



Faith Lutheran Church

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



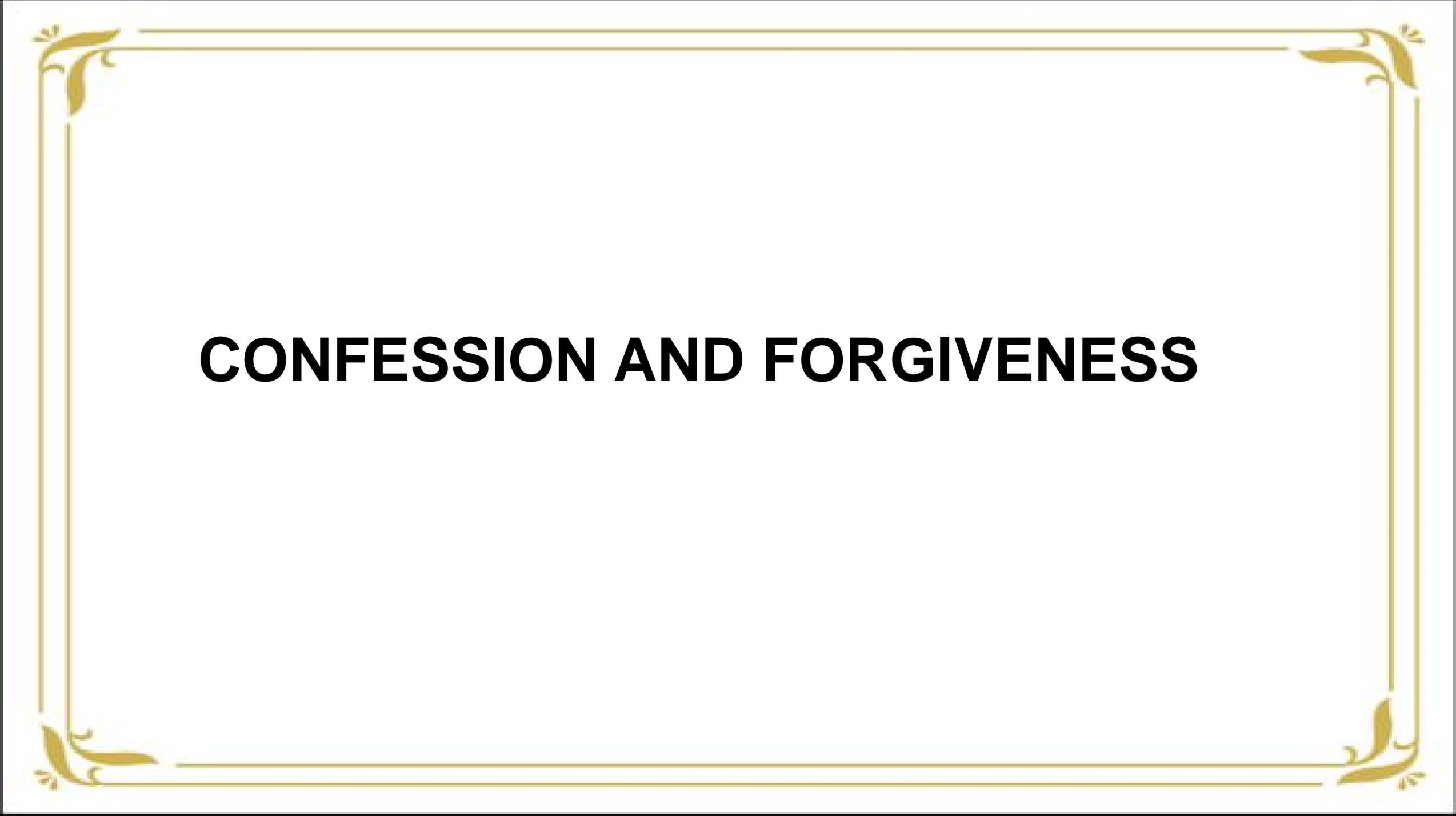
**Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity, one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water
of life, who enlightens us with the
spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *(A brief silence.)*

Oh God, our merciful redeemer,

C: **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + His sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"**

**Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One; he would be the "one like a human being" given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king.

His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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

A: Almighty and ever-living God,

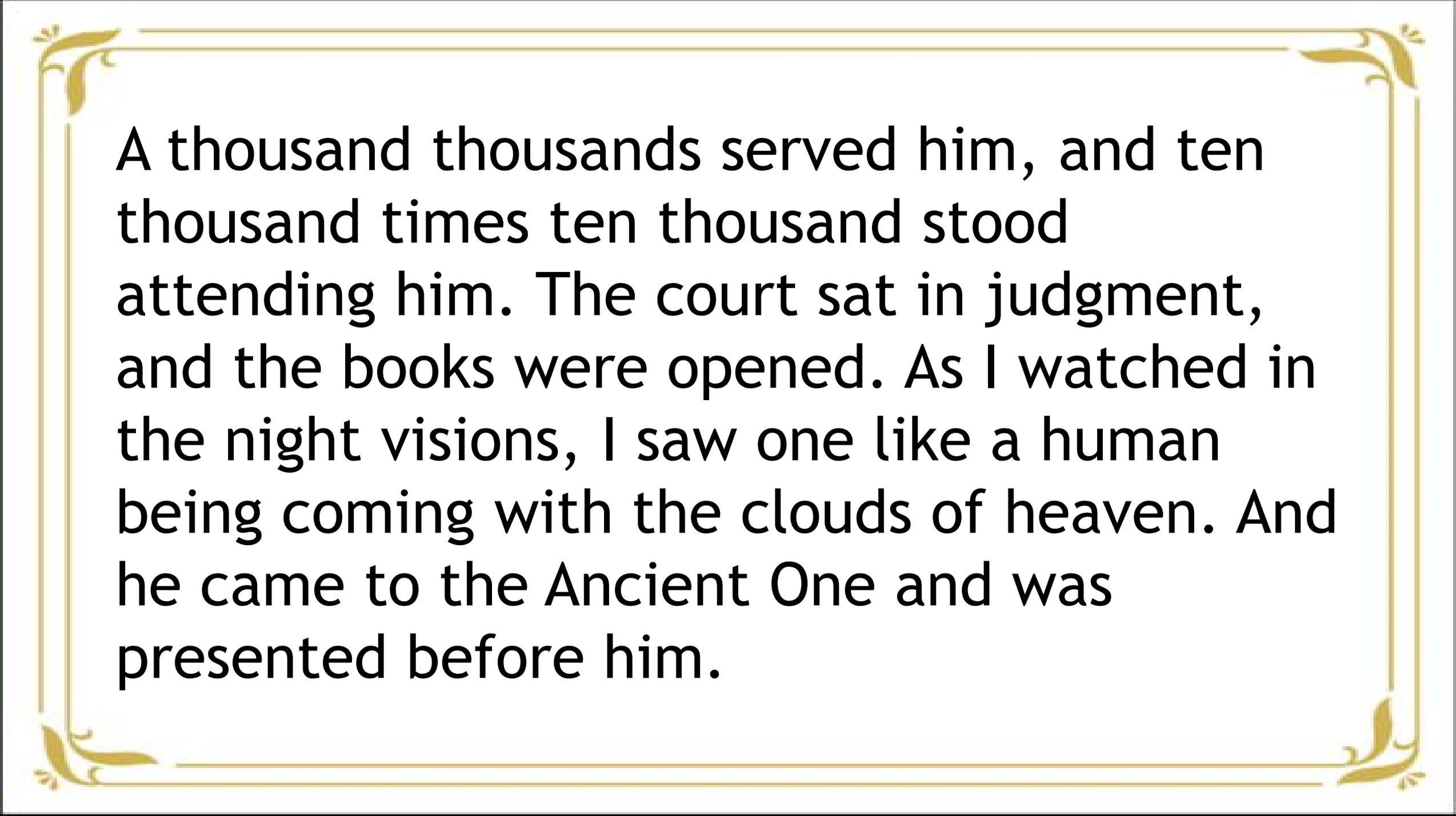
C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel, the 7th chapter.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.



