



Praise and Worship

September 22, 2019

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude Video

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

Welcome Announcements



Noisy Can Collection for
Beloit Domestic
Violence Survivor Center

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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: As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing - we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos, the 8th chapter.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying,
“When will the new moon be over so that we
may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we
may offer wheat for sale?”

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

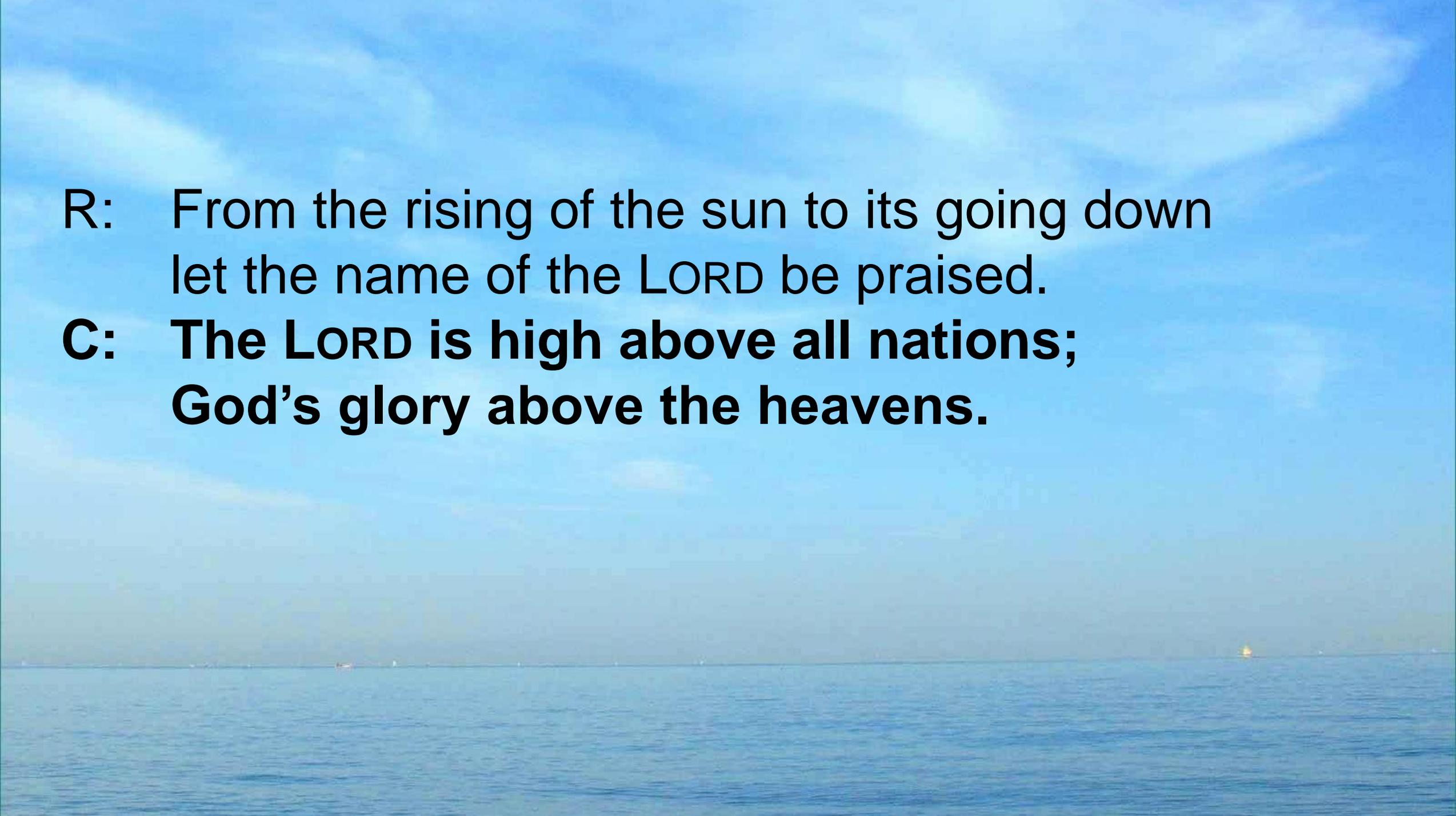
P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 113

