

An osprey is perched on a tree branch, looking to the right. The bird has a white head and neck with a dark stripe through the eye, and dark brown wings and back. The tree trunk is thick and textured, with some yellowish lichen or moss. The background is filled with bare, thin branches, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

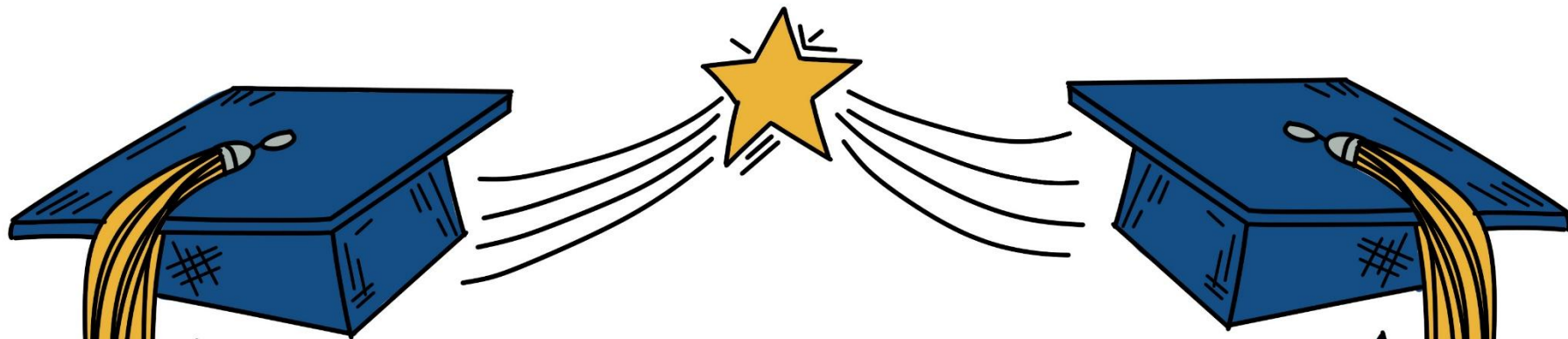
*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, May 17, 2026
9:00 am*

Osprey at Camp Emmaus, May 2026
Photo by Kamarra Brunelle



Welcome and Announcements



Senior Recognition Sunday

Let's celebrate our Zion high school graduates TODAY, during worship.

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

All Are Welcome

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- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

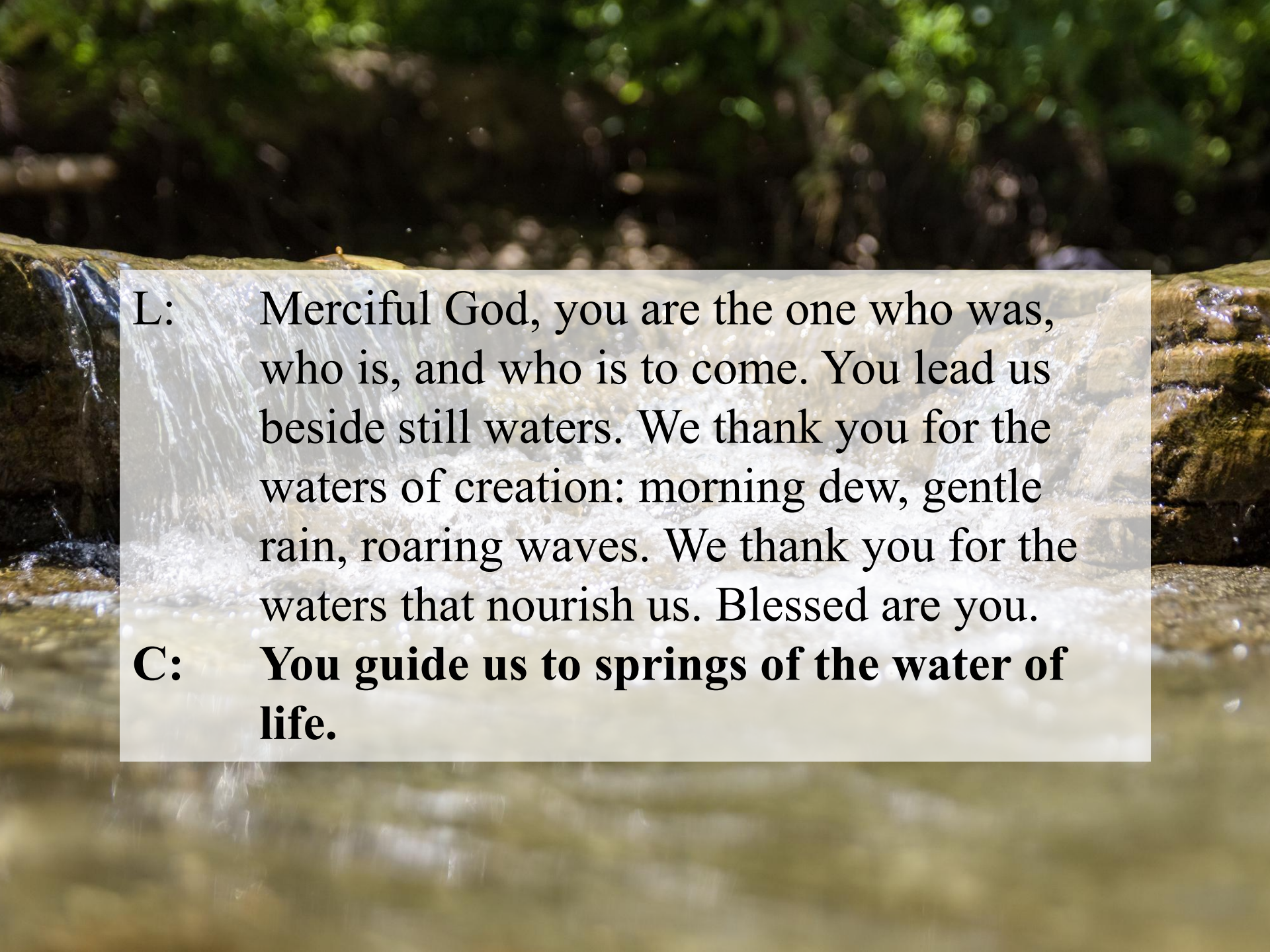
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

