



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, April 19, 2026
9:00 am*

Panama Canal, March 2026
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Welcome and Announcements



Wednesday evening meals
will continue through
Wednesday, May 6.
Serving begins at 5:00 pm.

Sharing the Peace

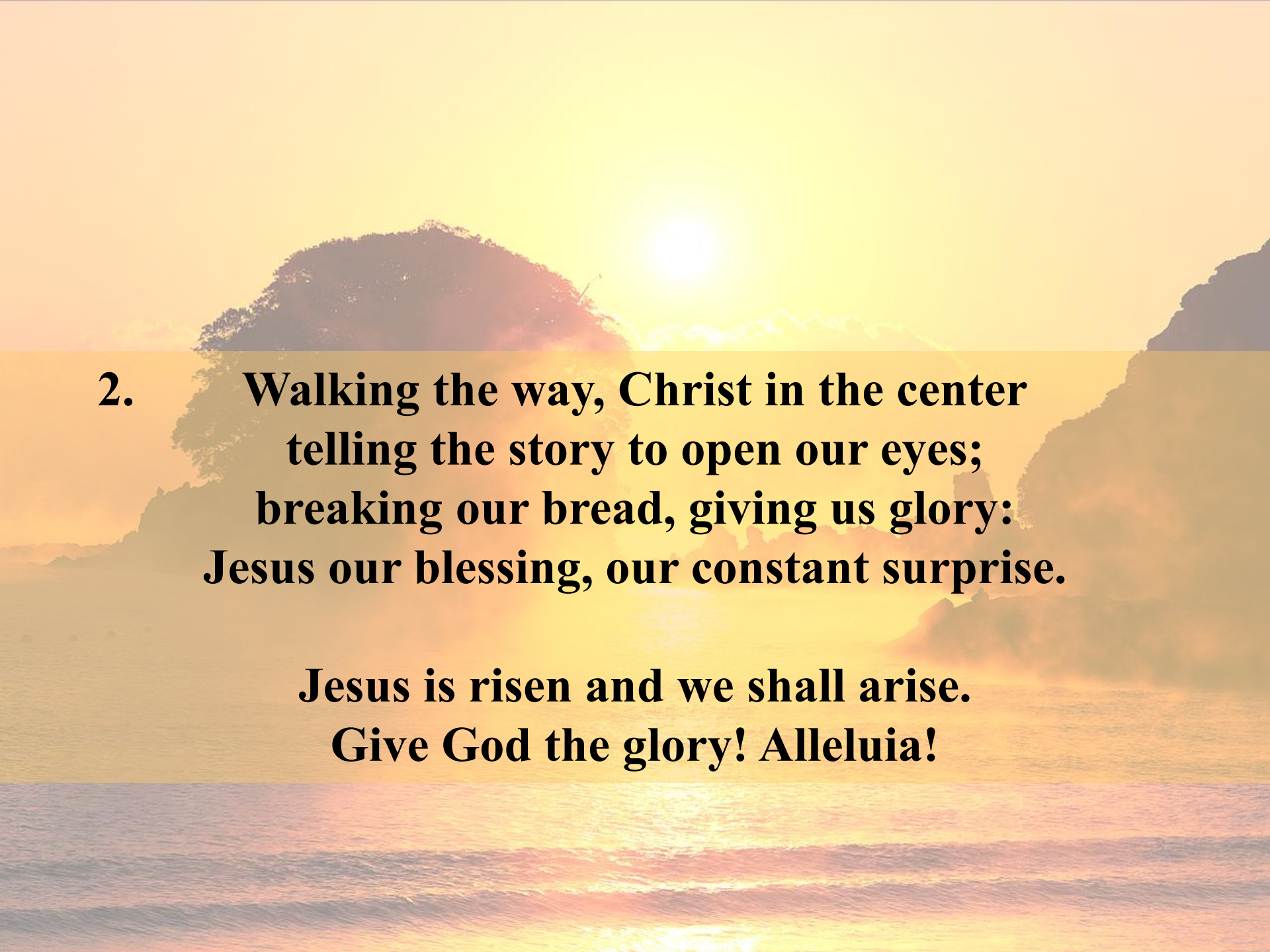
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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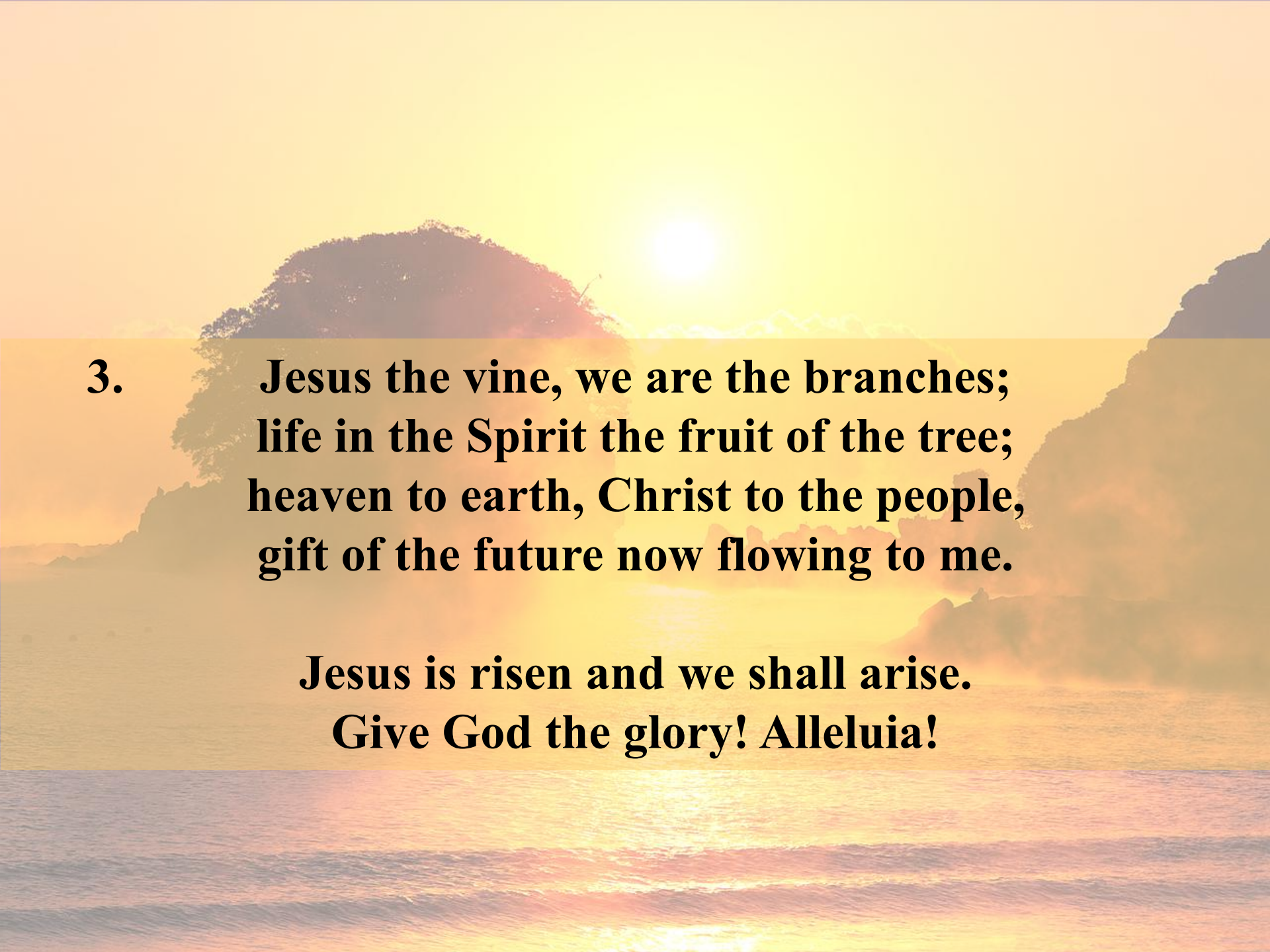
- 1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!



