

A photograph of an American flag flying from a tall pole on the left side of the frame. The flag is partially visible, showing the stars and stripes. In the foreground, a large, dark, leafy tree stands prominently. The background shows a calm lake with a wooden pier or dock extending into the water. The sky is a clear, light blue.

*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, July 5, 2026
9:00 am*

Flag over Lake of the Woods
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Welcome and Announcements



10:00 am
Ecumenical Worship
service on July 5 at
Allison Park!

Pastor Linda will be taking part in
this worship service.

Make sure to bring a lawn chair
or blanket to sit on.

VBS at Zion Lutheran Church

JULY 27TH - JULY 30TH

9:00AM - 12:00PM



for all kids entering K-6 this fall!



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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.**

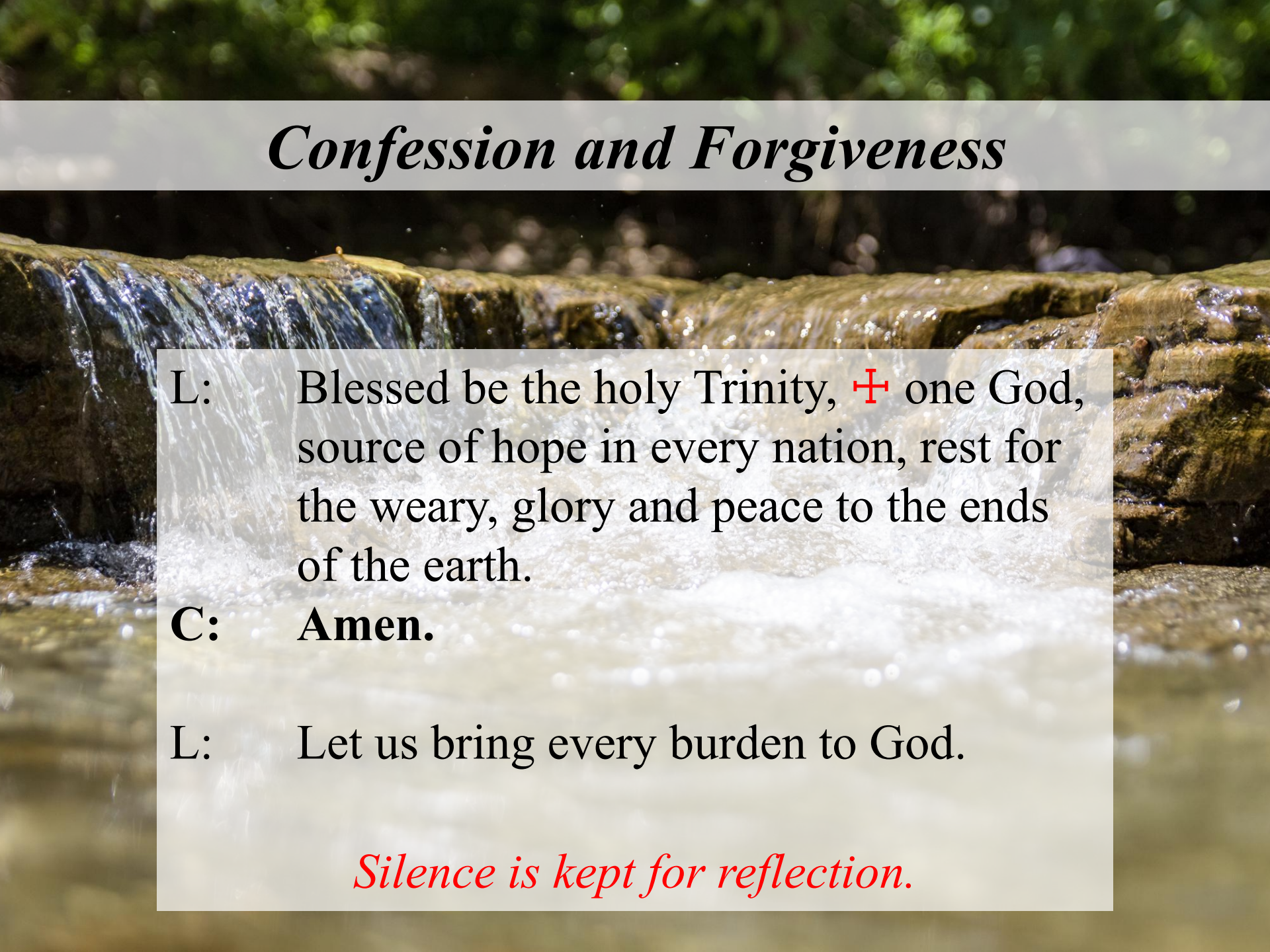
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

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.**



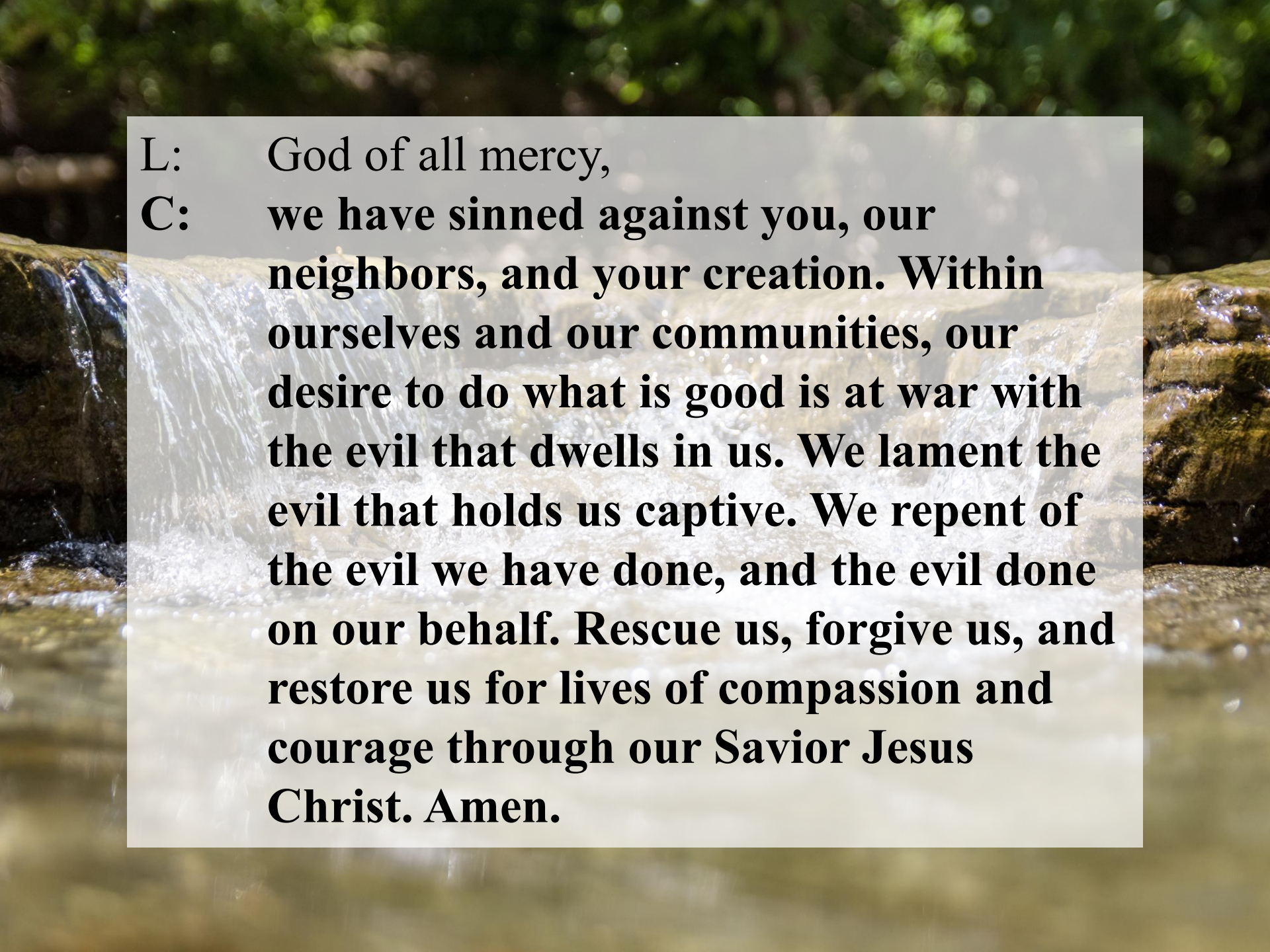
Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
source of hope in every nation, rest for
the weary, glory and peace to the ends
of the earth.

C: **Amen.**

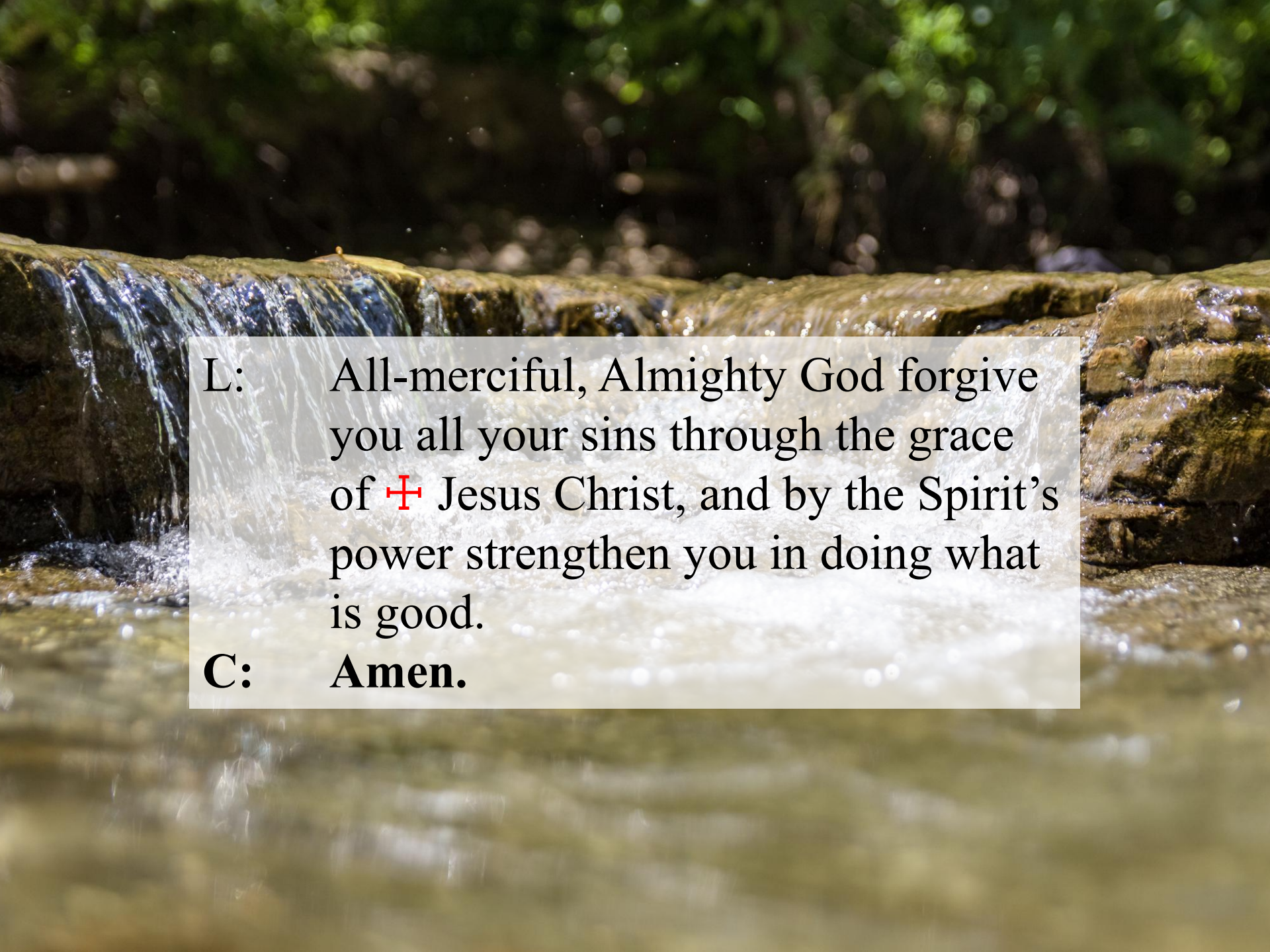
L: Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.



