



Spirit Worship Holy Spirit @ Home

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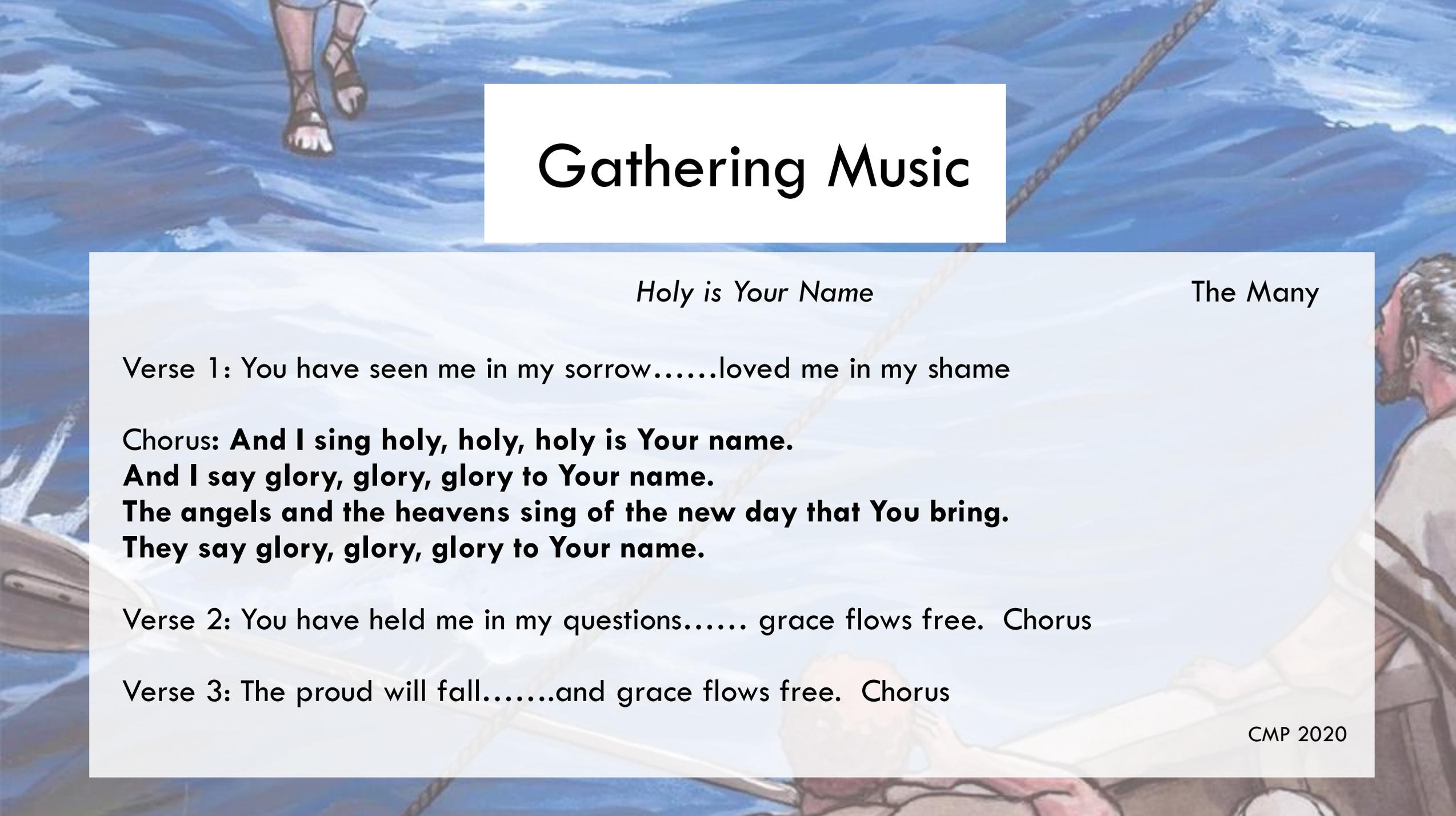
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

A painting of a stormy sea with a boat and people. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a white robe is looking out at the sea. Another man with a red head is seen from behind, looking out. A woman's feet in sandals are visible in the upper left. A thick rope runs diagonally across the scene. The overall mood is one of awe and divine power.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in worship



Gathering Music

Holy is Your Name

The Many

Verse 1: You have seen me in my sorrow.....loved me in my shame

Chorus: **And I sing holy, holy, holy is Your name.**

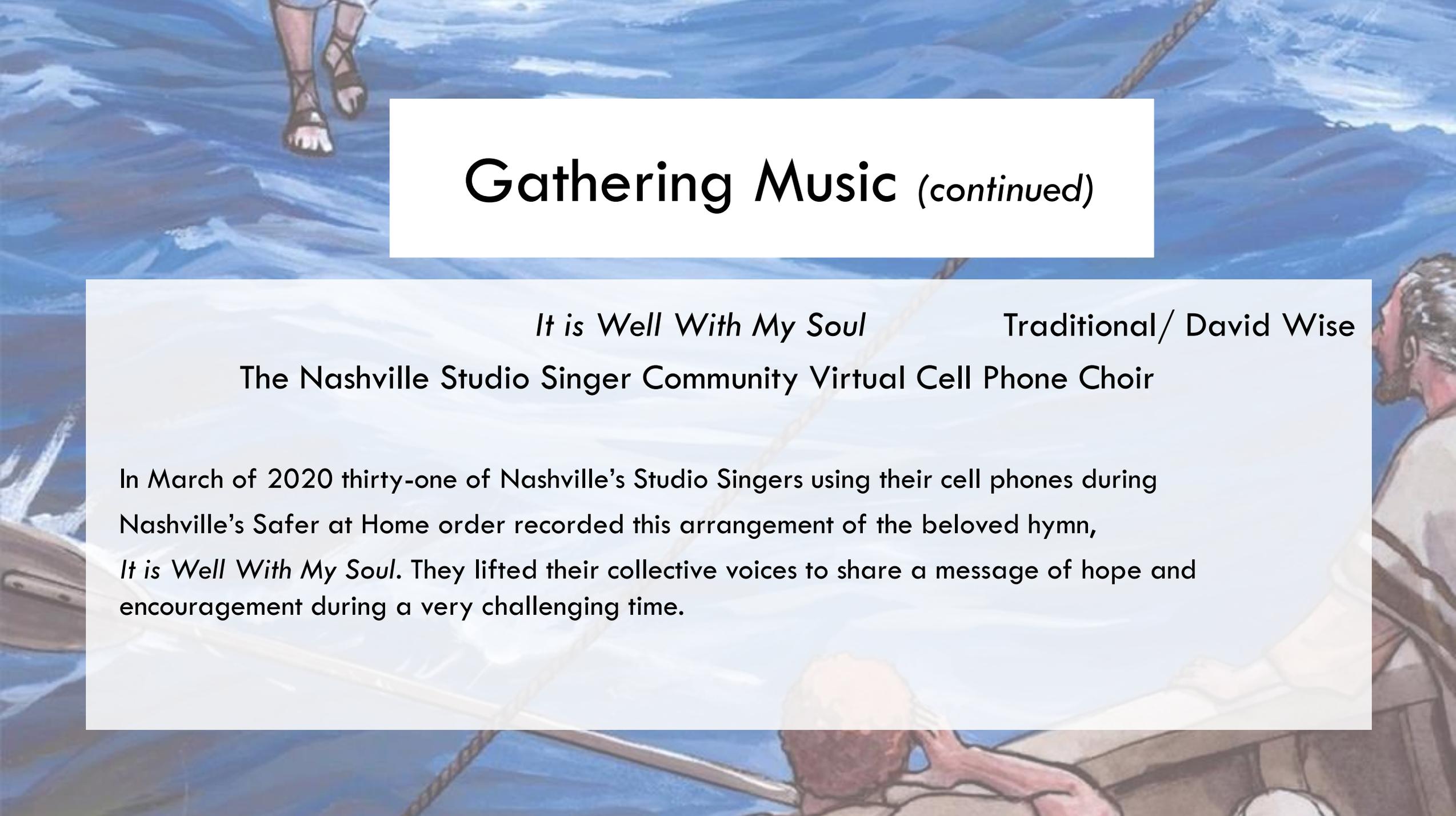
And I say glory, glory, glory to Your name.

The angels and the heavens sing of the new day that You bring.

They say glory, glory, glory to Your name.

Verse 2: You have held me in my questions..... grace flows free. Chorus

Verse 3: The proud will fall.....and grace flows free. Chorus



Gathering Music *(continued)*

It is Well With My Soul

Traditional/ David Wise

The Nashville Studio Singer Community Virtual Cell Phone Choir

In March of 2020 thirty-one of Nashville's Studio Singers using their cell phones during Nashville's Safer at Home order recorded this arrangement of the beloved hymn, *It is Well With My Soul*. They lifted their collective voices to share a message of hope and encouragement during a very challenging time.

A painting of a boat on a blue sea. In the foreground, a man with a beard is looking out at the water. Another man is seen from behind, resting his head on his hand. A woman's feet in sandals are visible in the upper left. A thick rope runs across the scene. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and white, suggesting movement and depth.

