

***Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church***

***Sunday, May 31, 2026
9:00 am***

Warroad River
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Creation Sings the Father's Song

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**Creation sings the Father's song;
he calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day,
till evening falls in crimson rays.**

**His fingerprints in flakes of snow;
his breath upon this spinning globe;
he charts the eagle's flight,
commands the newborn baby's cry.**

Hallelujah!

Let all creation stand and sing.

Hallelujah!

**Fill the earth with songs of worship,
tell the wonders of creation's King.**

**Creation gazed upon his face;
the ageless One in time's embrace,
unveiled the Father's plan
of reconciling God and man.**

**A second Adam walked the earth
whose blameless life
would break the curse,
whose death would set us free
to live with him eternally.**

Hallelujah!

Let all creation stand and sing.

Hallelujah!

**Fill the earth with songs of worship,
tell the wonders of creation's King.**

**Creation longs for his return,
when Christ shall reign
upon the earth;
the bitter wars that rage
are birth pains of a coming age.**

**When he renews the land and sky,
all heav'n will sing and earth reply
with one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.**

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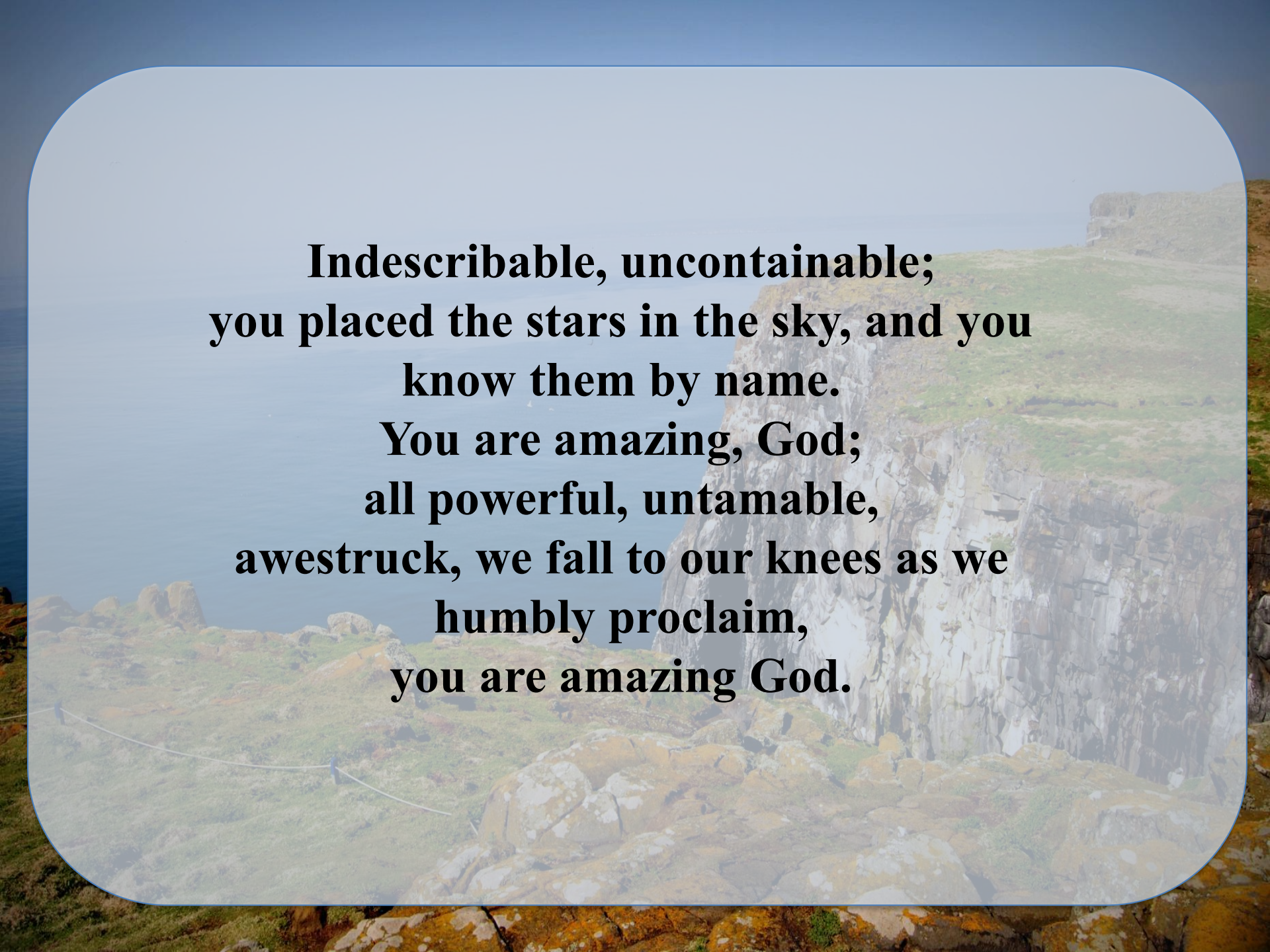
Indescribable

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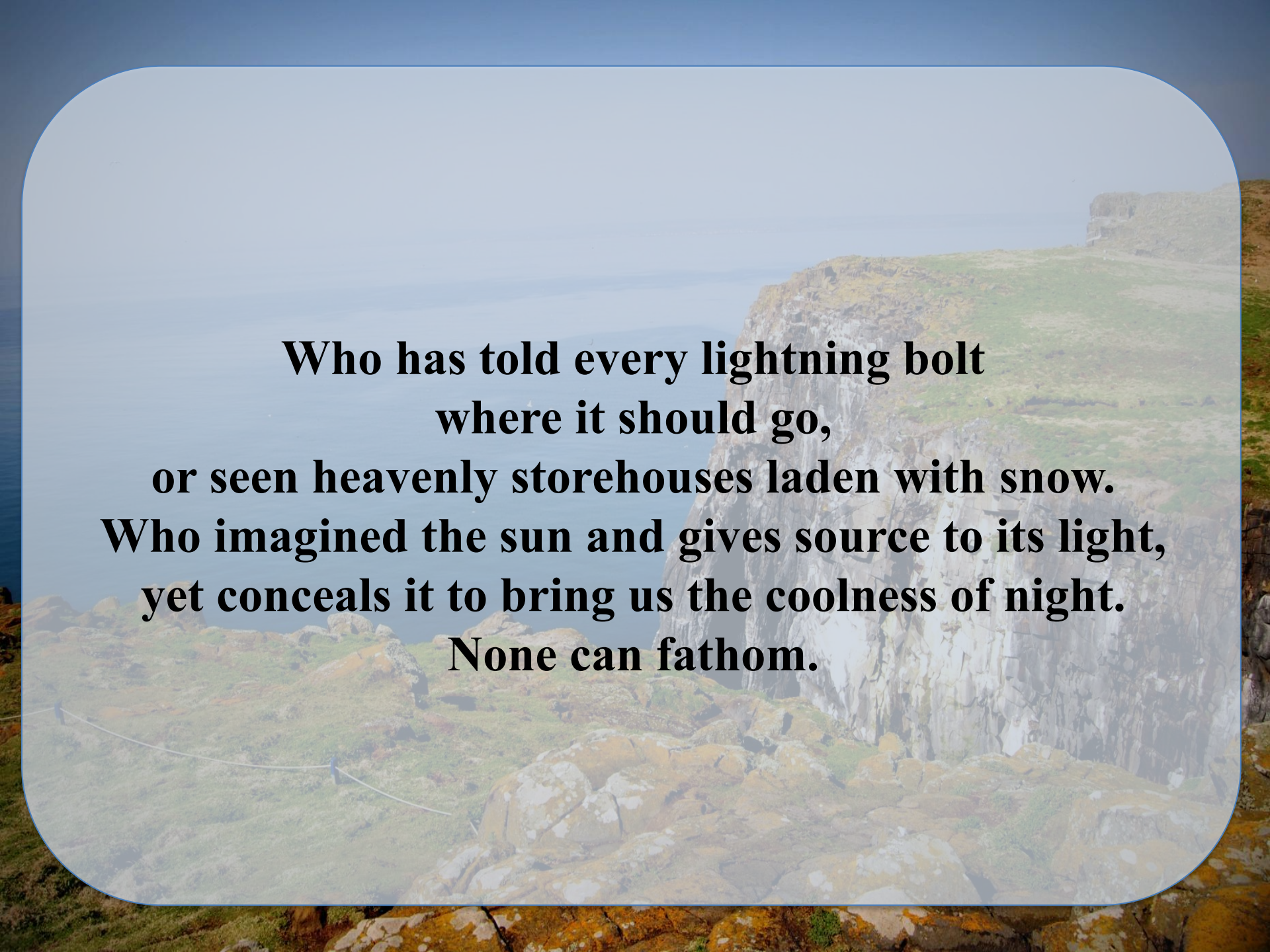
**From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creation's revealing your majesty.**

**From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings.**

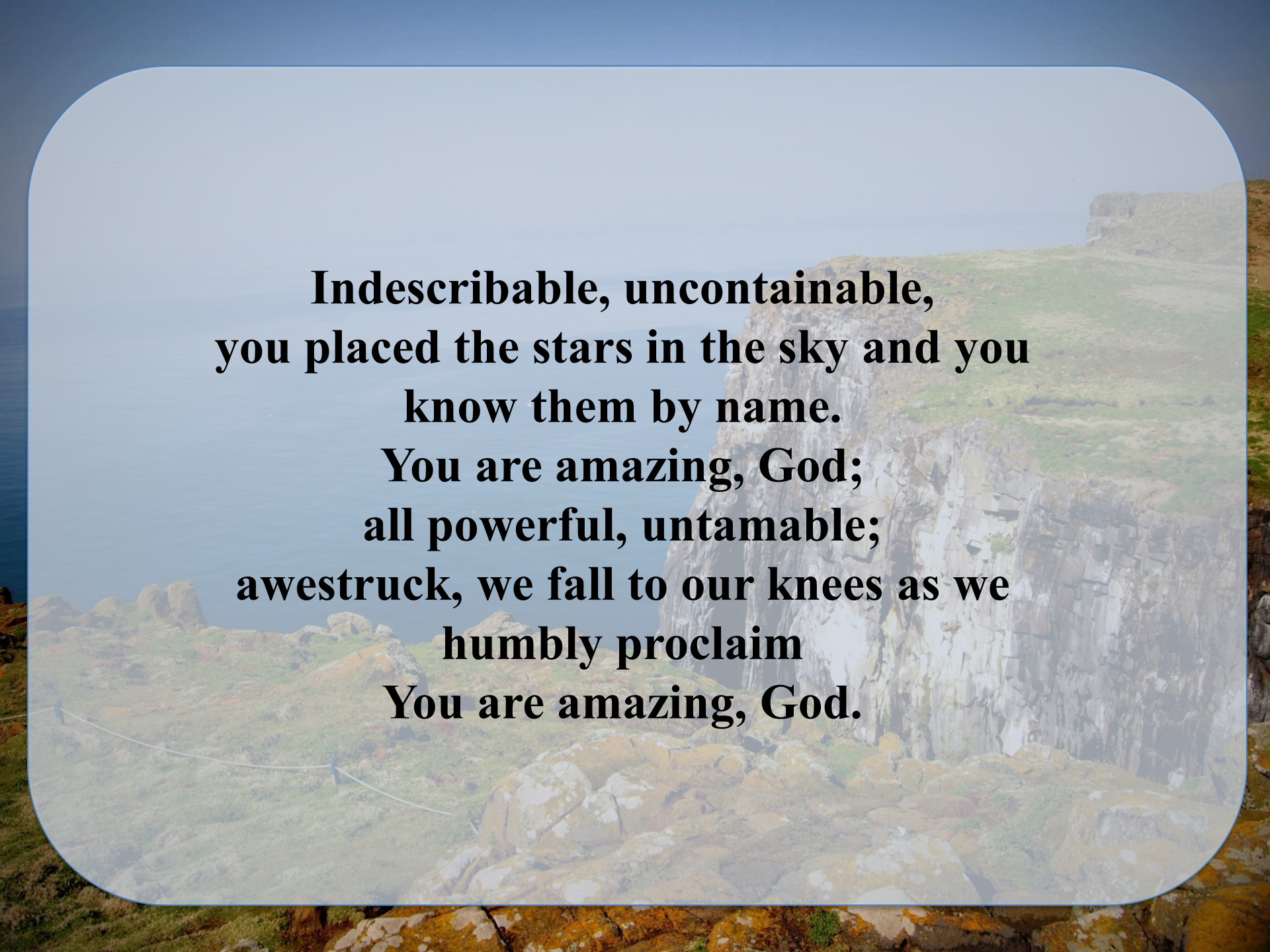
All exclaiming:



**Indescribable, uncontainable;
you placed the stars in the sky, and you
know them by name.
You are amazing, God;
all powerful, untamable,
awestruck, we fall to our knees as we
humbly proclaim,
you are amazing God.**

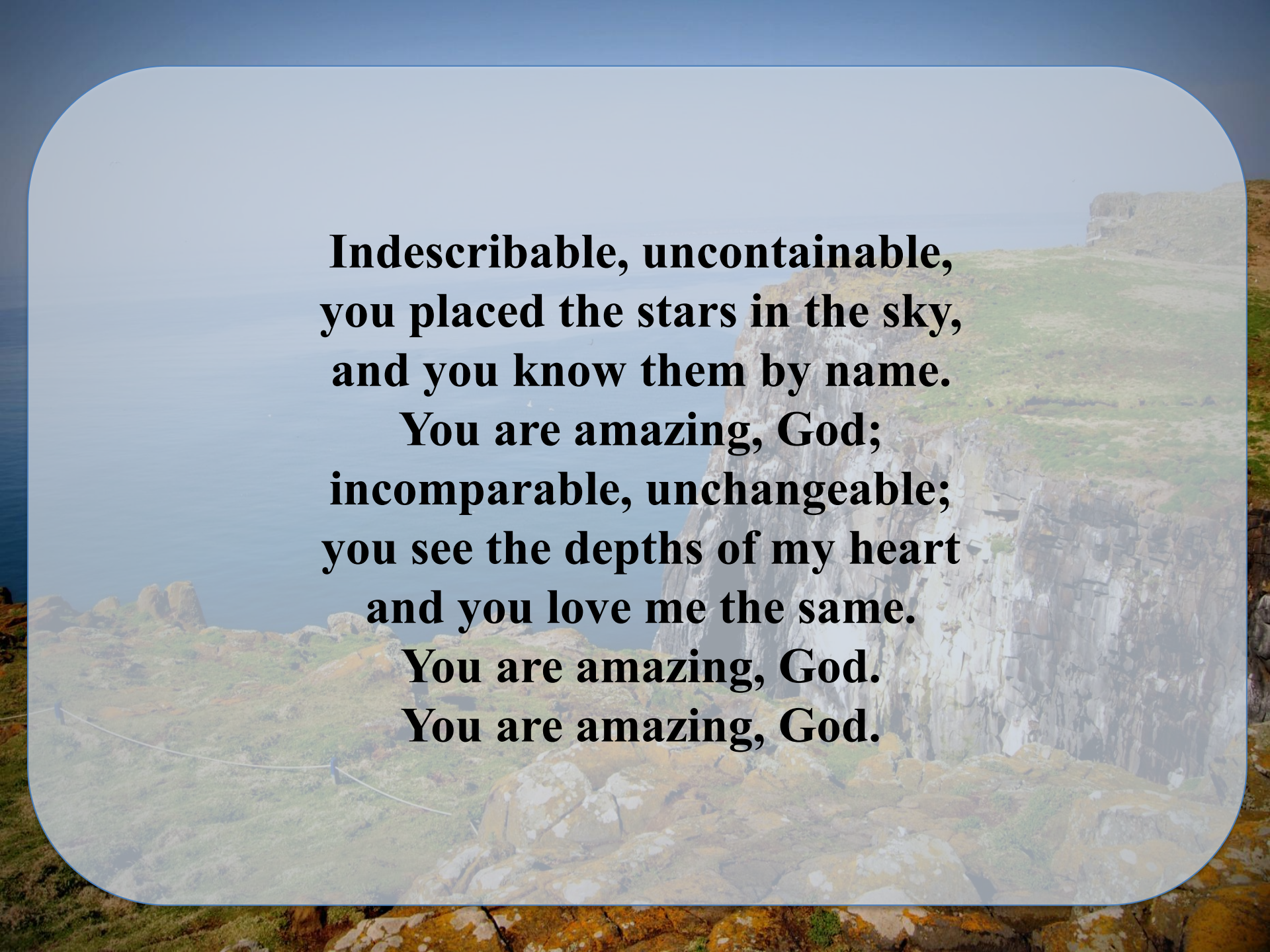
The background image shows a dramatic coastal landscape. In the foreground, there are large, moss-covered rocks. A white rope or cable runs across the lower left. In the middle ground, a steep, rocky cliff rises from the sea. The cliff face is rugged and has some green vegetation on top. The sea is visible in the distance under a clear blue sky.

