



Praise and Worship

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

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Prelude Video
“Word of God Speak”
by MercyMe



Welcome
Announcements



OPENING SONG
“Your Grace Is Enough”
by Chris Tomlin

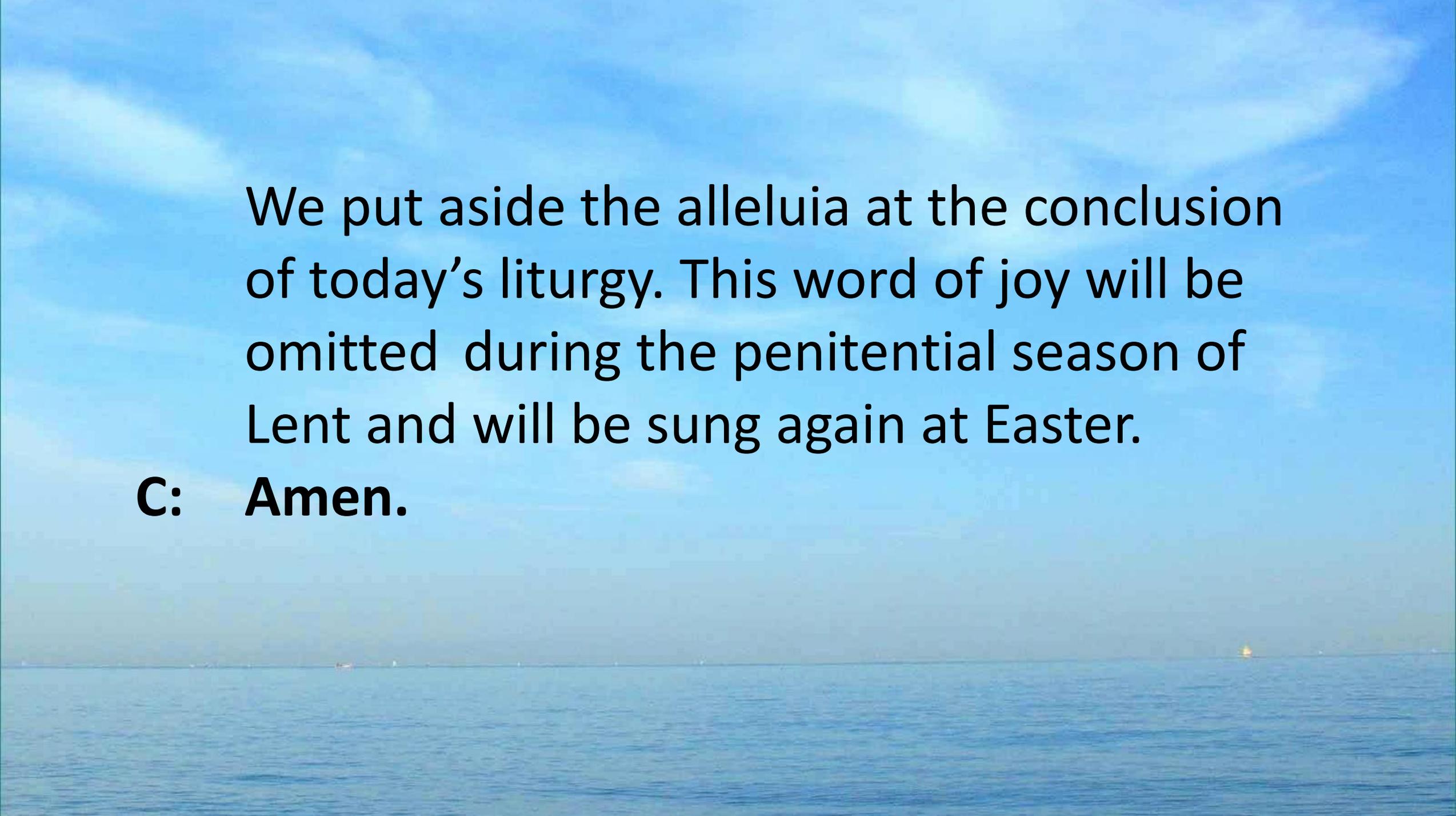
INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins this Wednesday. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.



We put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **In the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus, the 24th chapter.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

P: Word of God, word of life.