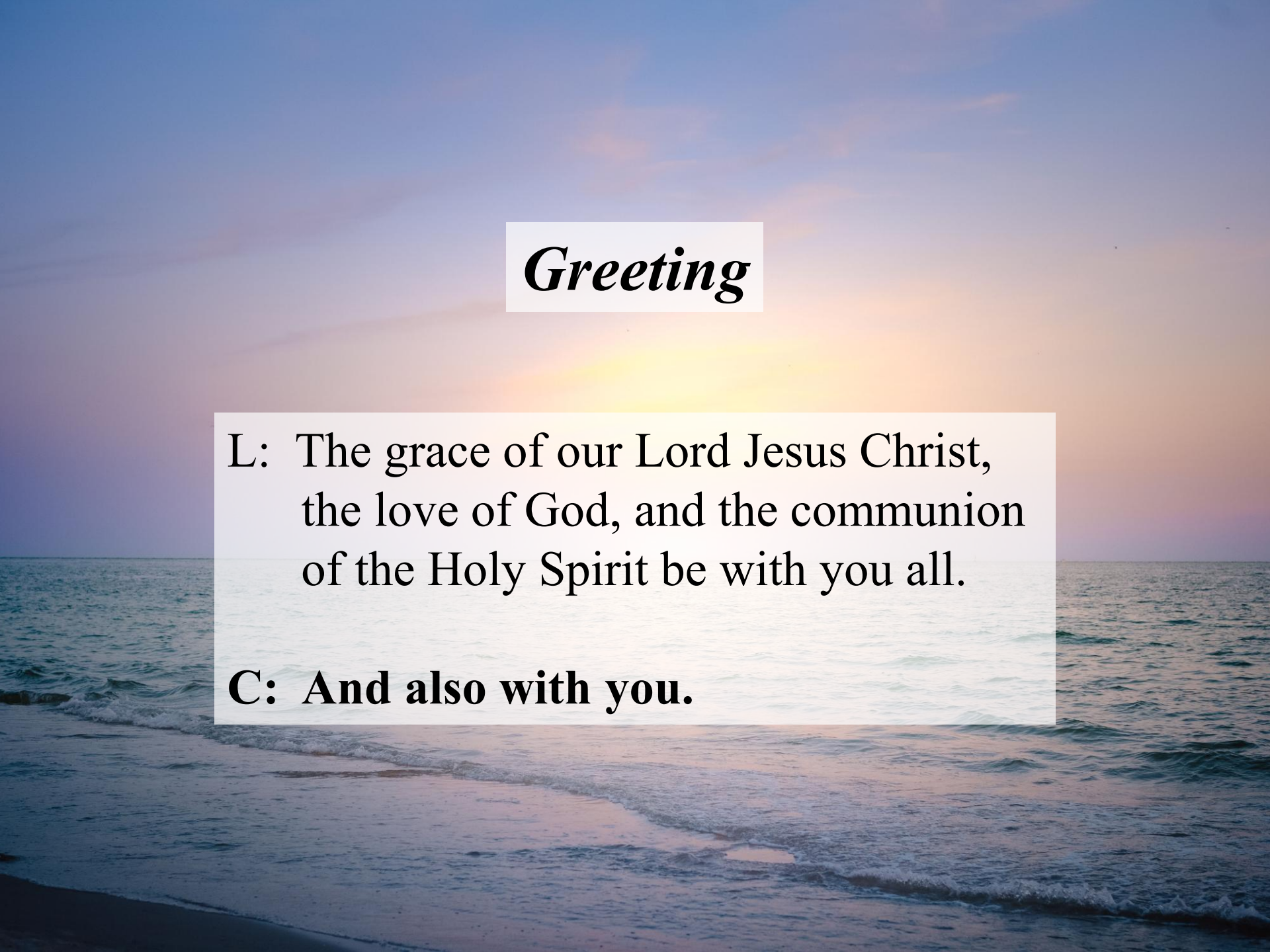
L: God of all mercy,

C: we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A small waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest. The water is clear and white with foam as it falls. The rocks are dark and covered in green moss. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

L: All-merciful, Almighty God forgive
you all your sins through the grace
of ✝ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's
power strengthen you in doing what
is good.

C: Amen.



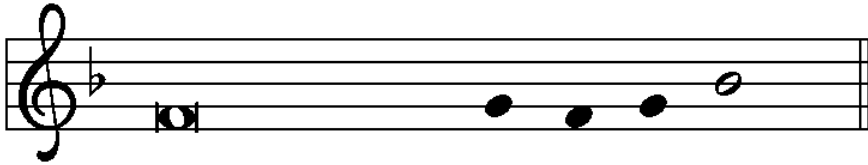
Greeting

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

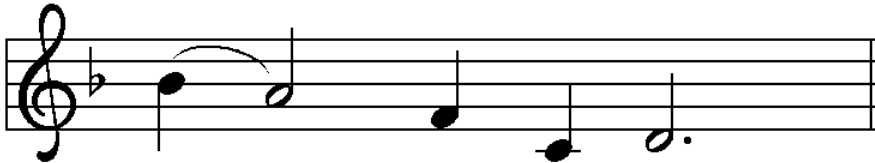
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

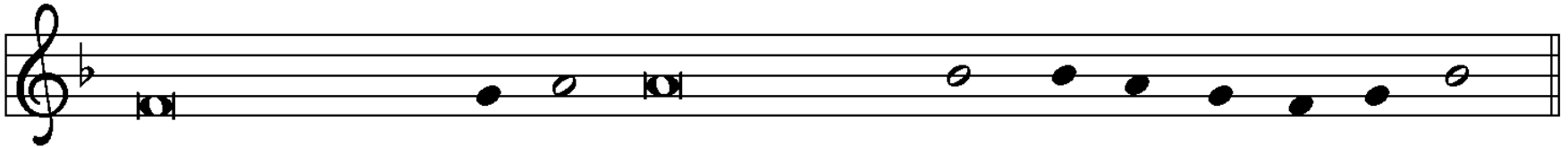
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



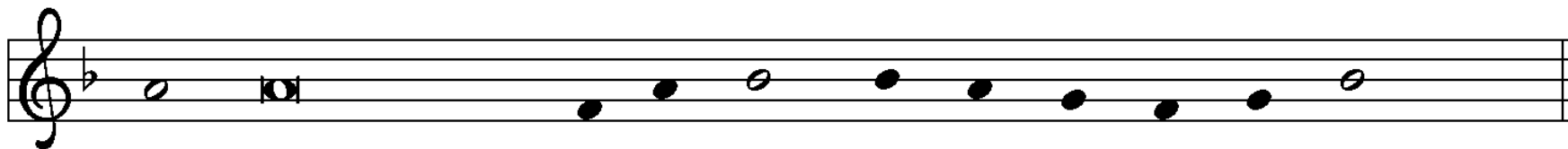
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



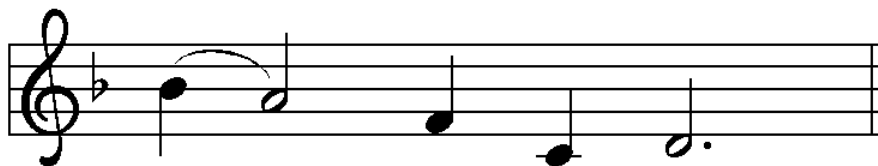
Lord, have mer - cy.



