



# *Praise and Worship*

October 20, 2019

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**Prelude Video**  
***“Every Praise”***  
**by Hezekiah Walker**

# Welcome Announcements



Noisy Can Collection for  
Beloit Domestic  
Violence Survivor Center

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# OPENING SONG

*“My Redeemer Lives”*  
by Reuben Morgan

# **INVOCATION**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

**P:** Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: Tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



## **READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

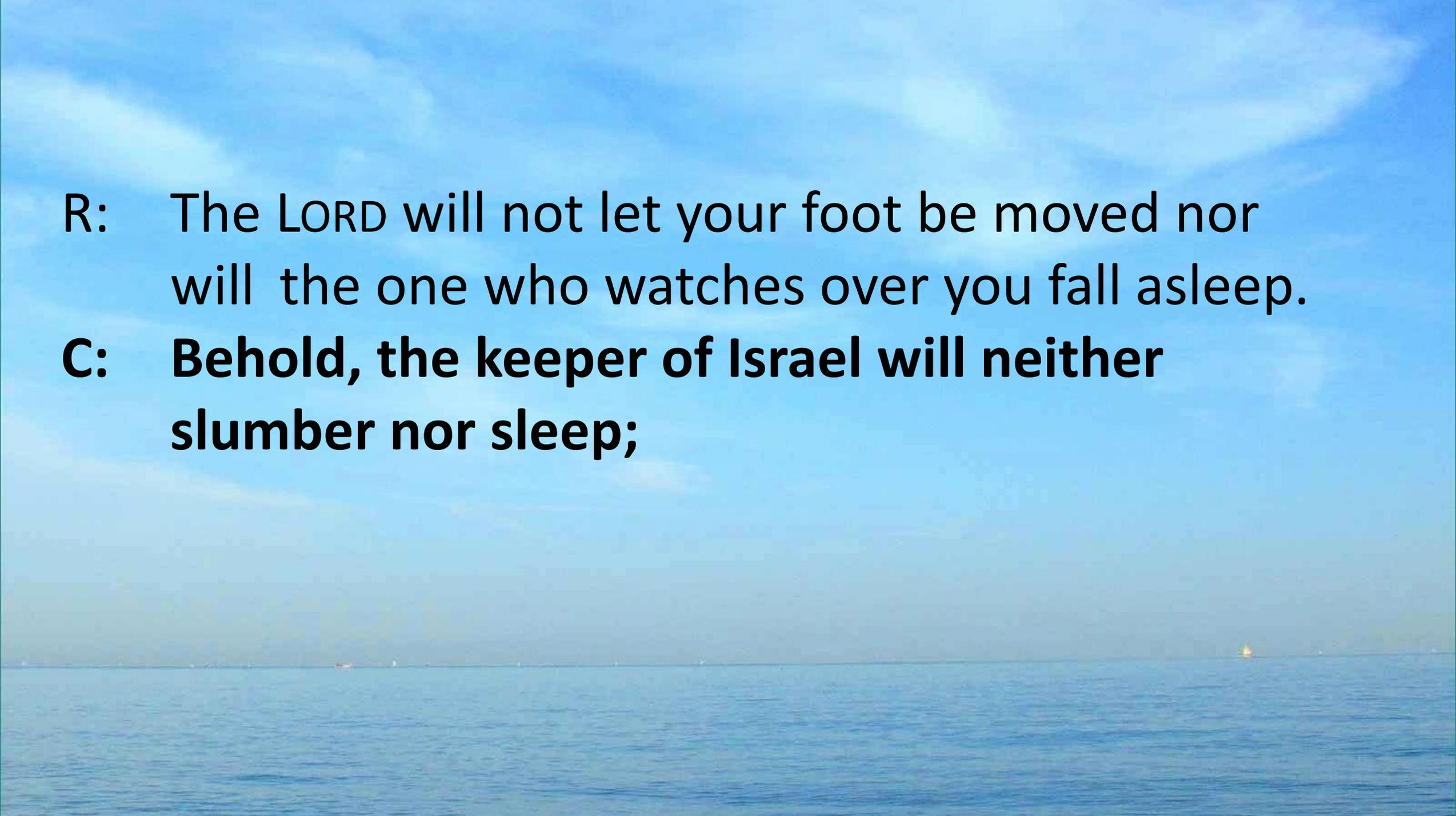
R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 121**

