

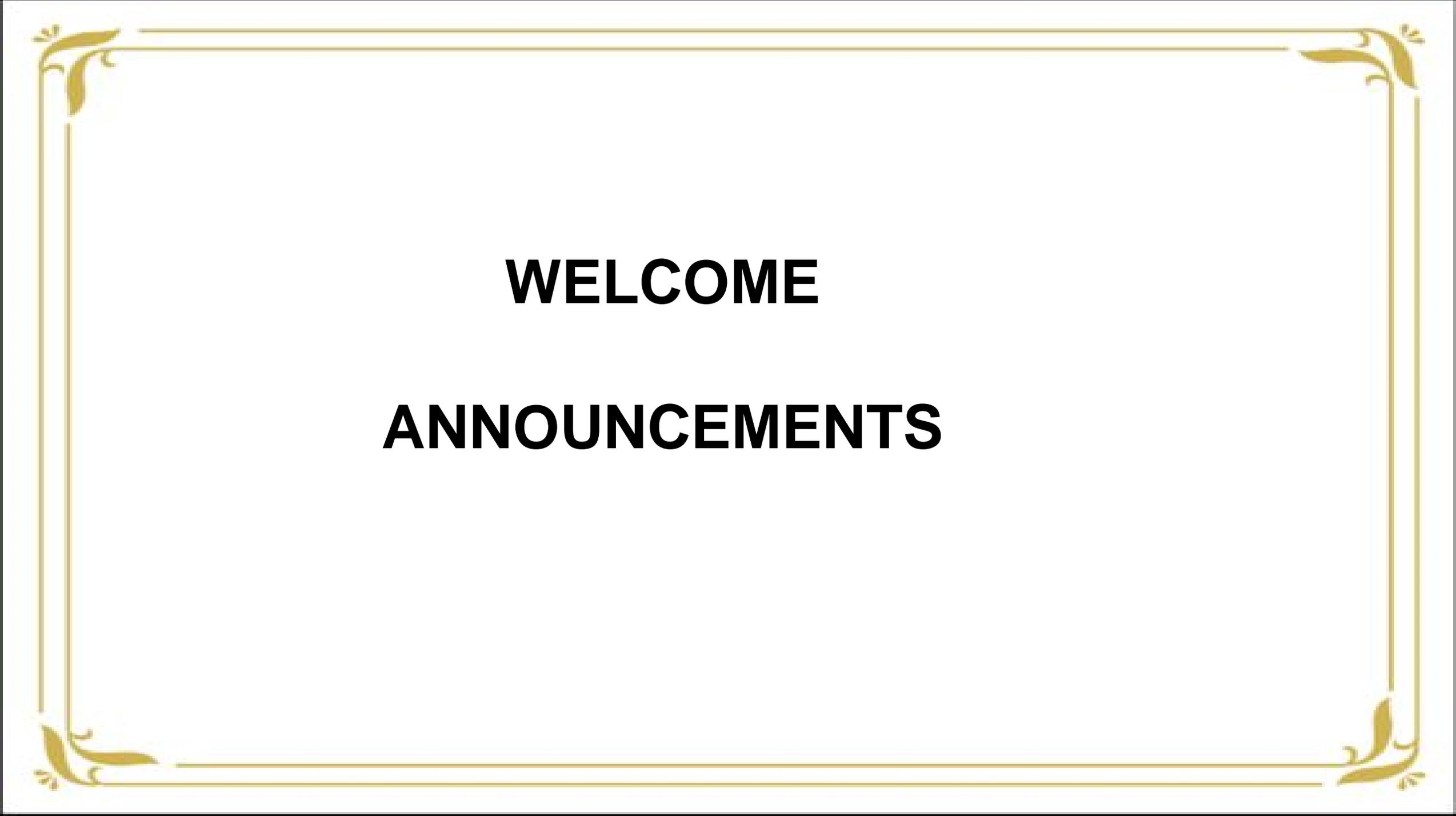


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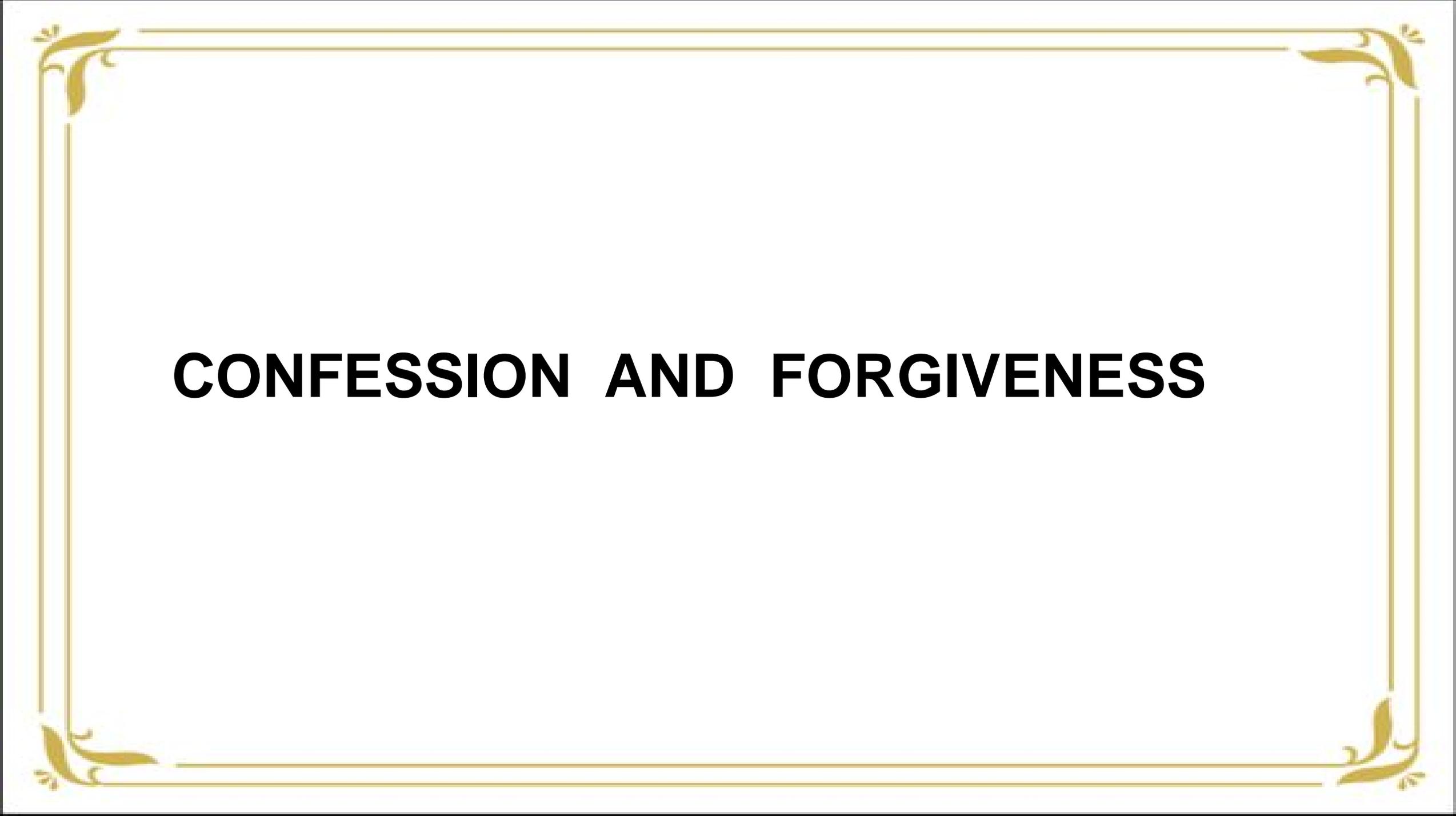
***Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ***