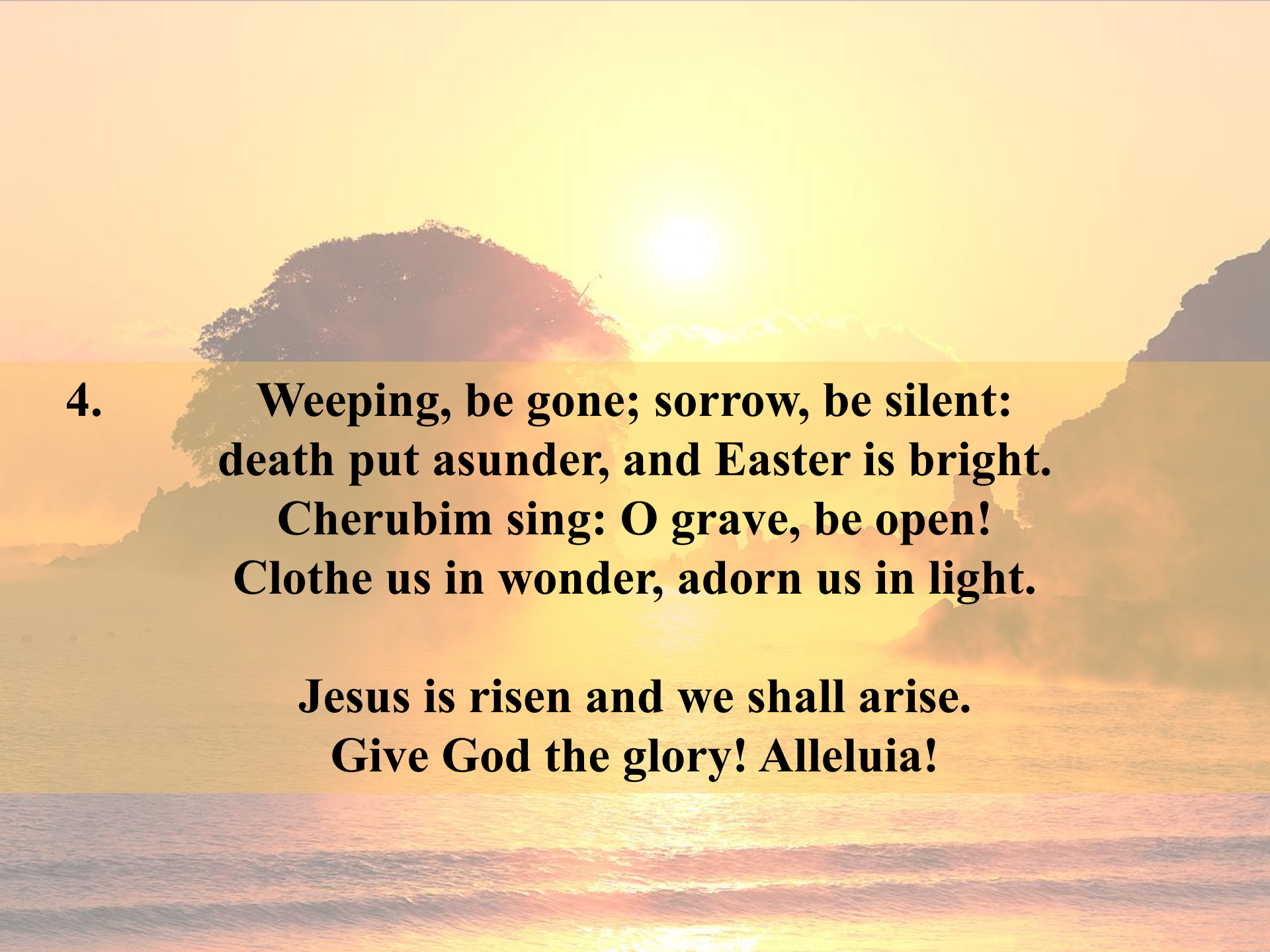
**2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