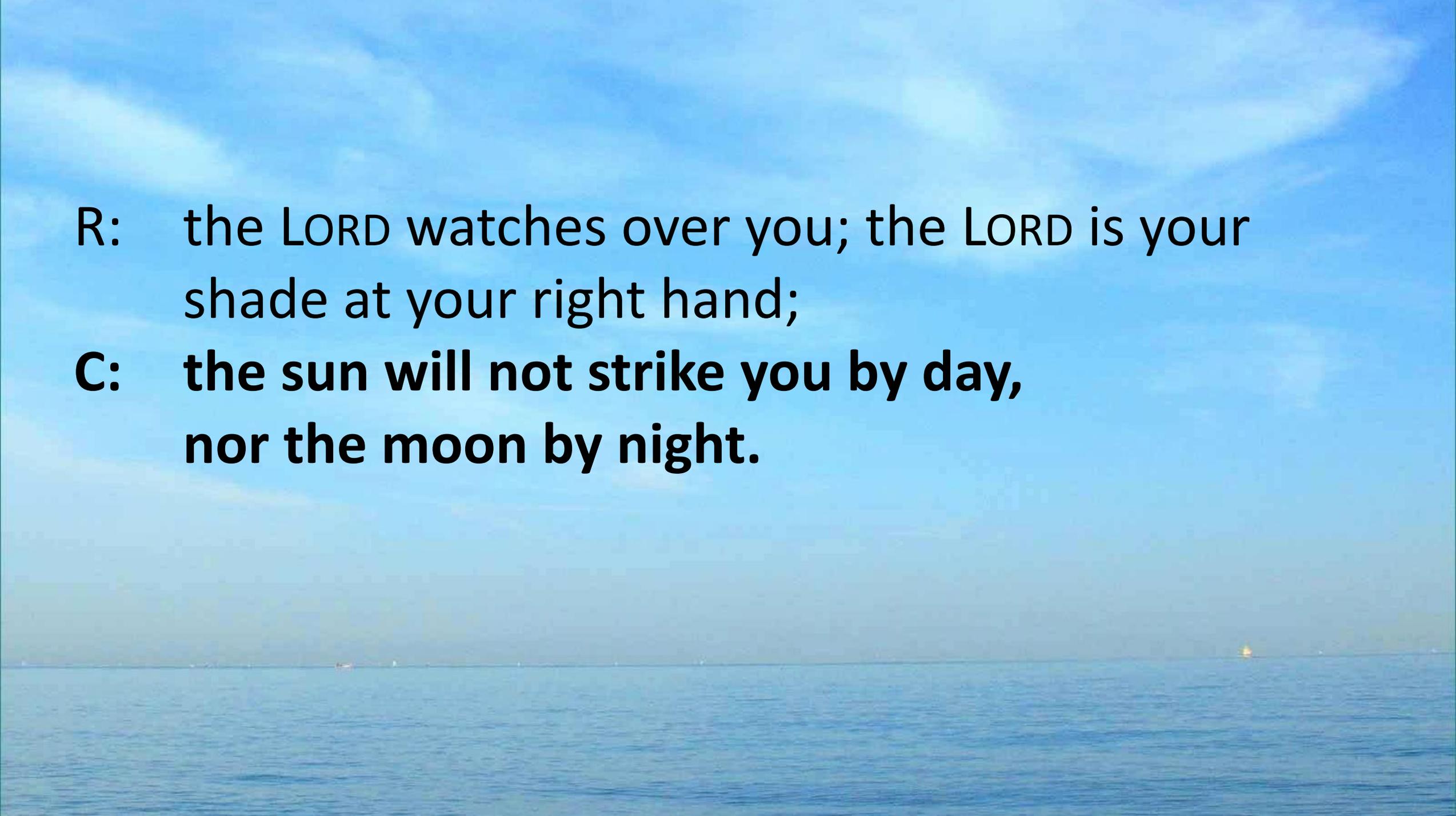
**R:** I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**C:** **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

