



Praise and Worship

August 25, 2019

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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, tranquil blue. In the distance, a few small, faint lights are visible on the horizon, suggesting a distant city or a lighthouse.

Prelude Video

***“You Are God Alone”* by Billy Foote**



Welcome

Announcements

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OPENING SONG

“My Lighthouse” by Rend Collective

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

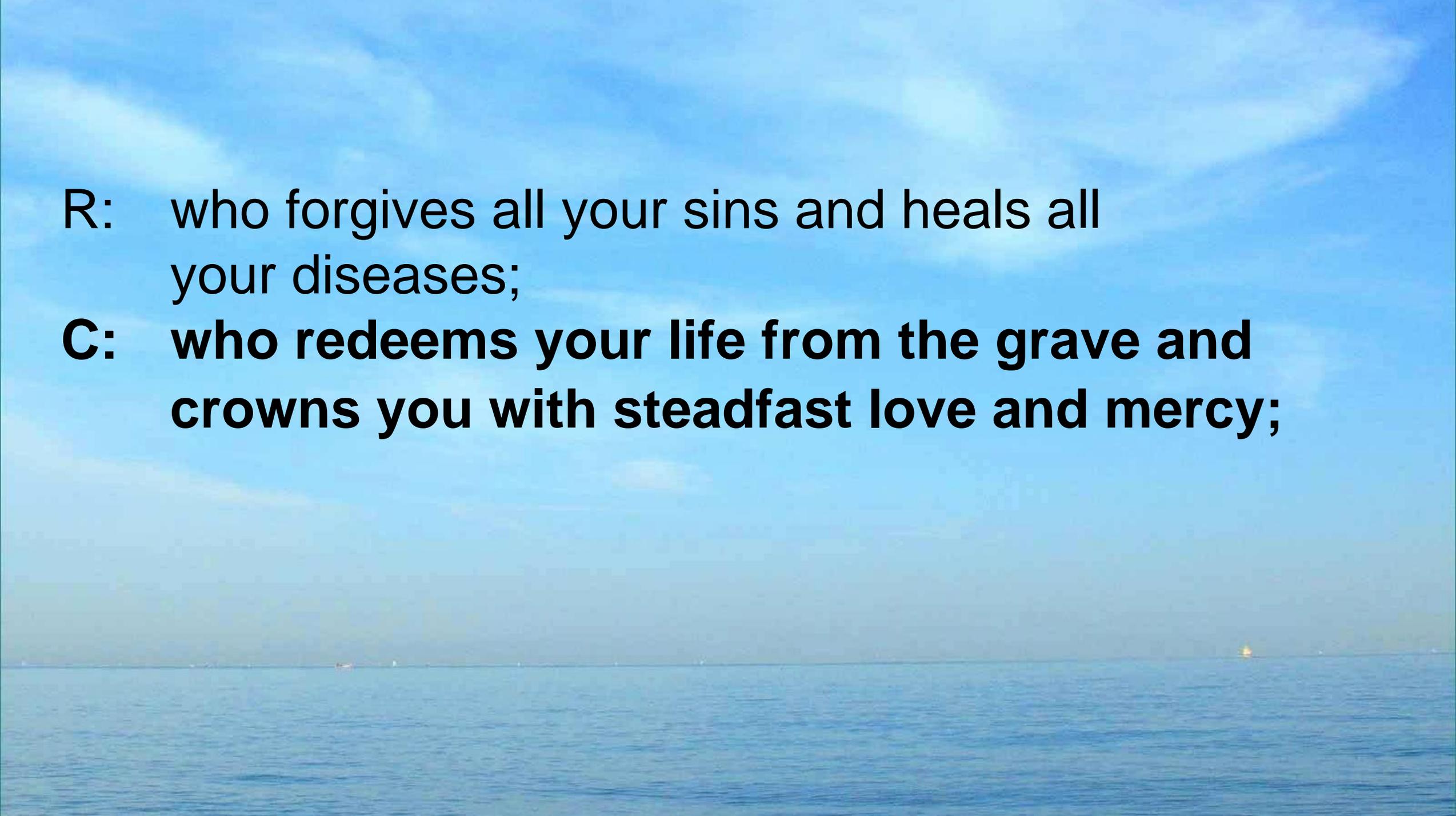
P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 103