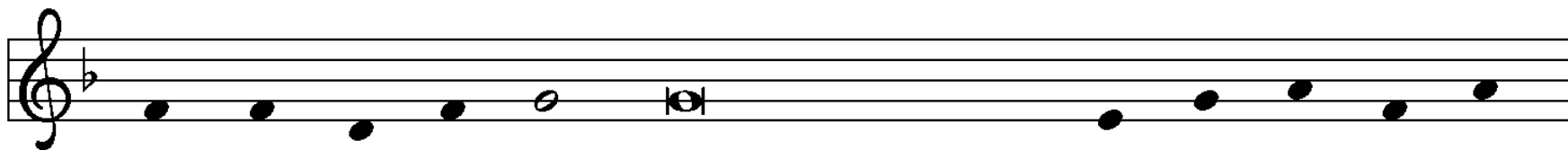
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



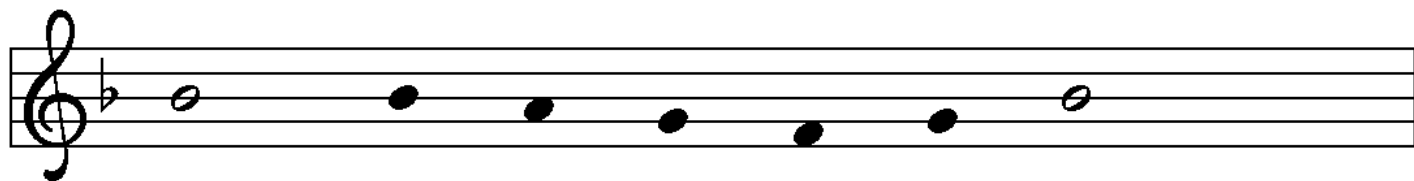
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



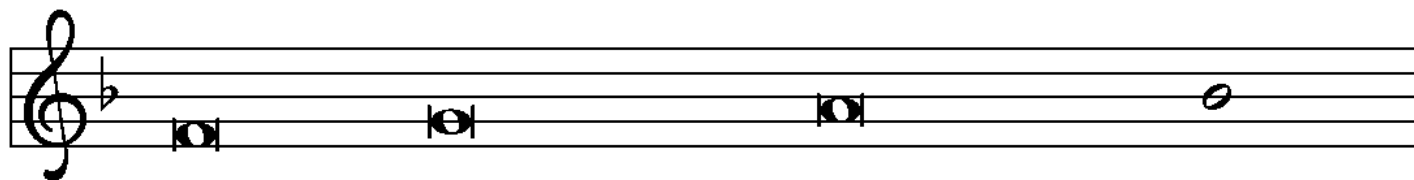
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

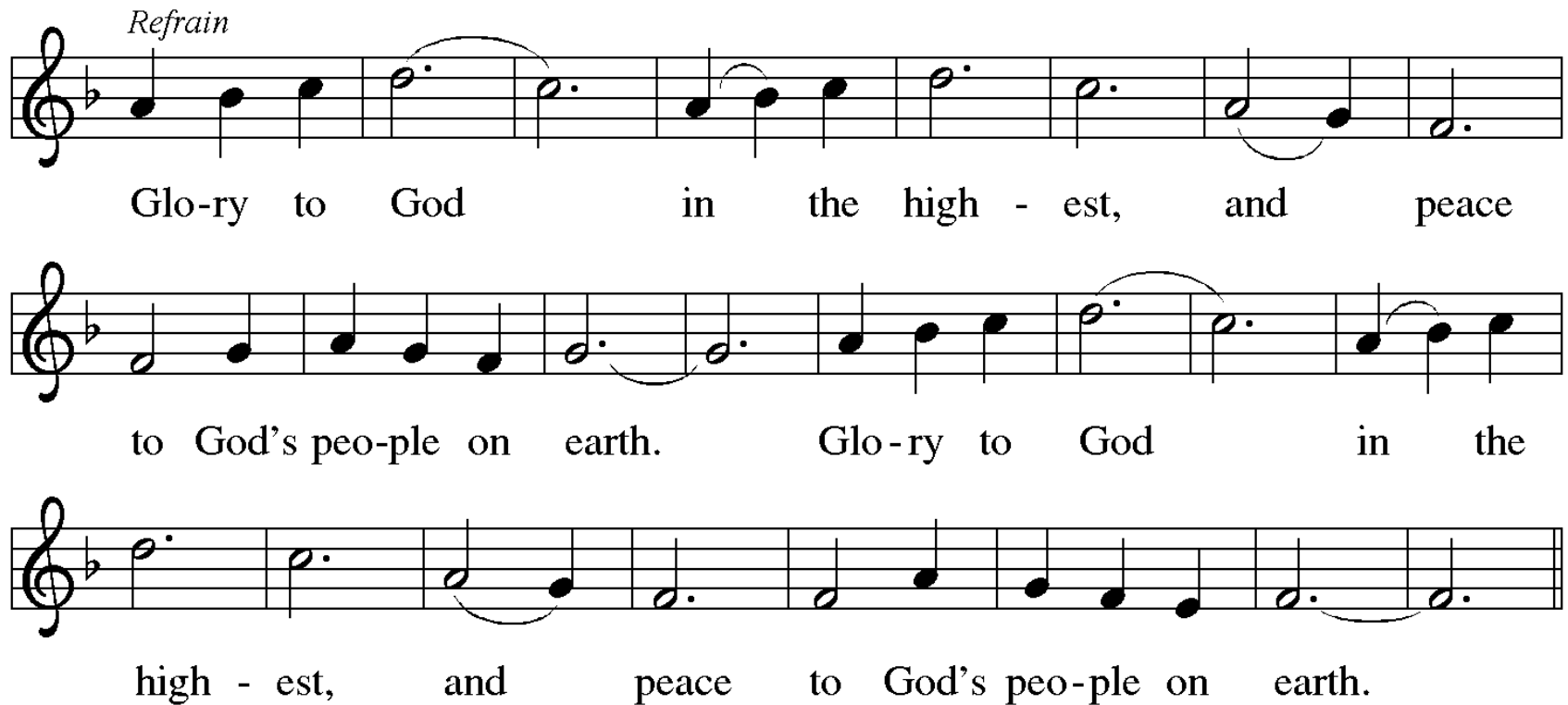


A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain

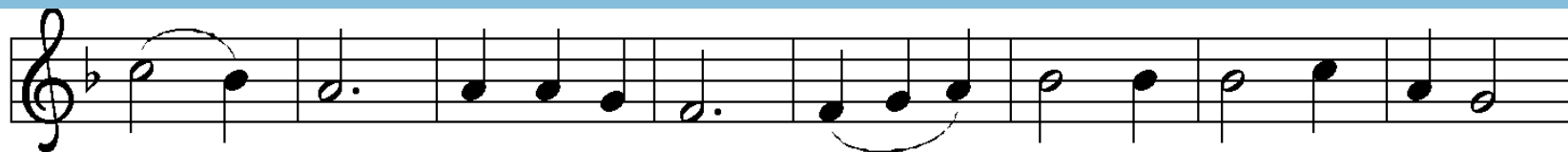


The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace'. The second staff contains 'to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the'. The third staff contains 'high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.'.

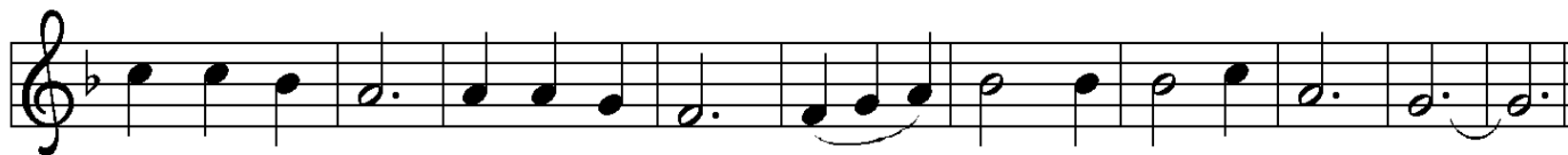
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. 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.



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



to God's peo-ple on earth.

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Prayer of the Day

L: Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A Message for All God's Children





First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

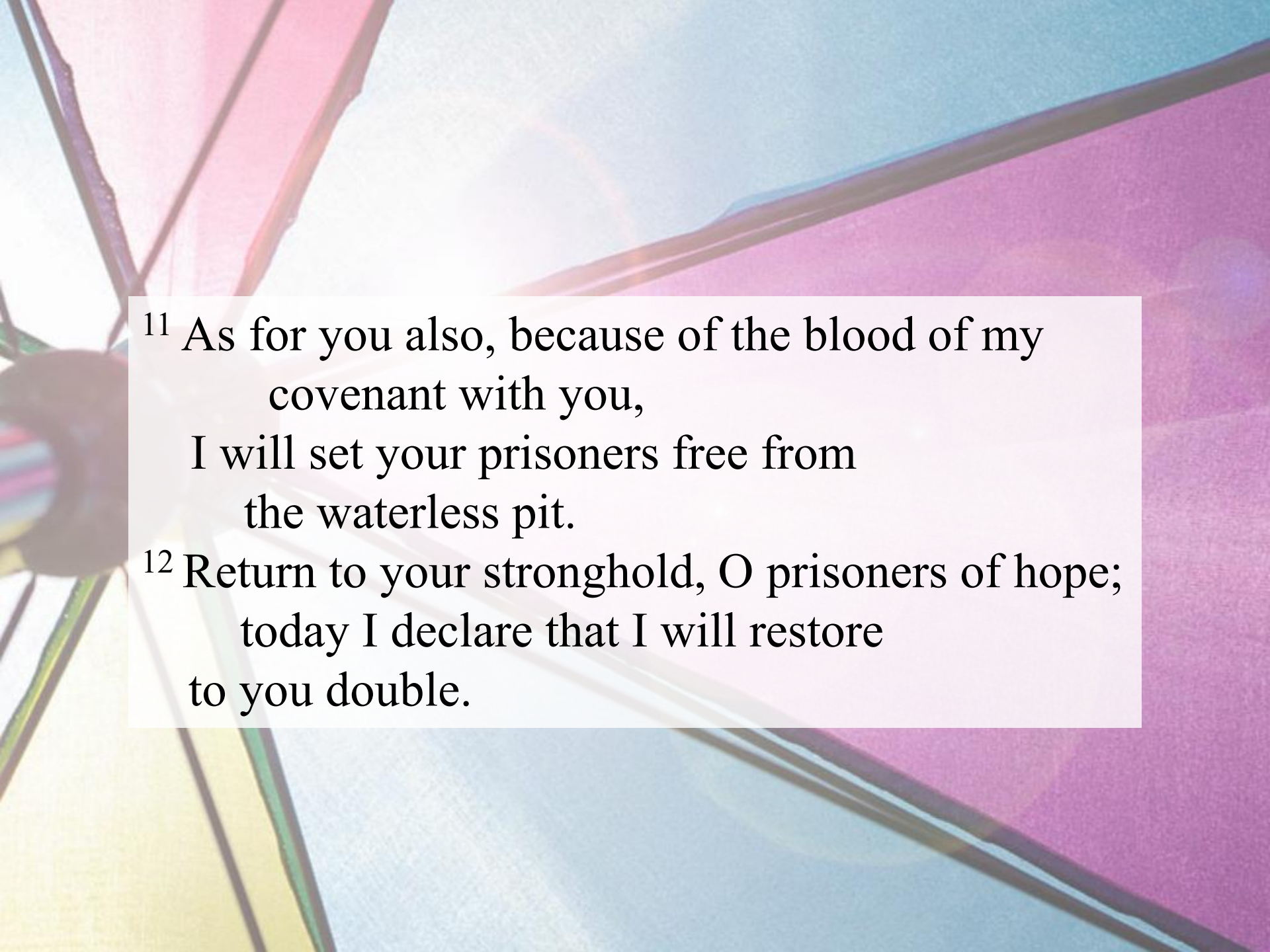
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