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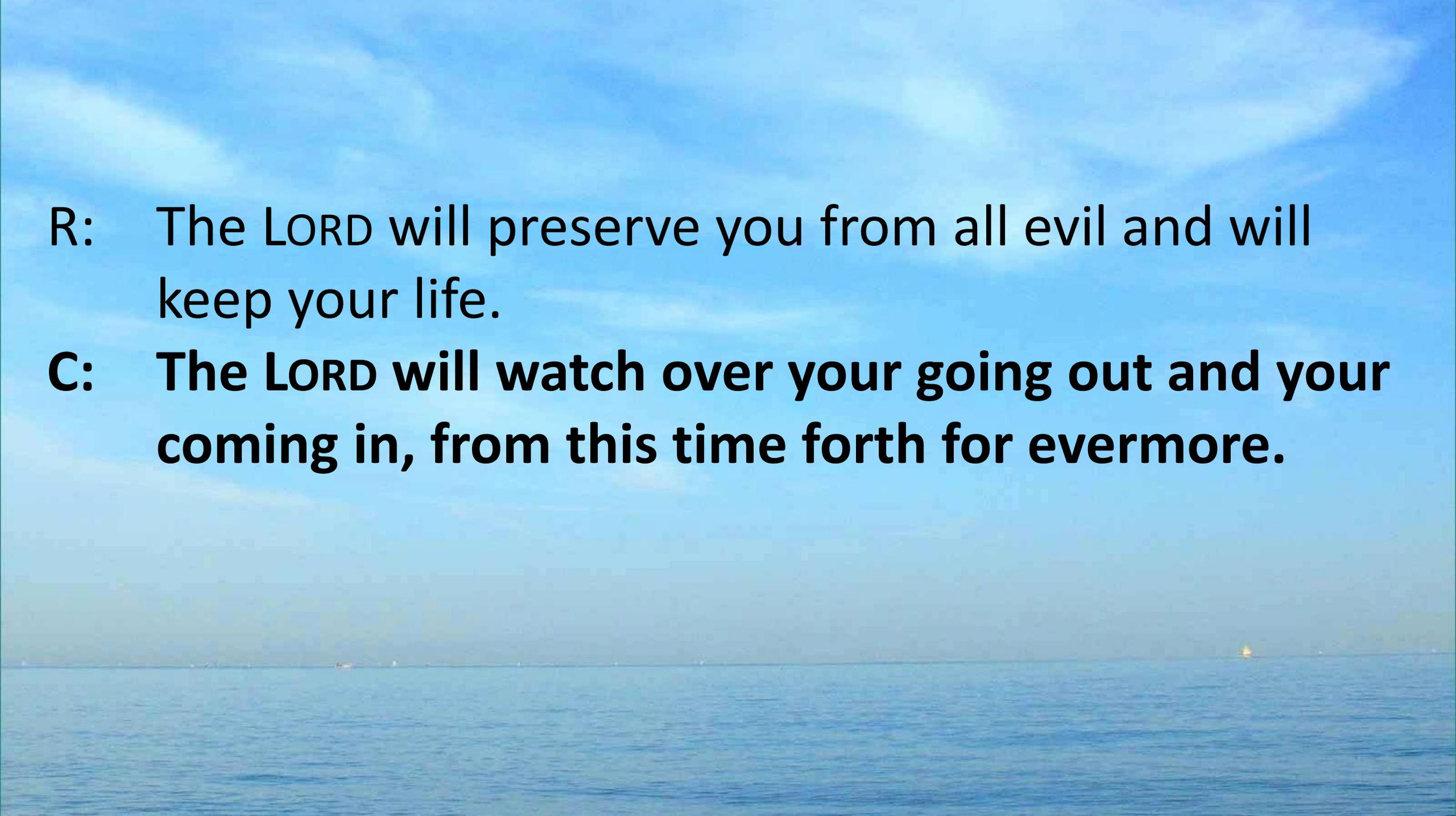
R: The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor  
will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither  
slumber nor sleep;**

