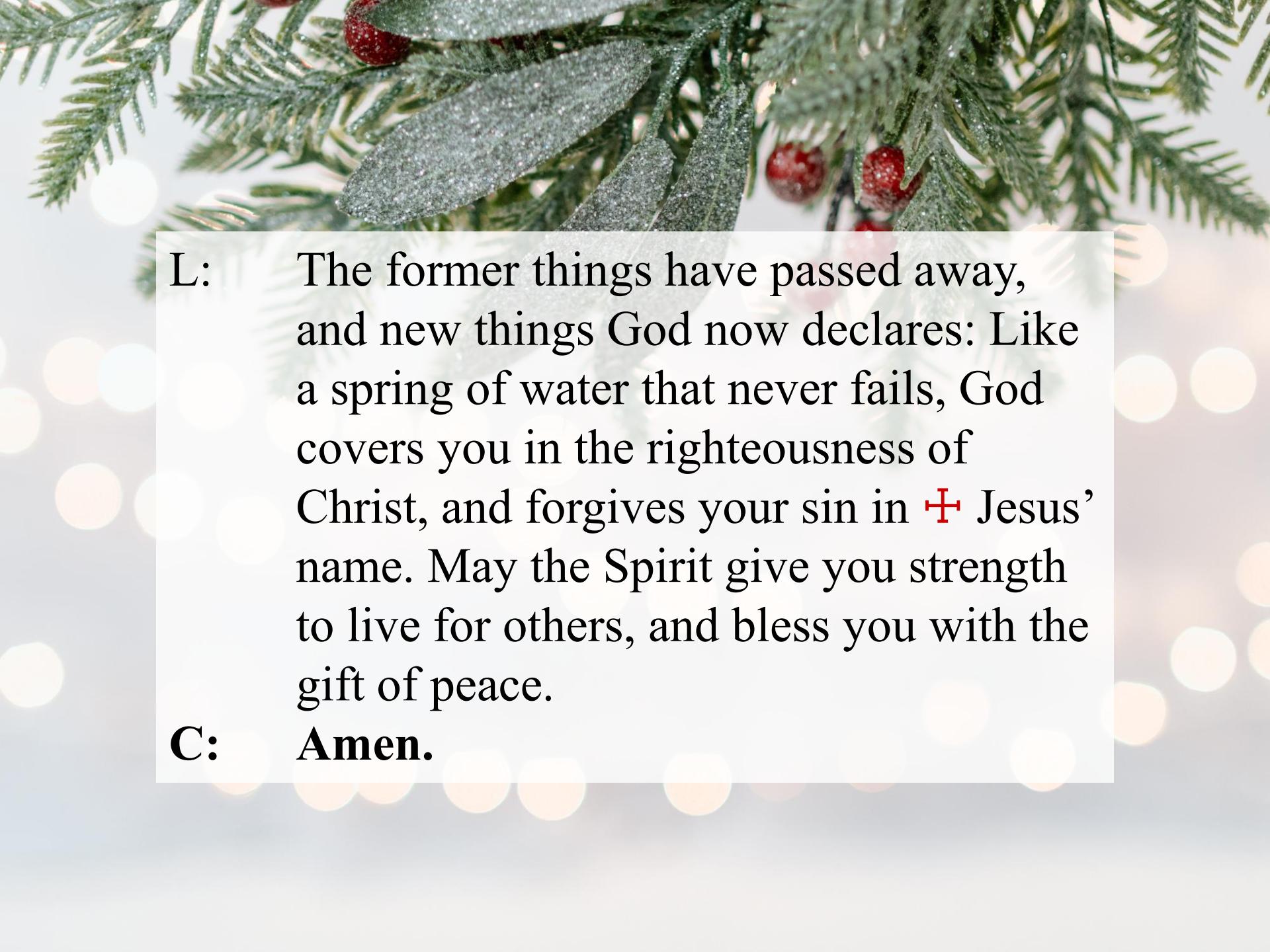
C: Amen.

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who
knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

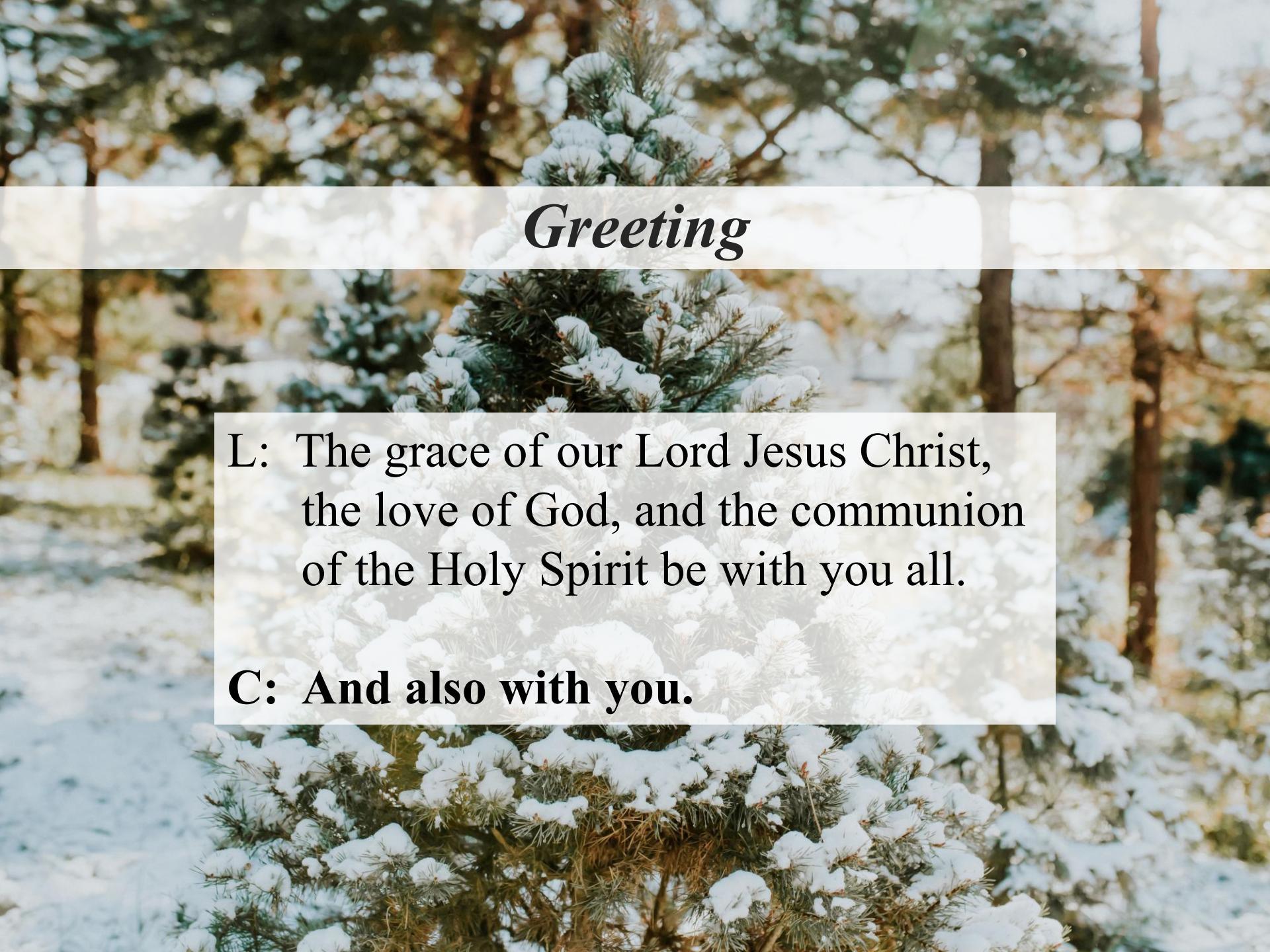


L: Mighty God, lover of justice,
C: **you call us to life in community, but we
have served our own interests at the
expense of our neighbors. We have sown
deceit where honesty was needed. We
say the right words, but our hearts are
far from you. Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of
Christ, that we may do justice, love
mercy, and walk humbly with you, our
God. Amen.**



