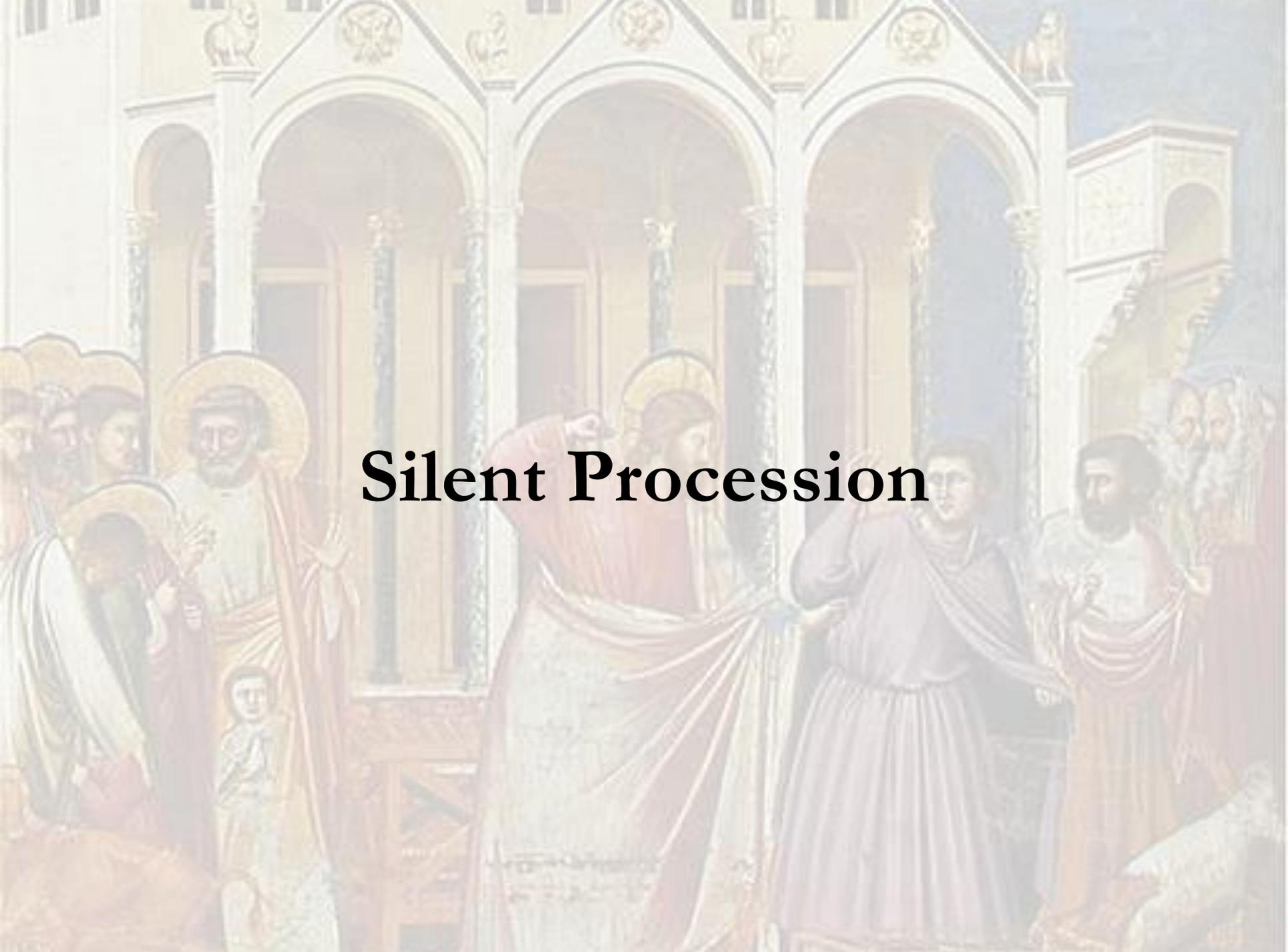




The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 7 March 2021



Silent Procession



