

Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2016



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



P: The Holy Spirit calls us together
as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: Amen.



P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**



**In your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and serve
you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



~ OPENING HYMN ~

“This is My Father’s World”



**This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**



**This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.**

**In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**



**This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!**



P: 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.

INTRODUCTION

P: This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific - the demonic - nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



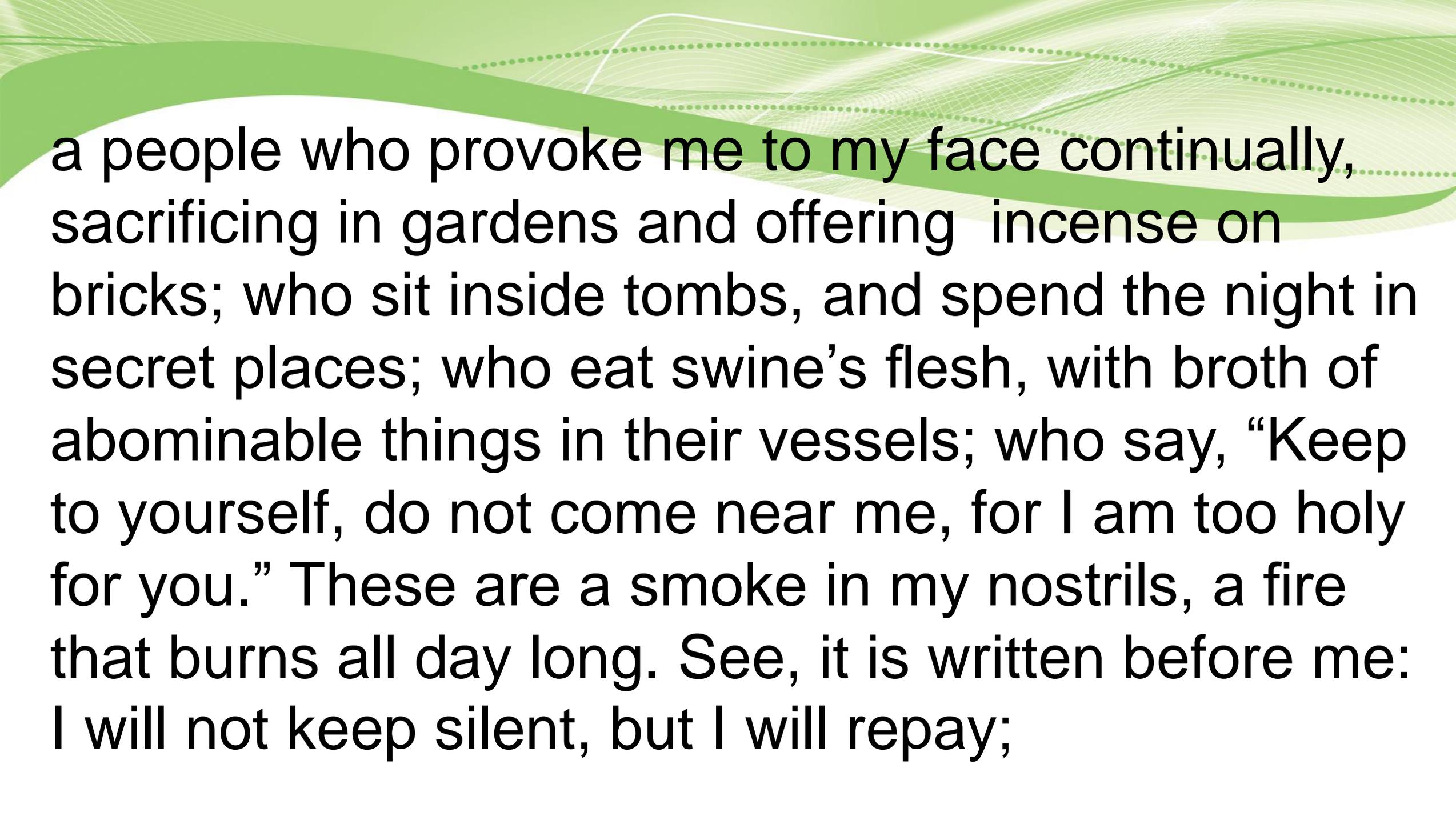
Children's Church

*Today on Father's Day, we honor our fathers.
All Christian men will receive a
bottle of Dad's Root Beer!*

First Reading Isaiah 65: 1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 65th chapter

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;



a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on
bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in
secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of
abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep
to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy
for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire
that burns all day long. See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.



