



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, May 10, 2026
9:00 am*



Welcome and Announcements



Senior Recognition Sunday

Help us celebrate our Zion high school graduates on Sunday, May 17, during the 9:00 am worship service.

Reception to follow the service.

Zoom Study – “Intentionally Christian”

By Dr. Craig Nesson

Six Sessions May 31-July 5
Sundays at 4:00 pm (75 minutes)

Study is hosted by Wartburg Seminary.
All are welcome to join!

Contact the church office if you are interested.

Join Kamarra Brunelle in the next book club!

Good Soil:

*The Education of An
Accidental Farmhand* by
Jeff Chu

The first meeting will be on
Sunday, June 7, at 11:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Following meeting dates will be
Mondays at 10:00 am.



Need help finding and ordering the book?
The church office will order it for you! Contact
Kamarra or the church office to get your name
on the order list by May 27 (cost is \$19).

Sharing the Peace

**Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**

2.

**We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.**

3.

**Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.**

4.

**Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away-
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.**

**Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love in
our flesh and our bone.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

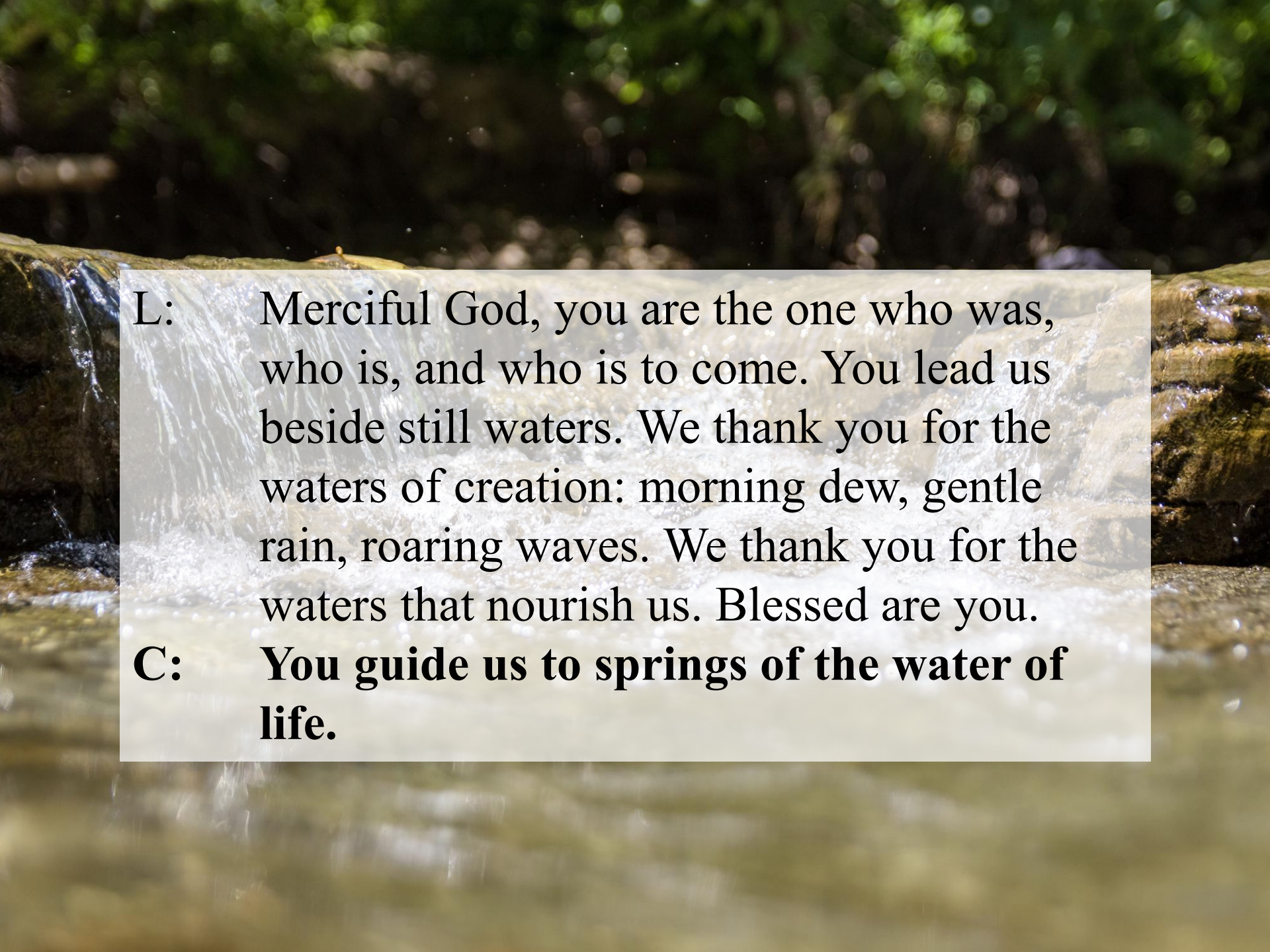
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