**All Saints' Sunday
November 4, 2018**



WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS



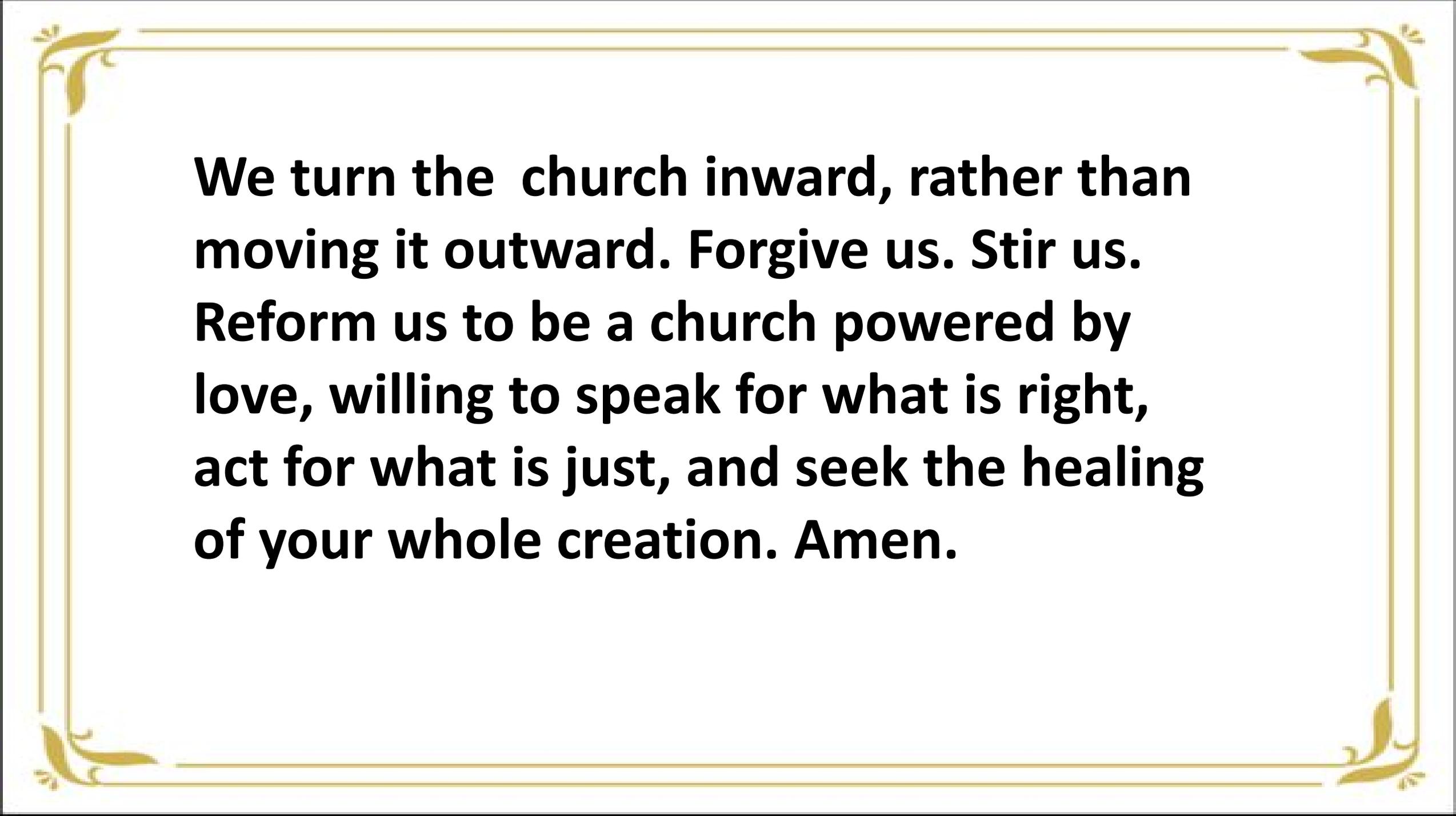
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. *(A brief silence.)*
Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.



We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and send the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven + God's love is unconditional. And we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

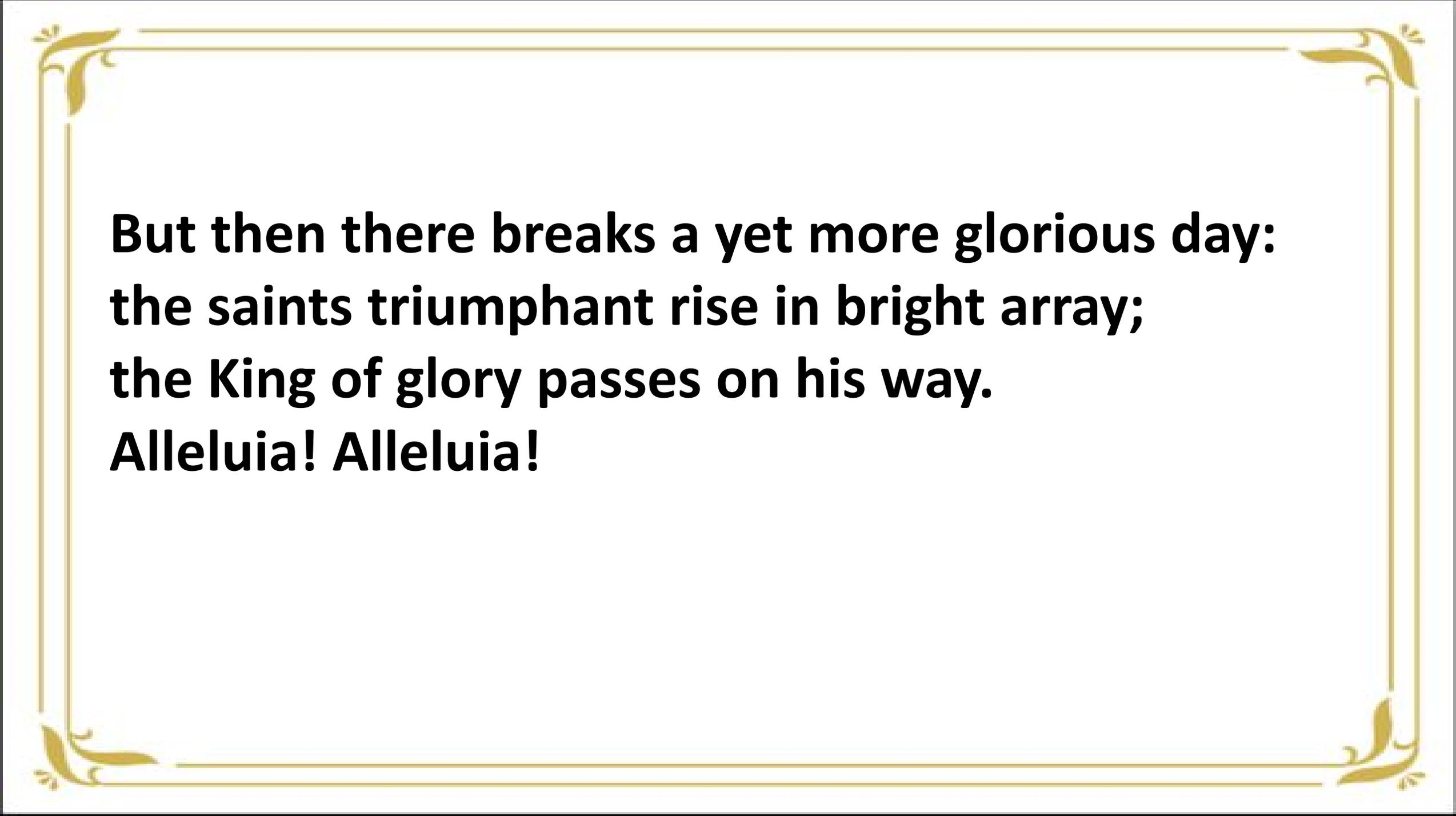
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “For All The Saints”

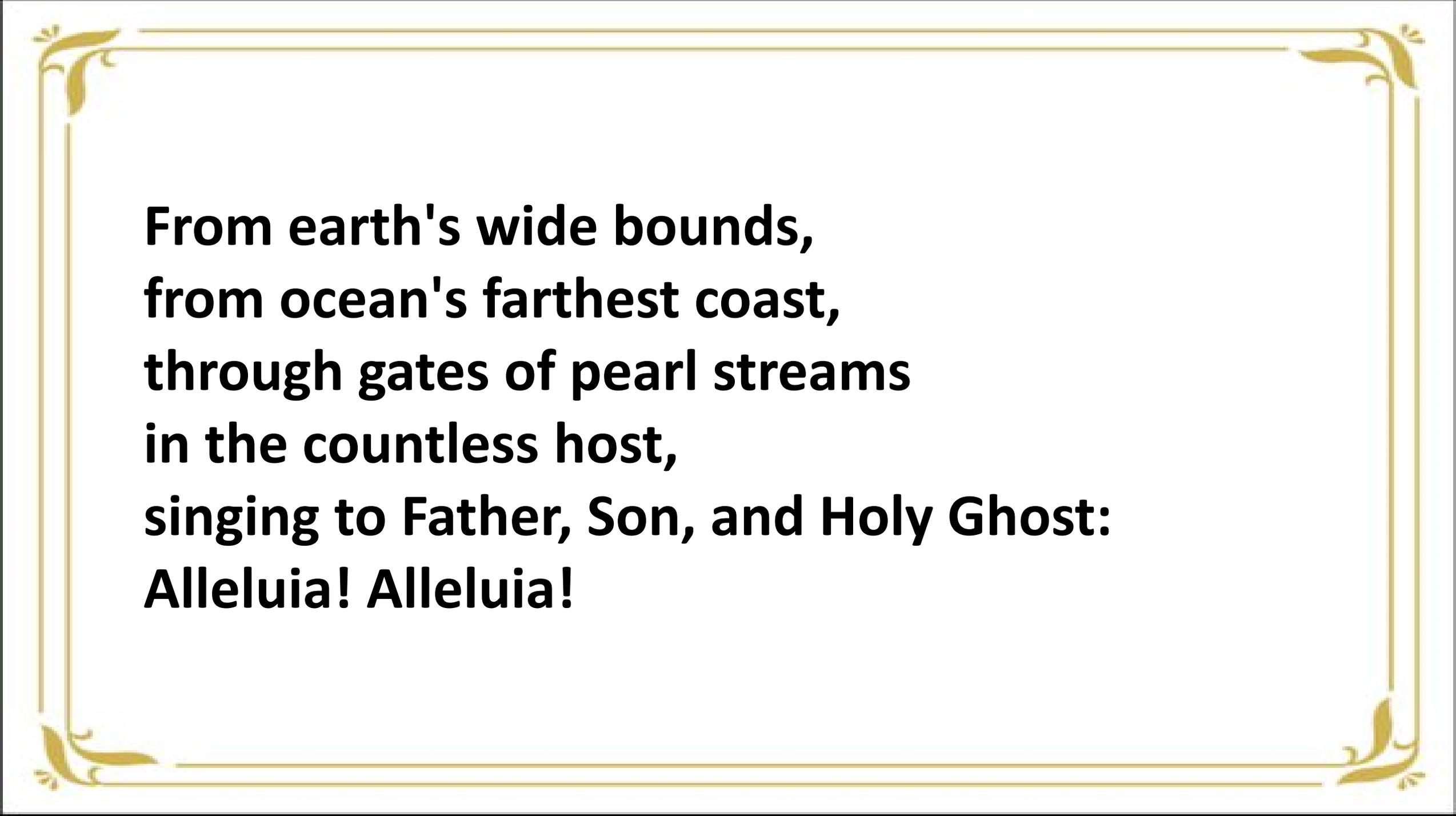
**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