I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my
chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle
there.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 22: 19-28 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

P: But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

C: Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.



P: Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

C: I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

P: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.



P: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**



P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

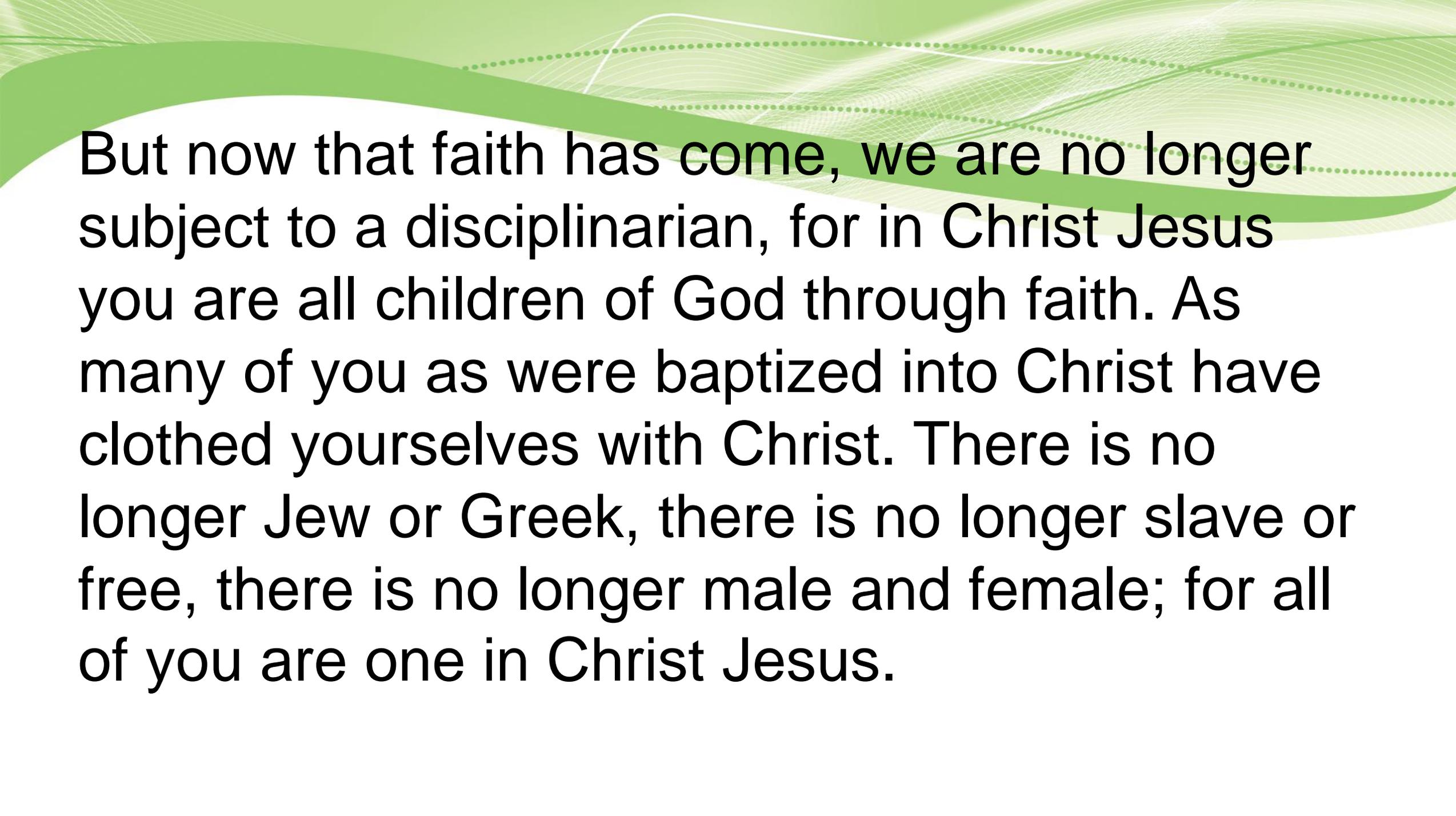
C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 3: 23-29

