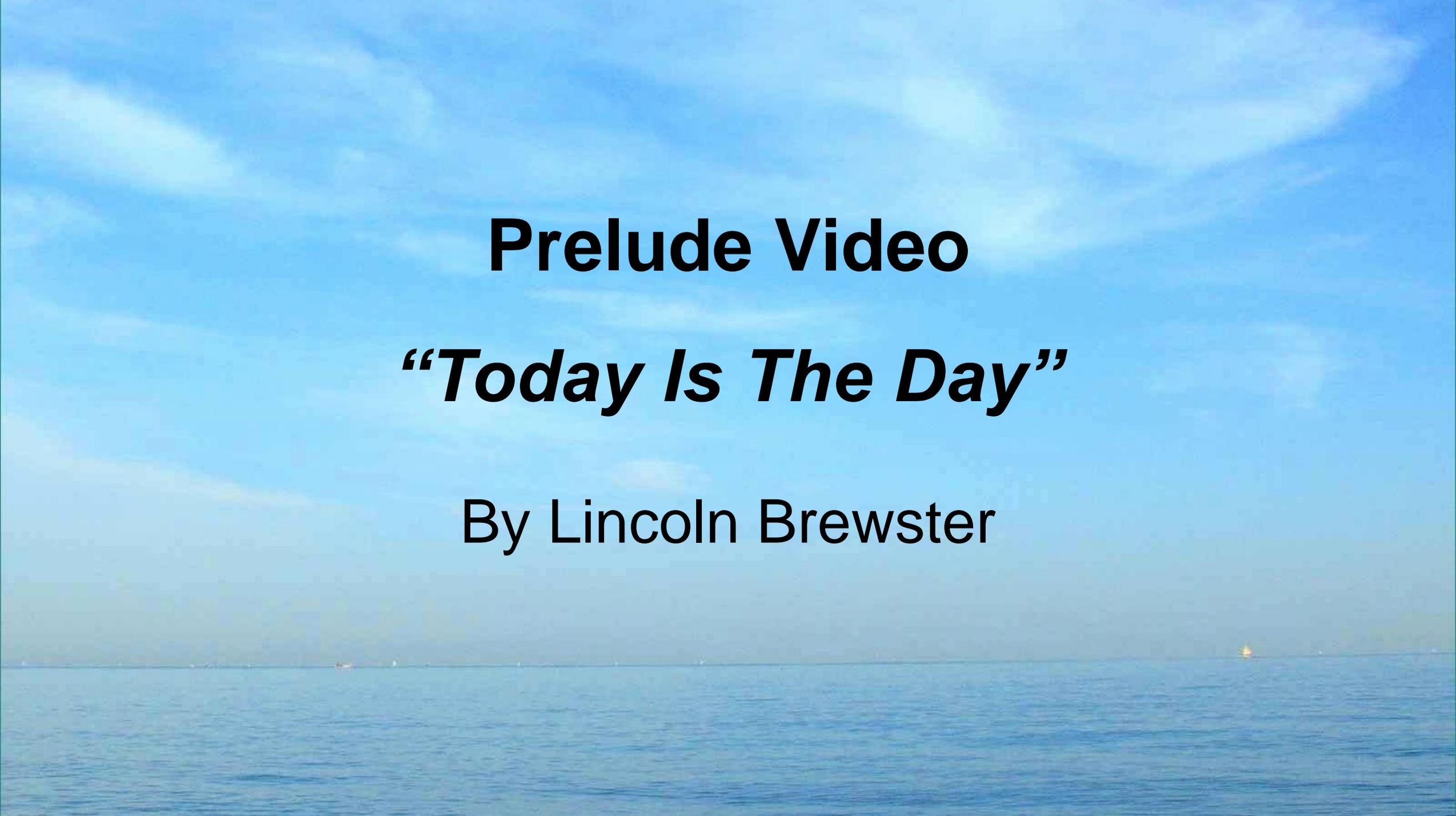




# *Praise and Worship*

March 31, 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

A serene seascape with a blue sky and calm water. The sky is a clear, light blue with some wispy clouds. The water is a deep blue with gentle ripples. In the distance, a few small boats are visible on the horizon.

# **Prelude Video**

***“Today Is The Day”***

**By Lincoln Brewster**



**Welcome**

**Announcements**

## **Invocation**

**P:** We gather in the name of the Father,  
and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



**Opening Video**

**“Trading My Sorrows”**

**By Darrell Evans**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

O God of life,

**C: you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



# Children's Sermon



***Lord, I Lift Your Name On High***

## **A Reading from Acts, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation:

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> C

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.  
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The second system also consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The background of the page is a blue sky and ocean.

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

A serene seascape with a blue sky and calm water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the water is a deep blue with gentle ripples. In the distance, a few small boats are visible on the horizon.