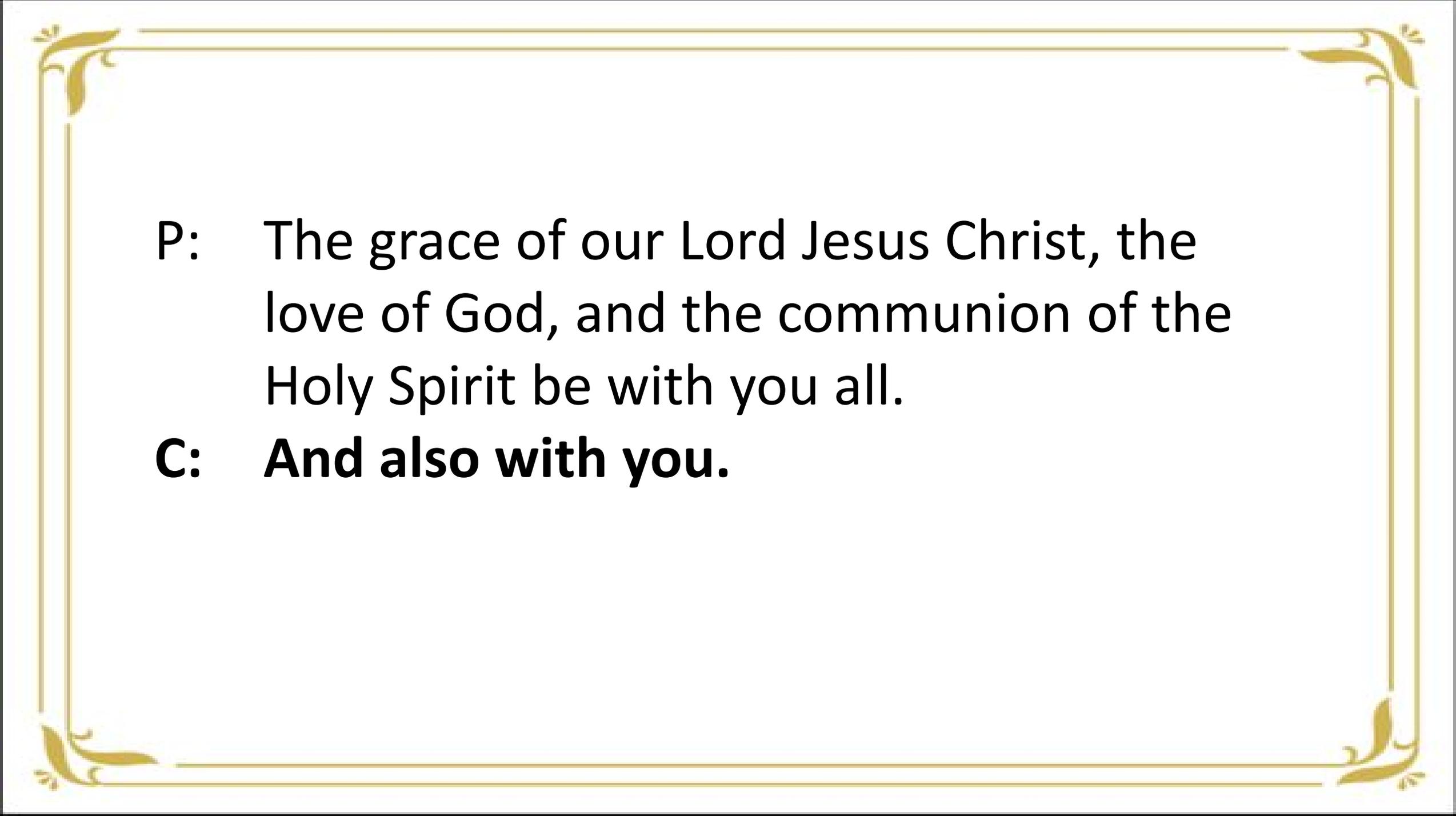
**Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
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

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death.

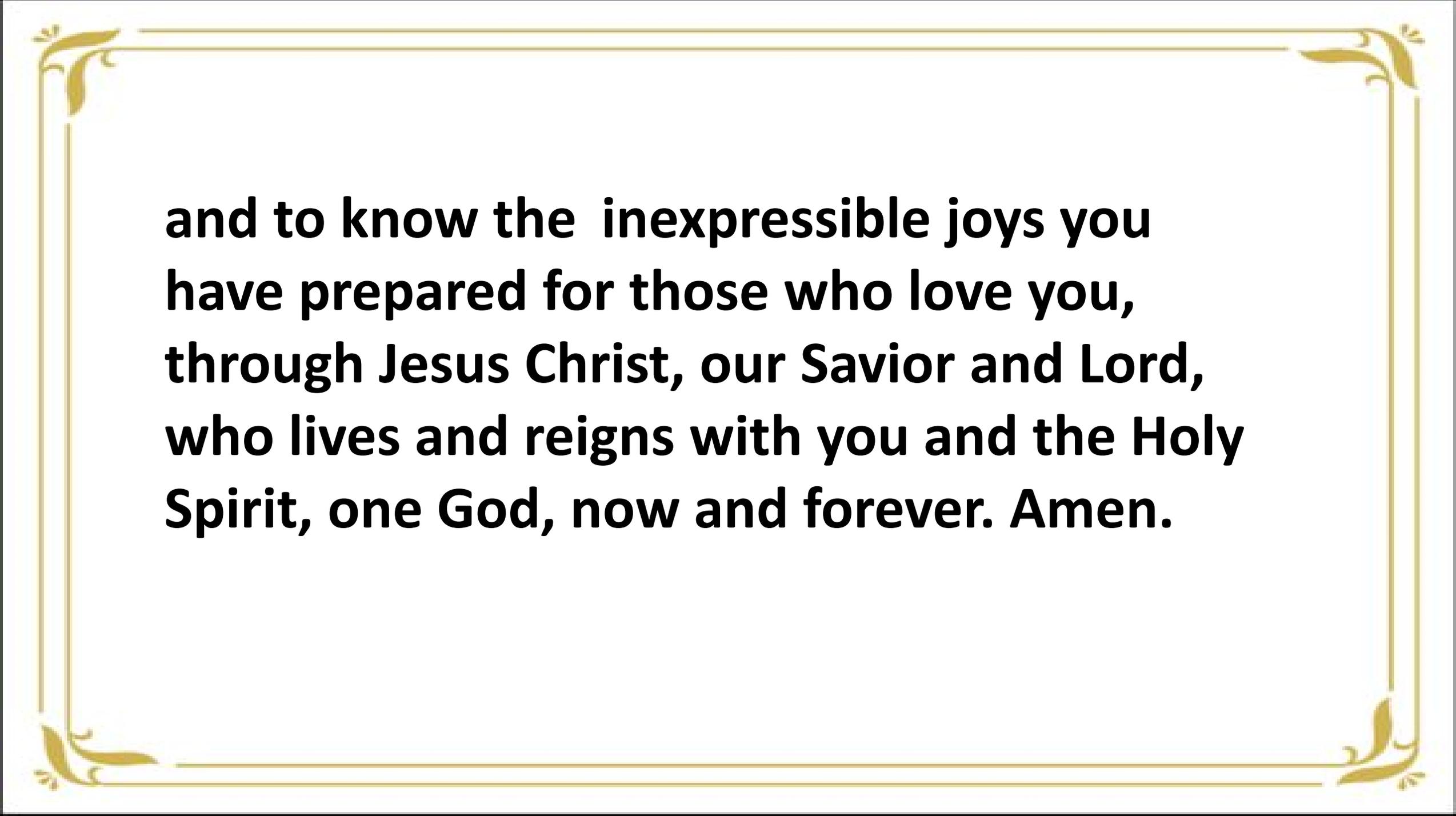
On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **You have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,**