L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**



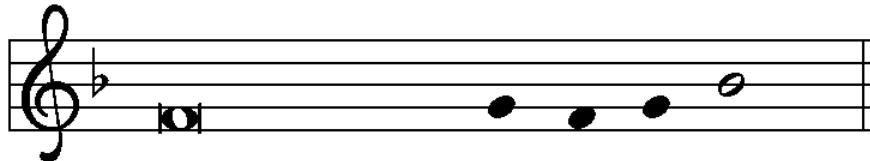
Greeting

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

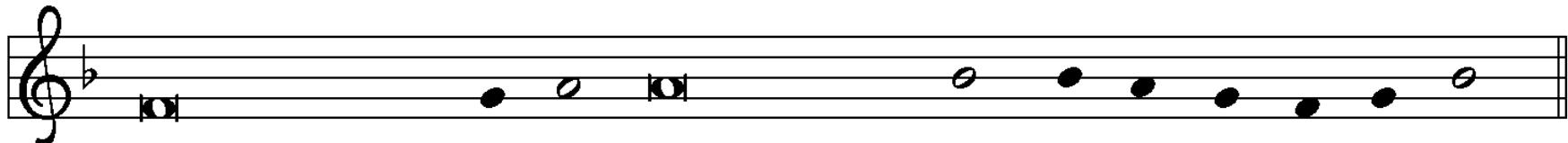
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



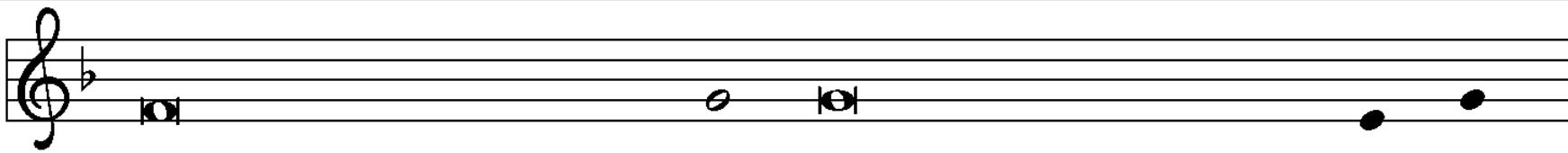
Lord, have mer - cy.



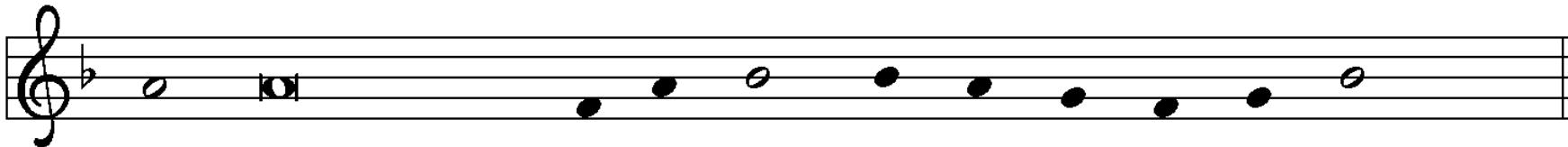
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



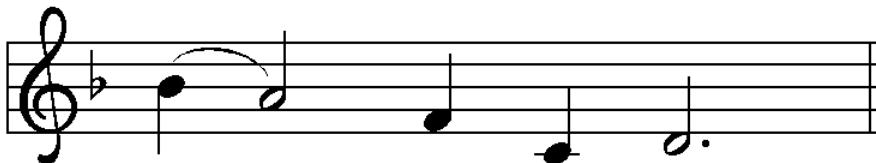
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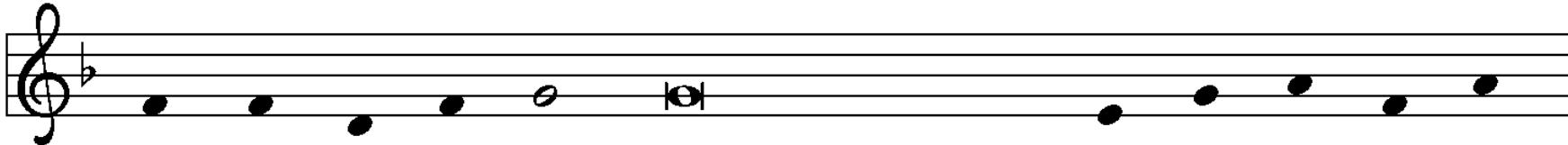
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



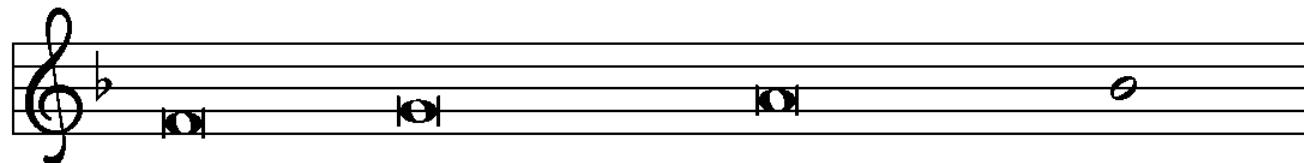
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



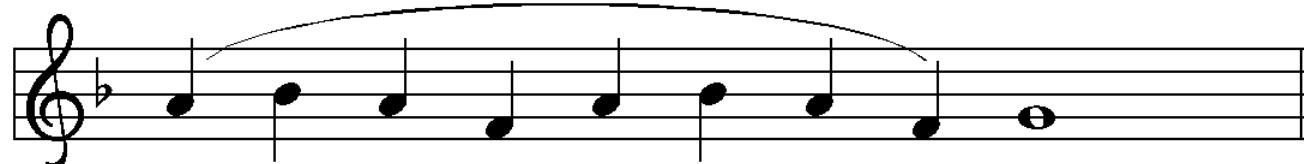
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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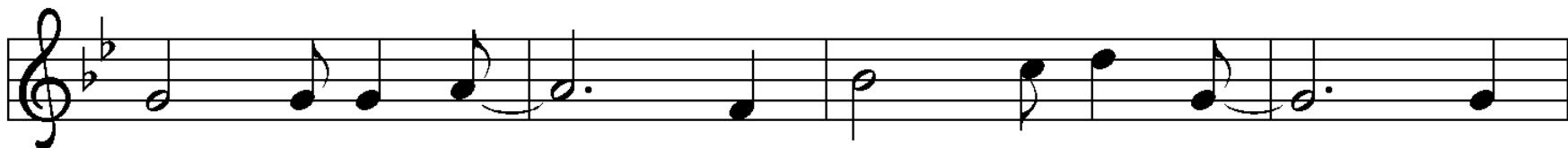
Refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God.



