



Faith Lutheran Church

***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***



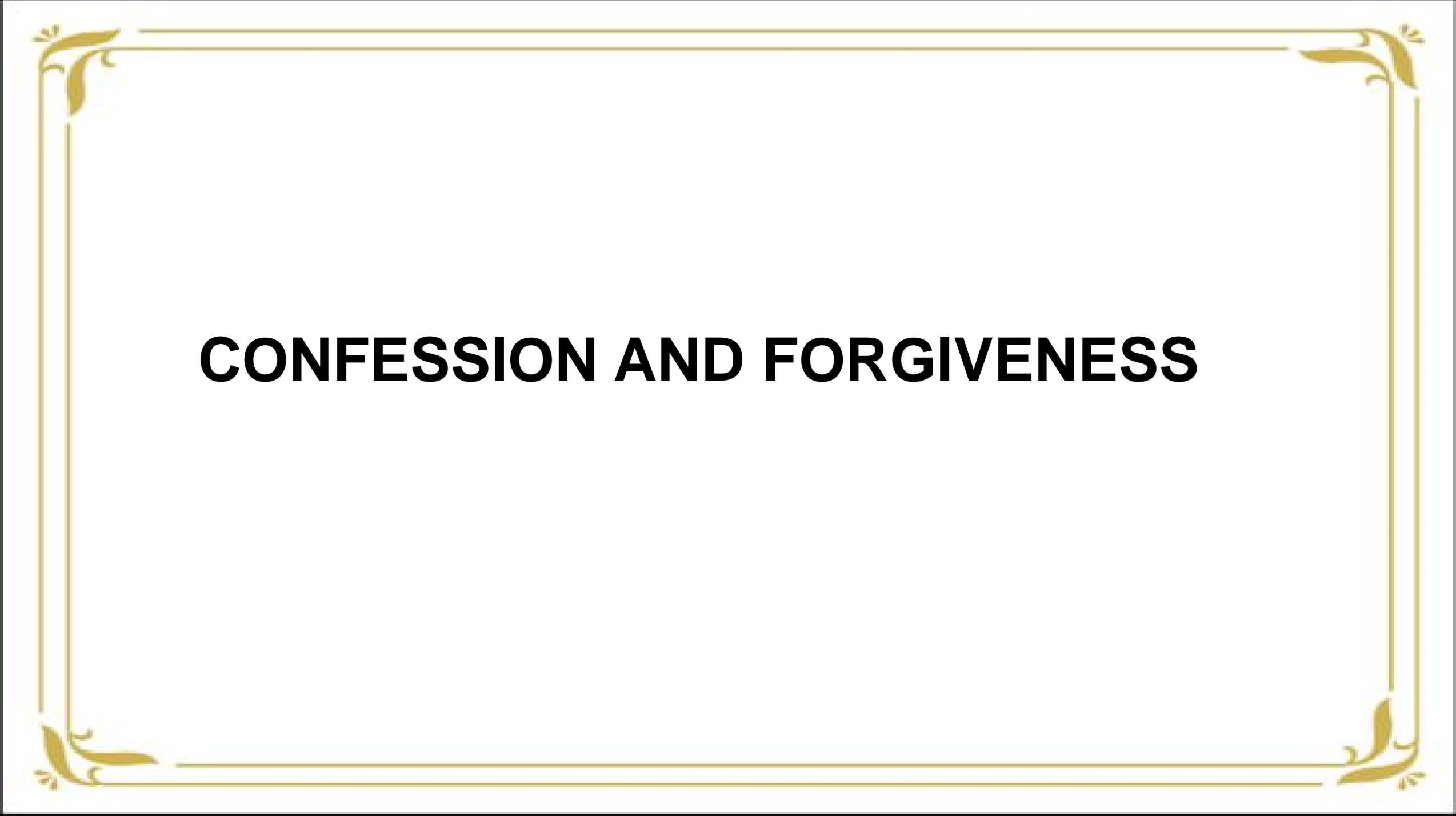
**Transfiguration
of Our Lord
March 3, 2019**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy
endures forever.

C: Amen.

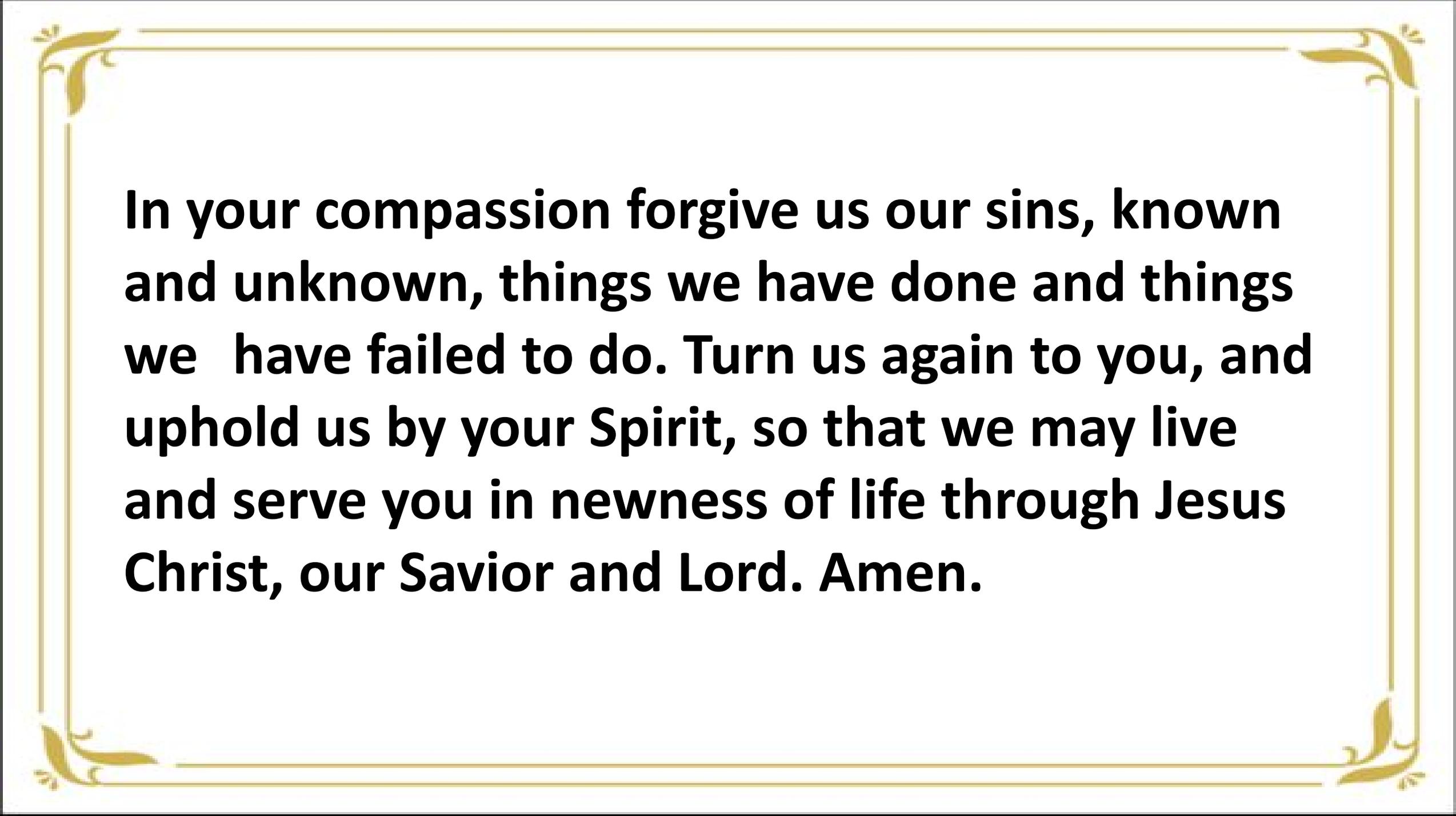
P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)*

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.



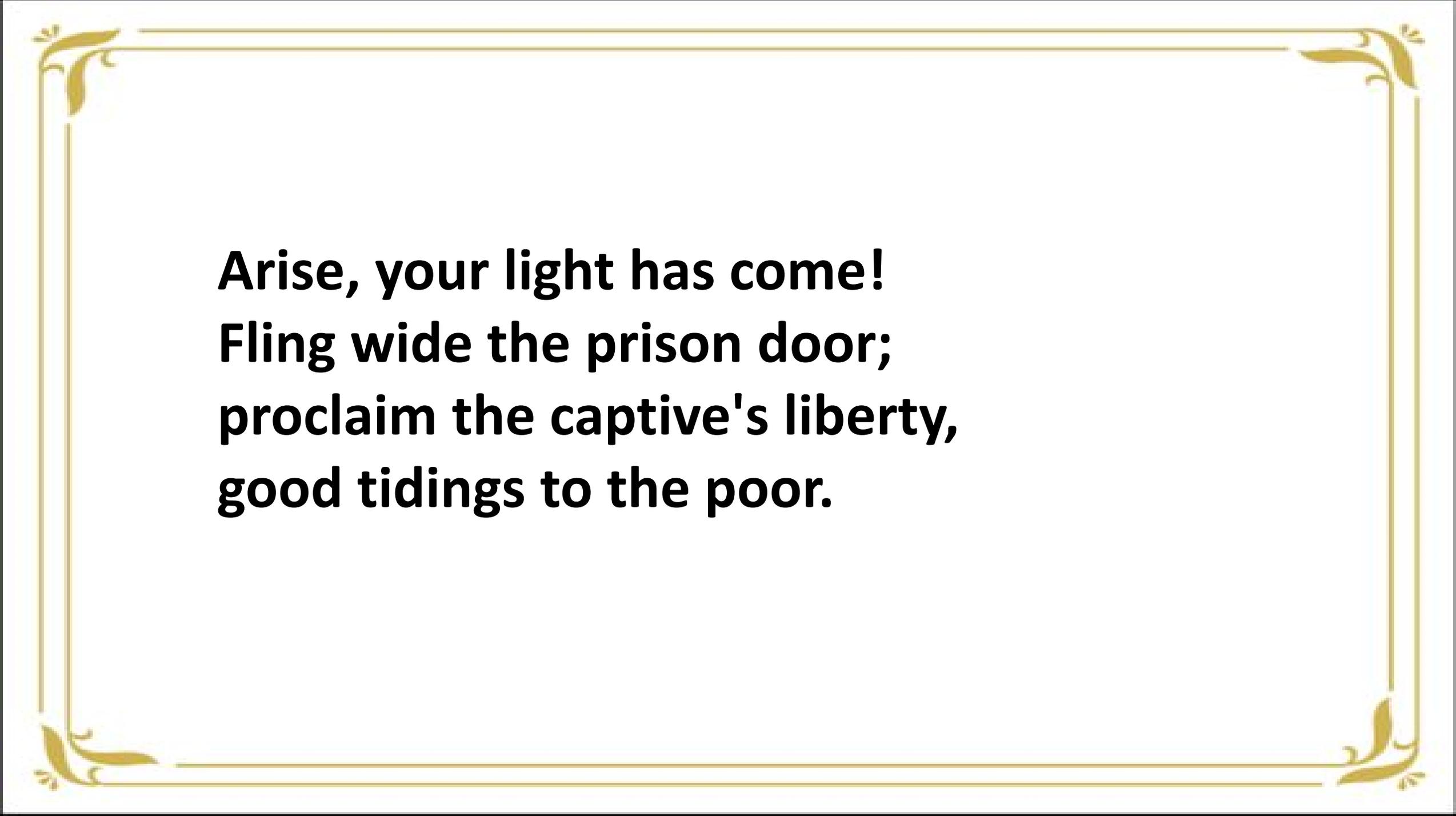
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