**and to know the inexpressible joys you
have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

In Loving Memory

of our dearly departed



**LIGHTING OF CANDLES
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**



Children's Church

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 24

R: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C: **For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

R: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**C: Those of innocent hands and purity of
heart, who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

R: They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their
salvation.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek
you, O LORD, of those who seek your face,
O God of Jacob.**

R: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

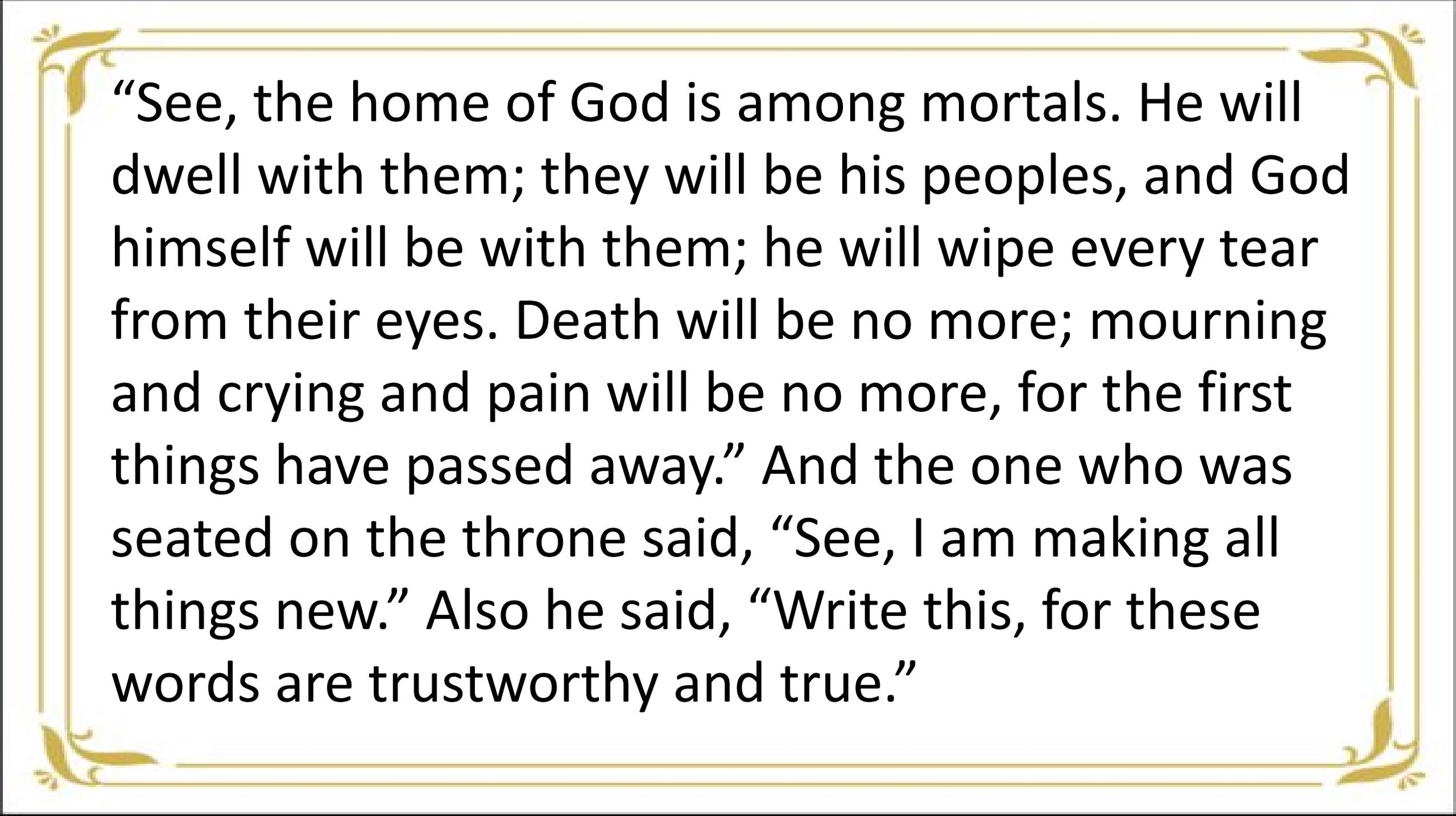
R: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C: Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

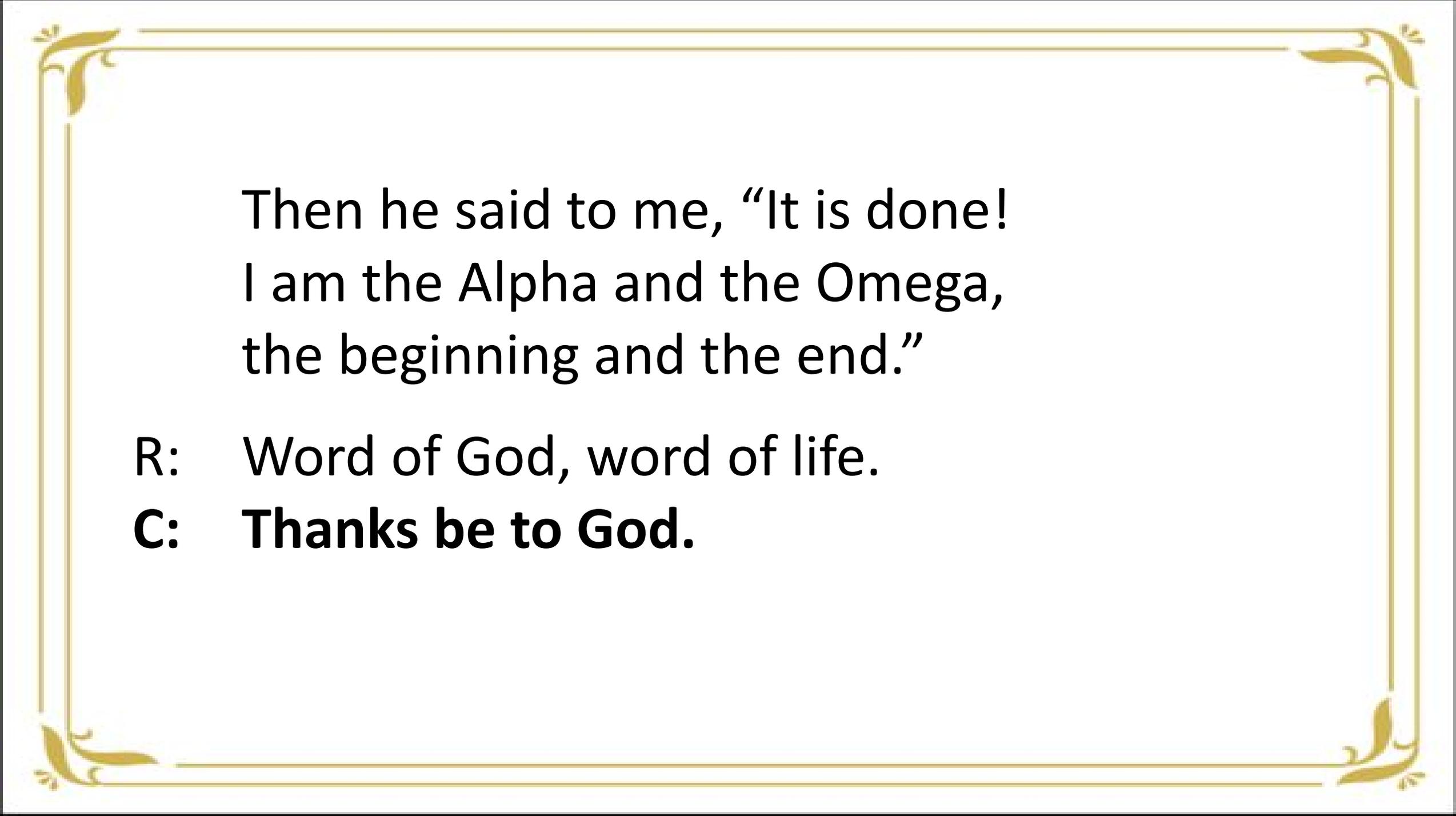
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation, the 21st chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,



“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

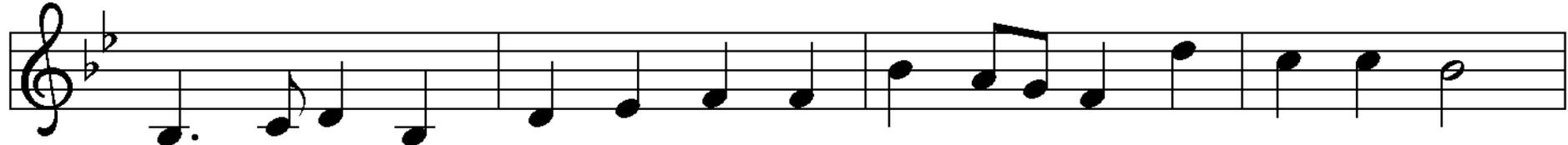


Then he said to me, “It is done!
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.”