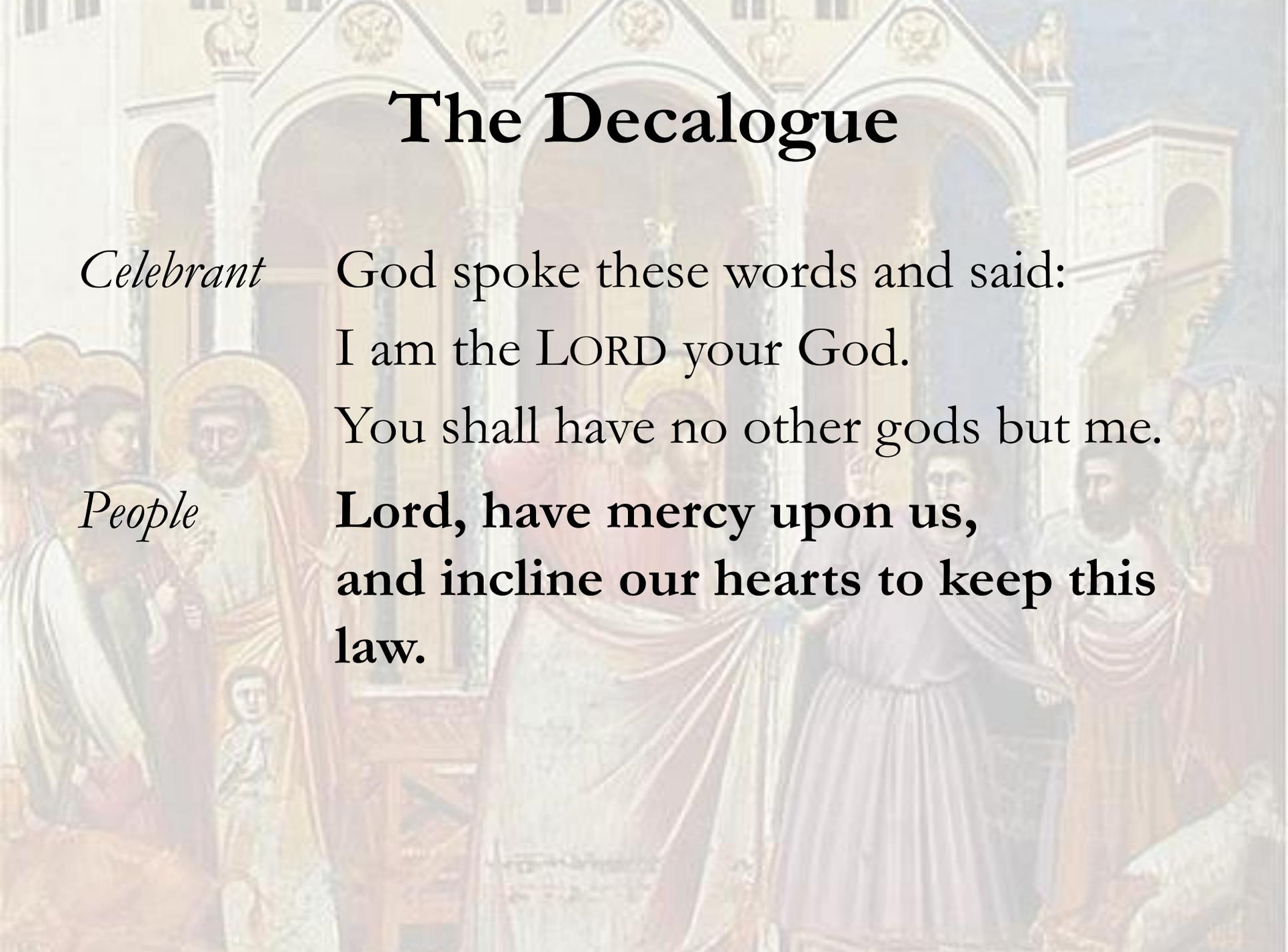
The Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our
sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Decalogue