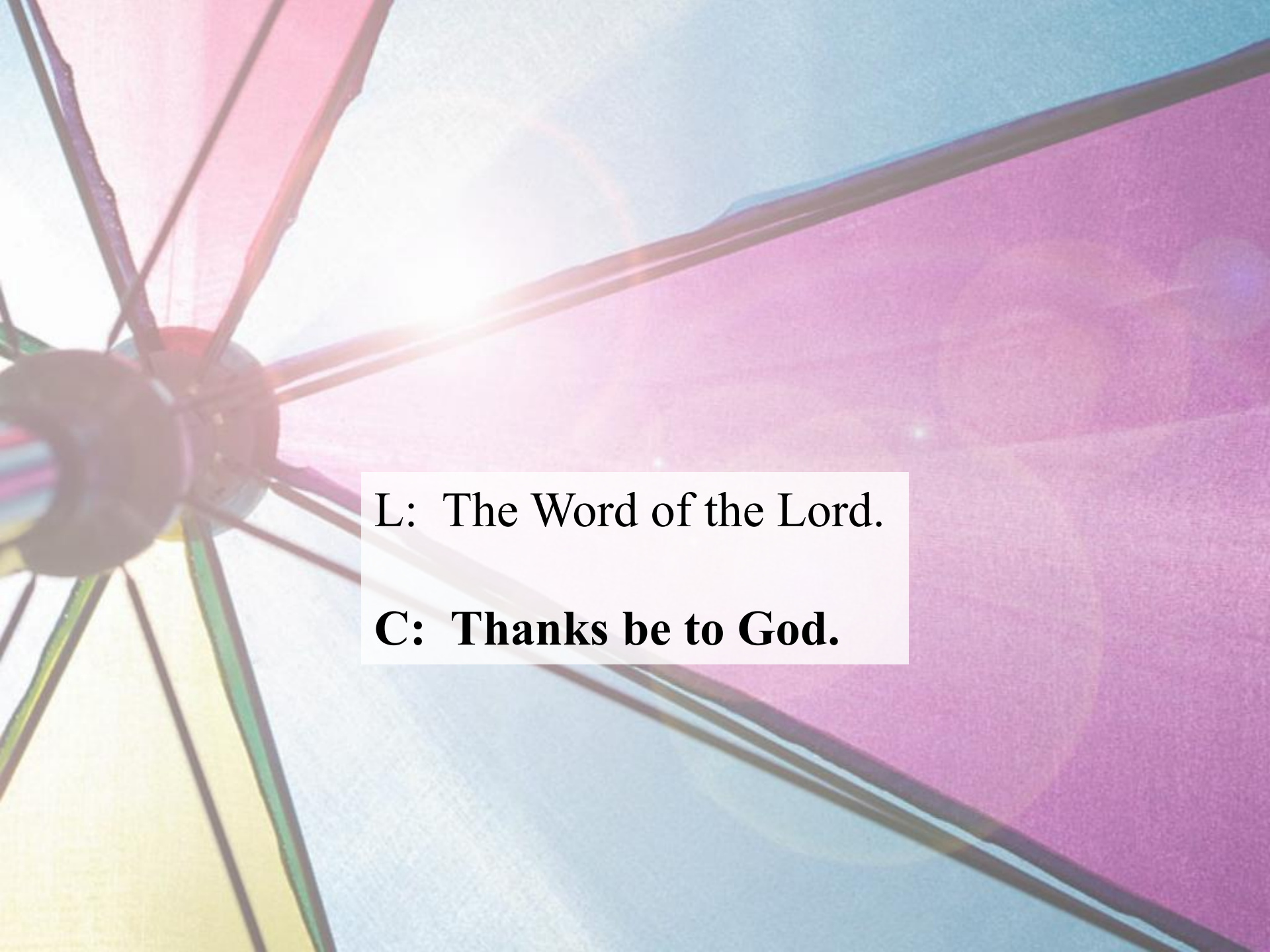
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.



¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from
the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore
to you double.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14

L: ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: ⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

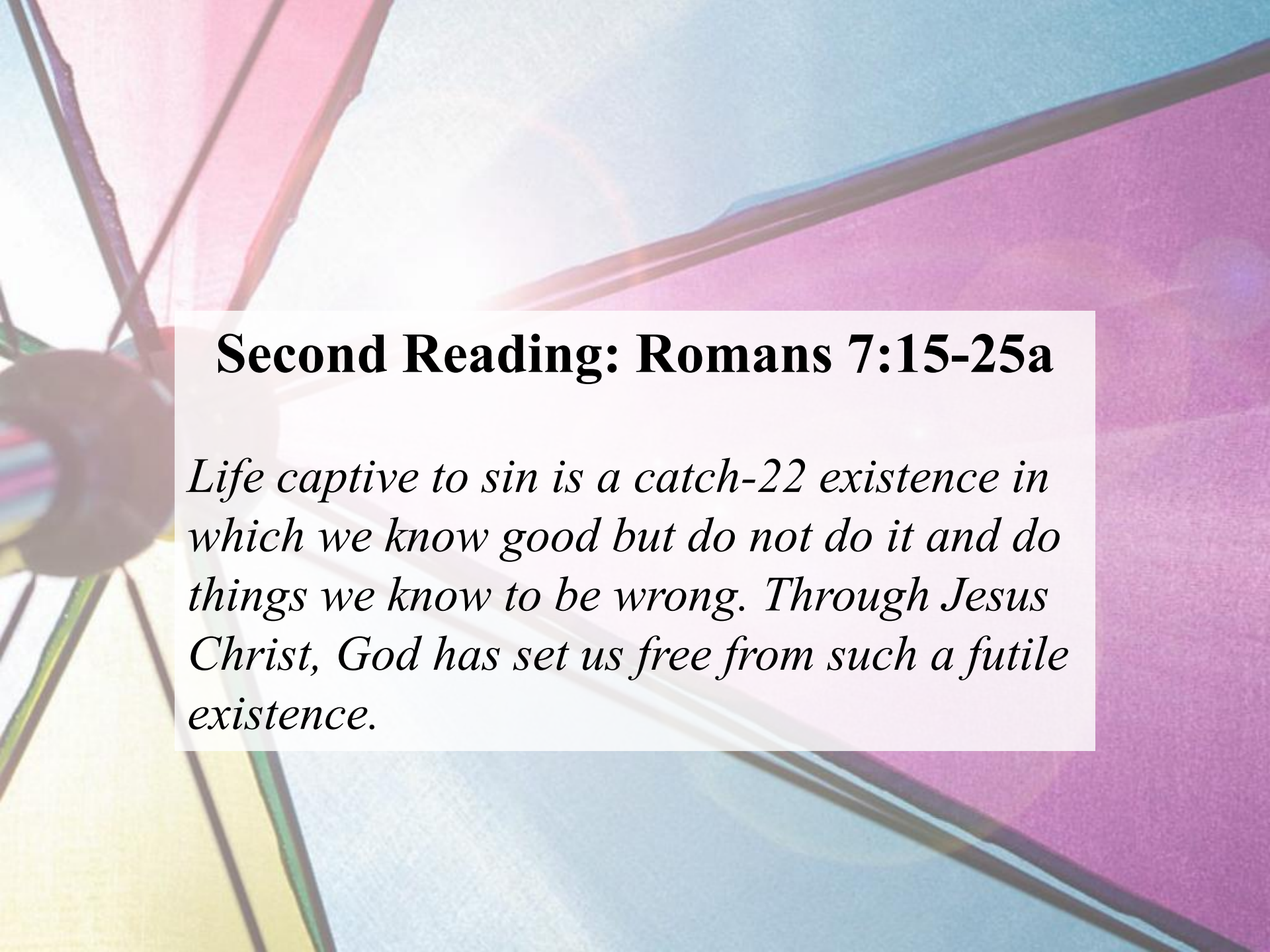
L: ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

L: ¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

L: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

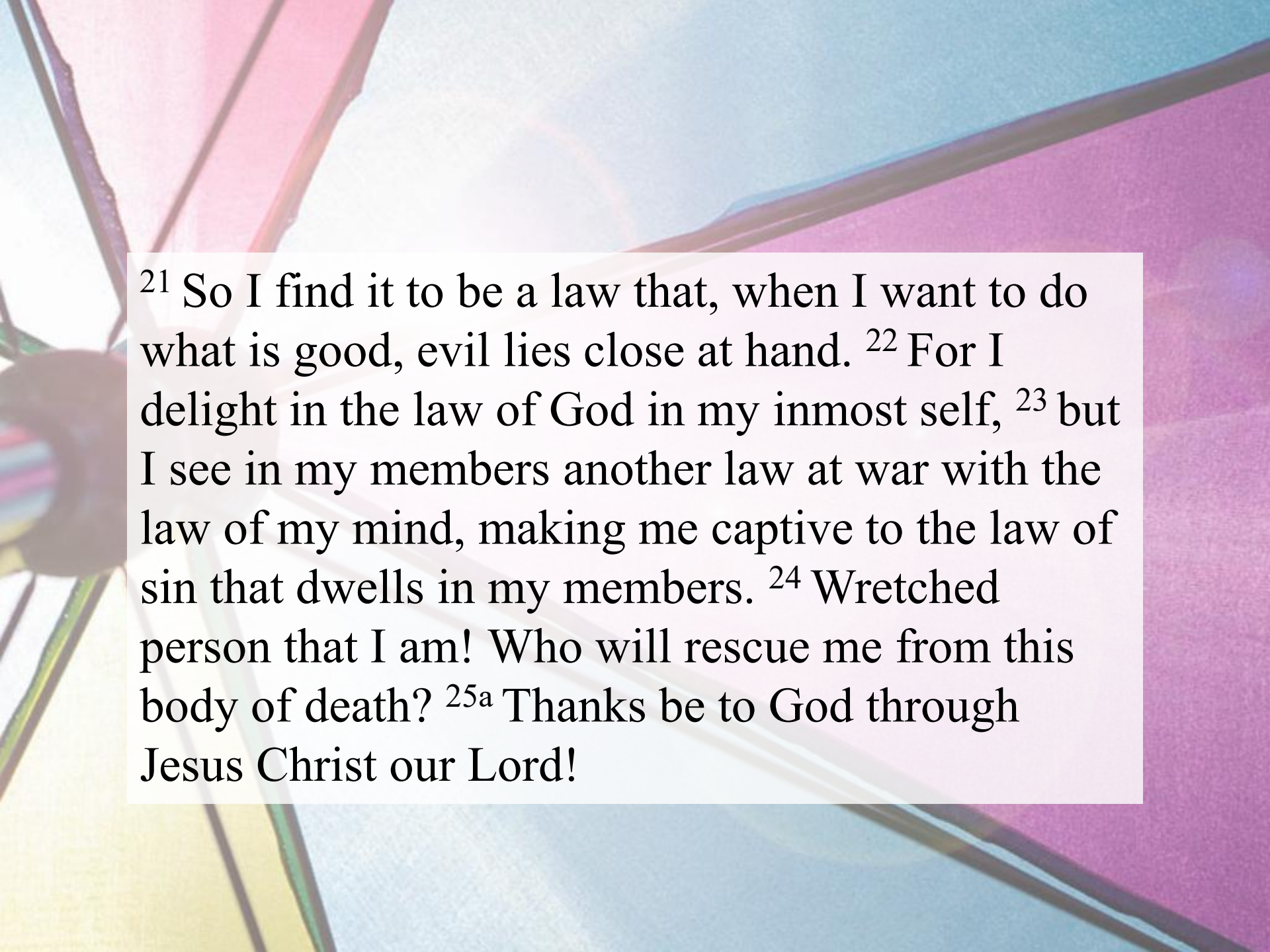
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Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