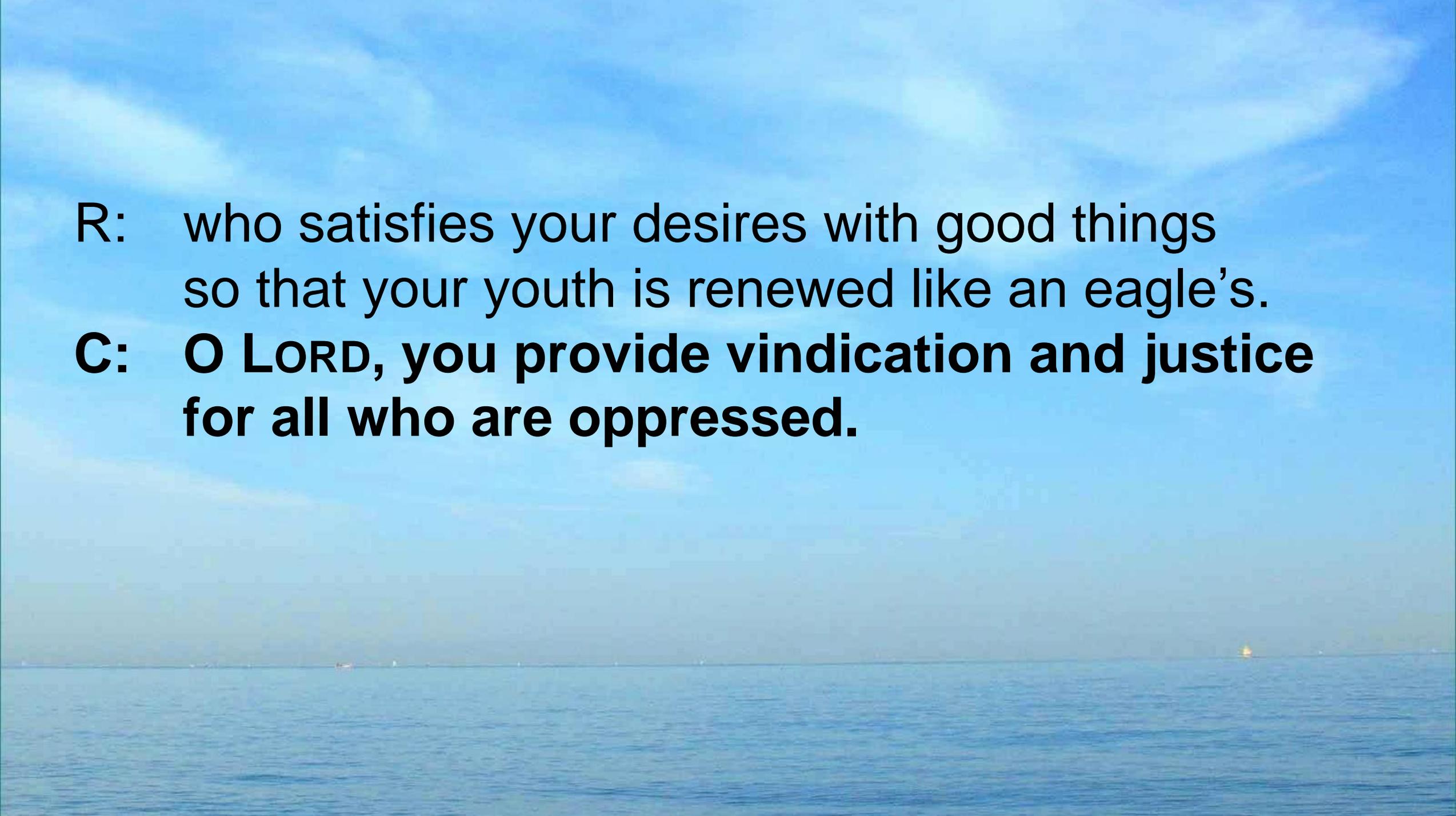
R: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits -**