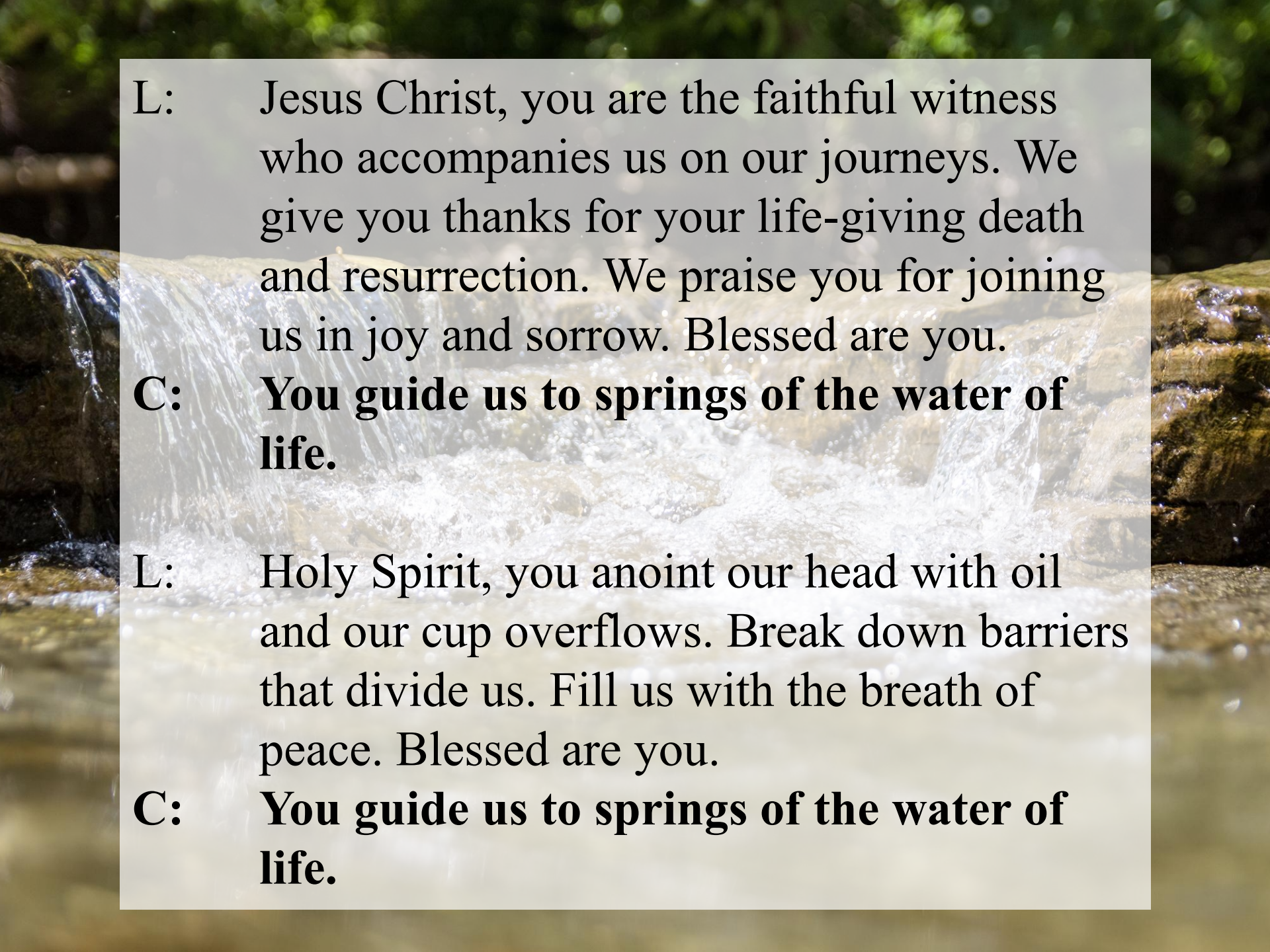
C: **Amen.**

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



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.**

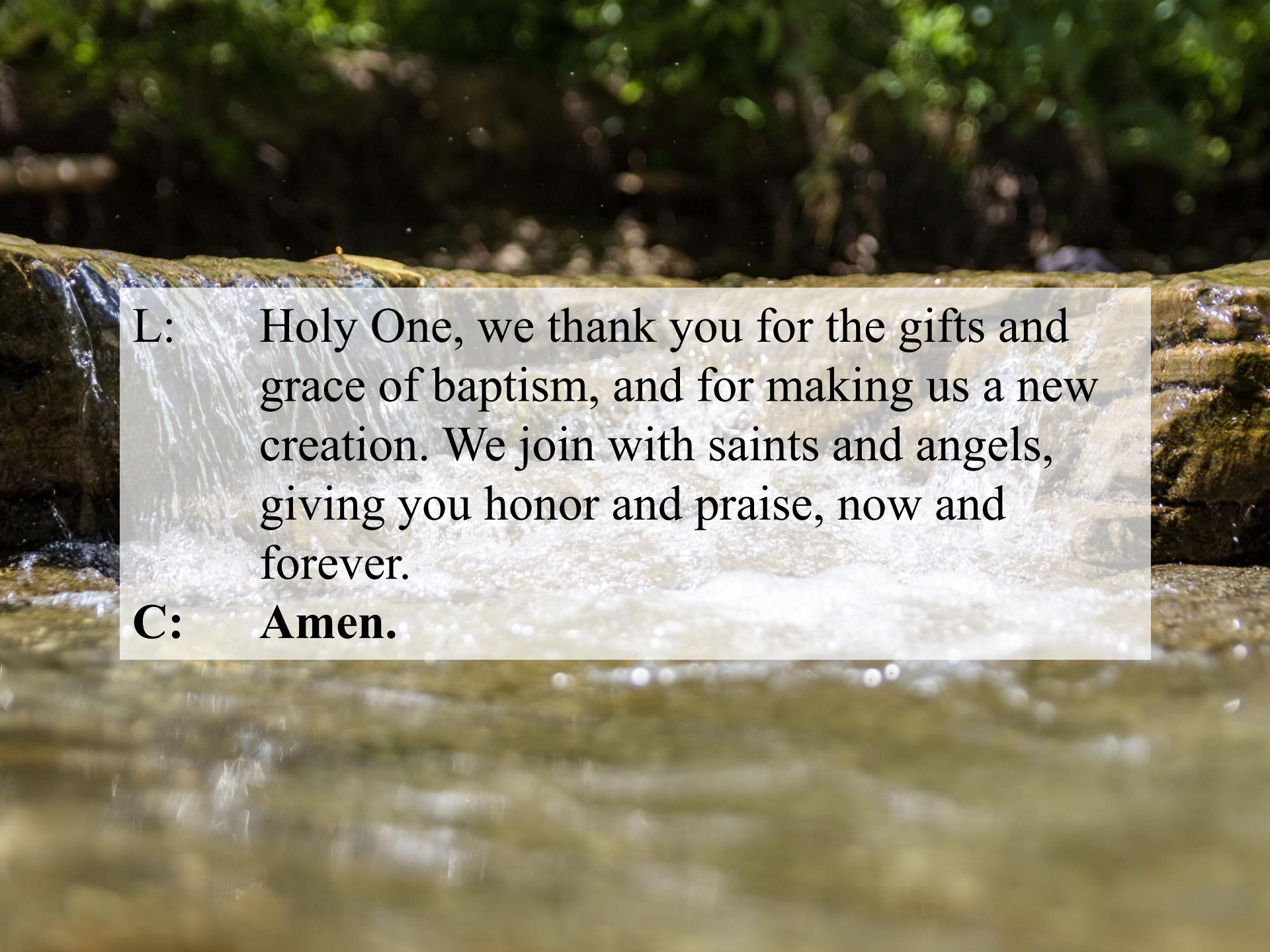
A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The surrounding foliage is dense and vibrant green, providing a natural and serene background for the text.