**3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



**4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

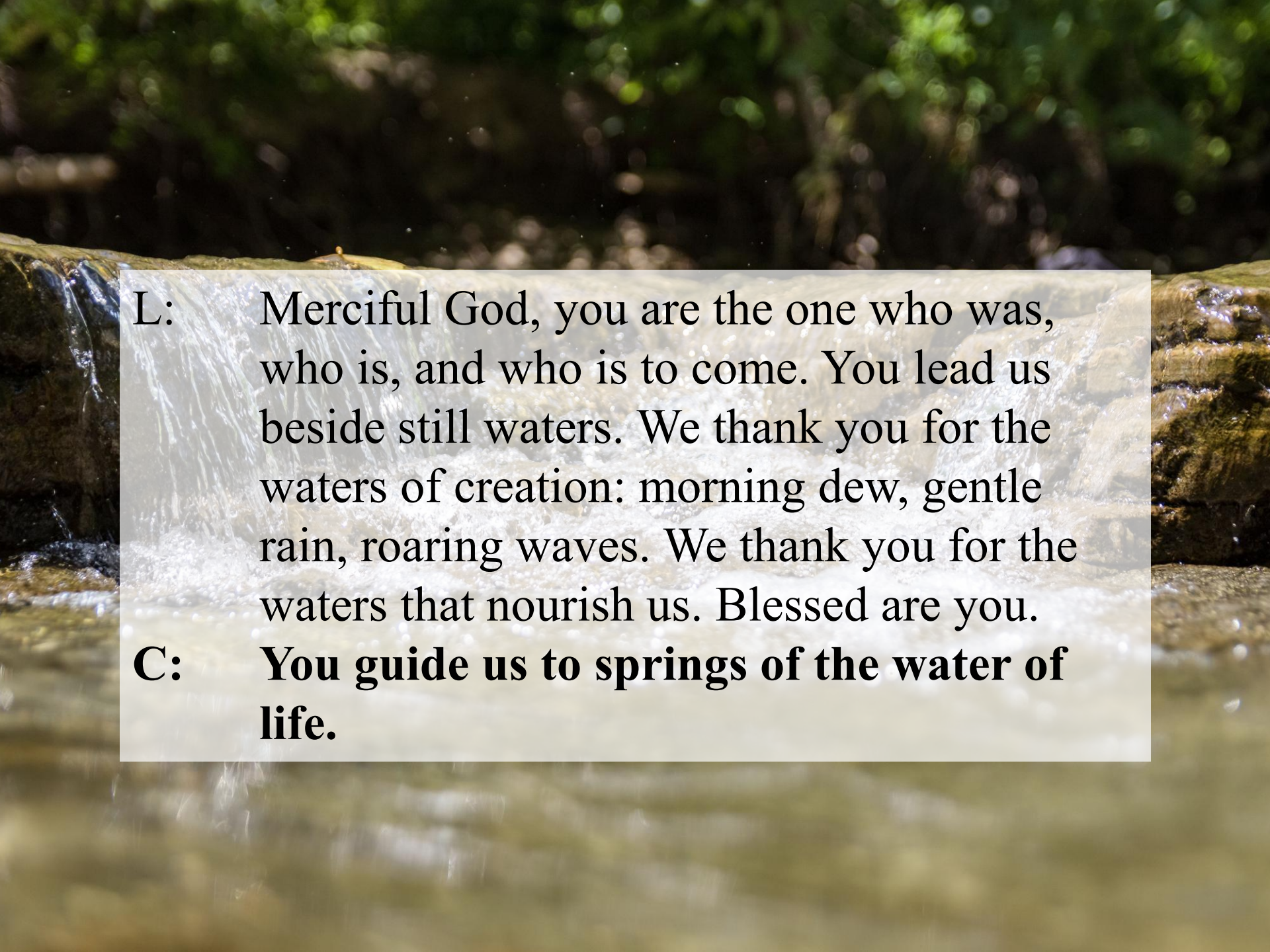
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