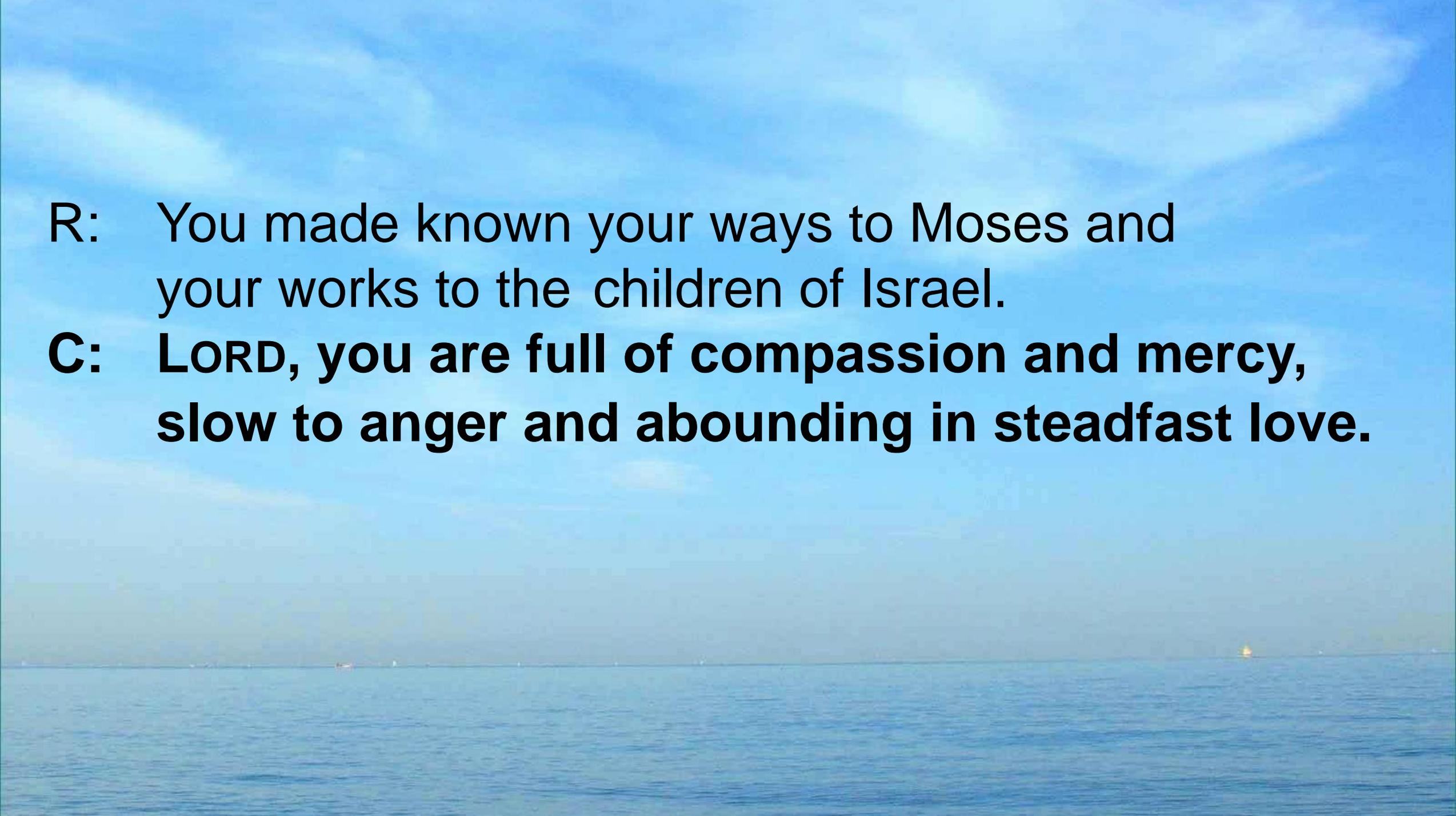
R: who forgives all your sins and heals all
your diseases;