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.

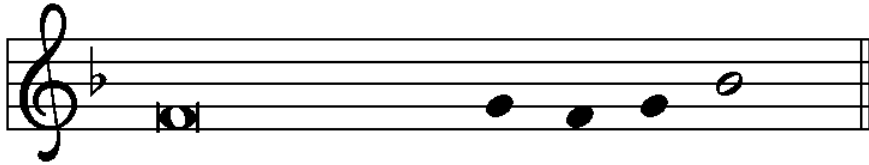


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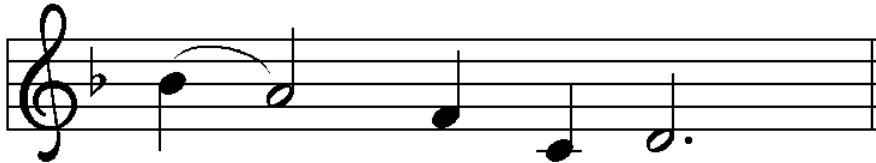
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

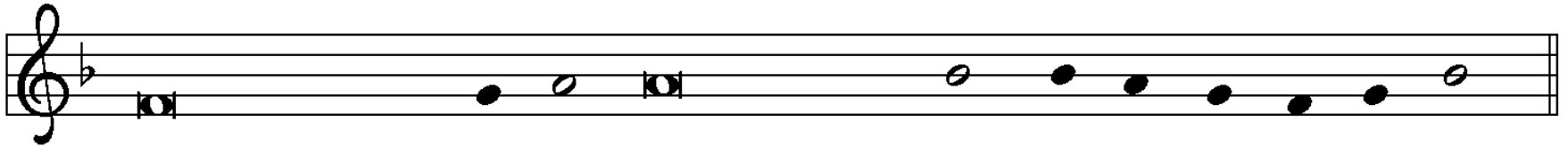
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



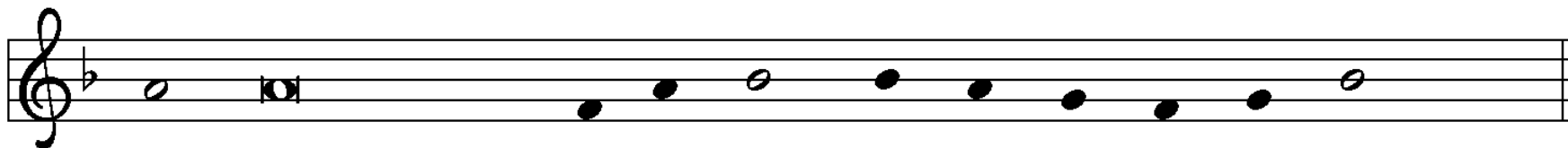
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



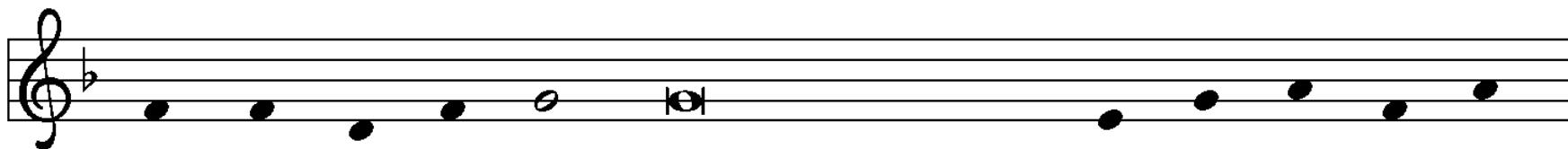
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



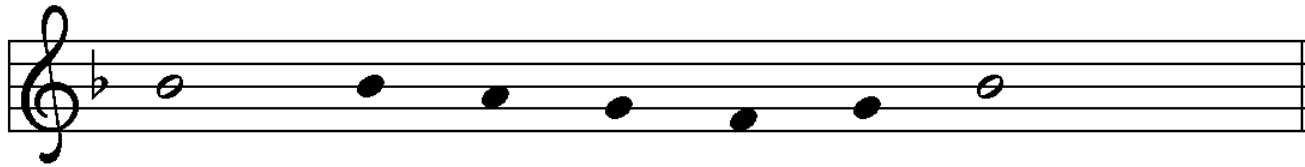
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



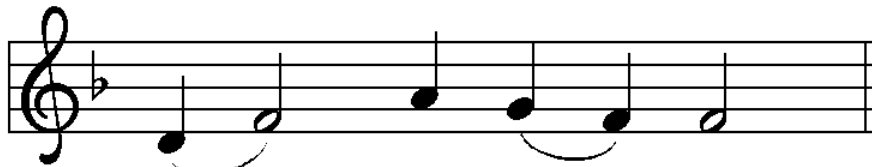
Lord, have mer - cy.