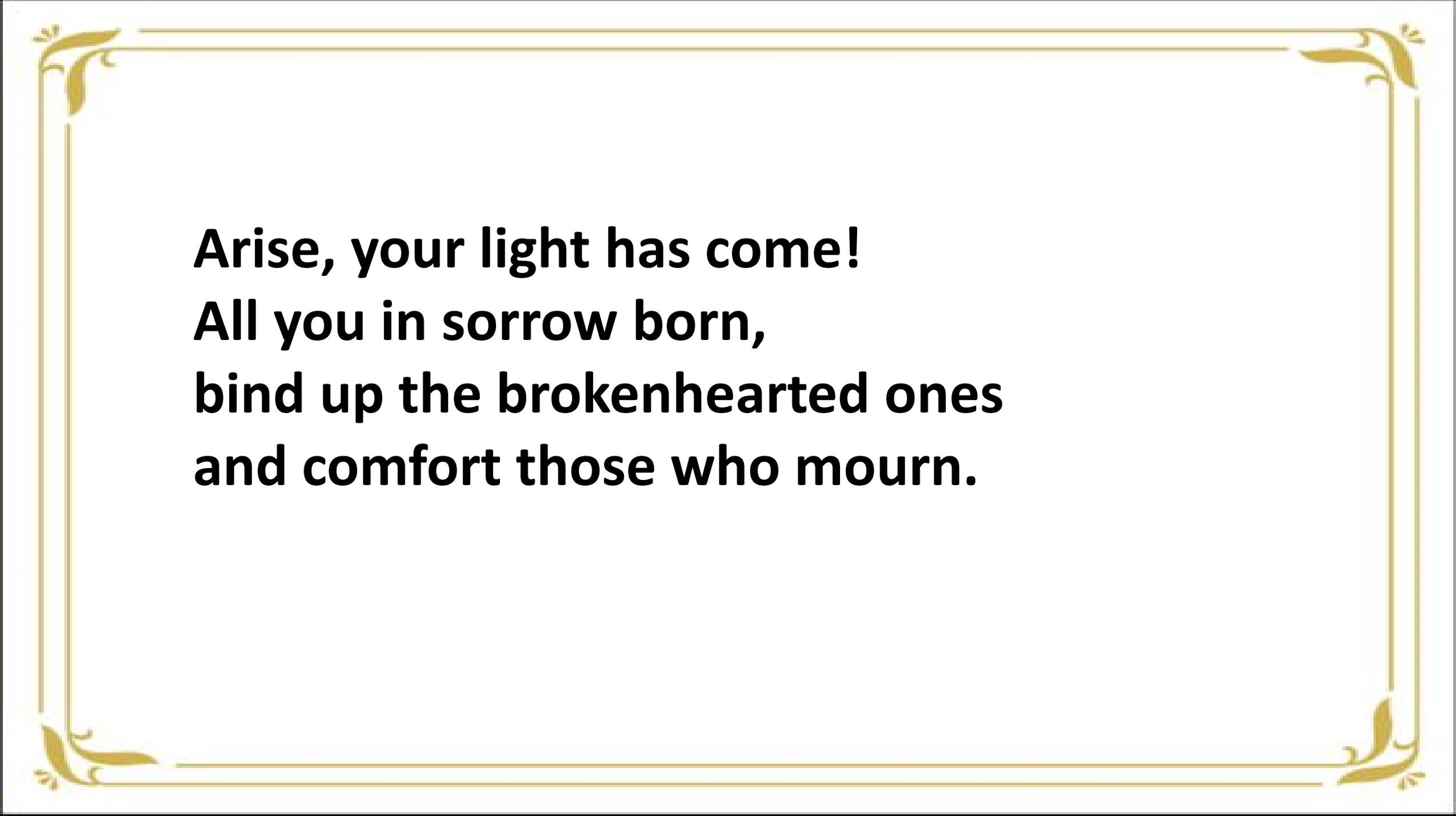
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

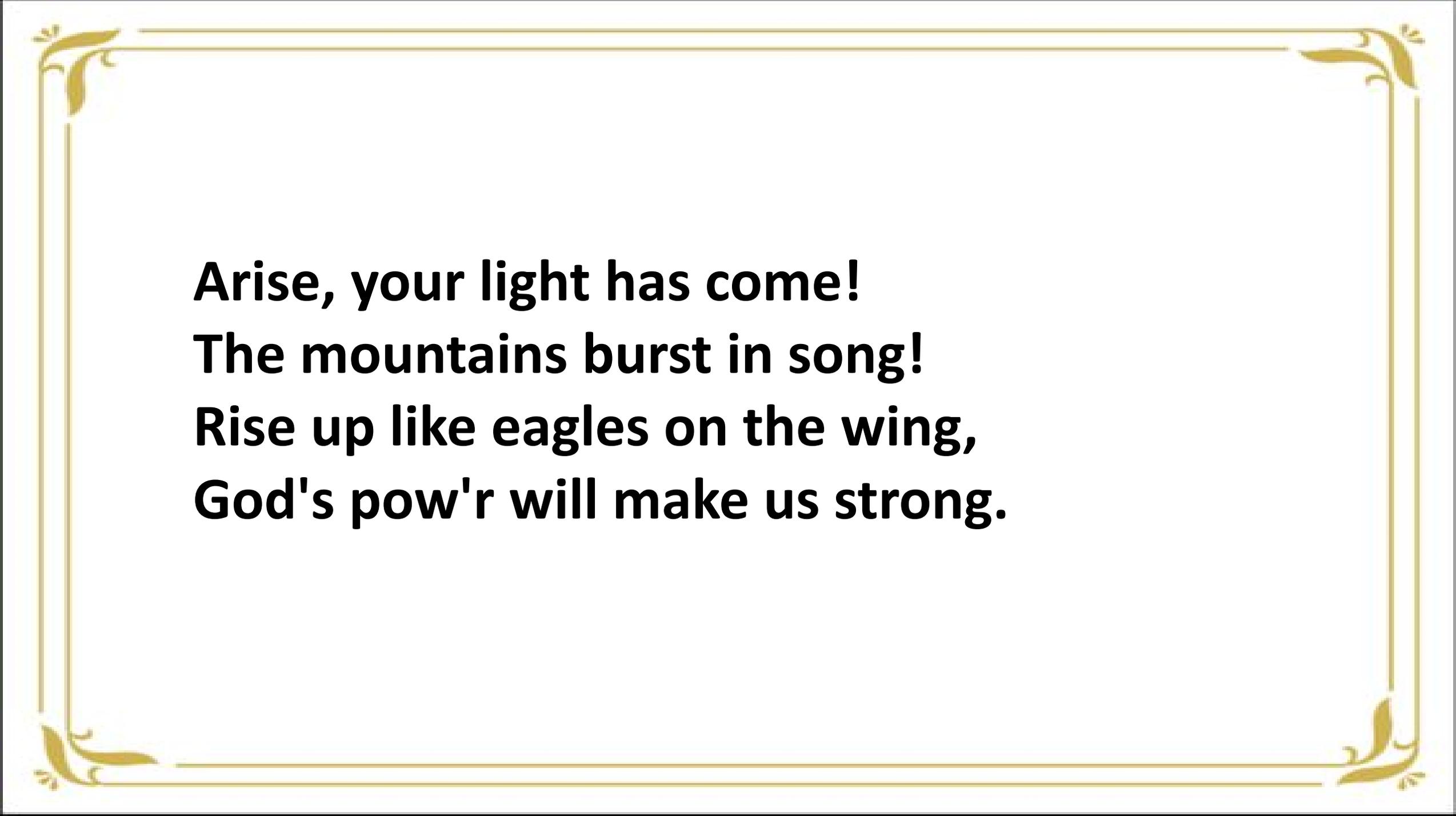
**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**



**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**



**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**



**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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 to the Day

P: Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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

C: mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Church



"Let the
little children
come to me"

MATTHEW 19:14

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus, the 34th chapter.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out;

and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 99

R: The LORD is king; let the people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