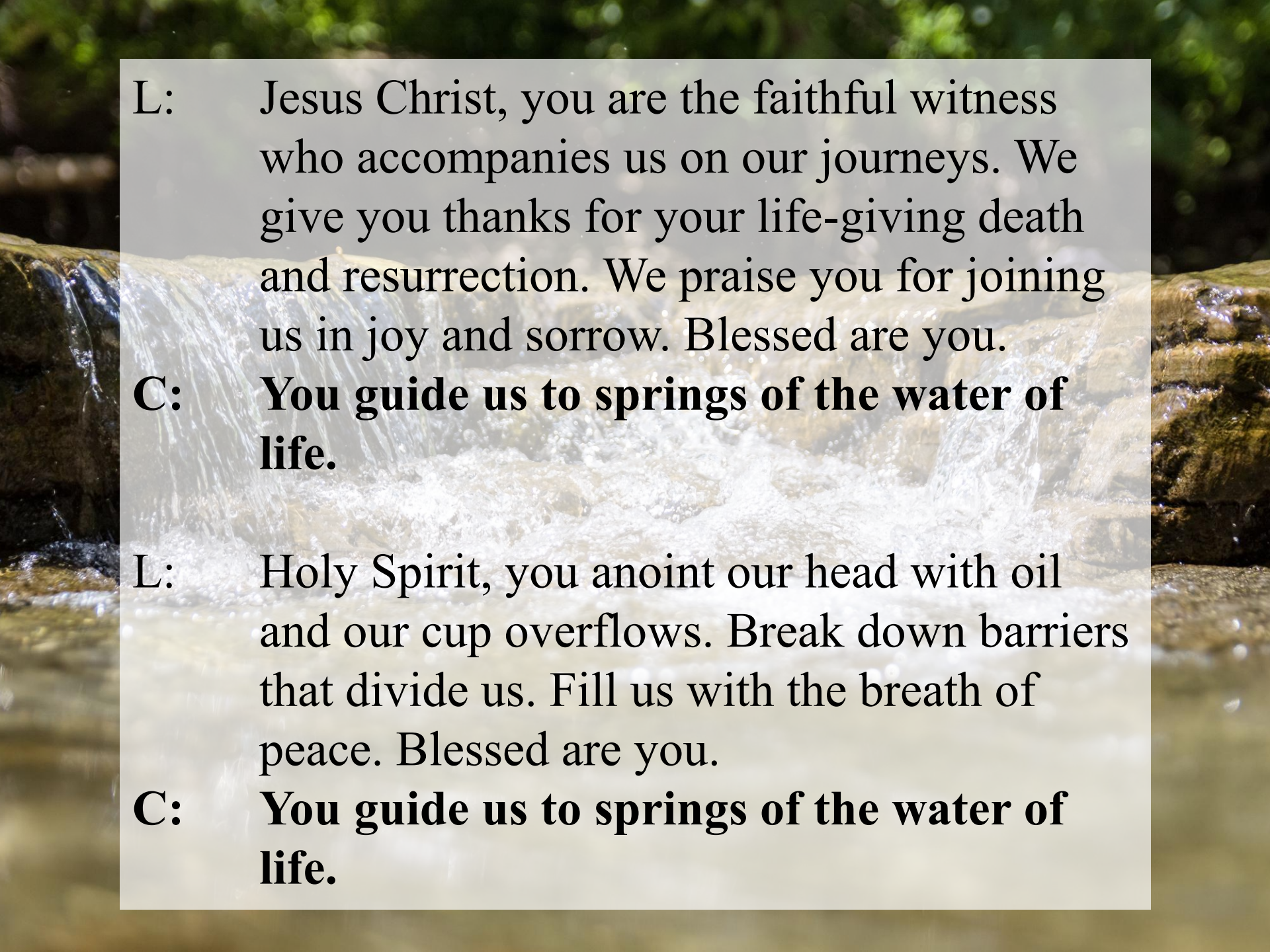
C: **Amen.**

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.**

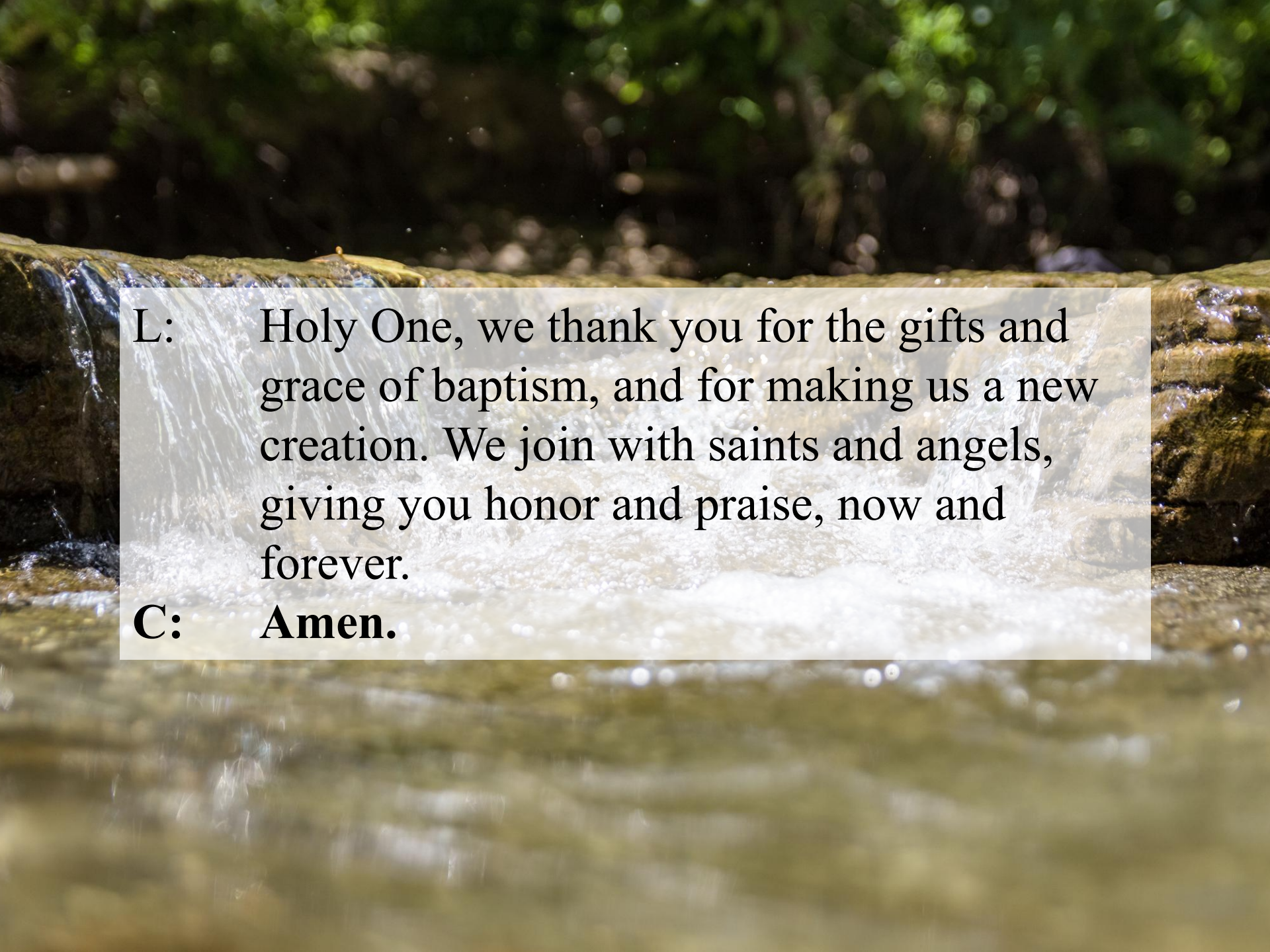
A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The background is filled with vibrant green foliage, slightly out of focus, which adds to the natural and serene atmosphere of the scene.

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.