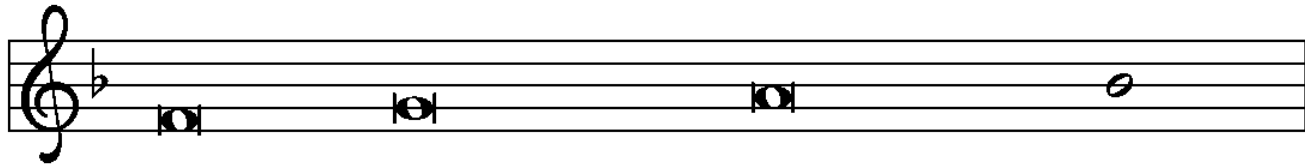
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



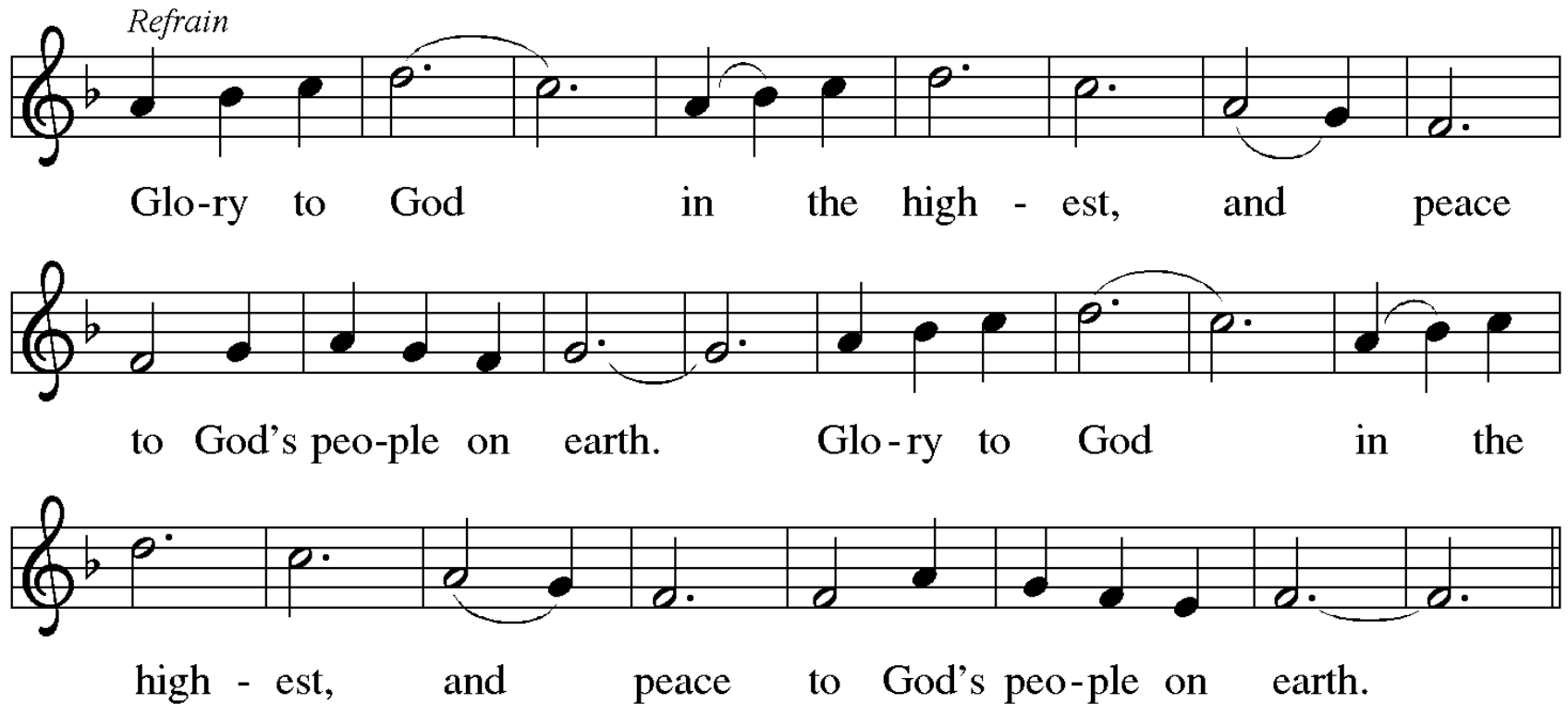
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

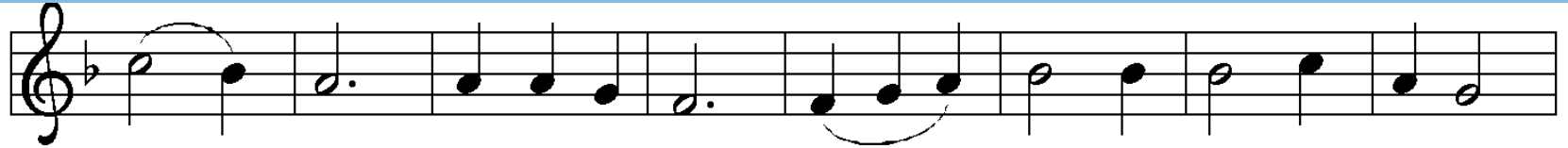


The image shows three staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some notes beamed together and some having slurs or ties. The lyrics are centered under the notes they correspond to.