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: John 11:32-44

P: The holy gospel according to John,
the 11th chapter.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

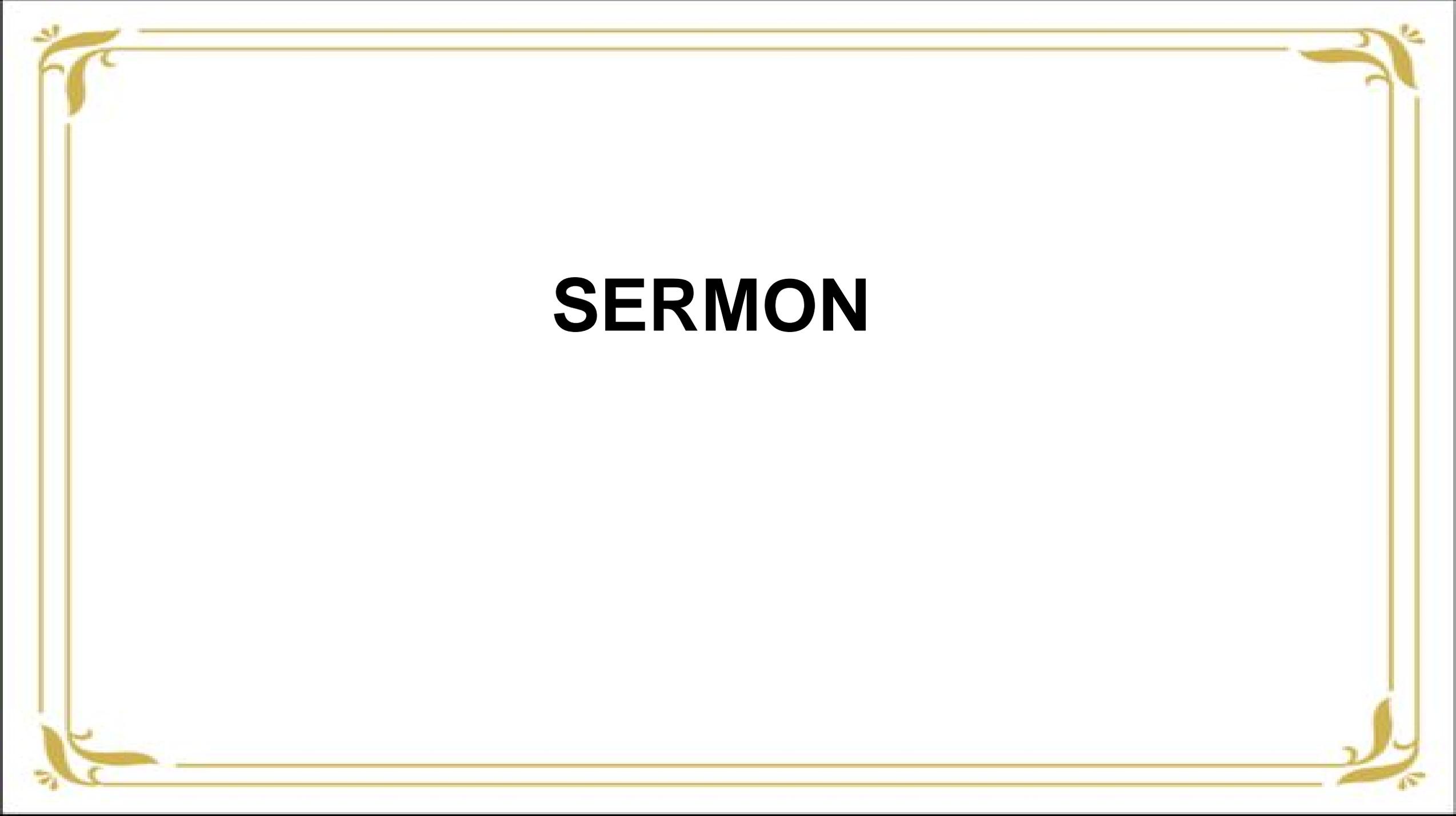
He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

**On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.**

Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.**

Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

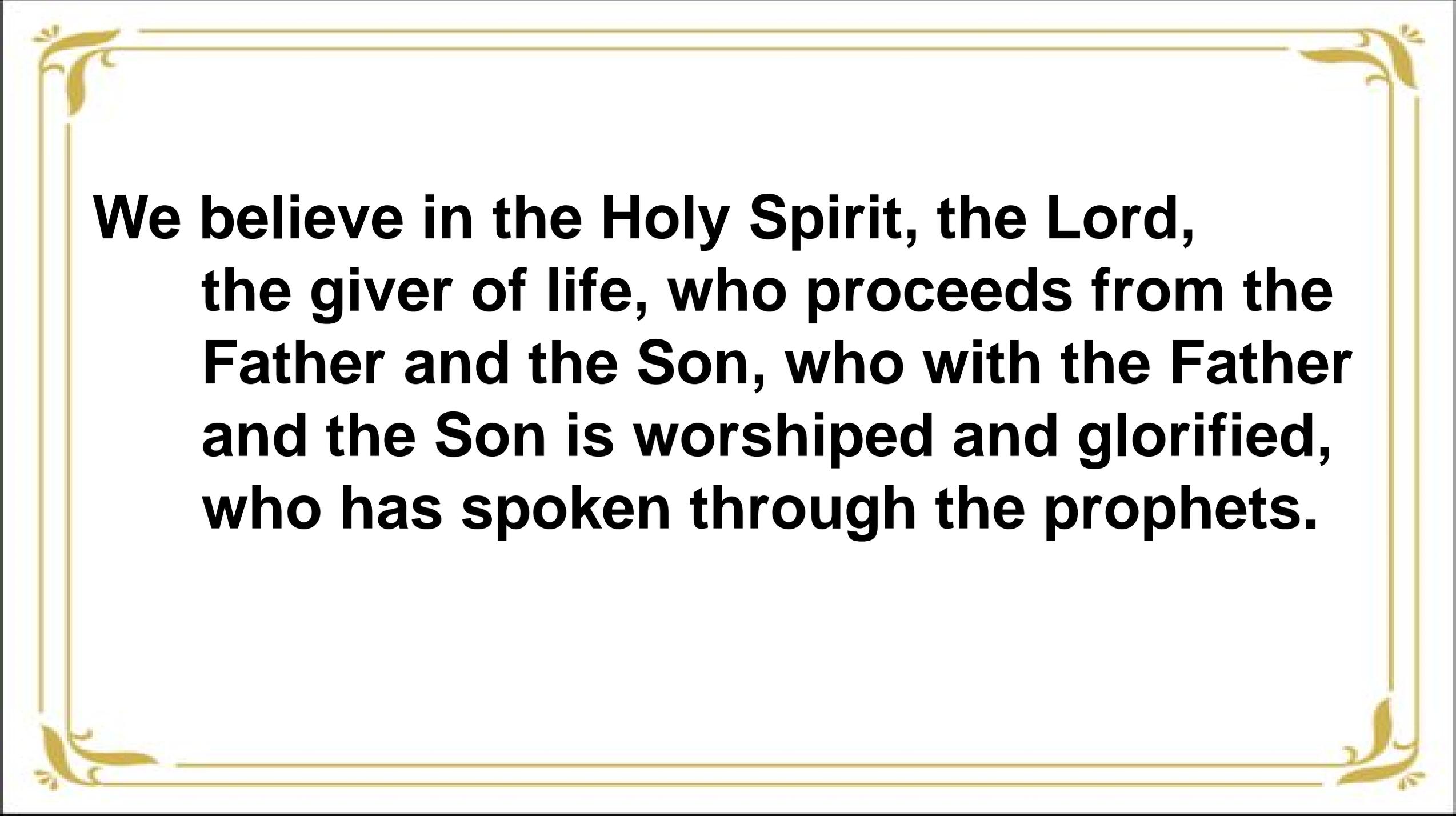
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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