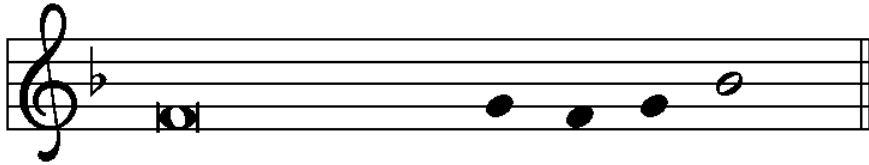


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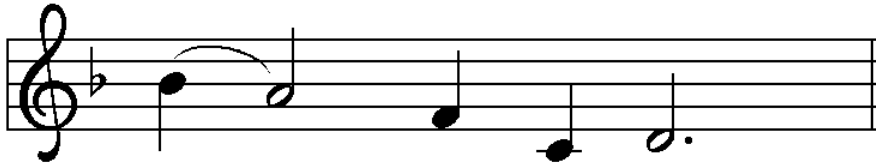
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

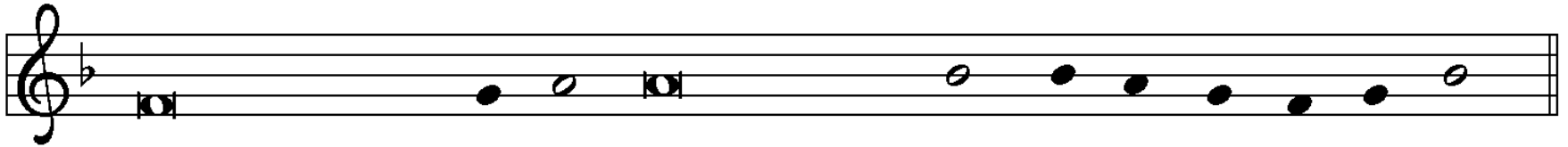
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



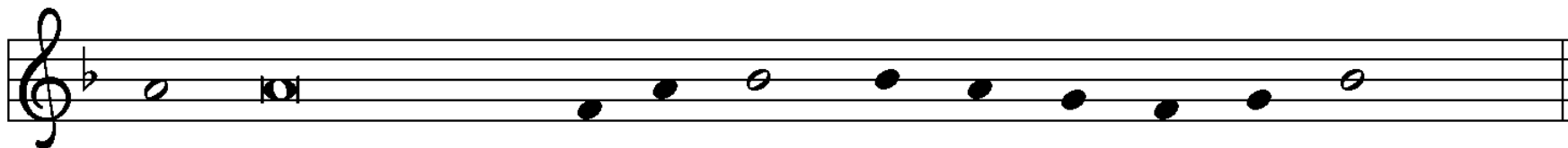
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



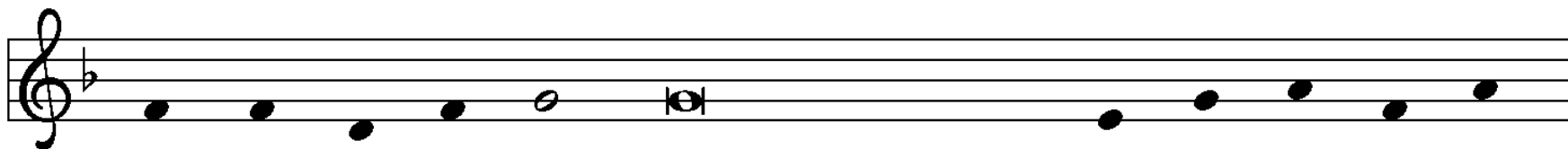
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



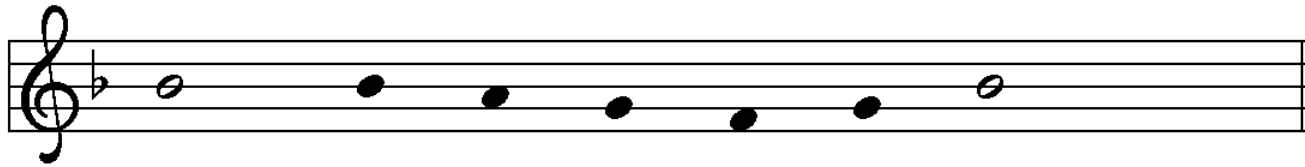
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



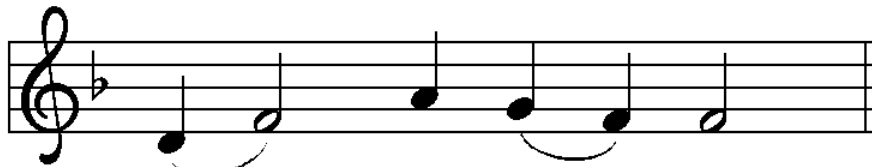
Lord, have mer - cy.



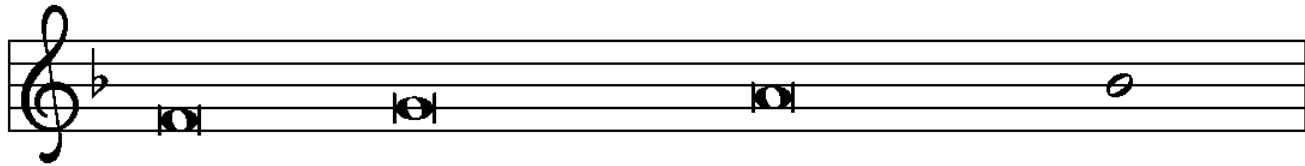
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



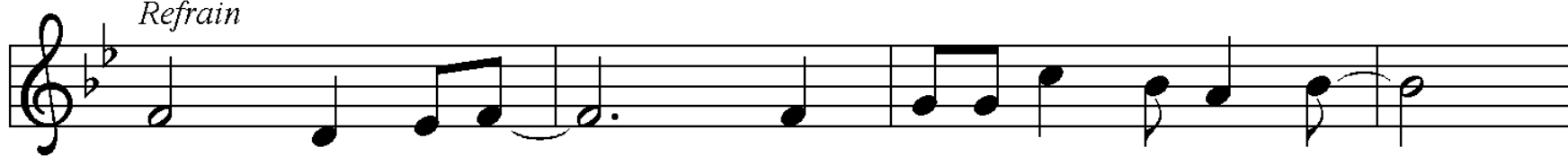
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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

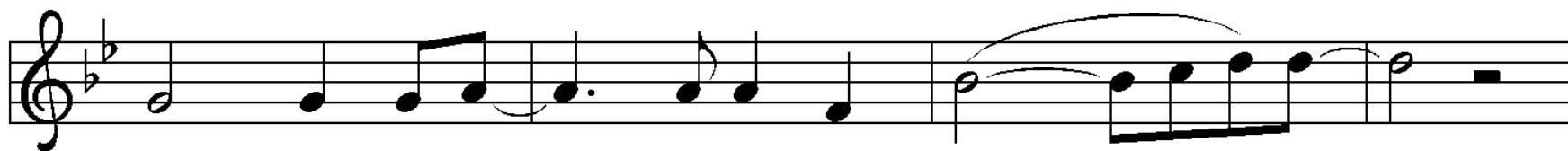
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



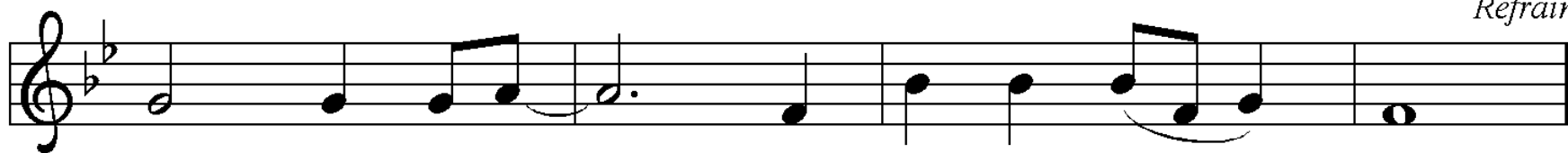
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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

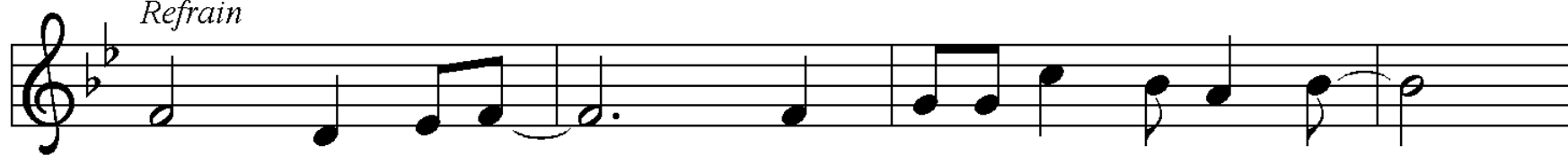


Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



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

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.