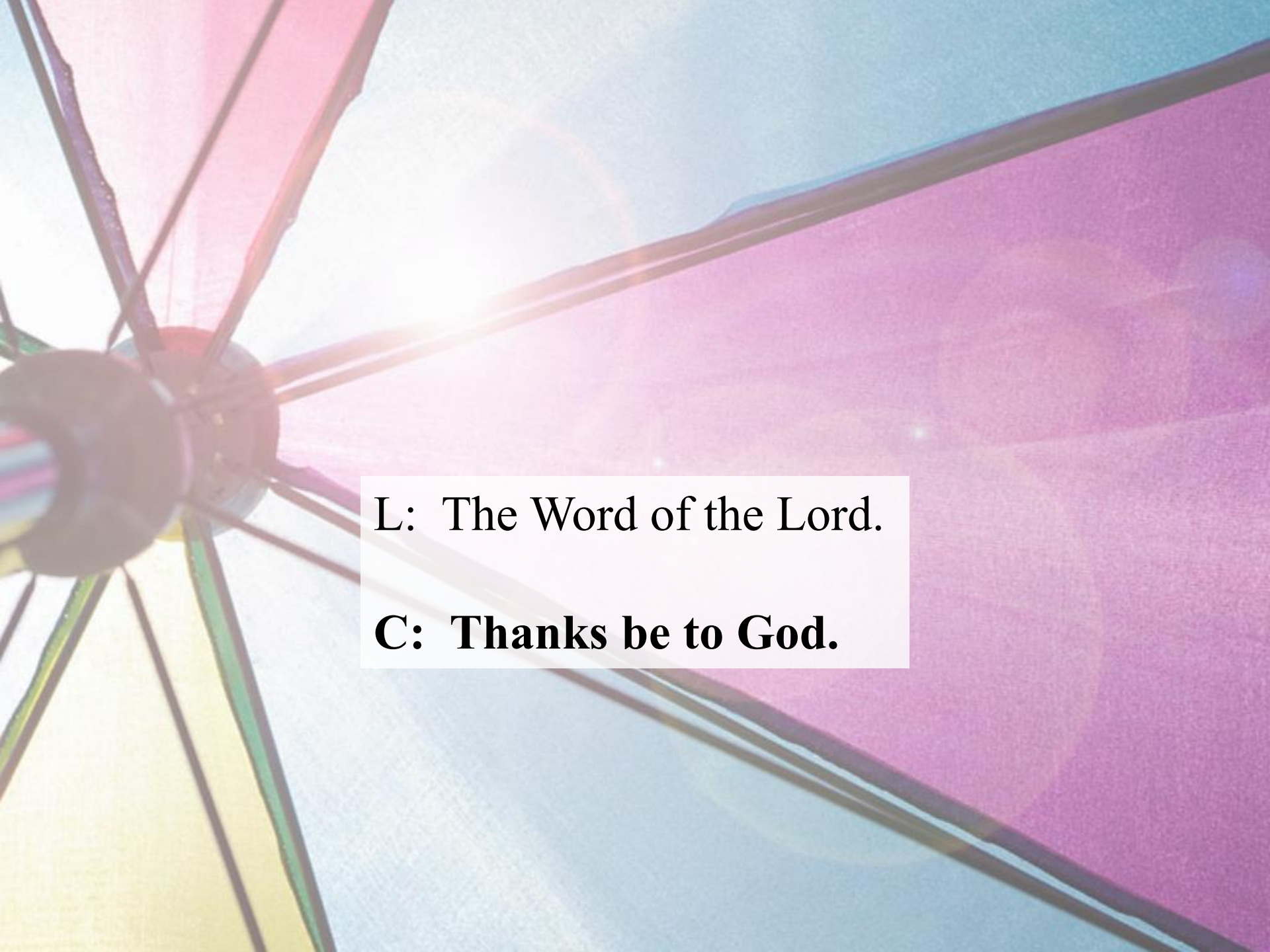
Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.



²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

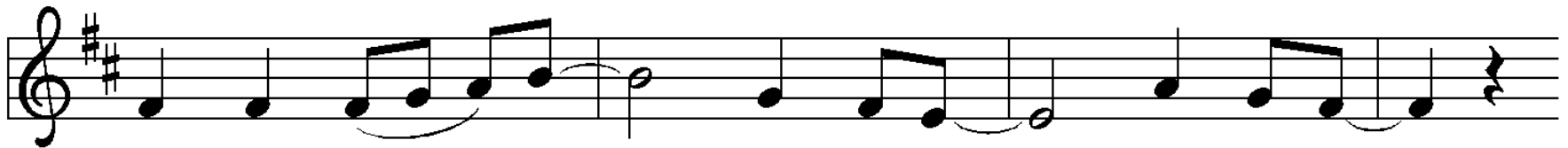


L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

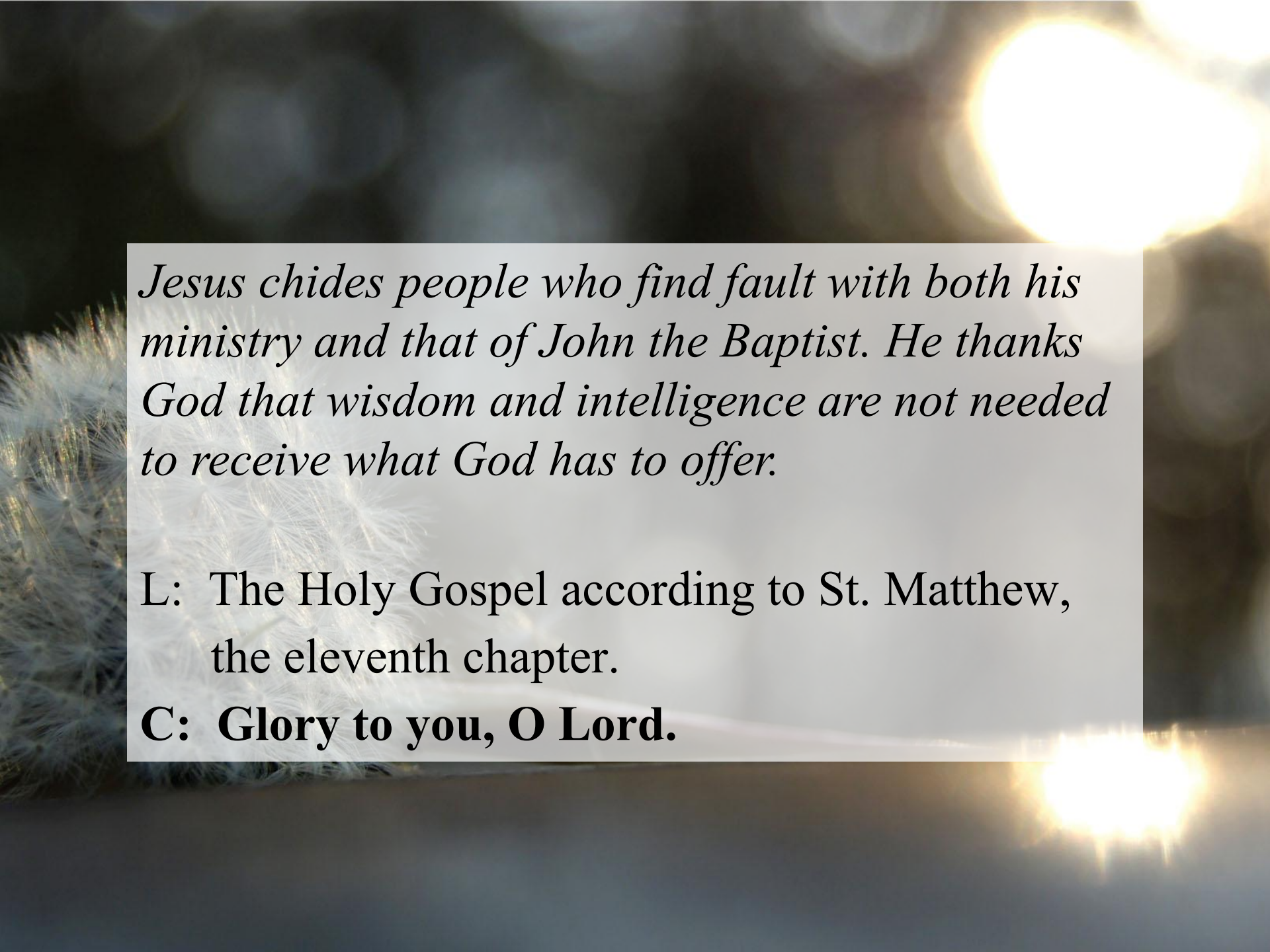
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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



Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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