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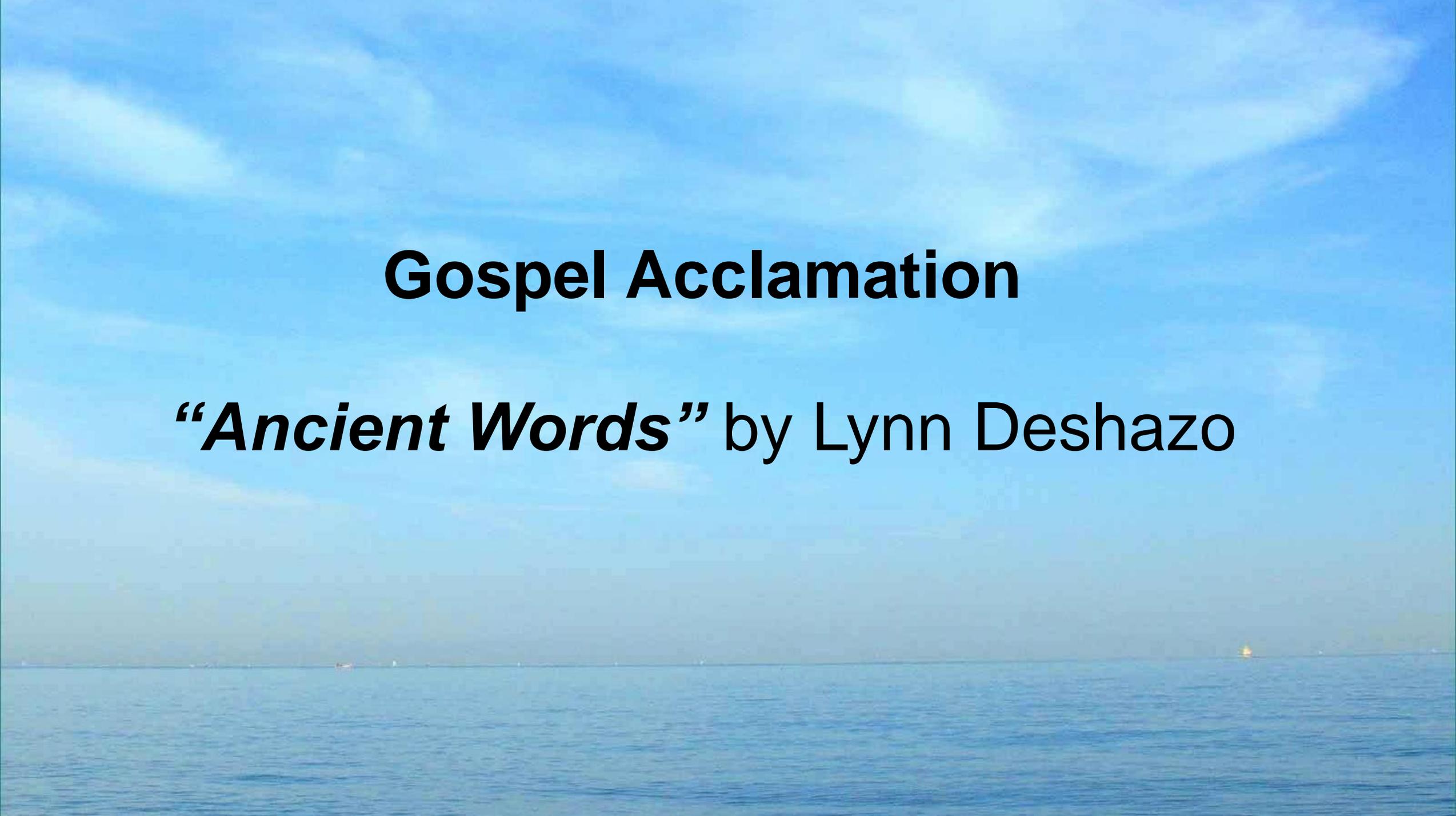
R: the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your  
shade at your right hand;