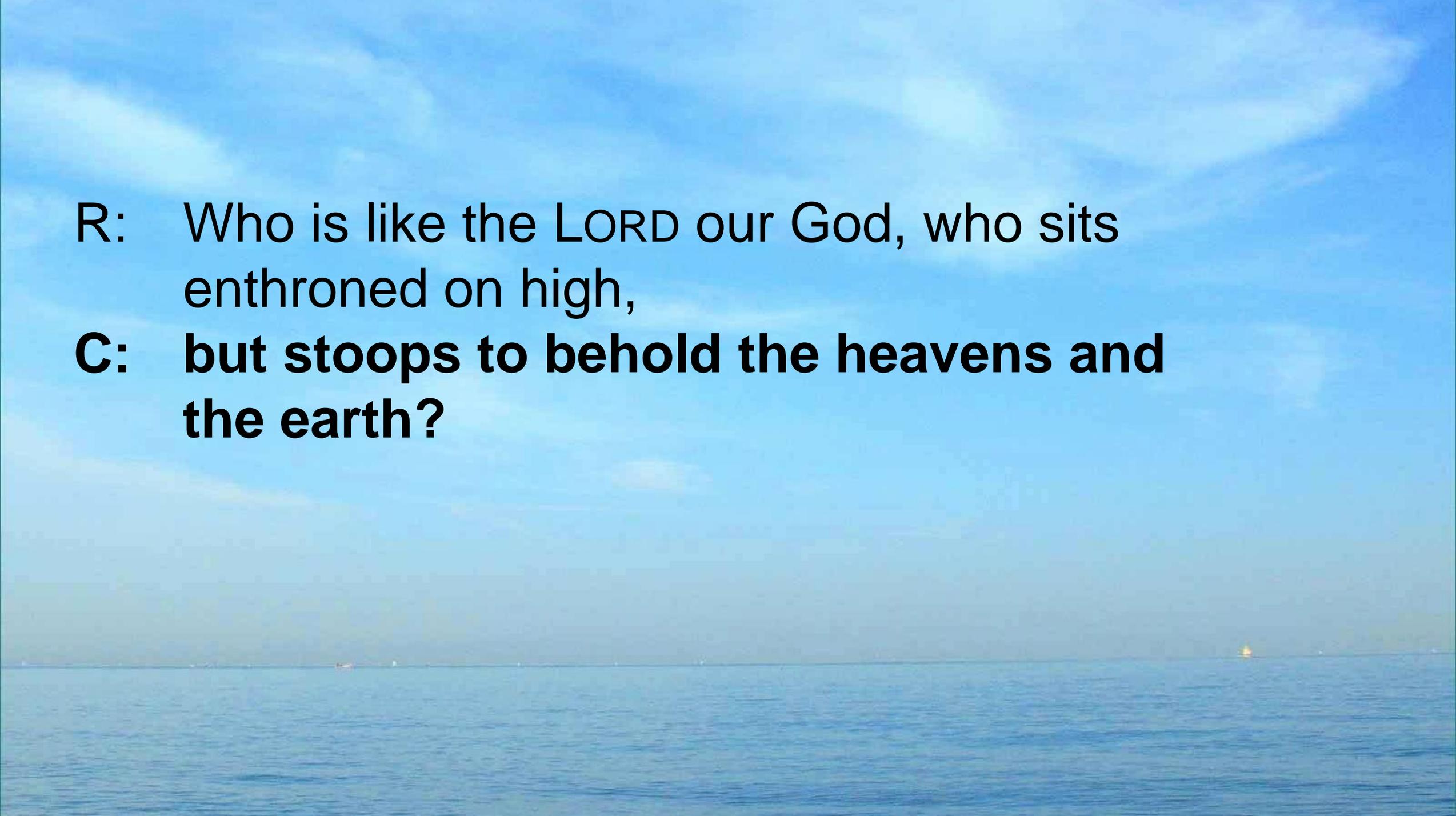
R: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