**Who has told every lightning bolt
where it should go,
or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow.
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night.
None can fathom.**

The background image shows a dramatic coastal scene. A steep, rocky cliff rises from the sea, with a small, flat-topped rock formation visible in the distance. The foreground is filled with large, moss-covered rocks and patches of green vegetation. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rounded rectangle.

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humbly proclaim
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**Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky,
and you know them by name.**

**You are amazing, God;
incomparable, unchangeable;
you see the depths of my heart
and you love me the same.**

You are amazing, God.

You are amazing, God.

All of Me

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**All of me, not a part but all of me,
all the heart and soul of me,
Jesus I surrender.
I believe, Lord, help my unbelief!
On the altar now I lay all I am today.**

**As I am I come to thee without one plea,
only that thy saving blood was shed for me.
All of me, through the ages yet to be,
I surrender Lord to thee;
I surrender all (all) of me.**

**Use me Lord, use me anywhere at all.
Though my place be great or small,
let me fill it gladly.
Take my life, be it poor or be it grand,
let me live it by your plan,
shape it with your hand.**

**As I am I come to thee without one plea,
only that thy saving blood was shed for me.
All of me, through the ages yet to be,
I surrender, Lord to thee;
I surrender all ...all of me.**



Welcome and Announcements

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 Pastor Linda if you are interested.



Wednesdays in June
5:30 pm

A midweek evening Bible Study led by Pastor Linda will be held at 5:30 pm each Wednesday in June.

The Bible study will be on the Scripture readings for the week.

Drop in when you can or come each week.

Everyone is welcome!



Wednesdays in June
5:30 pm

***Scripture Readings for this
weeks Bible Study:***

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

***Communion will be
celebrated during this
study.***

Meal: Pizza

Everyone is welcome!

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.





Snowbird Sunday
Pie & Ice Cream Social
June 7



Plan to stay after church on Sunday, June 7, to celebrate our flock returning to the nest for the warm months. Pie and ice cream will be served by the church council after the worship service.

Sharing the Peace

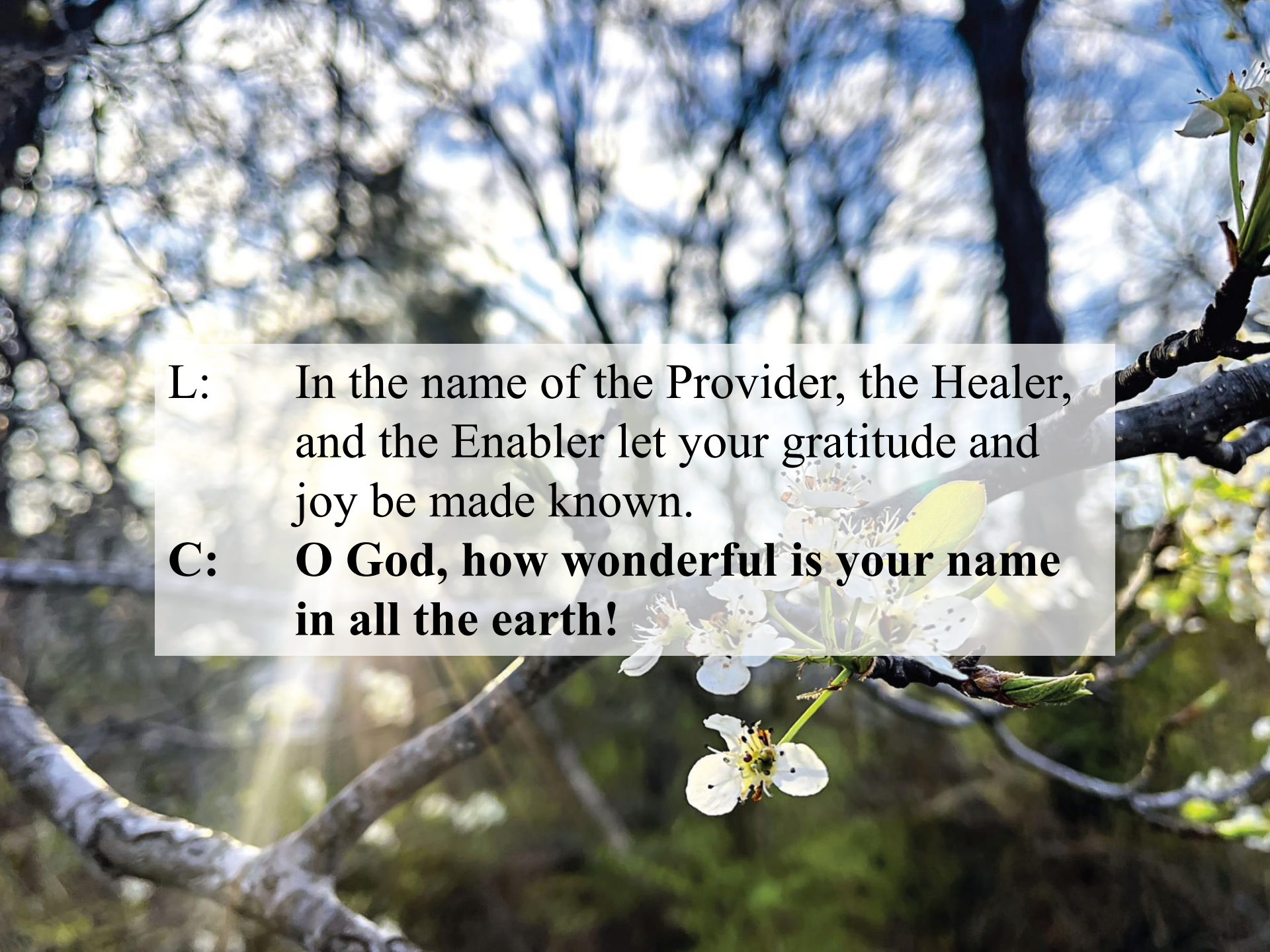
Call to Worship

L: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by
God,

C: we come to worship one holy God.

L: O God, how wonderful is your name in all
the earth.

**C: Your majesty is the music of the starry
skies, yet even children of dust can sing
your praises.**



L: In the name of the Provider, the Healer,
and the Enabler let your gratitude and
joy be made known.

C: **O God, how wonderful is your name
in all the earth!**

How Great Is Our God

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**The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice,
and trembles at his voice.**



How great is our God!

Sing with me:

How great is our God!

**And all will see how great,
how great is our God!**



**And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.**



How great is our God!

Sing with me:

How great is our God!

**And all will see how great,
how great is our God!**



**Name above all names,
worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!**

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And all will see how great,
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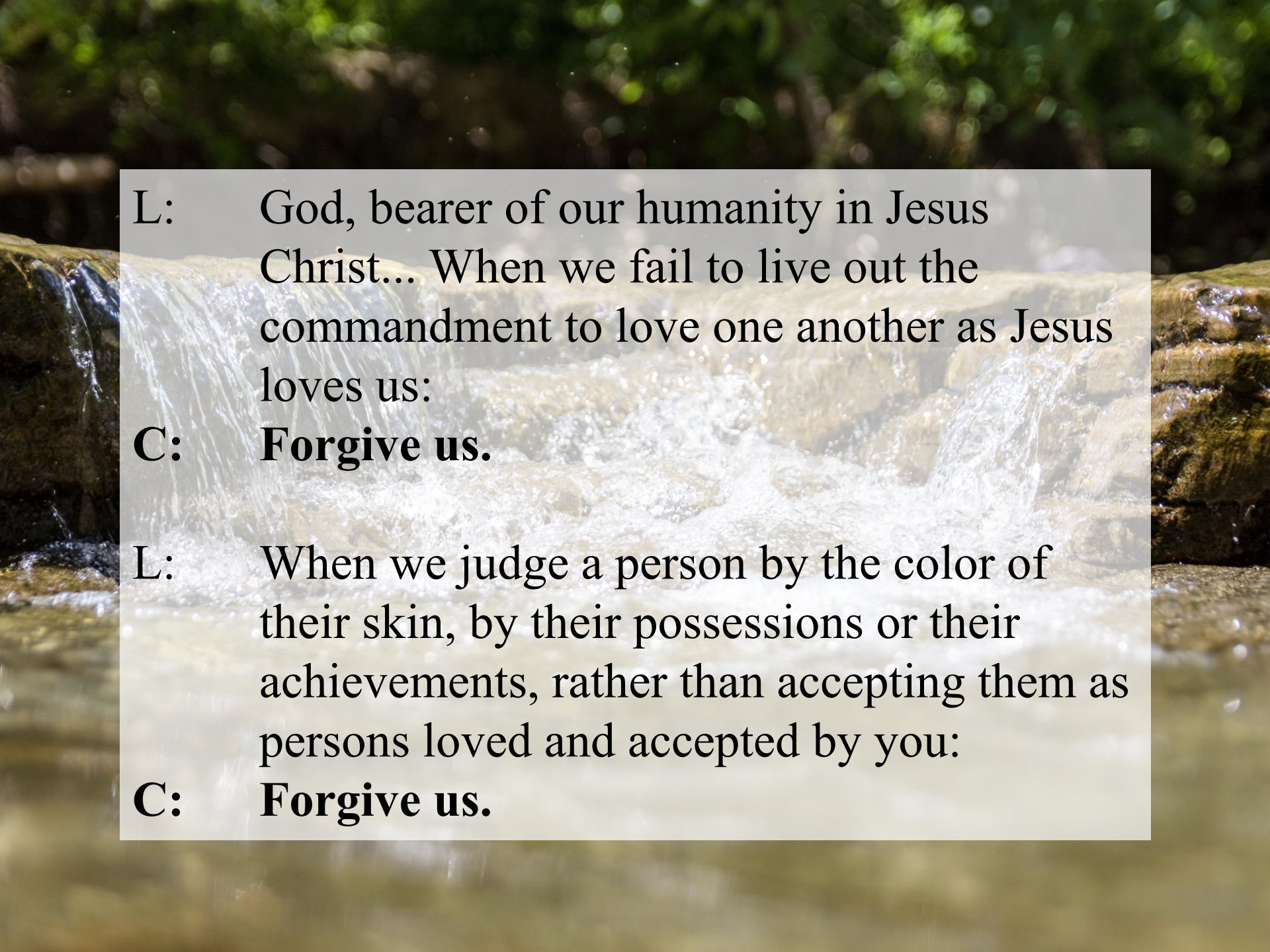
Confession and Forgiveness

L: God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world...When we treat our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished:

C: **Forgive us.**

L: When we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and ancient rock formations; its oceans, rivers and lakes; its unique flora and fauna:

C: **Forgive us.**

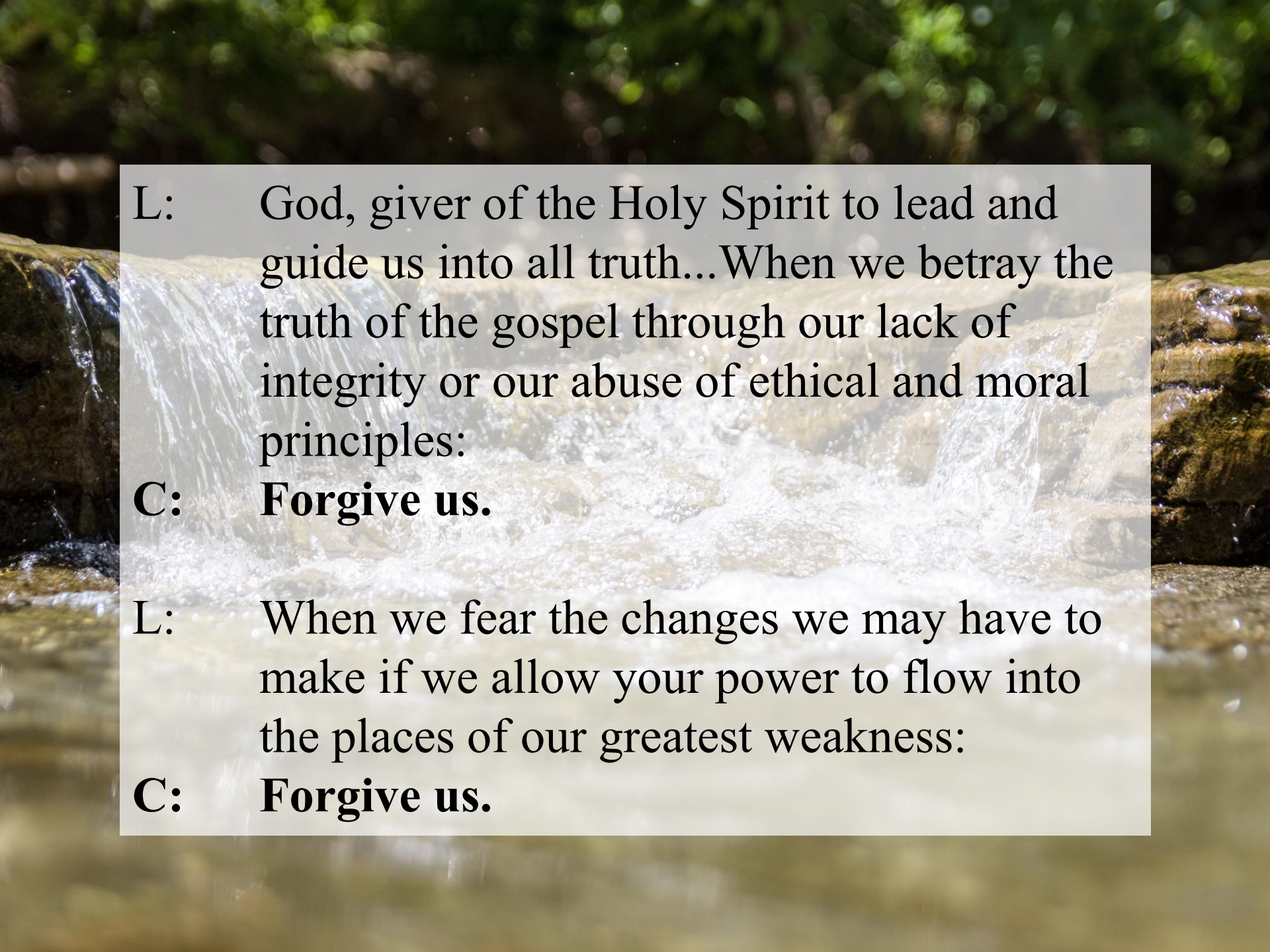


L: God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ... When we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us:

C: Forgive us.

L: When we judge a person by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by you:

C: Forgive us.