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

From Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

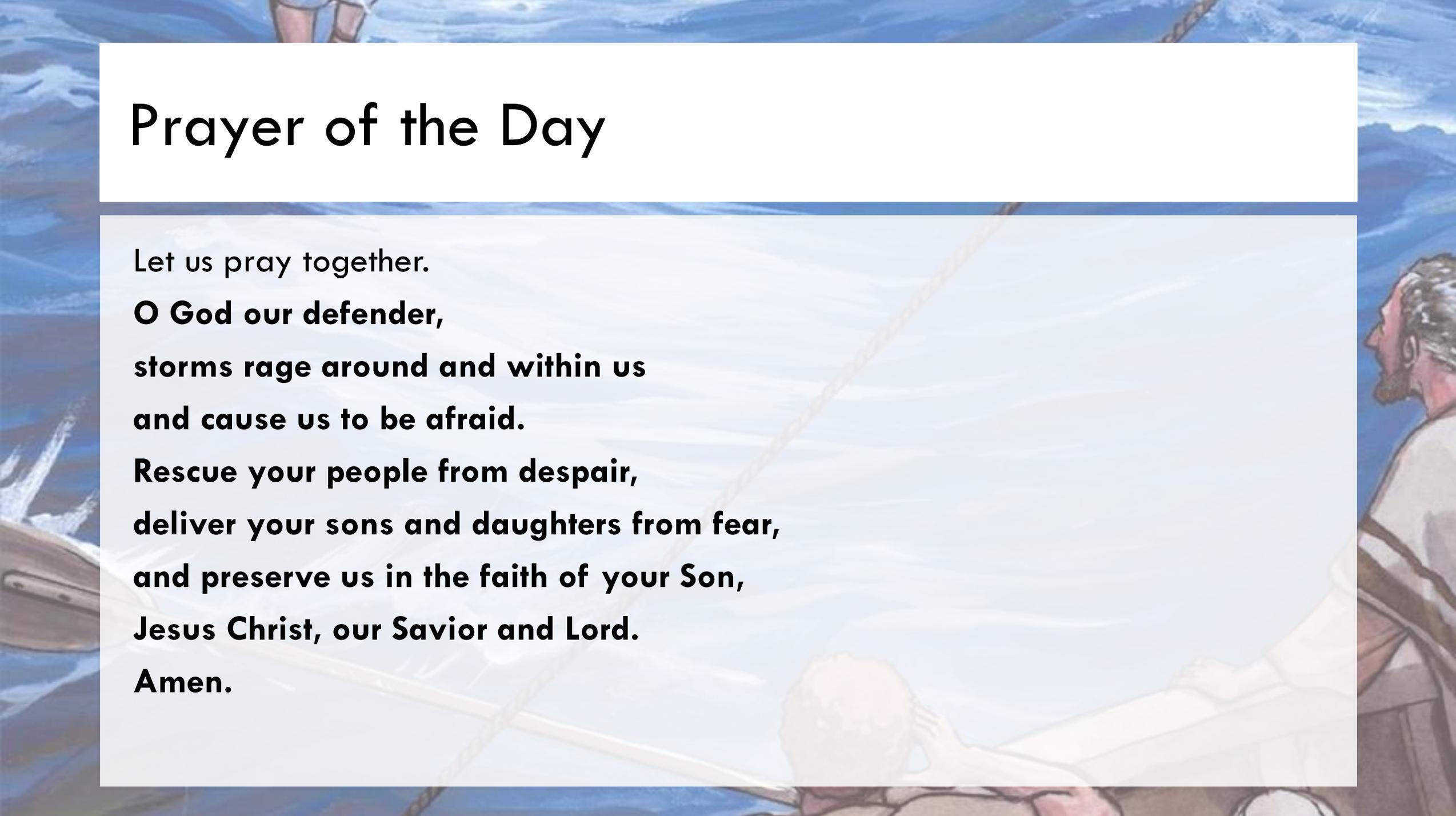
Gathering Song: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

Musical leadership by Doreen Micheletti, Vi Ballard, and Dave Rishel

**Verse 1: I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Verse 2: Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Verse 3: When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
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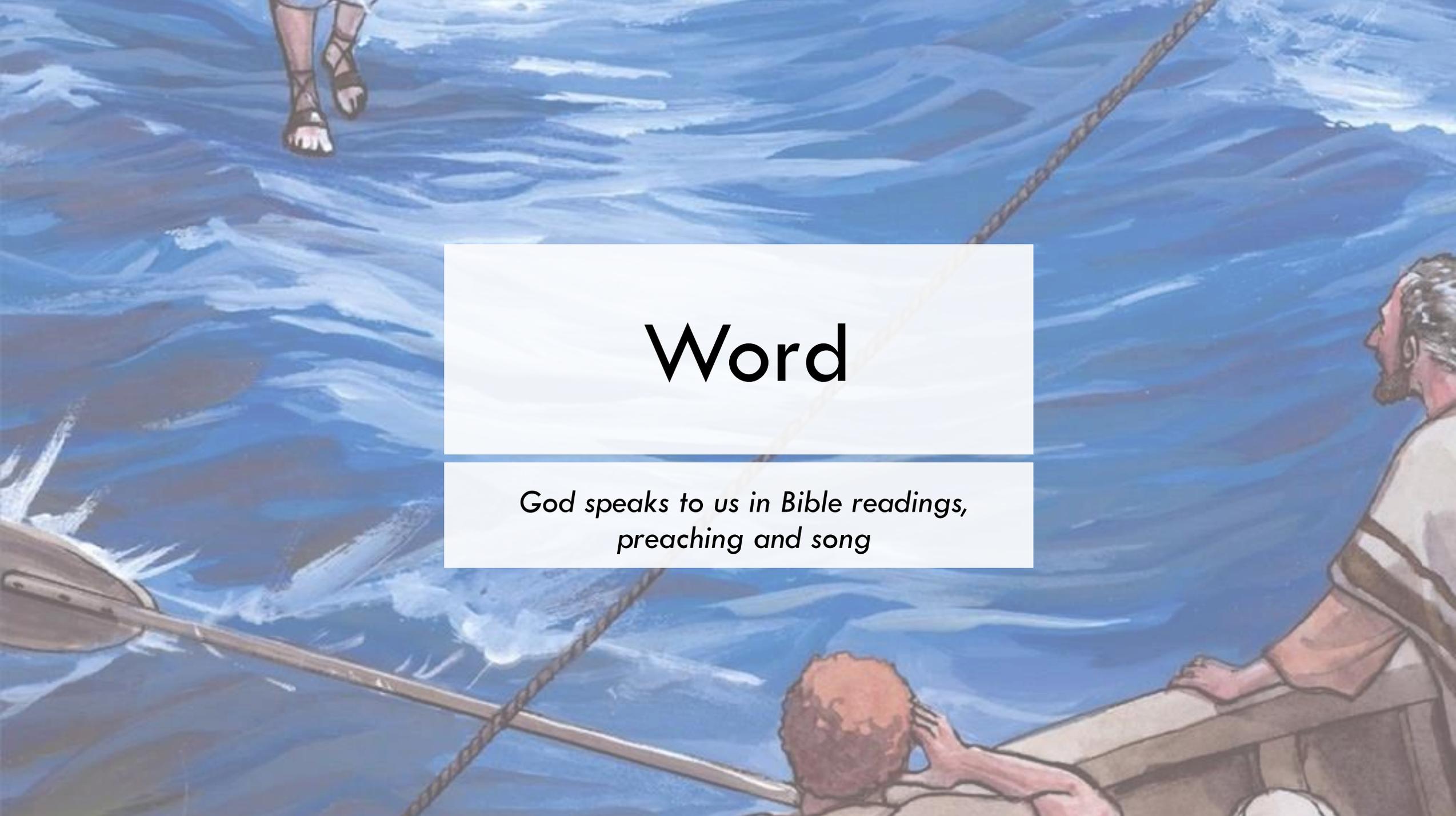
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together.

**O God our defender,
storms rage around and within us
and cause us to be afraid.**

**Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.



Word

*God speaks to us in Bible readings,
preaching and song*

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-29

CEV

Jonah Nemitz - Lector

A reading from Genesis, the 37th chapter.

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan, where his father Isaac had lived, and this is the story of his family.

When Jacob's son Joseph was seventeen years old, he took care of the sheep with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah. But he was always telling his father all sorts of bad things about his brothers. Now, Jacob loved Joseph more than he did any of his other sons, because Joseph was born after Jacob was very old.

First Reading (continued)

Jacob had given Joseph a fancy coat to show that he was his favorite son, and so Joseph's brothers hated him and would not be friendly to him.

One day when Joseph's brothers had taken the sheep to a pasture near Shechem, his father Jacob said to him,

"I want you to go to your brothers.

They are with the sheep near Shechem."

"Yes, sir," Joseph answered.

His father said, "Go and find out how your brothers and the sheep are doing.

Then come back and let me know."

So he sent him from Hebron Valley.

First Reading (*continued*)

Joseph was near Shechem and wandering through the fields, when a man asked, “What are you looking for?”

Joseph answered, “I’m looking for my brothers who are watching the sheep.

Can you tell me where they are?”

“They’re not here anymore,” the man replied.

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“I overheard them say they were going to Dothan.”

Joseph left and found his brothers in Dothan.

But before he got there, they saw him coming and made plans to kill him.

First Reading (*continued*)

They said to one another,
“Look, here comes the hero of those dreams!
Let’s kill him and throw him into a pit and say that some wild animal ate him.
Then we’ll see what happens to those dreams.”

Reuben (the oldest brother) heard this and tried to protect Joseph from them.

“Let’s not kill him,” he said. “Don’t murder him or even harm him.