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

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



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

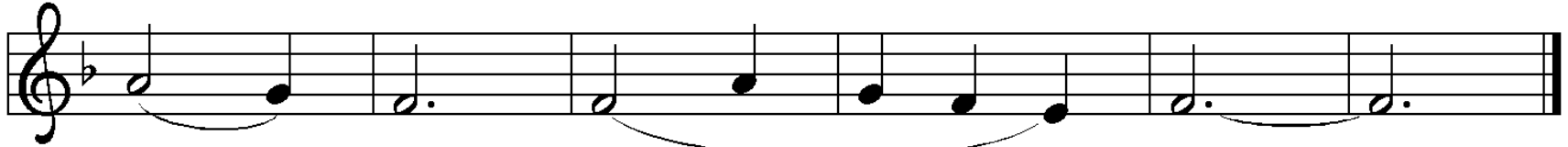


to God's peo-ple on earth.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*A Message for
All God's Children*



First Reading: Acts 17:22-34

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³² When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ At that point Paul left them. ³⁴ But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

L: ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

C: ⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

L: ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

L: ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: ¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L: ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: ¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

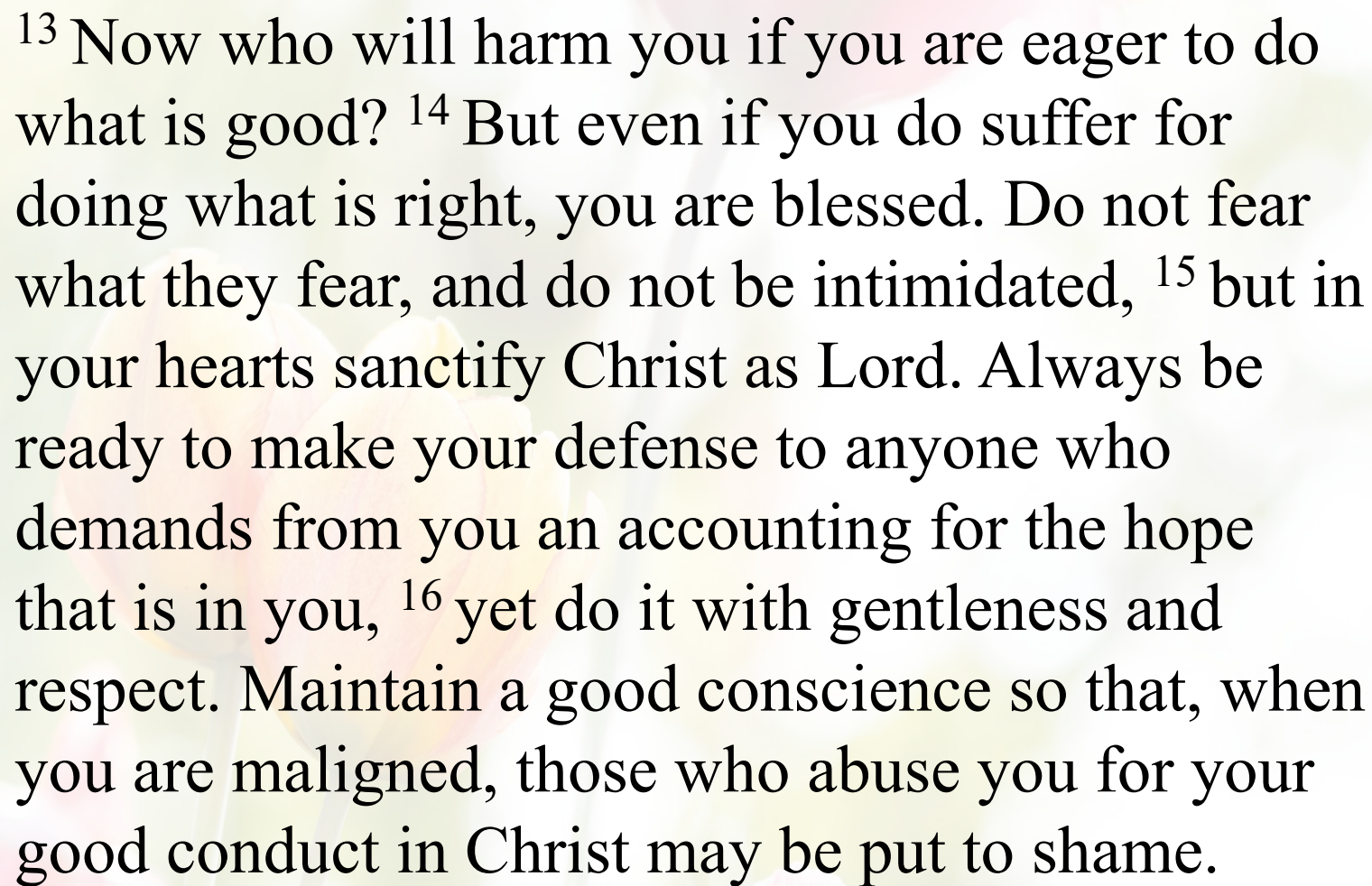
C: ¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.