C: **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

R: Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

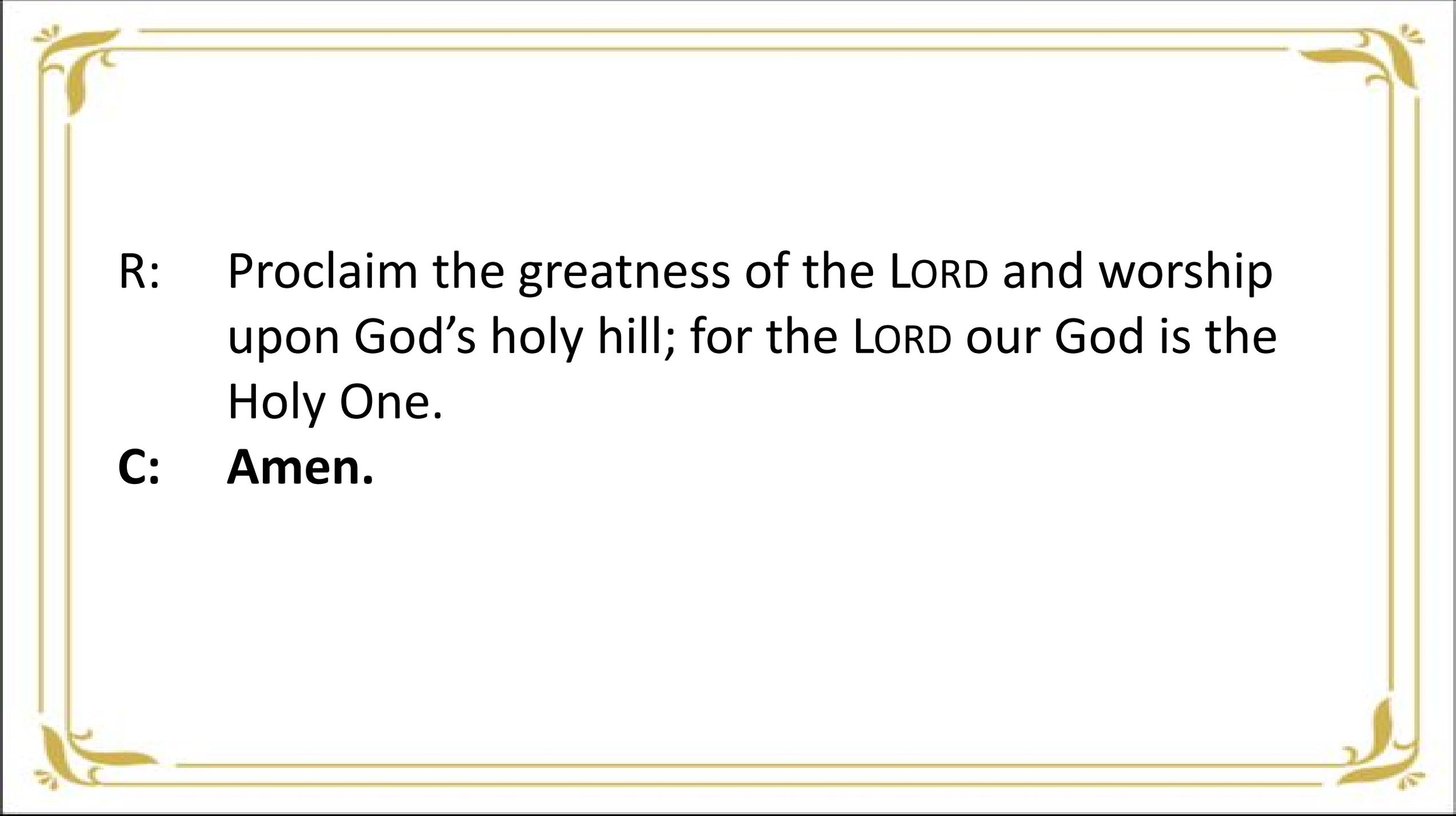
C: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

R: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and
fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

**C: Moses and Aaron among your priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon your
name, O LORD, they called upon you, and
you answered them,**

R: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree
that you gave them.

**C: O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**



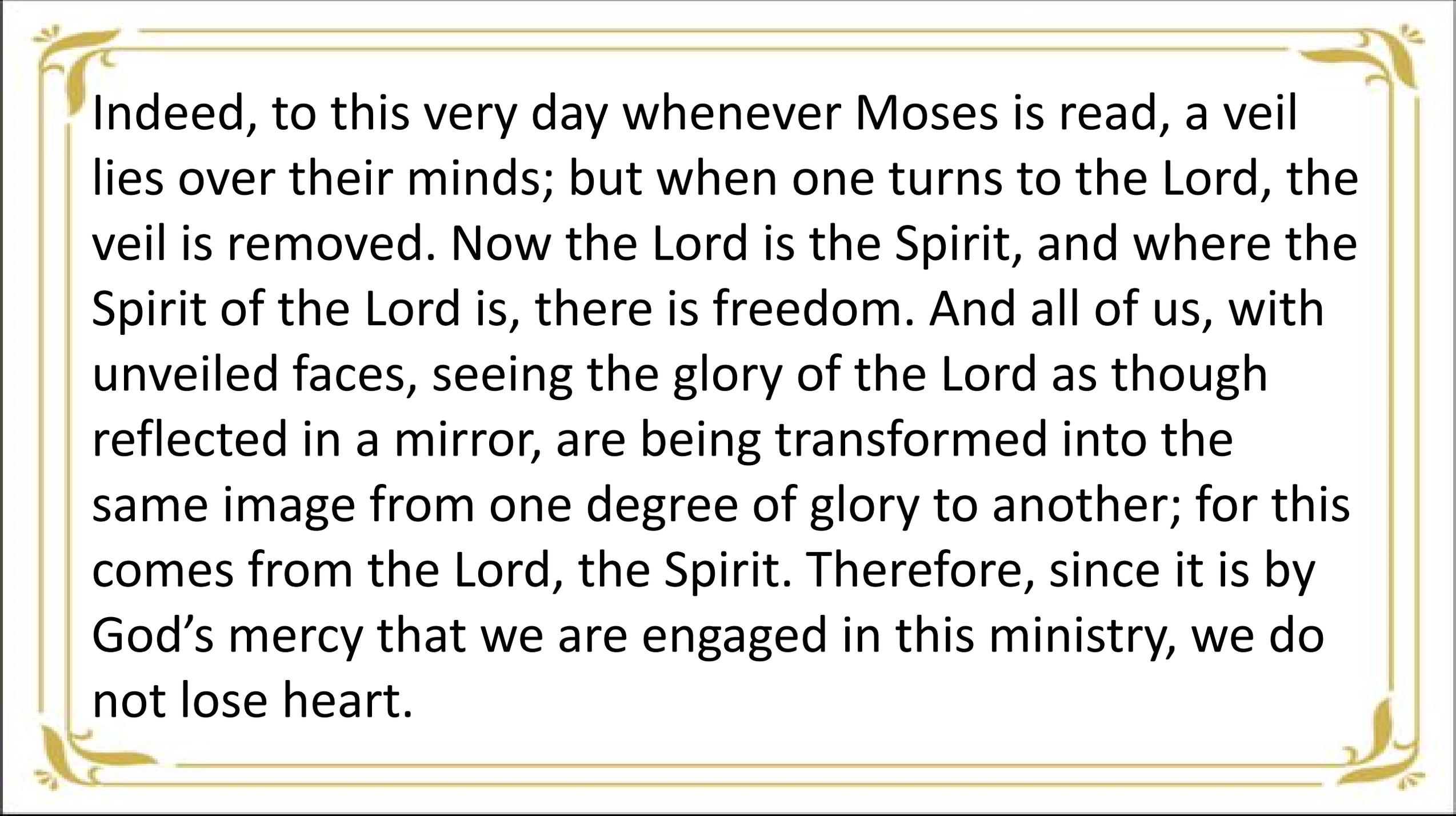
R: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

A reading from 2nd Corinthians, the 3rd chapter.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.



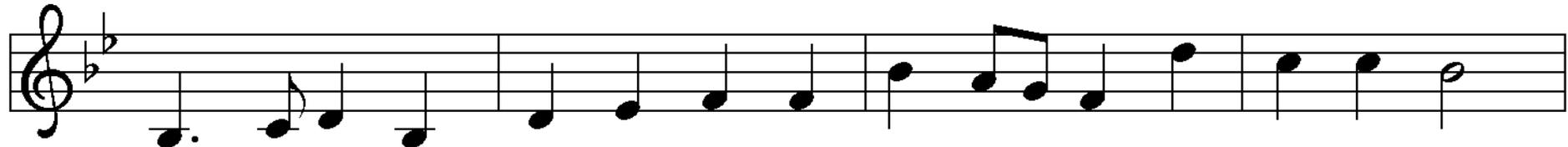
Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-36