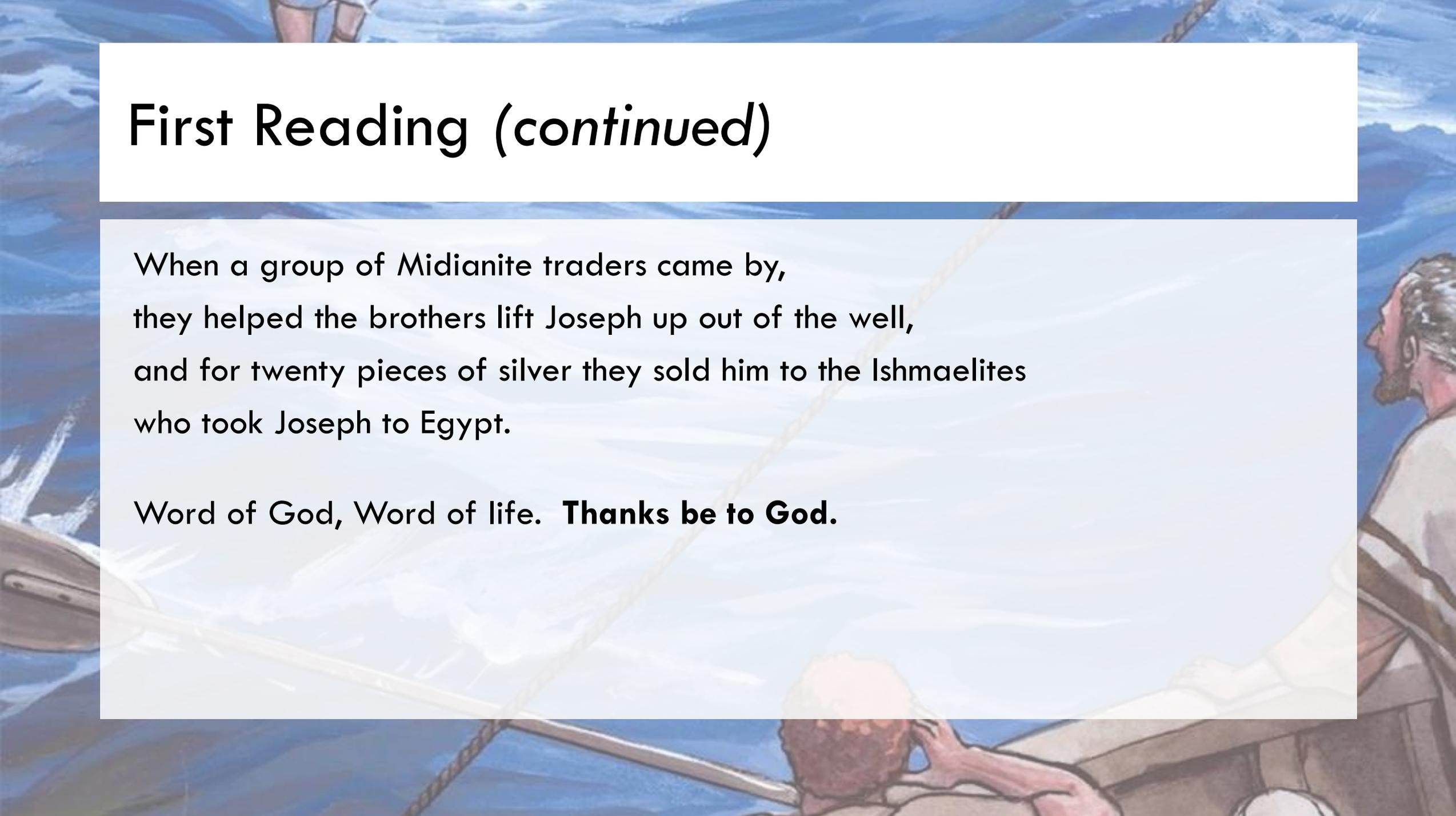
Just throw him into a dry well out here in the desert.”

(Reuben planned to rescue Joseph later and take him back to his father.)

First Reading (*continued*)

When Joseph came to his brothers,
they pulled off his fancy coat and threw him into a dry well.
As Joseph's brothers sat down to eat,
they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead.
Their camels were loaded with all kinds of spices
that they were taking to Egypt.

So Judah said, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and hide his body?
Let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not harm him. After all, he is our brother."
And the others agreed.



First Reading (*continued*)

When a group of Midianite traders came by, they helped the brothers lift Joseph up out of the well, and for twenty pieces of silver they sold him to the Ishmaelites who took Joseph to Egypt.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

NRSV

Marian Snyder - Lector

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, the tenth chapter.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law,
that "the person who does these things will live by them."

But the righteousness that comes from faith says,

"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"

(that is, to bring Christ down)

"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'"

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Second Reading (*continued*)

But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

Second Reading (*continued*)

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written,
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

NRSV

The Good News from Matthew, the 14th chapter.
Open our hearts, Lord.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.

And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone,
but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,
was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

Gospel (continued)

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea,
they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"

And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water."

Jesus said, "Come."

Gospel (continued)

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

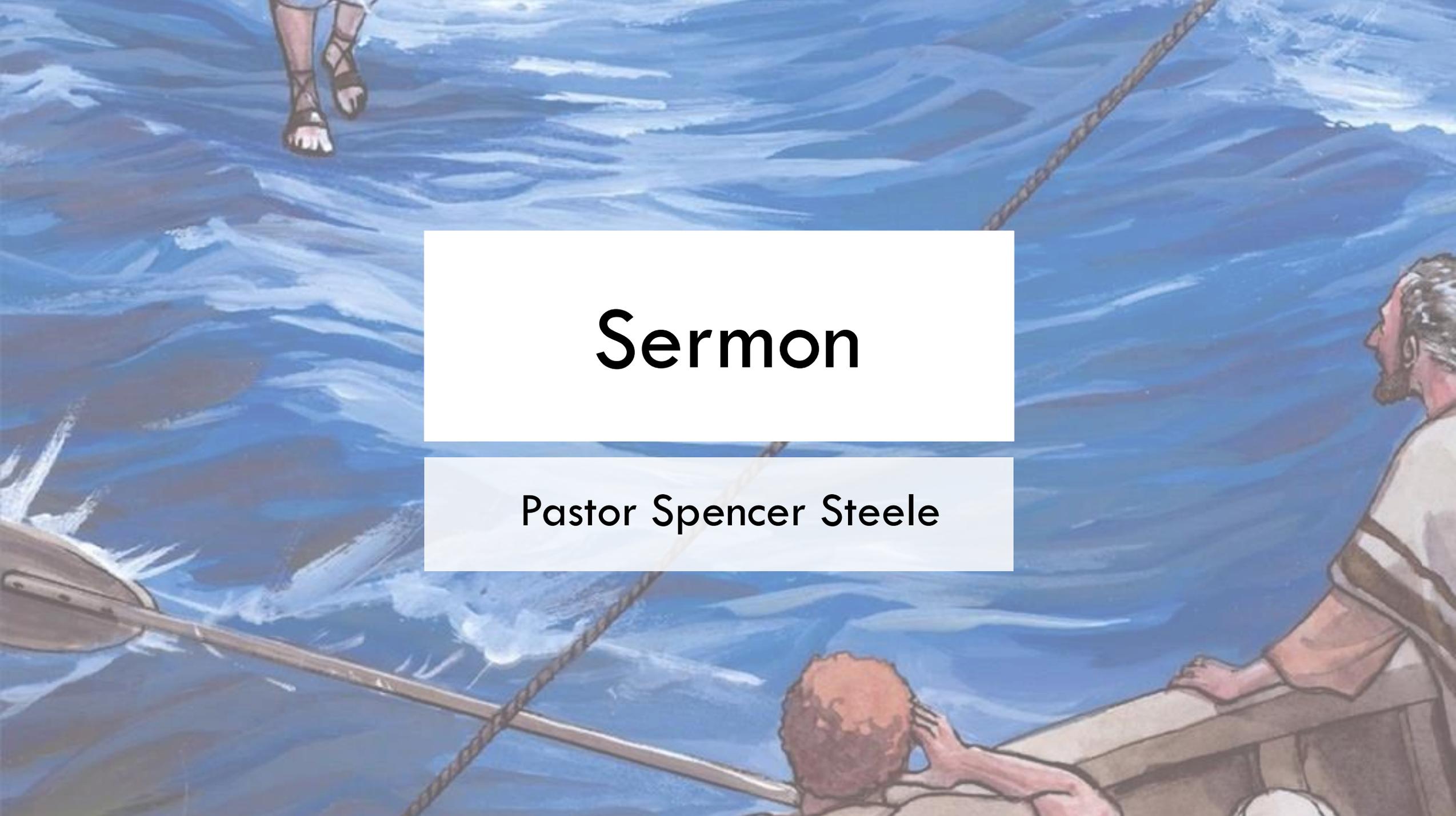
But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and -- beginning to sink -- he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

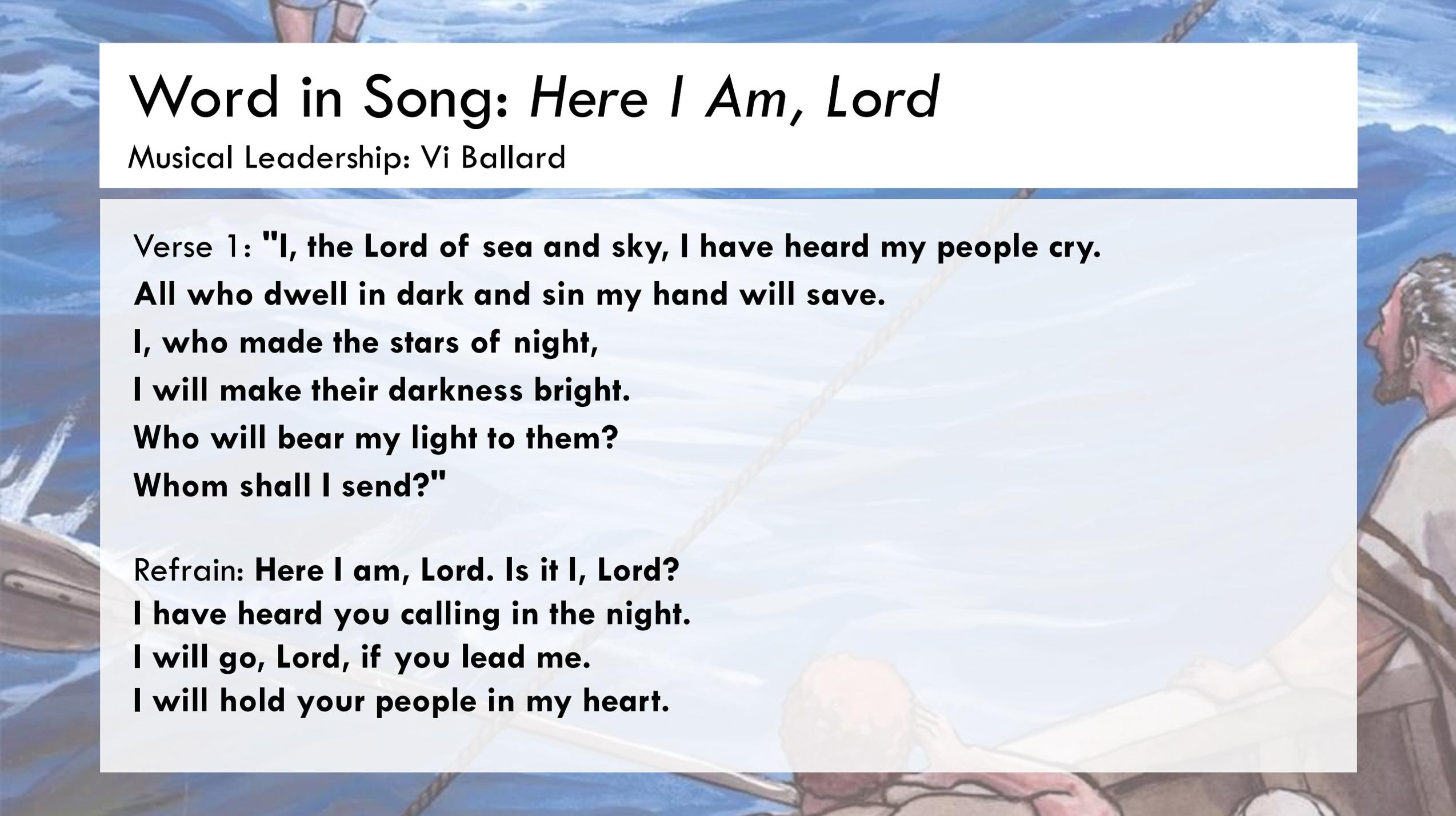
And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Good News! **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**