**C: who redeems your life from the grave and
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**



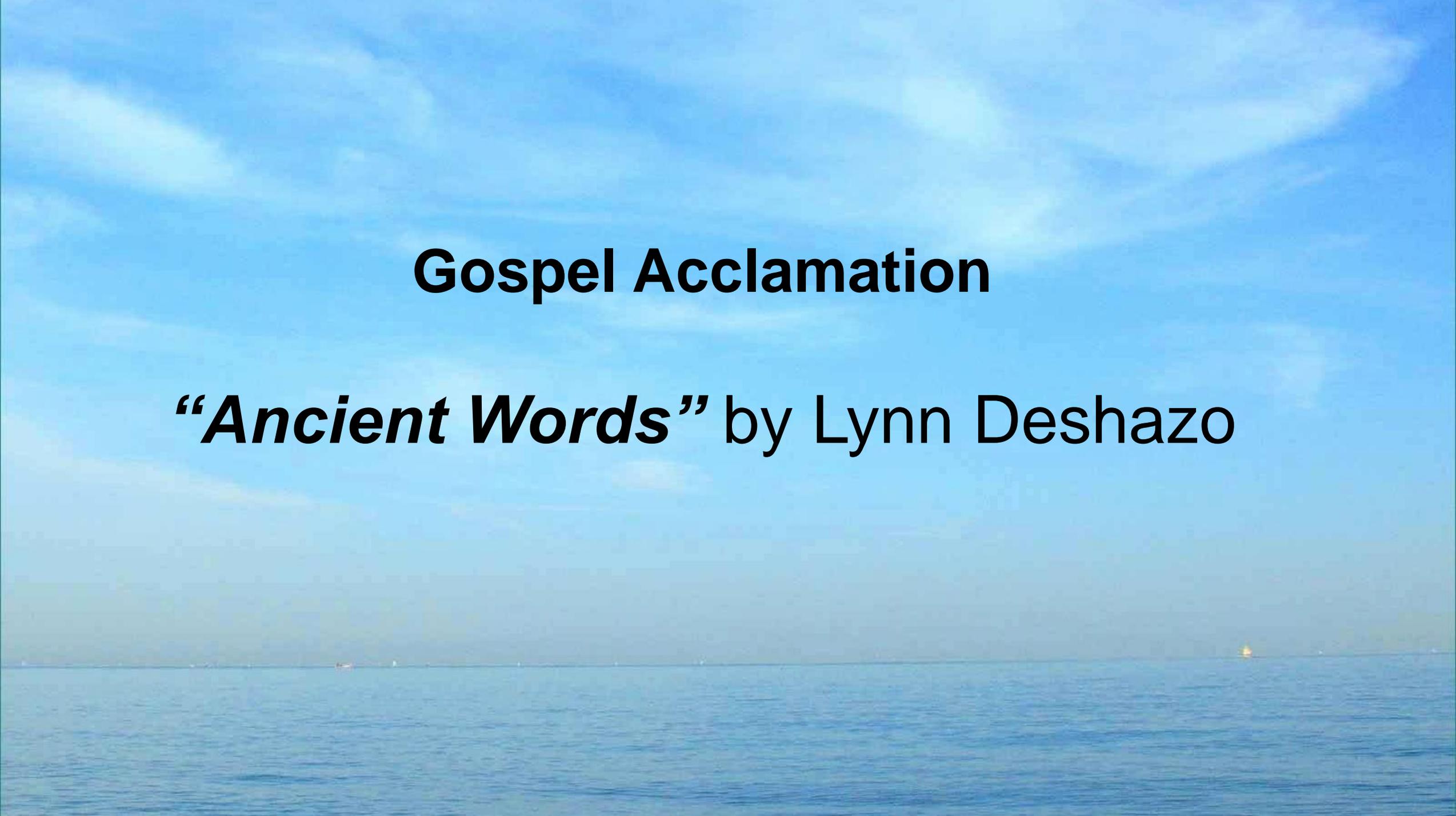
R: who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**C: O LORD, you provide vindication and justice
for all who are oppressed.**



R: You made known your ways to Moses and
your works to the children of Israel.