A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 93

R: The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed
with strength. The LORD has made the
world so sure that it cannot be moved.

C: Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

R: The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding
waves.

C: **Mightier than the sound of many
waters, mightier than the breakers of
the sea, mightier is the LORD who
dwells on high.**

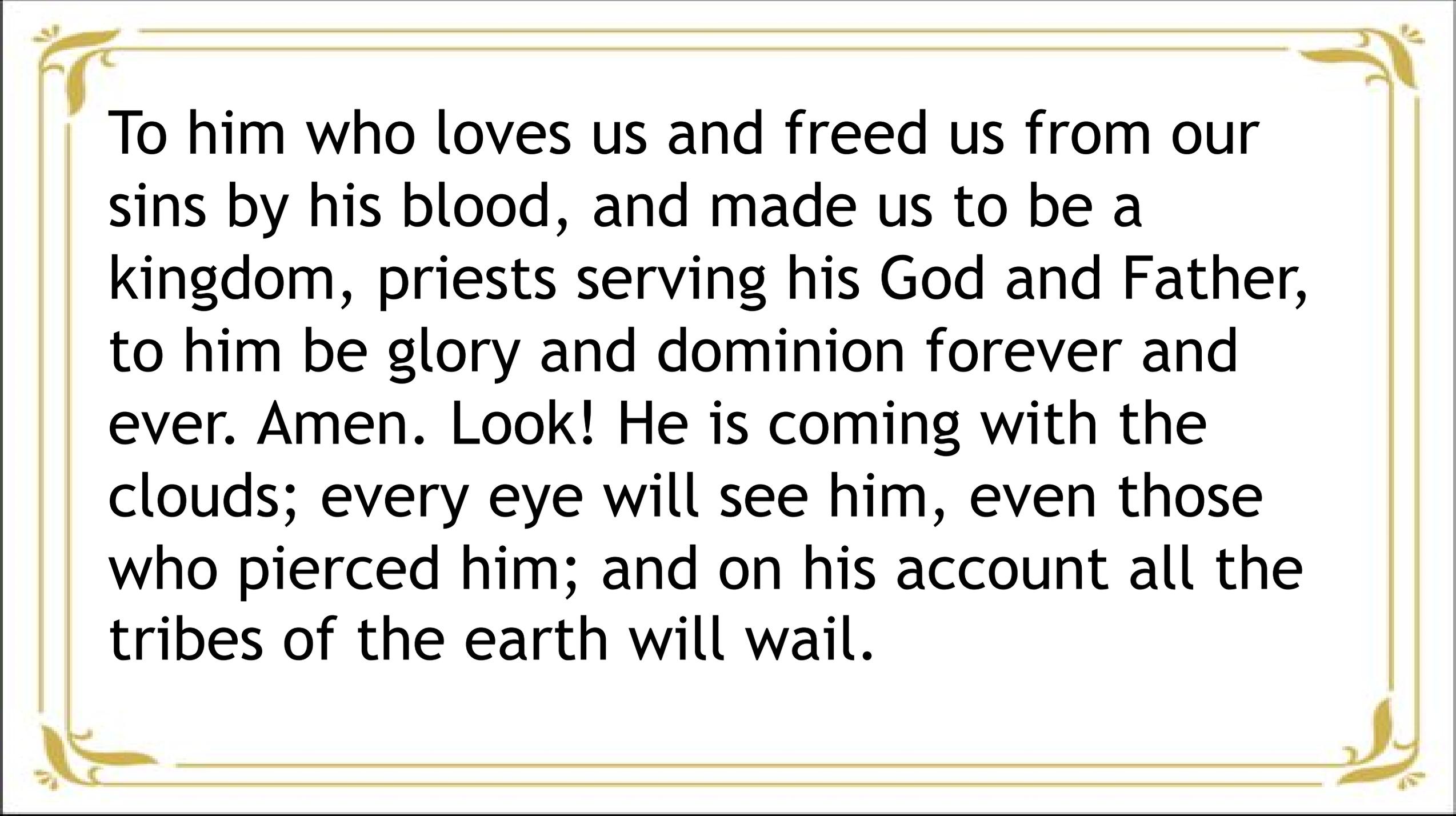
R: Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forever and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation, the 1st chapter.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.