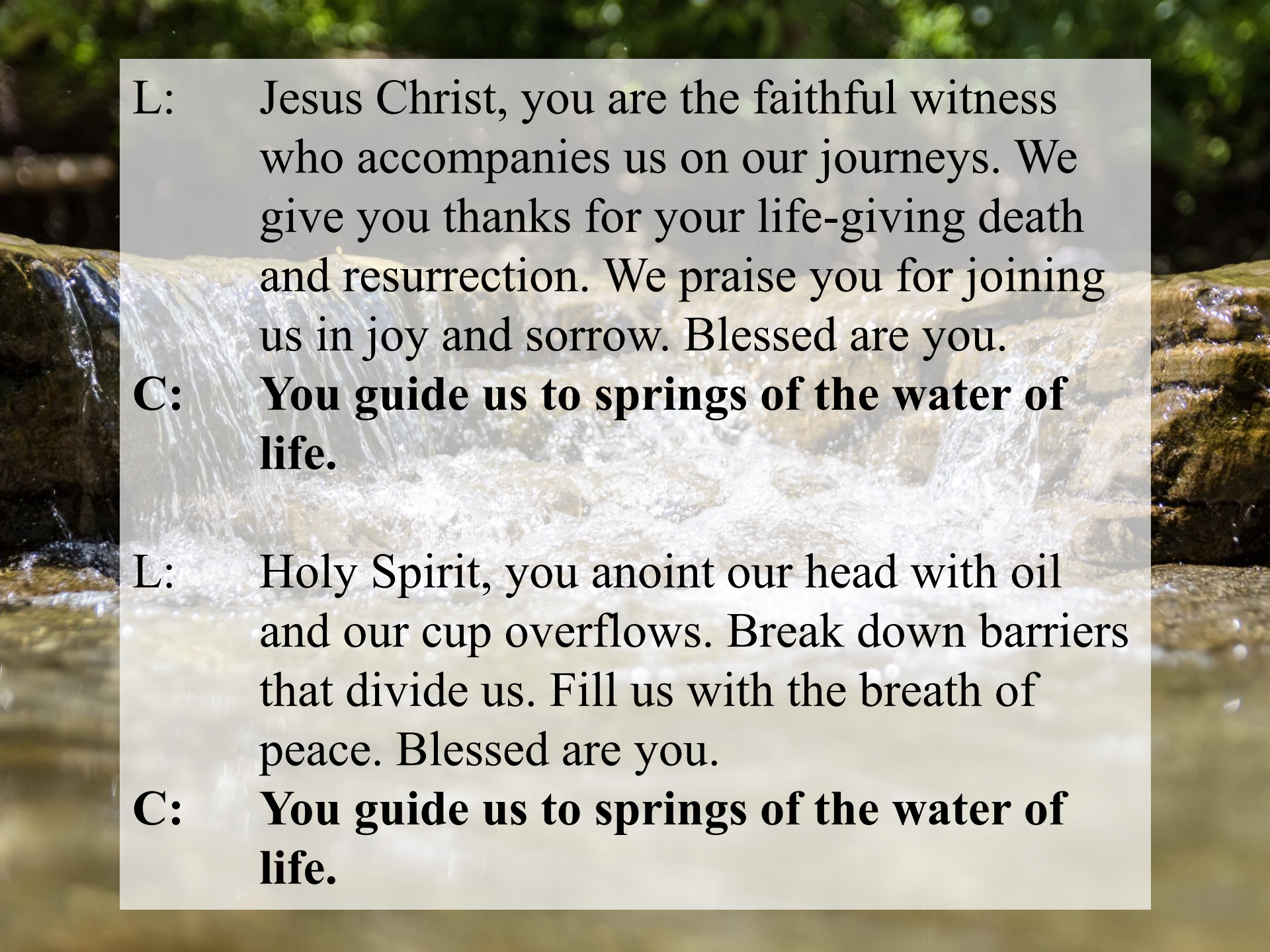
C: **Amen.**

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a lush green forest. The water is clear and flows over several levels of rocks, creating a soft, white foam at the base. The background is filled with dense green foliage, creating a bokeh effect. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