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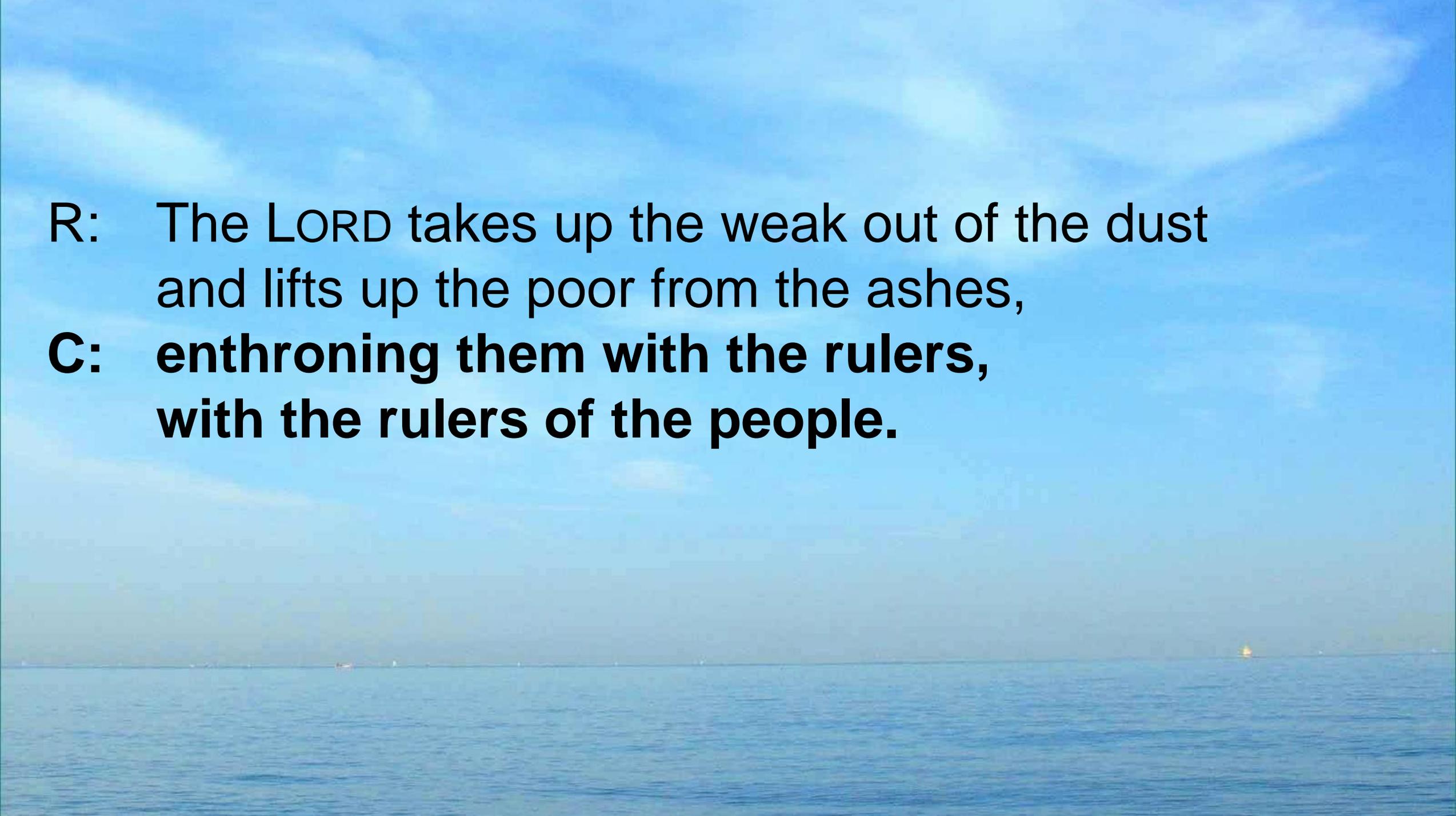
R: From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