To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

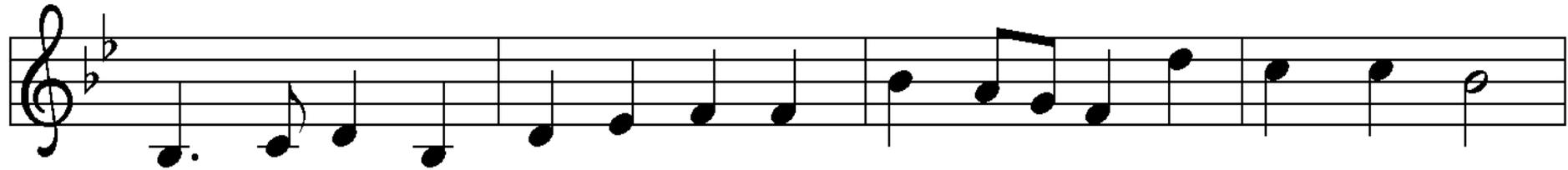
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C: Thanks be to God.

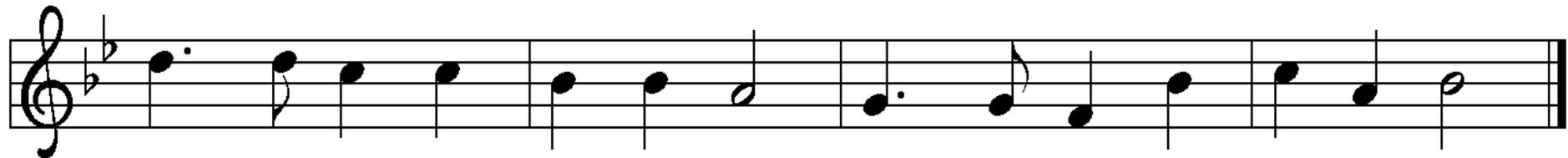
ALLELUIA



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: John 18:33-37

P: The holy gospel according to John,
the 18th chapter.

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

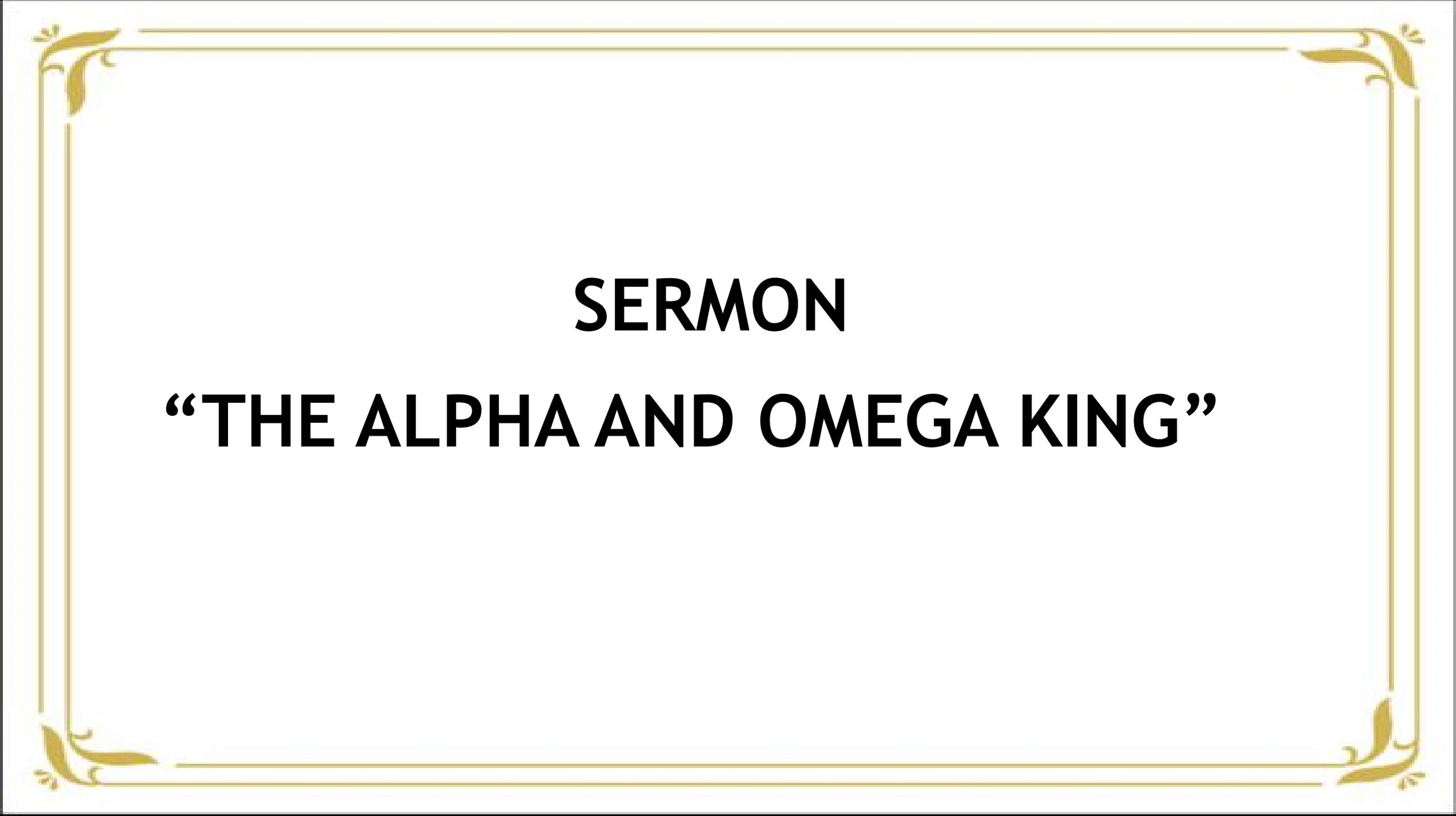
Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