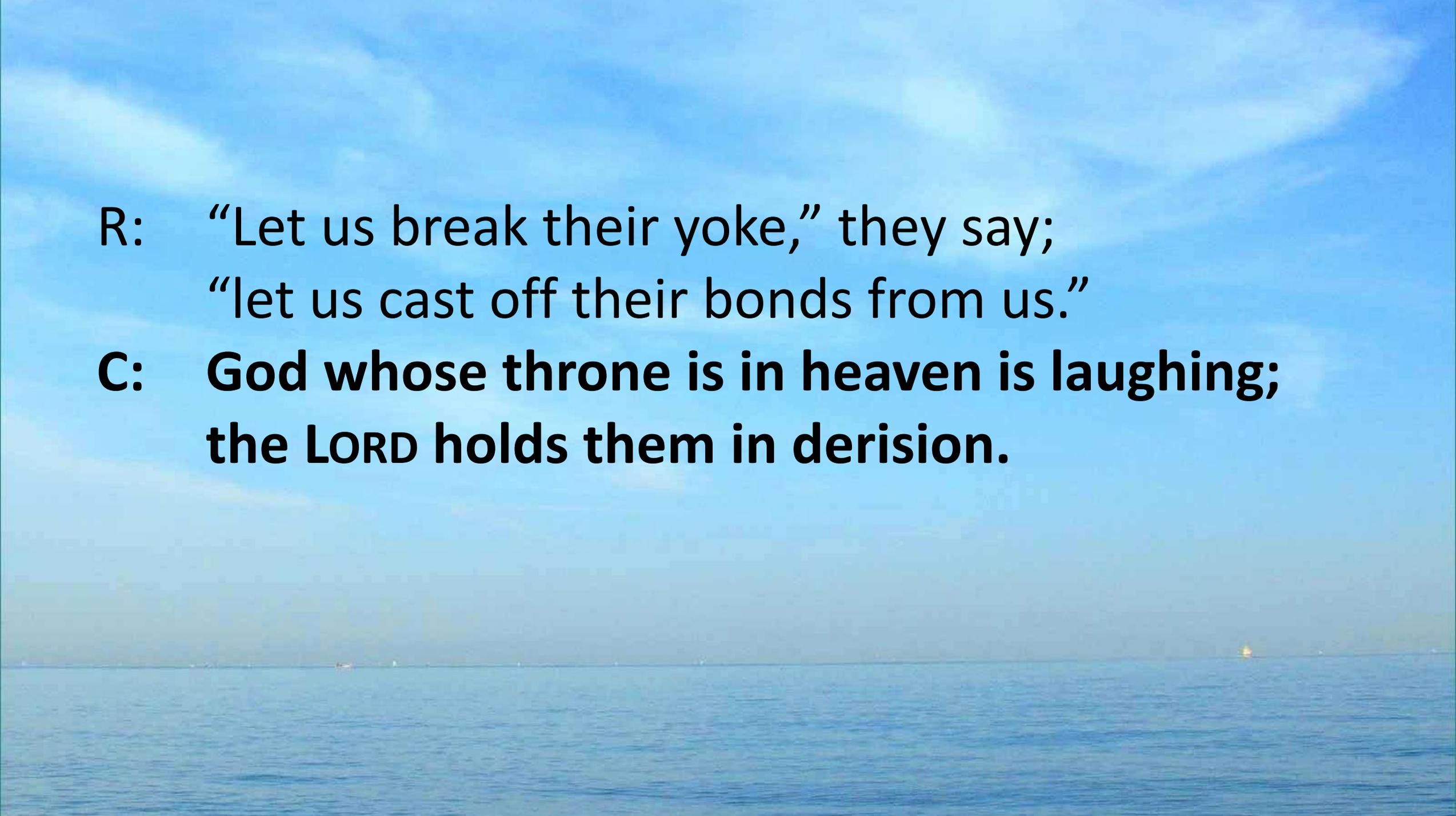
C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 2

R: Why are the nations in an uproar?