**C: The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

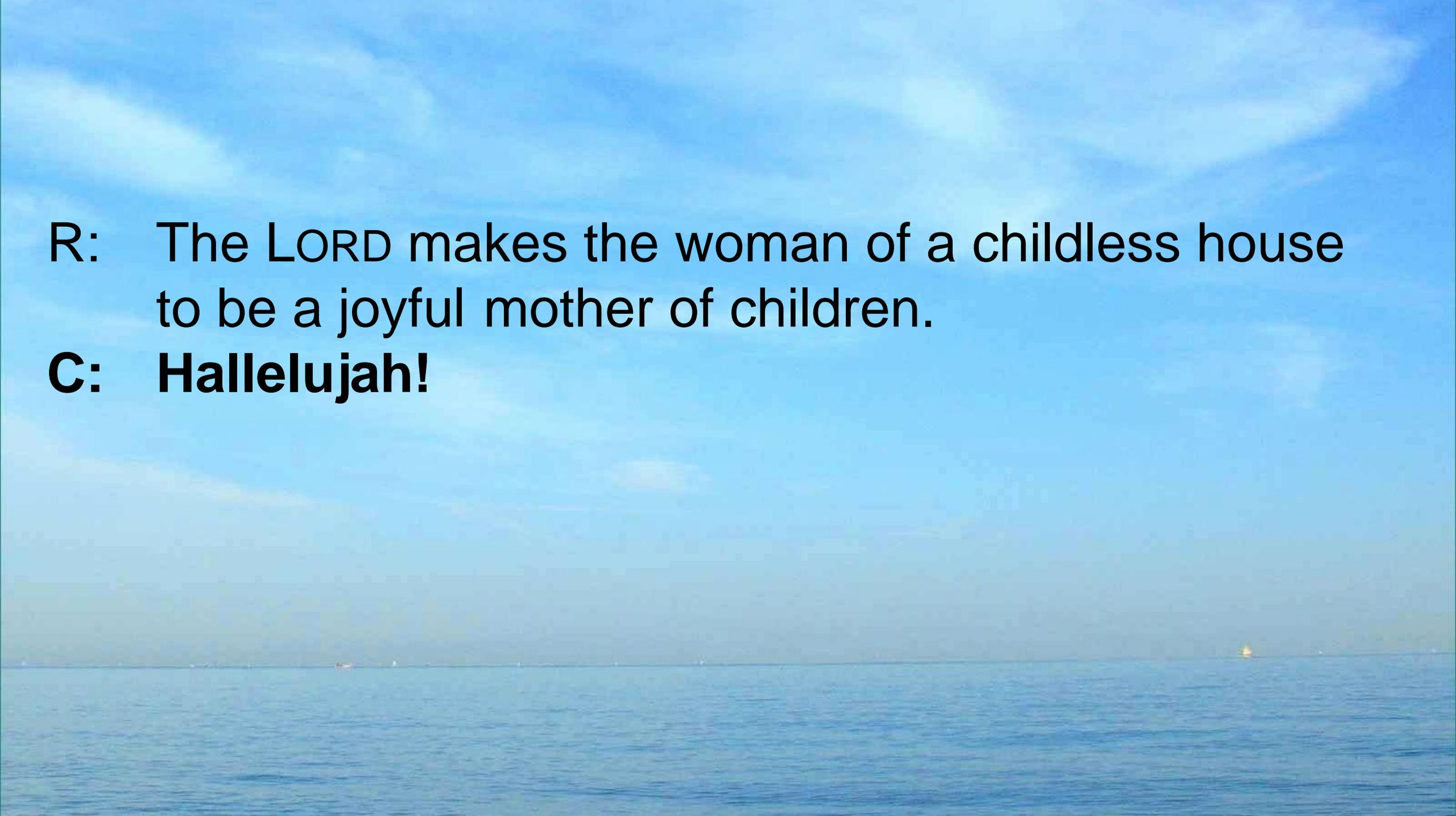


R: Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high,

**C: but stoops to behold the heavens and
the earth?**

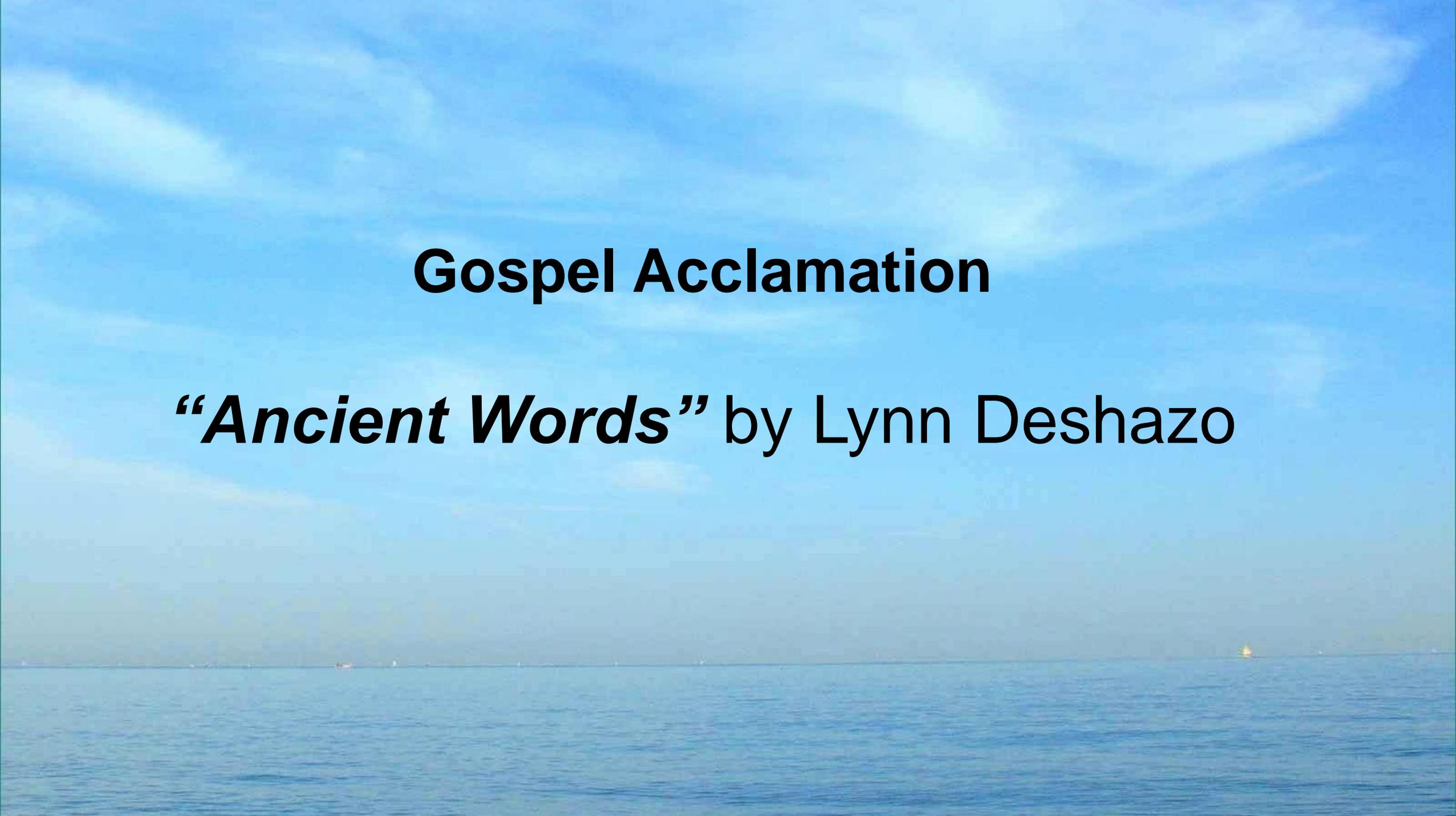


R: The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
**C: enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**



R: The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

C: Hallelujah!



Gospel Acclamation

“Ancient Words” by Lynn Deshazo

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me?’