**C: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**



Gospel Acclamation

“Ancient Words” by Lynn Deshazo

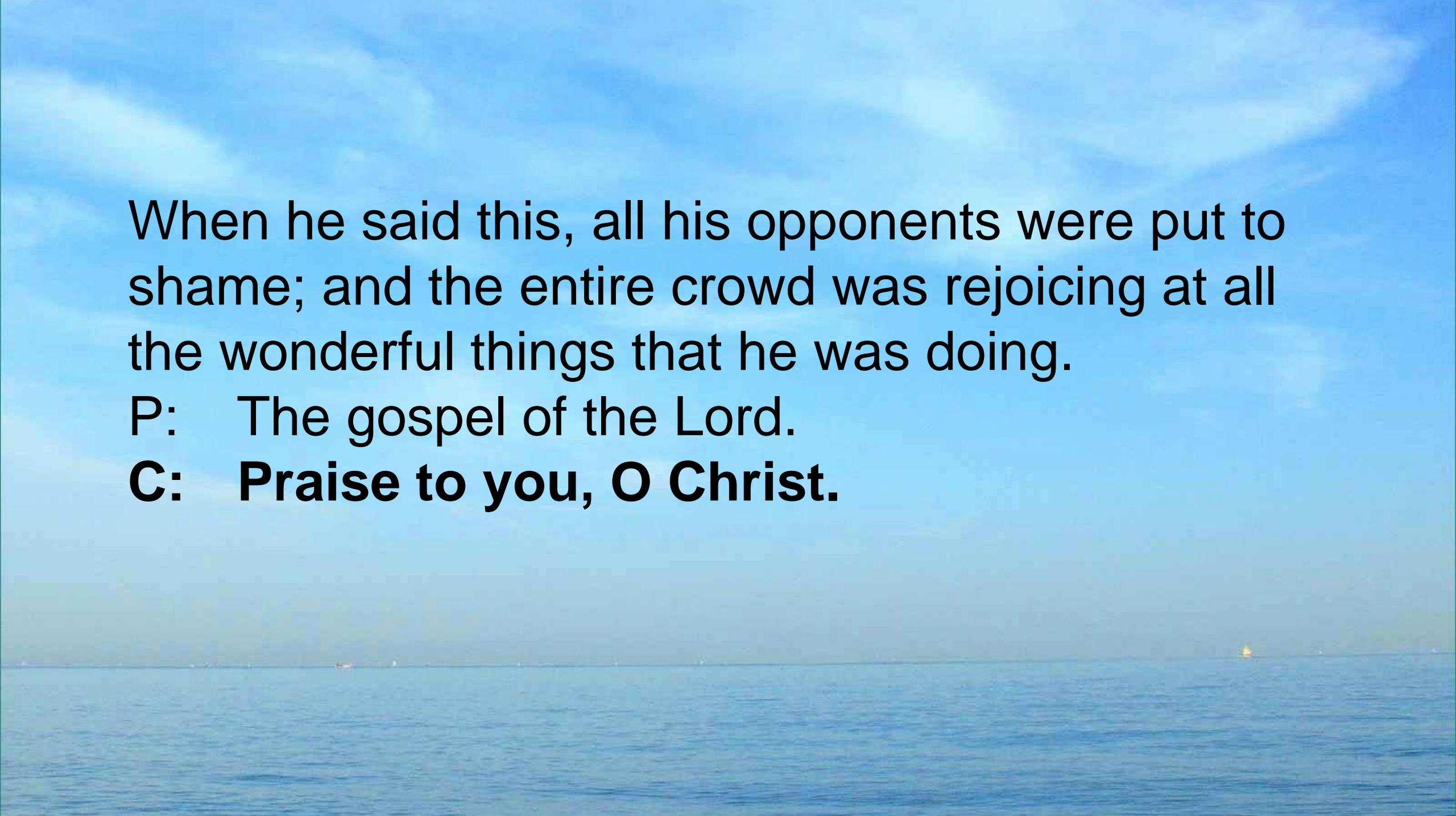
GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"



When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



~ Sermon ~
“Perspectives On Keeping the Sabbath”

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's surface is textured with gentle ripples. In the distance, a few small, indistinct shapes are visible on the water, and a single bright light glimmers on the horizon to the right.

Video Song of the Day

“Today is the Day” by Lincoln Brewster

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!