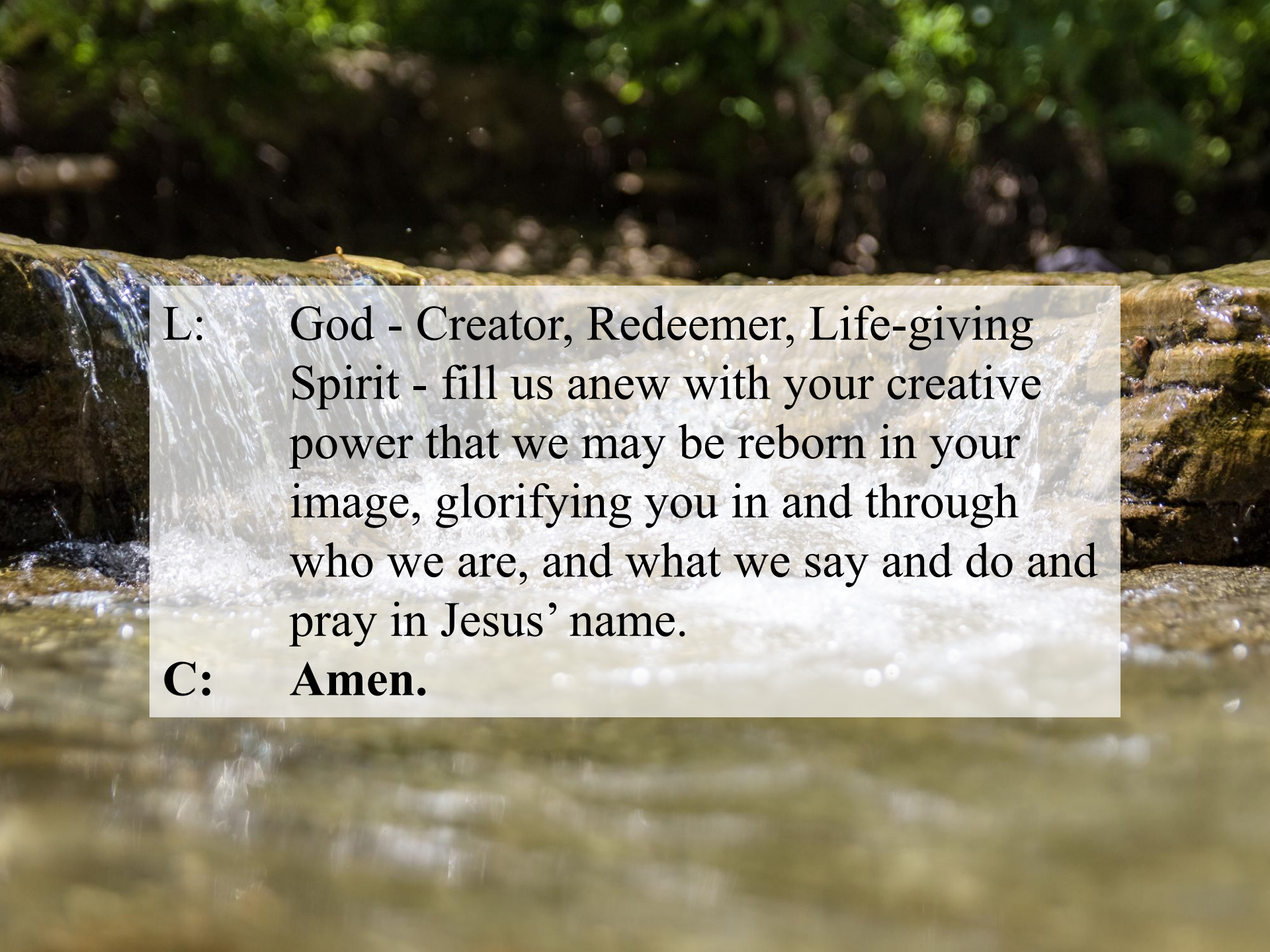


L: God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...When we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principles:

C: Forgive us.

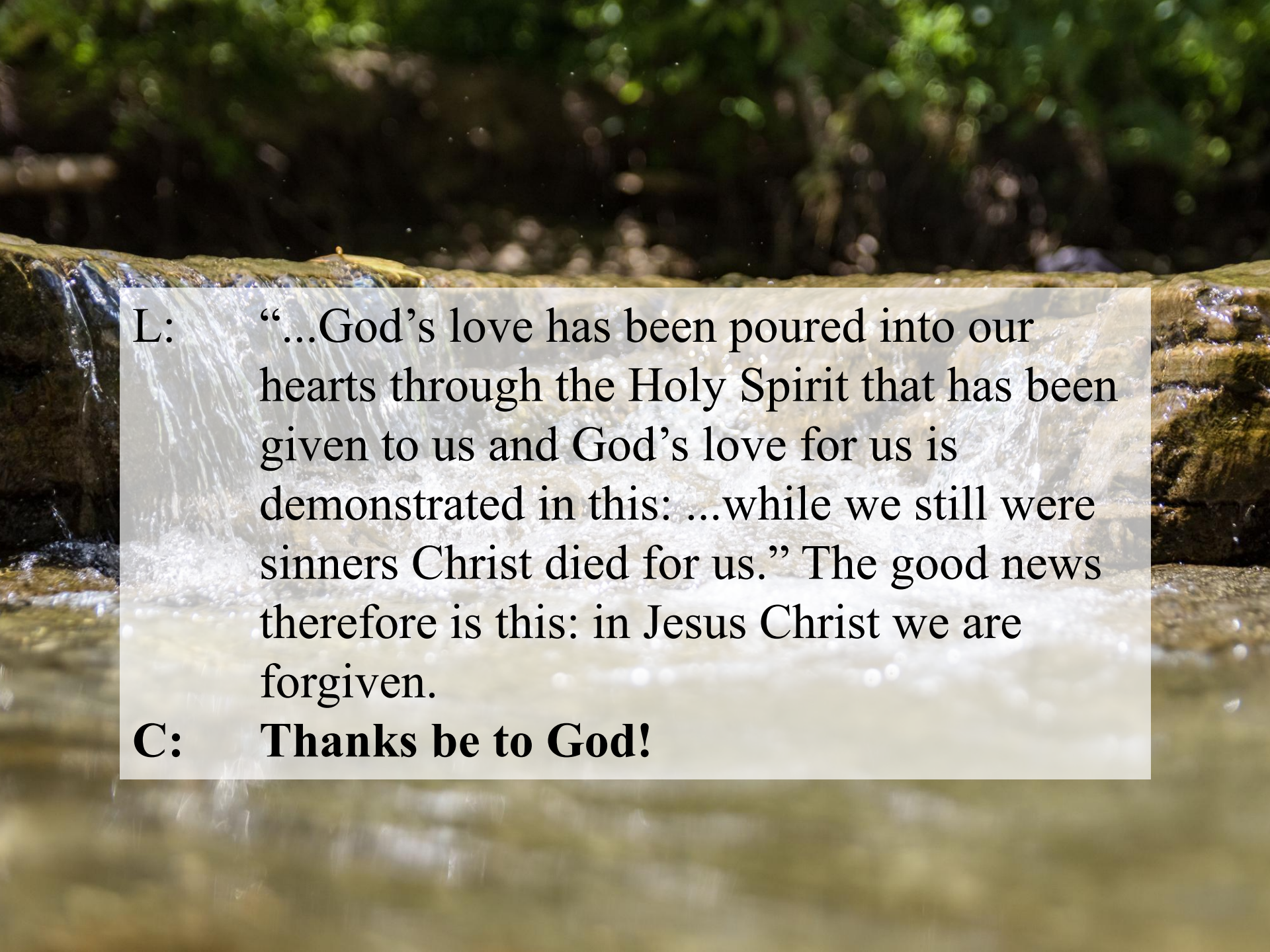
L: When we fear the changes we may have to make if we allow your power to flow into the places of our greatest weakness:

C: Forgive us.

A small waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The surrounding rocks are dark and covered in green moss, and the background is a dense, out-of-focus forest with green foliage.

L: God - Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit - fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are, and what we say and do and pray in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



L: “...God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us and God’s love for us is demonstrated in this: ...while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

A Message for All God's Children



First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

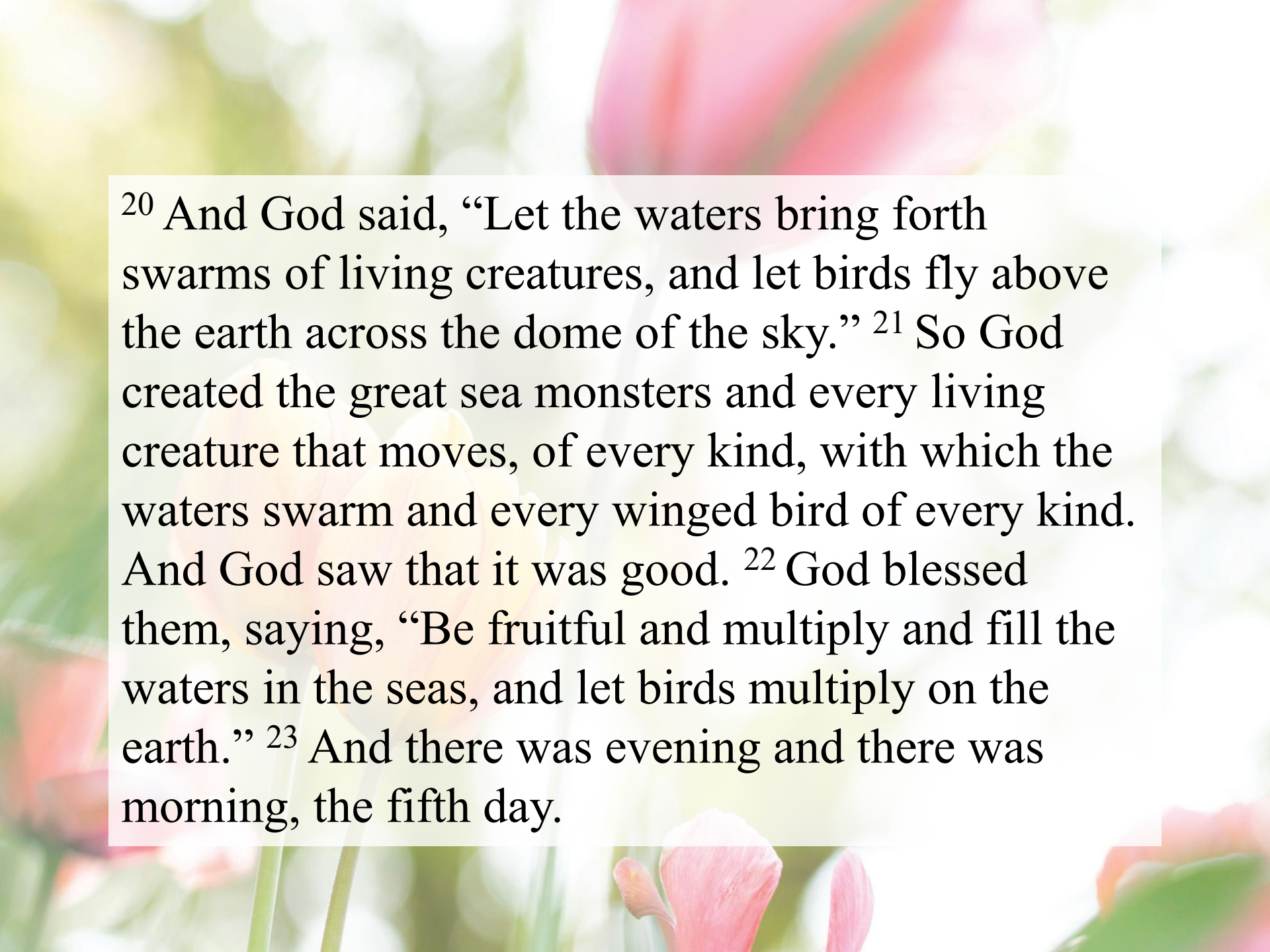
⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

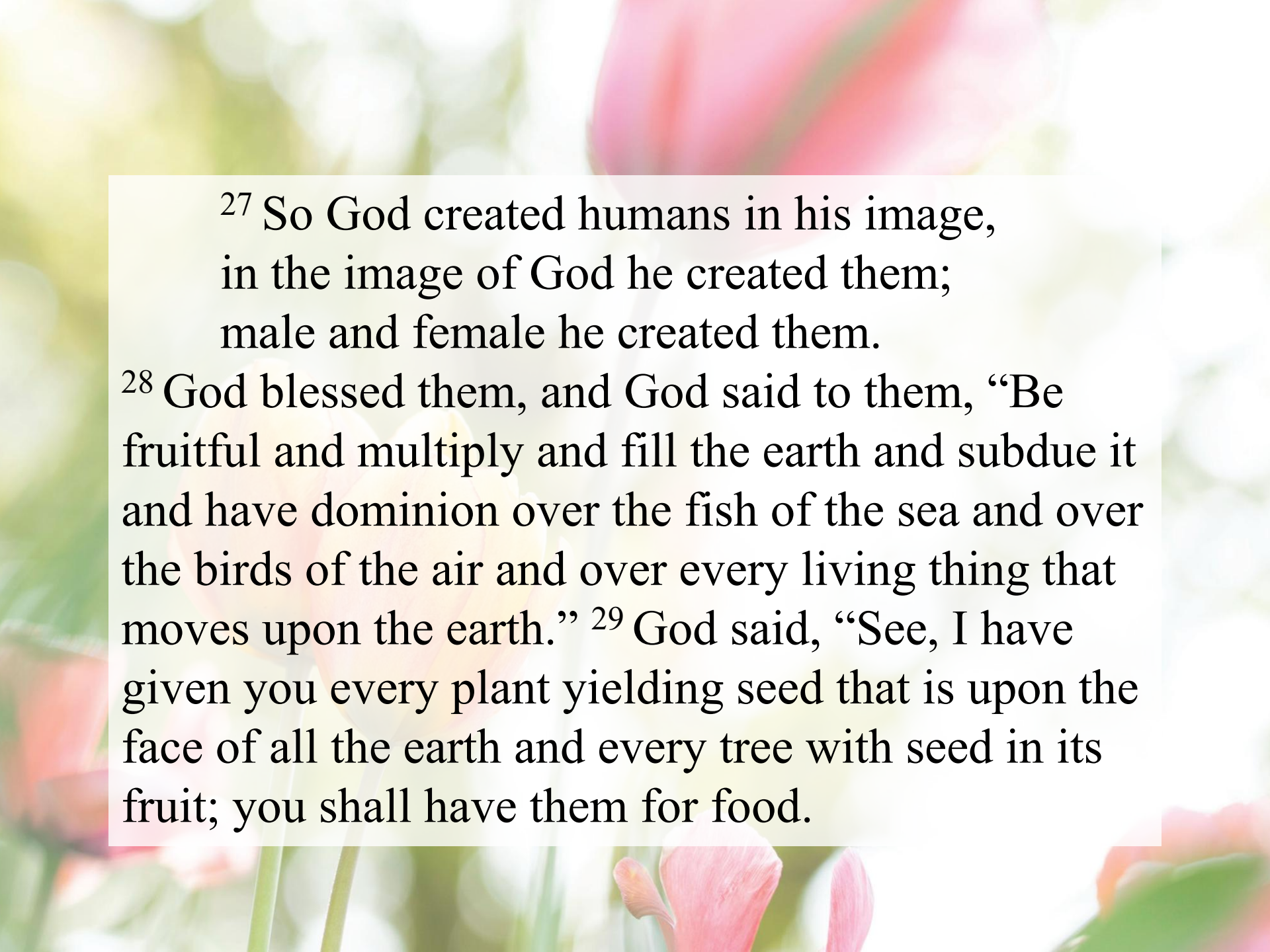
¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

A soft-focus background of pink tulips and green leaves, creating a gentle, natural setting for the text.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