I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly;

for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

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~ Sermon ~
“The Third Conversion”



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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*)

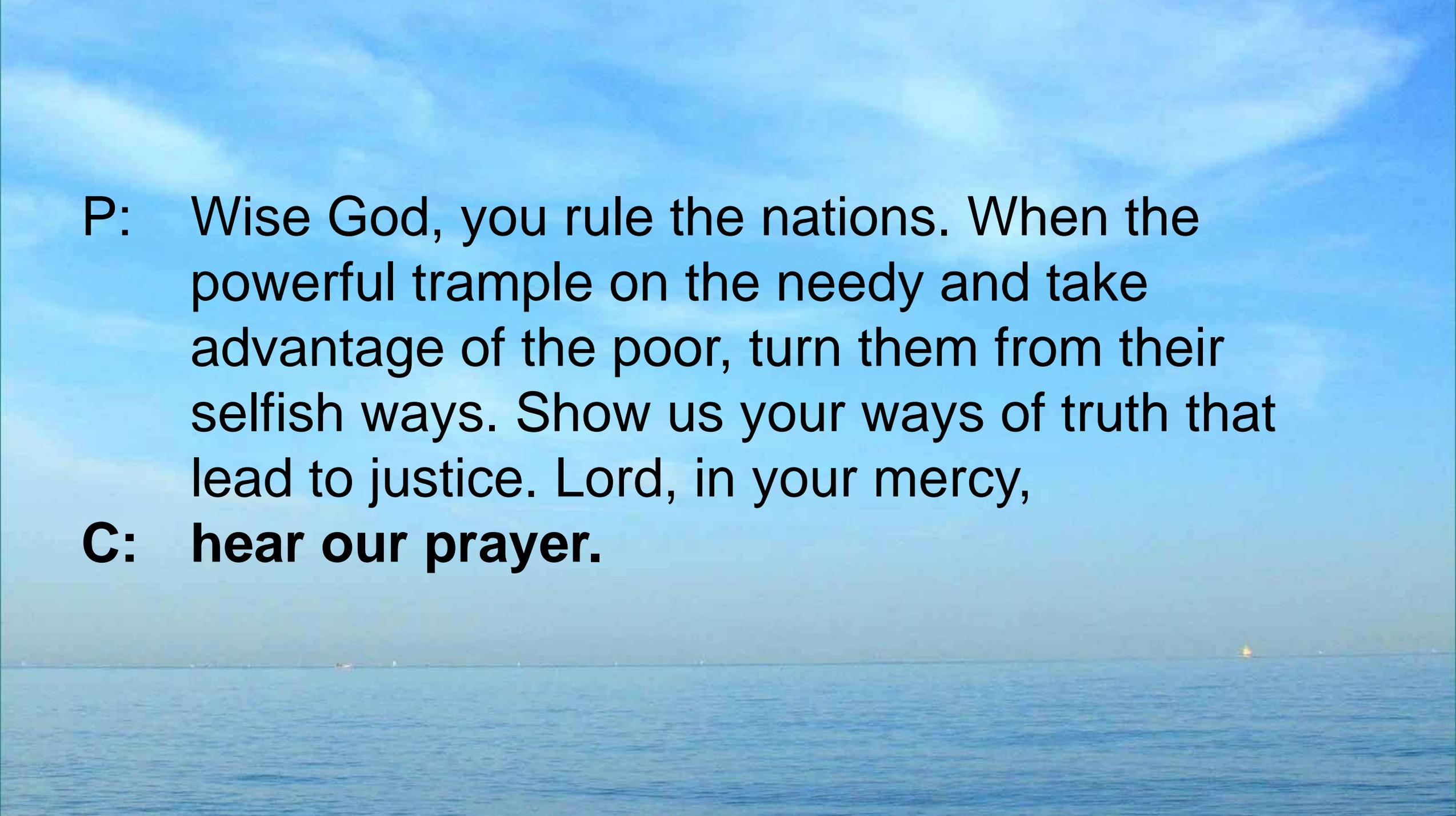
Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land.