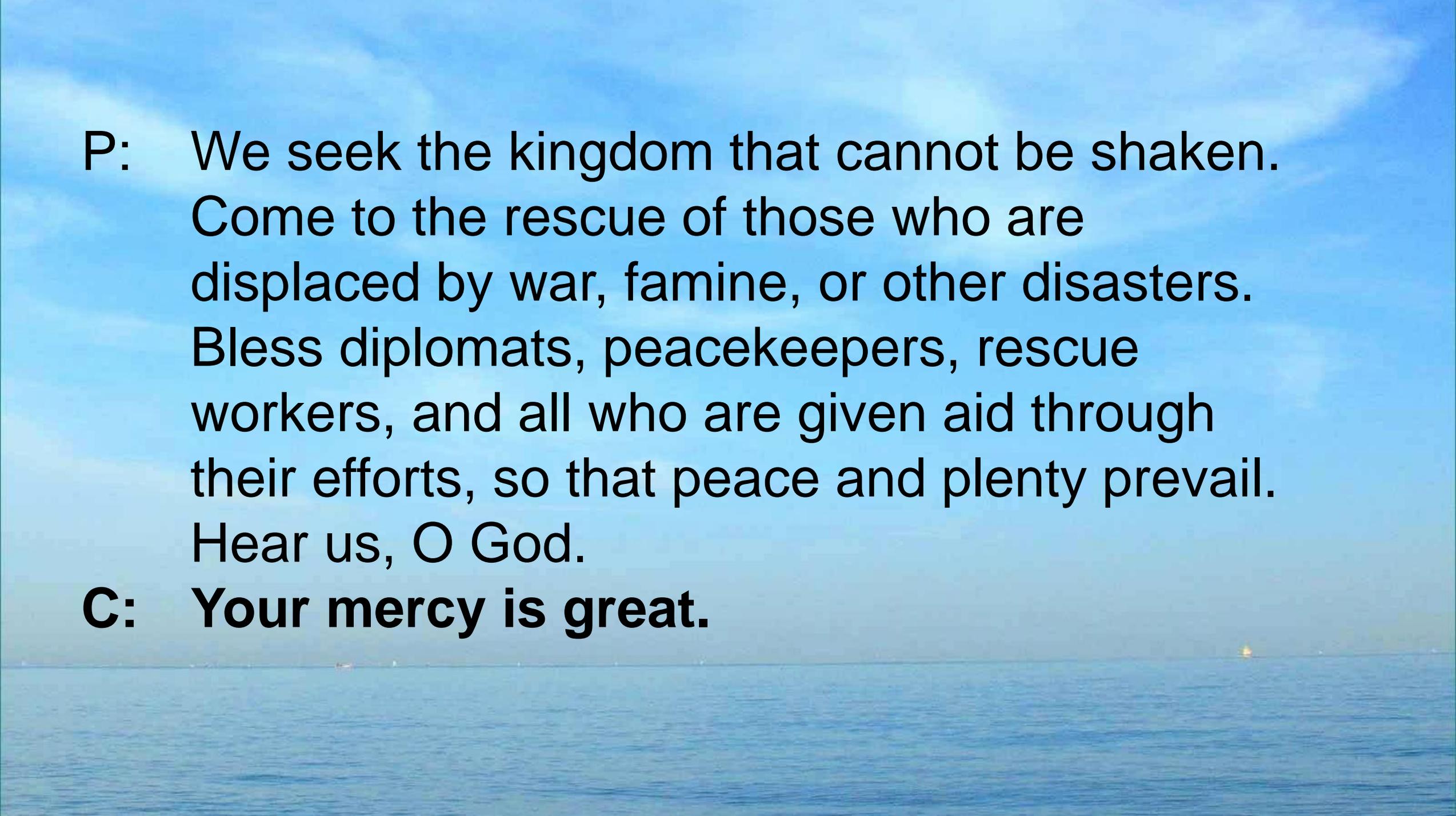
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. *(A brief silence.)* Lord of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to all in distress. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We rejoice in your creation: water that nourishes lands and creatures, gardens and fields with a diversity of plants. Bless scientists and artists who show us new ways of understanding the complex beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: We seek the kingdom that cannot be shaken.
Come to the rescue of those who are
displaced by war, famine, or other disasters.
Bless diplomats, peacekeepers, rescue
workers, and all who are given aid through
their efforts, so that peace and plenty prevail.
Hear us, O God.