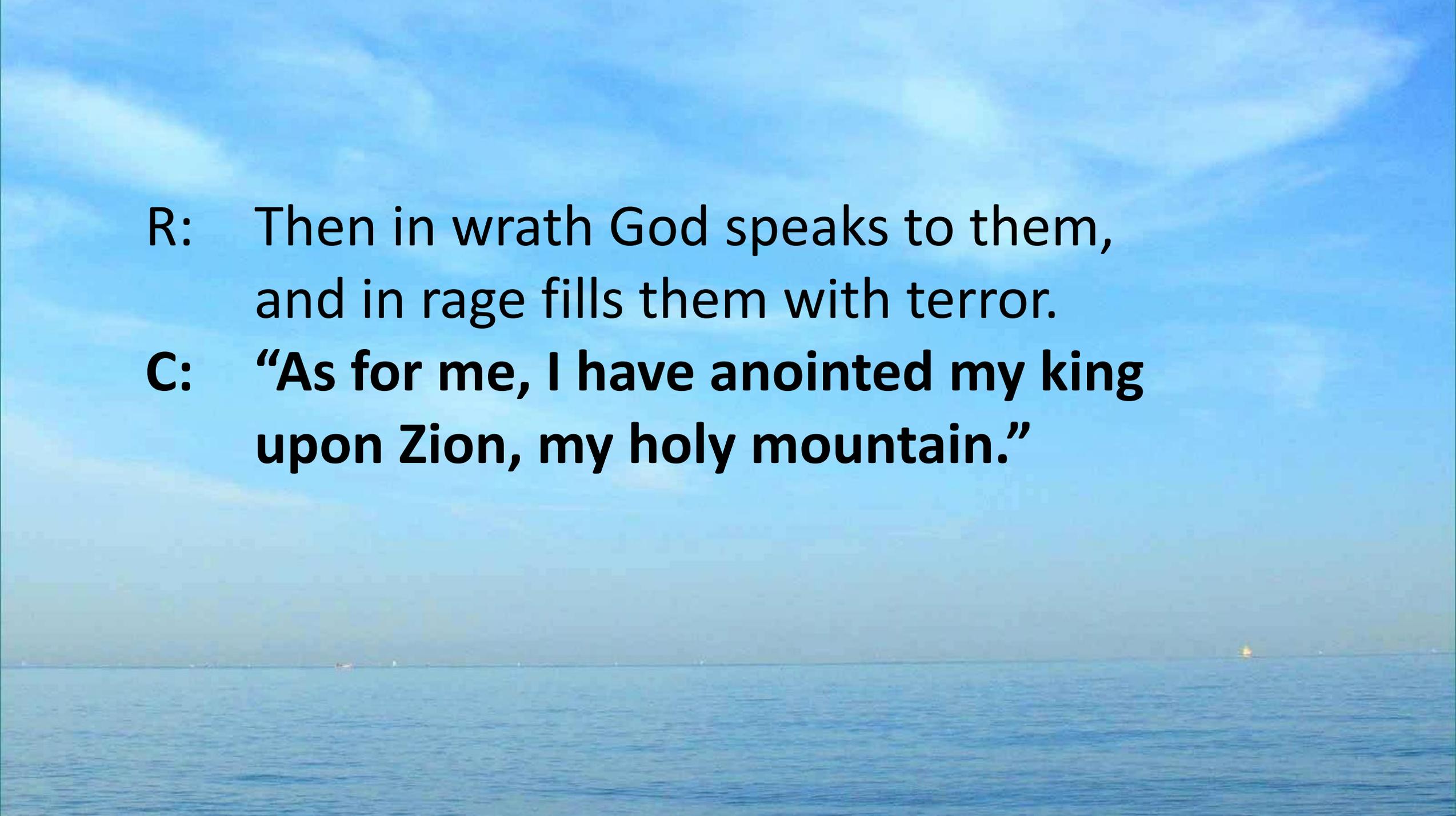
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C: **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, against the LORD
and against the LORD's anointed?**



R: “Let us break their yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**C: God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**