A reading from Galatians, the 3rd chapter.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.



But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

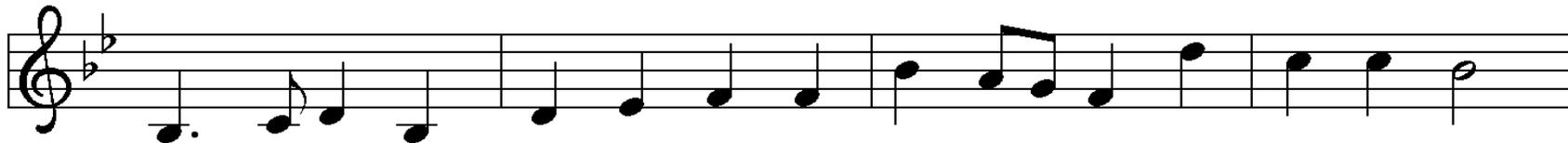


And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



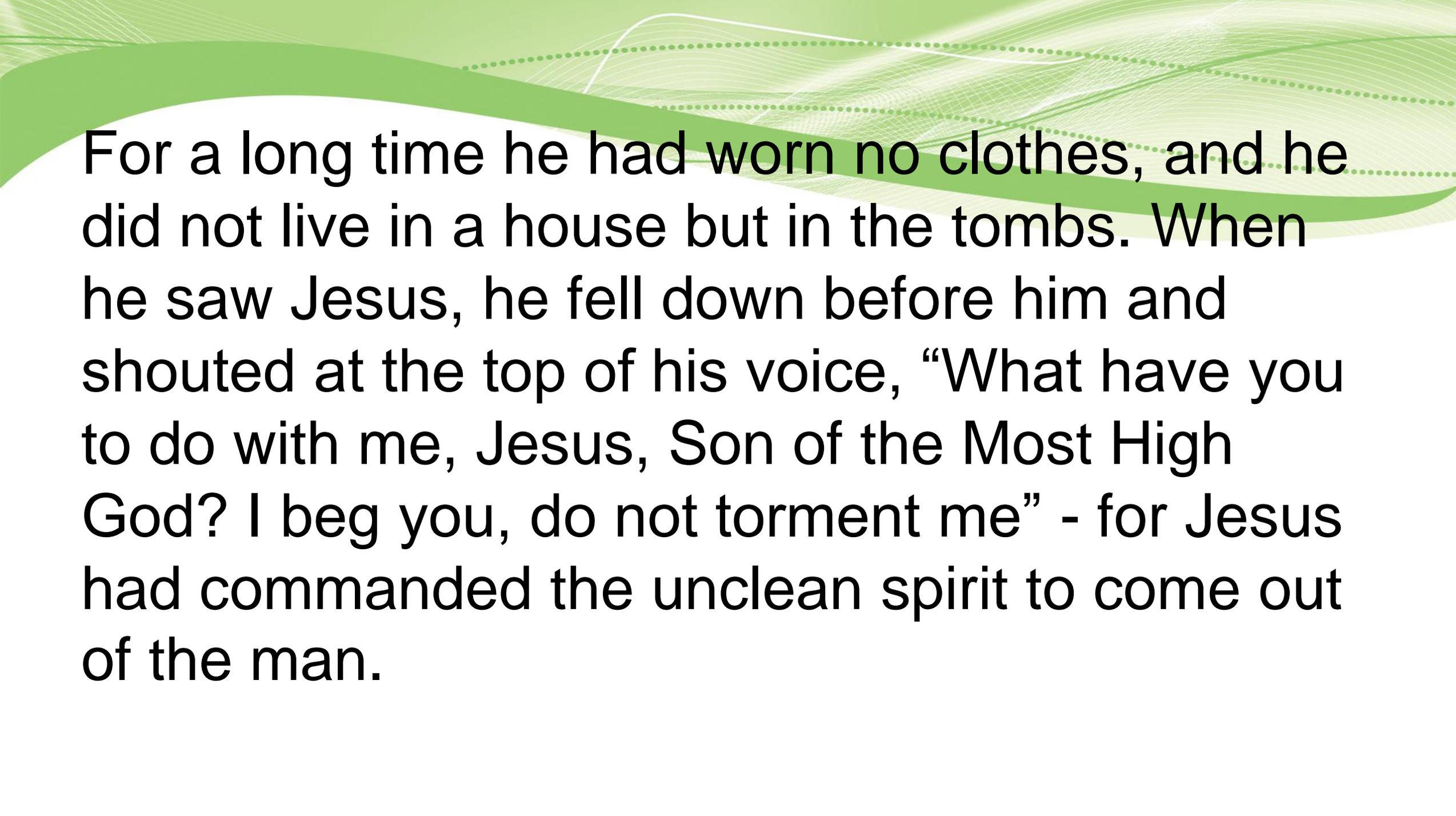
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him.