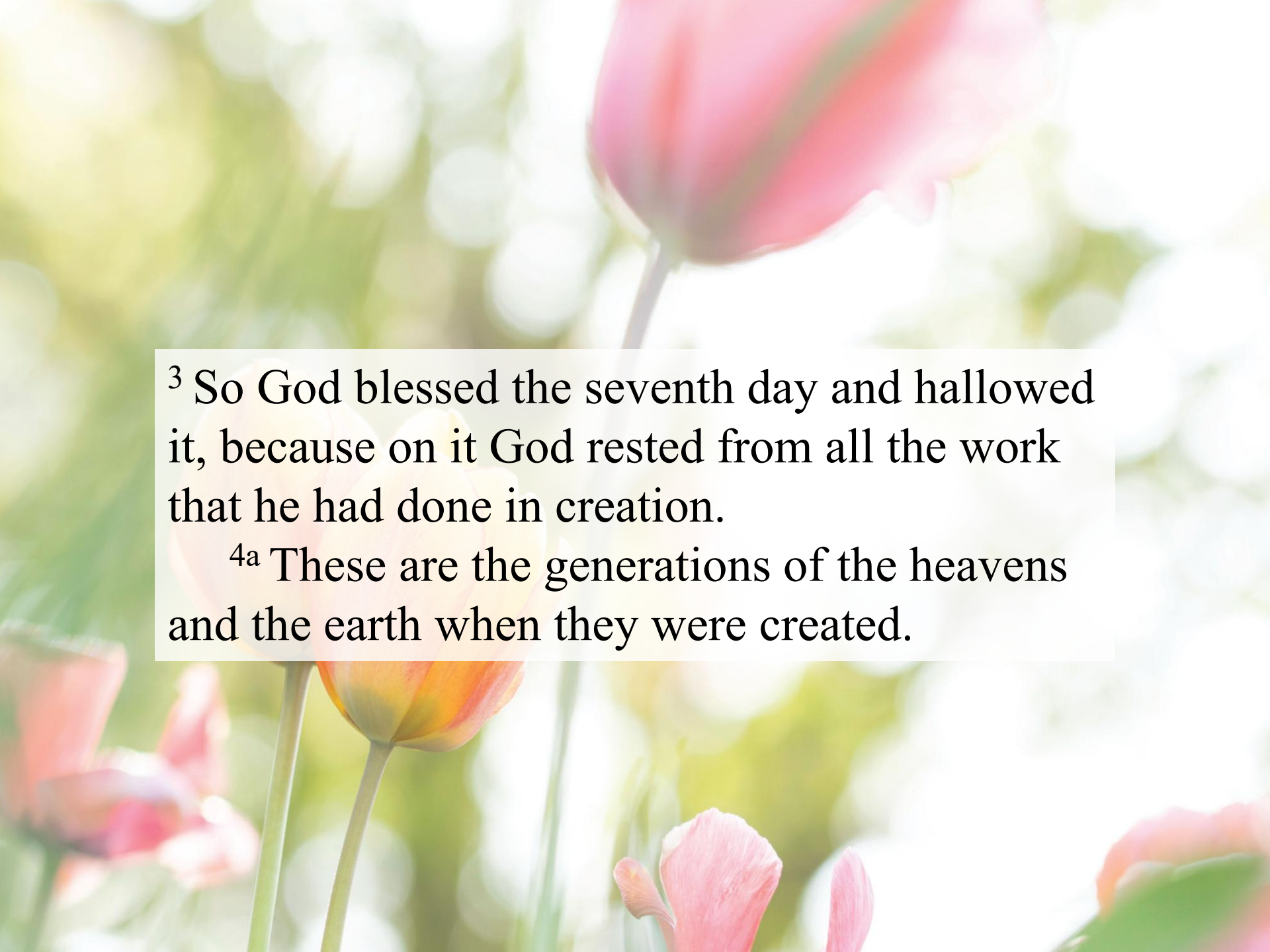
A soft-focus background of pink flowers, likely tulips, with green leaves and stems. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, creating a gentle, naturalistic setting for the text.

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

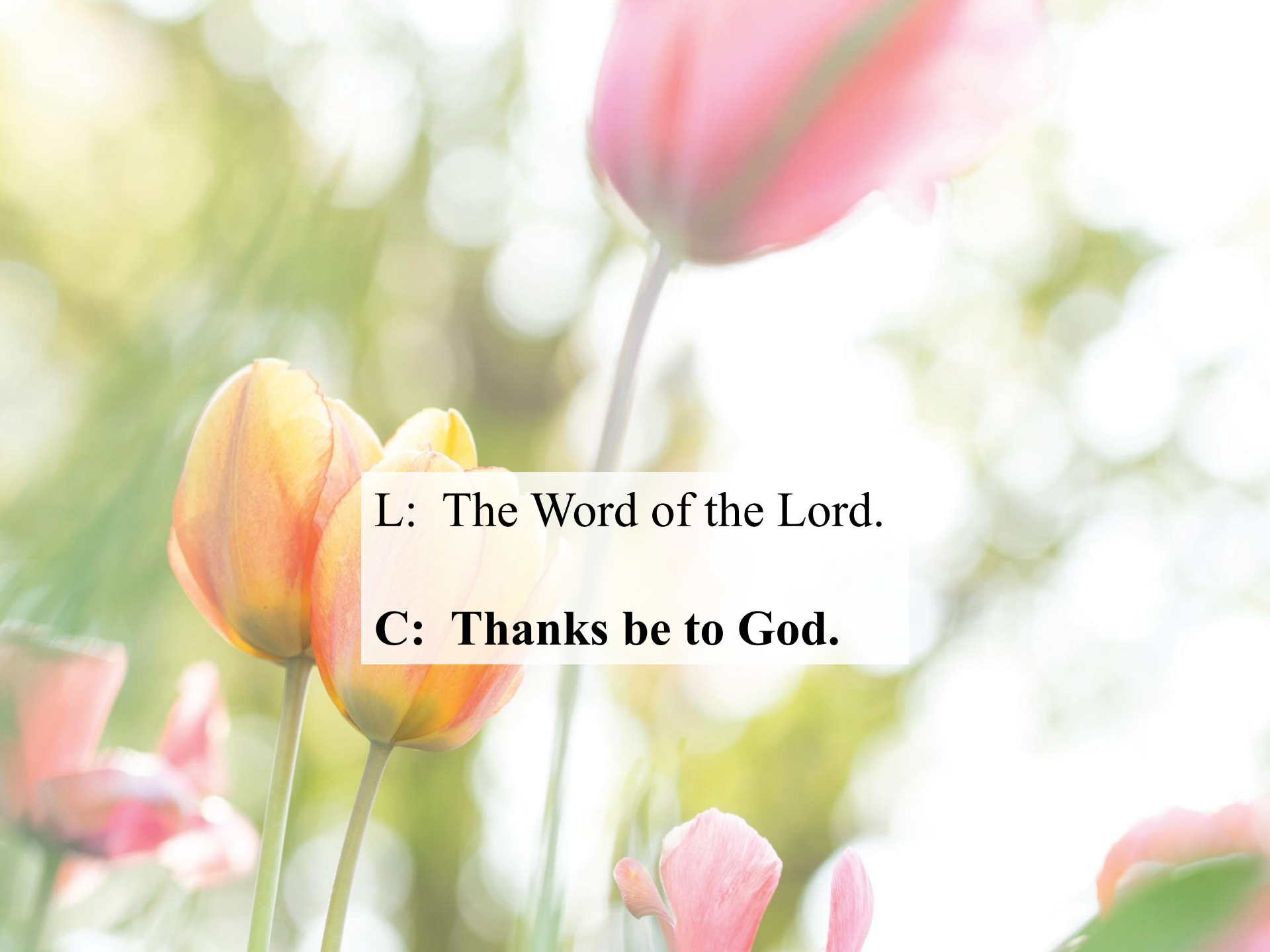
³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.



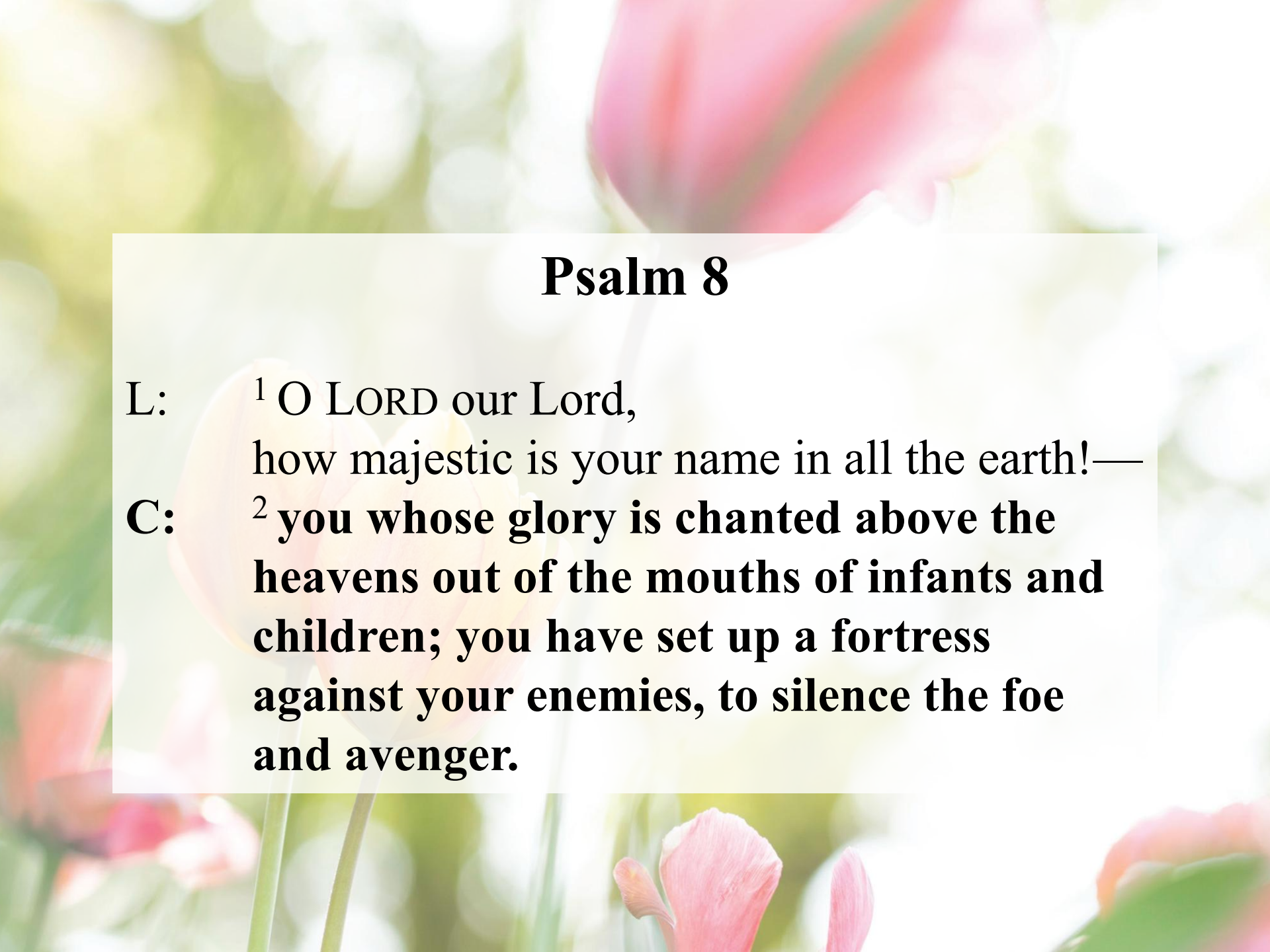
³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A soft-focus background image of a field of pink tulips. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some in sharp focus and others blurred. The colors are vibrant pinks and reds against a bright, hazy background.

Psalm 8

L: ¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

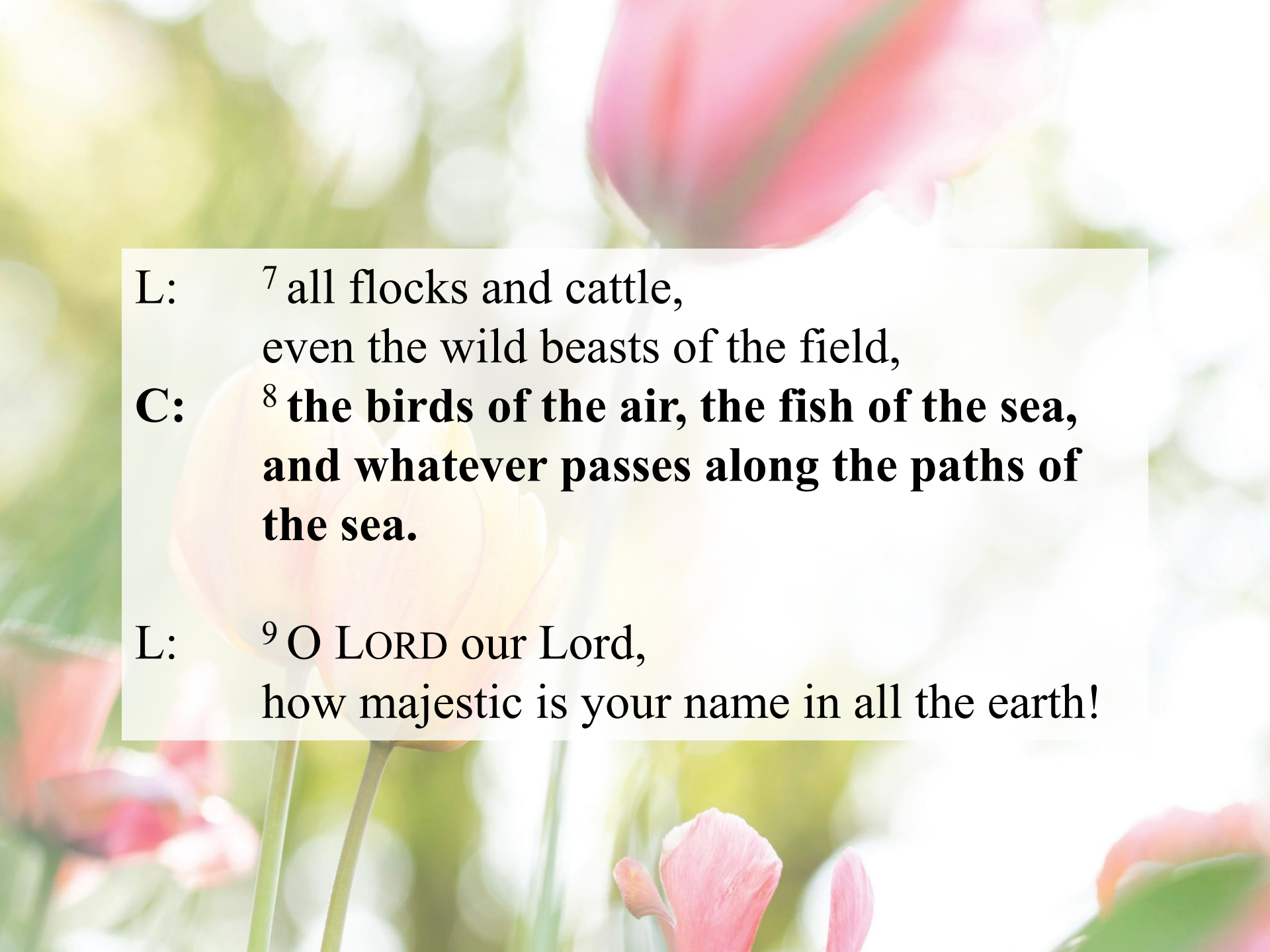
C: ² **you whose glory is chanted above the
heavens out of the mouths of infants and
children; you have set up a fortress
against your enemies, to silence the foe
and avenger.**

L: ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars you
have set in their courses,

**C: ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should
be mindful of them, human beings that
you should care for them?**

L: ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than
divine; with glory and honor you crown
them.