Celebrant

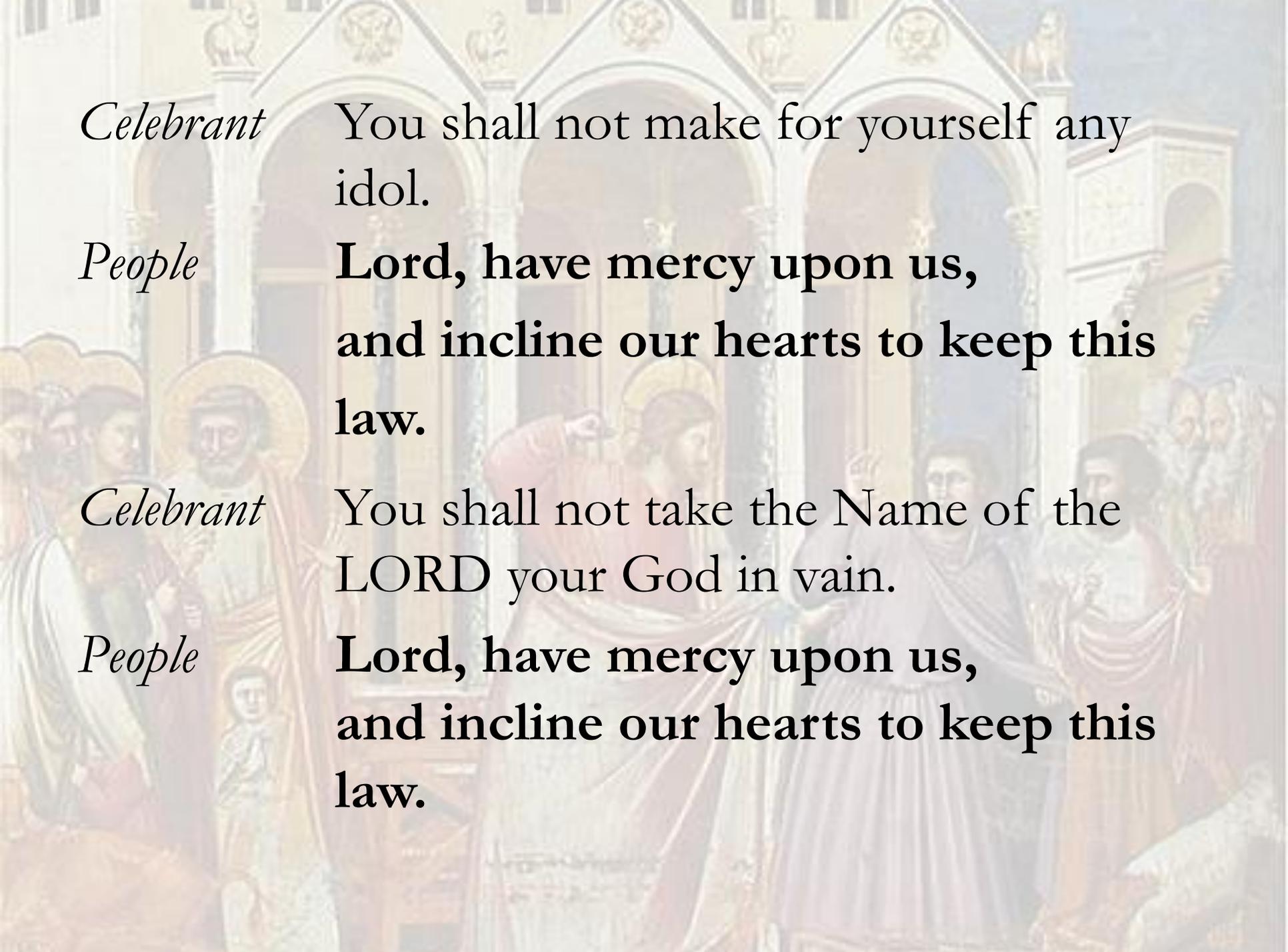
God spoke these words and said:

I am the LORD your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

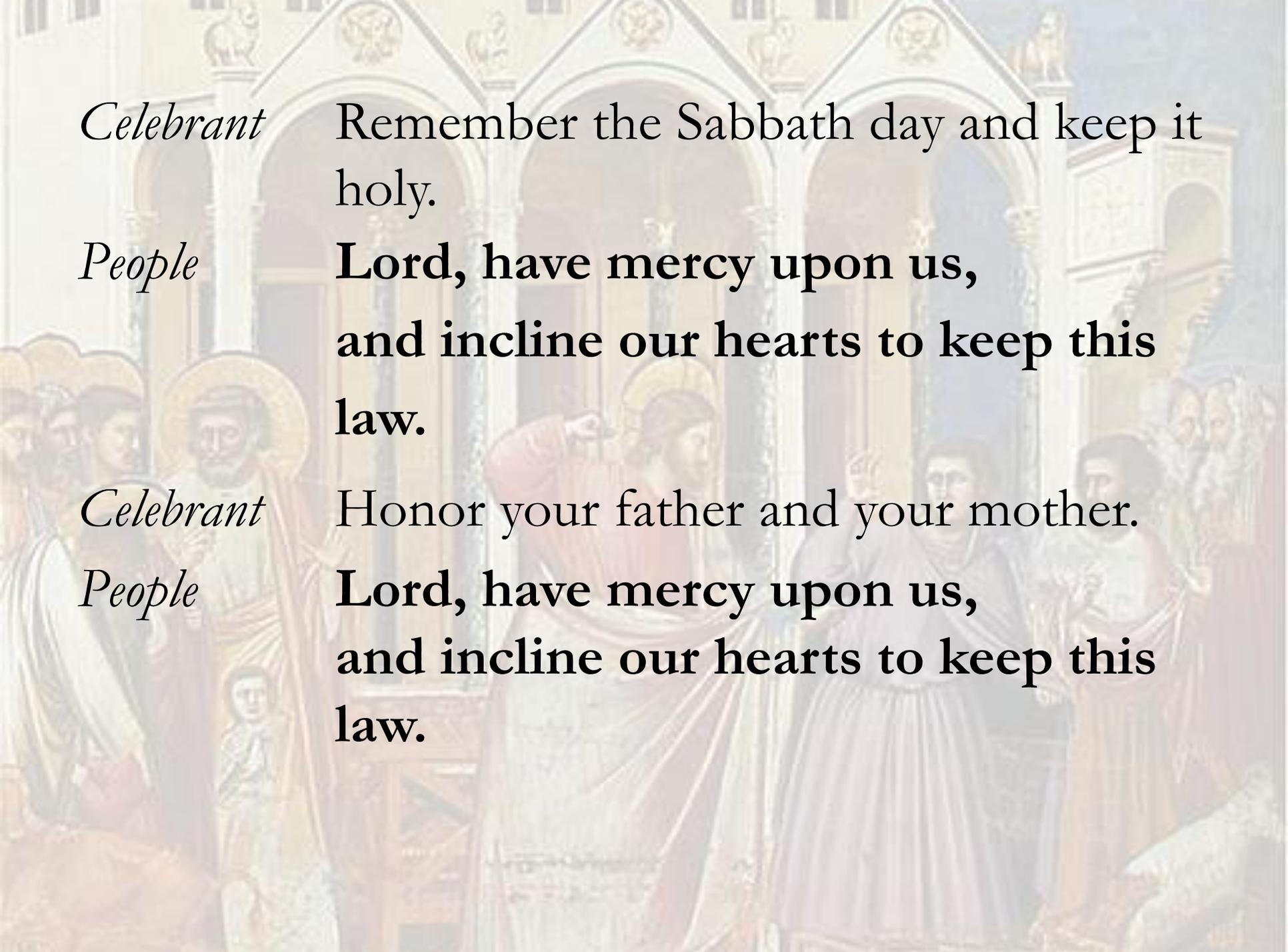
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Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

Celebrant You shall not take the Name of the
LORD your God in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