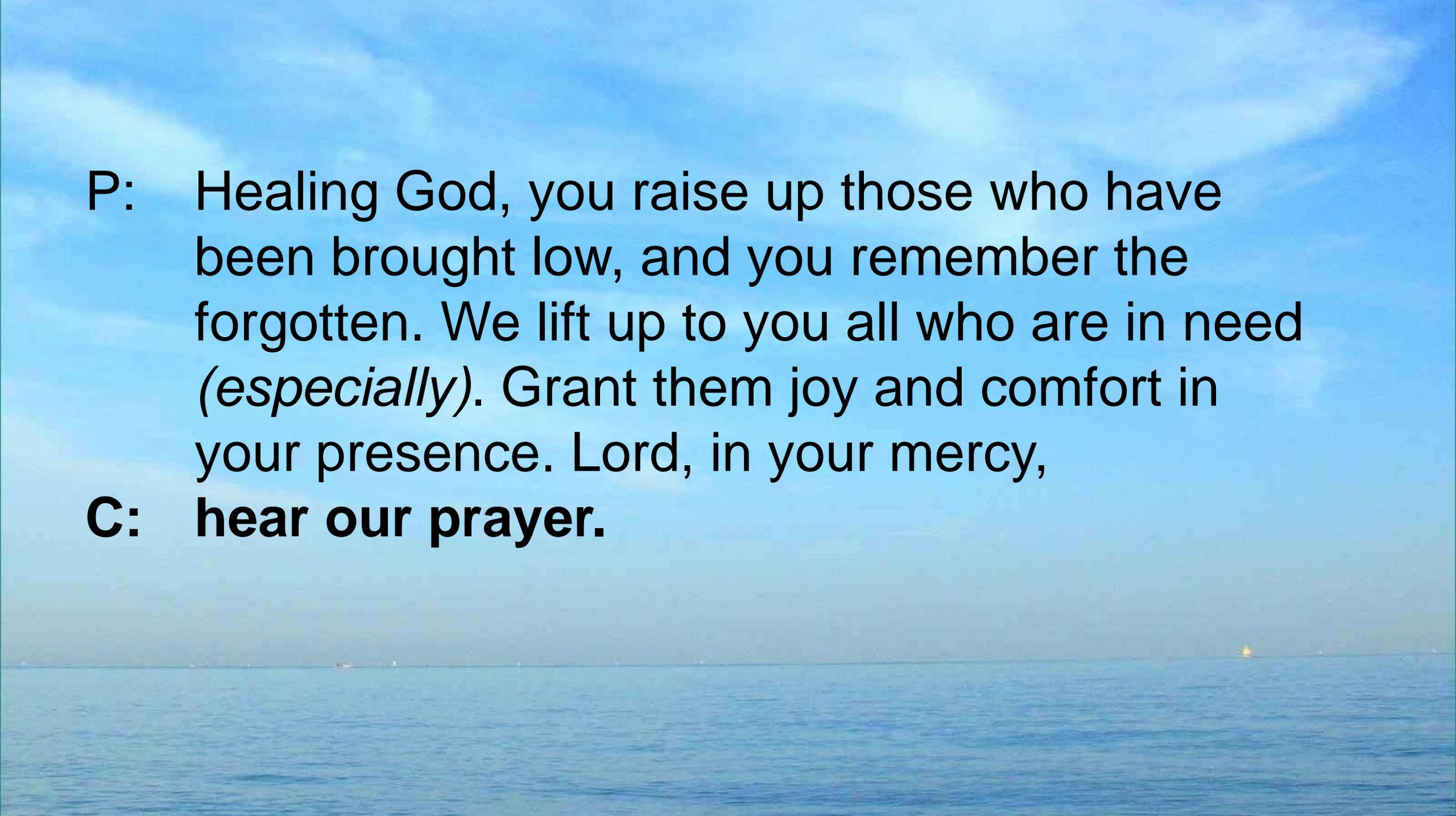
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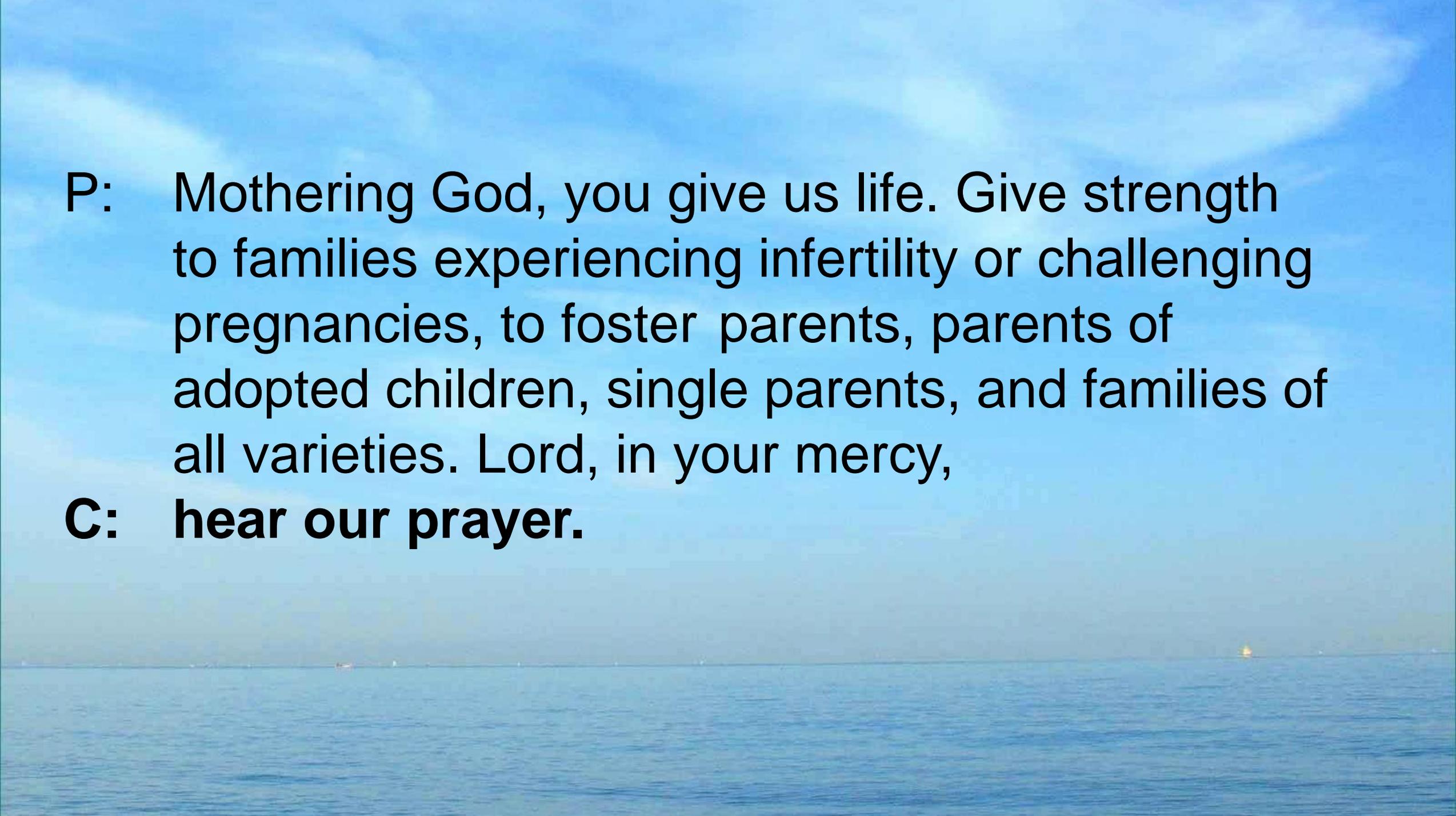
P: Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