R: Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

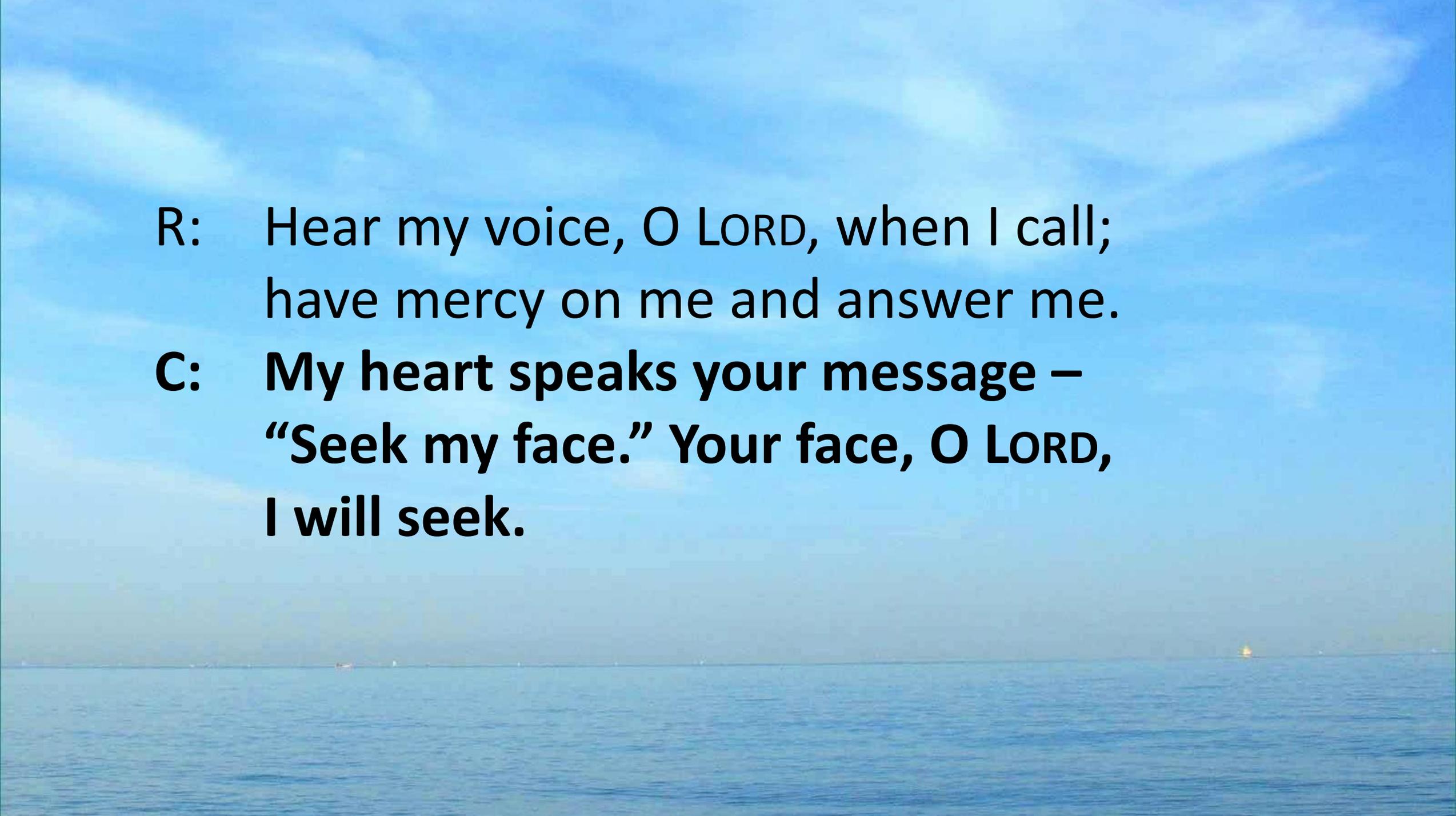
**C: “As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

R: Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son;
this day have I begotten you.

**C: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations
for your inheritance and the ends of the
earth for your possession.**

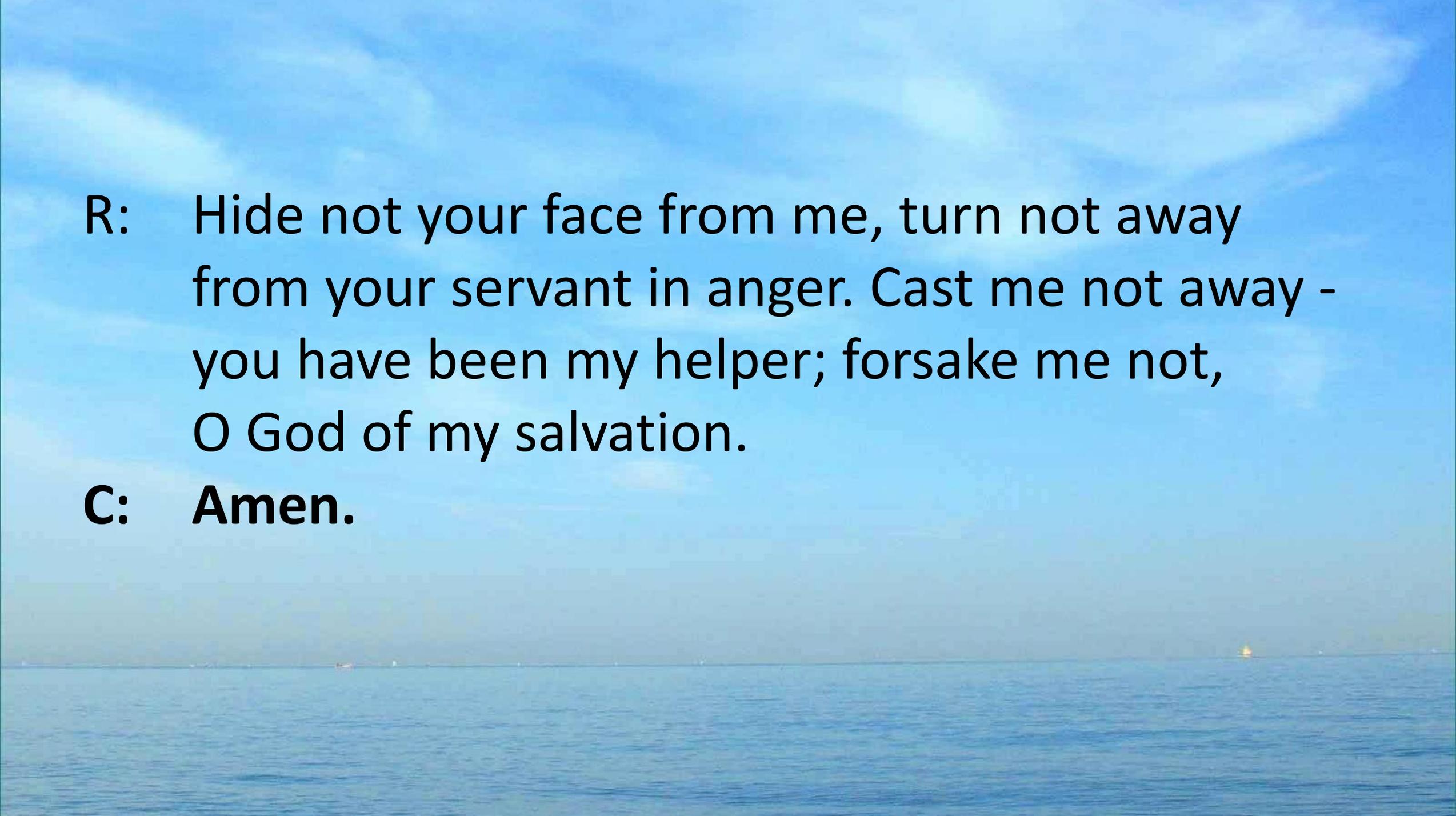
R: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.