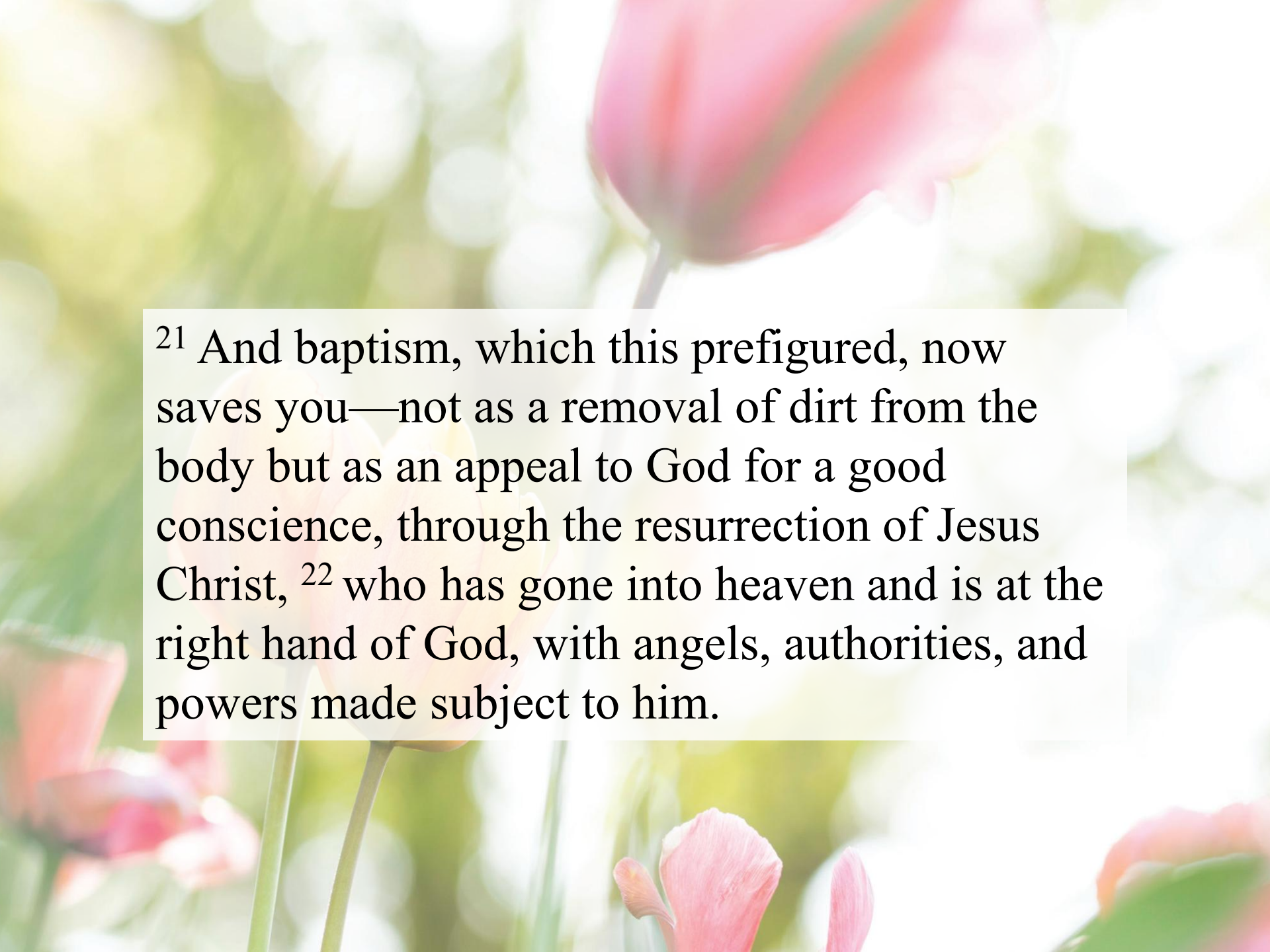
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.



¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.



²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



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.