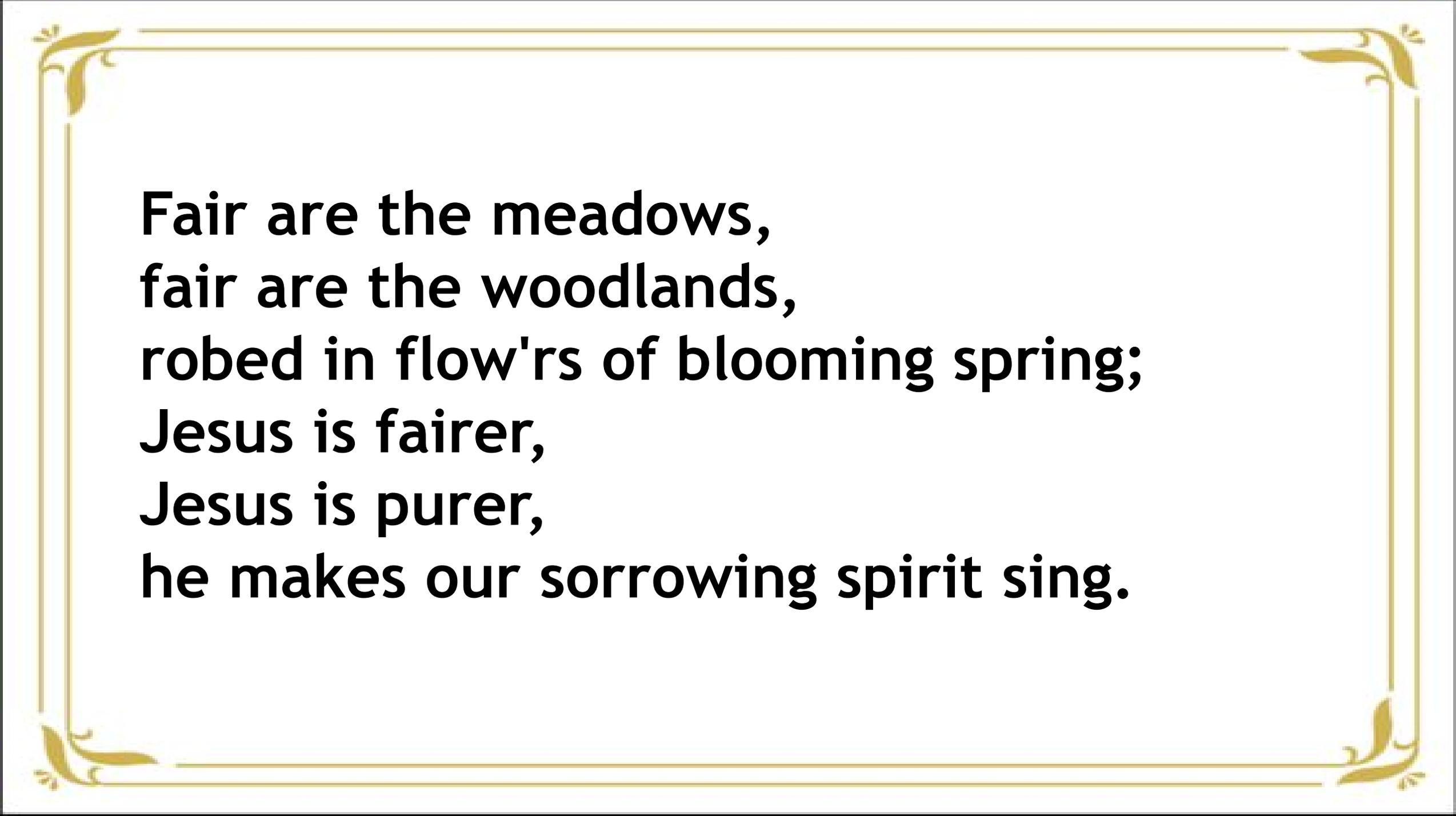


SERMON

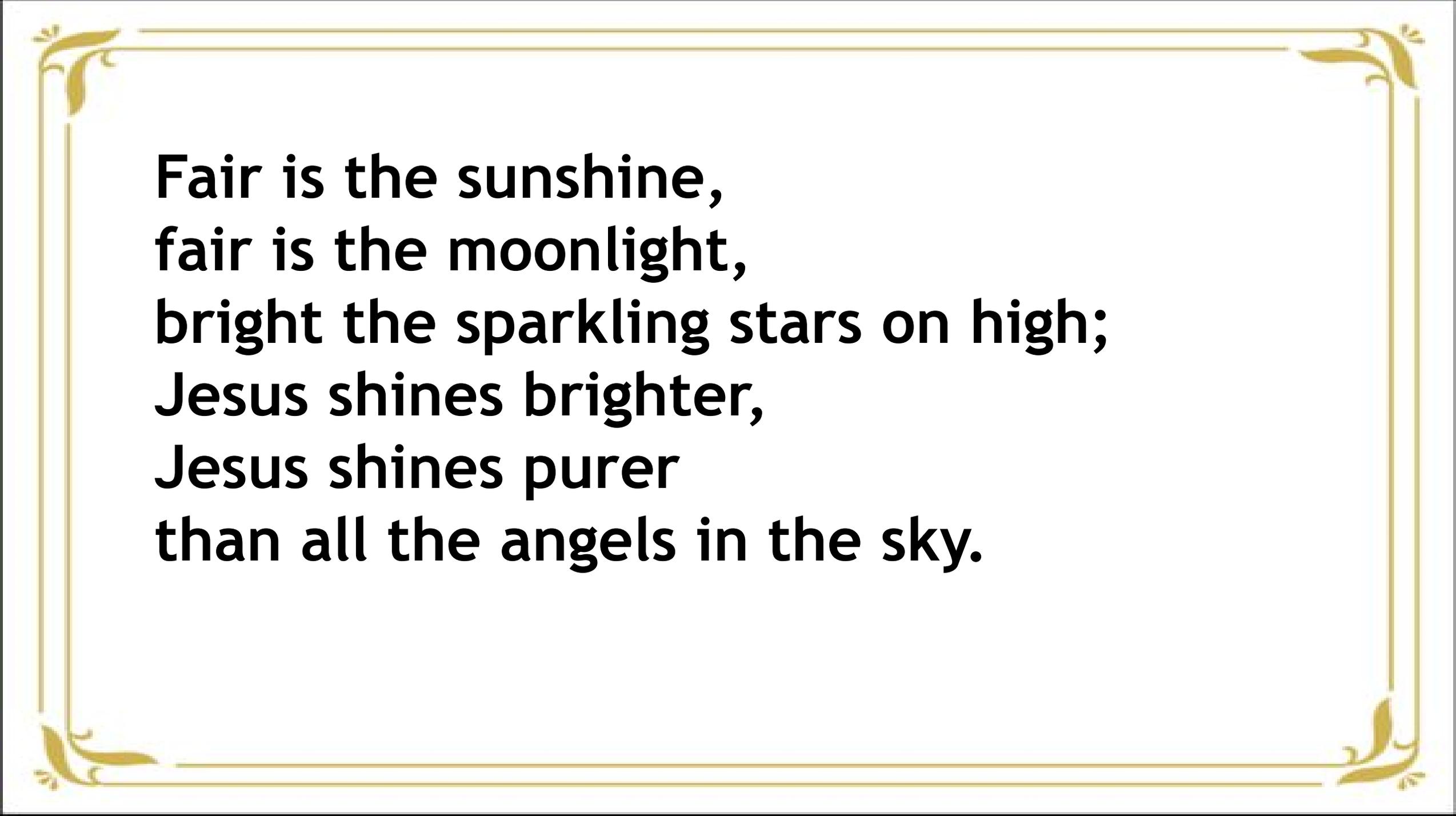
“THE ALPHA AND OMEGA KING”