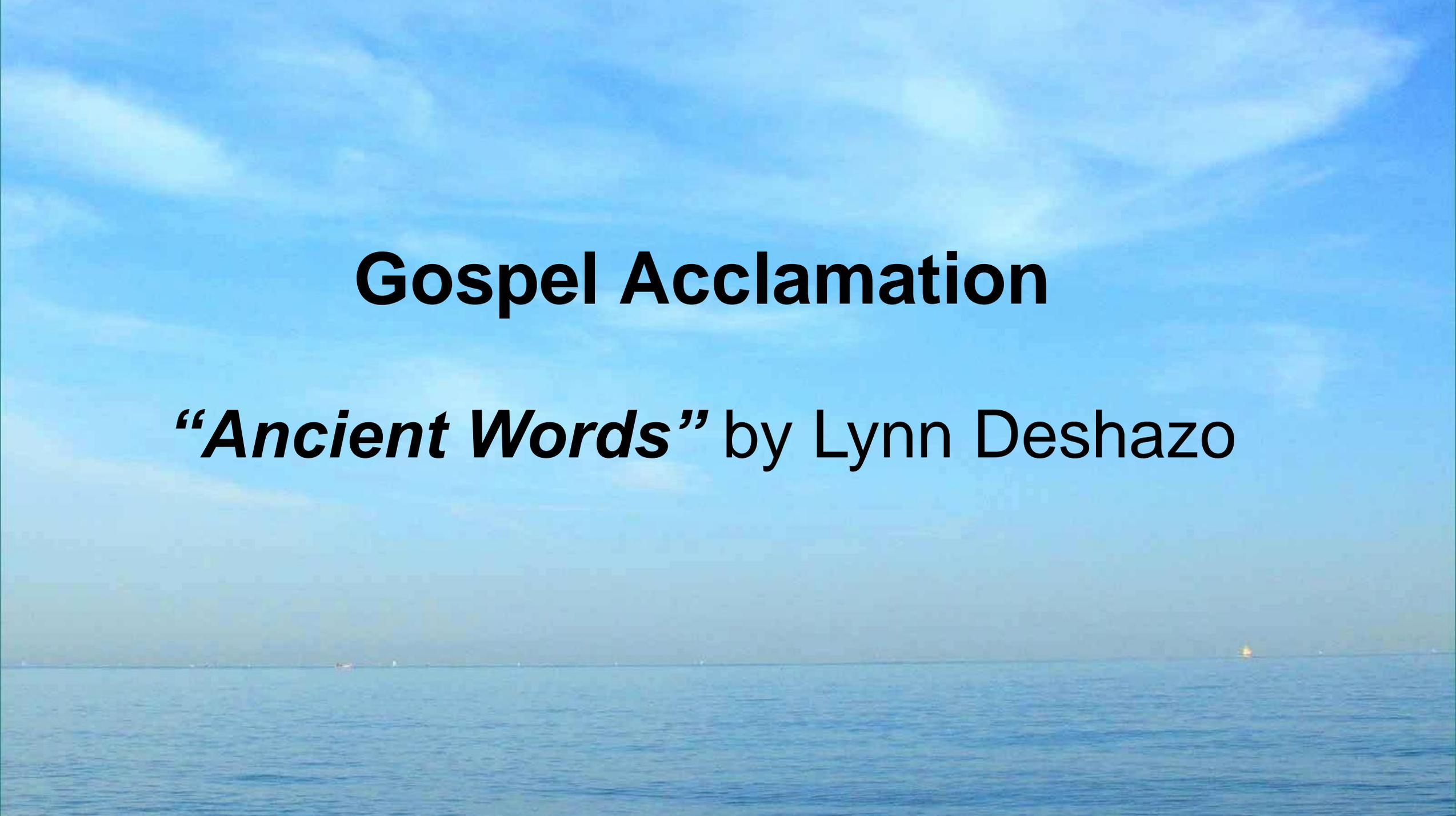
R: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message –
“Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD,
I will seek.**