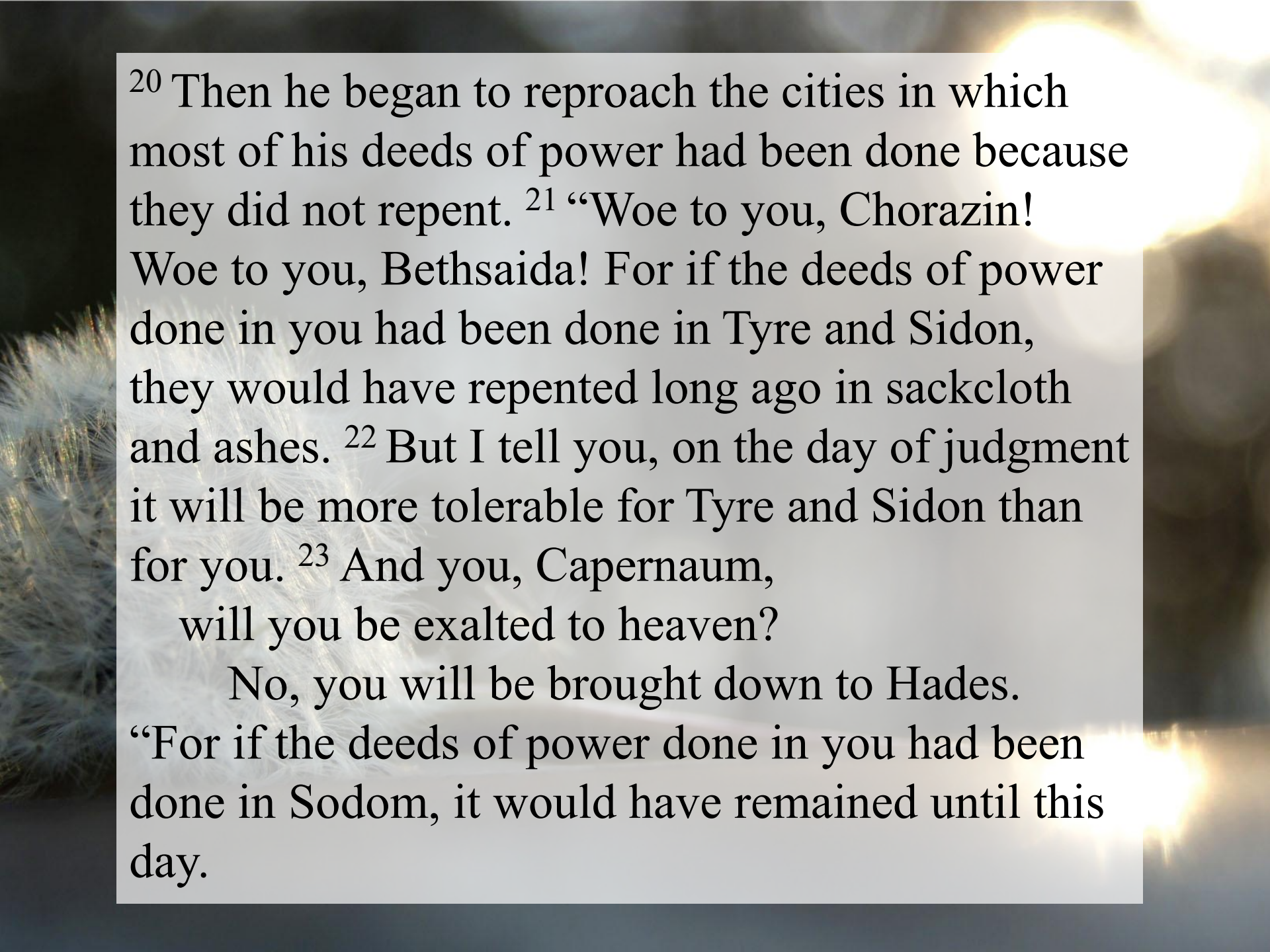
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

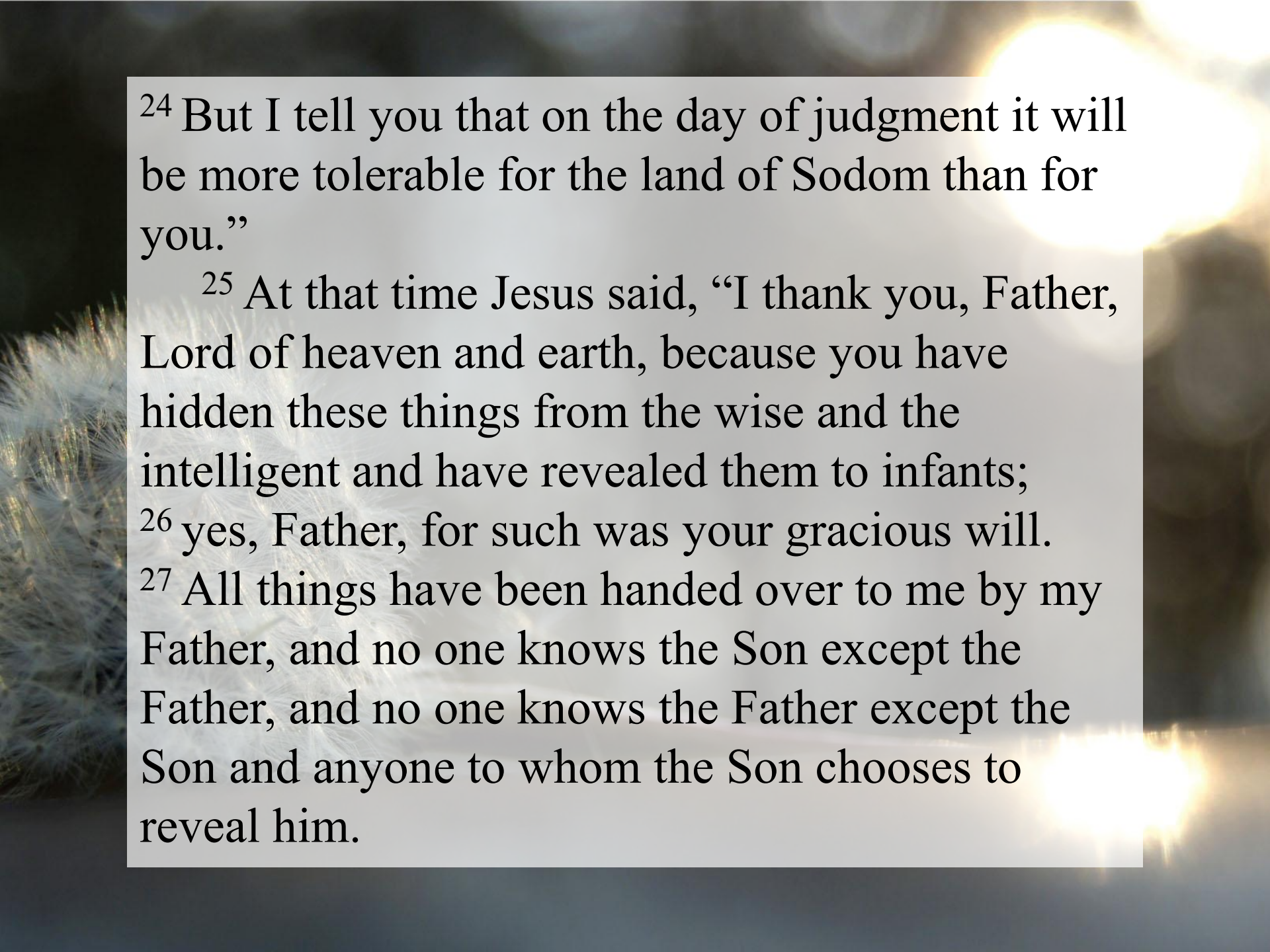
¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”



²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.
“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

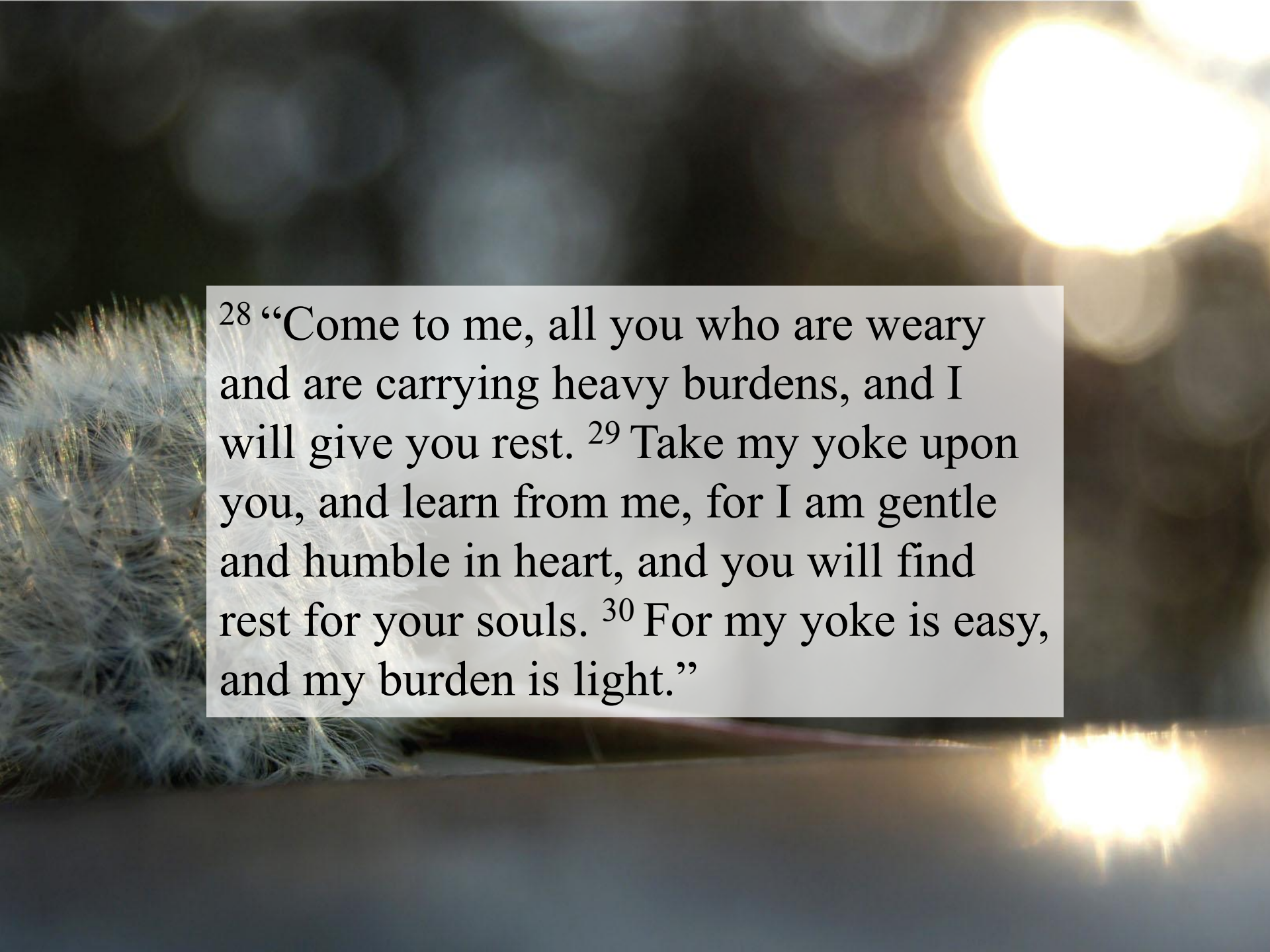


²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

A close-up photograph of a dandelion seed head, showing the intricate structure of the seeds. The background is dark with a bright, out-of-focus light source in the upper right corner, creating a bokeh effect with soft, glowing circles of light. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Shawn Brunelle

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.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**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.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**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.**



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 dense field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are tall and slender, with their heads of grain clearly visible. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a bright sun low in the sky, which creates a soft, hazy atmosphere. Several circular lens flare artifacts are visible, adding a dreamy, ethereal quality to the image. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows, oranges, and soft whites.