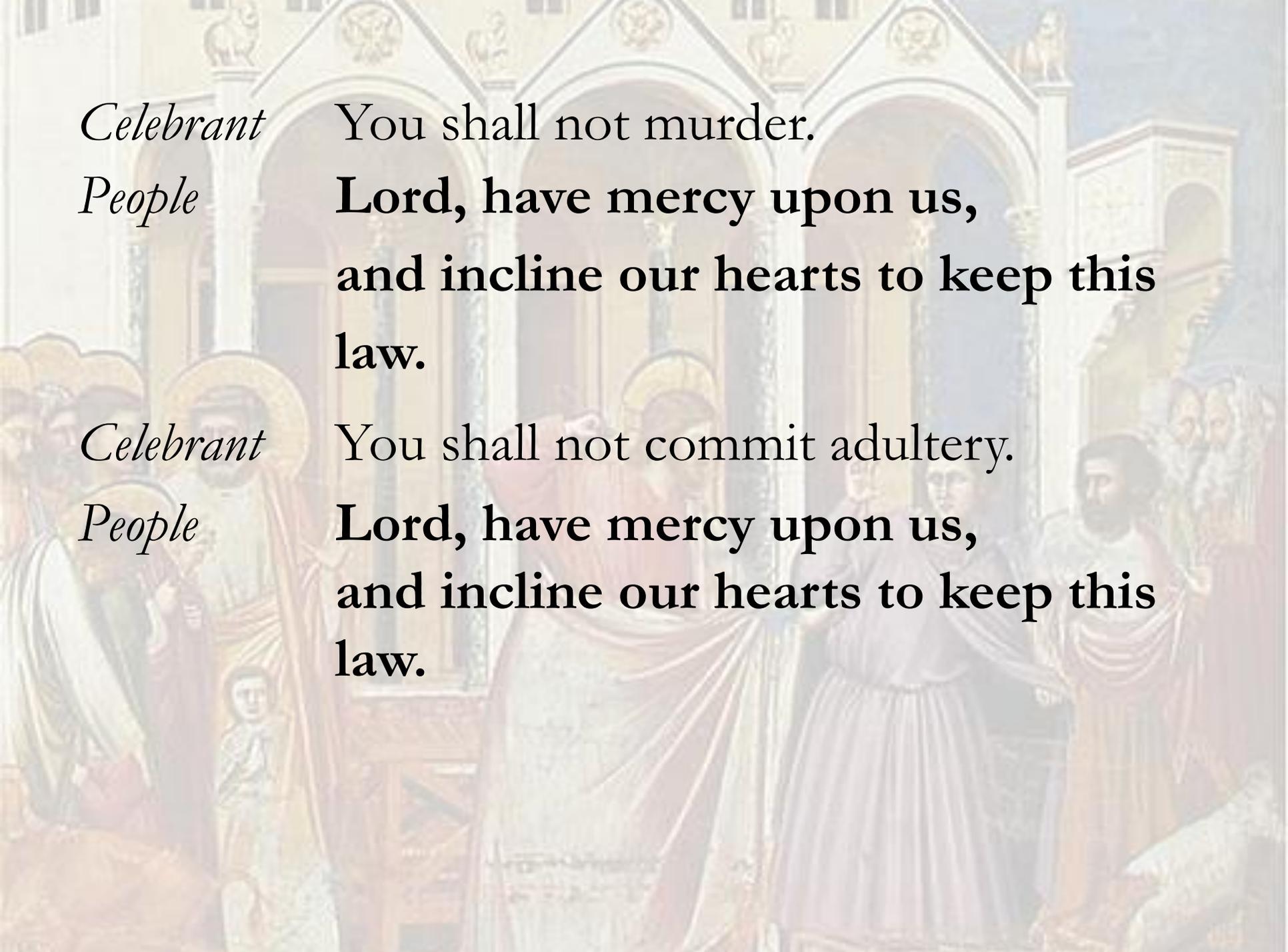


Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**



Celebrant

You shall not murder.

People

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

Celebrant

You shall not commit adultery.