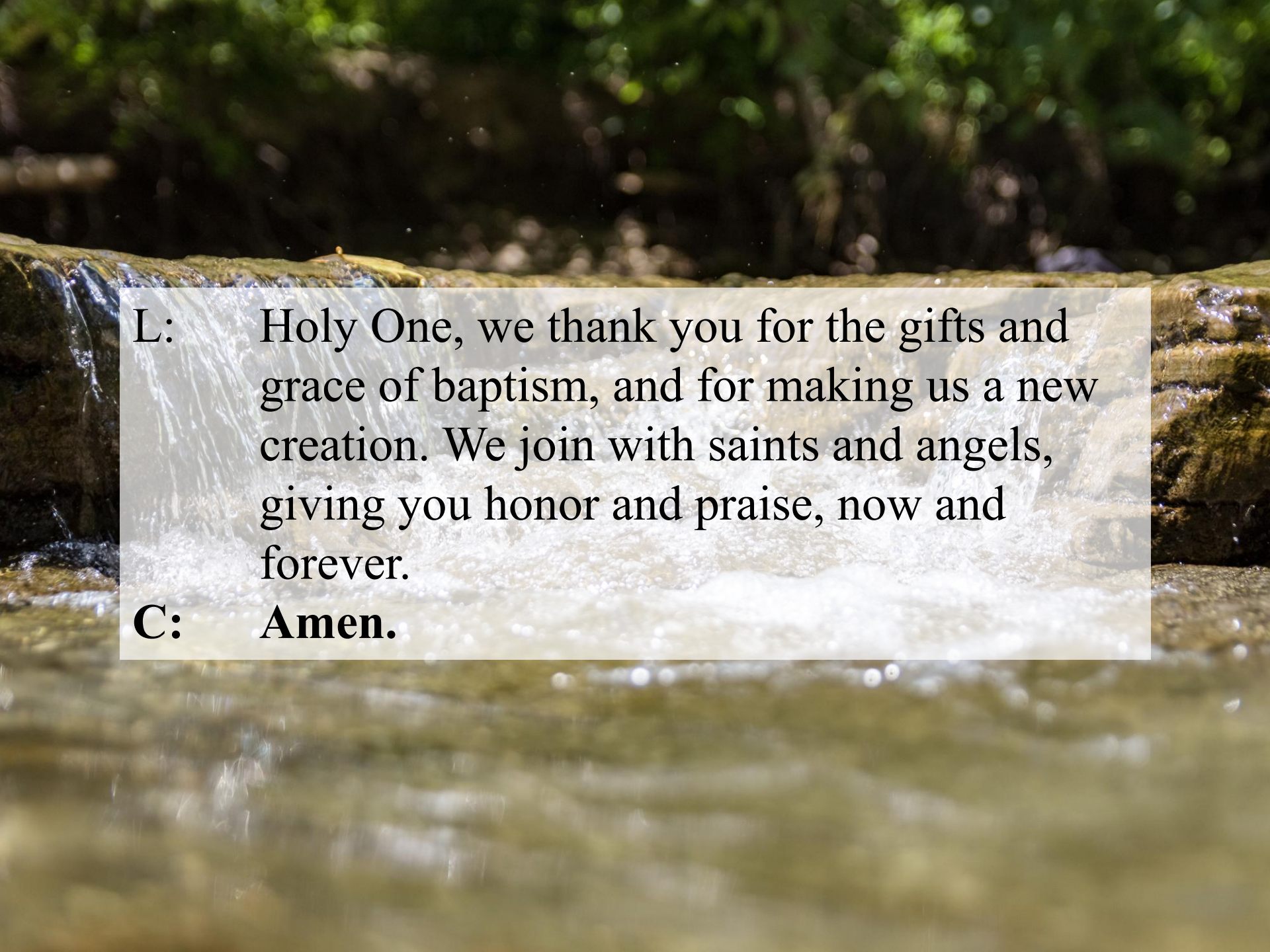


L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.



L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

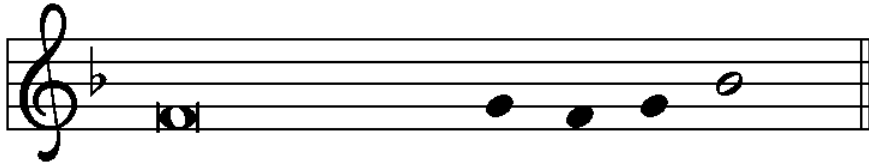


Greeting

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.**

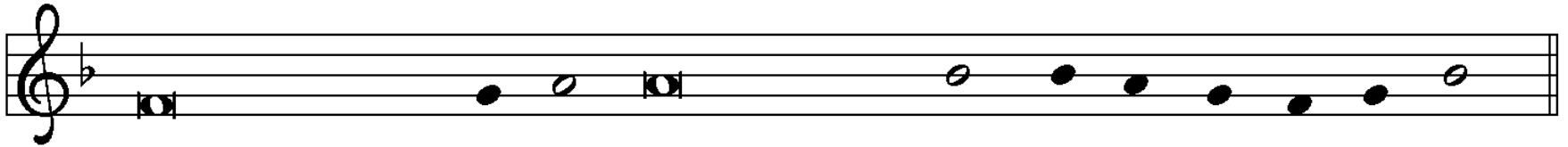
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