Offering

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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- 1. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.**

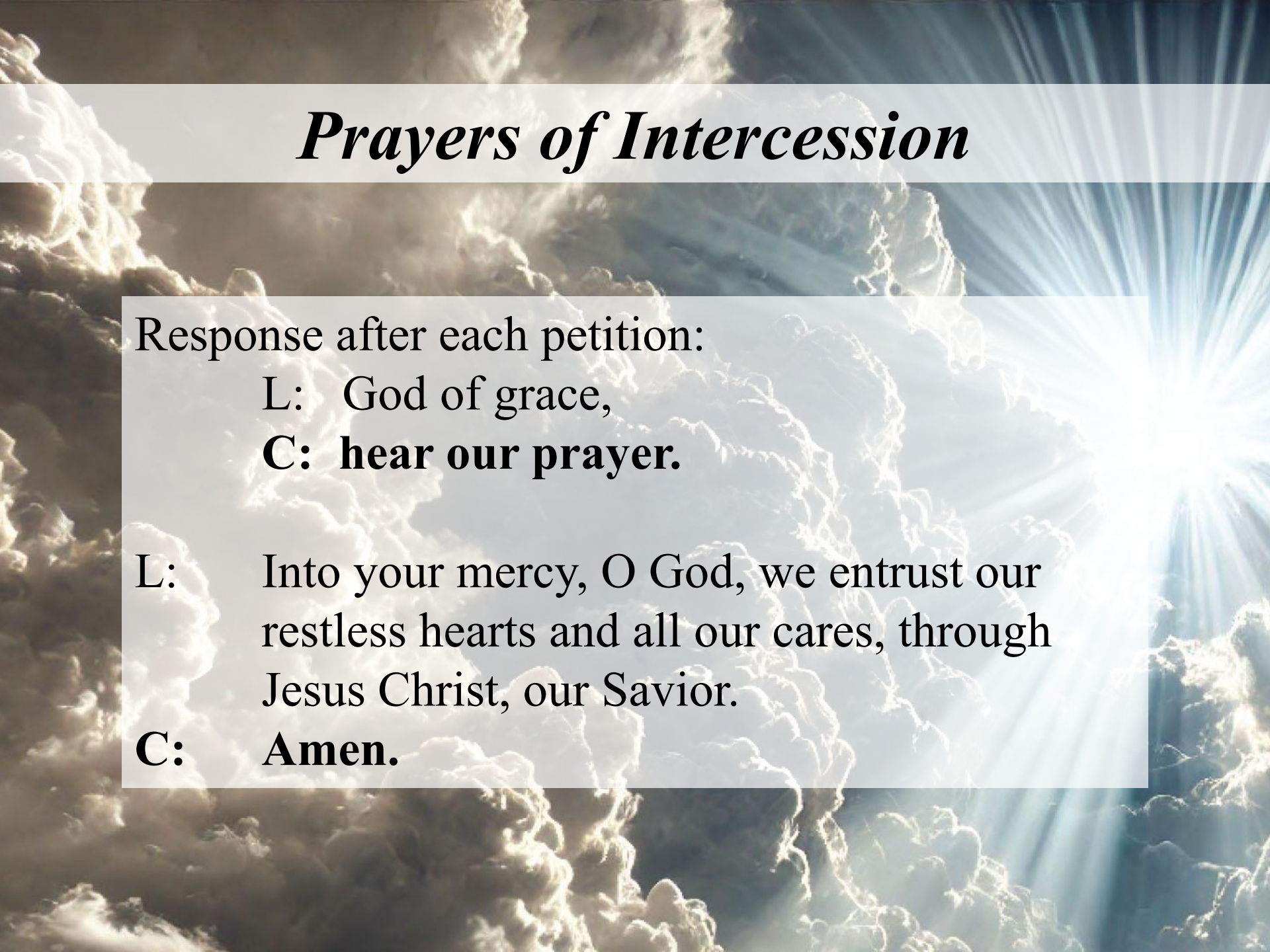
**2. The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
becomes a holy treasure.**

**3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.**

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses, for our
labor and our rest, for the gifts of your
hand in this land. Transform us and what
we offer into the banquet of your
compassion, serving your love without
limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

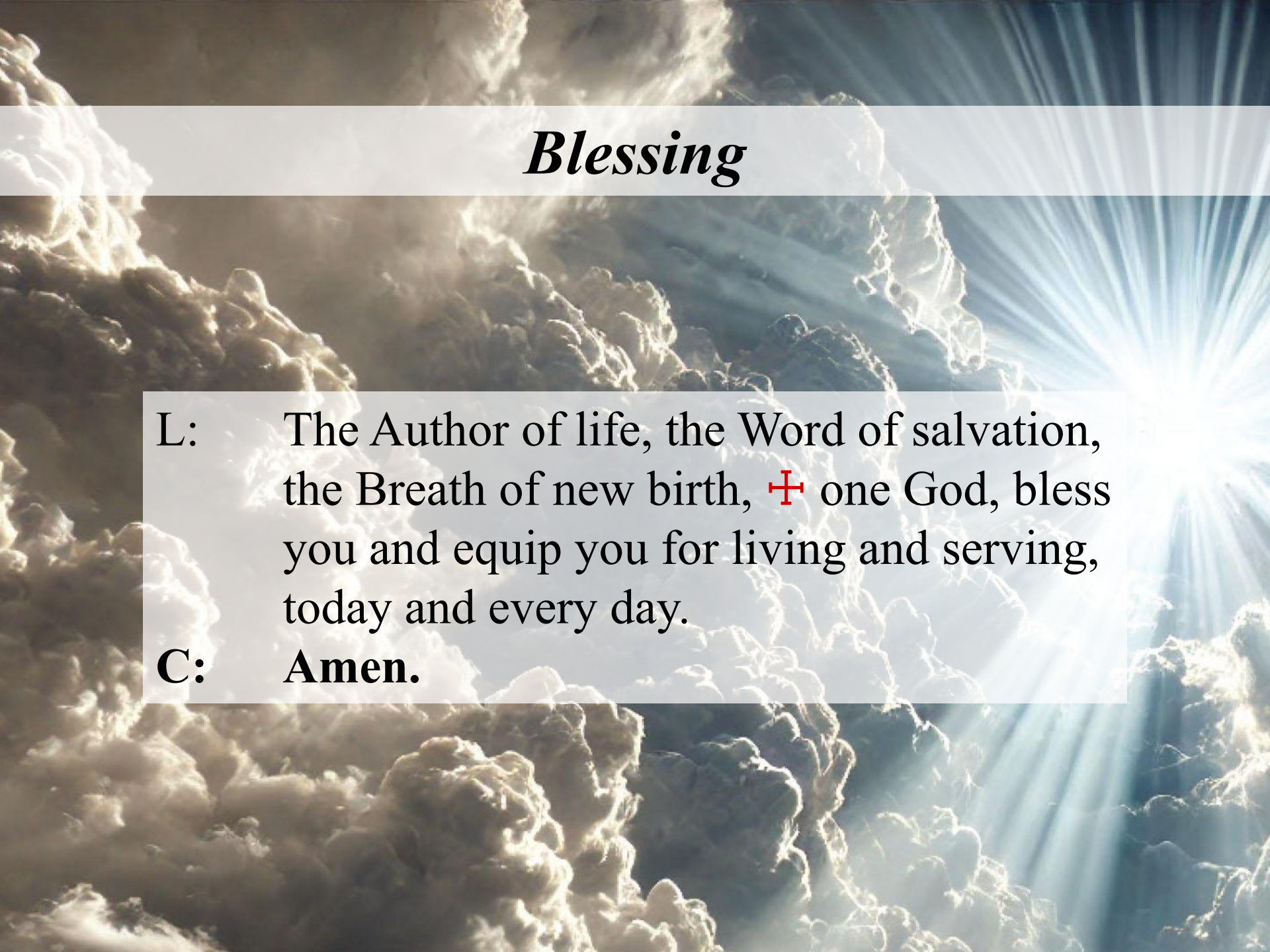
**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**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: The Author of life, the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth, ✝ one God, bless
you and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