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

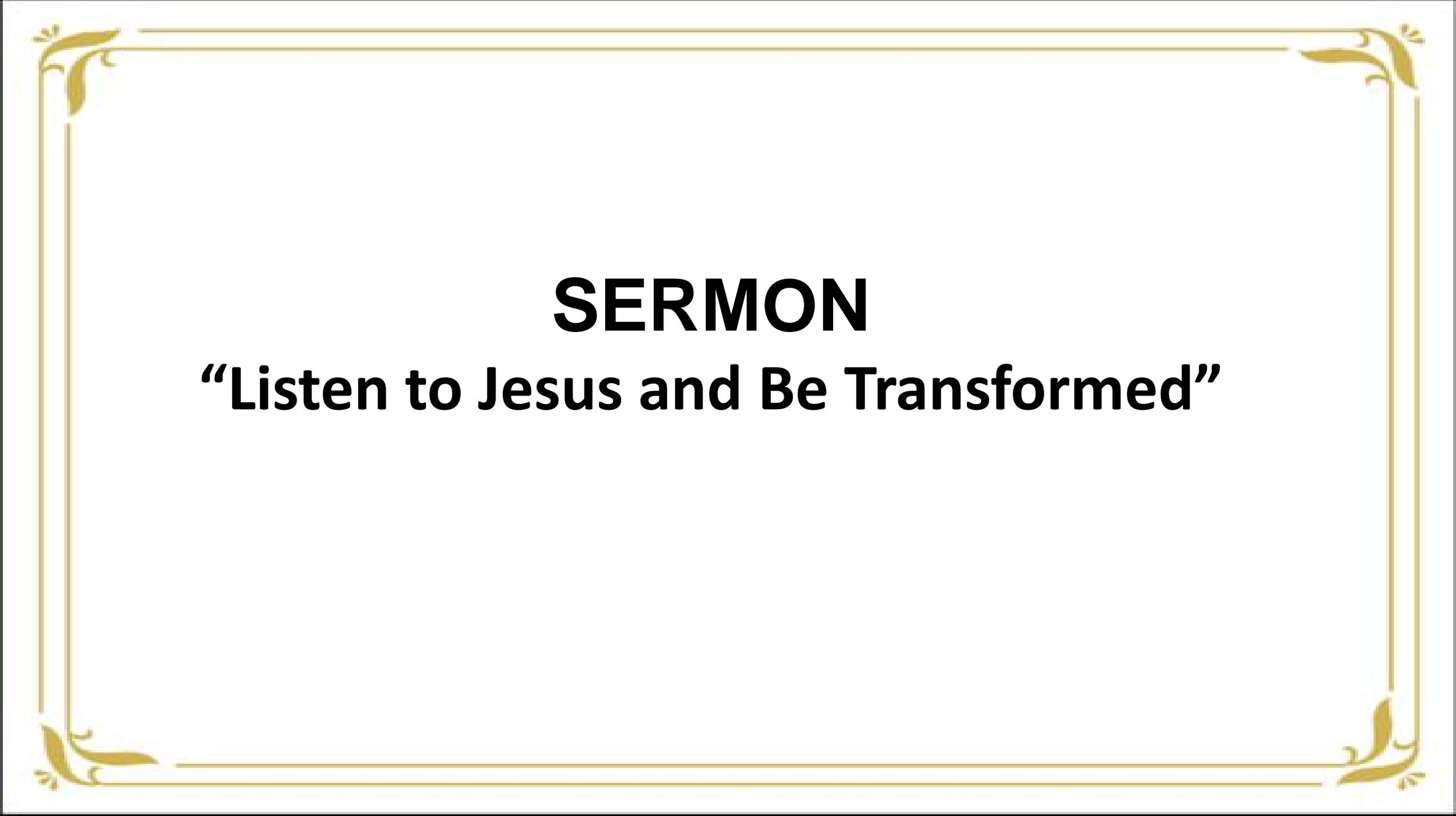
Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

“Listen to Jesus and Be Transformed”

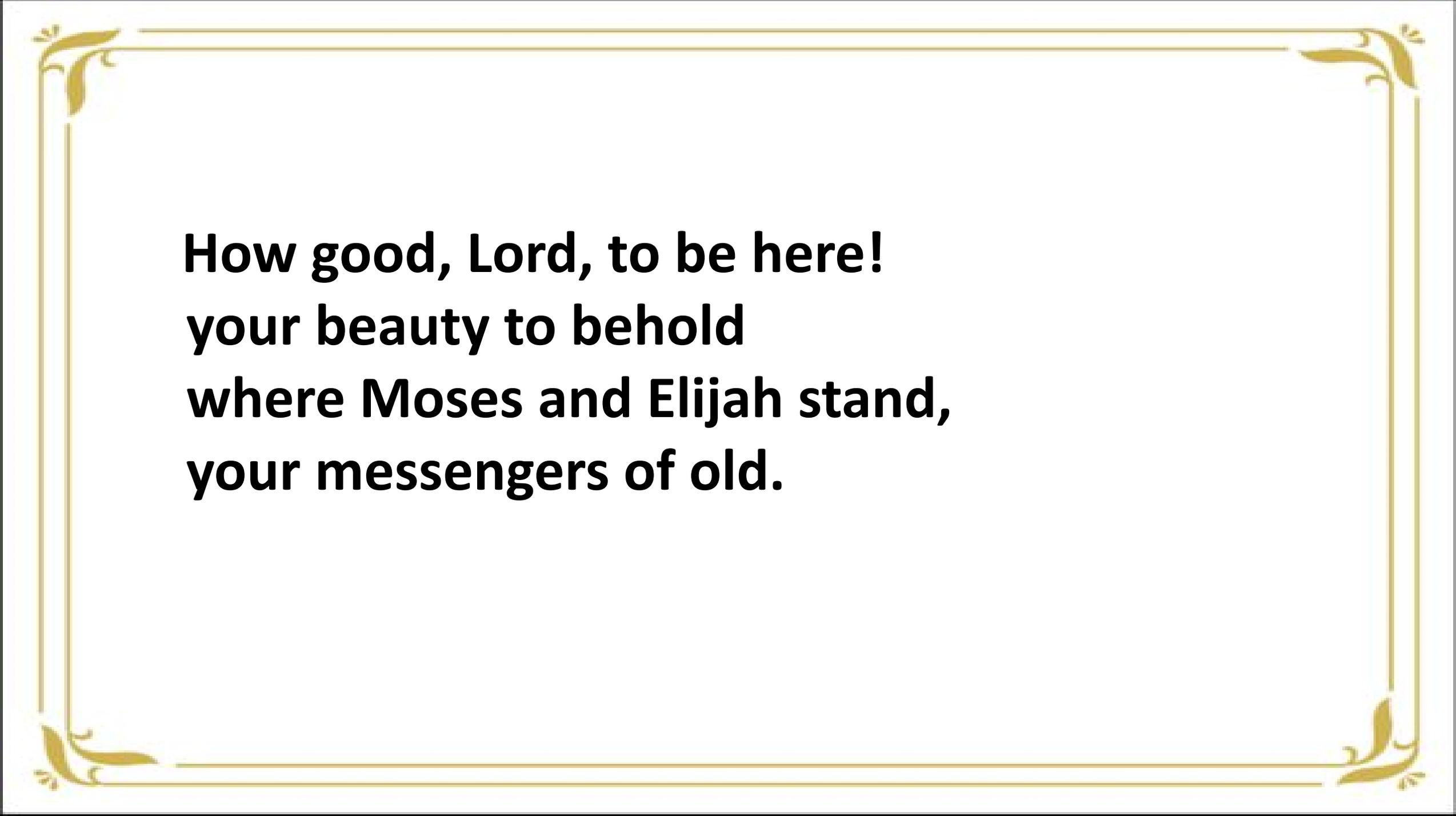
Hymn of the Day *“How Good, Lord, To Be Here”*

How good, Lord, to be here!

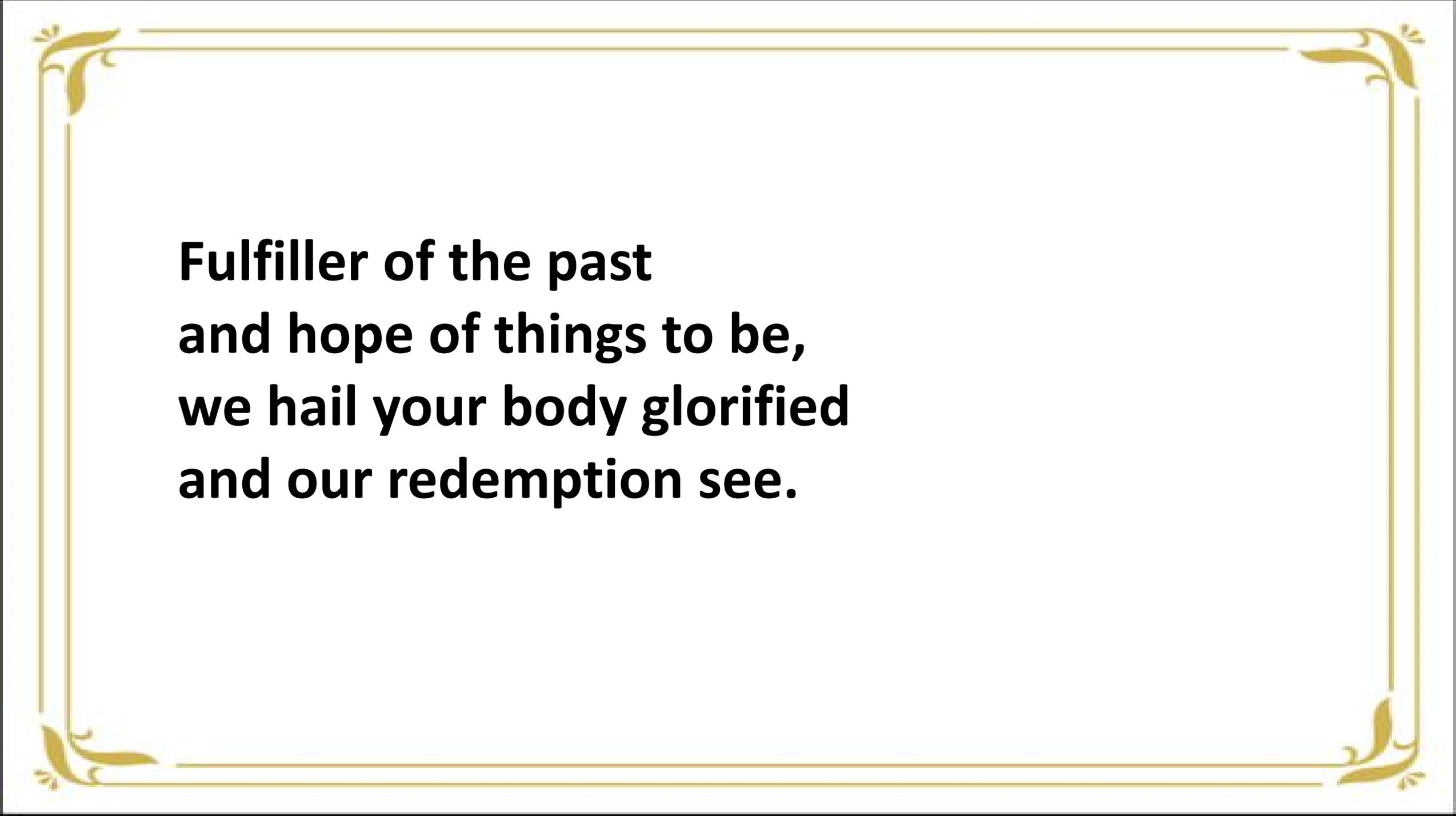
Your glory fills the night;