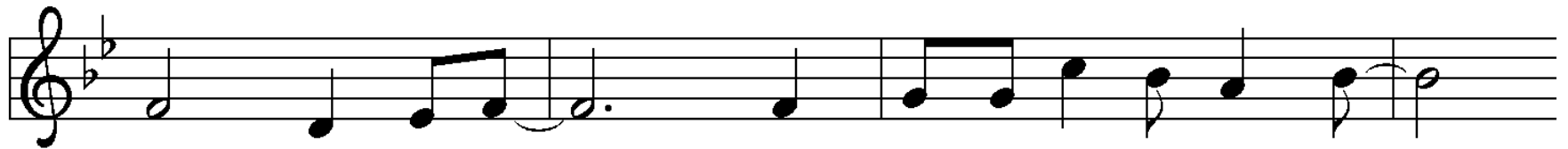
Final refrain



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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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*



Noisy Offering!!!

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

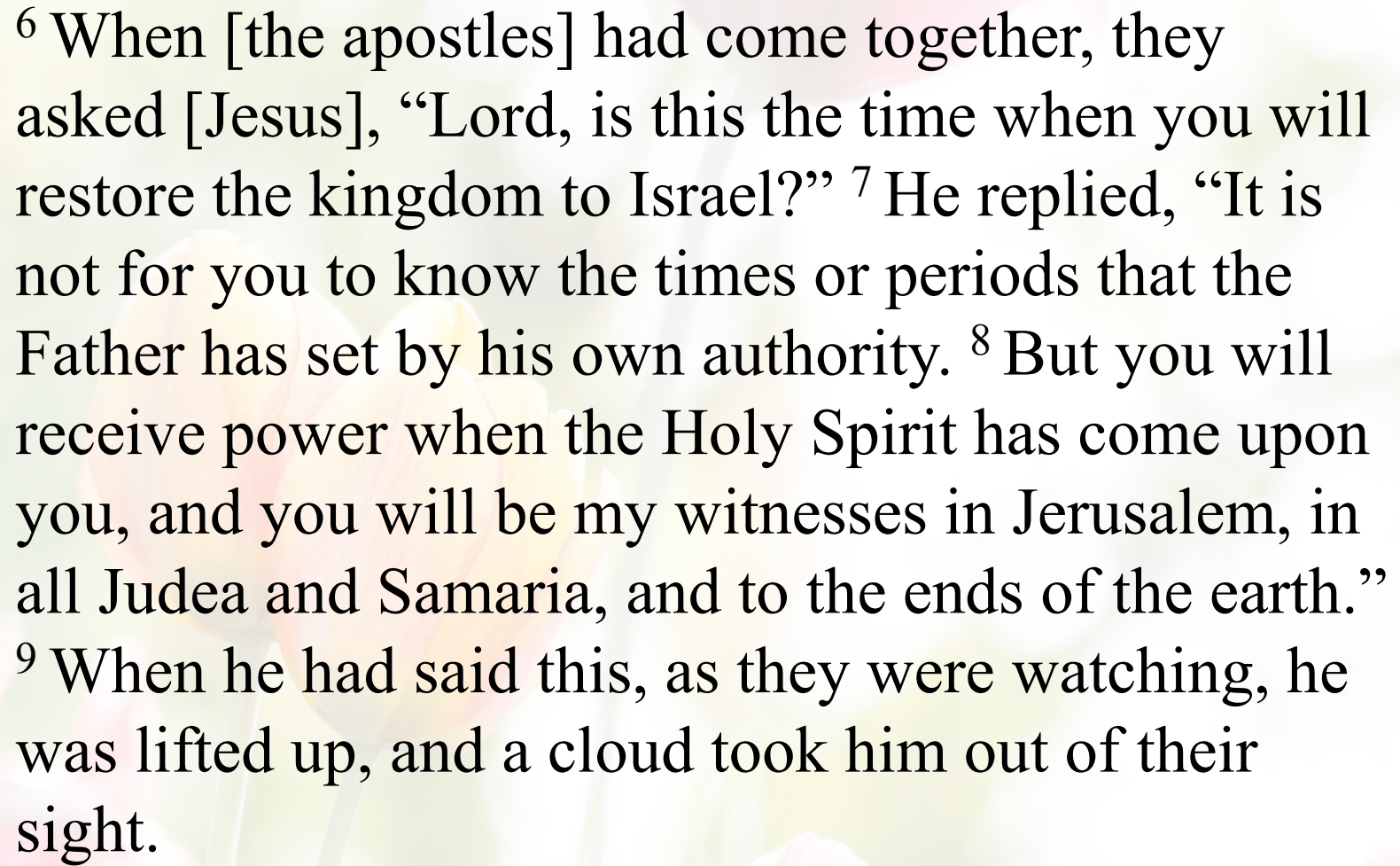
**Proceeds will go towards
Vacation Bible School.**