Sermon

Pastor Spencer Steele

The background is a watercolor-style illustration of a boat on a turbulent, blue sea. A man with a beard and long hair is visible on the right side, looking out towards the horizon. The overall mood is dramatic and somber.

Word in Song: *Here I Am, Lord*

Musical Leadership: Vi Ballard

Verse 1: "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

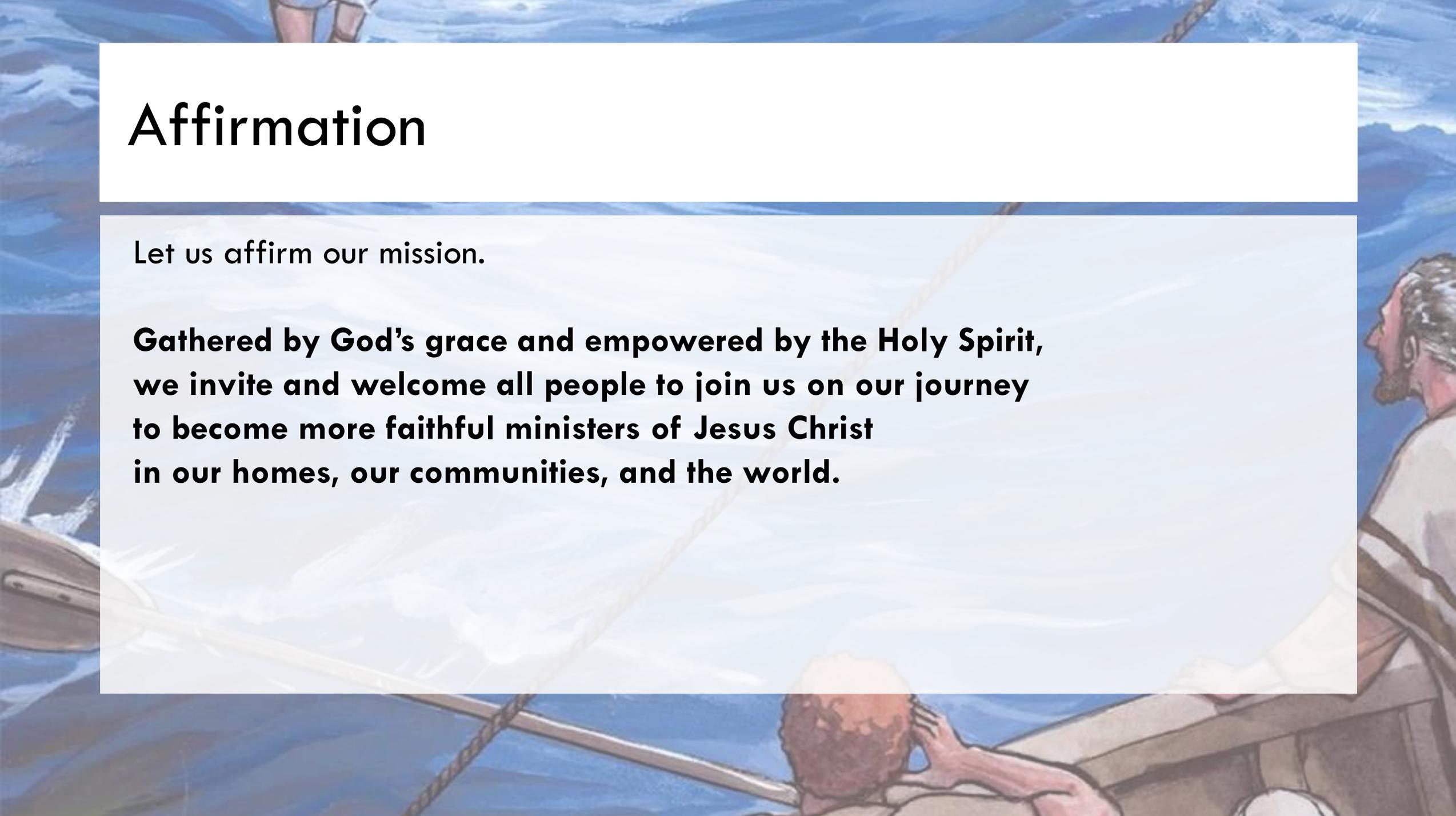
Word in Song (*continued*)

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Verse 3: **"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"**

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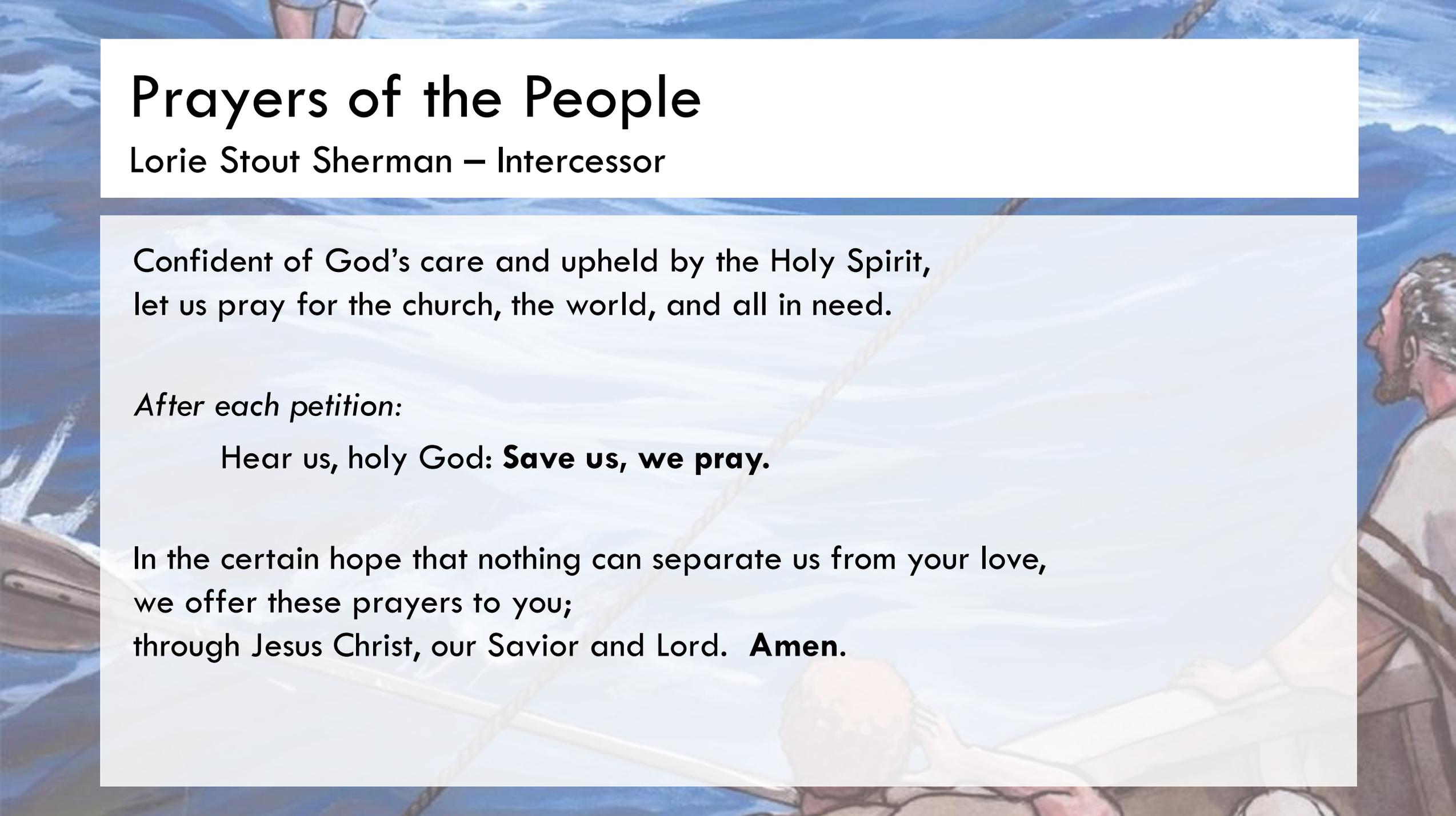
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Affirmation

Let us affirm our mission.