Hymn of the Day “Beautiful Savior”

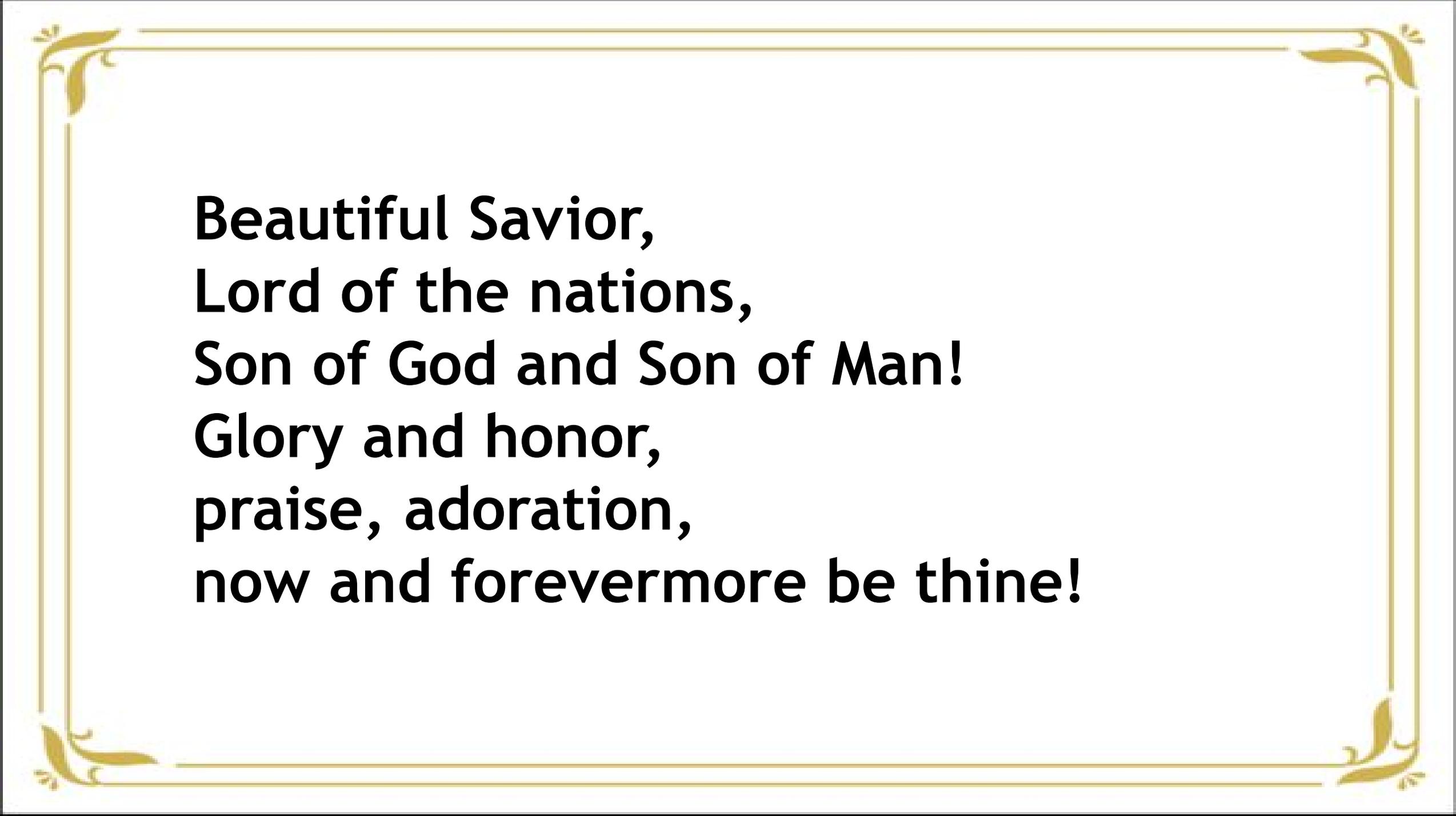
**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**



**Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**



**Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

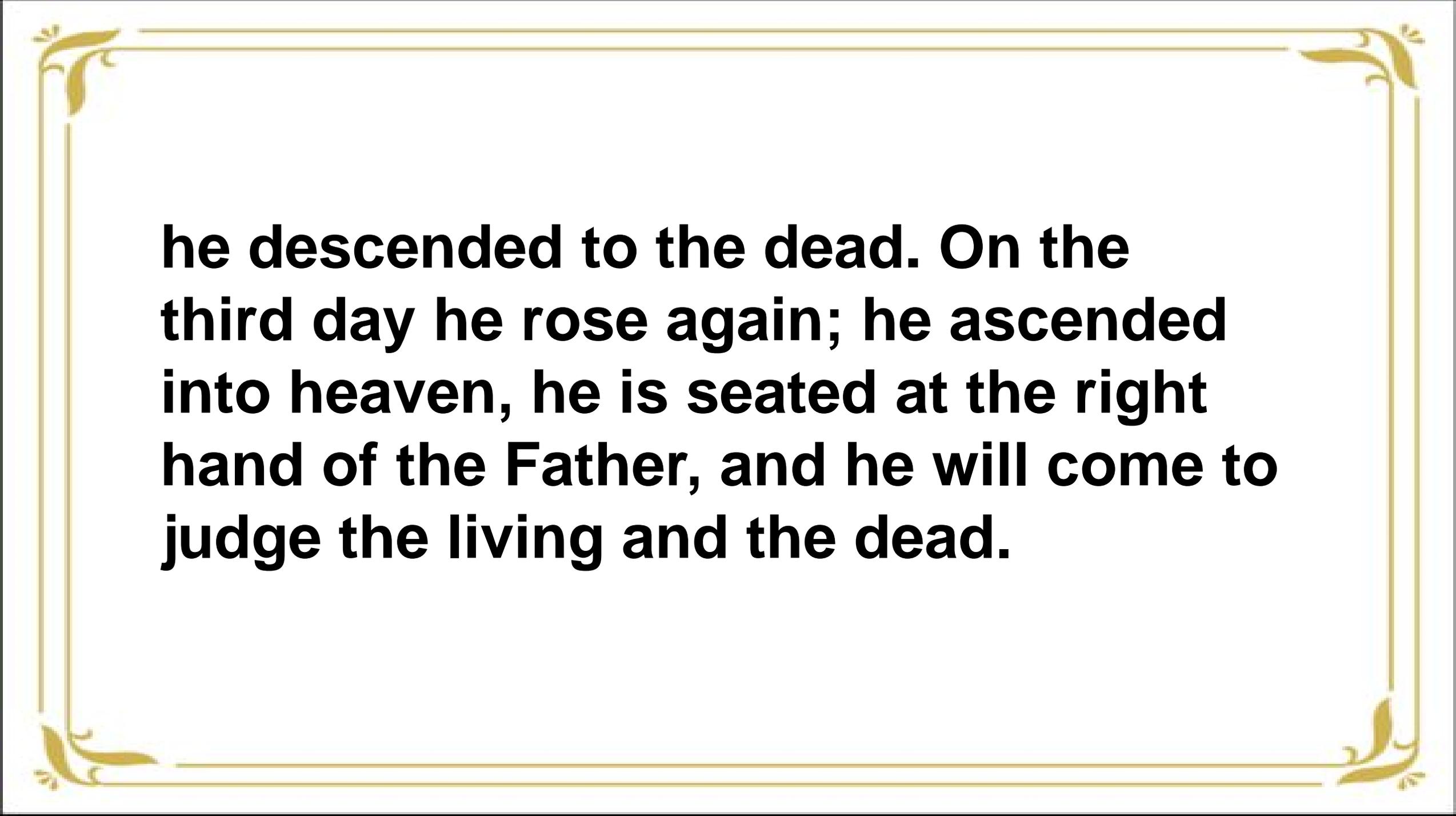


**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

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.**

“Christian” may be substituted

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You desire justice in the world.
Grant to courts wise and
discerning judges, attorneys, and
public defenders, and guide the
rulers of nations to bring about
peace. Lord, in your mercy,

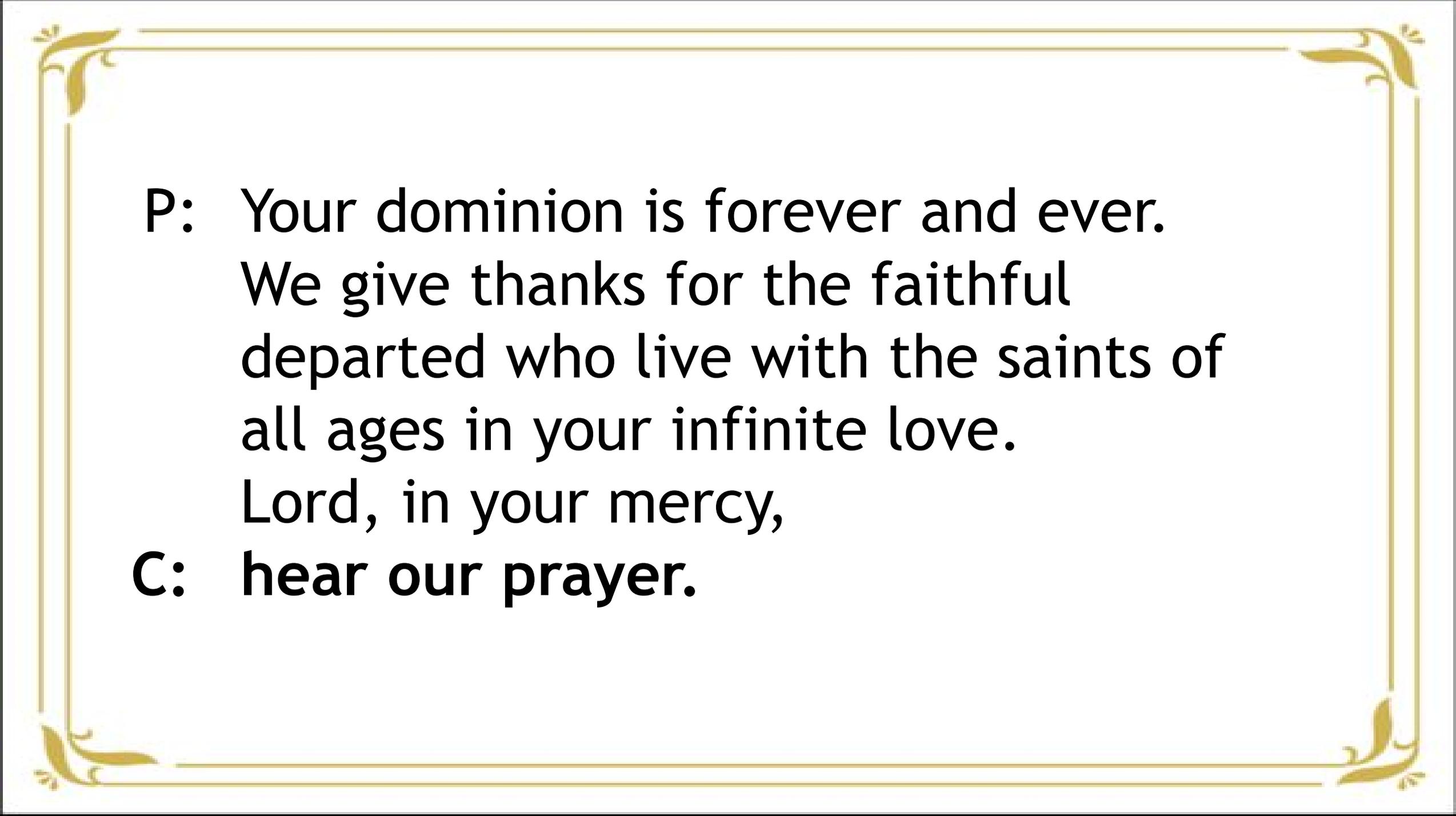
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You are our beginning and end.
Soothe the afflicted, comfort the
distressed, console the bereaved,
and heal the sick (*especially*).
Give all who provide care a measure of
your compassion and peace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You call us to serve our neighbors.
Nourish us with word and sacrament so
that we serve as your hands and feet in
the world. Protect those who are
traveling, and bless those who are
unable to attend worship today.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**