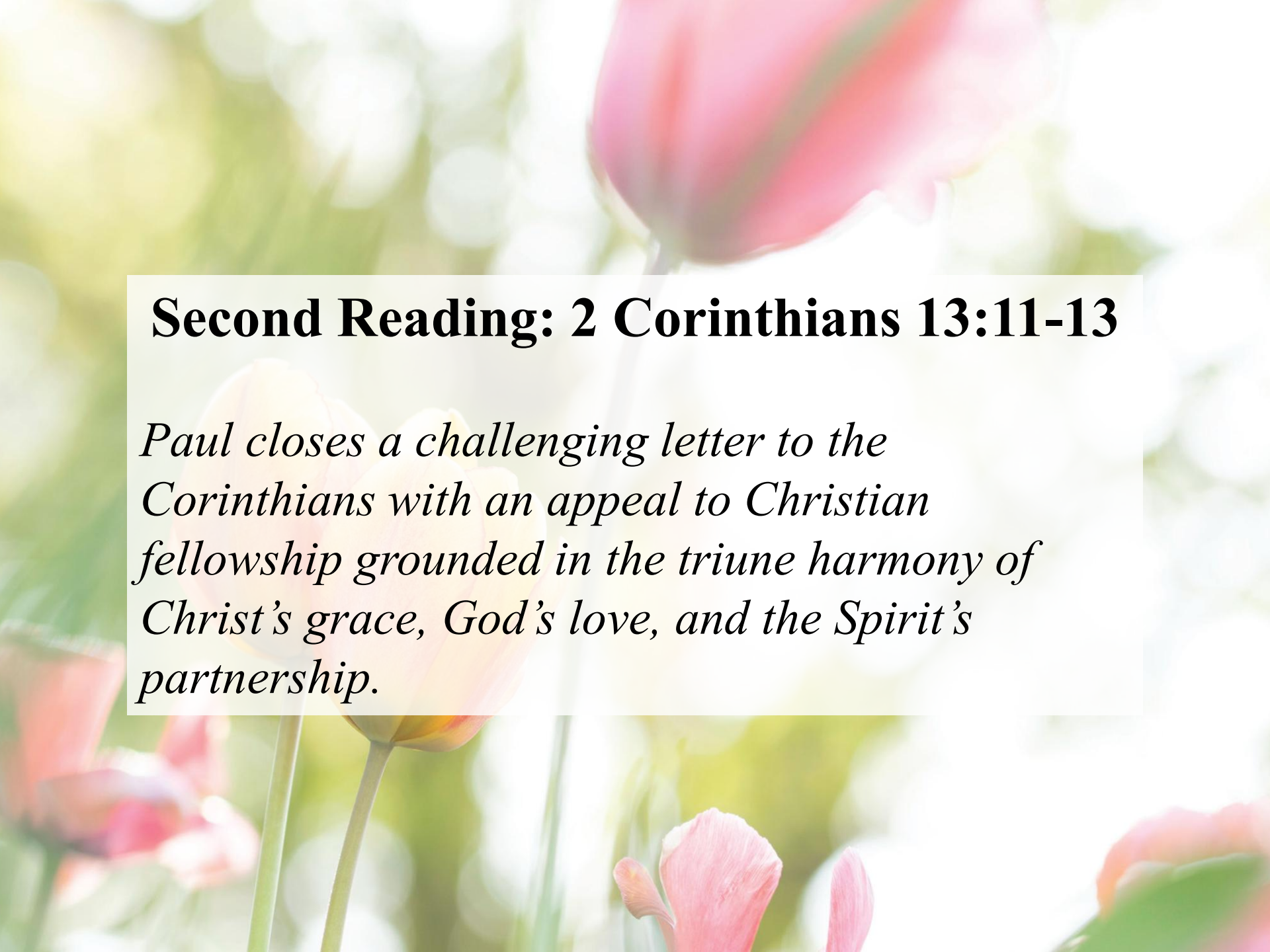
**C: ⁶ You have made them rule over the
works of your hands; you have put all
things under their feet:**



L: ⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

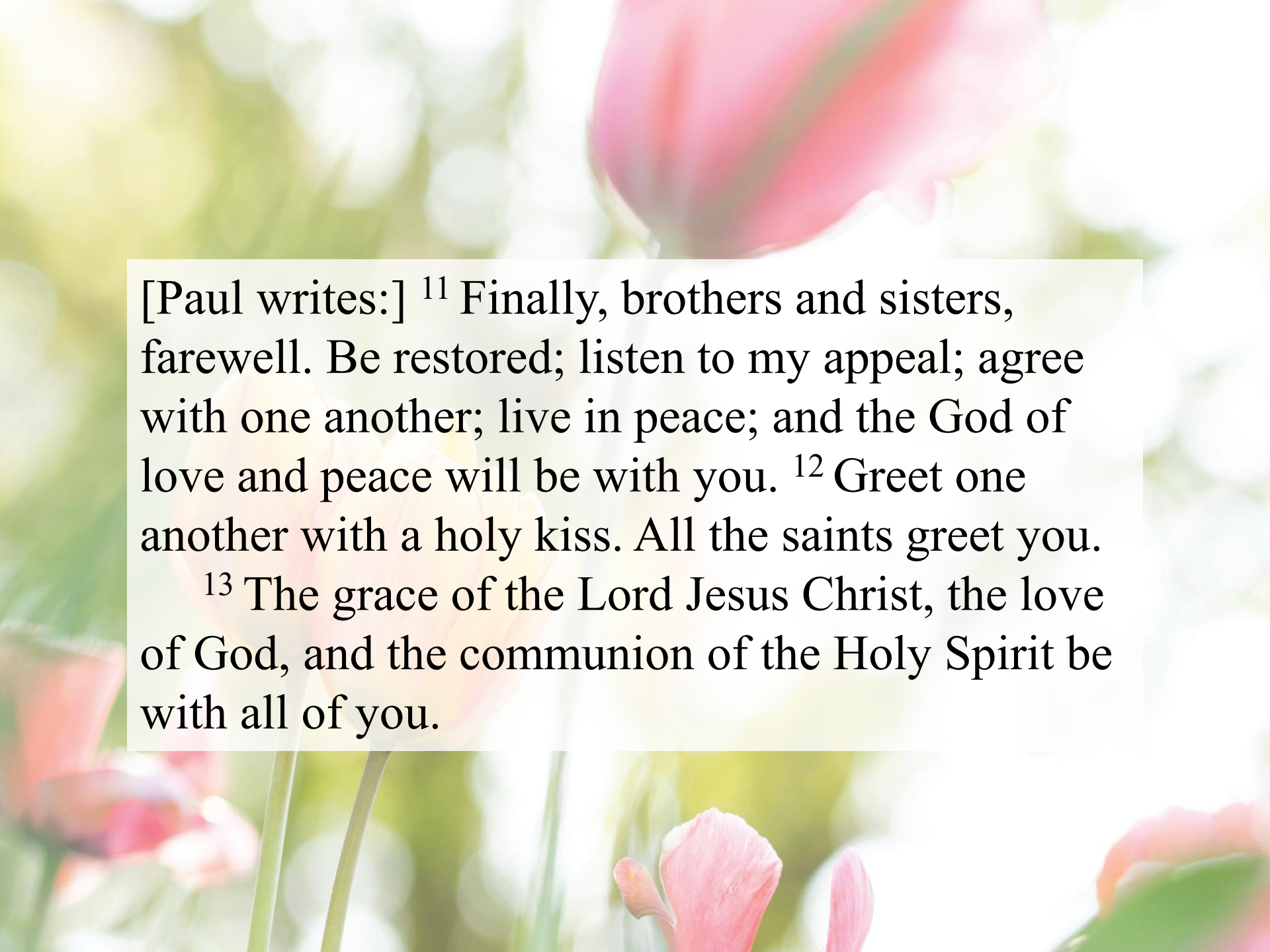
**C: ⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of
the sea.**

L: ⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



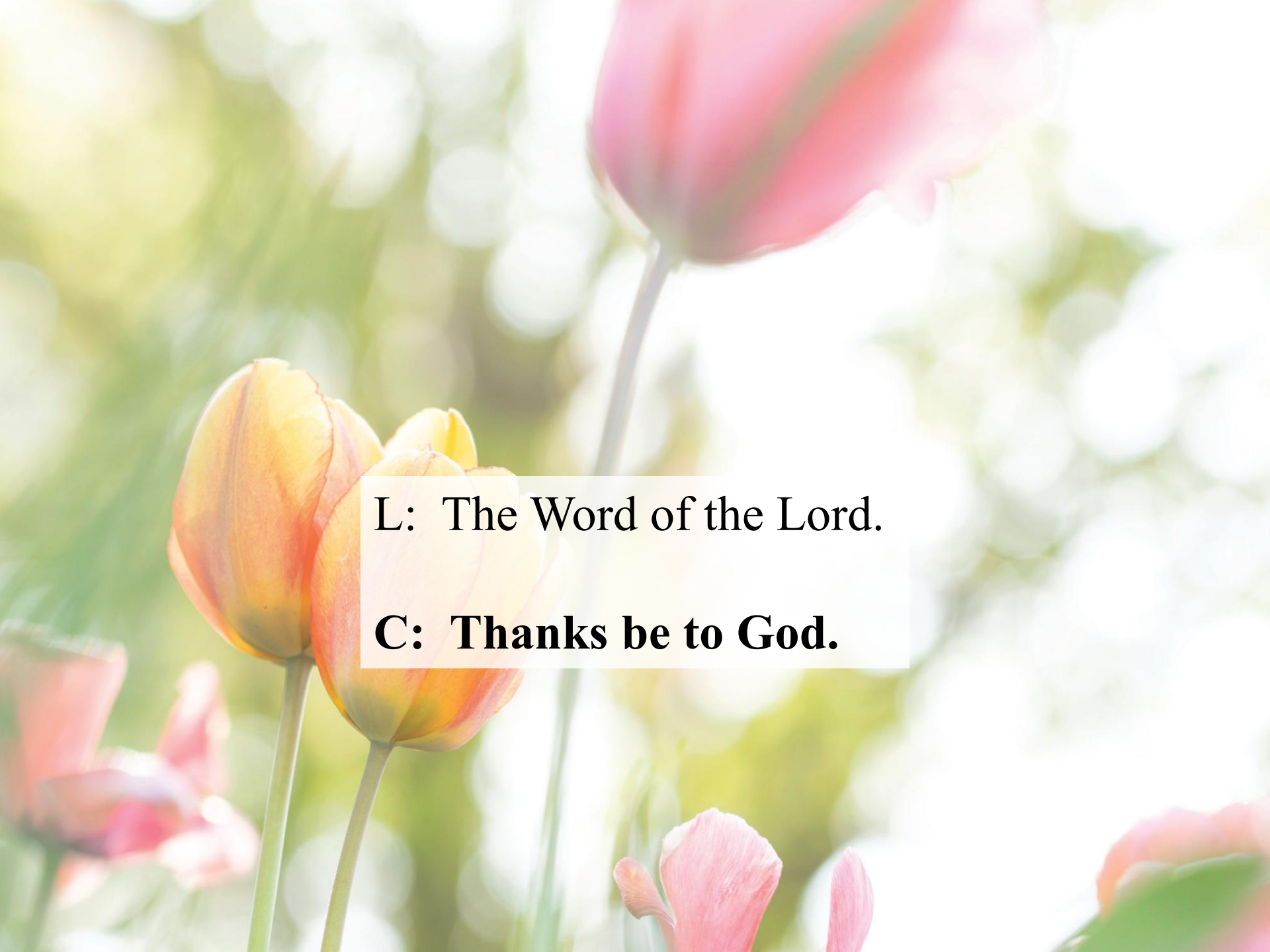
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

A soft-focus background image of a field of pink tulips. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some showing vibrant pink petals and others as buds. The background is a bright, hazy green, suggesting a sunny day in a garden.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow
and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.**

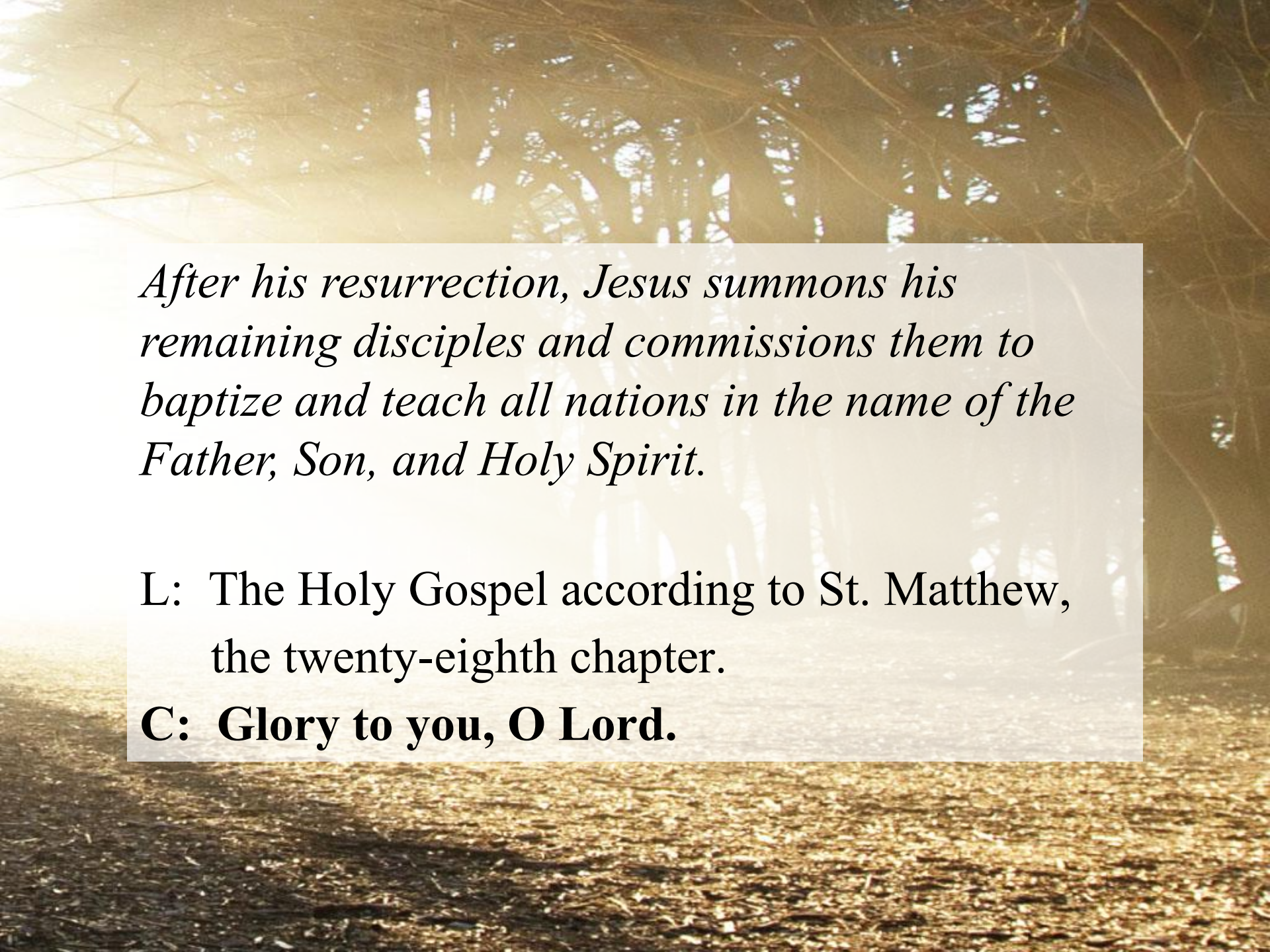
**When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The background is a photograph of a forest path. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The path is covered in fallen leaves and mulch. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