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.



Prayers of the People

Lorie Stout Sherman – Intercessor

Confident of God's care and upheld by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

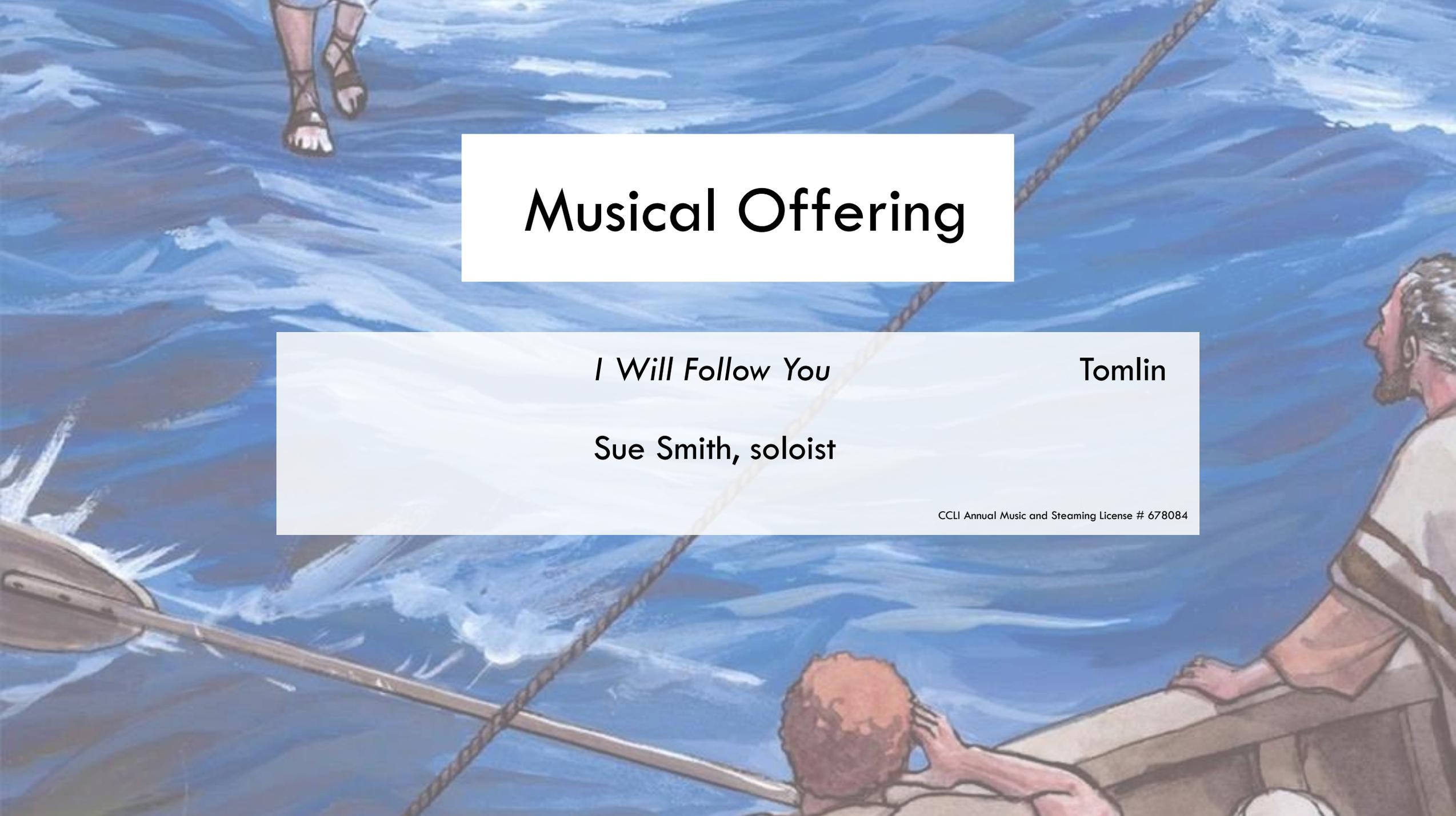
In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love,
we offer these prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Respond to God's Gifts

We respond to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The music is offered as a gift to the glory of God.

During this period of remote church services, you may give your offering by

- (1) using Give by Text (610-981-1312),*
- (2) enrolling in Simply Giving,*
- (3) mailing your check to the church office, 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA 18049*
- (4) navigating to our church's website <https://lchsemmaus.org/stewardship/>,
then clicking on: Give now on-line,*
- (5) downloading our mobile giving app by simply searching for "Give+" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Once you have downloaded the app, search on "Lutheran Church of The Holy Spirit". You can immediately donate or choose to set up an account.*



Musical Offering

I Will Follow You

Tomlin

Sue Smith, soloist

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A painting of a boat on a blue sea. In the top left corner, a person's feet wearing sandals are visible. In the bottom center, a man's head is seen from behind, resting on the boat's edge. The sea is depicted with various shades of blue and white, suggesting waves and movement. A thick rope runs diagonally across the scene. The overall style is that of a religious or historical illustration.

Meal

*In word and meal,
God's grace feeds us*

Holy Communion

You may prepare your communion table at home now.

Following the Words of Institution, the Lord's Prayer and Communion Invitation, the presiding minister will say the words first.

While inspirational communion music is played, you may share in communion.

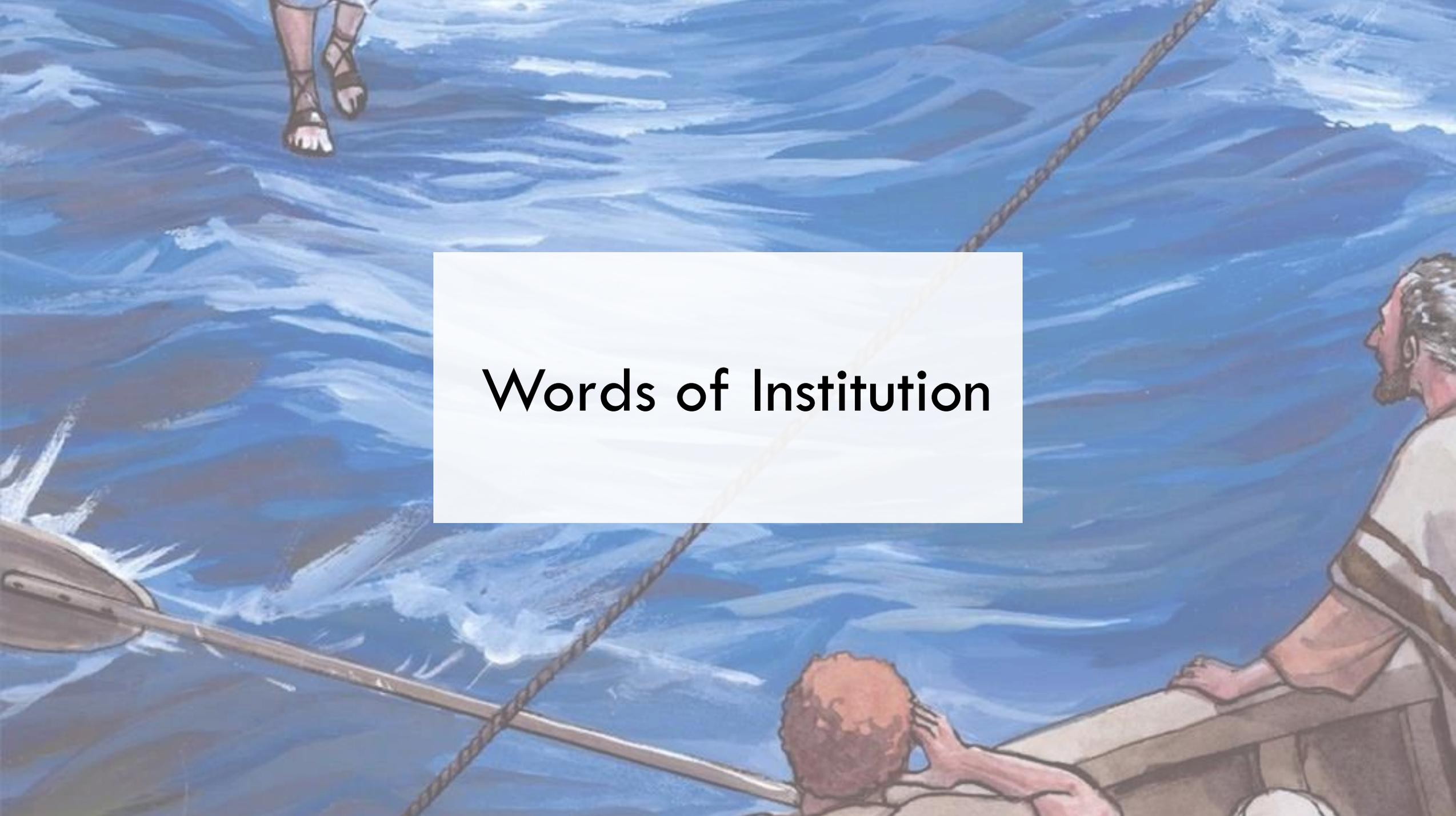
There will be a slide with the words to say during communion.