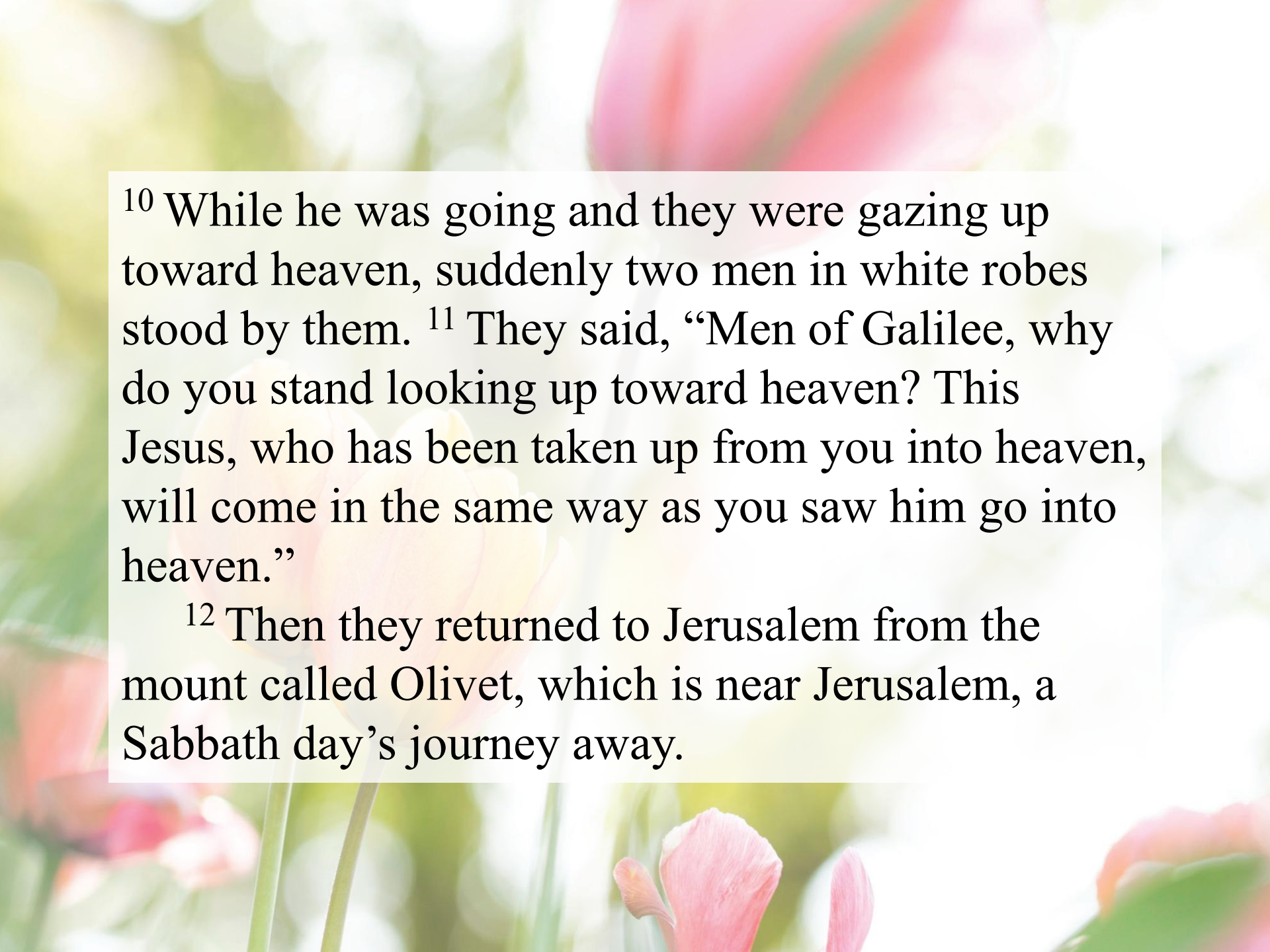


First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

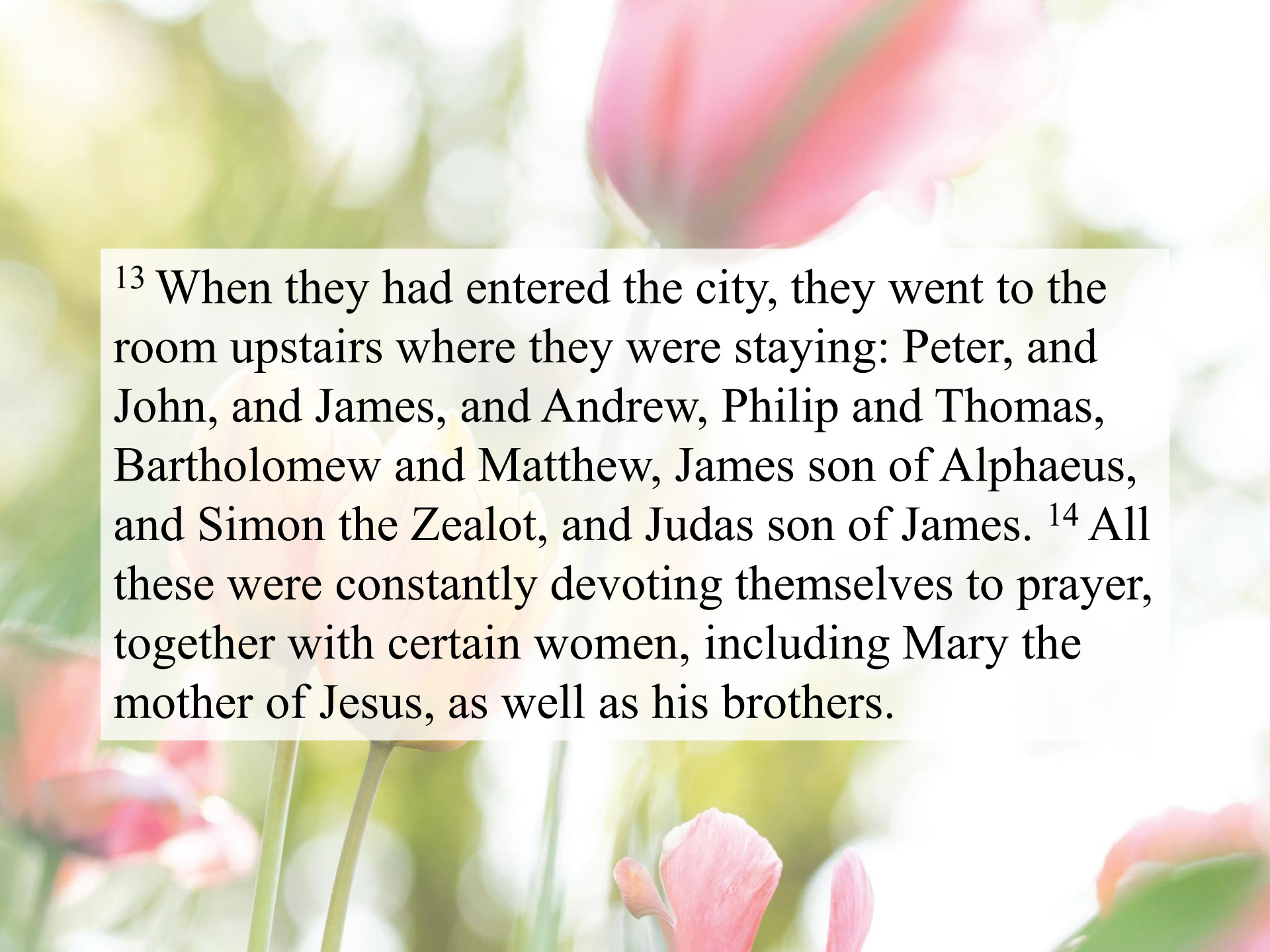


⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.



¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.



¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:3-10, 32-35

L: ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

L: ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: ⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

L: ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

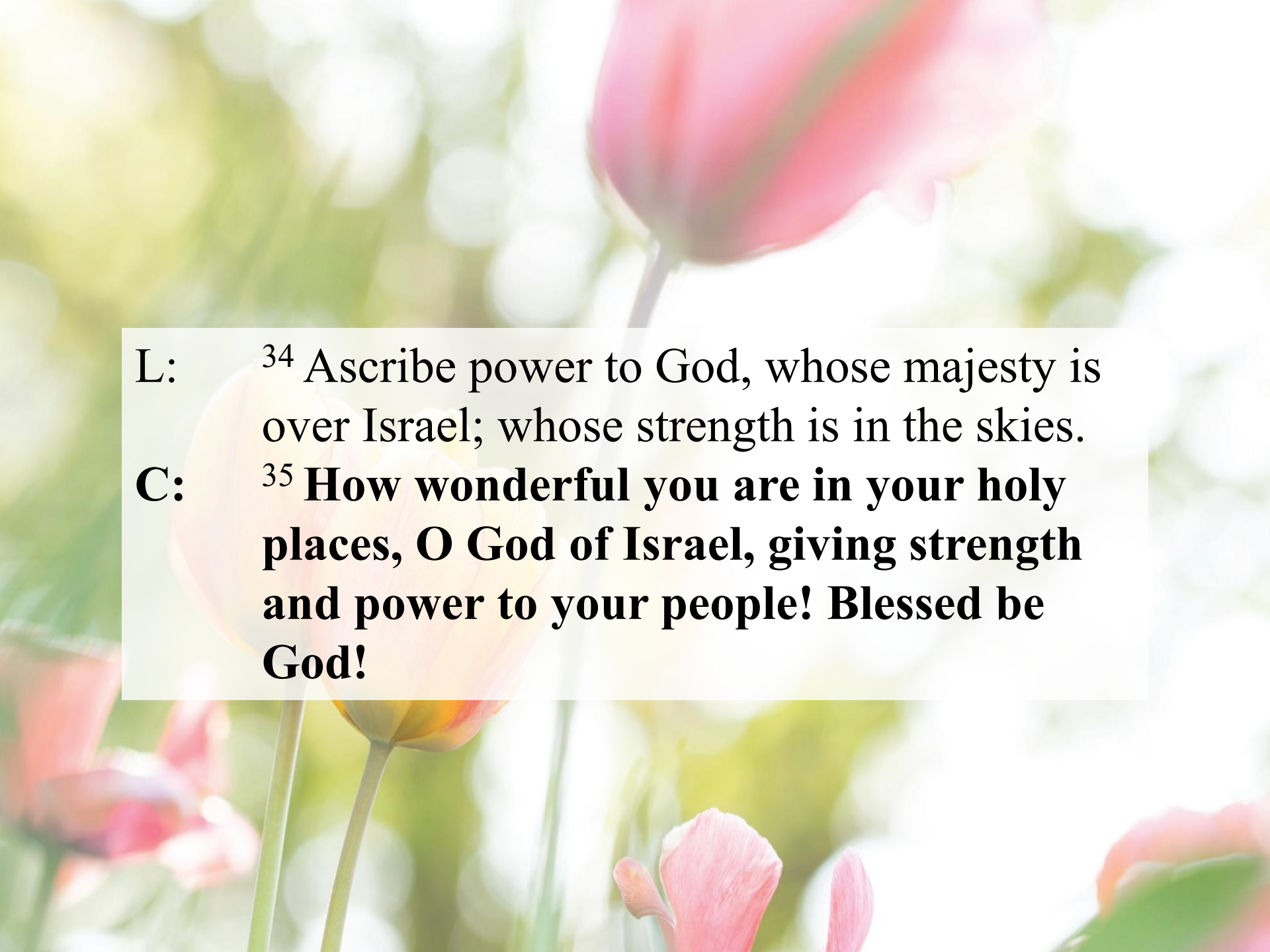
C: ⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