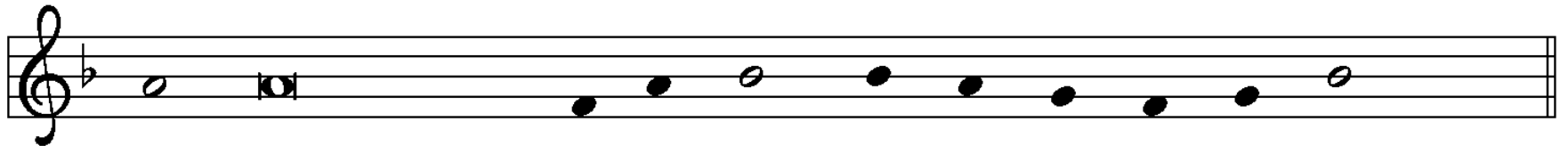
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



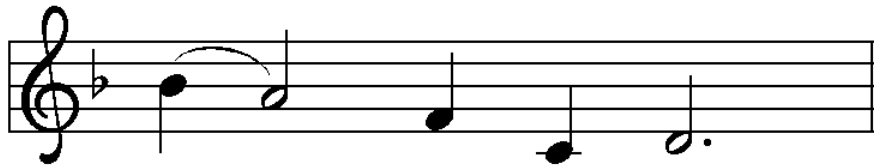
Lord, have mer - cy.



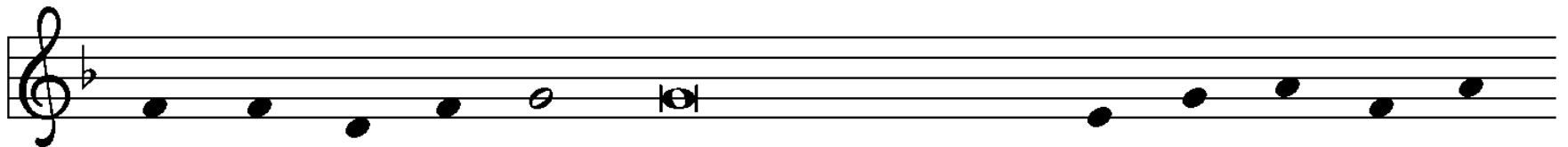
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



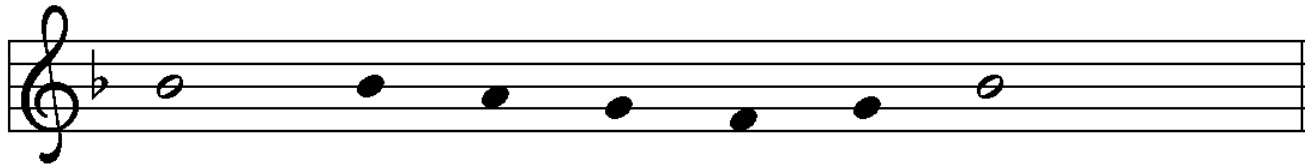
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



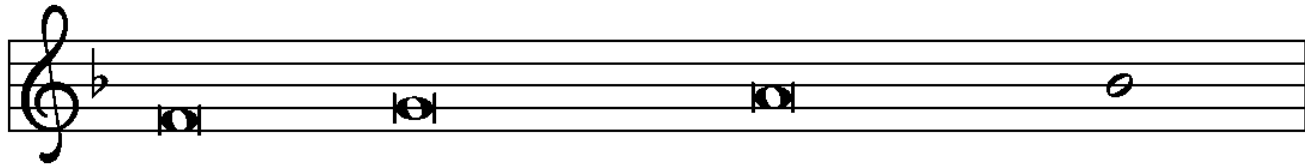
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



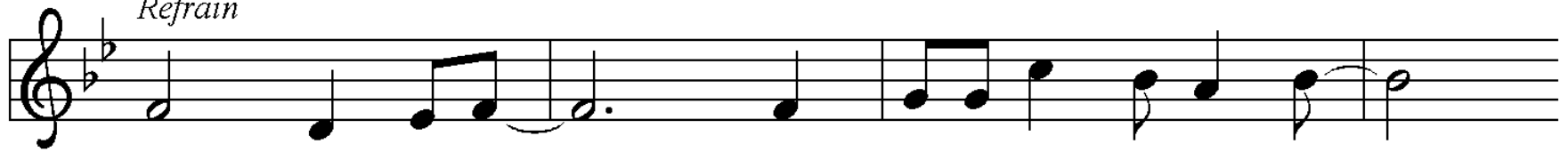
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



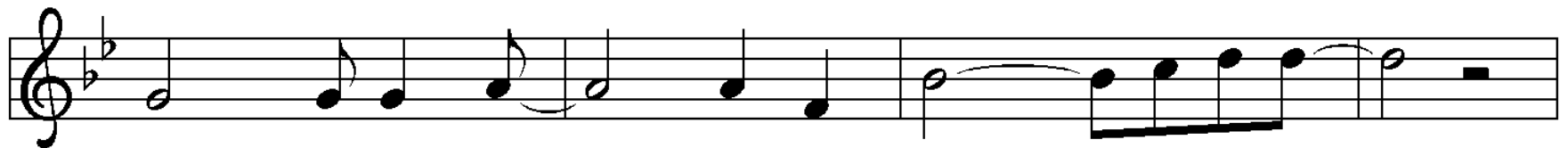
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, 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.