**C: the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**



R: The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

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# **Gospel Acclamation**

***“Ancient Words”*** by Lynn Deshazo

## **GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke.

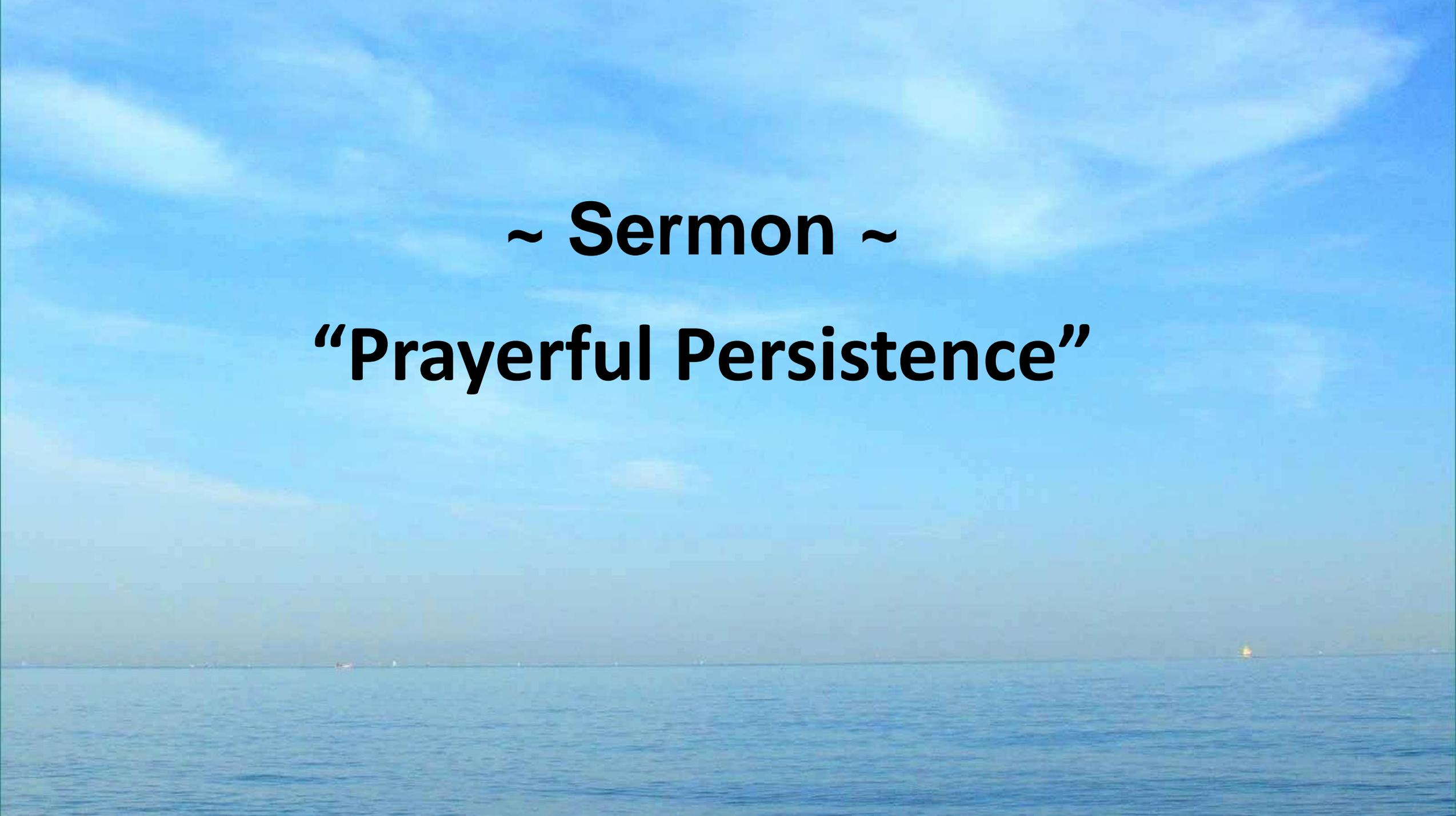
**C: **Glory to you, O Lord.****

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me,

I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

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**~ Sermon ~**

**“Prayerful Persistence”**

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 shore or a lighthouse.

## **Video Song of the Day**

***“Blessed Be Your Name”*** by Matt Redman

## **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

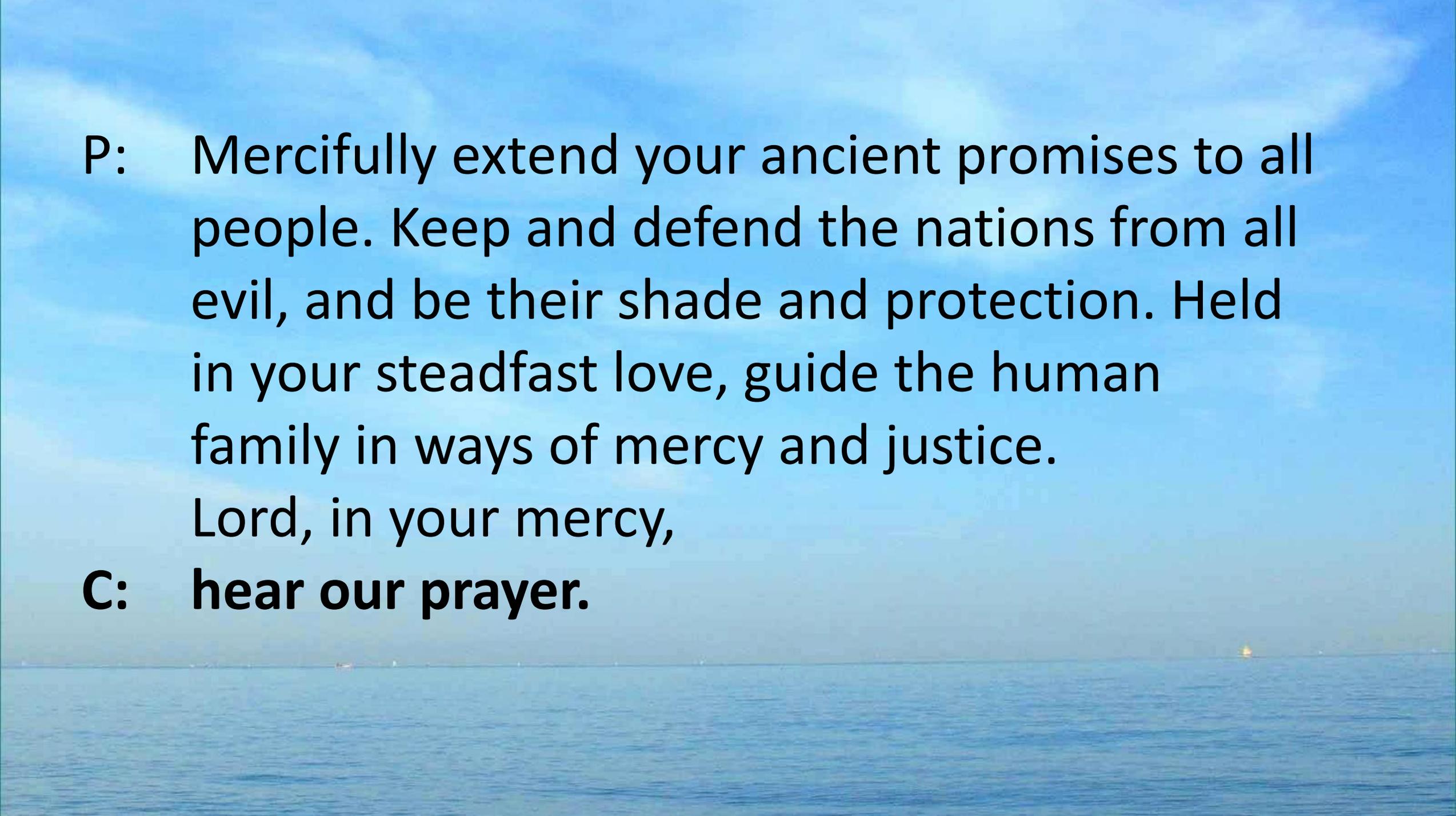
**P:** Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)* Faithful partner, you will not leave us without a blessing. Wrestle with your church and renew it for the sake of the world. Preserve our life in you, so that we faithfully name you before the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us joy in these autumn days. As the daylight shortens and summer's green abundance decays, scatter the seeds that will bring forth new life in the spring. Keep watch over your whole creation.