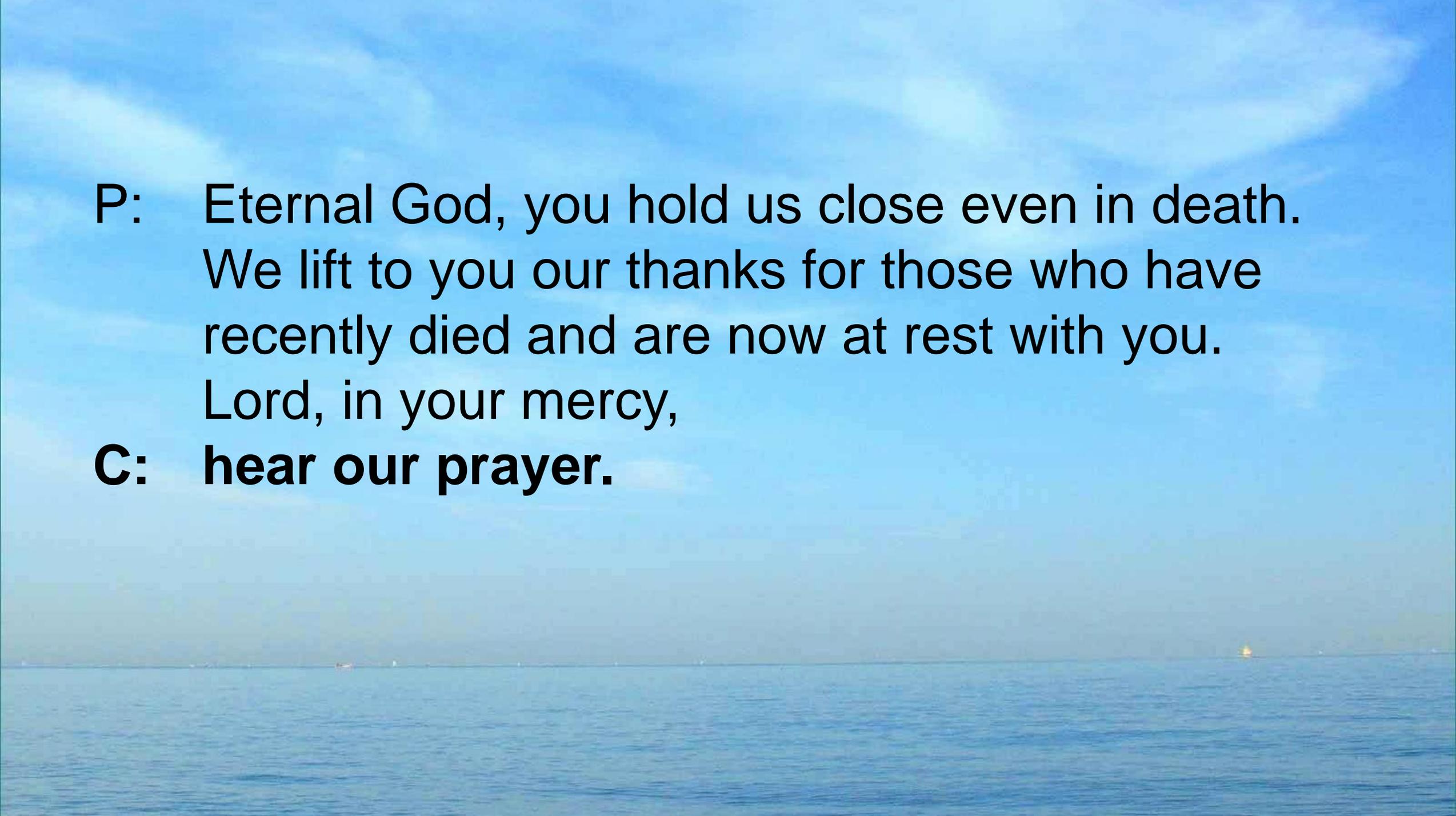
P: Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. We lift up to you all who are in need (*especially*). Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