Refrain

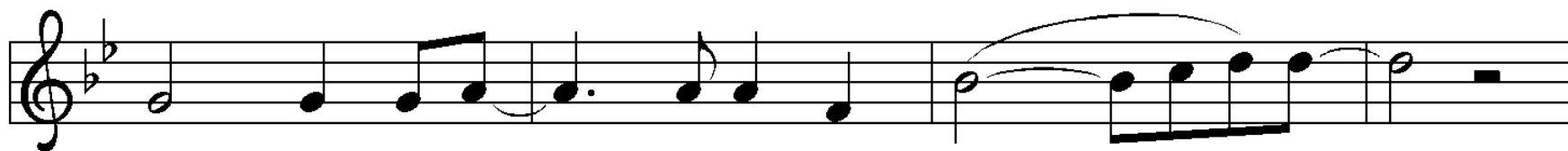
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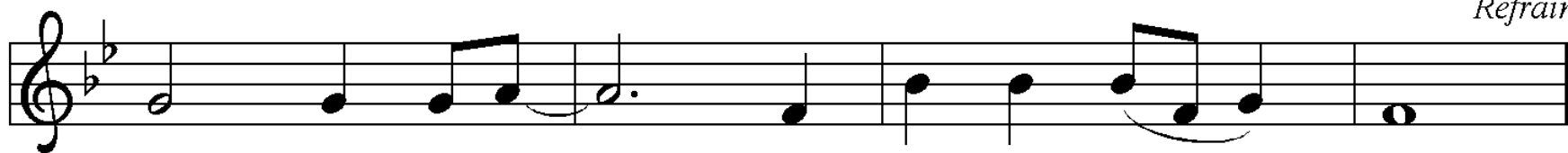
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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.

Refrain



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 -

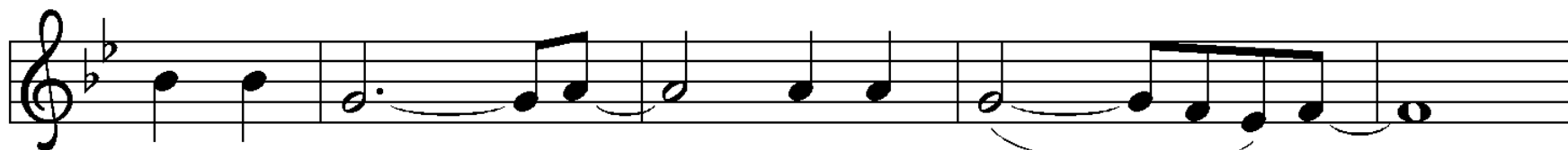


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

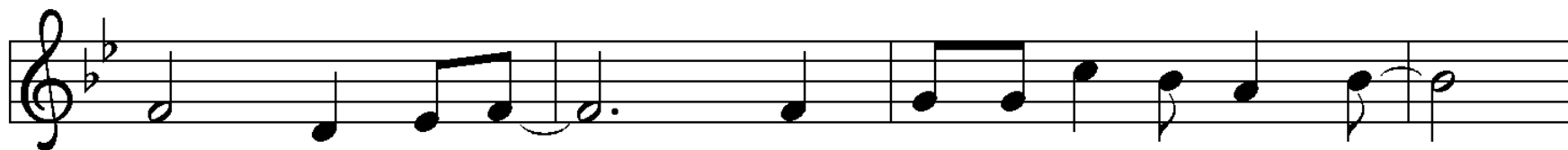
Final refrain



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



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



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



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

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*A Message for
All God's Children*



Noisy Offering!!!

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

**Proceeds will go towards the
Warroad Community Childcare Center.**



First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

L: ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

C: ² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

L: ³ The cords of death entangled me; the
anguish of the grave came upon me; I
came to grief and sorrow.

C: ⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the
LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my
life.”**



L: ¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the
good things God has done for me?

**C: ¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

L: ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**C: ¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

L: ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: ¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