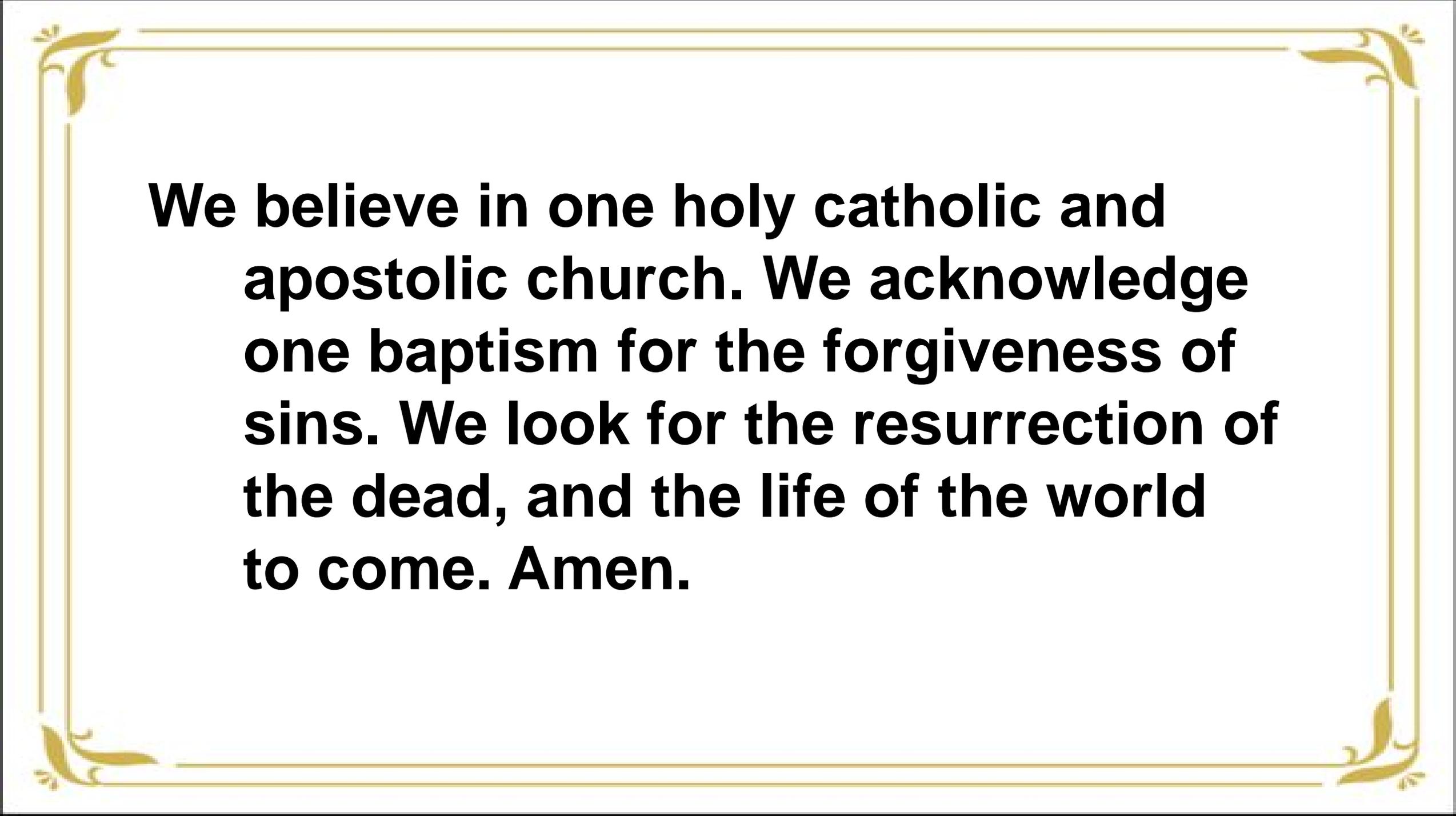
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**



We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

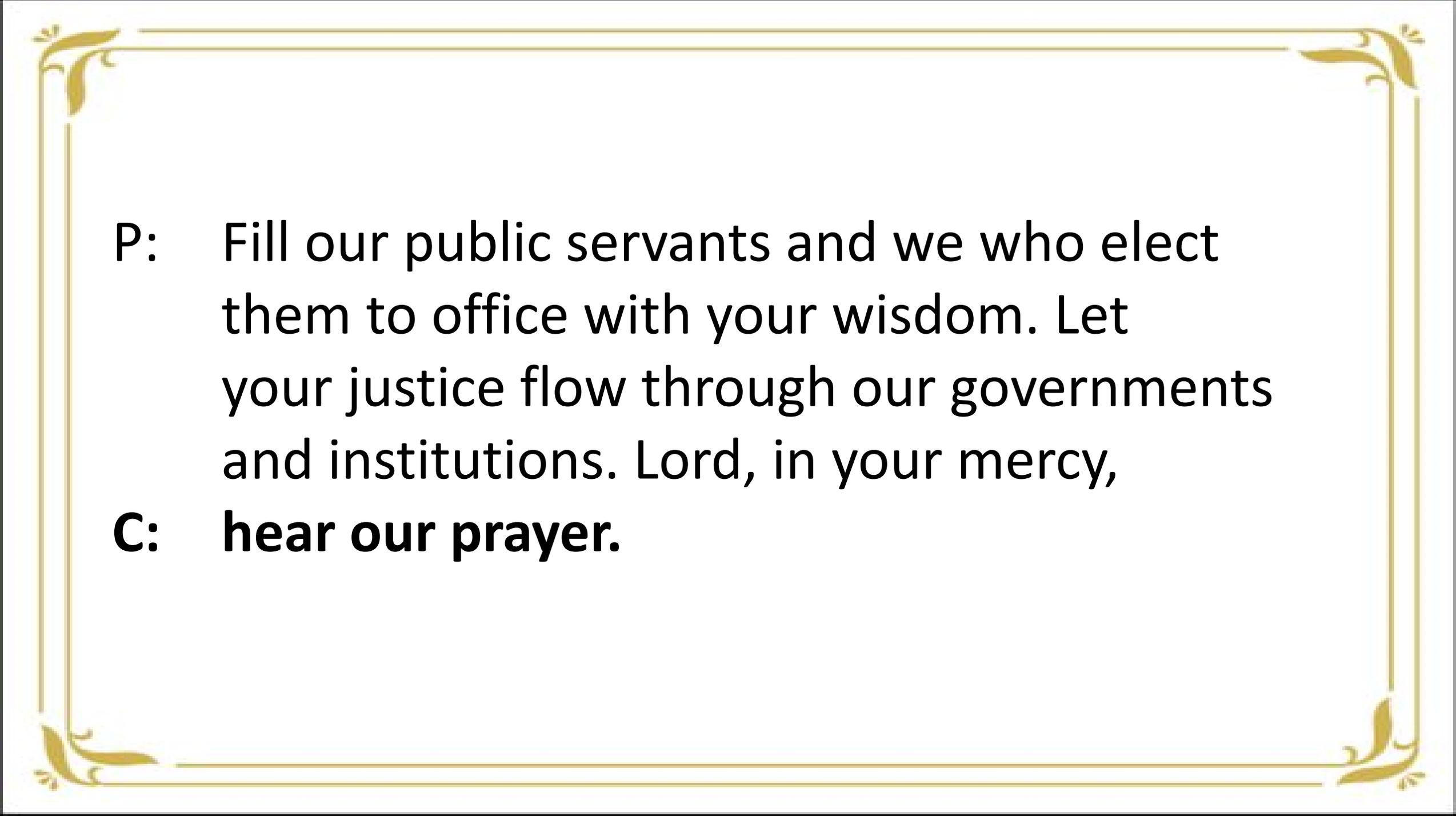
P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.
(A brief silence.) Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief (*especially*). Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Make us eager to receive those you send to us.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous (*those who have died during the past year may be named*), and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God,
and bring us into your life through the
faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. **And also with you.**



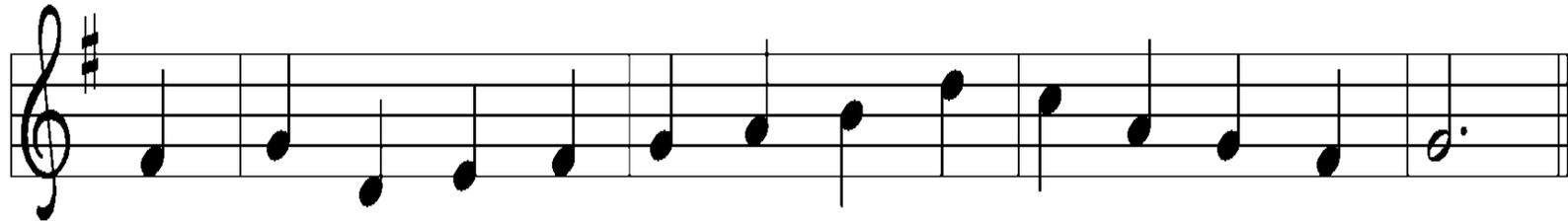
VIDEO DURING OFFERING

All Saints Offertory

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: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