P: Your dominion is forever and ever.
We give thanks for the faithful
departed who live with the saints of
all ages in your infinite love.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~
“The King Is Coming”
by the Gaither Vocal Band

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

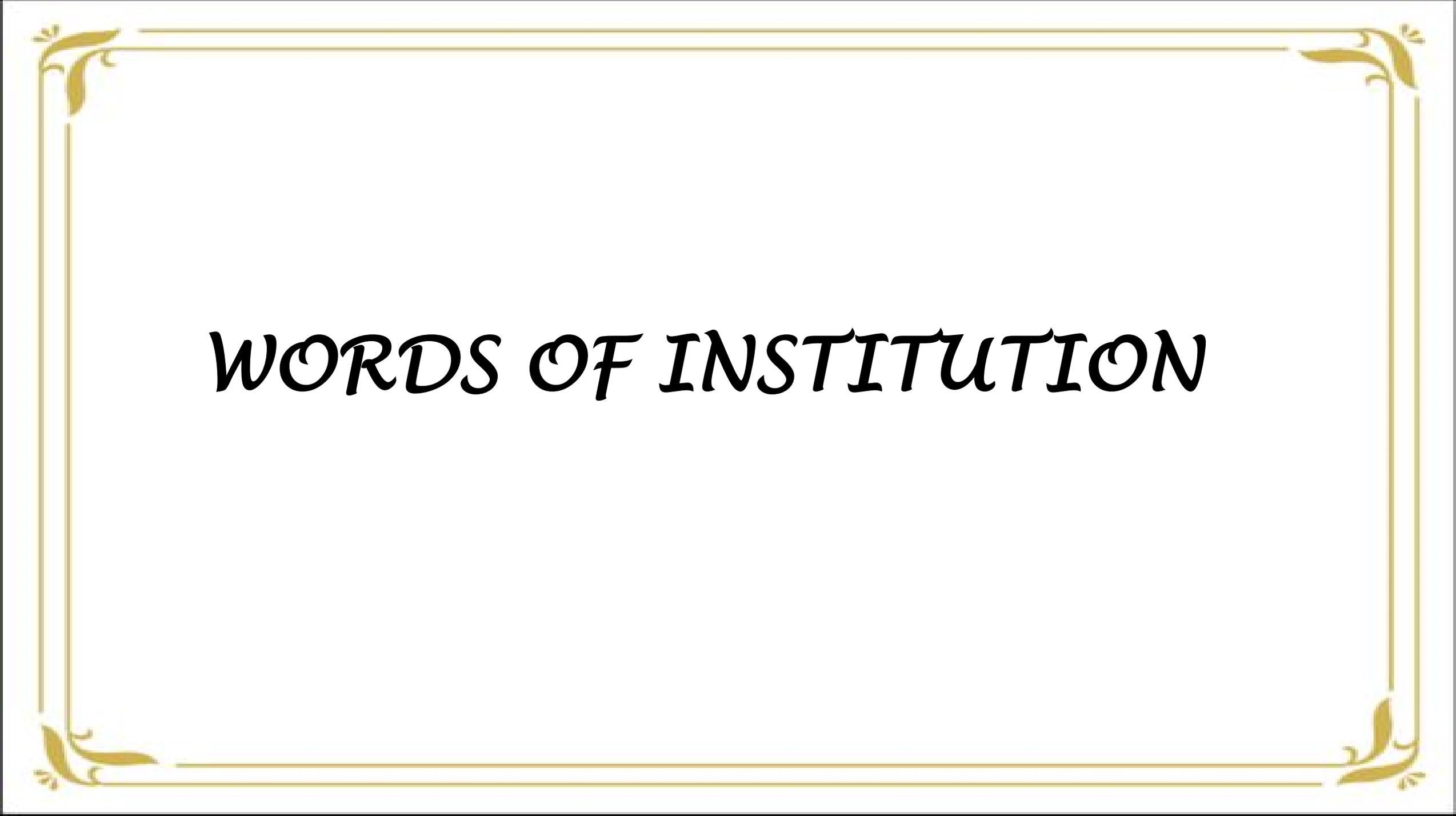
C: And also with you.

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: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