your face and garments, like the sun,

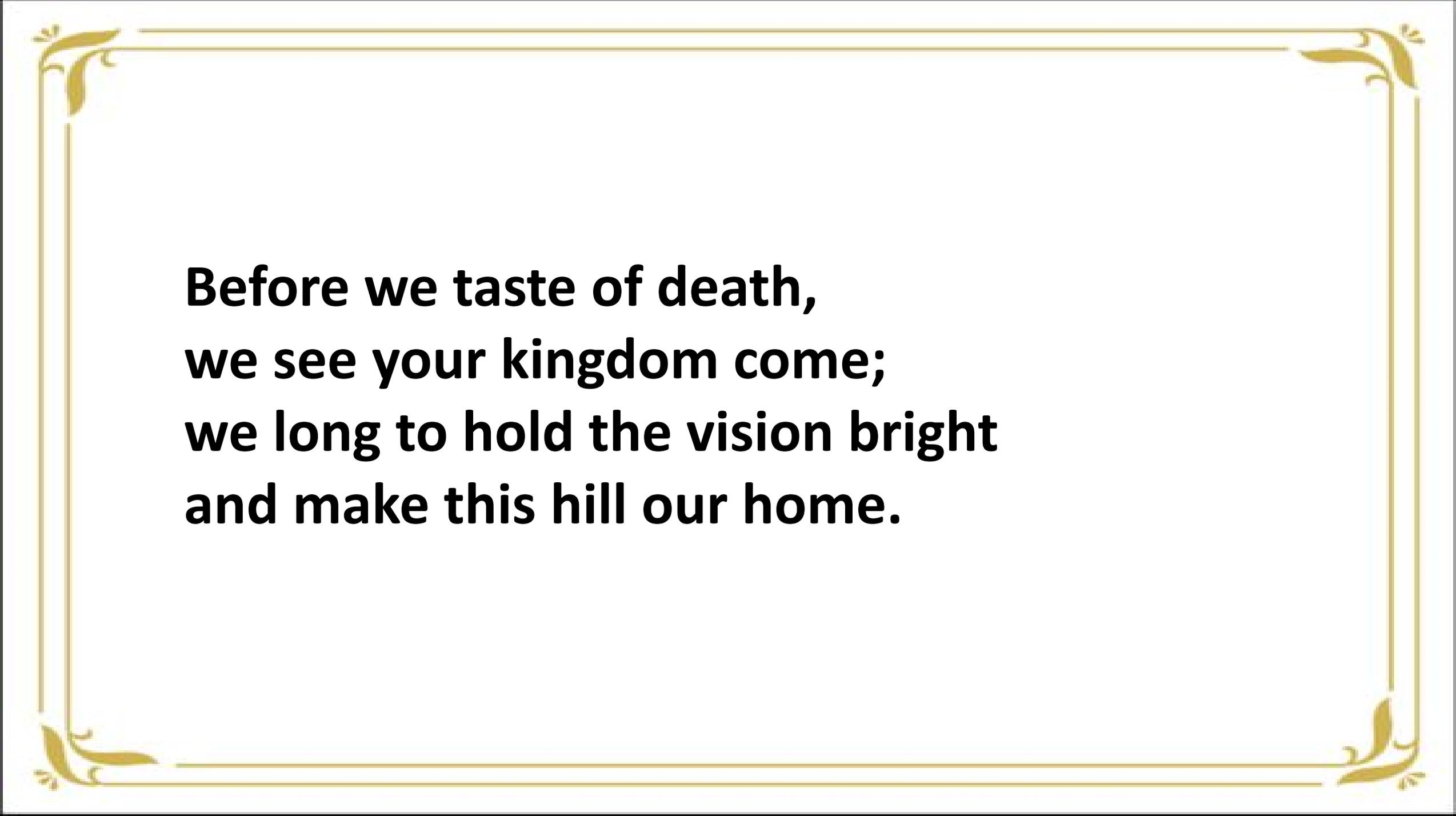
shine with unborrowed light.



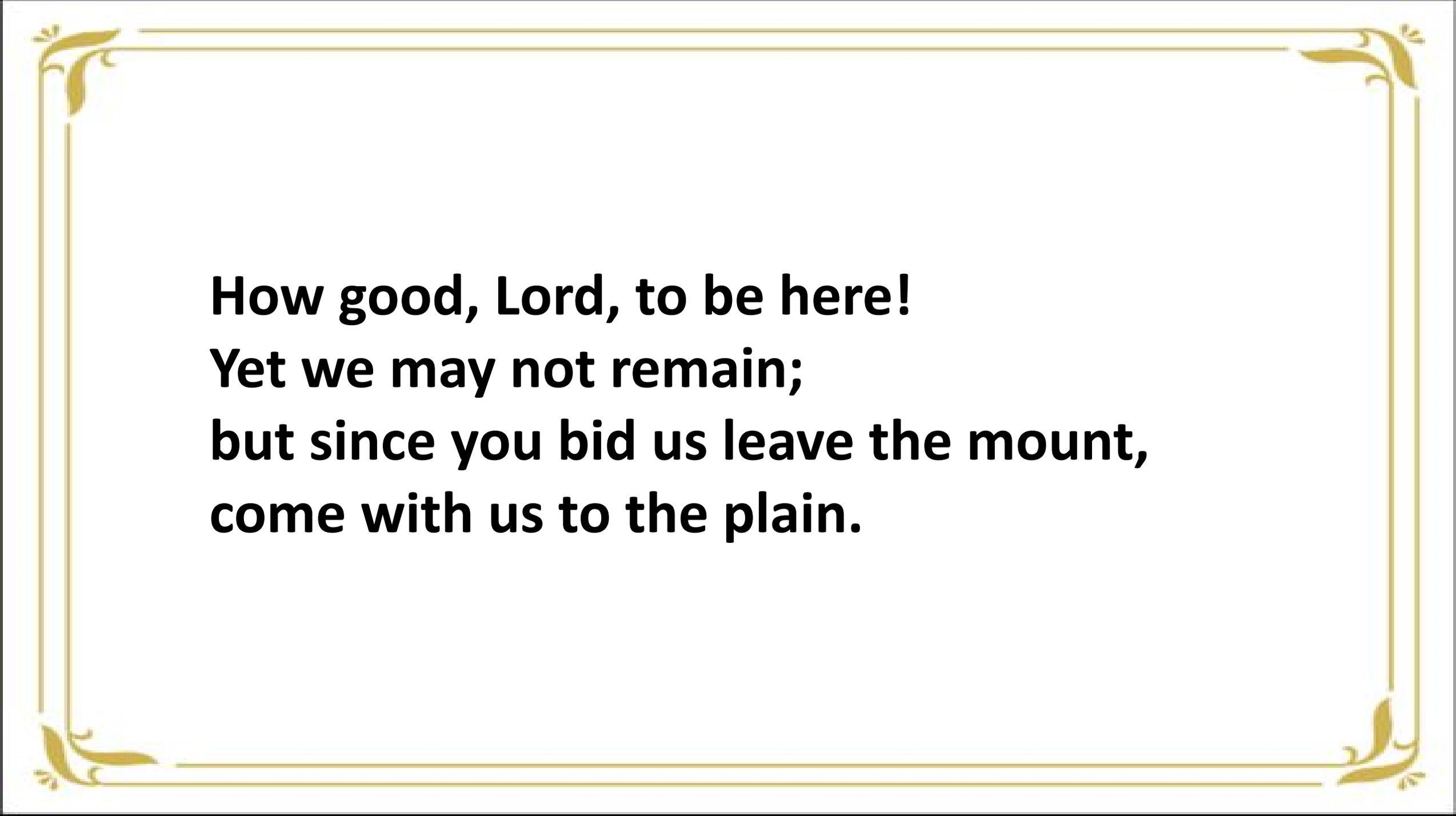
**How good, Lord, to be here!
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.**



**Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.**



**Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.**

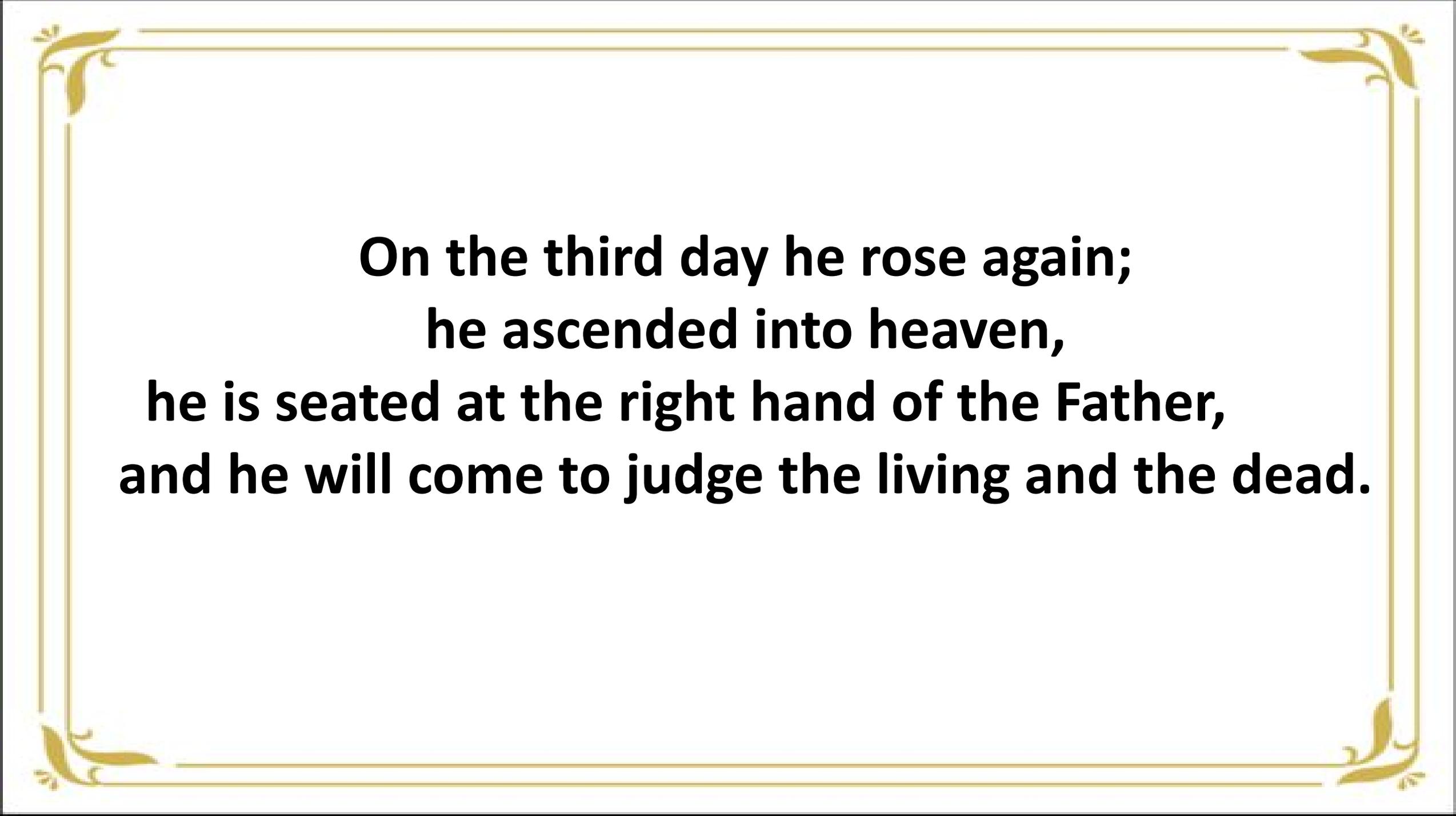


**How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

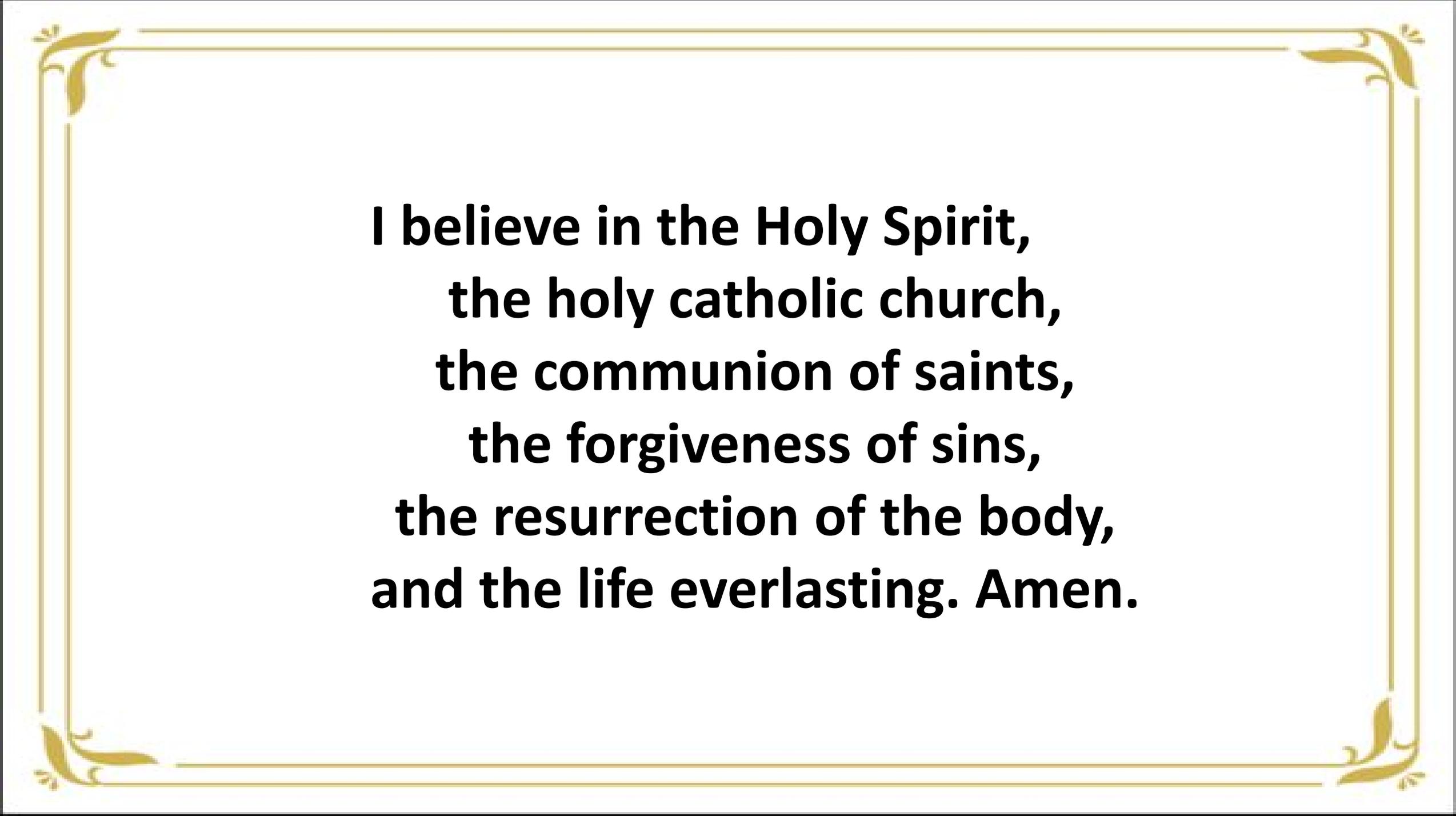
APOSTLES' CREED

**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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

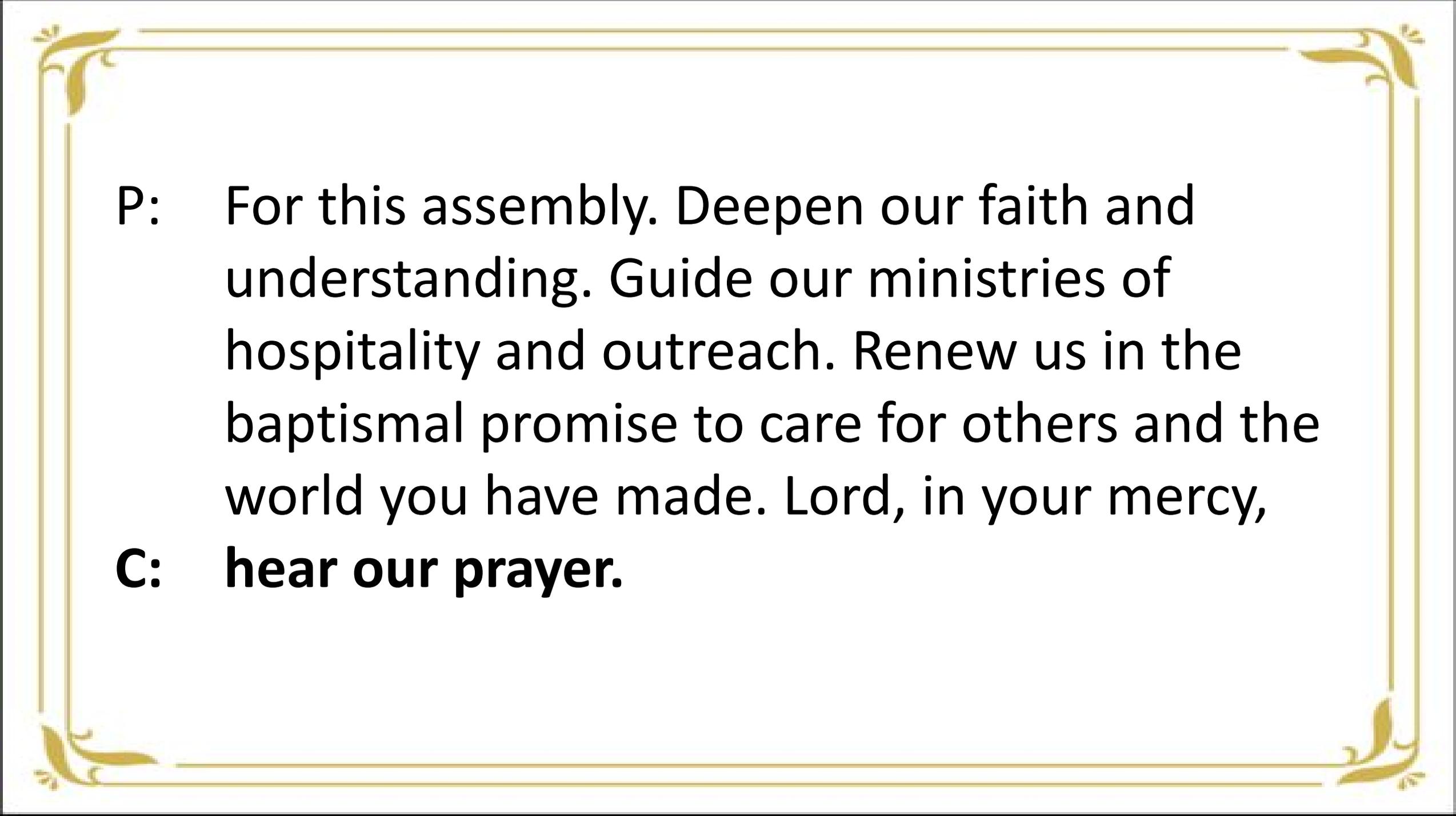
C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