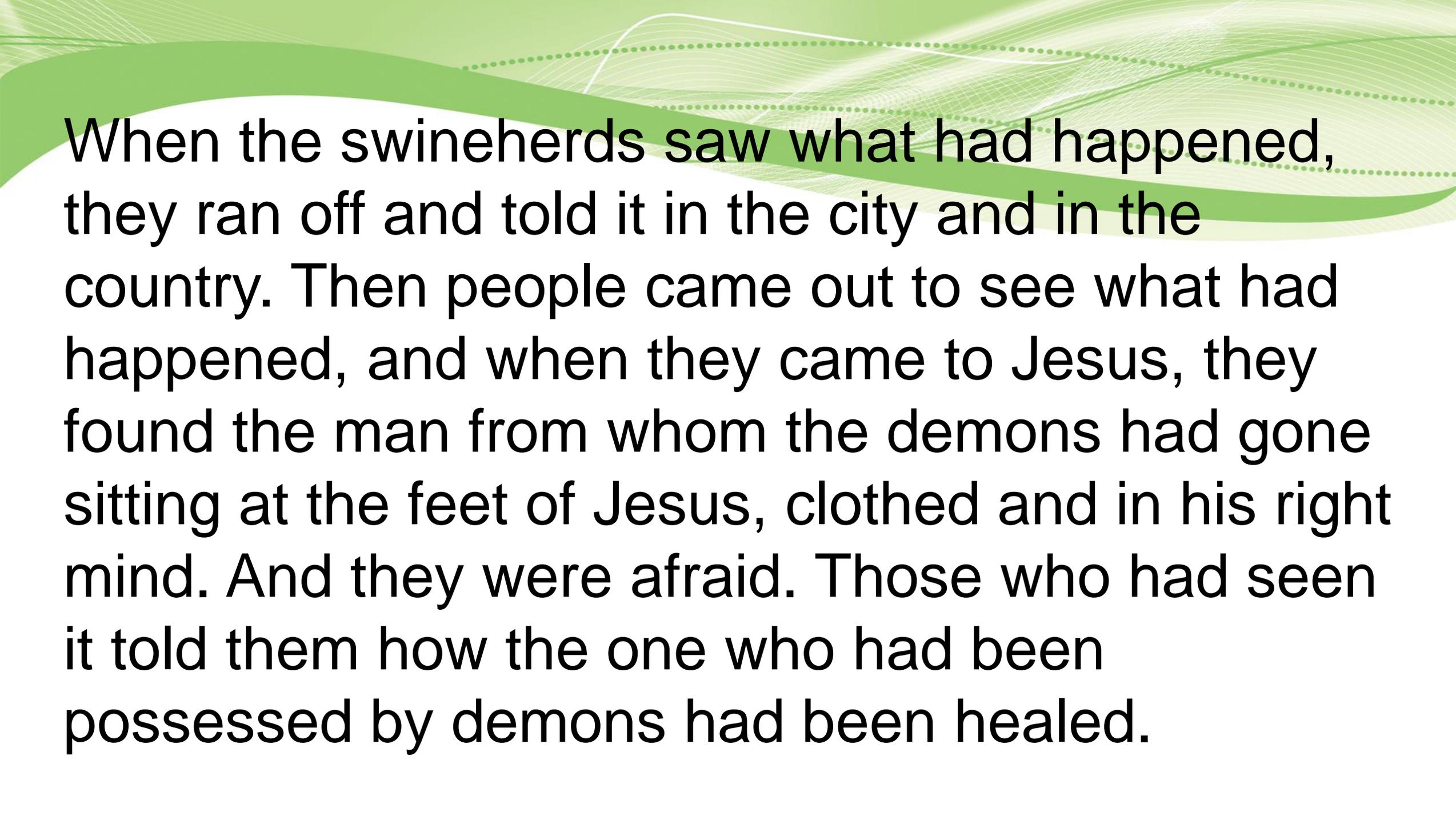
For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.