Word in Meal

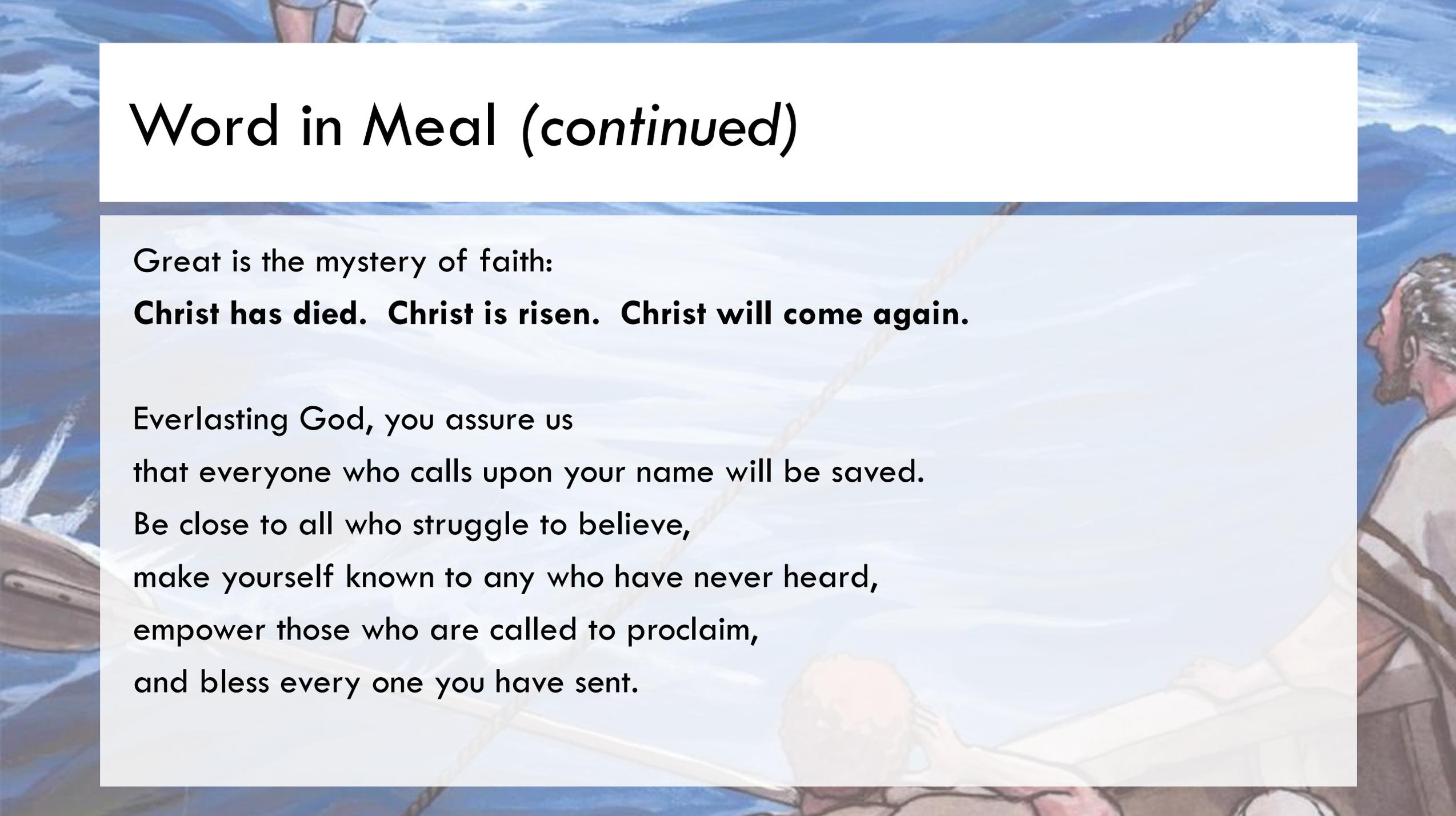
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who came to his disciples across the stormy waves of Galilee.

In Jesus, you come to us, call us to you,
lift us up when we fear and fail and fall,
and stay with us through every storm.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,
that we may be transformed into your likeness,
as these gifts of bread and wine become for us
the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

A painting depicting the biblical story of Jesus walking on water. In the upper left, a pair of feet in sandals is seen walking on the surface of the blue, choppy sea. In the lower right, a man with a beard, likely Jesus, is shown from the chest up, looking out over the water. In the lower center, the back of a man's head and shoulders is visible as he looks towards the sea. A wooden boat is partially visible in the lower left, with a long pole extending across the water. A thick rope or cable runs diagonally across the scene. The overall style is that of a religious painting with visible brushstrokes and a focus on the central event.

Words of Institution

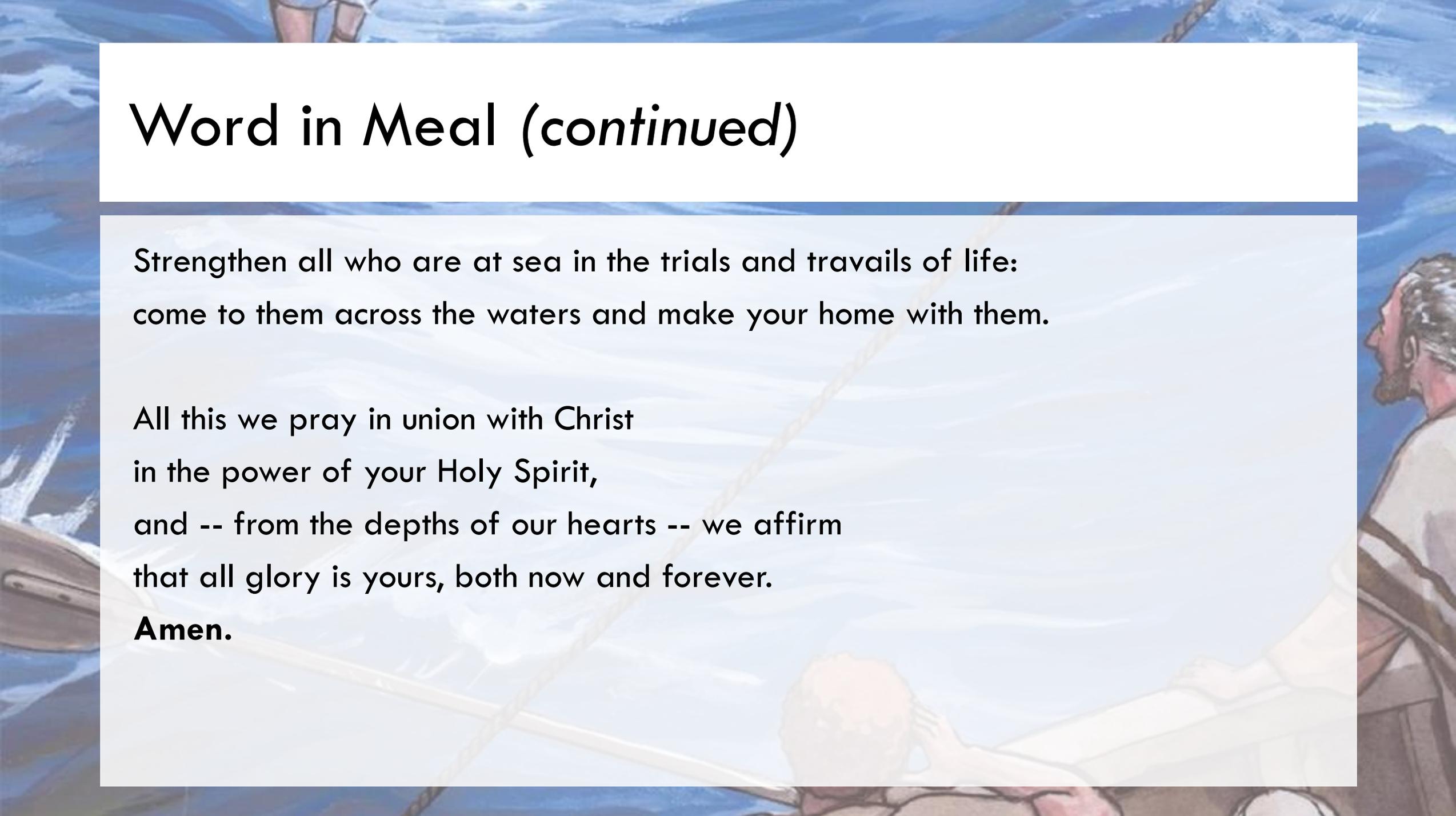
The background features a dramatic illustration of a boat's deck on a turbulent, blue sea. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders is visible, looking out towards the horizon. The overall mood is one of faith and resilience in the face of adversity.

Word in Meal (*continued*)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Everlasting God, you assure us
that everyone who calls upon your name will be saved.
Be close to all who struggle to believe,
make yourself known to any who have never heard,
empower those who are called to proclaim,
and bless every one you have sent.

The background of the slide is a watercolor-style illustration of a boat on a turbulent sea. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and white, suggesting waves and spray. In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders is visible, looking out towards the sea. To the right, the profile of another person's head is shown, looking towards the left. The overall mood is one of struggle and seeking help.

Word in Meal (*continued*)

Strengthen all who are at sea in the trials and travails of life:
come to them across the waters and make your home with them.