L: ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

L: ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: ³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.



L: ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: ³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**



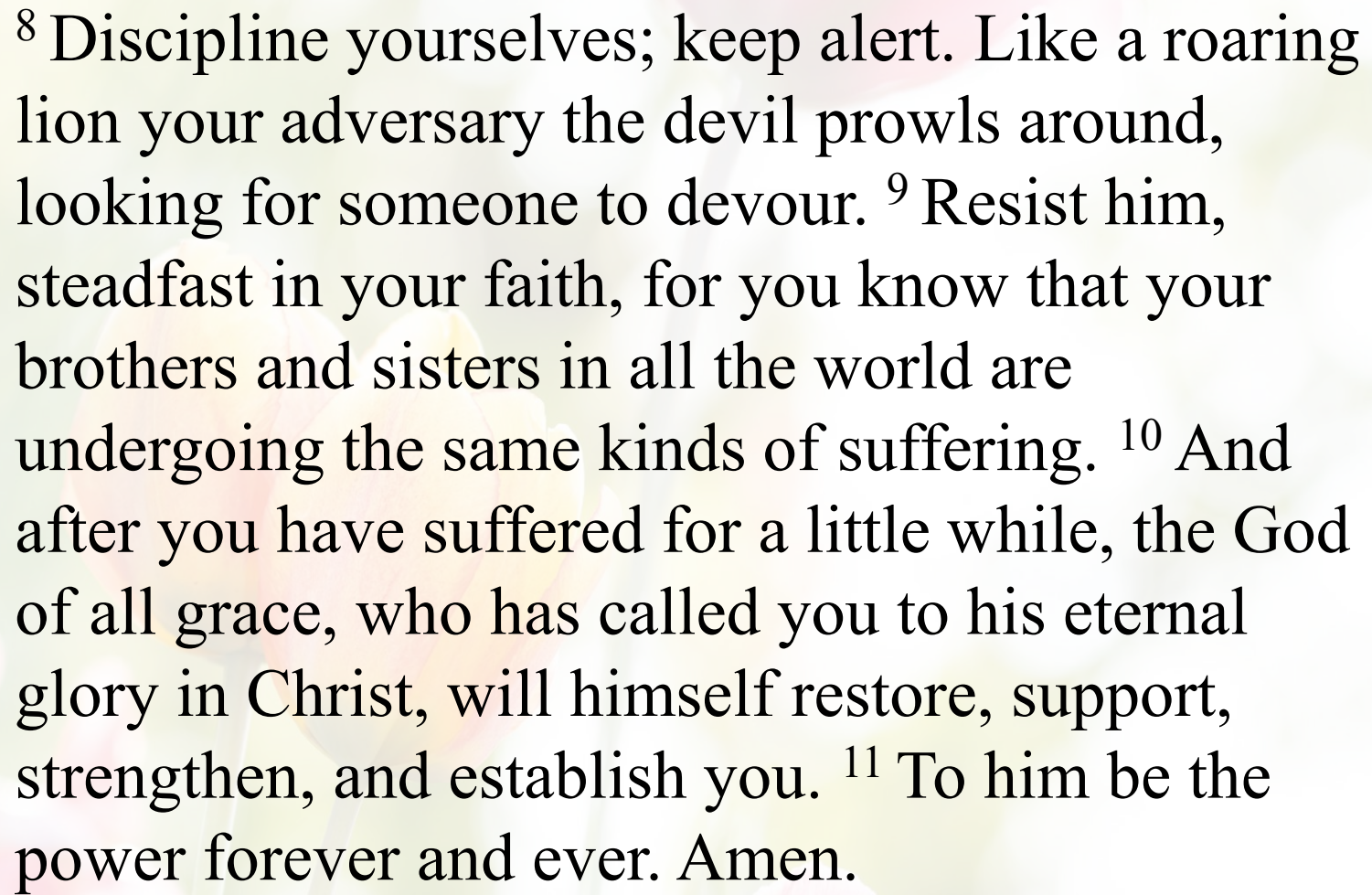
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.



⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.



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.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