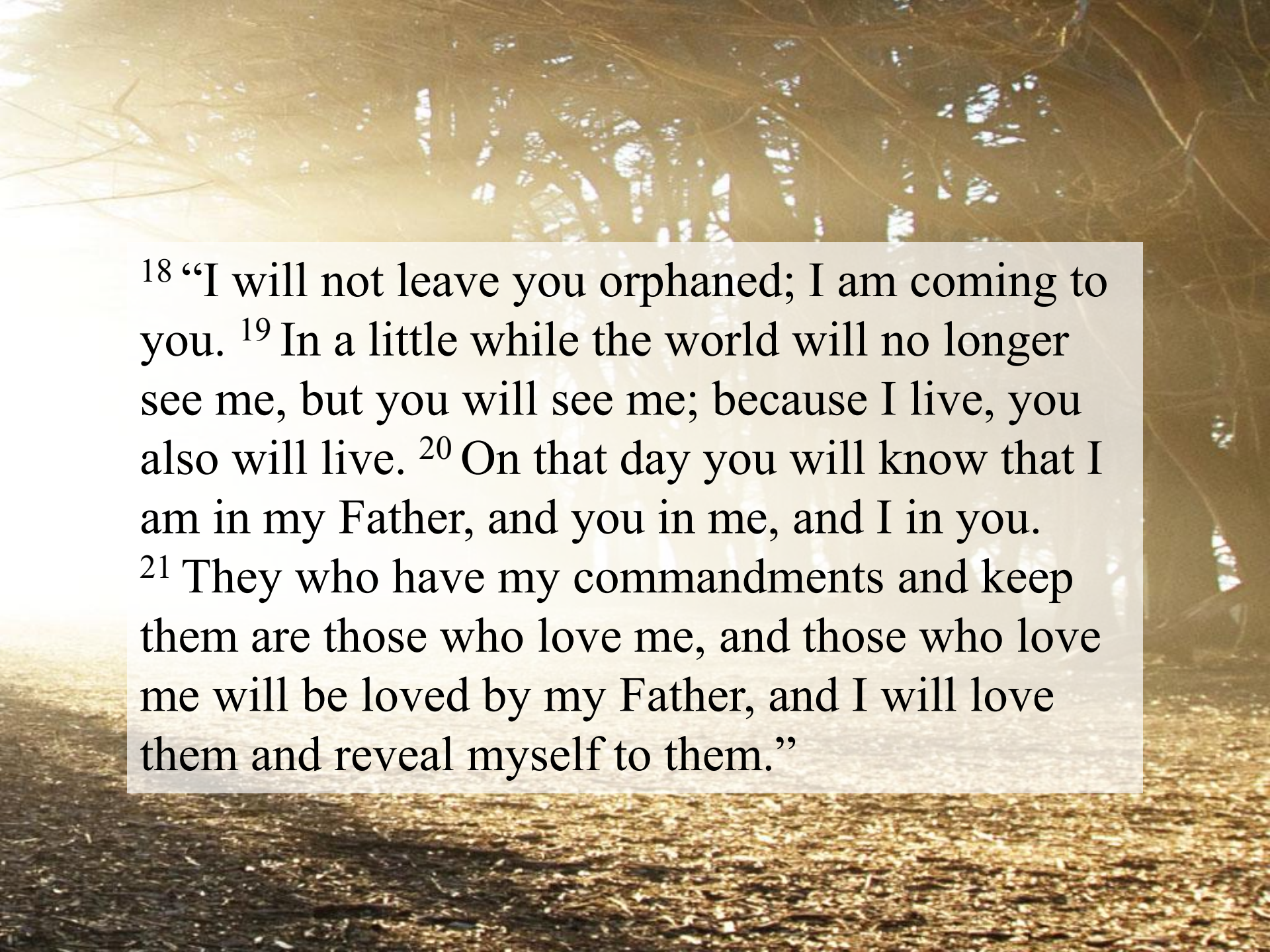
In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.



¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

I Love to Tell the Story

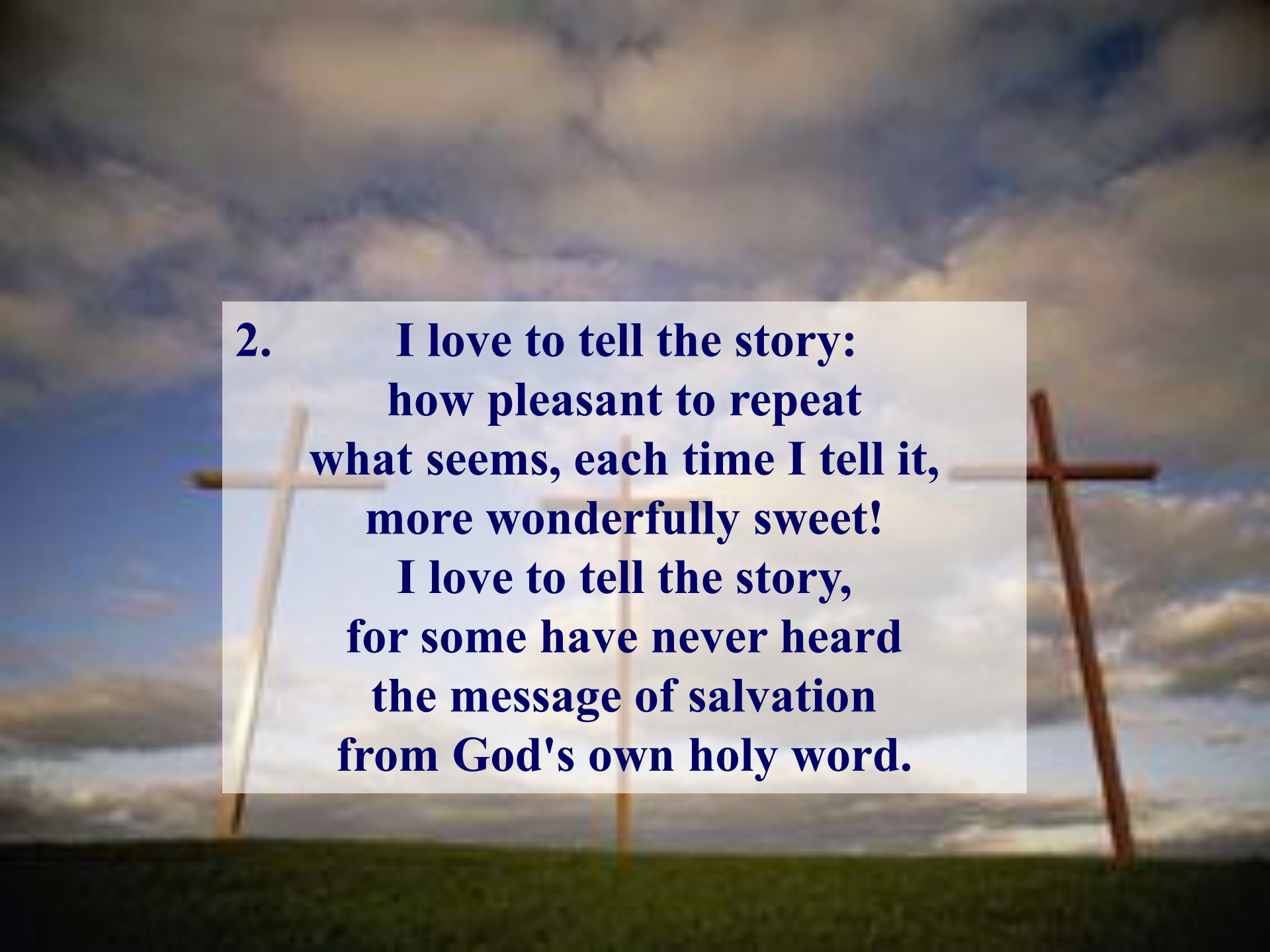
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- 1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.**

The image features three simple wooden crosses standing in a green field. The crosses are made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a vast sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The lighting is gentle, with a slight glow on the horizon. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the crosses, containing the text.