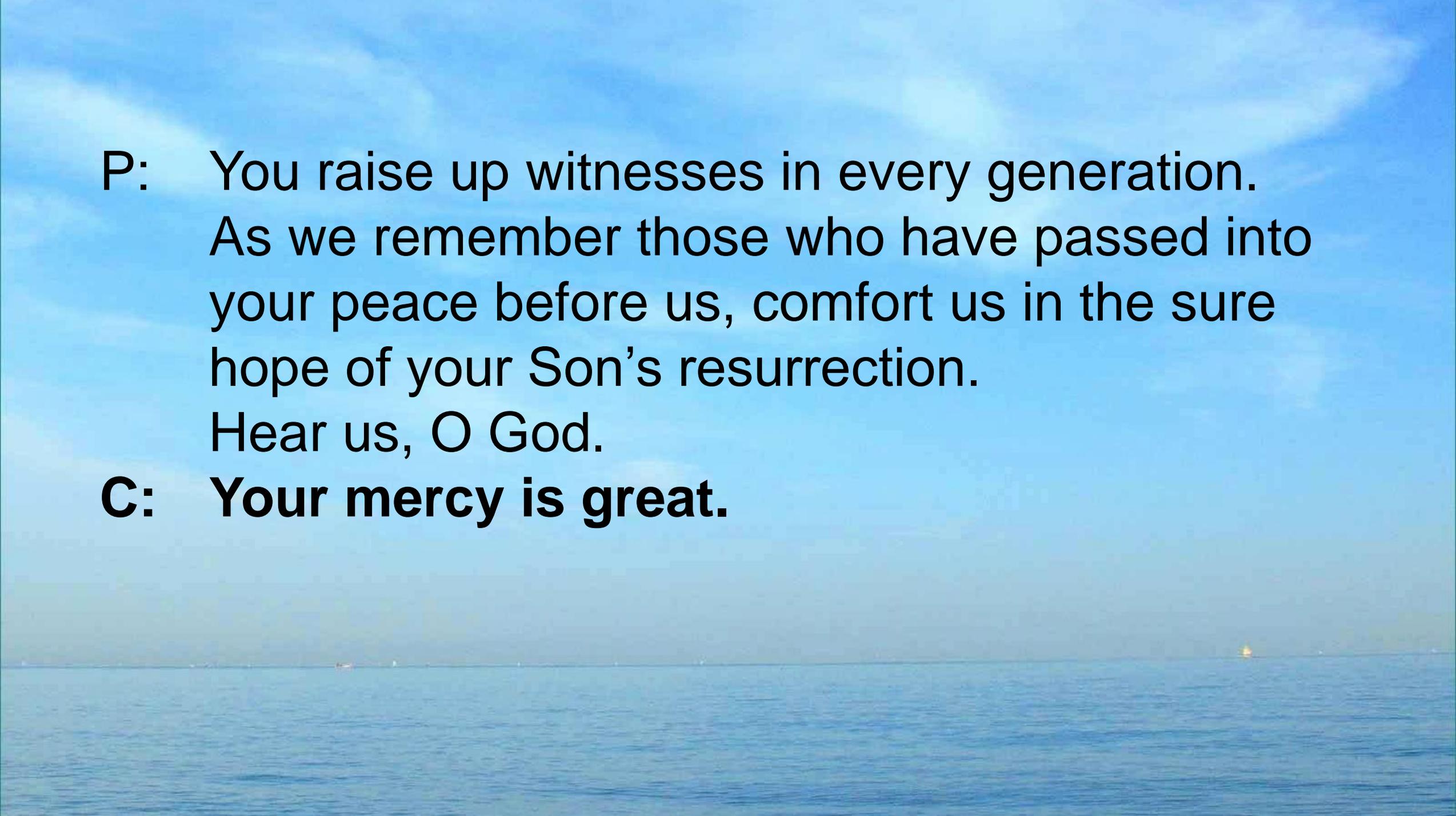
C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: You provide deliverance and justice for all who are oppressed. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Hear us, O God.