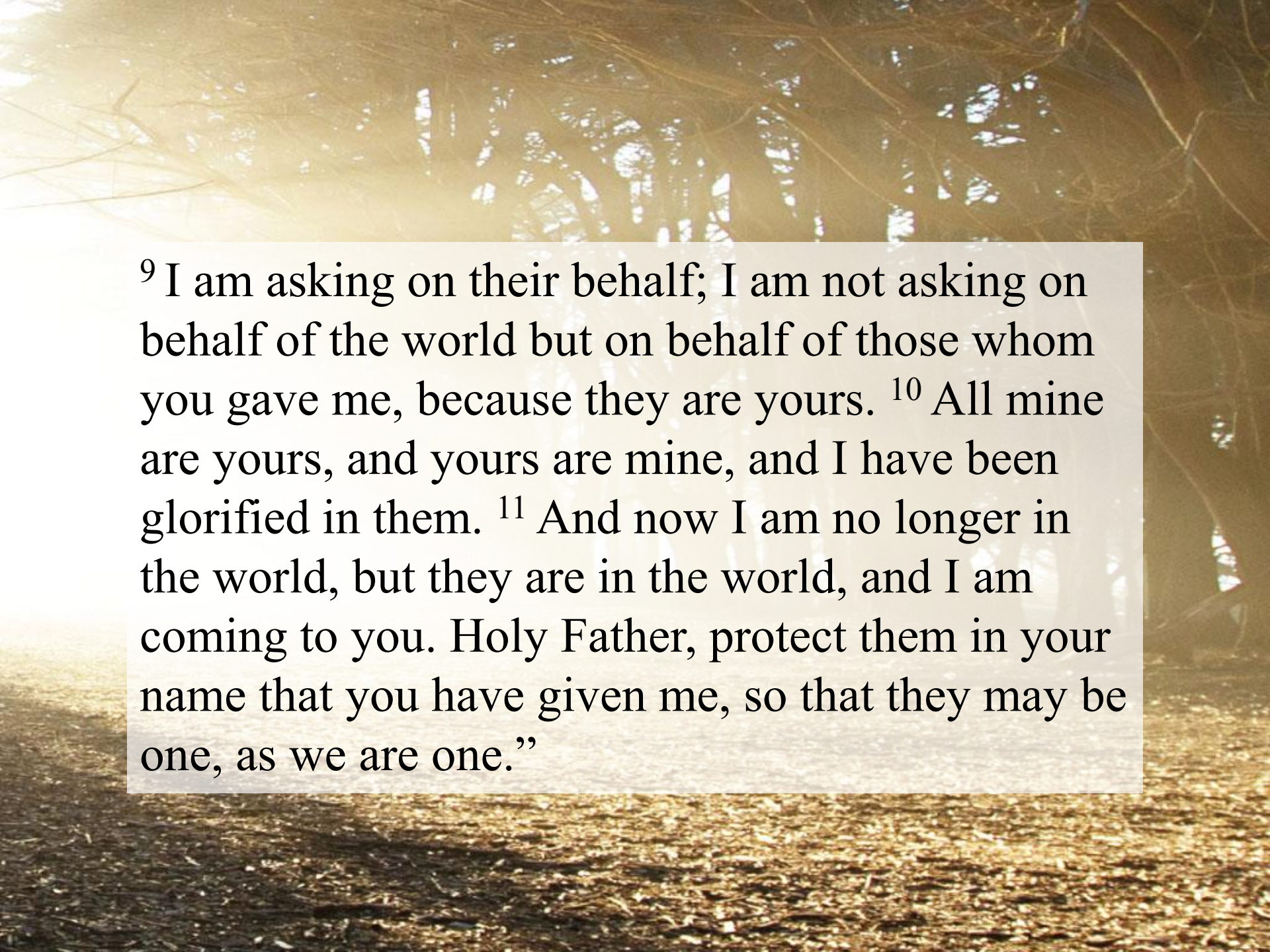
Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.



⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Here I Am, Lord

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- "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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.

Blessing of Graduates

A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of golden wheat. The sun is high in the sky, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere and a prominent lens flare in the lower-left quadrant. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame.

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.