People

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

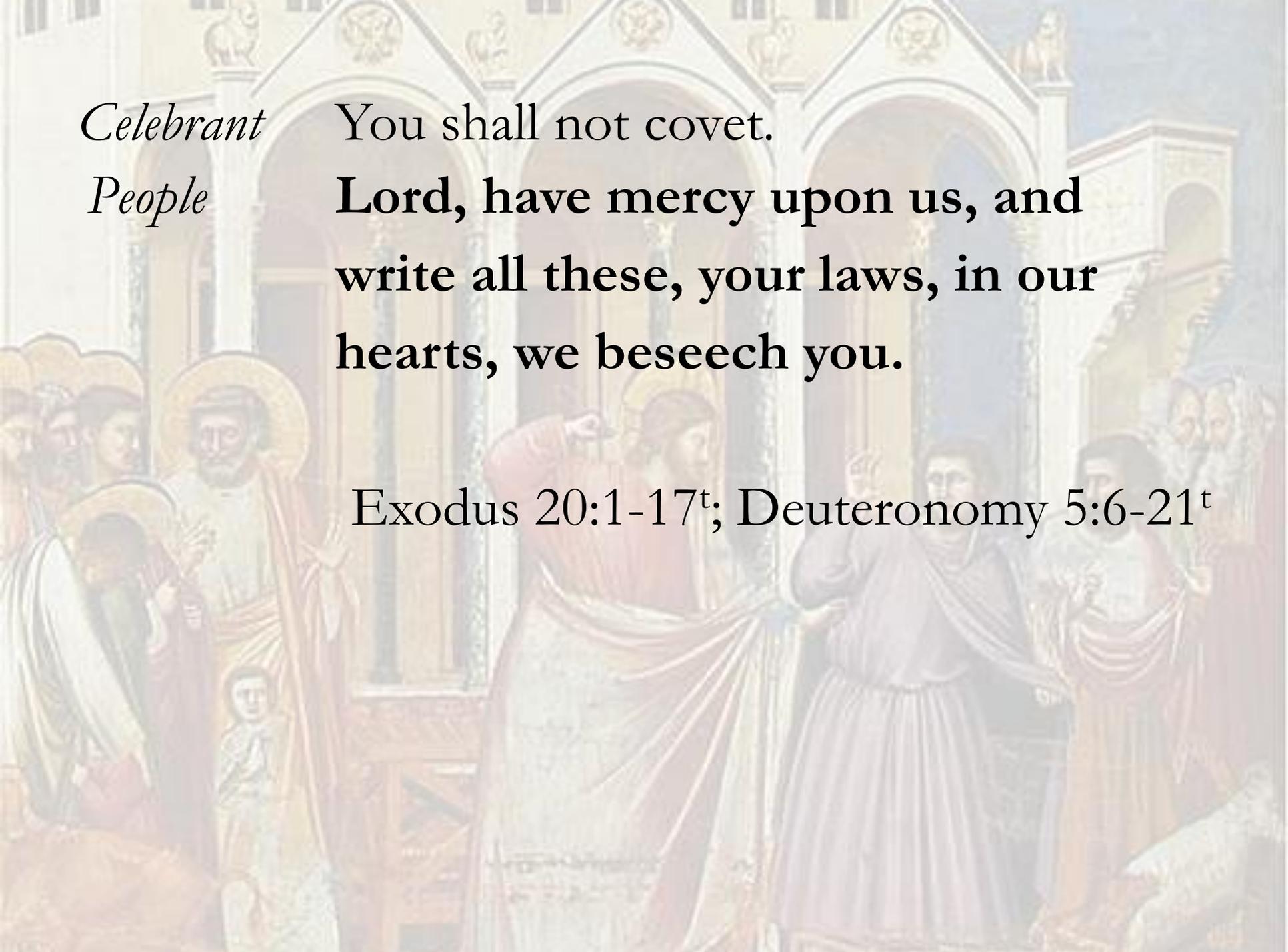


Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this
law.**



Celebrant

You shall not covet.