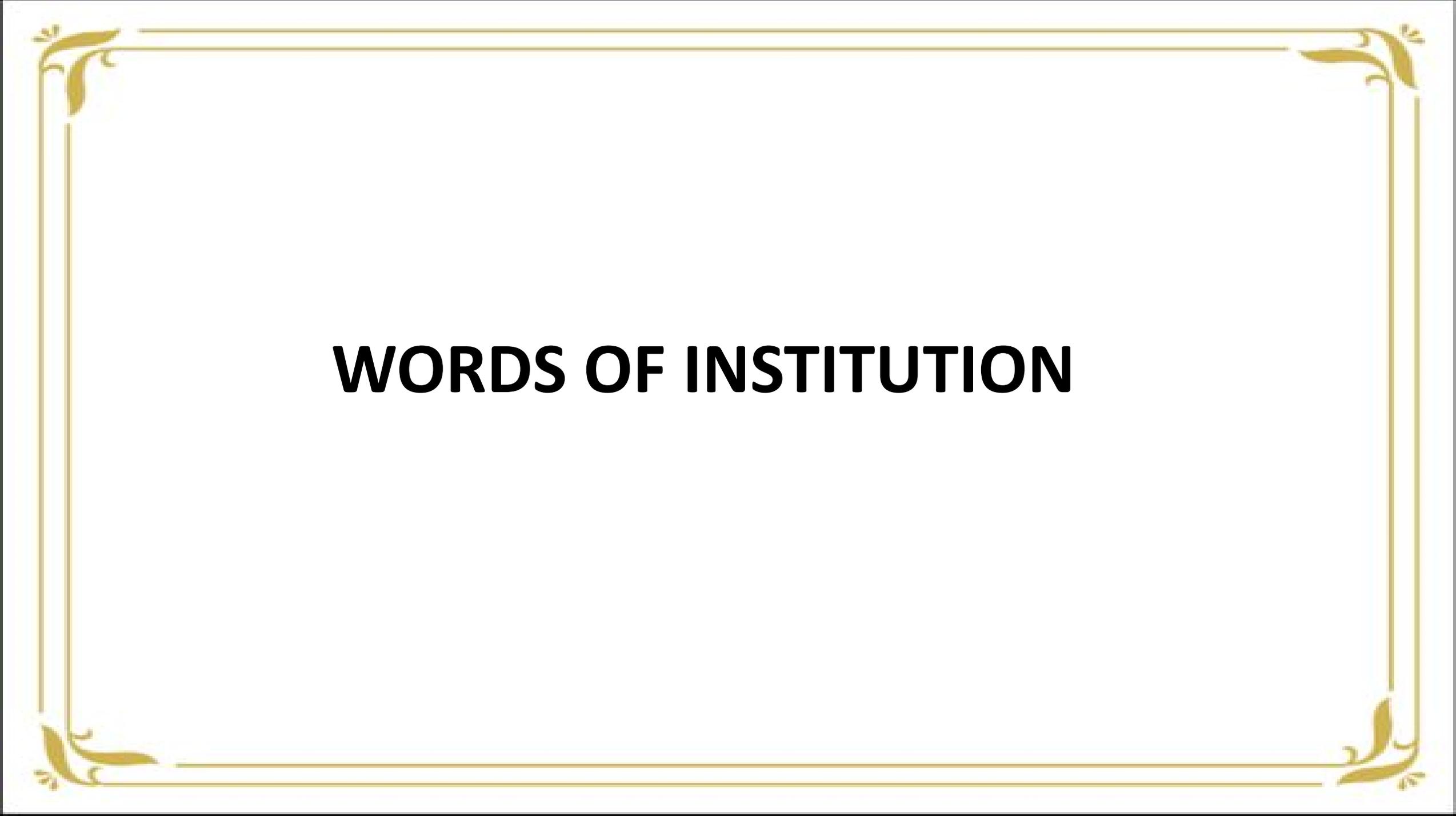
C: And also with you.

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 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.**



COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

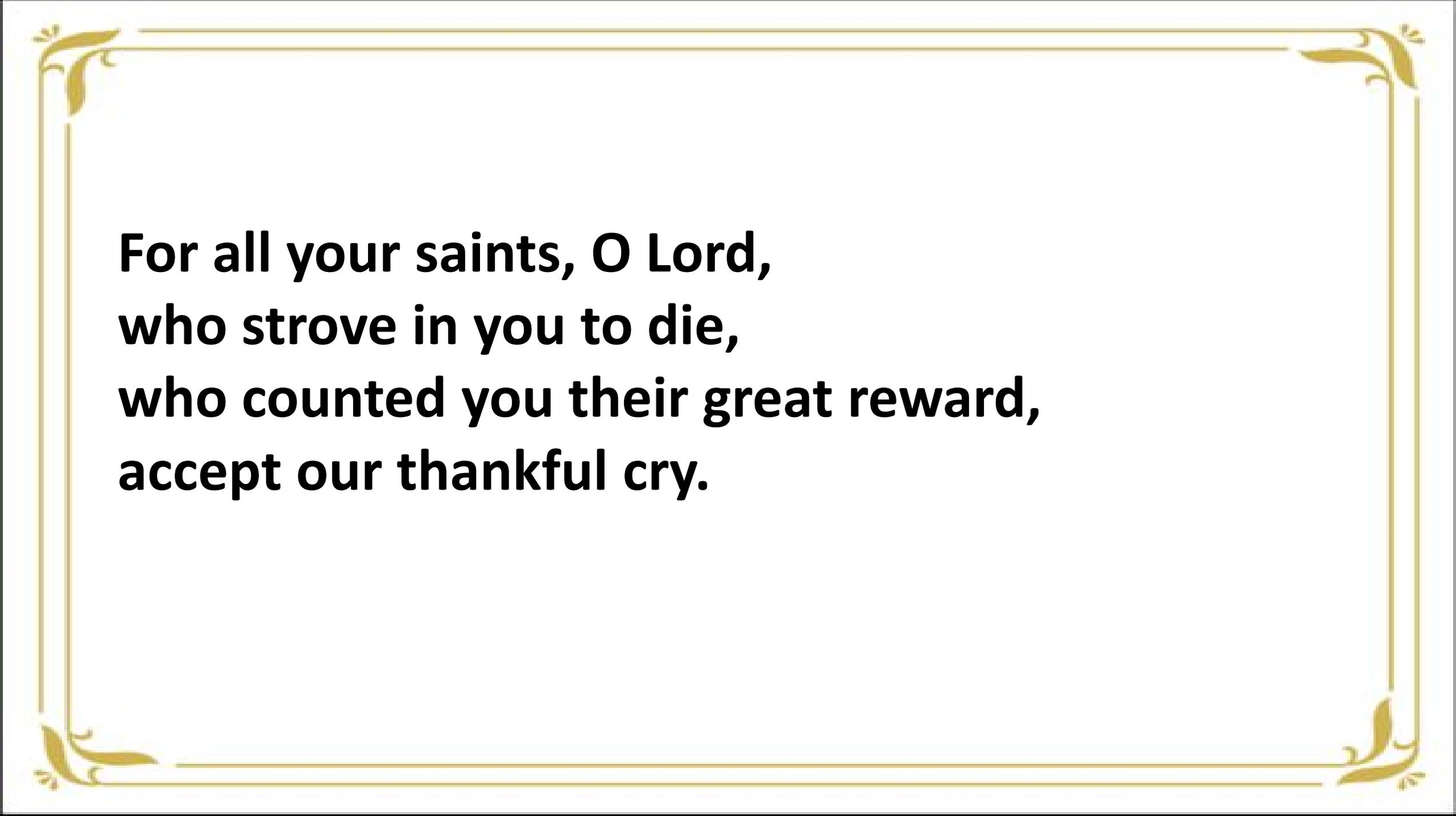
BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.

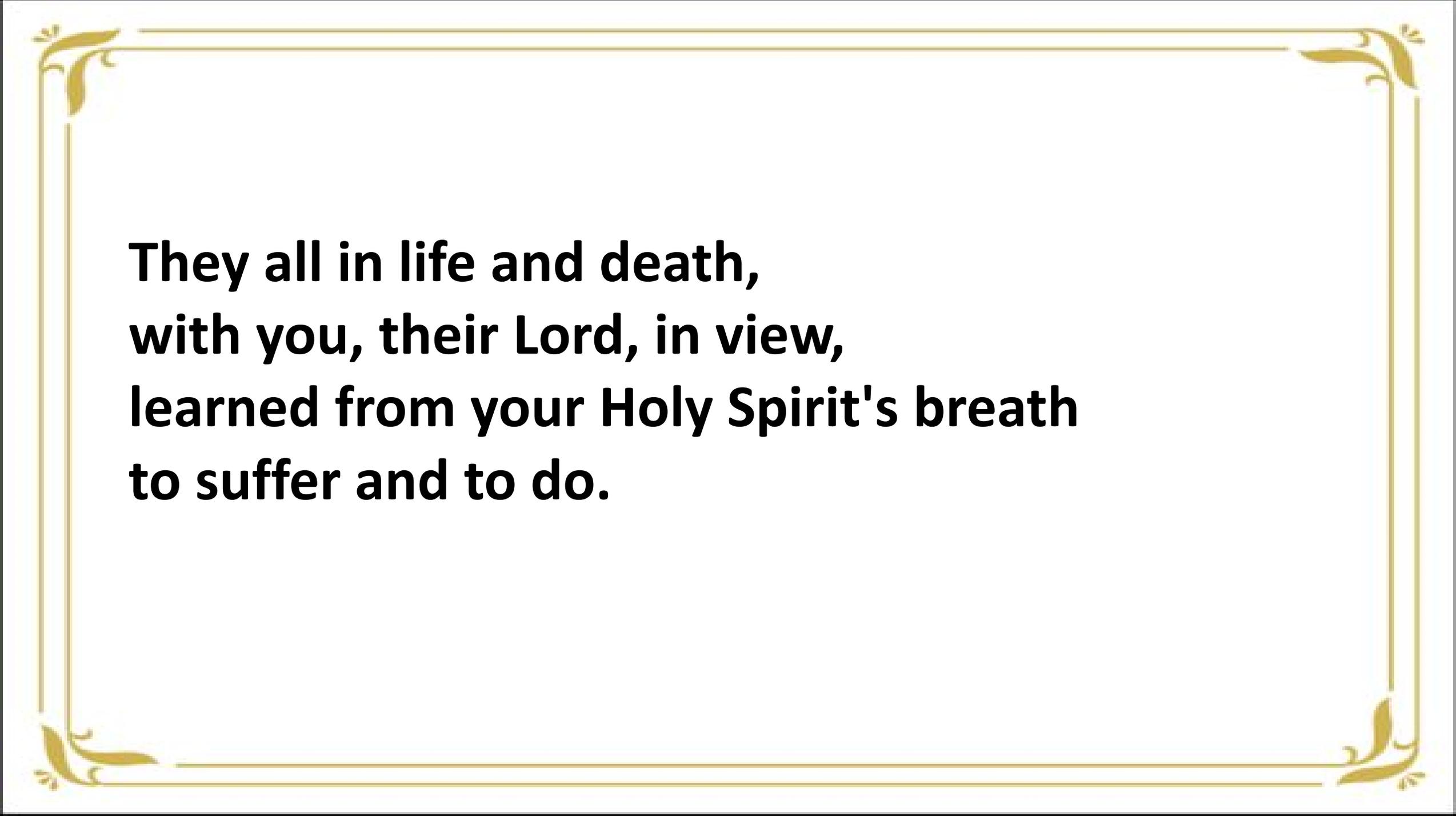
C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “For All Your Saints, O Lord”