L: ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

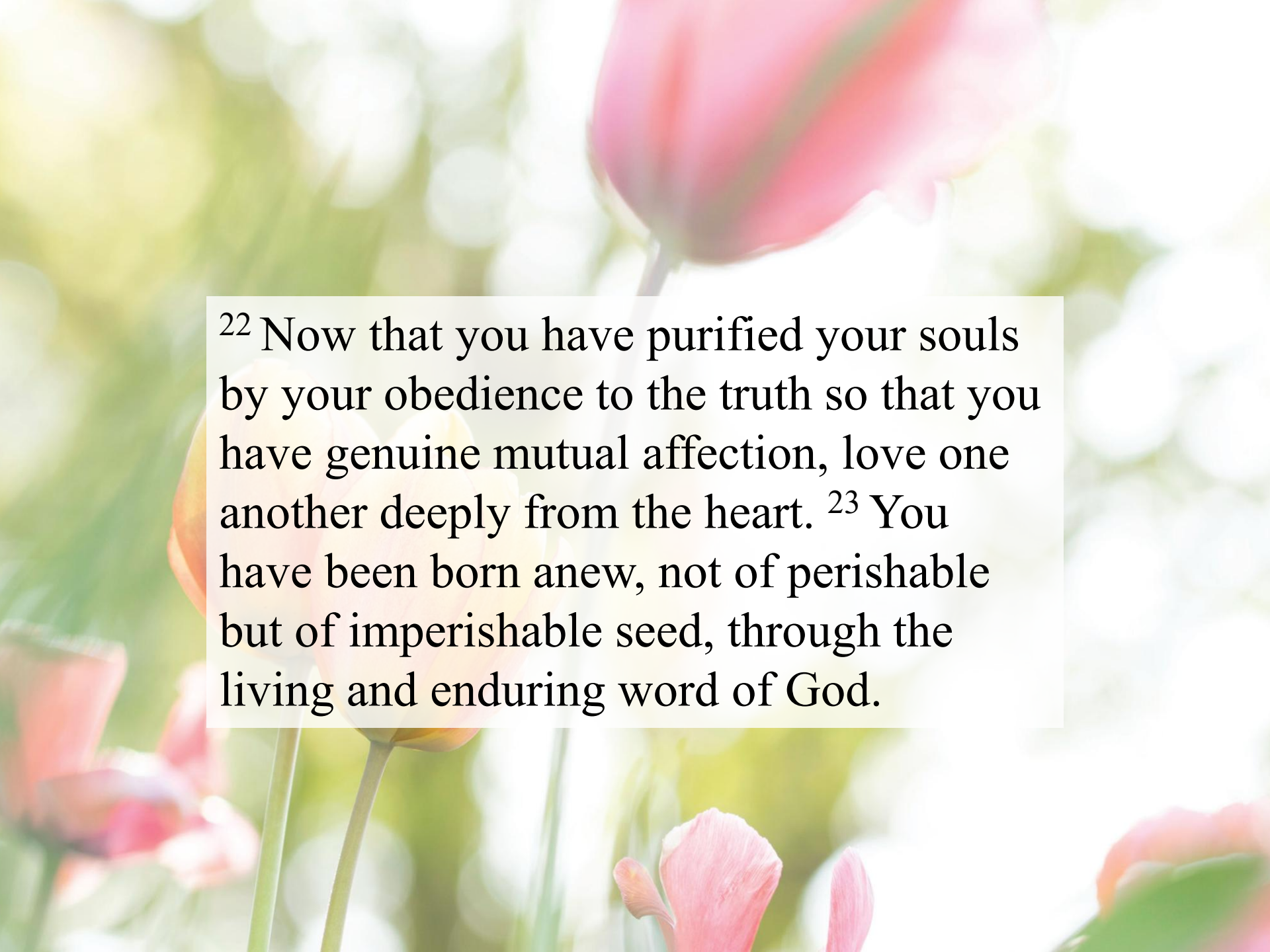
C: ¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**



Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.



²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned

to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were

saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had

happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

A photograph of a forest floor covered in fallen leaves, with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

Day of Arising

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- 1. Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**2. When we are walking,
 doubtful and dreading,
 blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
 yet Christ walks with us
 ever awaiting
 our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**3. Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.**

**This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

4.

**Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

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: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a vast field of golden wheat. The sun is positioned high in the sky, creating a strong lens flare effect that dominates the upper half of the image. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame. The overall color palette is warm, consisting of various shades of gold, yellow, and light brown.

Offering

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises


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**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)



**1. Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

2.

**Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful Gospel.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to
give you glory. You have set a table
before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of
Jesus, that goodness and mercy may
follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

L: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on
these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this
feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of
the bread. Raise us up as the body of
Christ for the world. Breathe new life into
us. Send us forth, burning with justice,
peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.





Come, Let Us Eat

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- 1. Come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body
let us take together,
our Lord's body
let us take together.**



**2. Come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured,
 come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured.
 Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together,
 Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together.**



**3. In Jesus' presence
now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence
now we meet and rest.
In the presence
of our Lord we gather,
in the presence
of our Lord we gather.**



- 4. Rise, then, to spread abroad
God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad
God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will
bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will
bring in the kingdom.**

**2. We were lost in night,
but you sought and found us.
Give us strength to fight;
death is all around us.
Jesus, be our light.**

3.

He became our bread;

Jesus died to save us.

**On him we are fed,
eating what he gave us,
rising from the dead.**

**4. Let us share the pain
you endured in dying;
we shall then remain
living; death defying,
we shall rise again.**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: Holy One,
through this meal you have made your
home among us and are making all
things new. Send us now to speak
peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to
the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**



Blessing

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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- 1. Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days.**

**2. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.**

**Alleluia, alleluia;
Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**3. Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**4. Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith.**



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

A scenic view of a waterfront town with colorful buildings and a blue sky. The buildings are multi-story and feature various colors like blue, yellow, and red. The water is dark blue and occupies the foreground. The sky is bright blue with some light clouds.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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