People

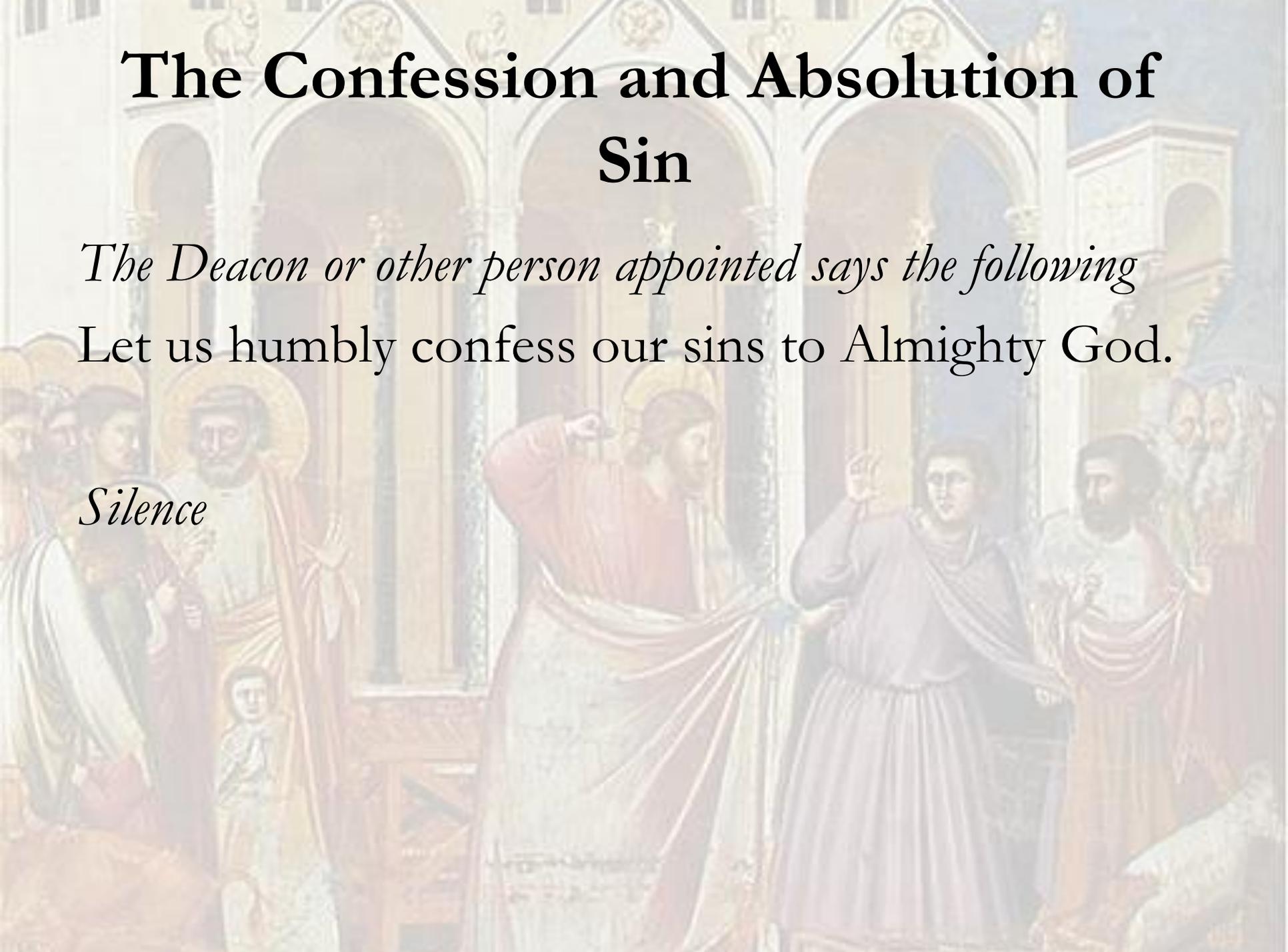
**Lord, have mercy upon us, and
write all these, your laws, in our
hearts, we beseech you.**