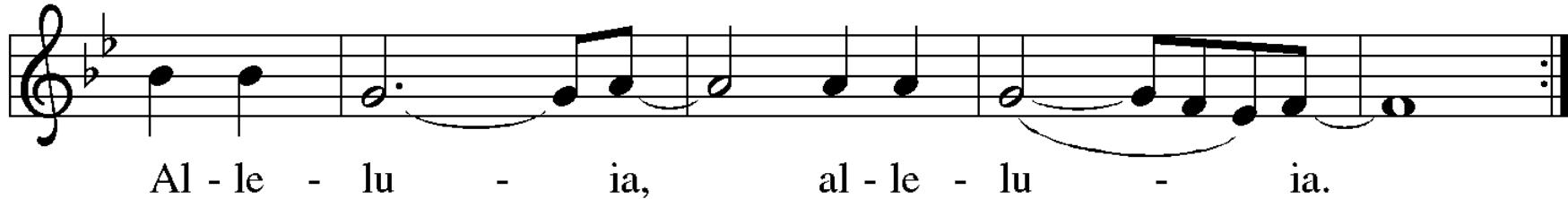
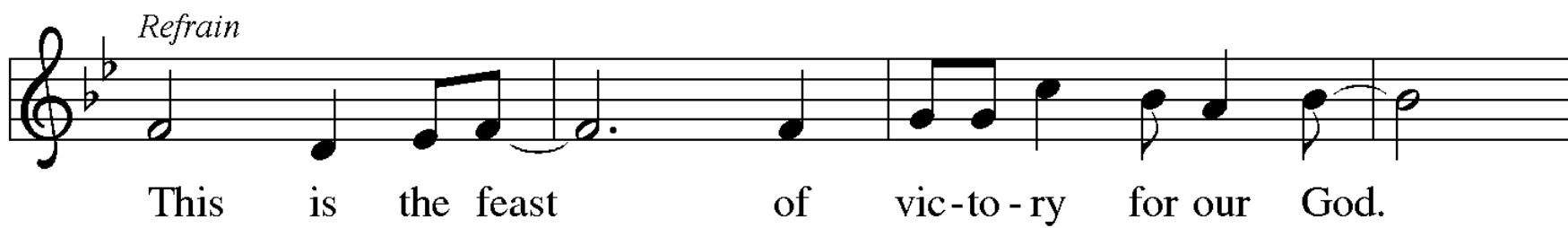
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be people of God.





2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

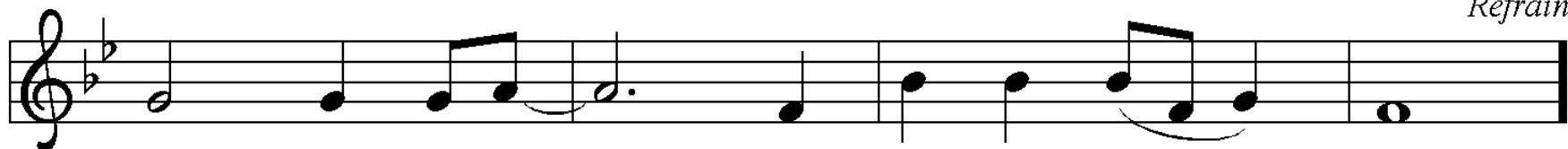


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

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God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

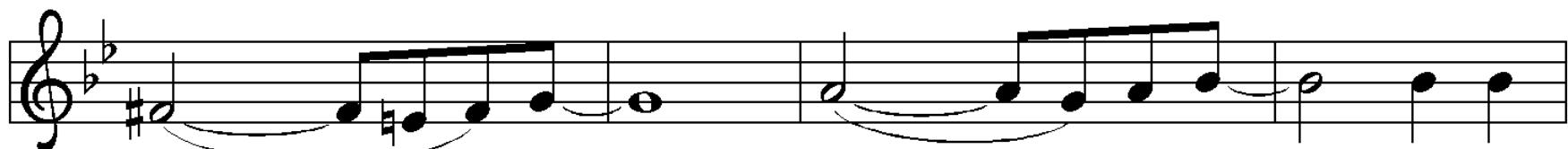
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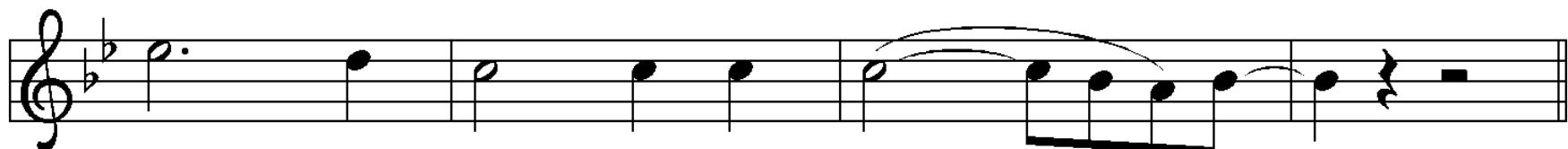
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

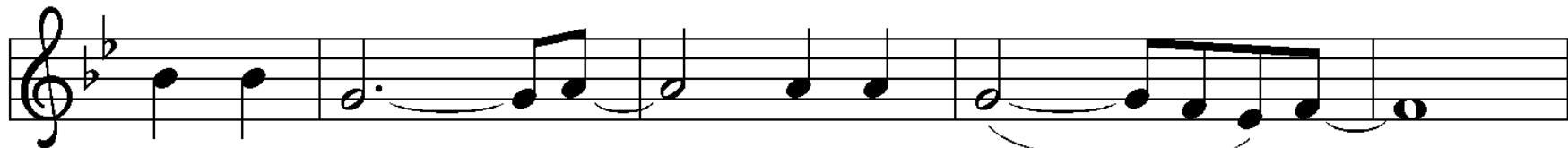


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

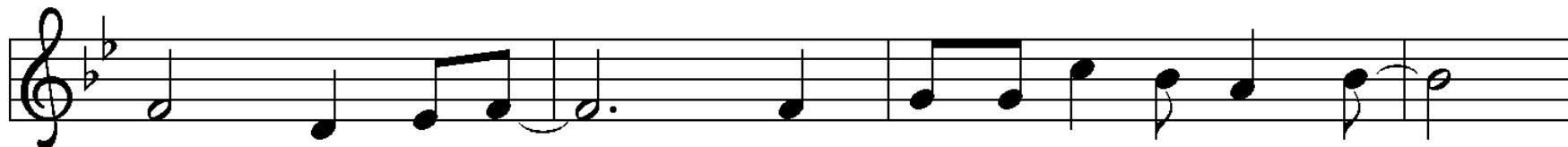
Final refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God.



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



This is the feast of victory for our God.