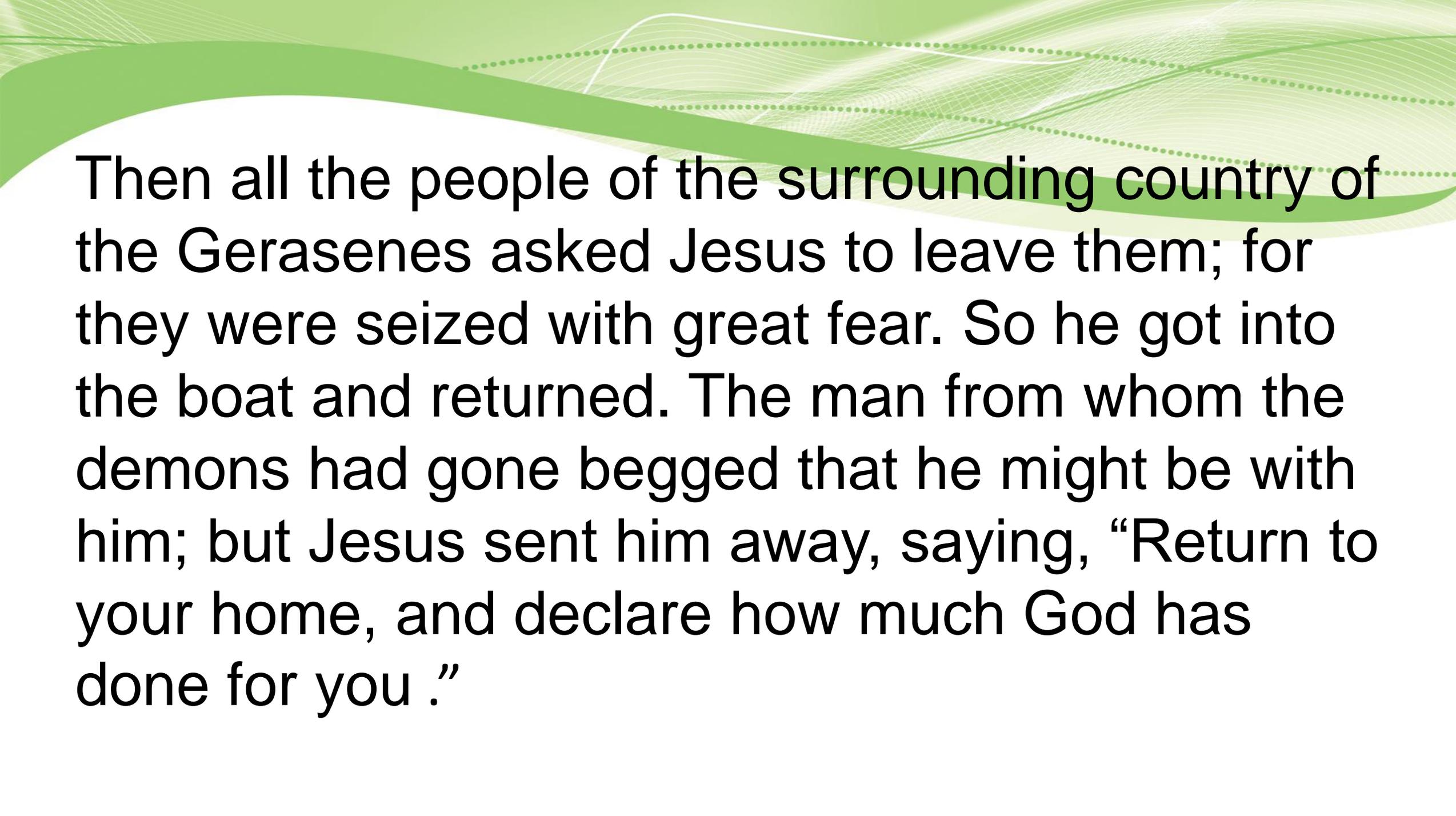
For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds. Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.