R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

C: Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

“Ancient Words” by Lynn Deshazo

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the 17th chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



~ Sermon ~

“The Power of Life-Changing Faith”



Video of the Day
“Blessed Be Your Name”
by Matt Redman



Installation of 2020 Church Council

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.

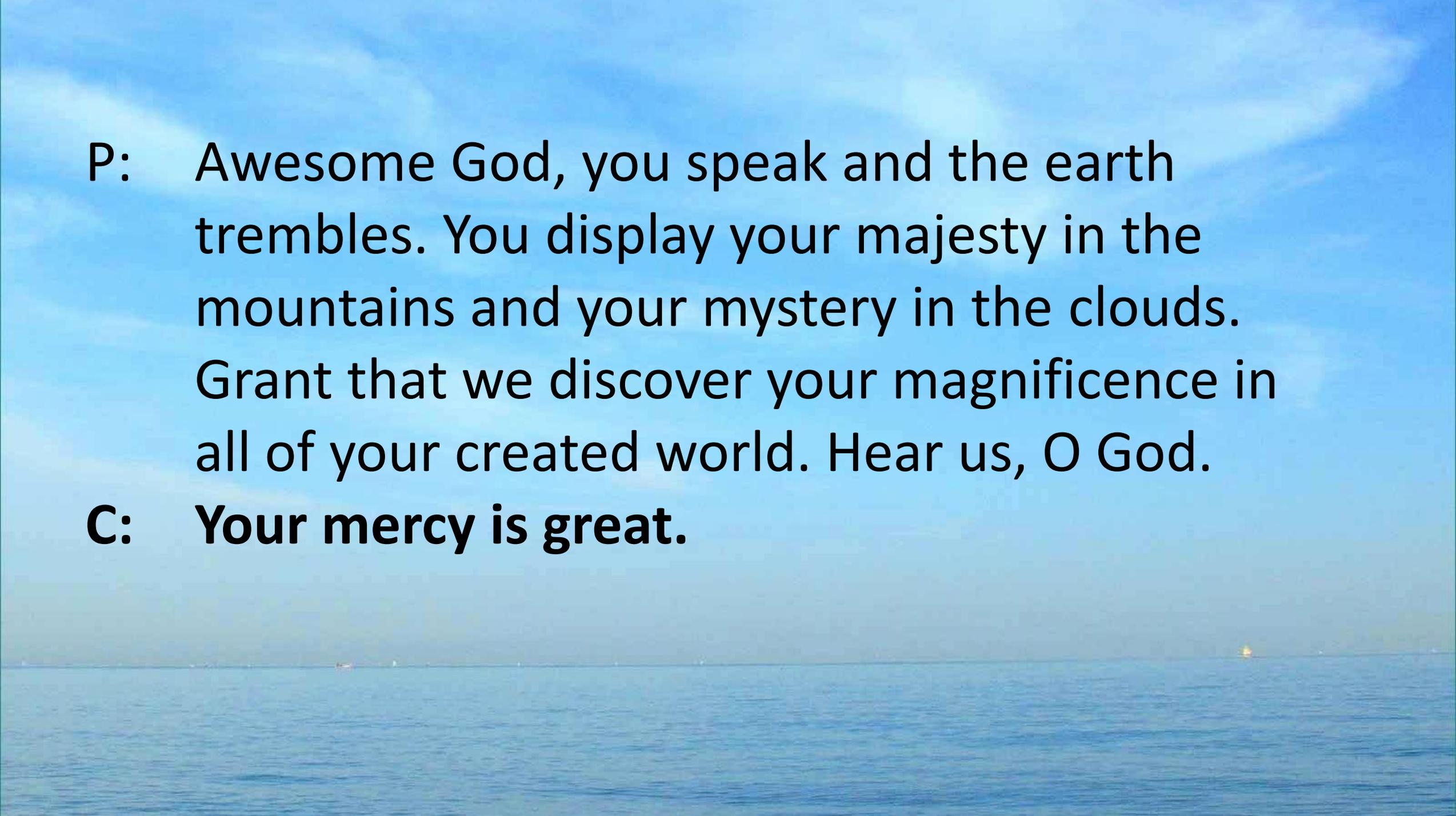
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us 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 that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence.) Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**