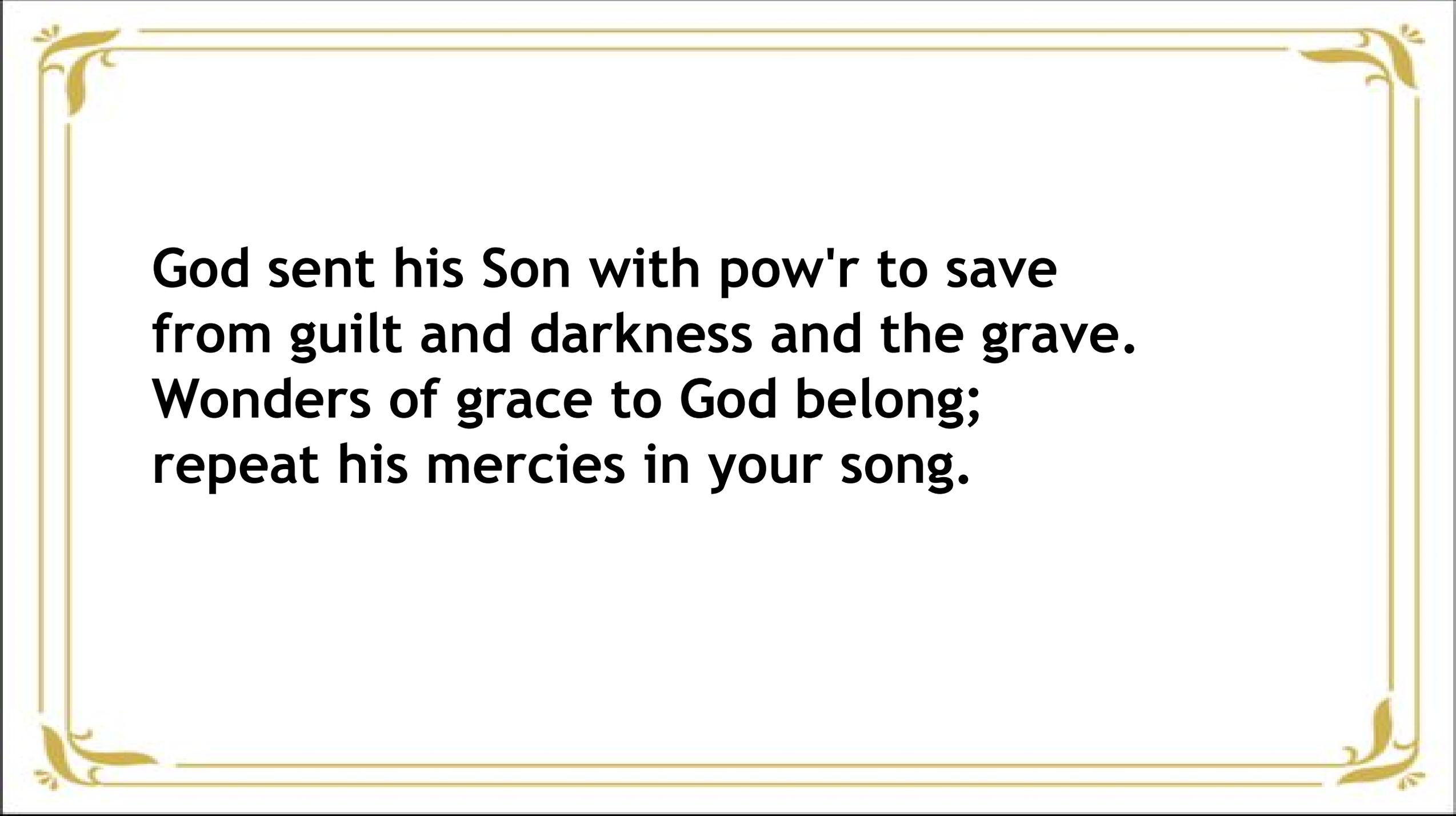
P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

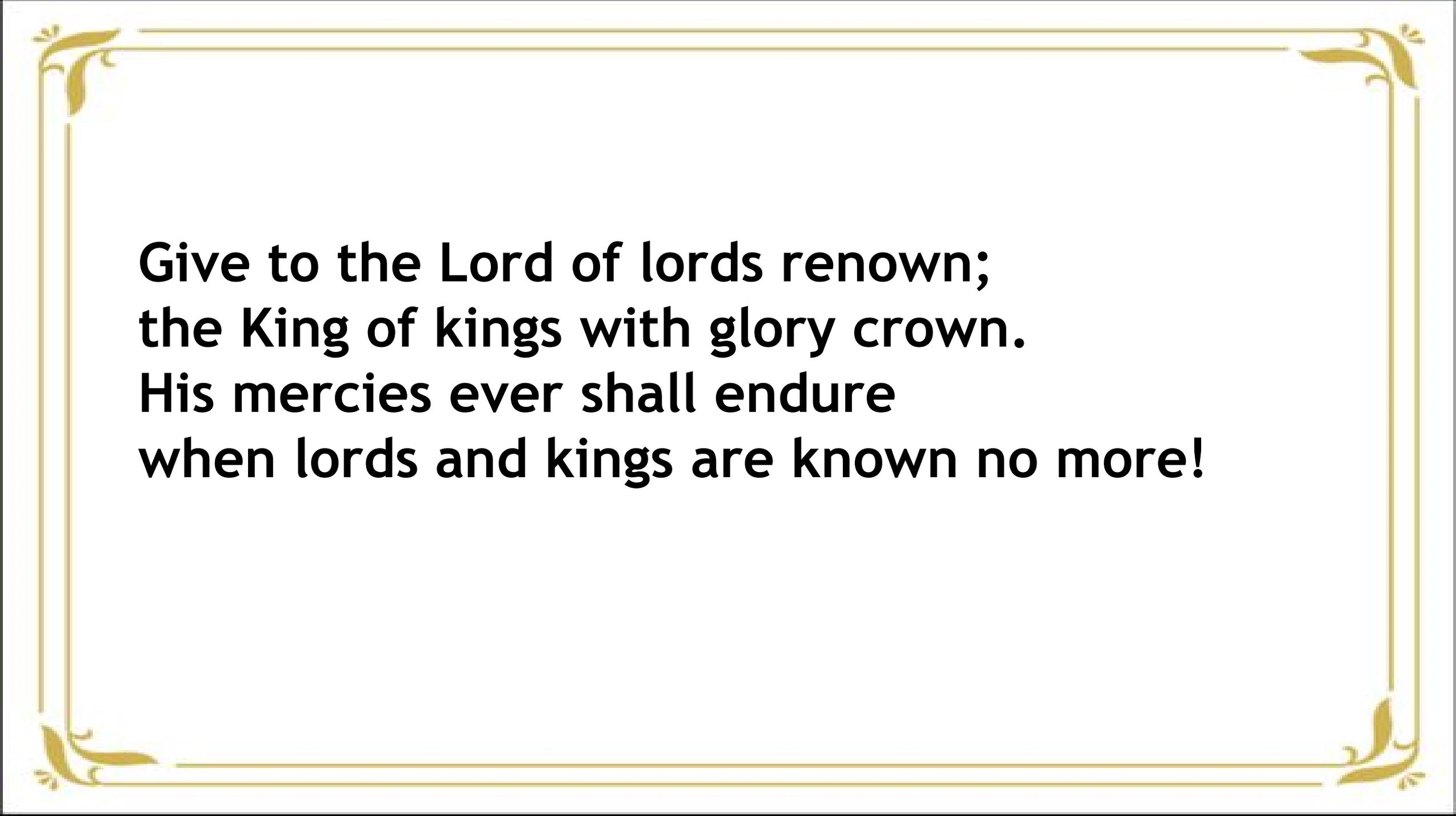
CLOSING HYMN

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

**Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**



**God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**



**Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!**

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.