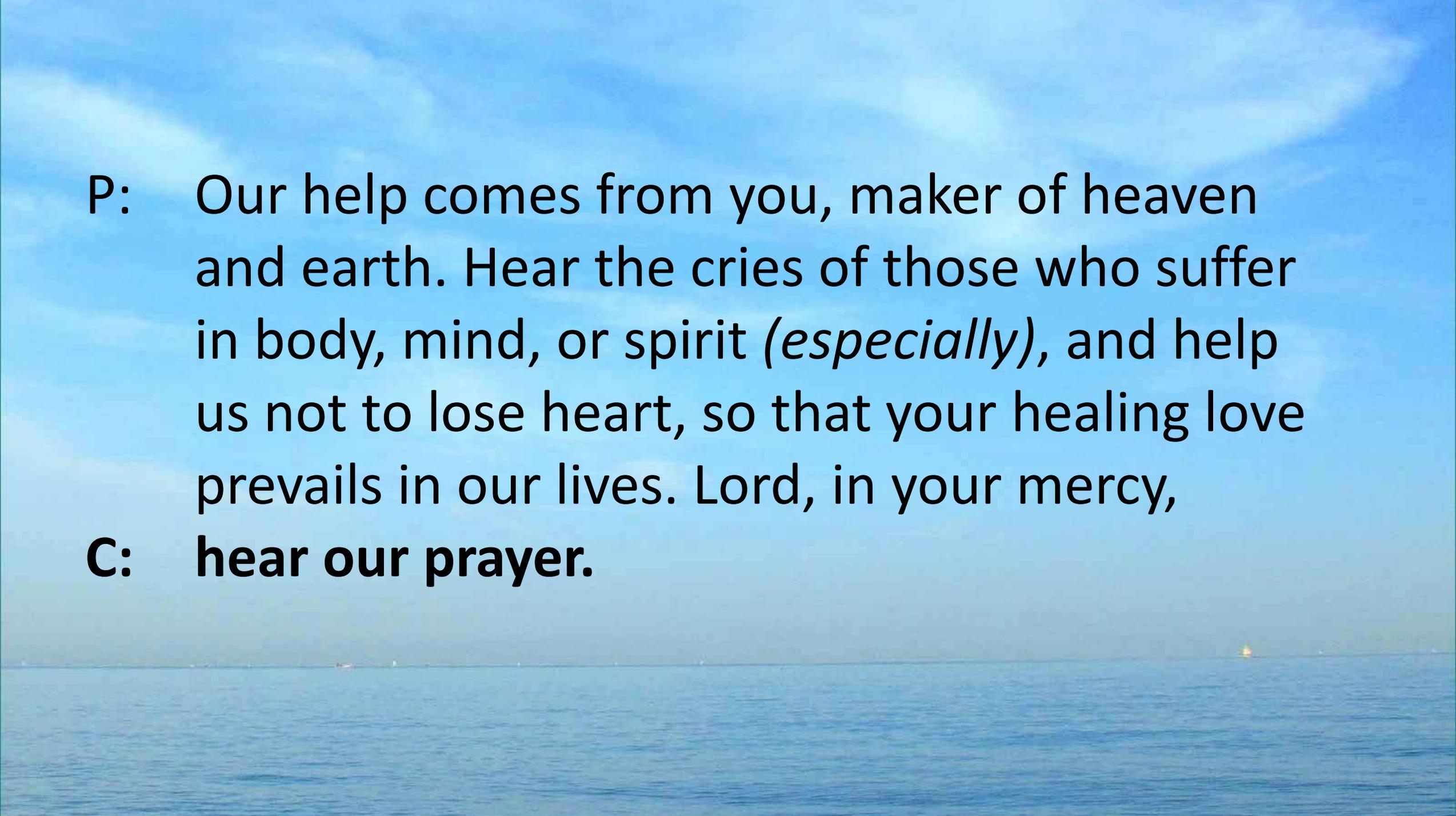
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