All this we pray in union with Christ
in the power of your Holy Spirit,
and -- from the depths of our hearts -- we affirm
that all glory is yours, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

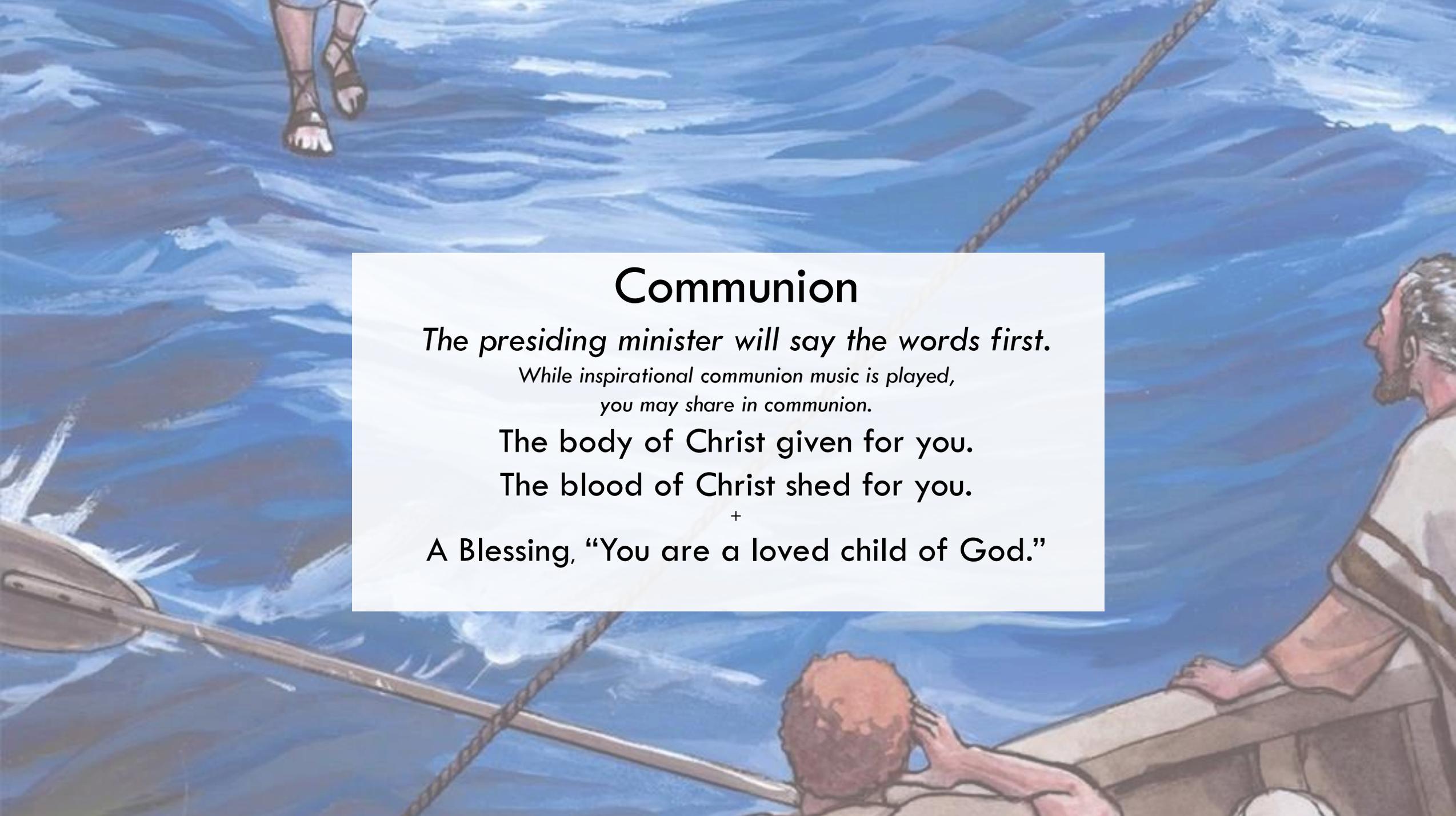
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Sisters and brothers,
taste and see that the Lord is good.

Amen.





Communion

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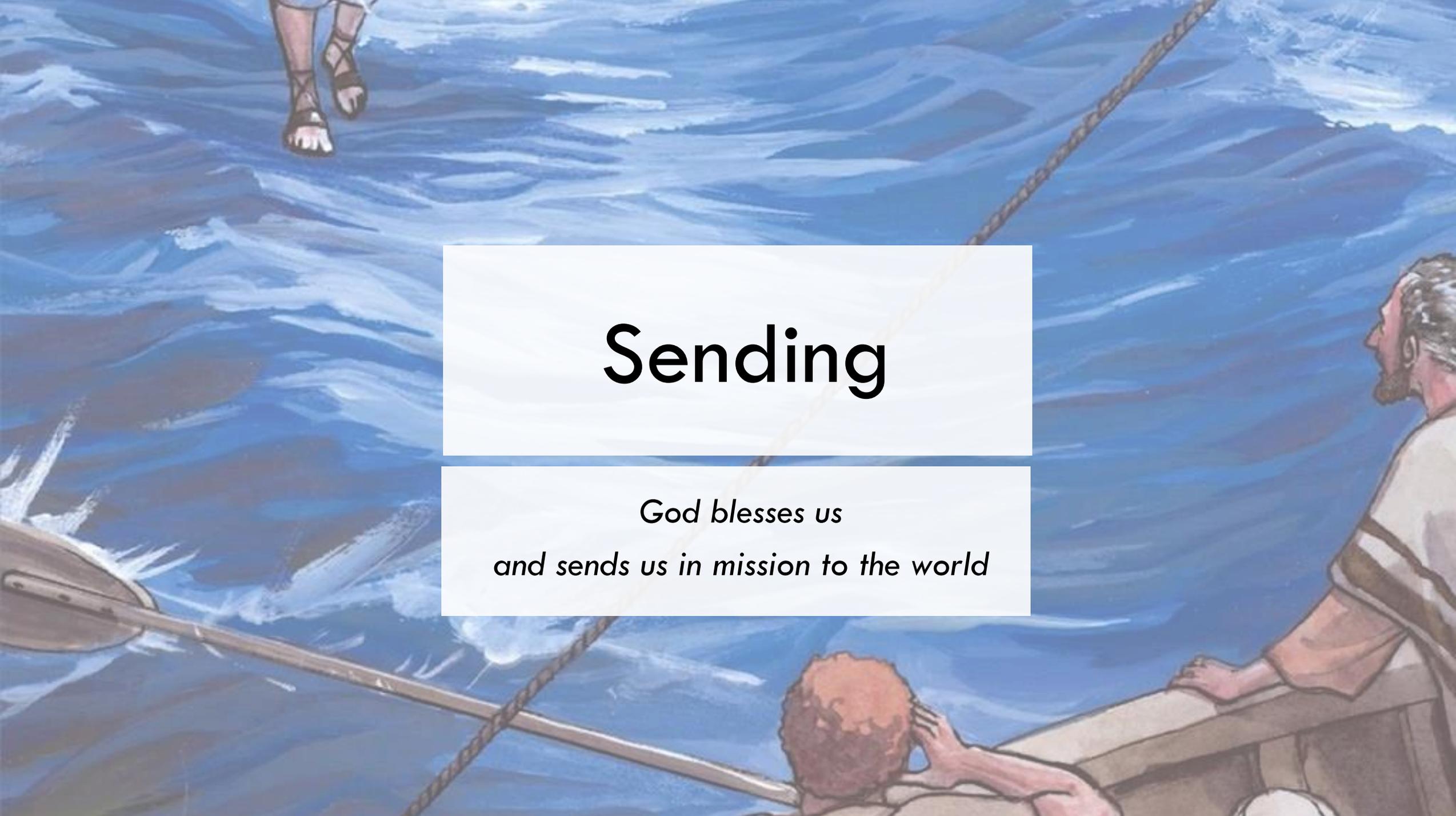
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The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

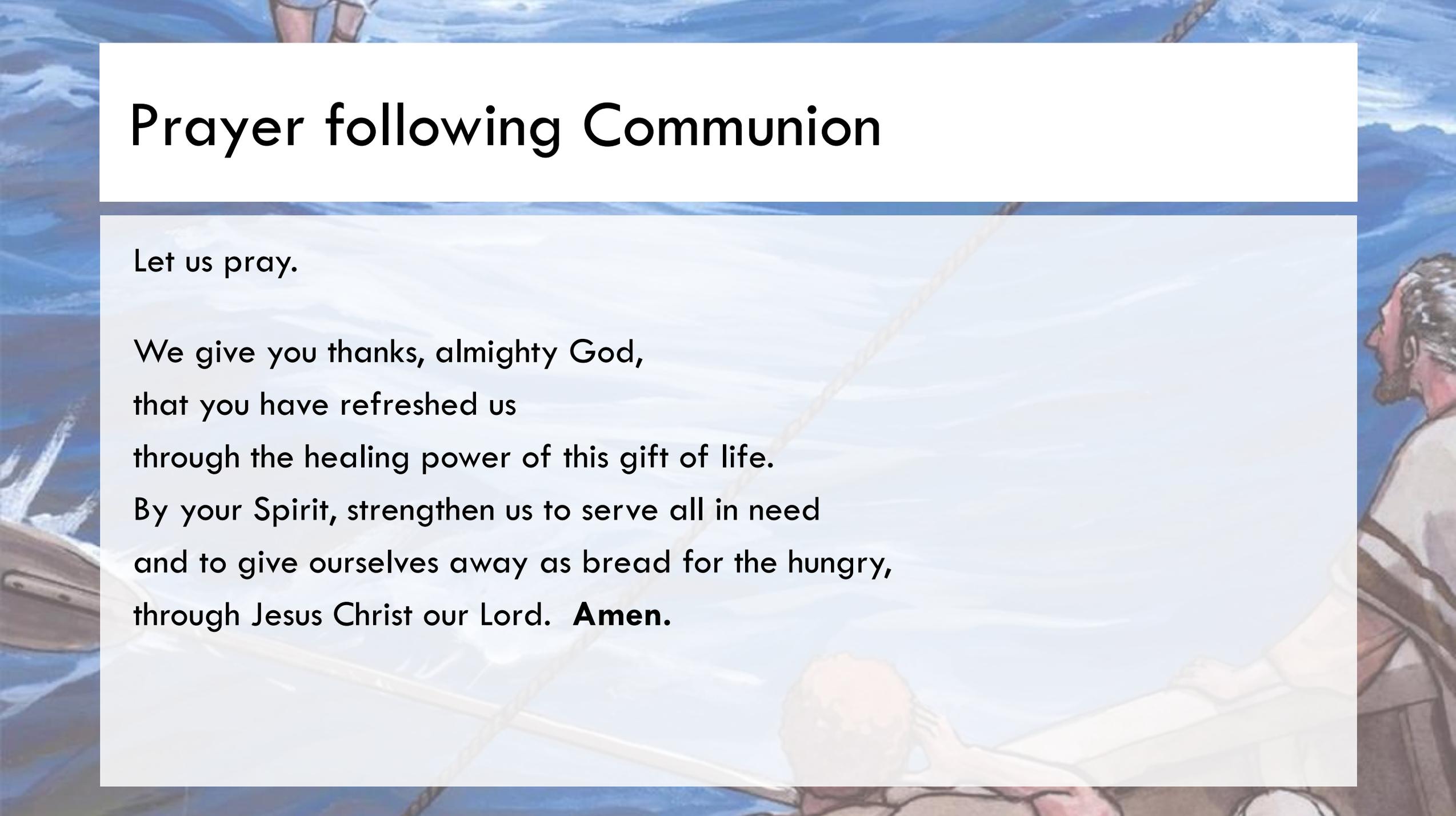
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A Blessing, "You are a loved child of God."