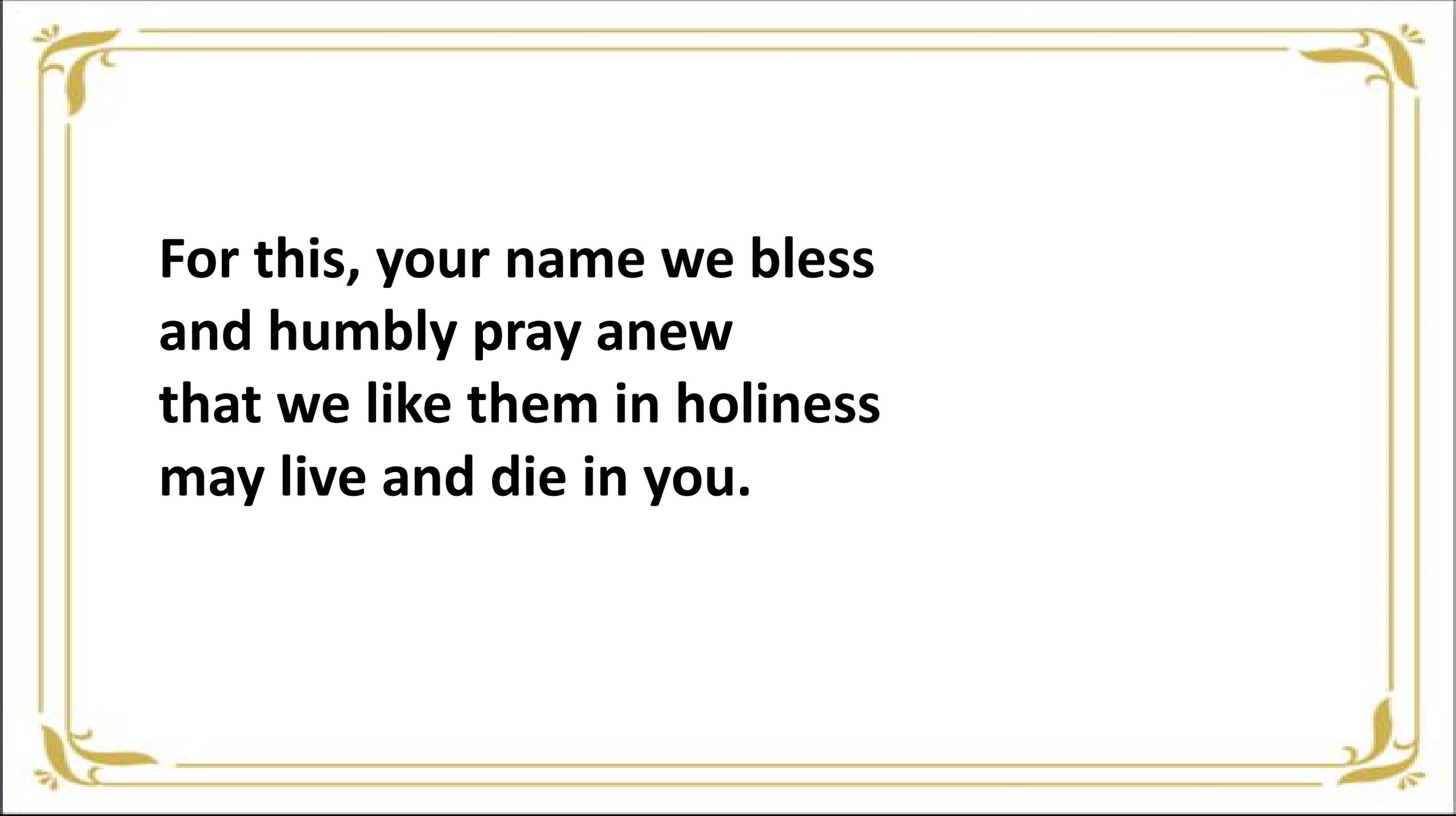
**For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**



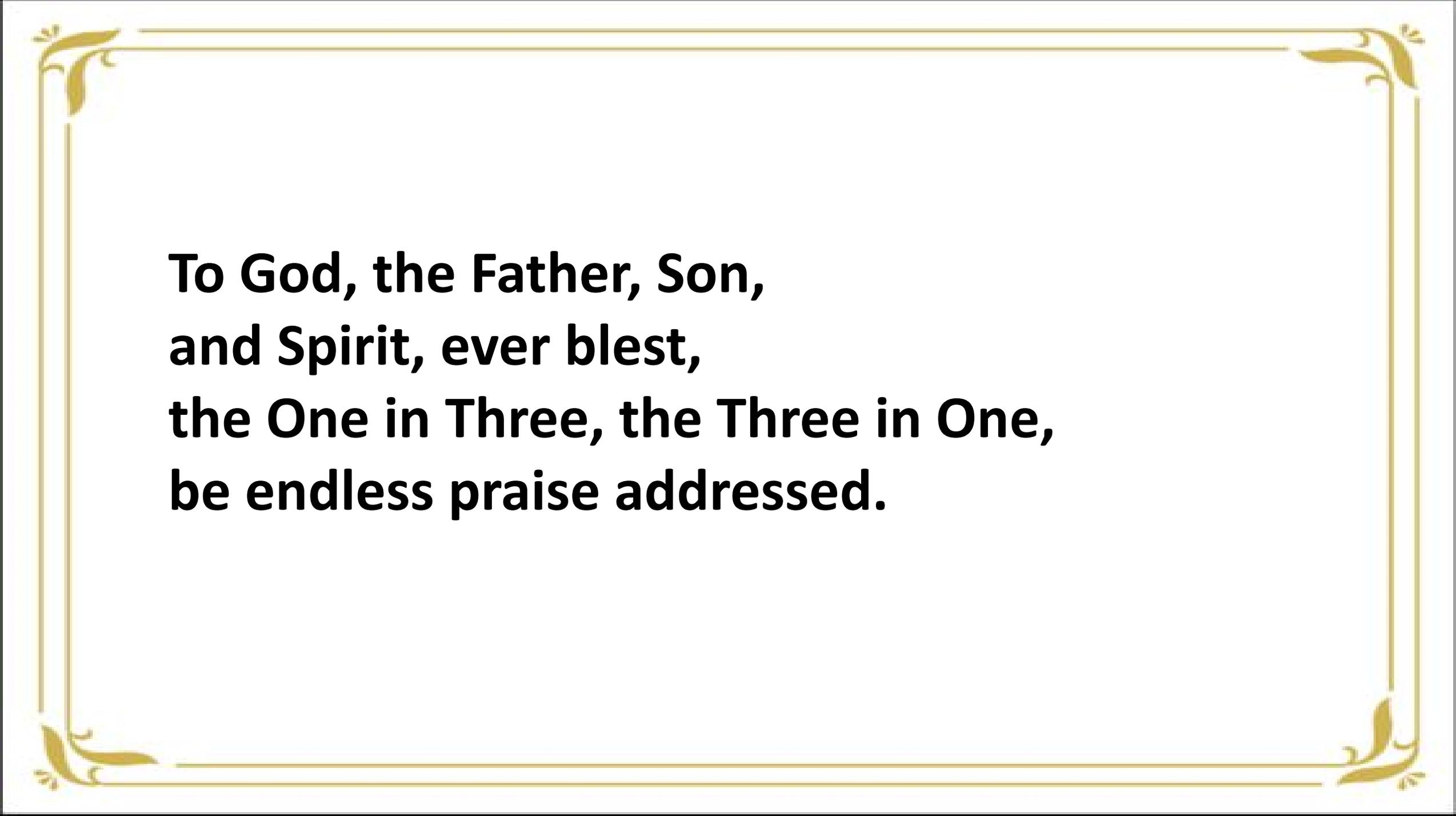
**For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.**



**They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.**



**For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness
may live and die in you.**



**To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world and serve God
with gladness.

C: **Thanks be to God.**