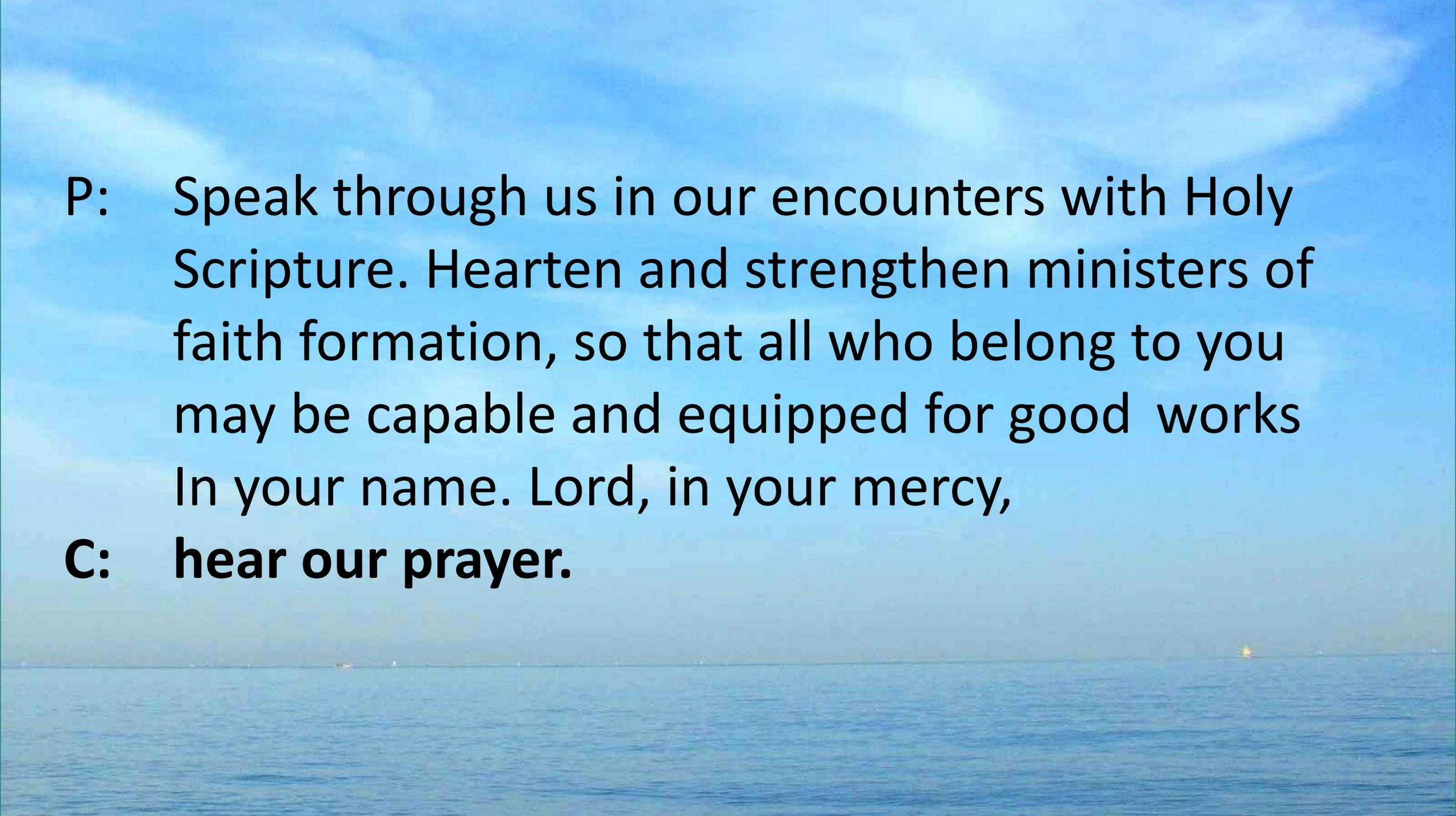
P: Mercifully extend your ancient promises to all people. Keep and defend the nations from all evil, and be their shade and protection. Held in your steadfast love, guide the human family in ways of mercy and justice.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: Our help comes from you, maker of heaven and earth. Hear the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*), and help us not to lose heart, so that your healing love prevails in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