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



L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace that, in our words and deeds, the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A Message for All God's Children





First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

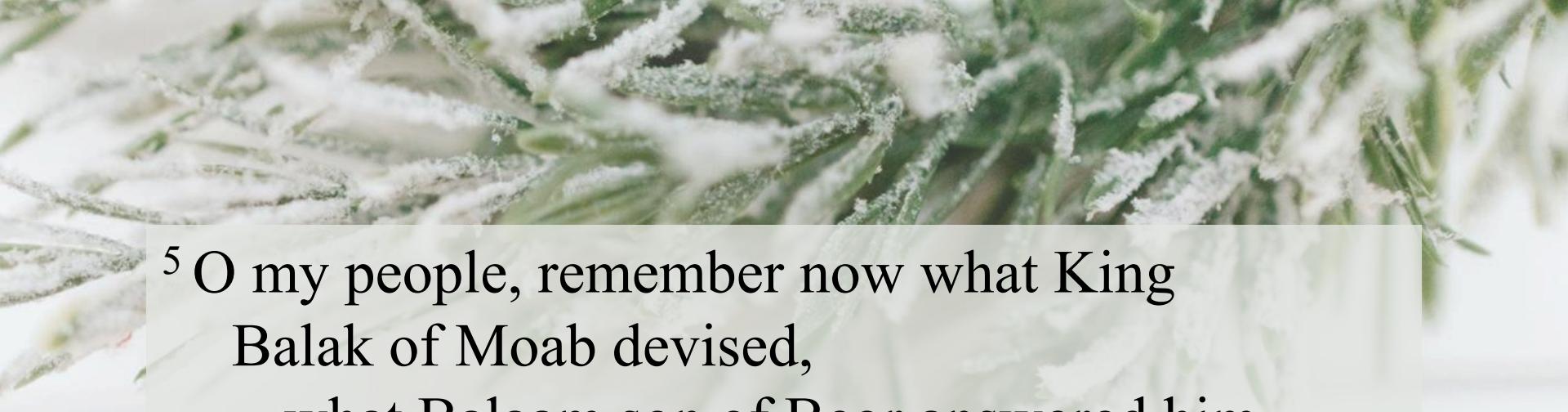
¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

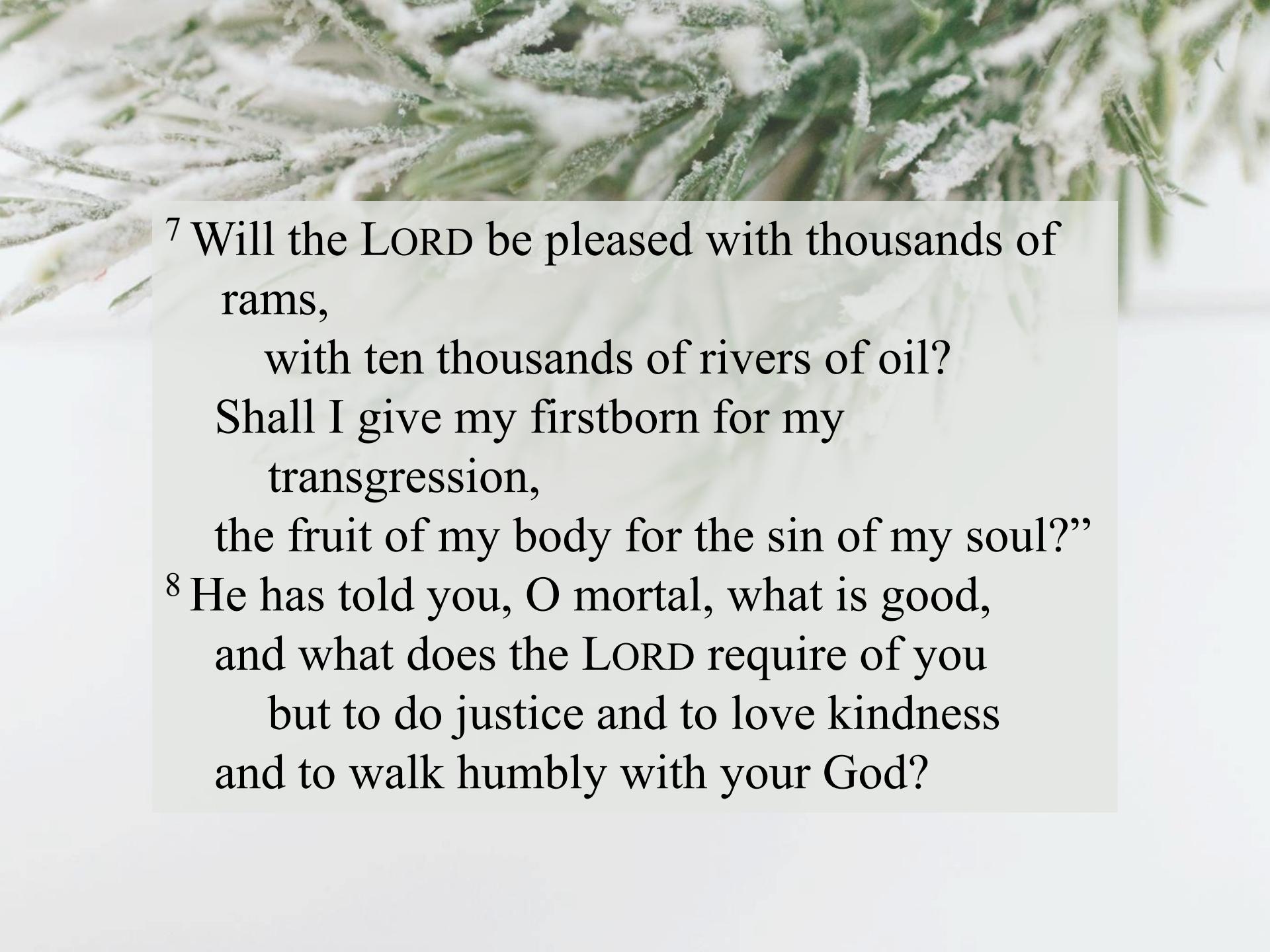
³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.



⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?



⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?



L: The Word of the Lord.

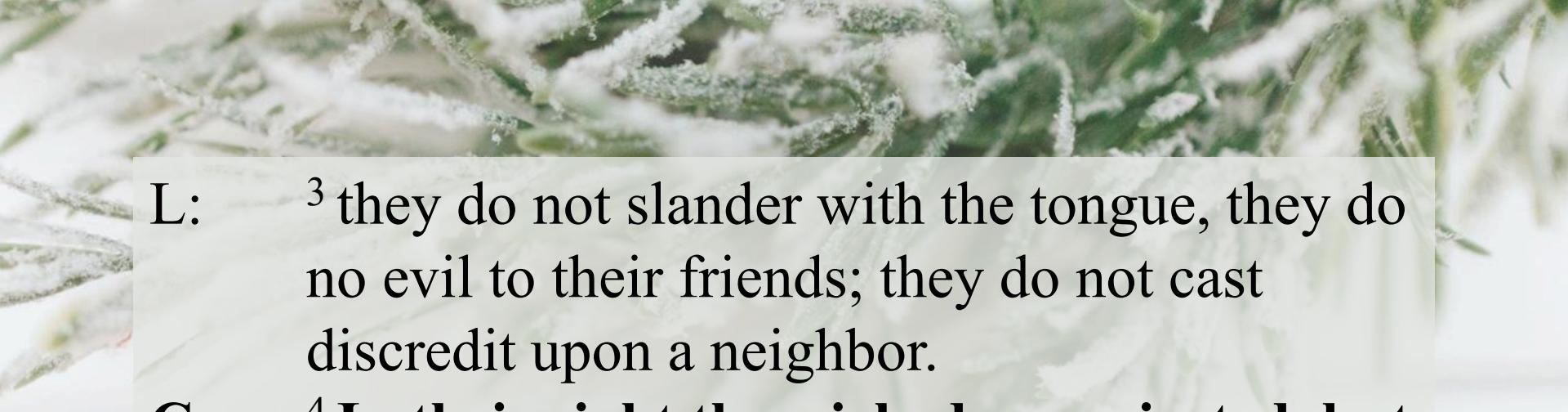
C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 15

L: ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do
what is right, who speak the truth from
their heart;**