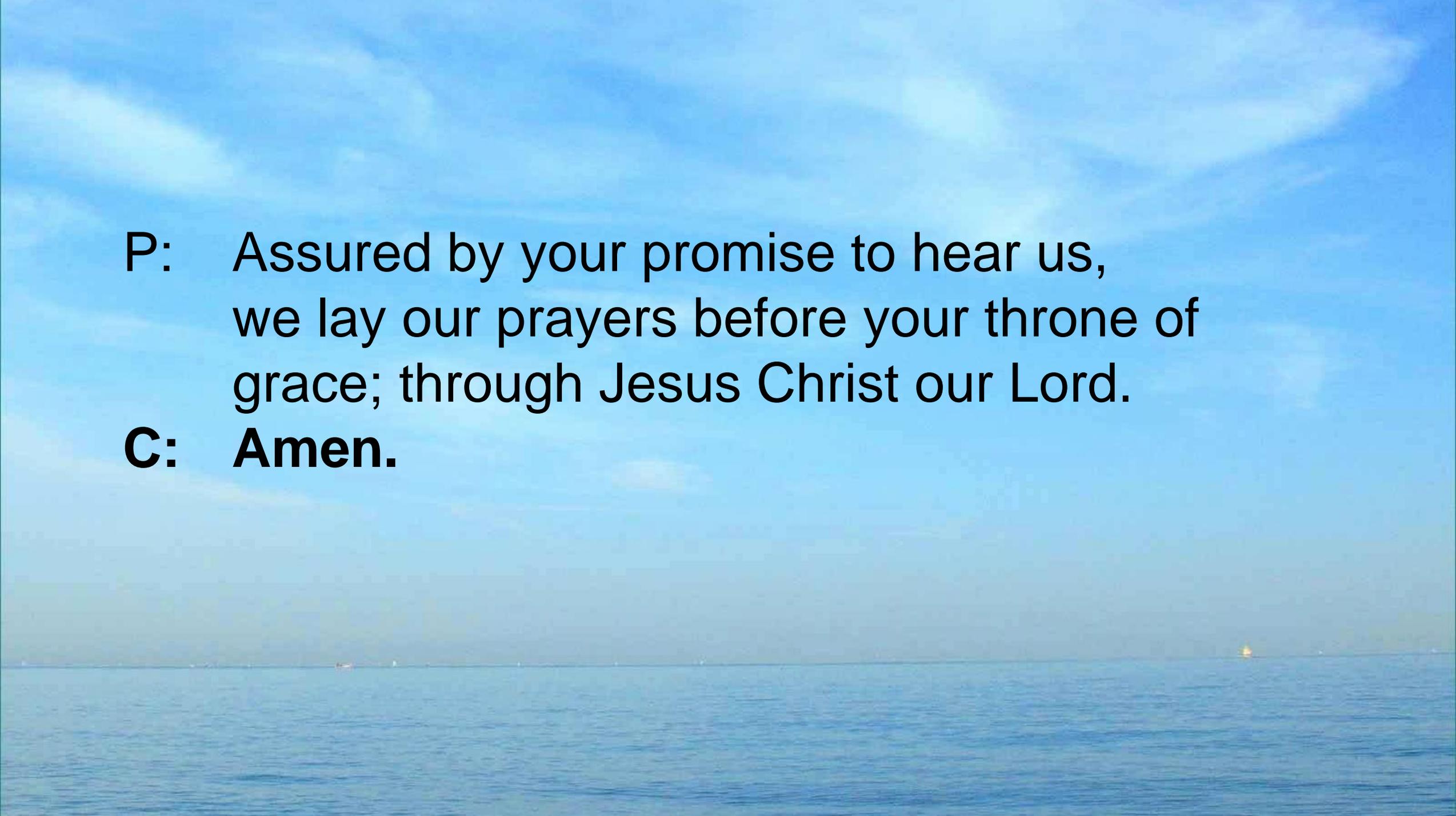


P: Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: Eternal God, you hold us close even in death.
We lift to you our thanks for those who have
recently died and are now at rest with you.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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P: Assured by your promise to hear us,
we lay our prayers before your throne of
grace; through 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
“The Proof of Your Love”
by For King and Country

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 Song

***“10,000 Reasons”* by Matt Redman**

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

“All the People Said Amen”

by Matt Maher

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

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