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They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.



When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.



Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you .”



So he went away, proclaiming
throughout the city how much Jesus
had done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



~ *SERMON* ~



HYMN OF THE DAY “Faith of Our Fathers”

**Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**



**The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee.**



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**



**Faith of our fathers! We will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life.**



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

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.**

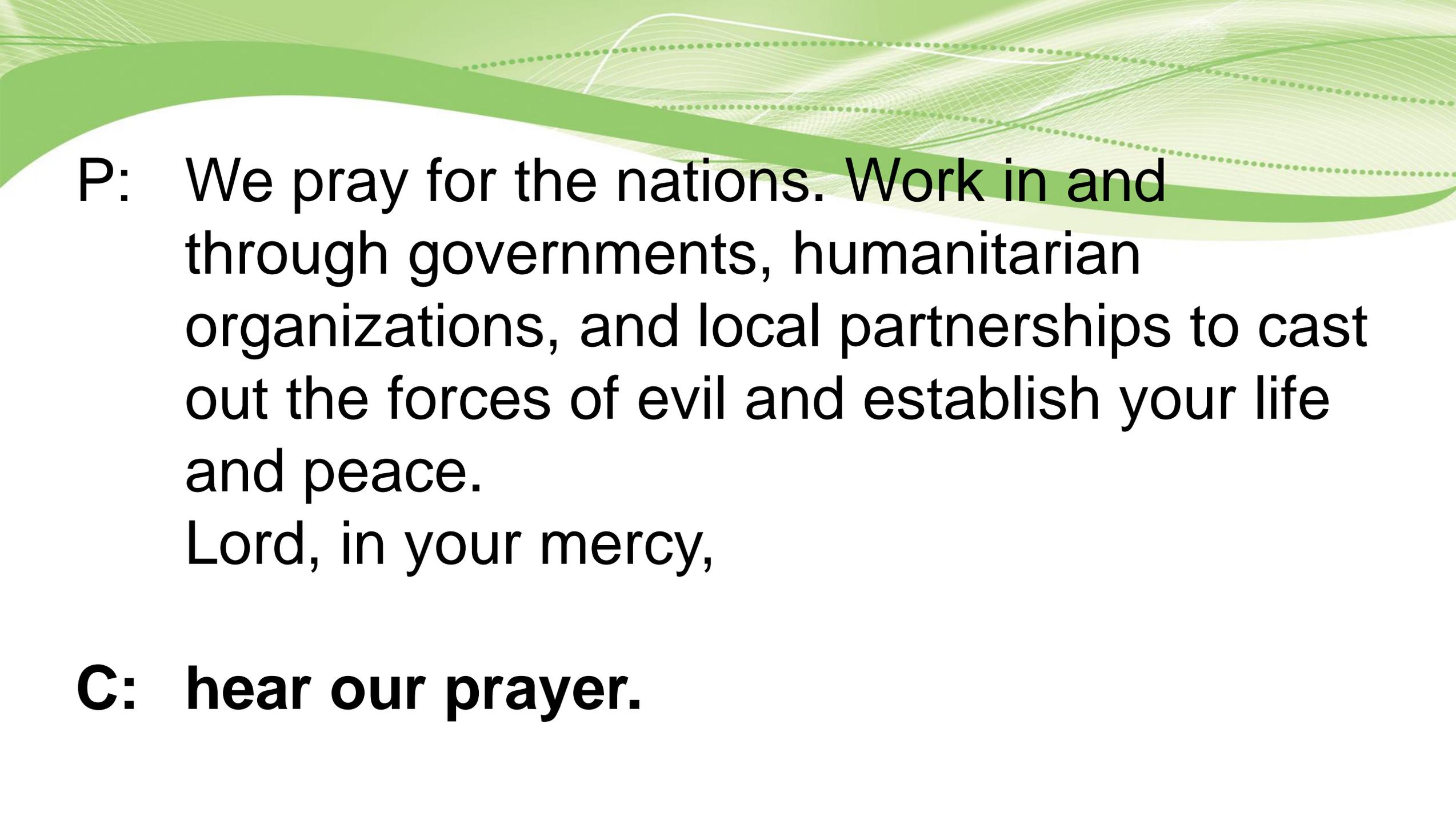
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Gracious God, we pray for the church. Keep it faithful to you, so that your people here stand in witness to proclaim how much you have done for us in Jesus Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the well-being of creation. Tend and nurture plants and animals, lands, seas, and skies. Restore the vitality of lands and waters suffering from human misuse or natural disaster.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: We pray for the nations. Work in and through governments, humanitarian organizations, and local partnerships to cast out the forces of evil and establish your life and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be with those who know demons of any kind, and clothe them with Christ's freedom and healing.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation. Establish and renew our faith, strengthen our ministries, and bless those preparing for baptism. Bless fathers and all who provide fatherly care in their vocation to raise up our children in love.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