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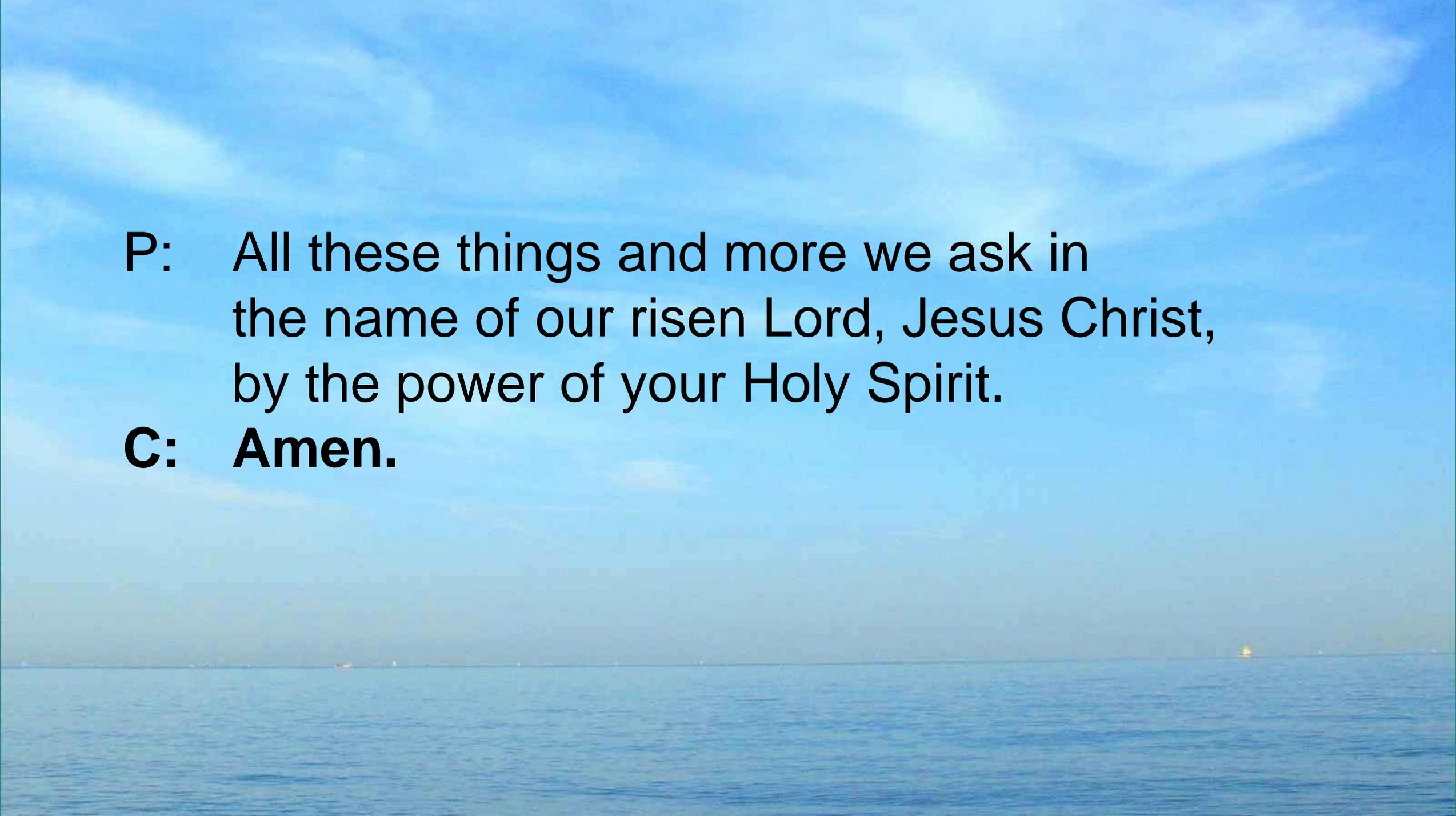
P: You know our needs in this community.
Heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness,
aging, or suffering (*especially*). Accompany
those who visit homebound members, the
hospitalized, and those who are in prison.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: You raise up witnesses in every generation.
As we remember those who have passed into
your peace before us, comfort us in the sure
hope of your Son's resurrection.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: All these things and more we ask in
the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ,
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

Offertory Video
“The Proof of Your Love”
by For King and Country

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you. O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through 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 ~ 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.

COMMUNION

Communion Song

“10,000 Reasons” by Matt Redman

Prayer After Communion

P: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with our heart, service our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our 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 Video

“All the People Said Amen”

by Matt Maher

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