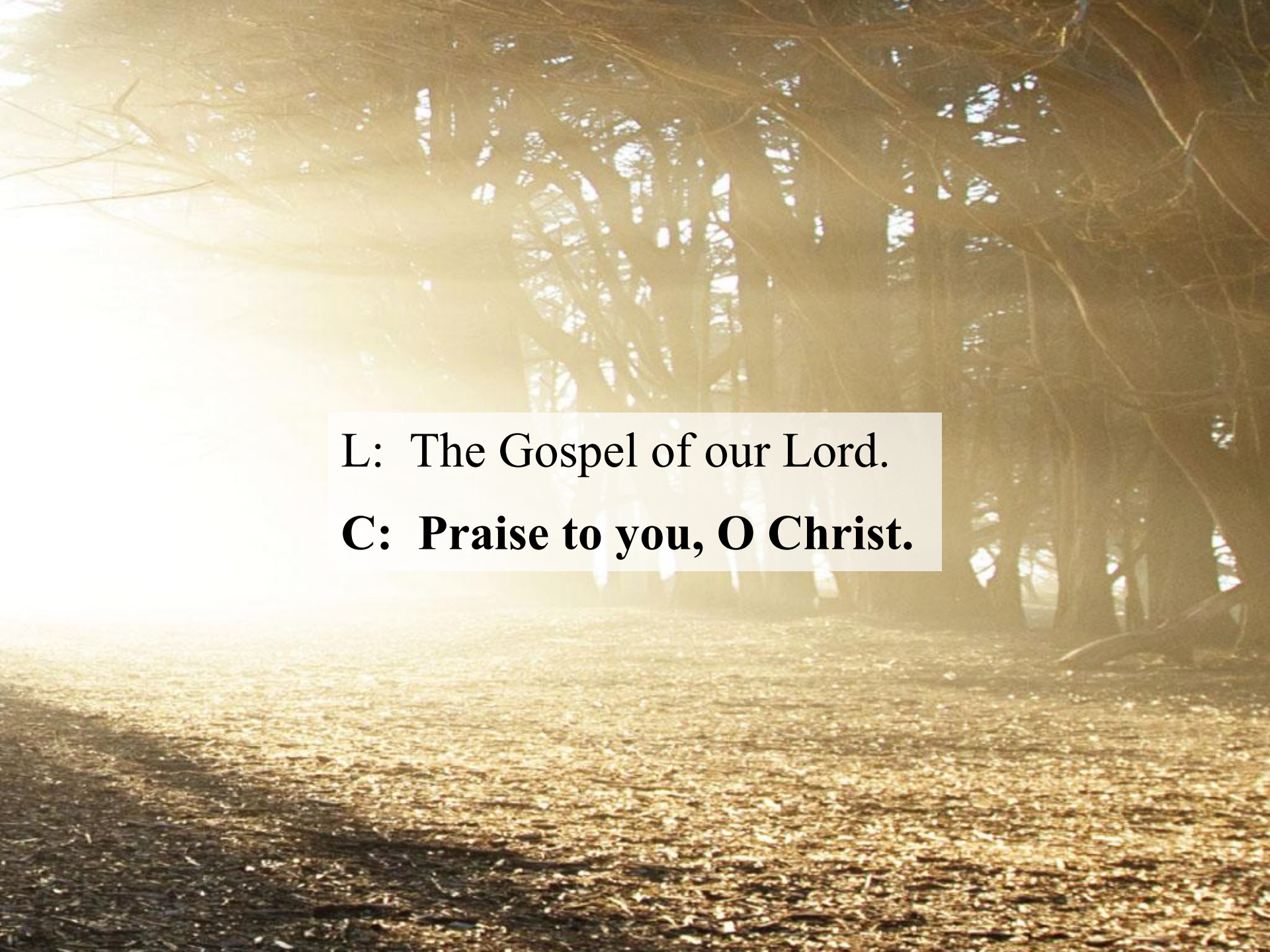
¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples

of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a thick layer of fallen, golden-brown leaves. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy of trees in the background, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere with long shadows and bright patches of light on the ground.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

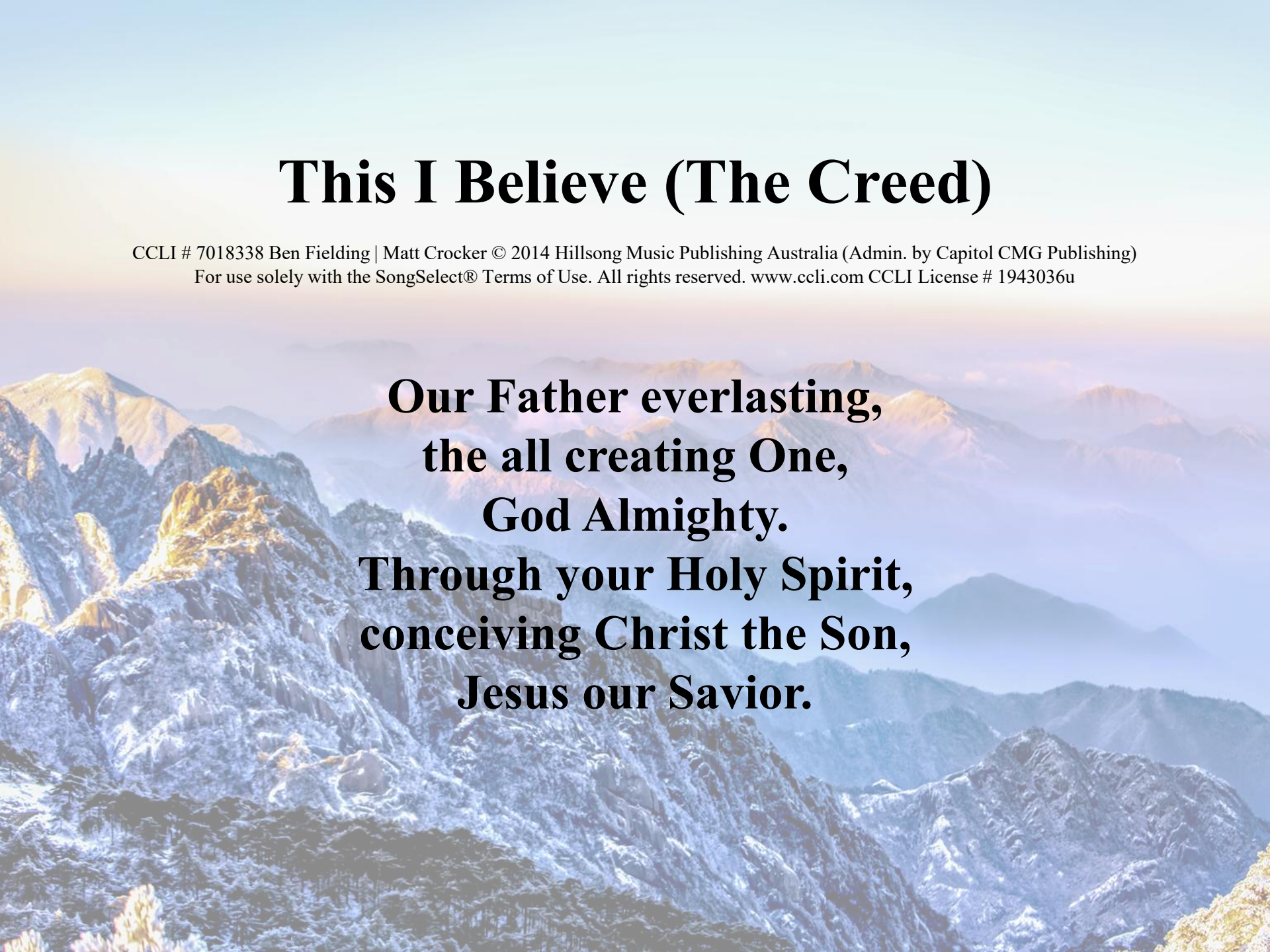
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

A close-up photograph of several white lily petals, showing their delicate texture and curved shape. The petals are set against a clear, light blue sky. The lighting is bright, creating soft shadows and highlighting the fine lines on the petal surfaces.

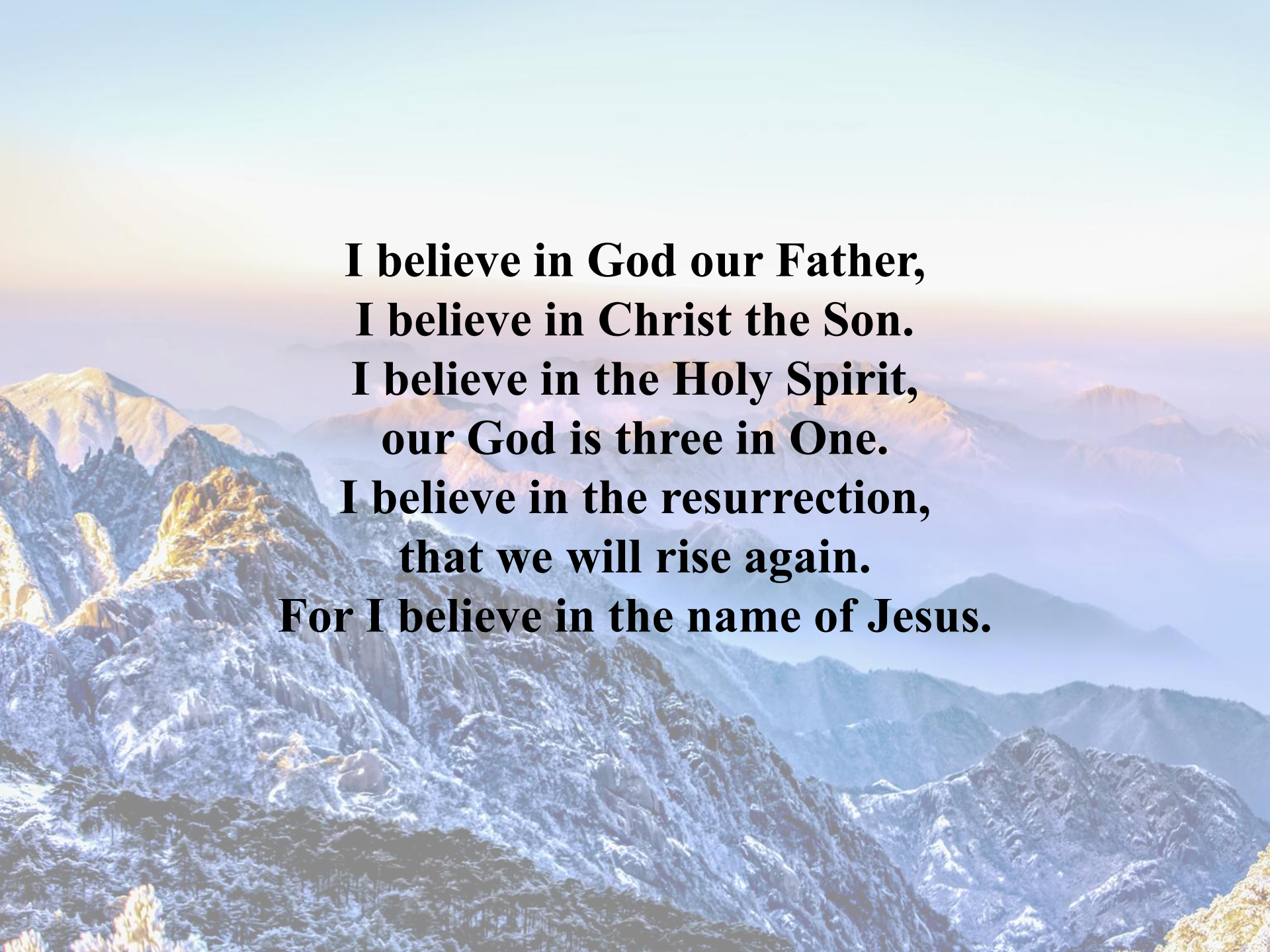
Message

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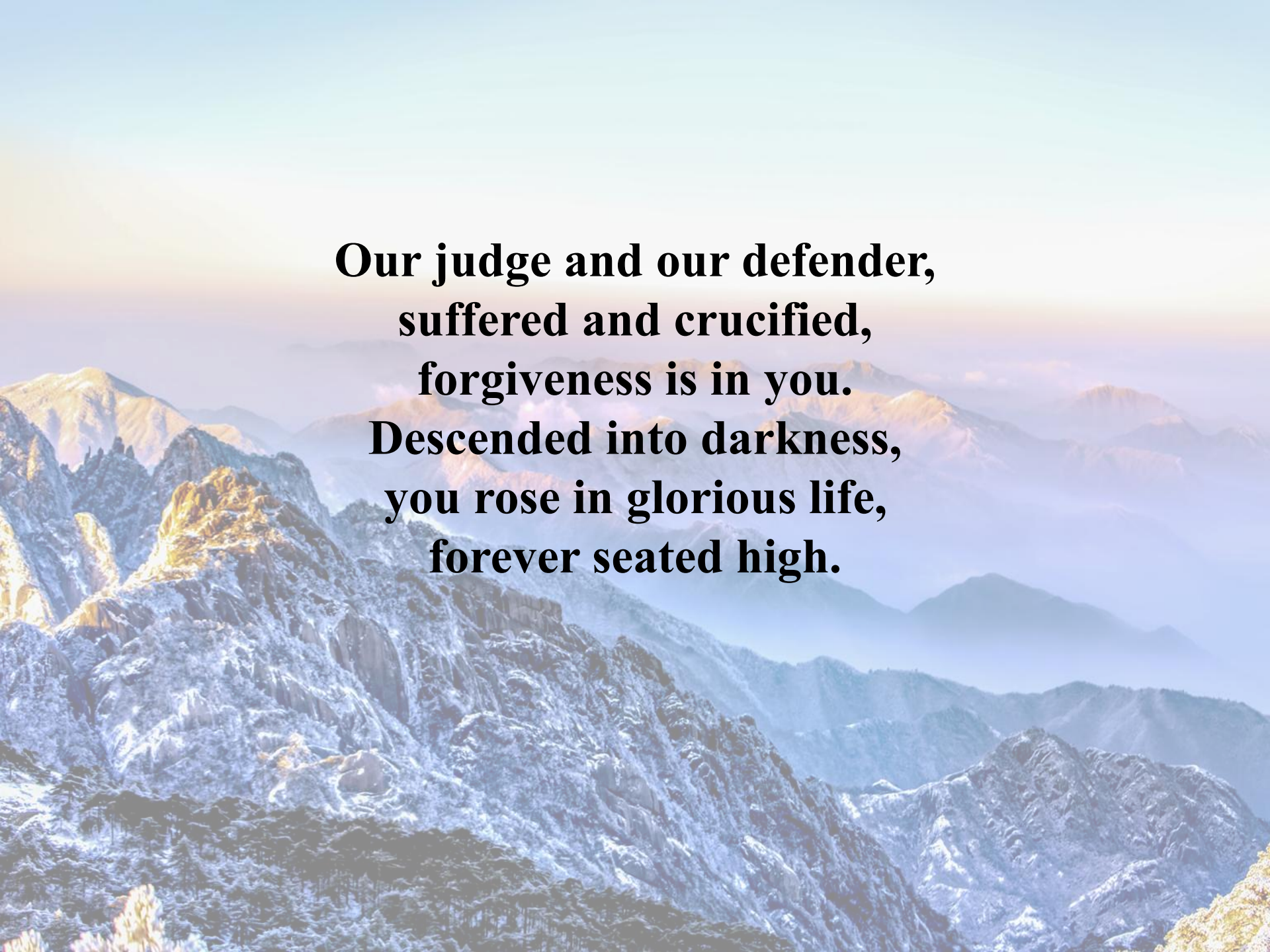
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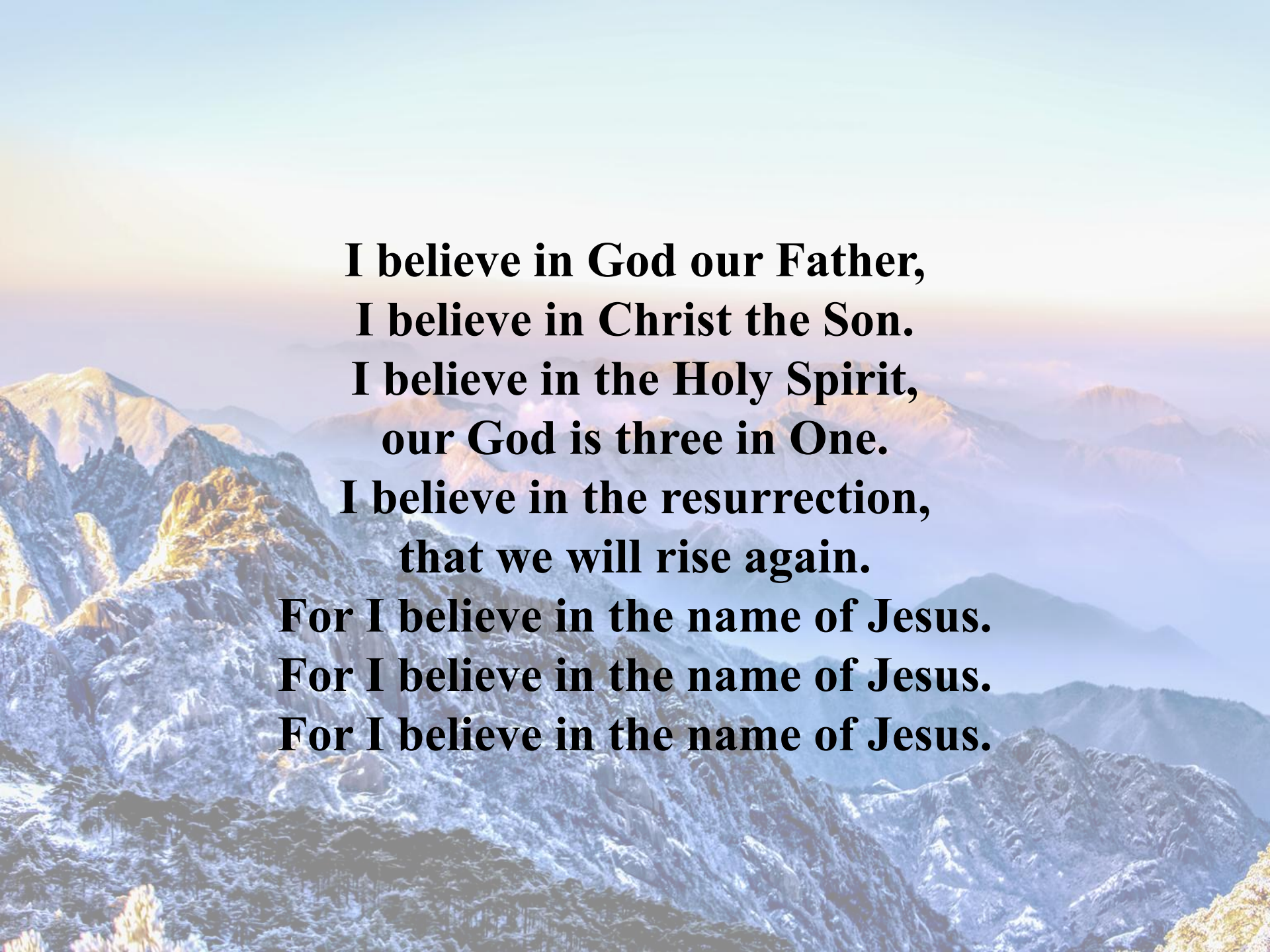
**Our Father everlasting,
the all creating One,
God Almighty.
Through your Holy Spirit,
conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.**