L: ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

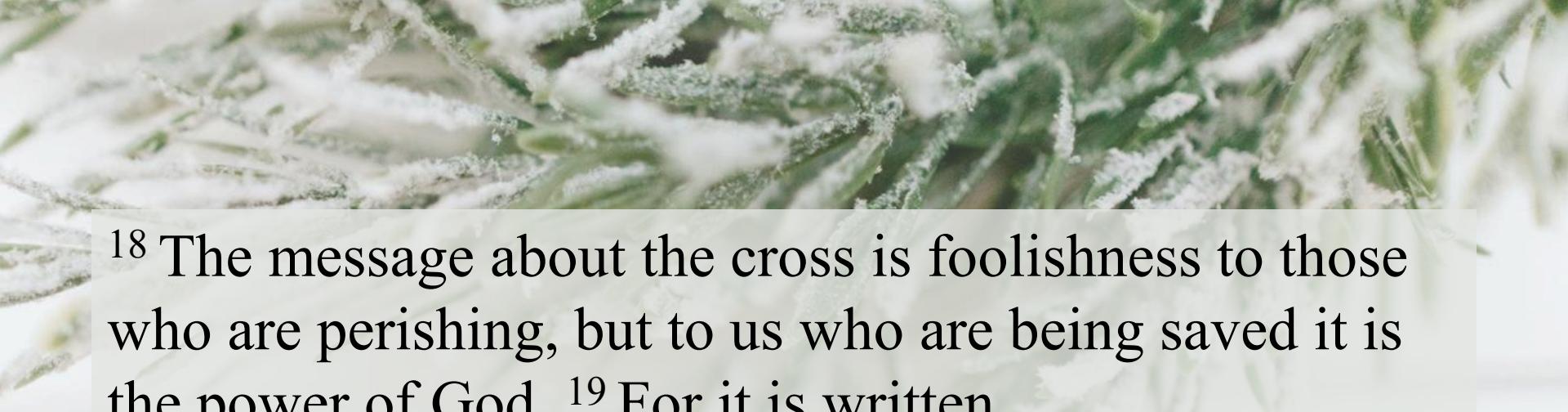
C: **⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L: ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.



¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

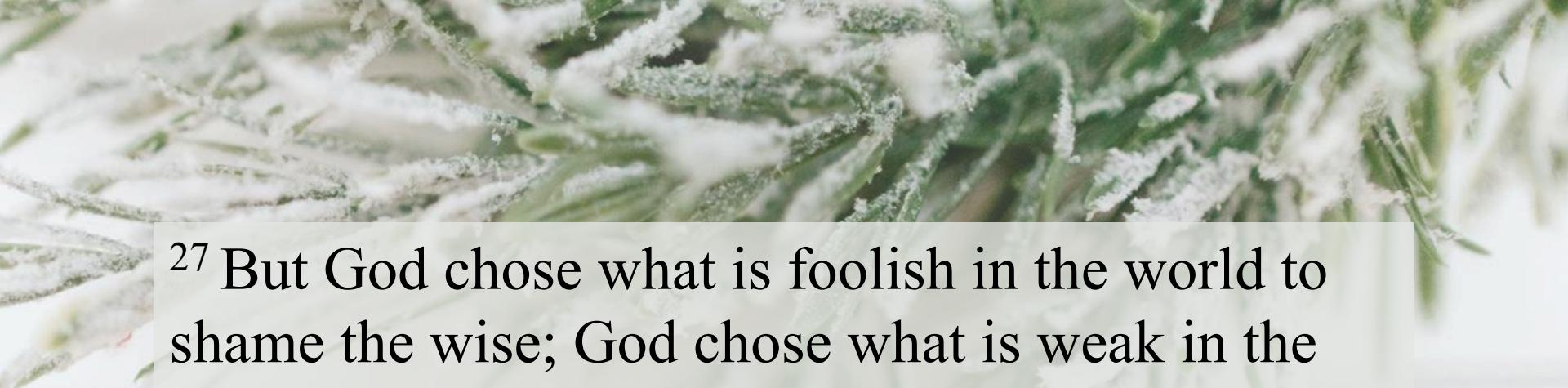
²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.



²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

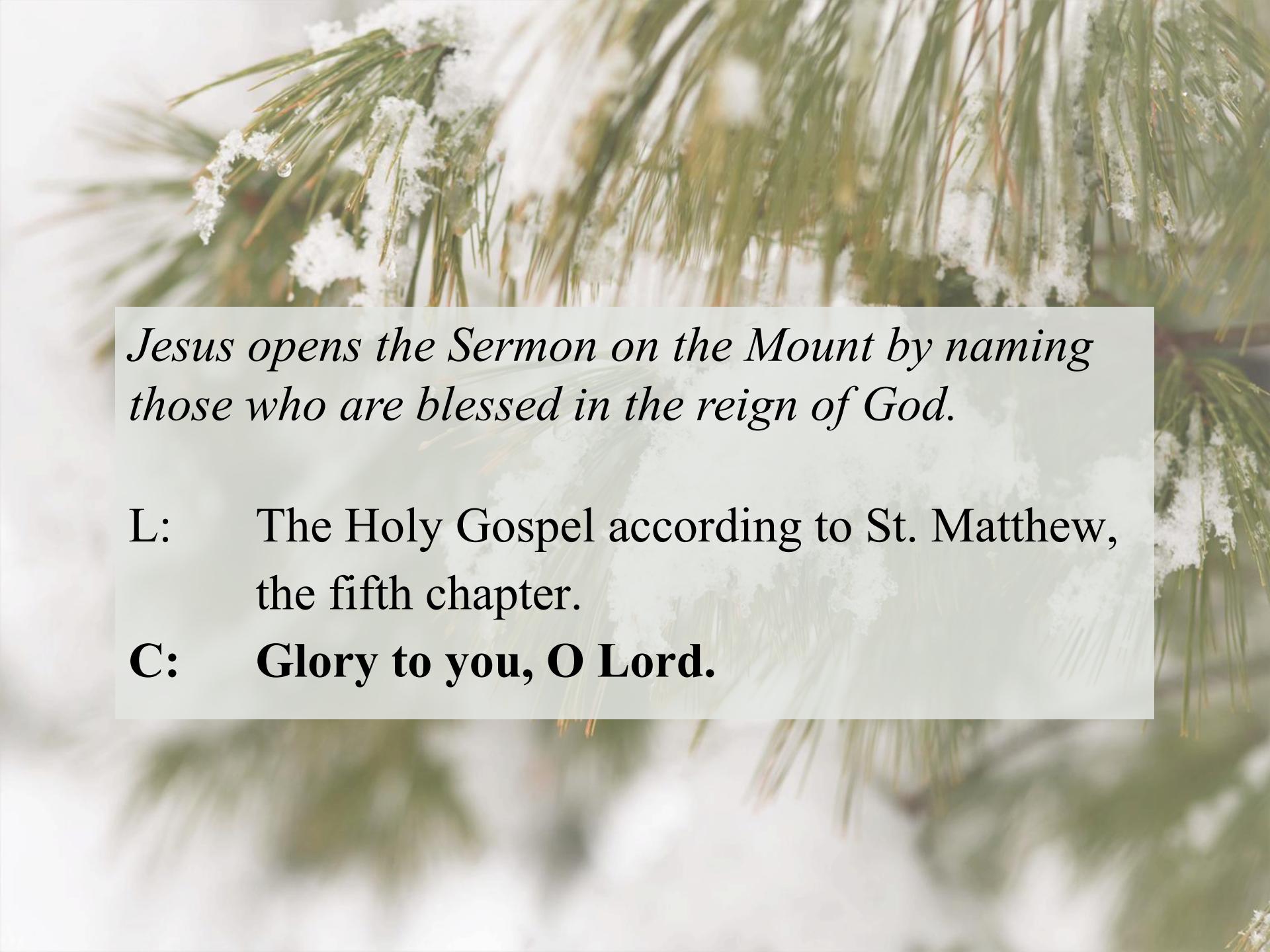
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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



Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the fifth chapter.