Words of Institution



Eucharistic Prayer

L: [...] Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

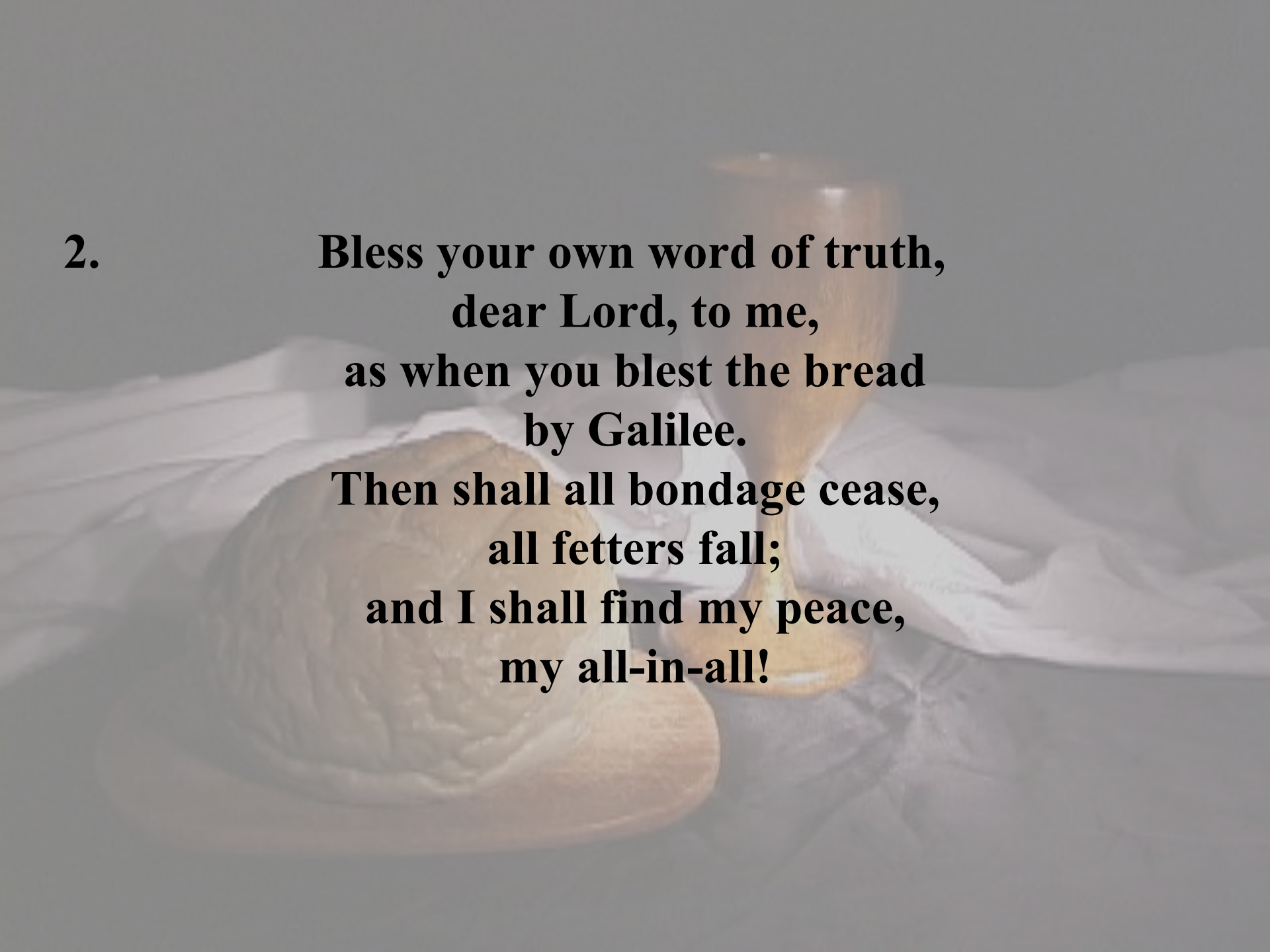


Break Now the Bread of Life

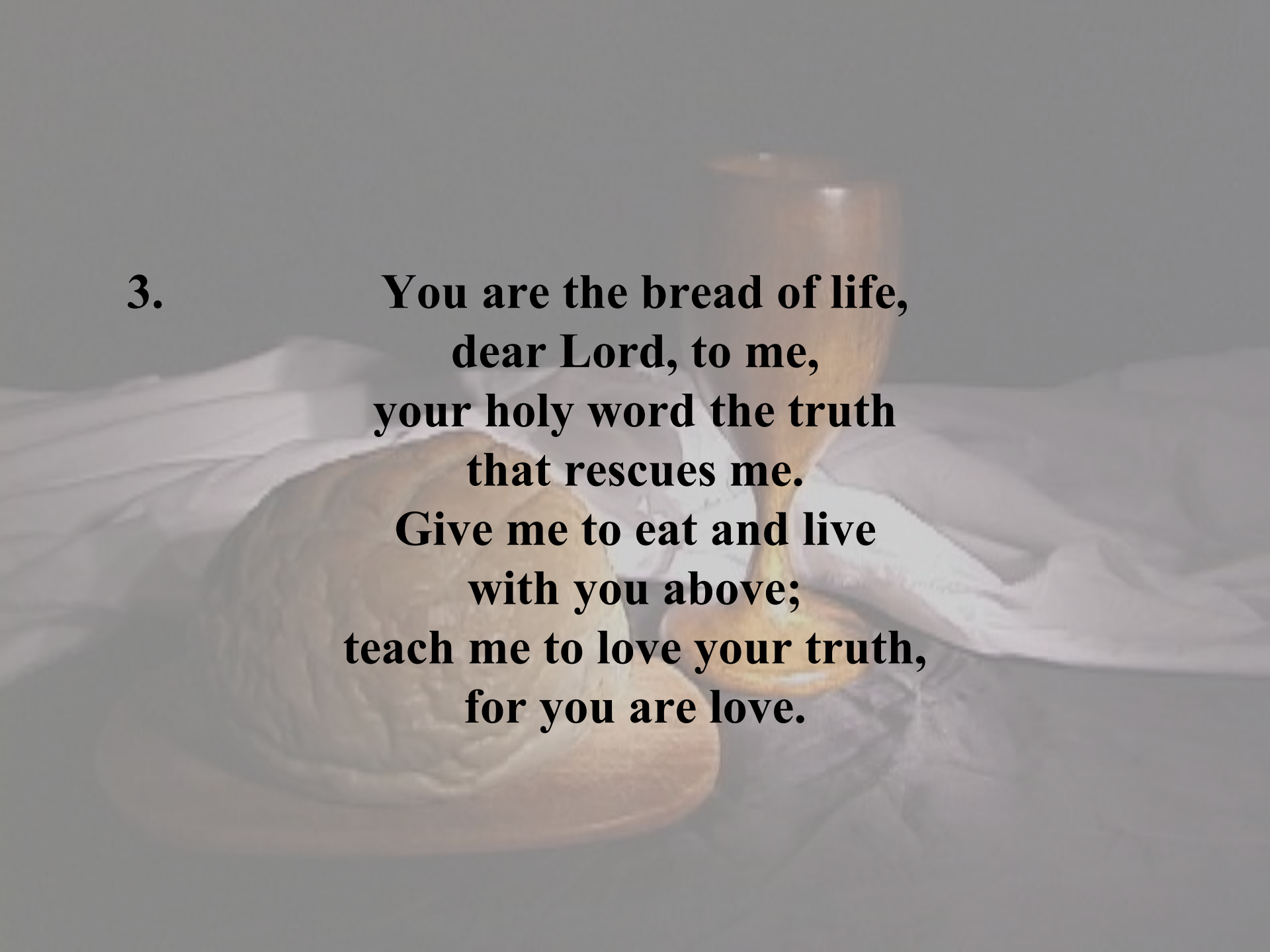
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- 1. Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living word.**



**2. Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blest the bread
by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my all-in-all!**

A photograph of a loaf of bread and a chalice (cup) resting on a white, crumpled cloth. The bread is on the left, and the chalice is on the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

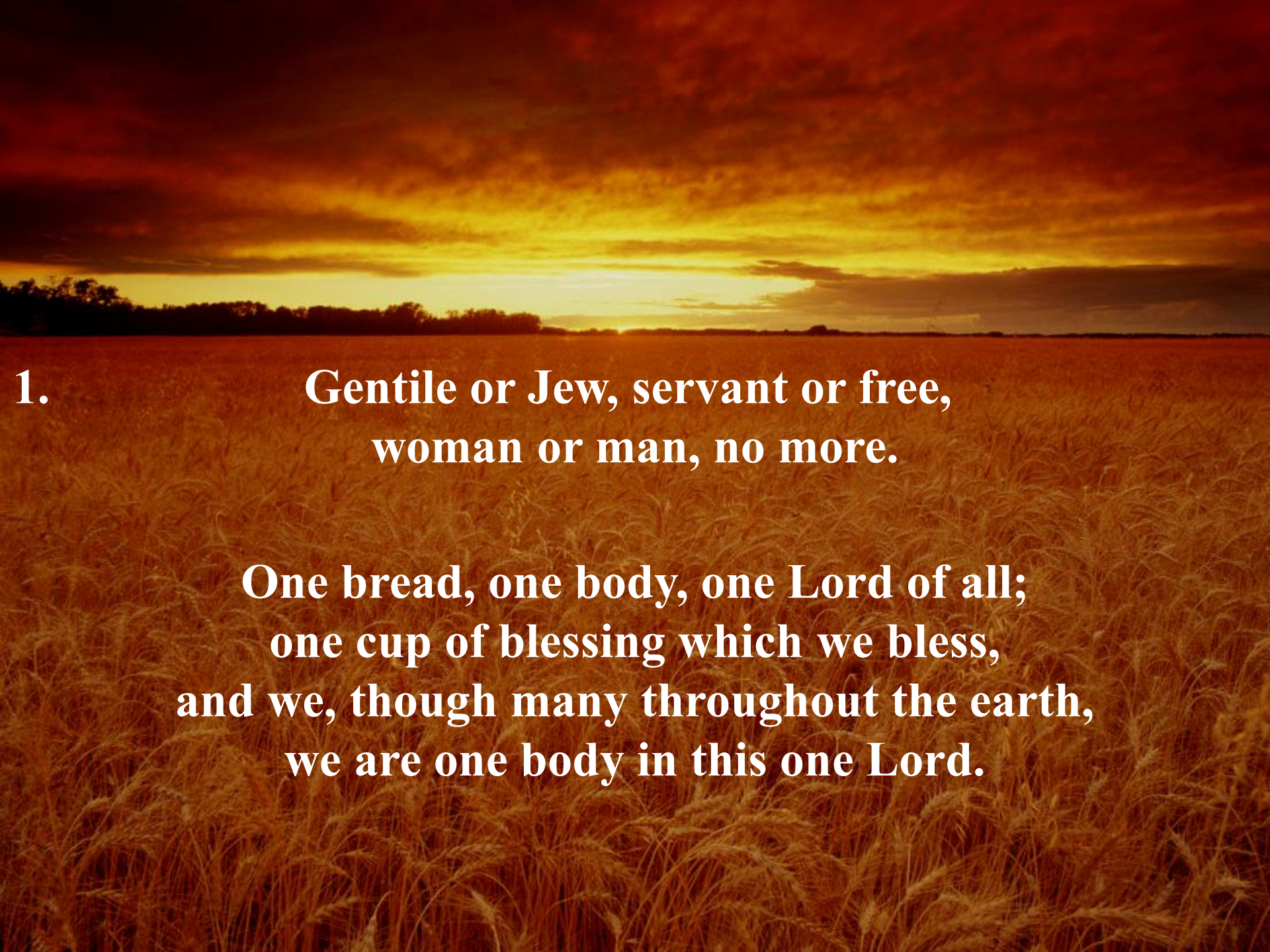
**3. You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth
that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.**

One Bread, One Body

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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

A wide-angle photograph of a golden wheat field under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright band of light just above the horizon. The wheat in the foreground is tall and golden, with some stalks in sharp focus. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

A golden field of wheat under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the field of wheat is in the foreground, extending to the horizon.

2.

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

A wide-angle photograph of a golden field of grain, likely wheat or corn, stretching to the horizon. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise on the horizon line. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges, yellows, and browns.

**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

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.**

We All Are One In Mission

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- 1. We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**





- 2. We all are called to service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**



- 3. Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.**



Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

A photograph of an osprey perched on a tree branch. The osprey is facing right, with its head turned slightly towards the camera. It has dark brown wings and back, and a white head and neck. The tree trunk is thick and textured, with some moss or lichen on the branches. The background is a dense thicket of bare tree branches.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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