A painting of a boat on a blue sea. In the foreground, a man with a beard is seen from the side, looking out at the water. Another man is seen from behind, resting his head on his hand. A woman's feet in sandals are visible in the upper left. A thick rope runs diagonally across the scene. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and white, suggesting movement and depth.

Sending

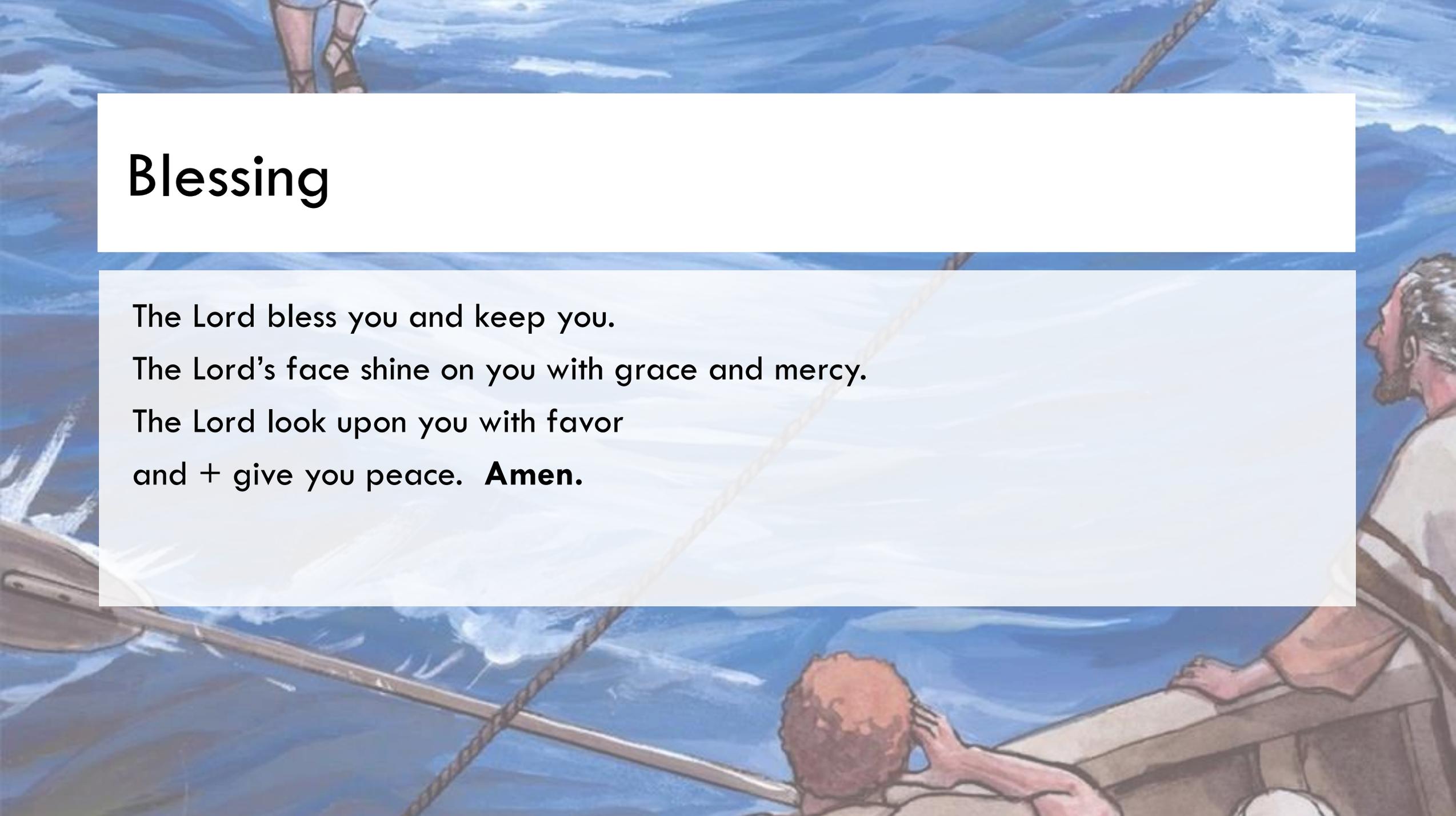
*God blesses us
and sends us in mission to the world*



Prayer following Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A painting of a boat on a stormy sea. The sea is dark blue with white-capped waves. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a white head covering is seen from behind, looking out at the sea. To his right, another man with a beard is seen in profile, looking towards the sea. The boat's wooden structure and ropes are visible. The overall mood is one of a storm at sea.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

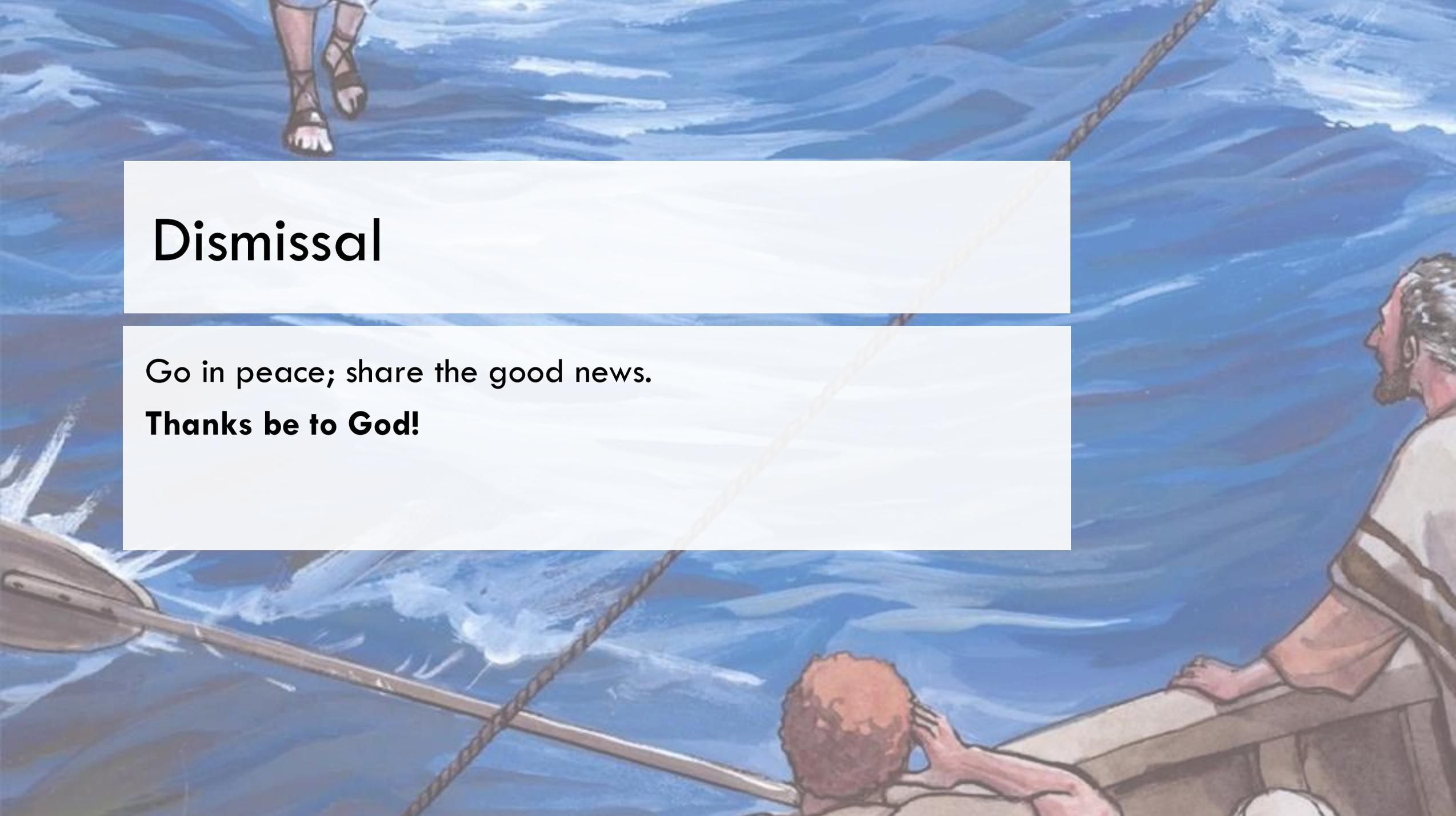
Musical Leadership: Doreen Micheletti, Vi Ballard, and Dave Rishel

Verse 1: **My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

Verse 2: **When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**

Verse 4: **When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! Refrain**

A painting of a boat on a blue sea. In the top left corner, a woman's feet in sandals are visible. In the bottom center, a man's head is seen from behind, resting on the boat's edge. A thick rope runs diagonally across the scene. The sea is depicted with various shades of blue and white foam.

Dismissal

Go in peace; share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

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A painting depicting a stormy sea with dark blue and white waves. In the foreground, a wooden boat is visible. On the right, a man with a beard and a white robe is looking out at the sea. In the bottom center, the back of a person's head with curly brown hair is visible, resting on the boat's edge. In the top left corner, a pair of feet wearing black sandals is visible, appearing to be on a narrow ledge or part of the boat. A thick, braided rope runs diagonally across the scene from the top right towards the bottom left. A white rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing the text "Holy Spirit: Connections".

Holy Spirit: Connections