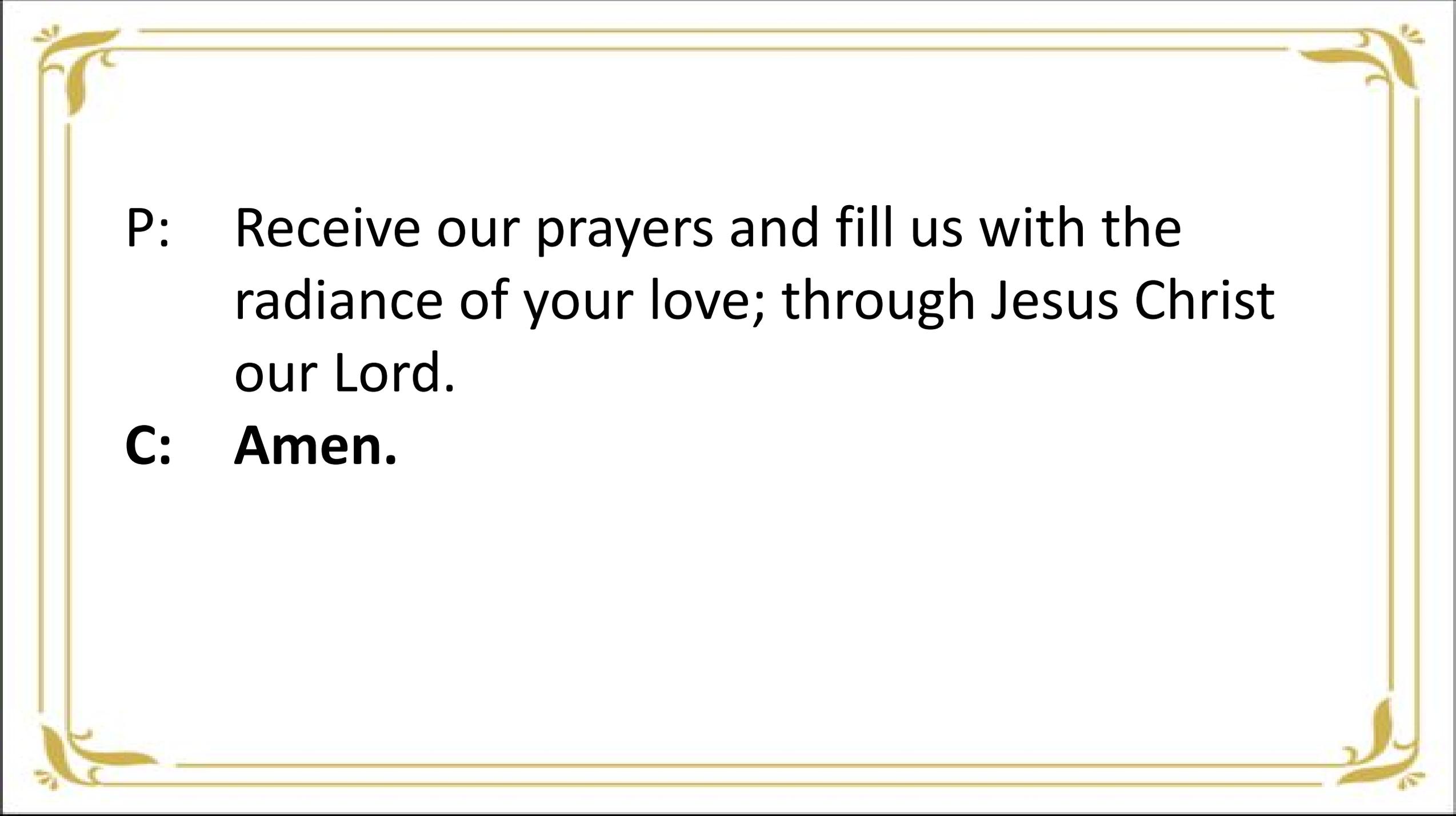
P: For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

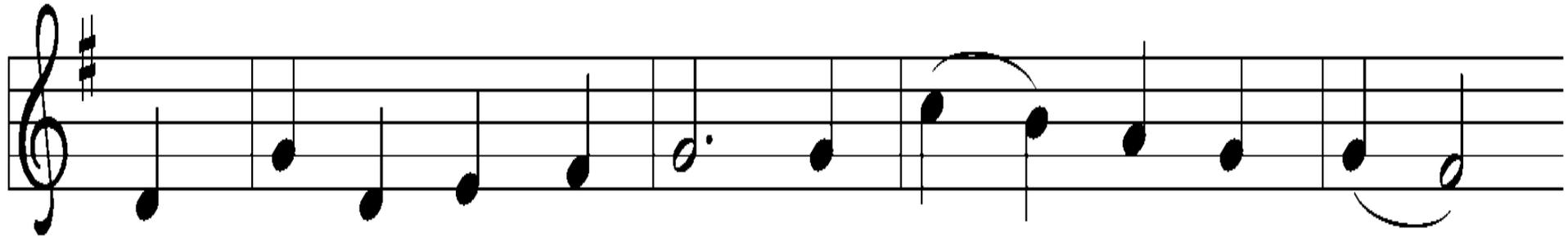


VIDEO DURING OFFERING

“Show Me Your Glory”

by Third Day

Offertory Response



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: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring - ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal, unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

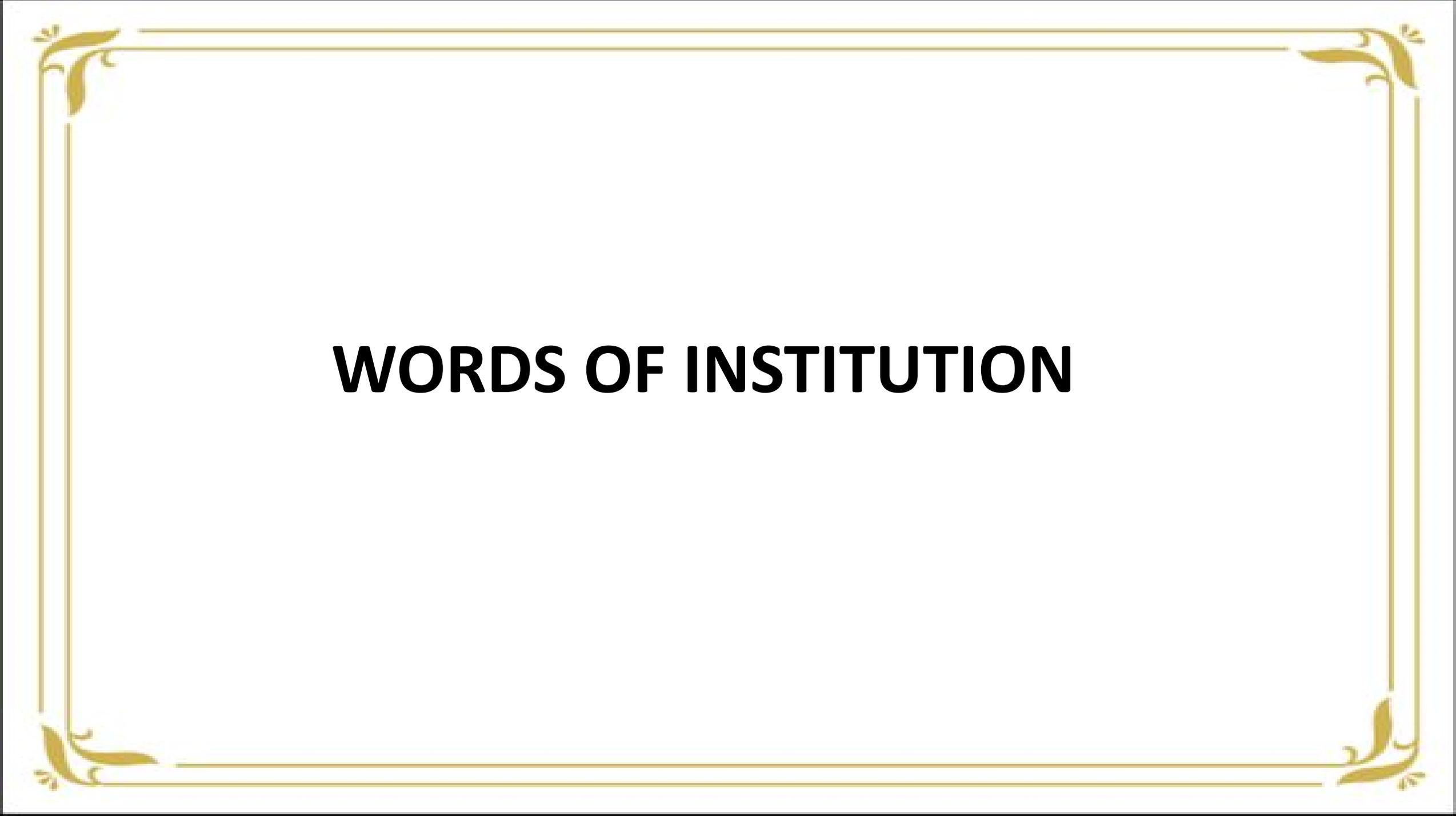
C: And also with you.