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

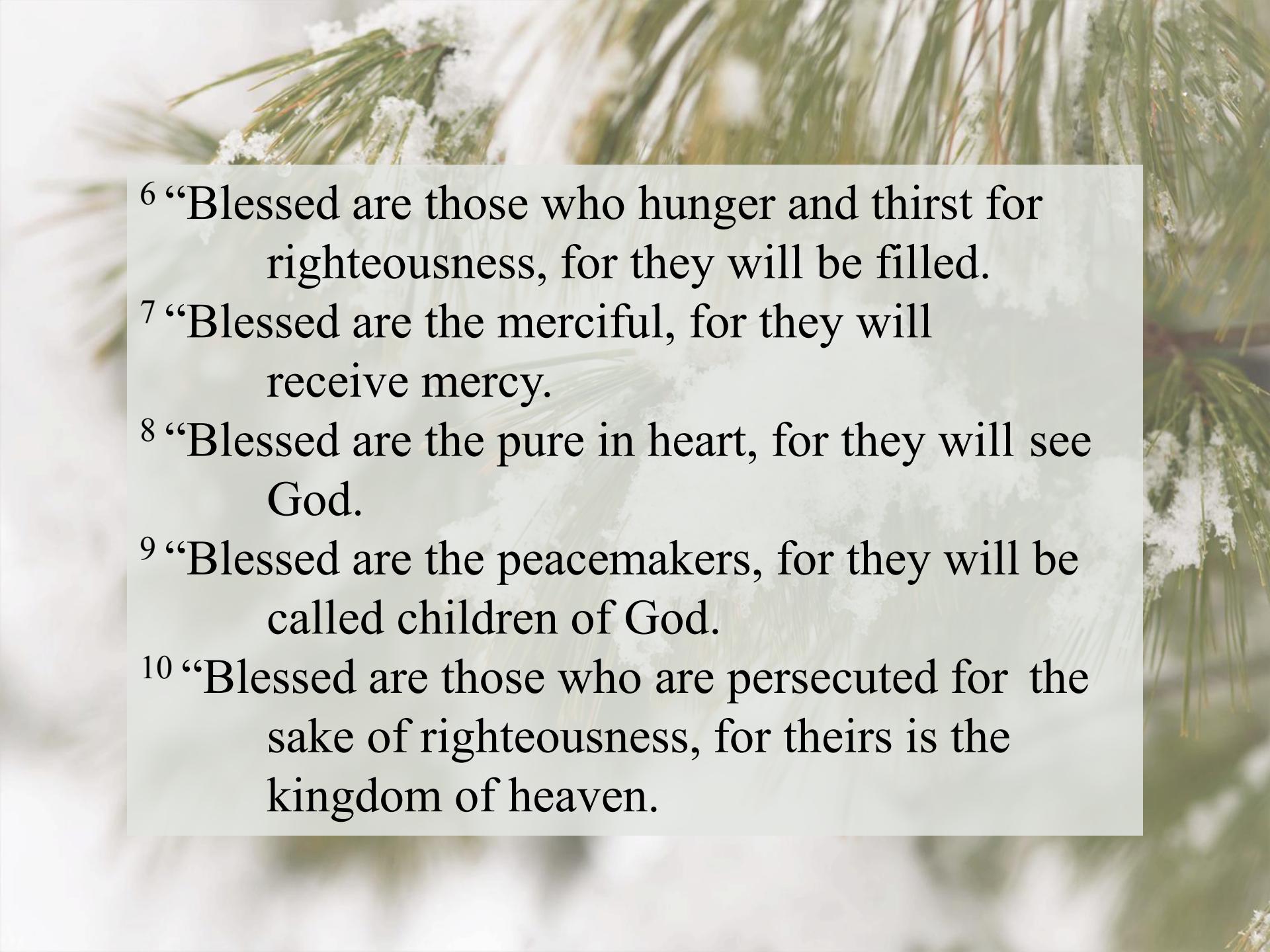
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.



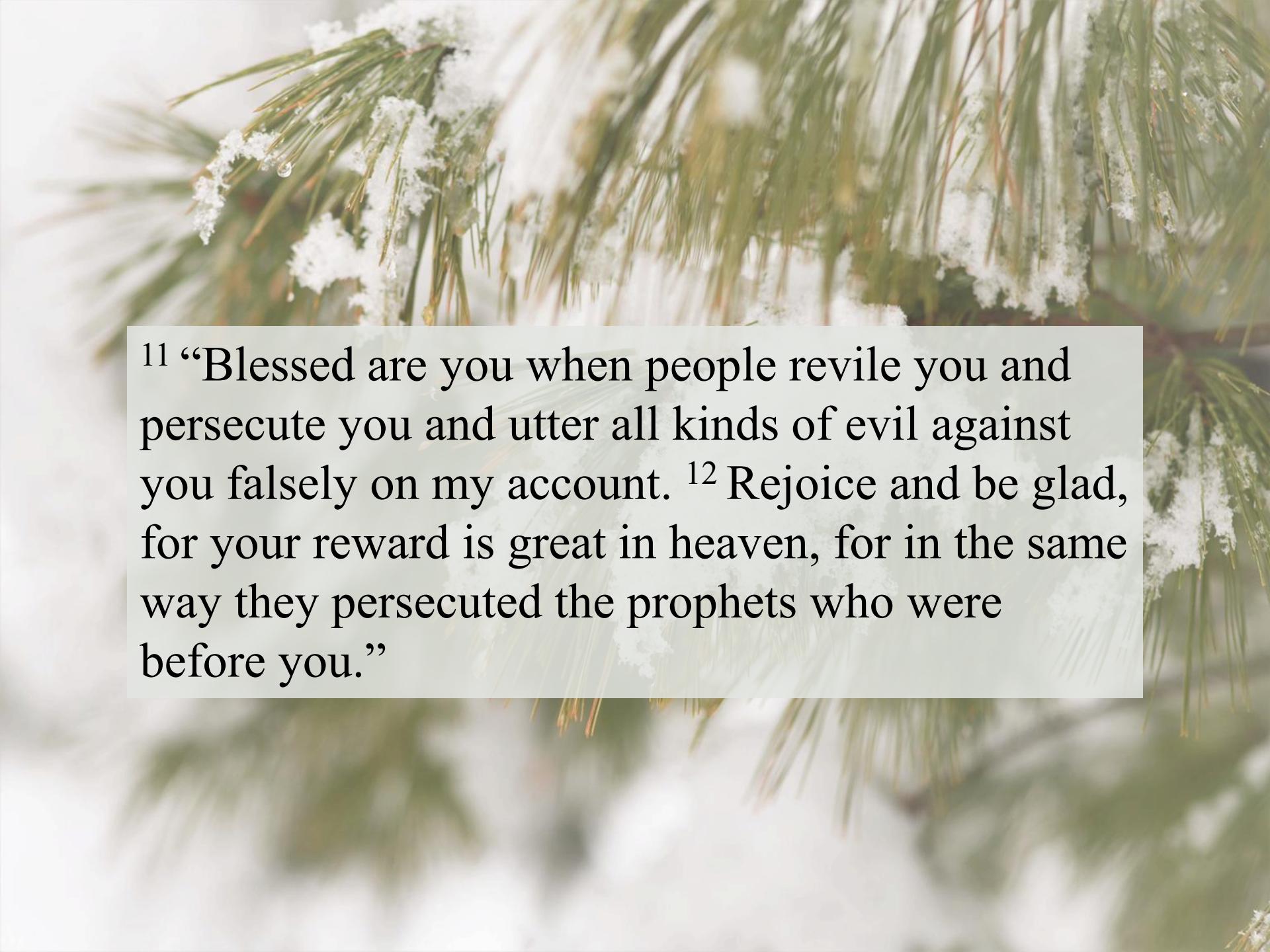
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