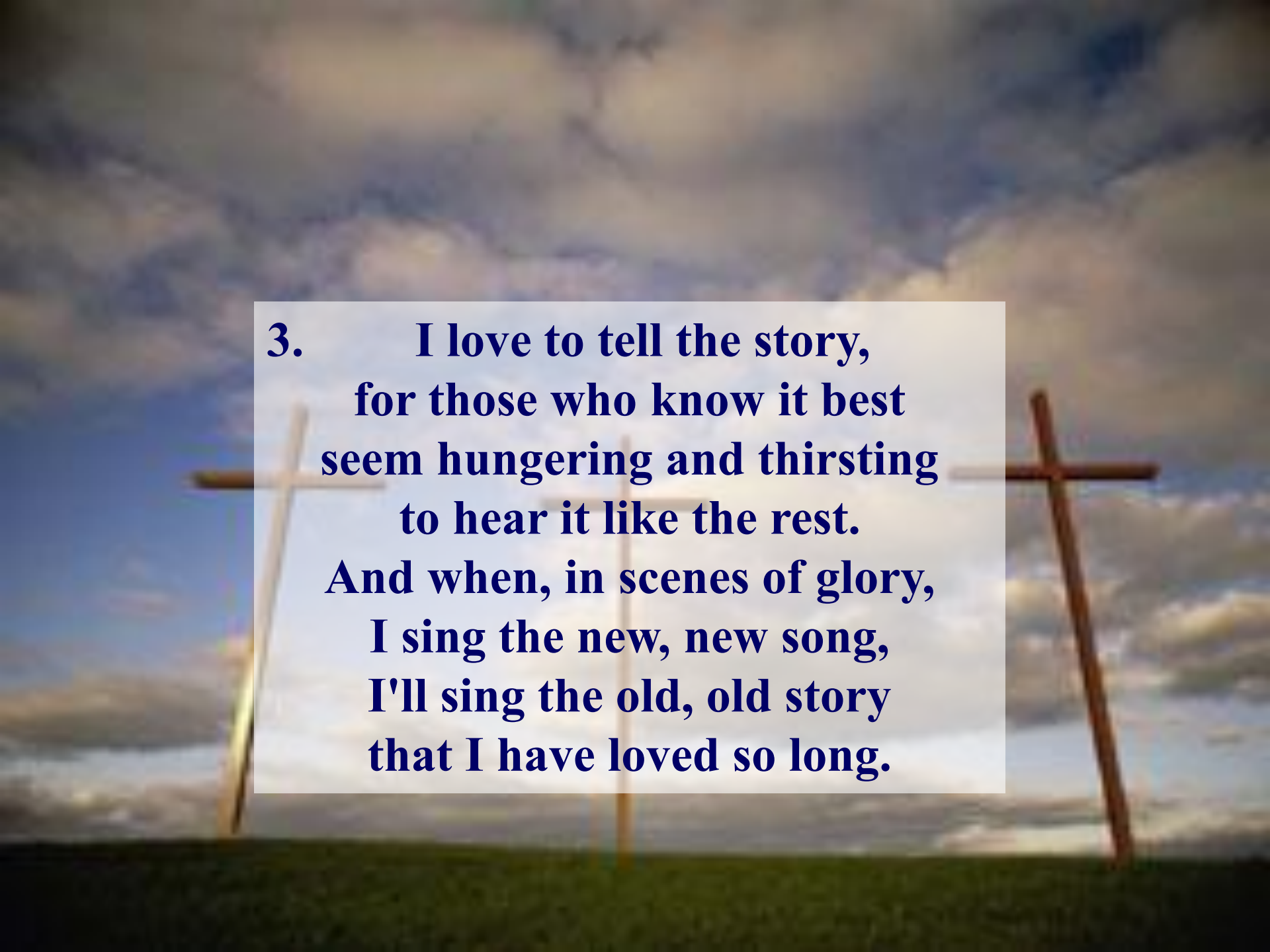
**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

The background of the slide features three simple wooden crosses standing on a green grassy field. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day. The crosses are positioned at different heights and angles, creating a sense of depth and perspective.


**2. I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.**

The image features three simple wooden crosses standing in a green field. The crosses are made of weathered wood and are positioned in a line across the middle ground. The background is a vast sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The lighting is gentle, with a slight glow on the horizon. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the crosses, containing the text.

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**3. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.**

The image features three simple wooden crosses standing in a green field. The crosses are made of weathered wood and are positioned in a line across the middle ground. The background is a vast sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The lighting is gentle, with some highlights on the clouds and the tops of the crosses. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

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.

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 washes over the scene with a warm, golden light. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame. The overall mood is peaceful and abundant.

Offering

Blessed Assurance

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- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



Blessing

L: 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.**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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- 1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
 we go in Jesus' name
 to bring glad tidings to the poor,
 God's favor to proclaim.**

- 2. We go to comfort those who mourn
 and set the burdened free;
 where hope is dim, to share a dream
 and help the blind to see.**

**3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

**4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us;
we go in Jesus' name.**



Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

A Muscovy duck with a red face and black and white feathers is perched on a log in a pond. The duck is facing left. The water is dark and rippled. There are some thin branches and leaves in the background.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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