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

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

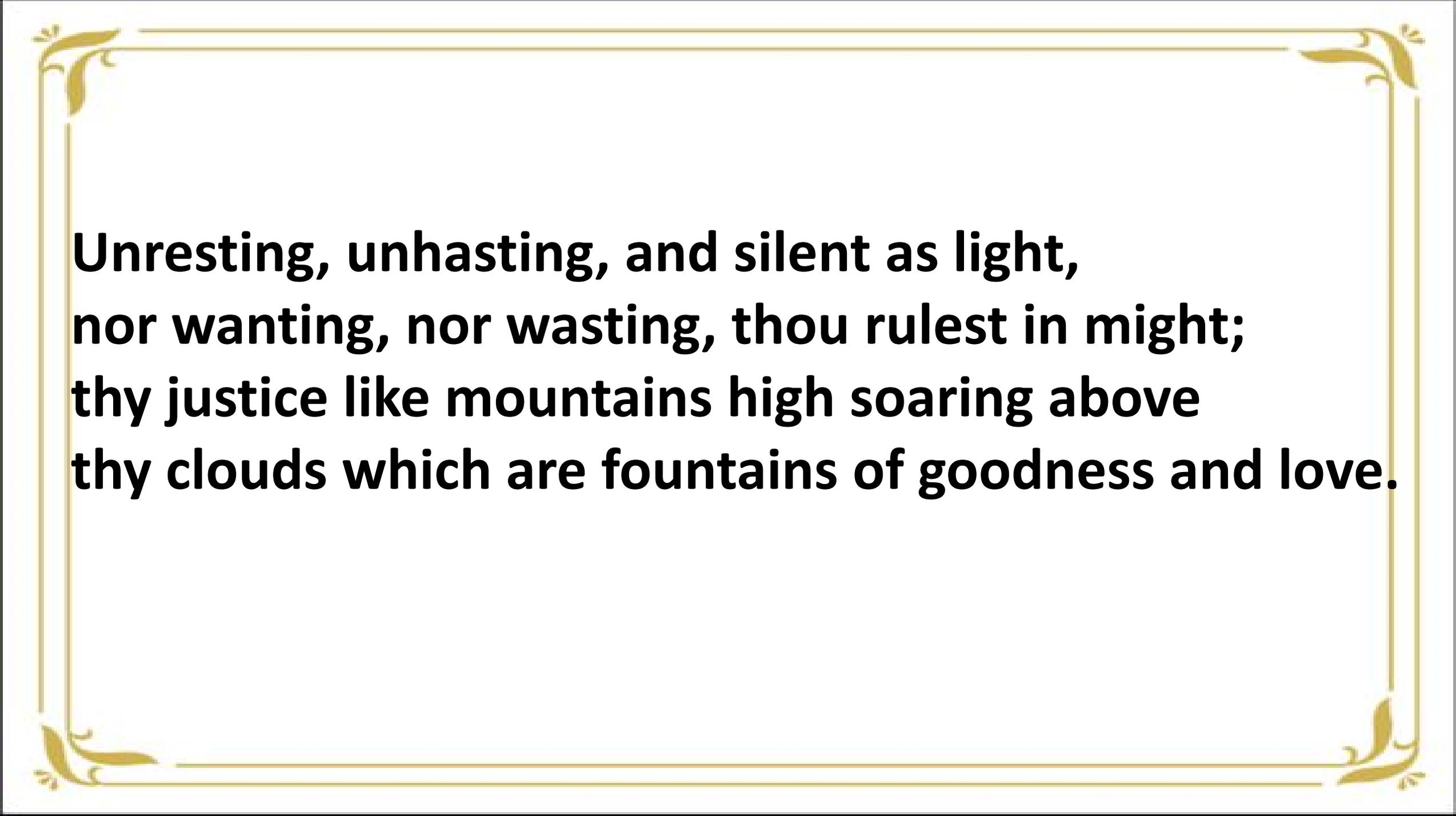
P: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now
and forever.

C: **Amen.**

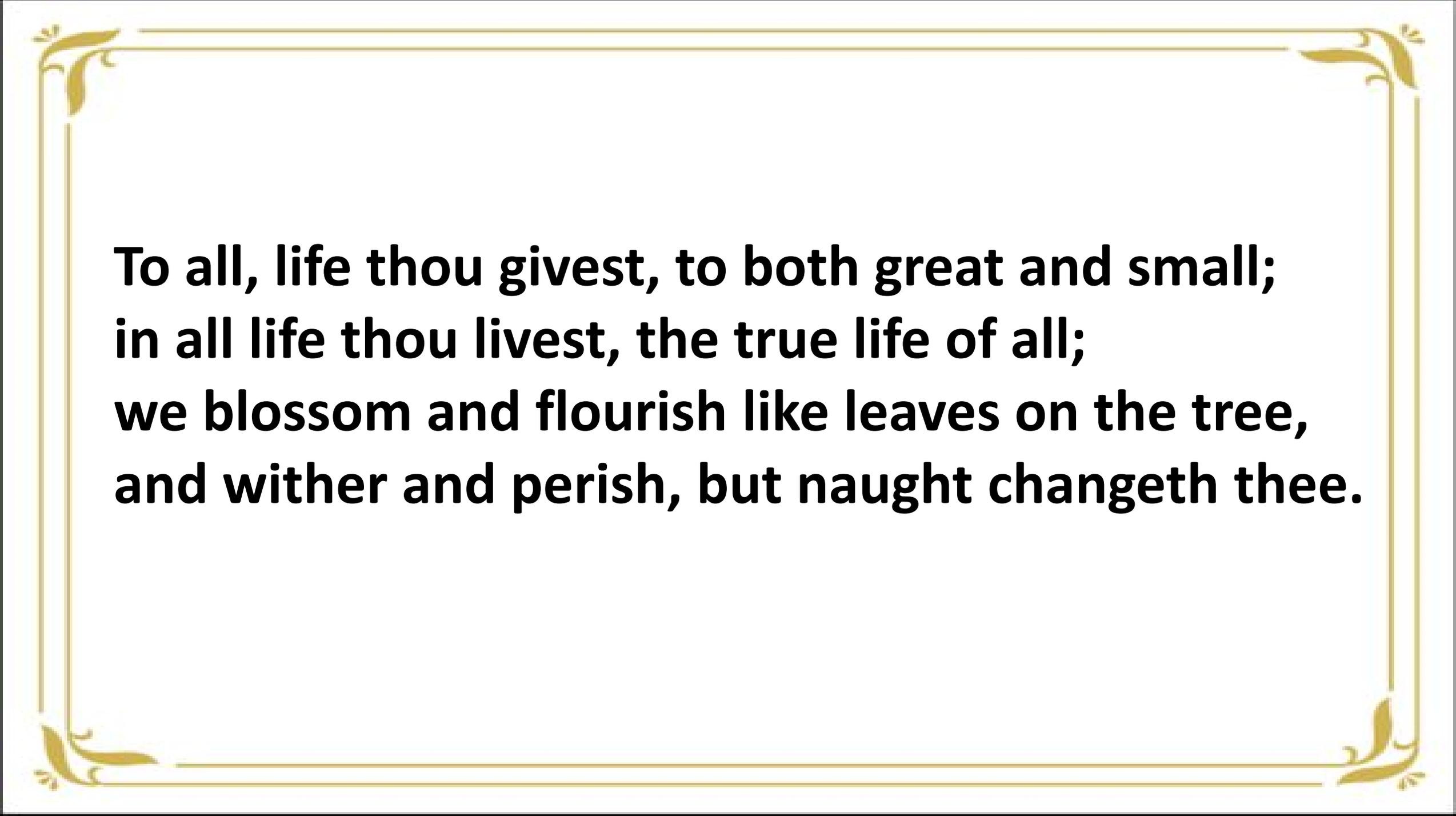
CLOSING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

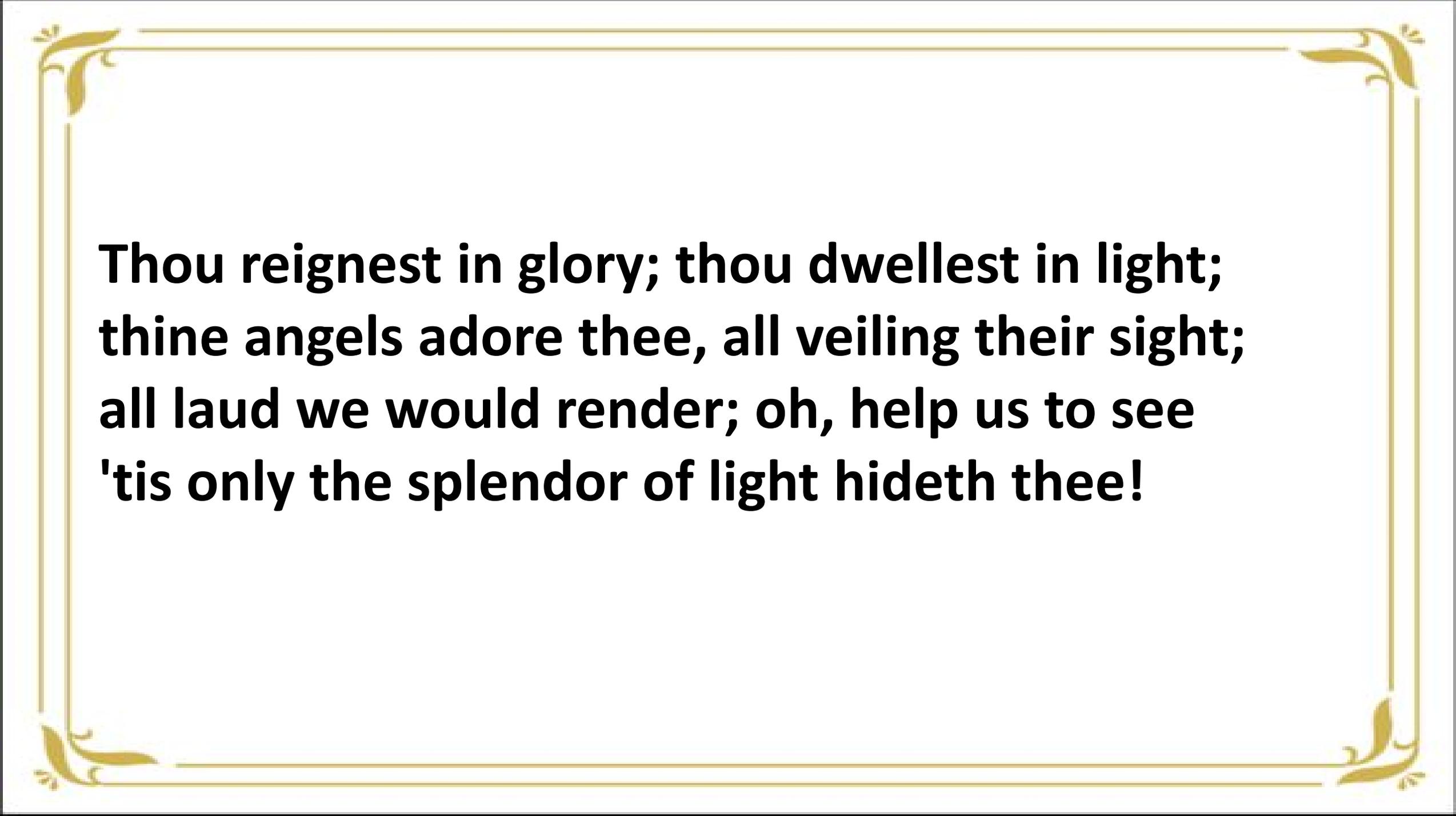
**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**



**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**



**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**



**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**