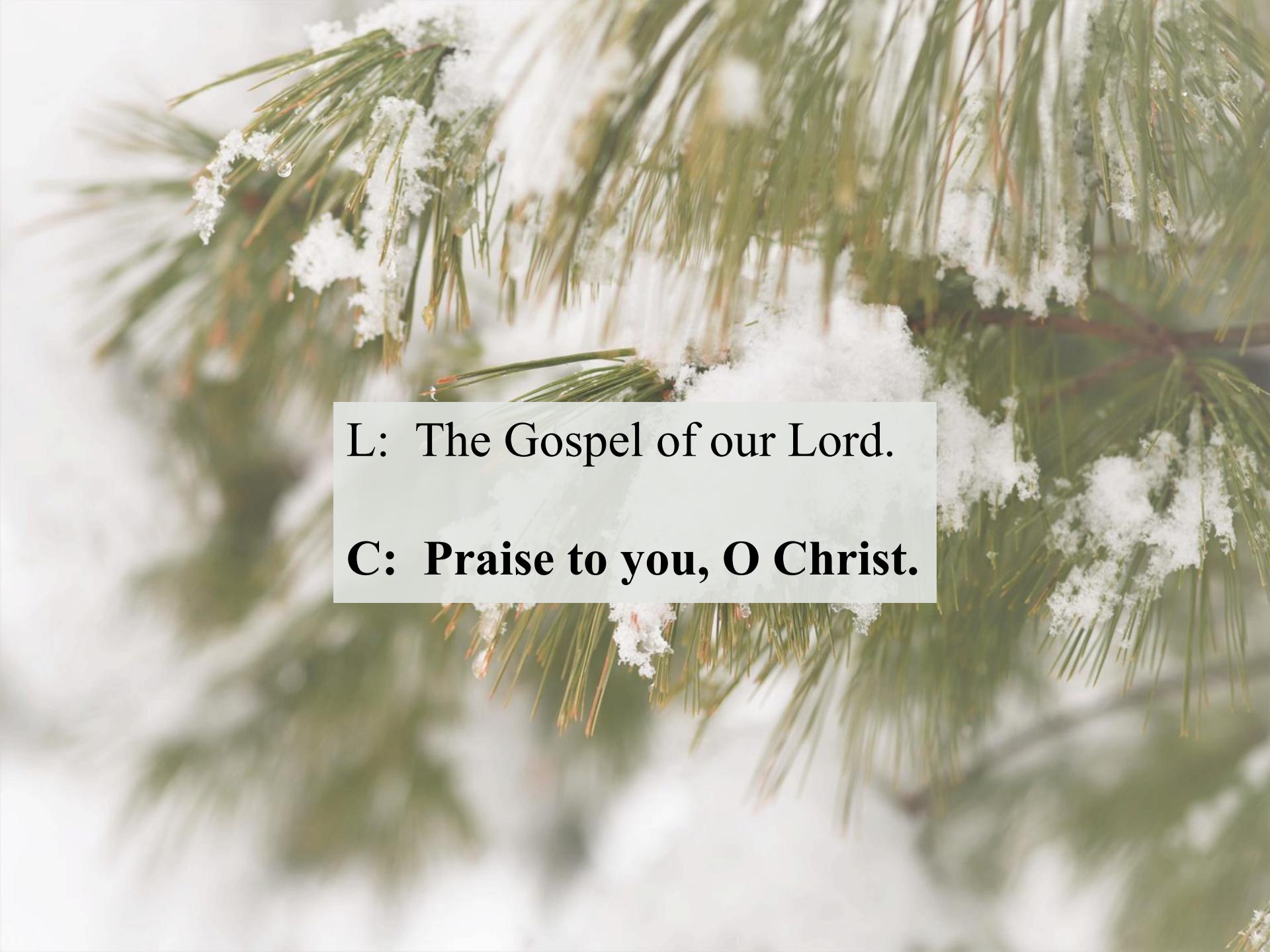
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

When the Poor Ones

ELW #725

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1. **When the poor ones, who have nothing,
still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup,
water to share;
when the wounded offer others
strength and healing:**



**We see God,
here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God,
here by our side,
walking our way.**

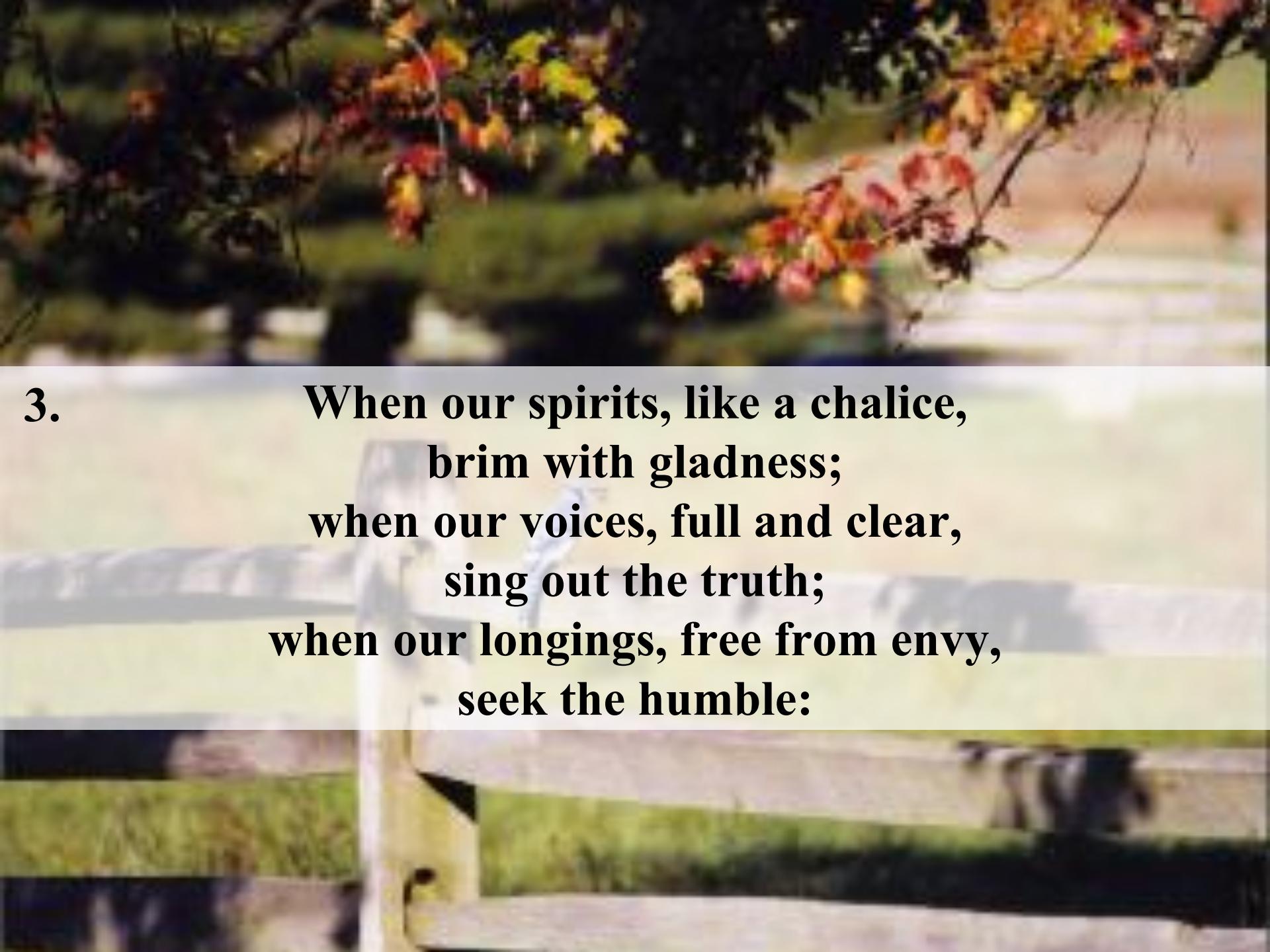
A scenic landscape featuring a stone wall in the foreground, a path leading into the distance, and a tree with vibrant autumn leaves (red, orange, yellow) on the right side. The background is a soft-focus view of a hillside with more foliage.