**I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**



**Our judge and our defender,
suffered and crucified,
forgiveness is in you.
Descended into darkness,
you rose in glorious life,
forever seated high.**



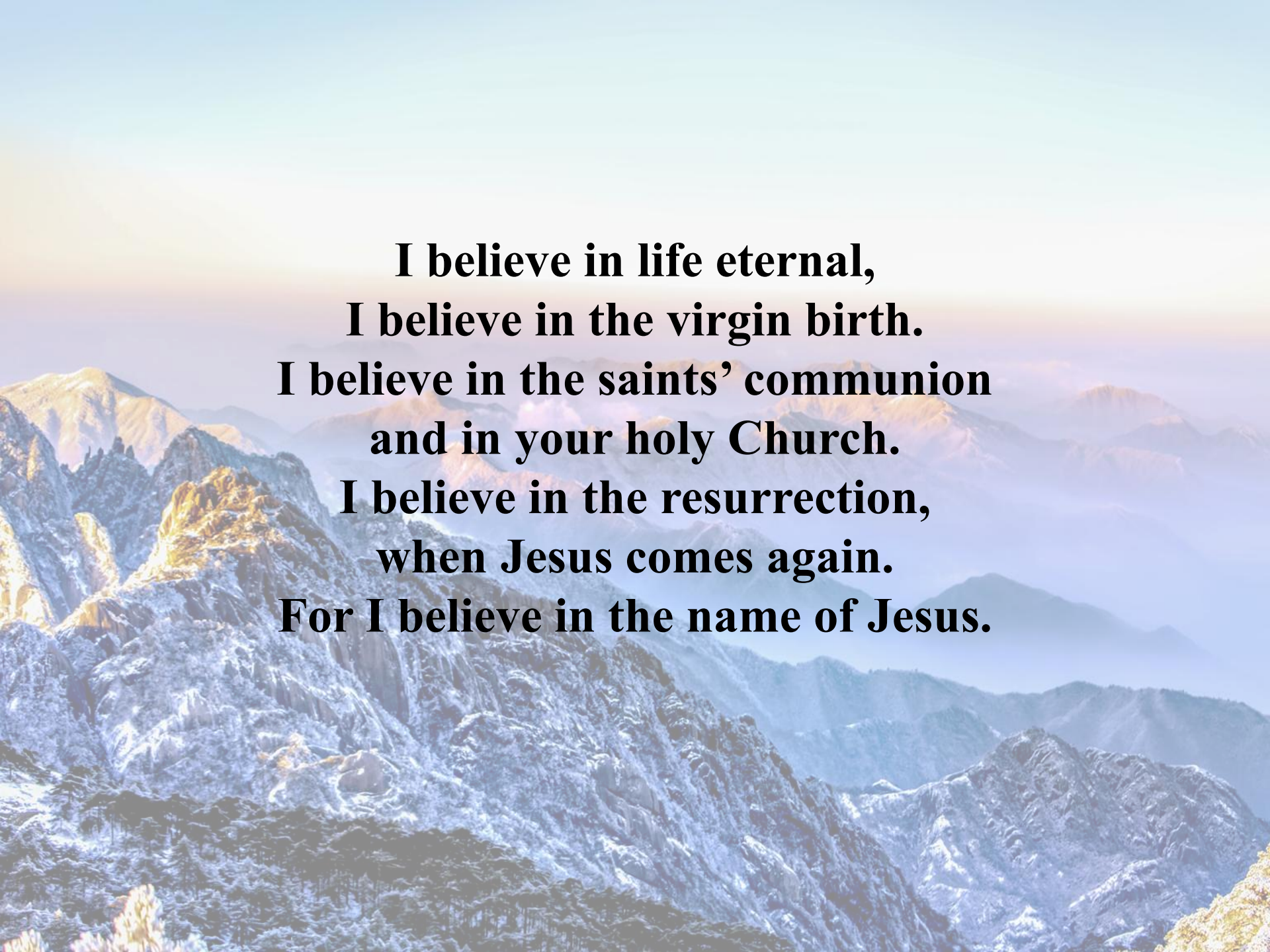
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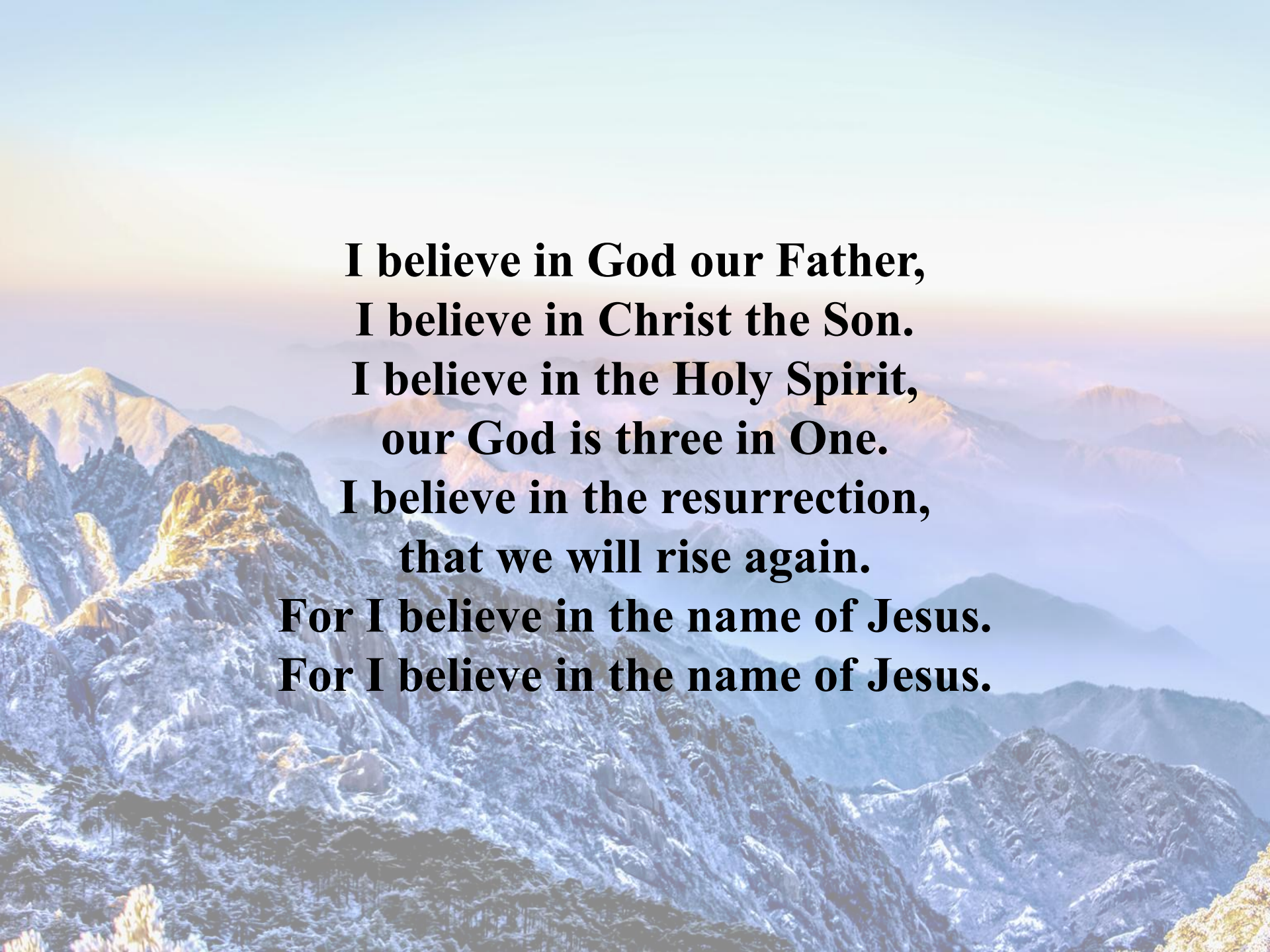
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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**I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
and in your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection,
when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.**



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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.
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A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach upwards, creating a textured, rhythmic pattern. A bright, hazy sun is positioned in the upper center of the frame, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene and creating a soft lens flare effect. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Offering
with
Special Music

Offering Prayer

L: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our
hearts. Help us take heart in you and
share freely of your love, so that all
creation can taste your abundance. We
ask this in the name of Jesus, through the
Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

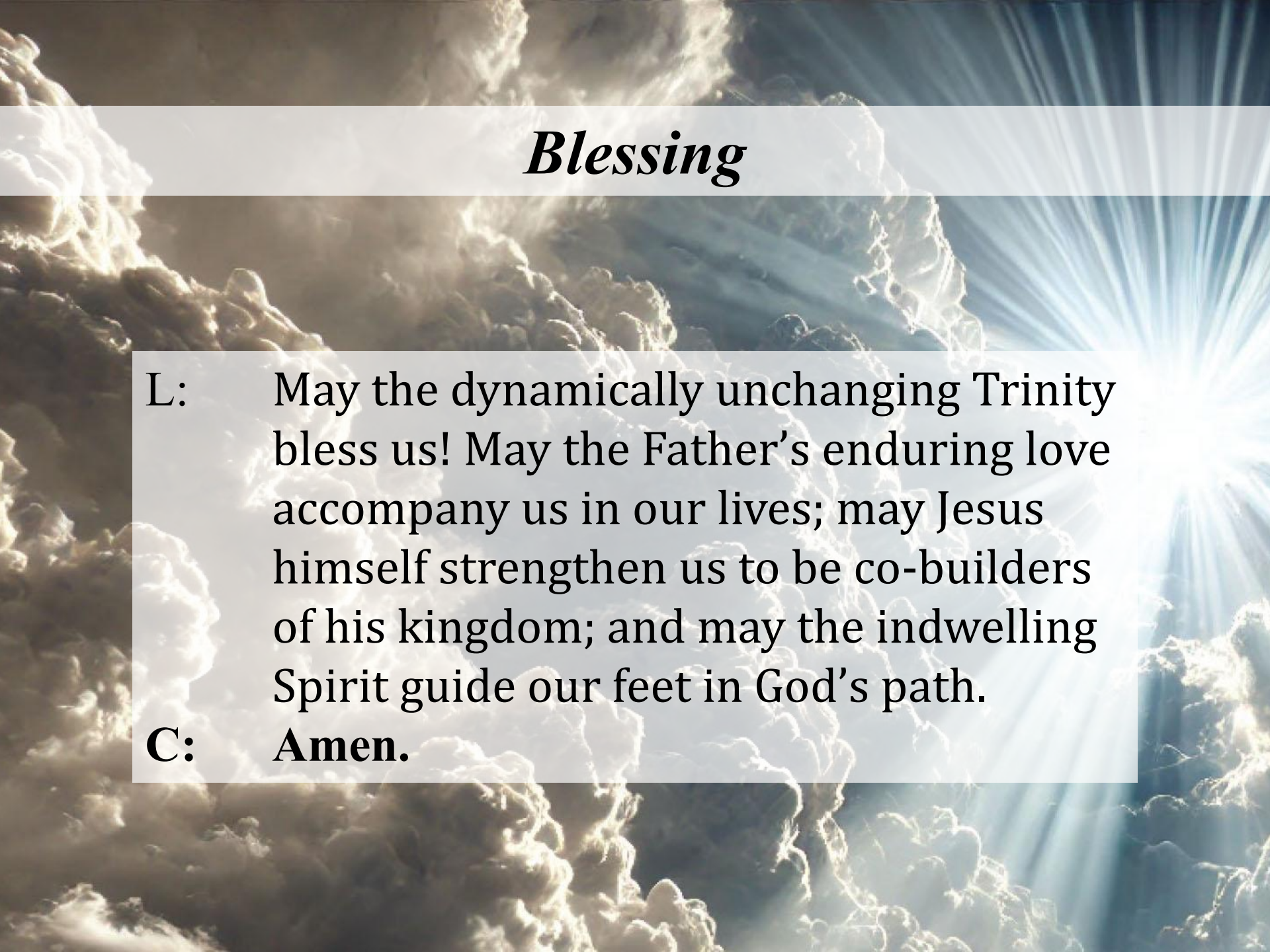
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**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: May the dynamically unchanging Trinity bless us! May the Father's enduring love accompany us in our lives; may Jesus himself strengthen us to be co-builders of his kingdom; and may the indwelling Spirit guide our feet in God's path.