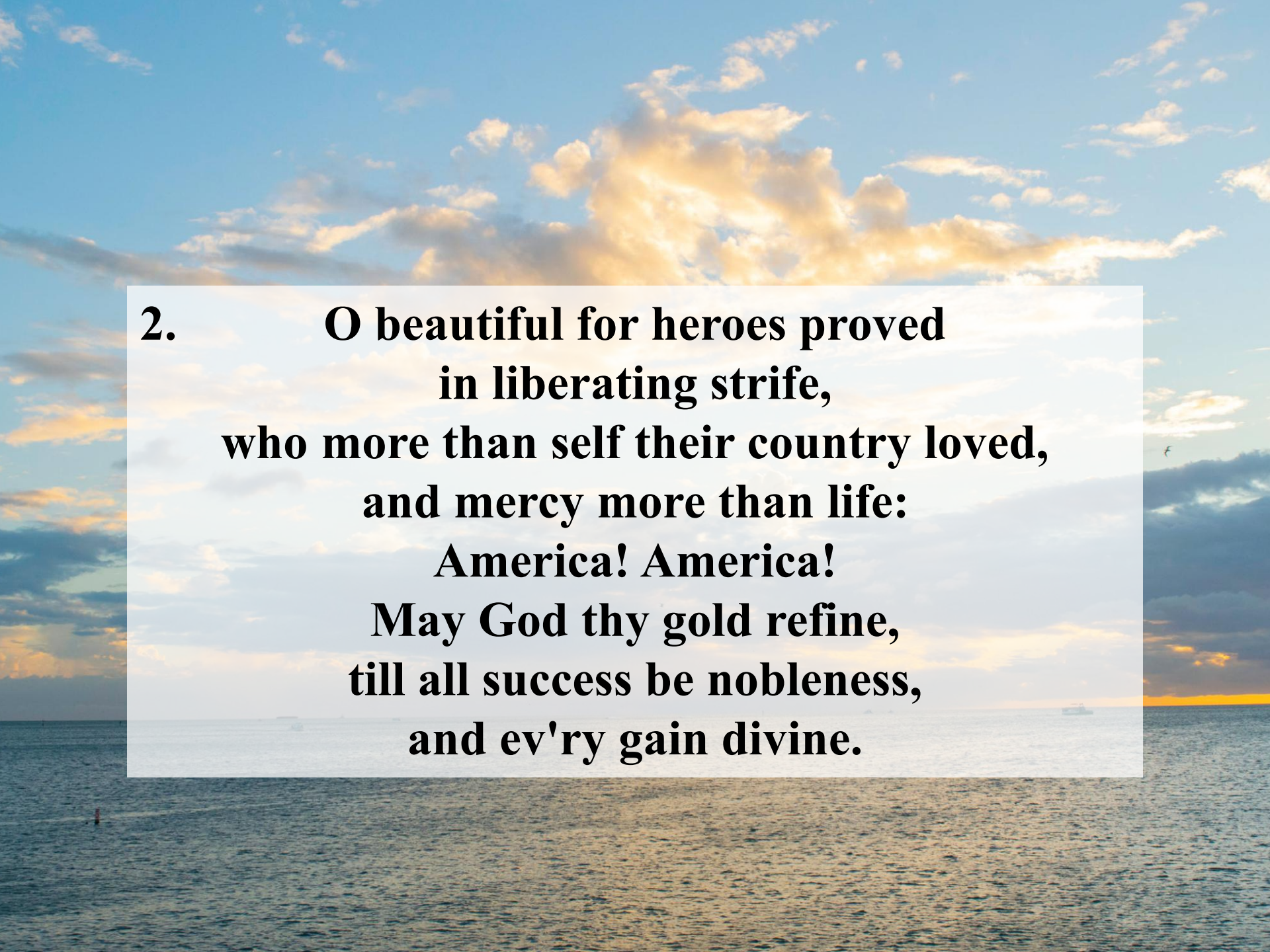
C: **Amen.**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

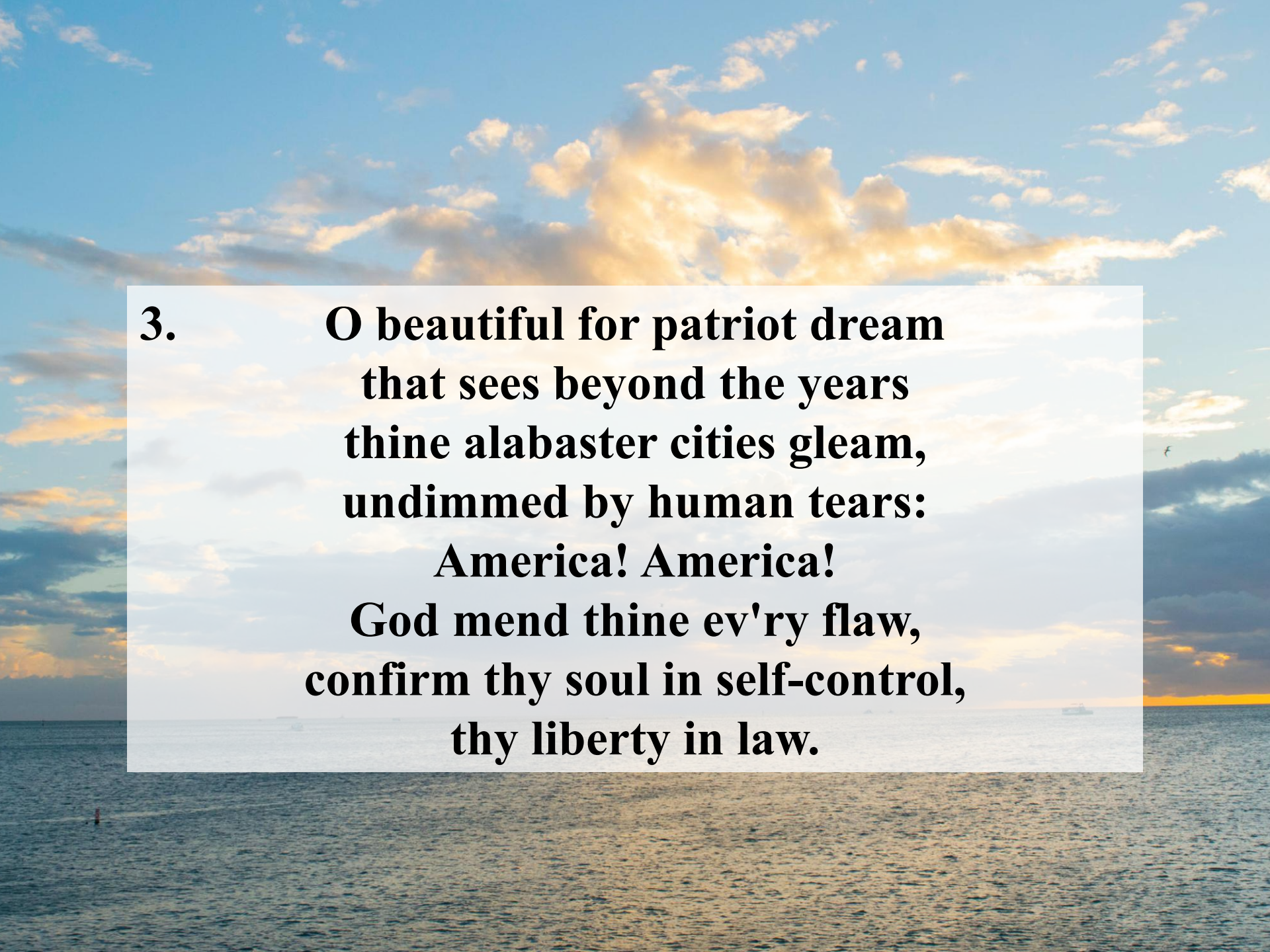
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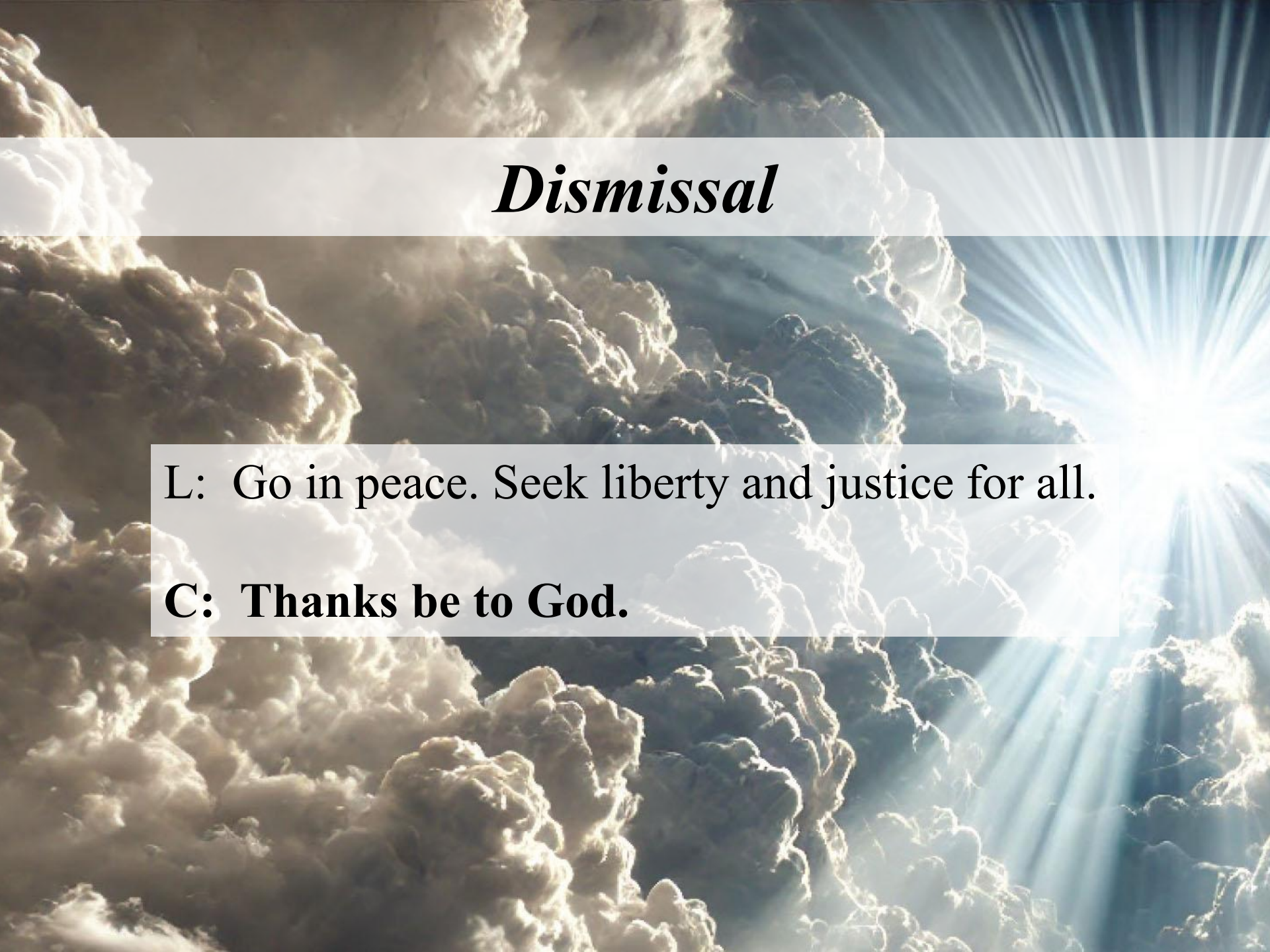
- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**



**2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**



**3. O beautiful for patriot dream
 that sees beyond the years
 thine alabaster cities gleam,
 undimmed by human tears:
 America! America!
 God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
 confirm thy soul in self-control,
 thy liberty in law.**



Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C: Thanks be to God.



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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