**~ Sermon ~**

**“Grace Matters”**

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**Video Song of the Day**

***“Forever”***  
**by Chris Tomlin**

## Confirmation Creed

**We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. God loved his creation and said it was good. God has given us life and things to support our life, like plants and animals. God is still creating through people, every time there is new life and more technology. God provides for us by giving us all that we need for daily life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He taught many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us till the end of the age.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to serve others in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor. This is most certainly true. AMEN!**

# Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (A brief silence.) Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

**P:** Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

**P:** Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

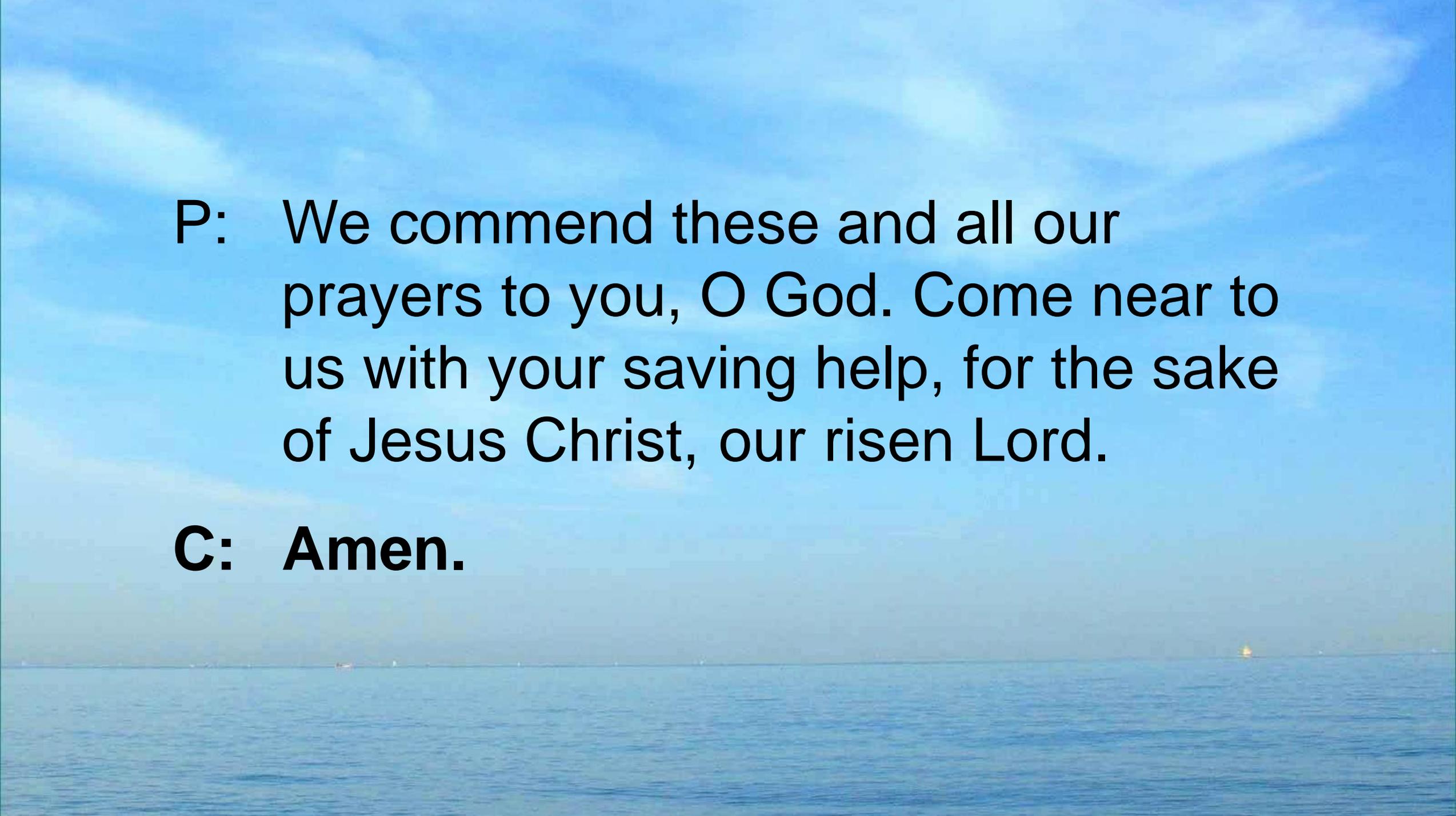
**C:** Your mercy is great.

**P:** Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

**P:** We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name (*especially*). Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.



**P:** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.



**Offertory Video:**  
***“God’s Not Dead”***  
**by Newsboys**

# OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

**C:** Amen.

# 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 LORD'S PRAYER ~ MODERN VERSION**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

A wide-angle photograph of a calm sea under a vast, blue sky with wispy white clouds. The horizon line is low, and the water is a deep, tranquil blue. In the distance, a few small, faint lights or structures are visible on the horizon.

# *COMMUNION*

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# Communion Video

***“You Are My All in All”***

# Prayer After Communion

**P:** Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world. In the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with and fill you with courage.

**C:** Amen.

A wide-angle photograph of a calm sea under a vast, blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The horizon line is low, and the water is a deep, clear blue. In the distance, a few small, faint lights are visible on the horizon.

# **Closing Video**

***“Days Of Elijah”***

**by Robin Mark**

# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. God in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God.