C: **Amen.**

Hope of the Nations

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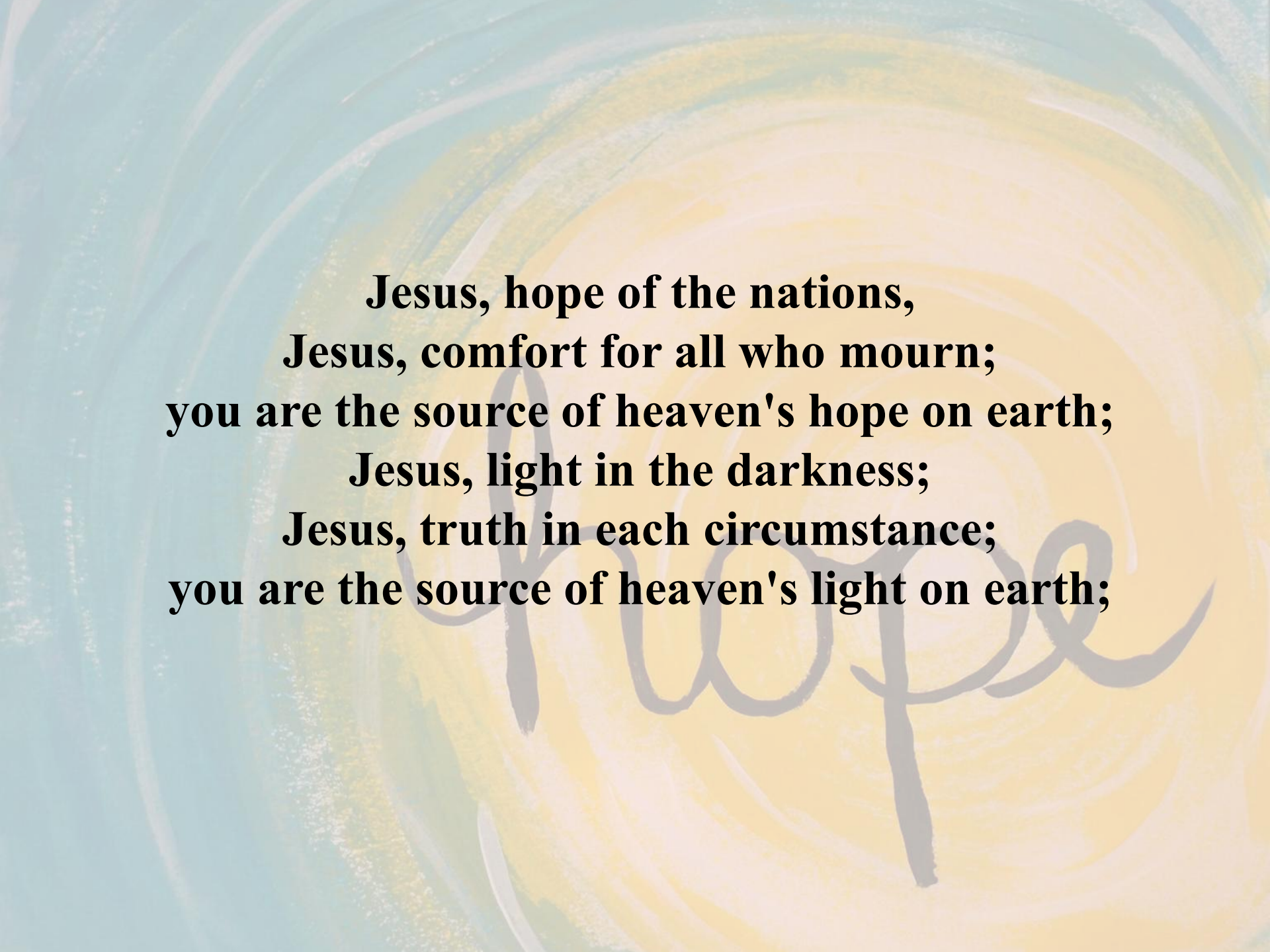
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Jesus, light in the darkness;
Jesus, truth in each circumstance;
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**in history you lived and died;
you broke the chains, you rose to life.
You are the hope living in us;
you are the rock in whom we trust;
you are the light, shining for all the world to see;**

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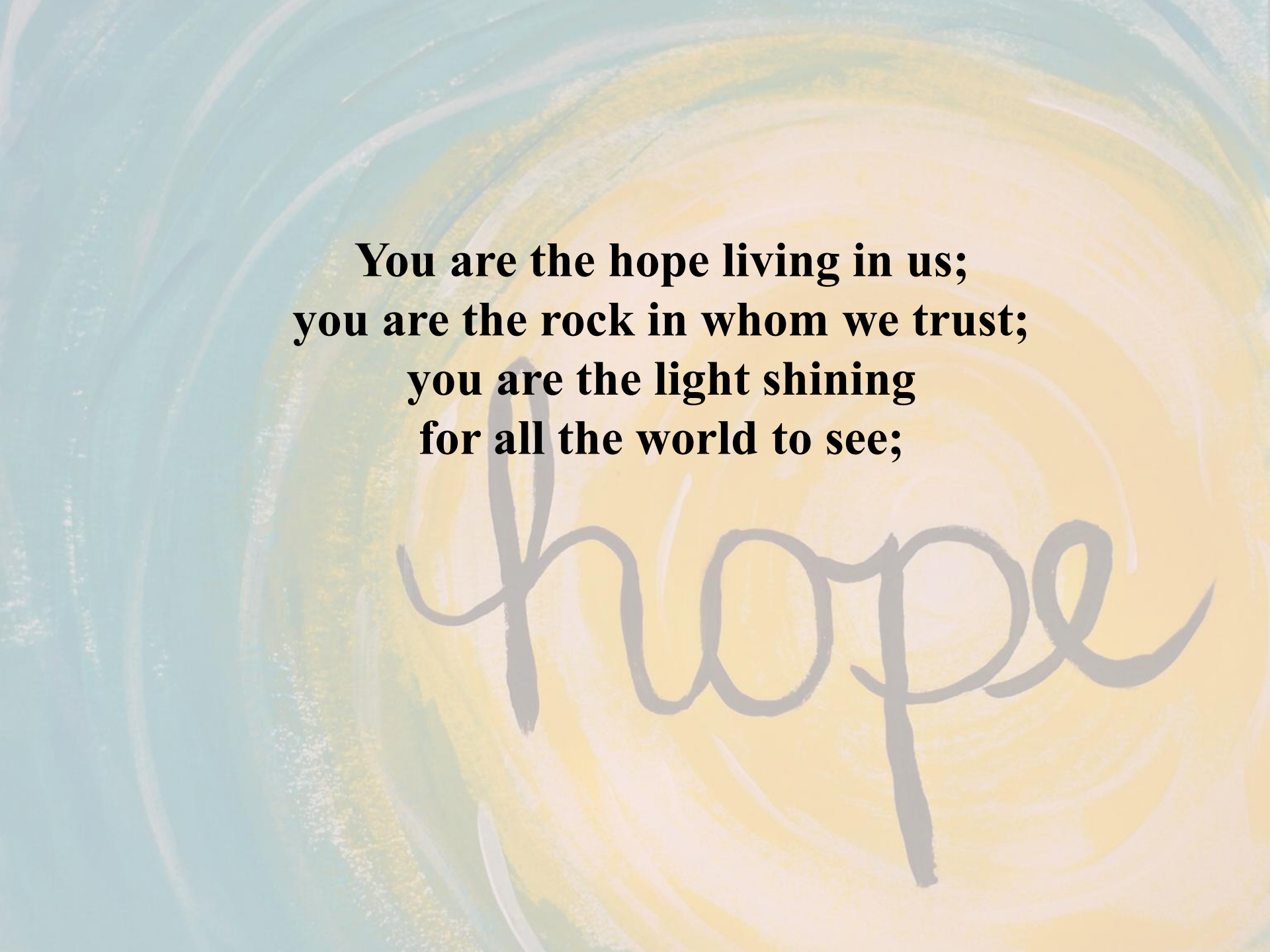
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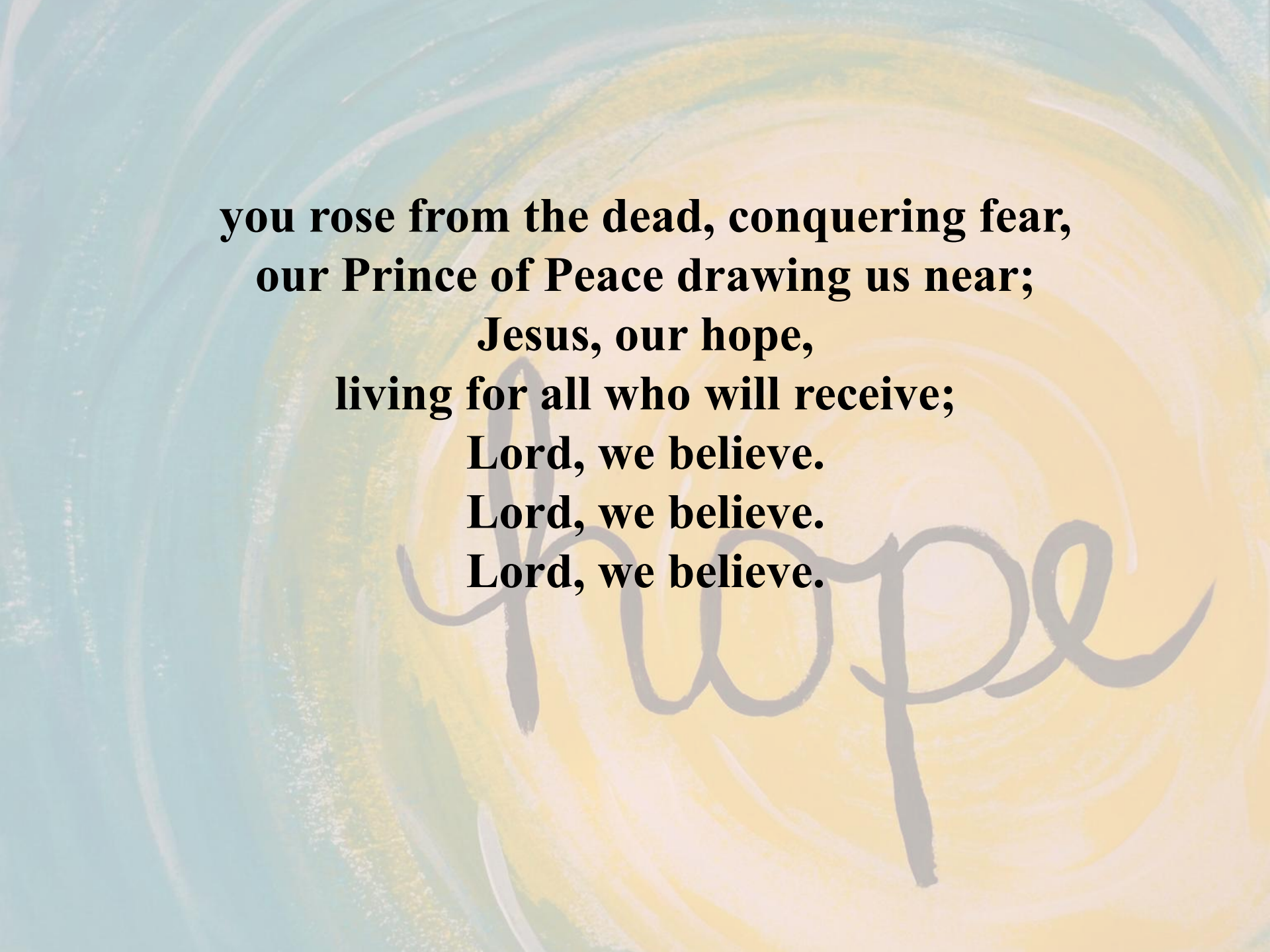
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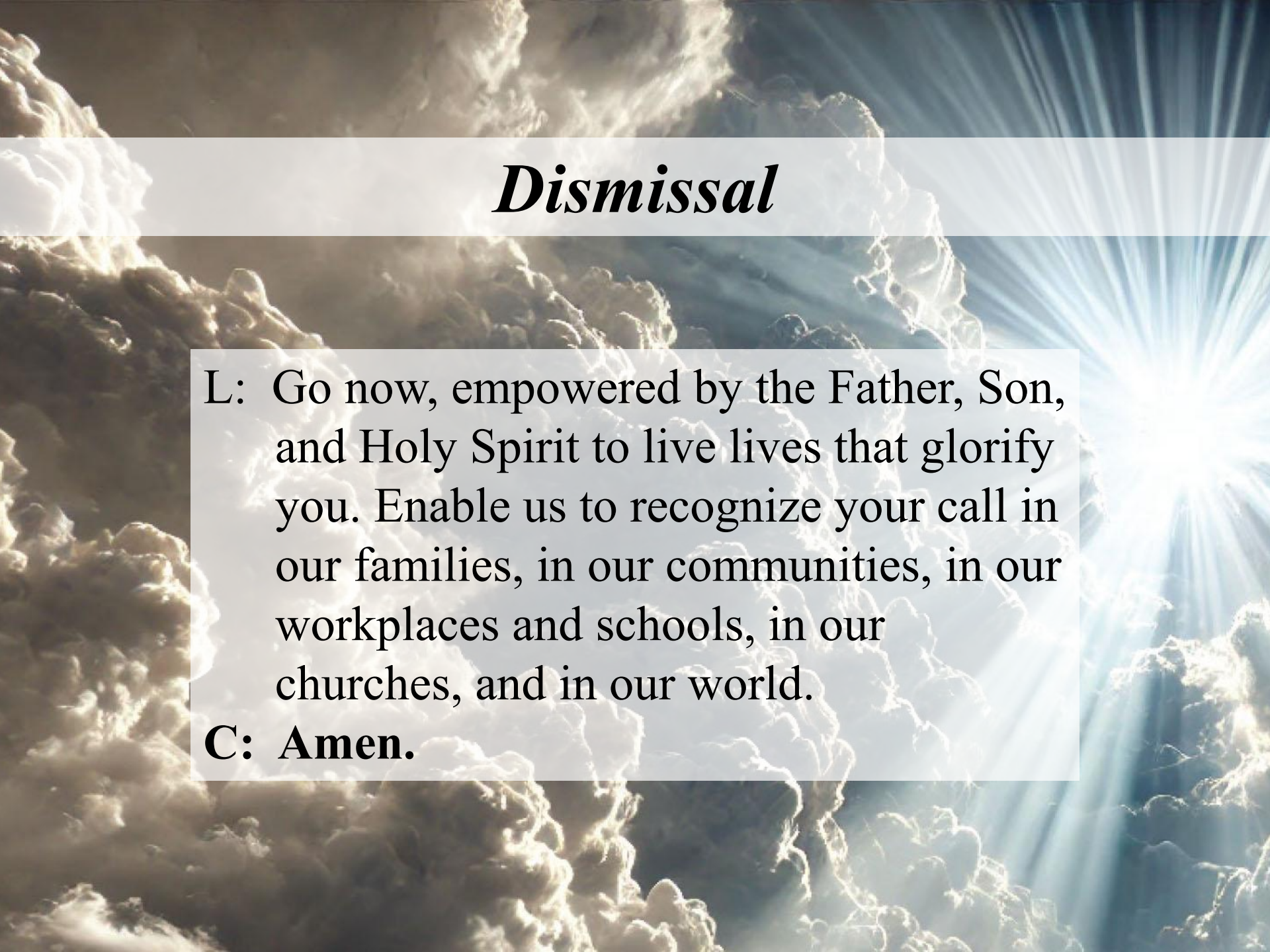


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The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a sky. On the right side, a bright sun is partially obscured by clouds, creating a powerful sunburst effect with rays of light radiating outwards. The clouds are thick and textured, with some appearing in deep shadow and others catching the light from the sun. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, whites, and yellows from the sunlight.

Dismissal

L: Go now, empowered by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to live lives that glorify you. Enable us to recognize your call in our families, in our communities, in our workplaces and schools, in our churches, and in our world.

C: Amen.

A serene sunset scene with a bridge over water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A bridge with several pillars spans the water in the middle ground. The background shows a dark, silhouetted shoreline with trees.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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