SHARING THE PEACE

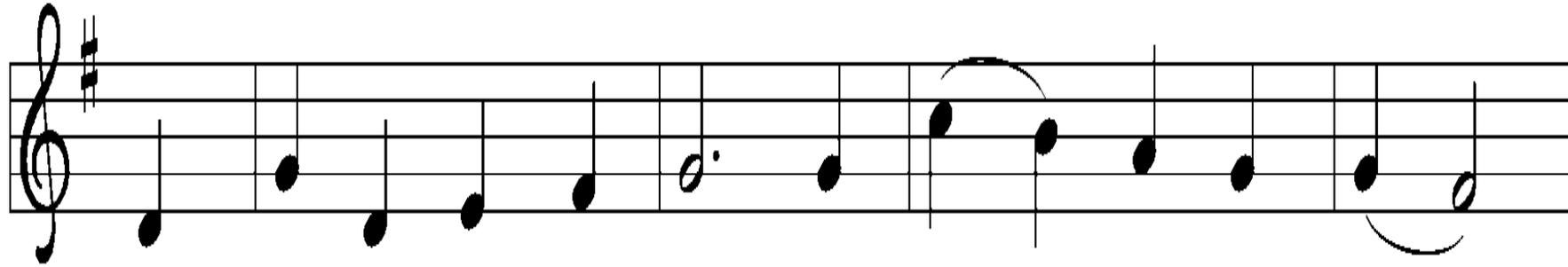
P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.



~VIDEO DURING OFFERING~

“Courageous”
By Casting Crowns



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORDS 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; and 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.



COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything, reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

~ CLOSING HYMN ~ "Choral Benediction"



**May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.**



**May the love of God live in us today,
May the love of God live in us today,
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say,
May the love of God live in us today.**



**May the peace of God be with us today,
May the peace of God be with us today,
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us today.**



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.





























