2.

When compassion
gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting
brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love,
not the hatred all around us:



**We see God,
here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God,
here by our side,
walking our way.**

A scenic view of a stone wall in a field. In the background, there are trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The foreground shows a stone wall and a path or field. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a soft, painterly feel.

3.

**When our spirits, like a chalice,
brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear,
sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy,
seek the humble:**



**We see God,
here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God,
here by our side,
walking our way.**

4.

**When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change
war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted
as our neighbor:**



**We see God,
here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God,
here by our side,
walking our way.**

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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's lovingkindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.



Offering
with
Choir Anthem

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

ELW #314

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1. **Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**



2. **Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**



3. **Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

4.

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**



Offering Prayer

L: God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard what
you have prepared for those who love
you, yet you reveal the wideness of your
mercy. Use what we have gathered to
feed us with the reign of God come
near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: For as often as we eat of this bread and
drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

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

L: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

L: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

L: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.*



O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW #714

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1.

**O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.**

2. **You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.**

3. **Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought
may work a work for you.**

4. **For all are kindred, far and wide,
since Jesus Christ for all has died;
grant us the will, and grace provide,
to love them all in you.**

5. **In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.**

6. **And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.**

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #480

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1.

**O bread of life from heaven,
O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above:
feed with the blessed sweetness
of your divine completeness
the souls that want
and need your love.**

2.

**O fount of grace redeeming,
O river ever streaming
from Jesus' wounded side:
come now, your love bestowing
on thirsting souls, and flowing
till all are fully satisfied.**

3.

**We love you, Jesus, tender,
in all your hidden splendor
within these means of grace.**

**Oh, let the veil be riven,
and our clear eye in heaven
behold your glory face to face.**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his
body and blood you have drawn us to
your heart. Send us from this table
with delight, that our lives may reflect
the beauty of your love, and bear
witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise **✚** bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1.

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

2. **Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

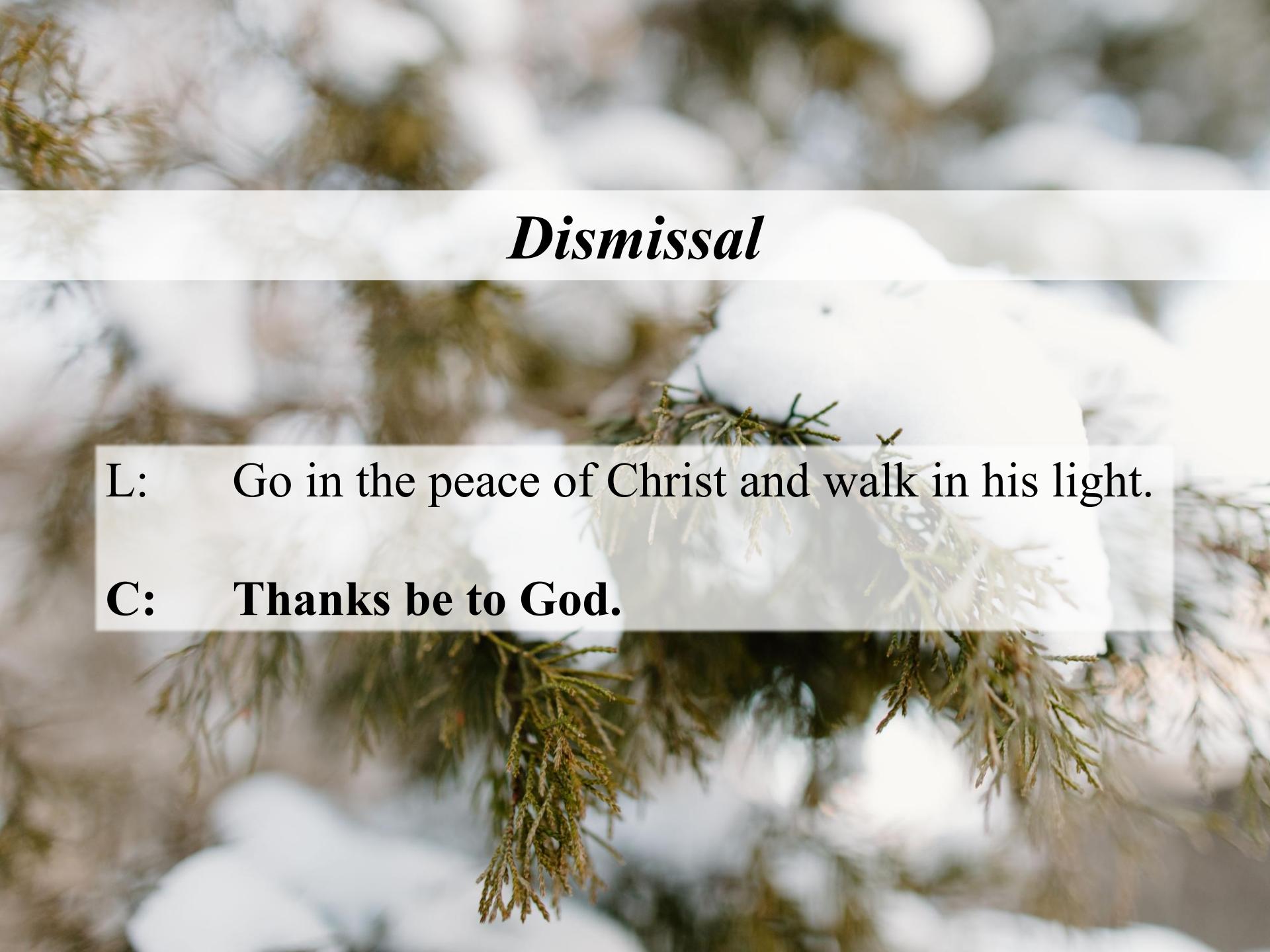
3.

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**



4. **Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

Dismissal



L: Go in the peace of Christ and walk in his light.

C: Thanks be to God.



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!