P: Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders (*especially*) in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made.
Hear us, O God.

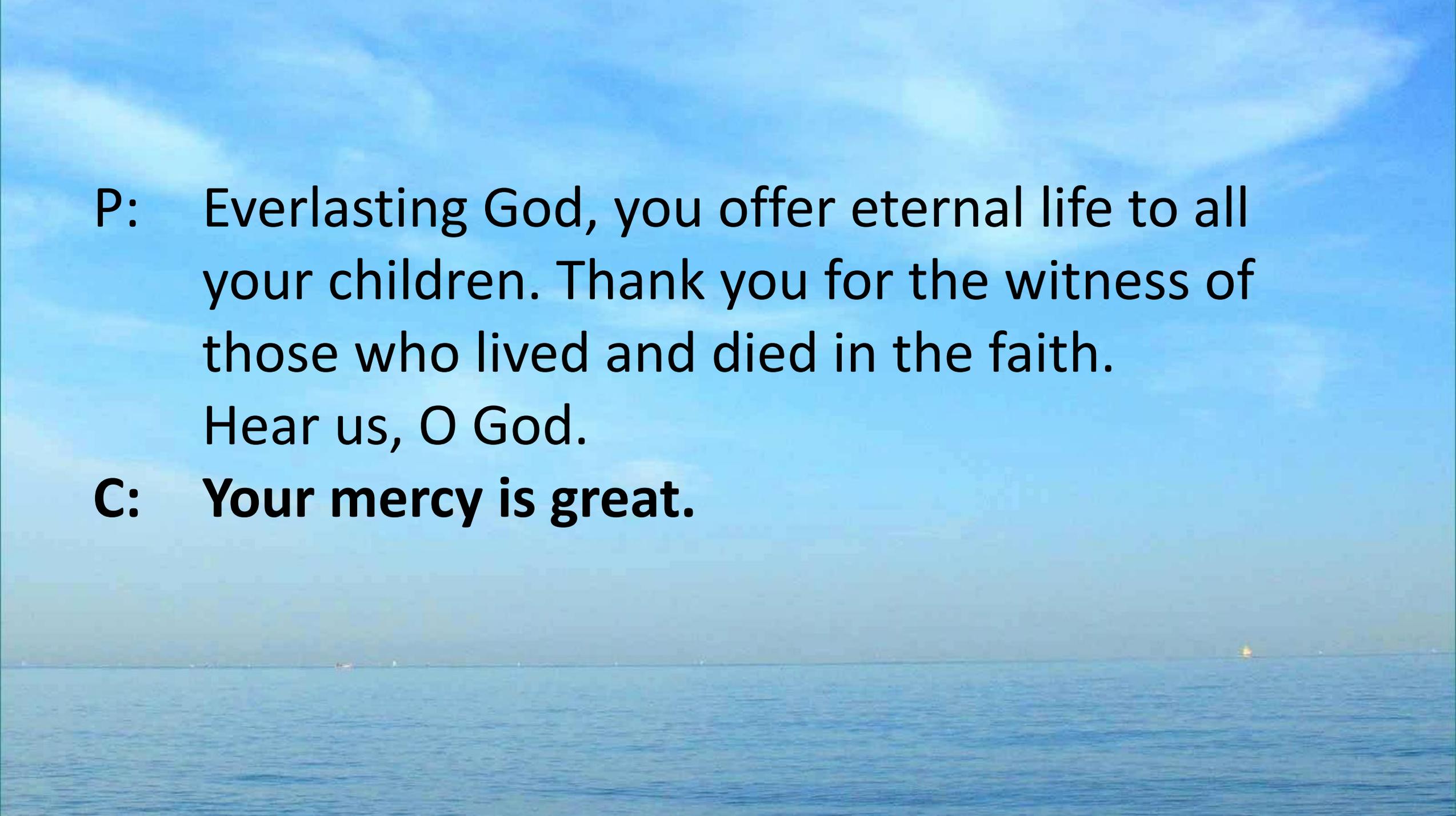
C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God.