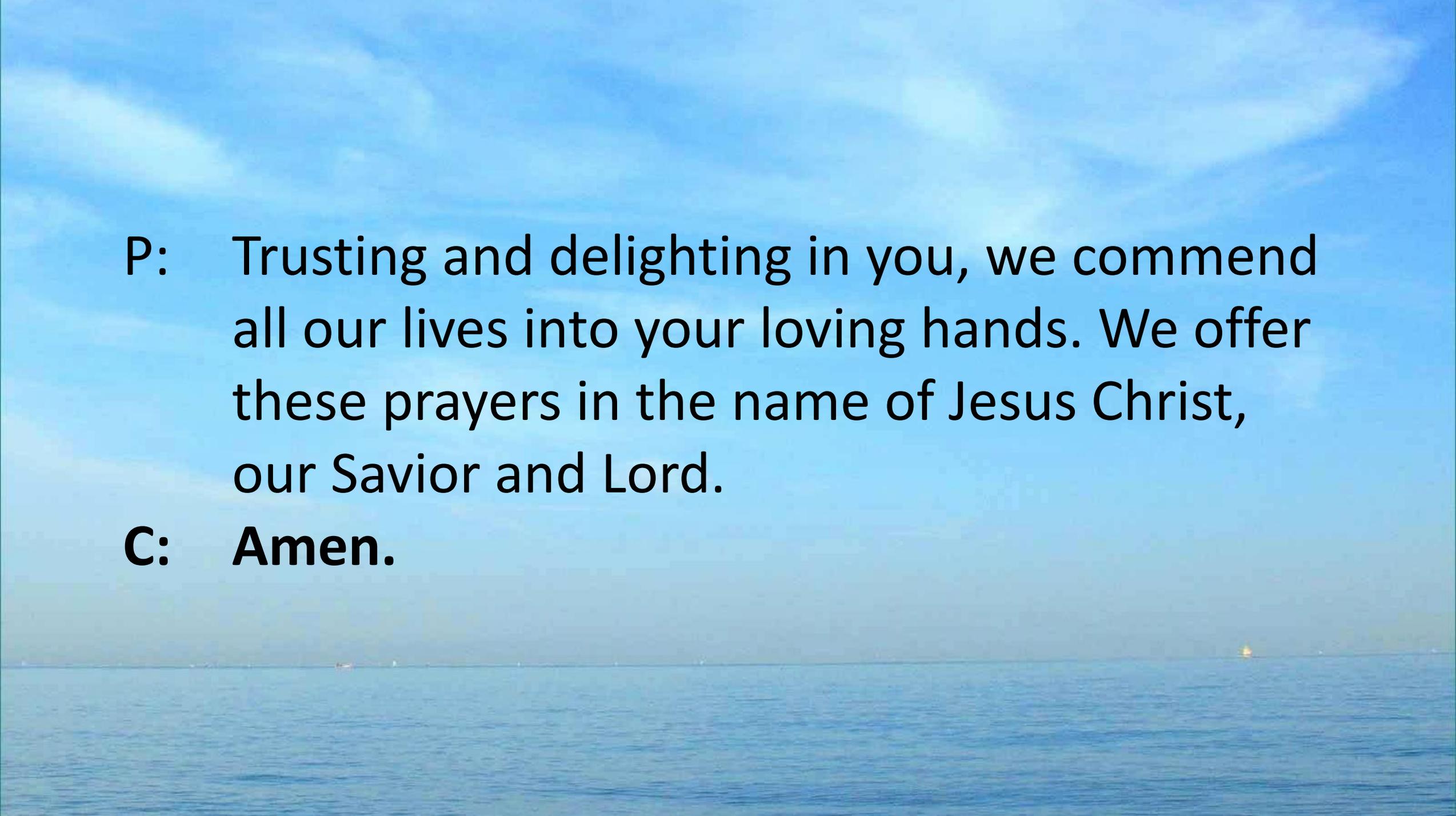


P: Speak through us in our encounters with Holy Scripture. Hearten and strengthen ministers of faith formation, so that all who belong to you may be capable and equipped for good works  
In your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We thank you for your grace made manifest in the saints who have gone before us. Living in hope, bring us all to the joyful feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**



# Offertory Video

***“Yes I Will”* by Vertical Worship**

# 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 Songs

*“I Surrender All”* by Israel Houghton

*“Give Thanks”* by Don Moen

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received:  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

**P:** Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# Closing Video

*“Forever”* by Chris Tomlin

# **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

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