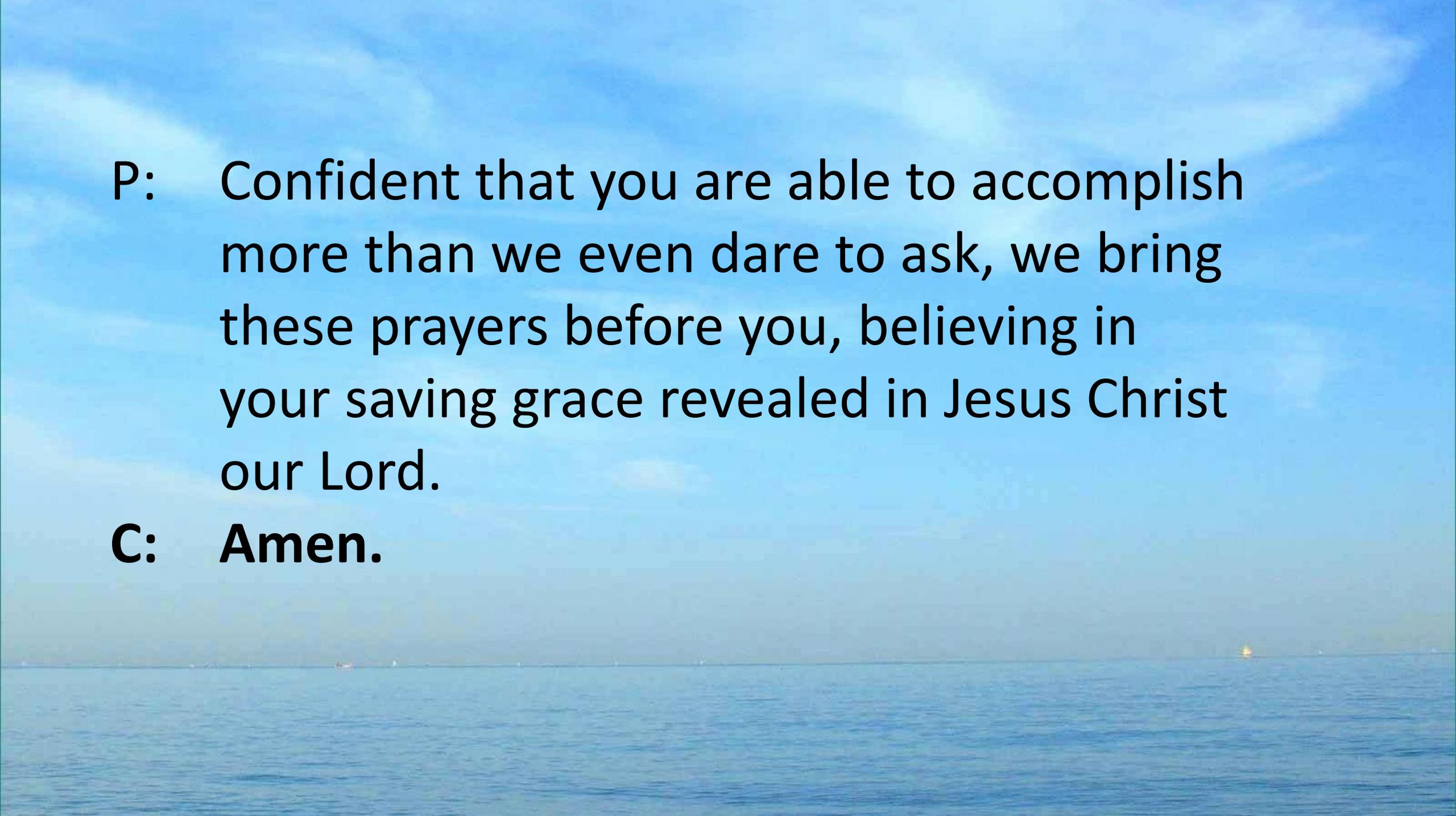
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P: Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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Offertory Video
“You Say”
by Lauren Daigle

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Videos

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” by Darlene Zschech

“This Is The Air I Breathe” by Michael W. Smith

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We thank you God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we may bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work.

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, suggesting a distant shore or a lighthouse.

Closing Video

“My Lighthouse” by Rend Collective

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