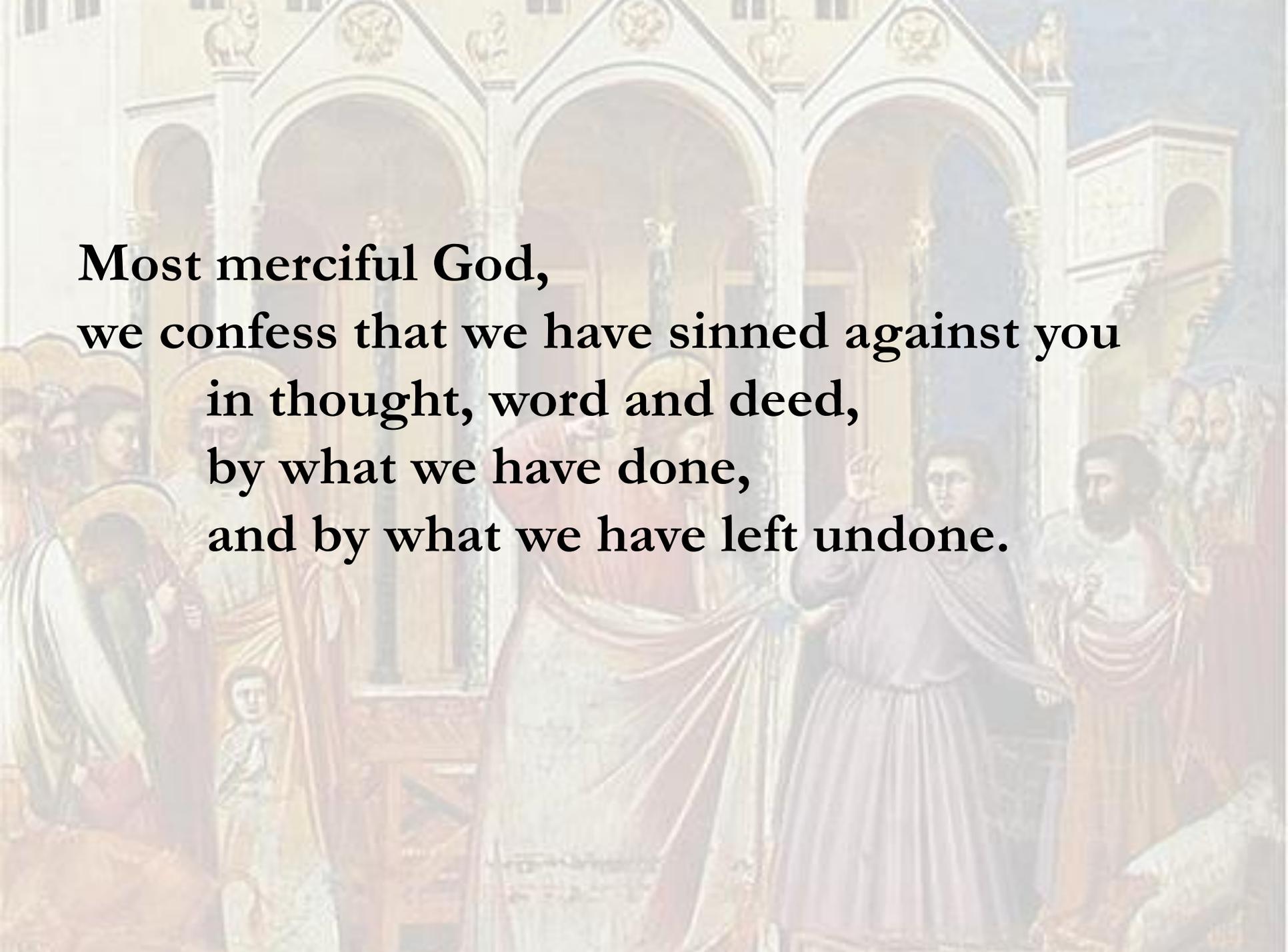
Exodus 20:1-17^t; Deuteronomy 5:6-21^t

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

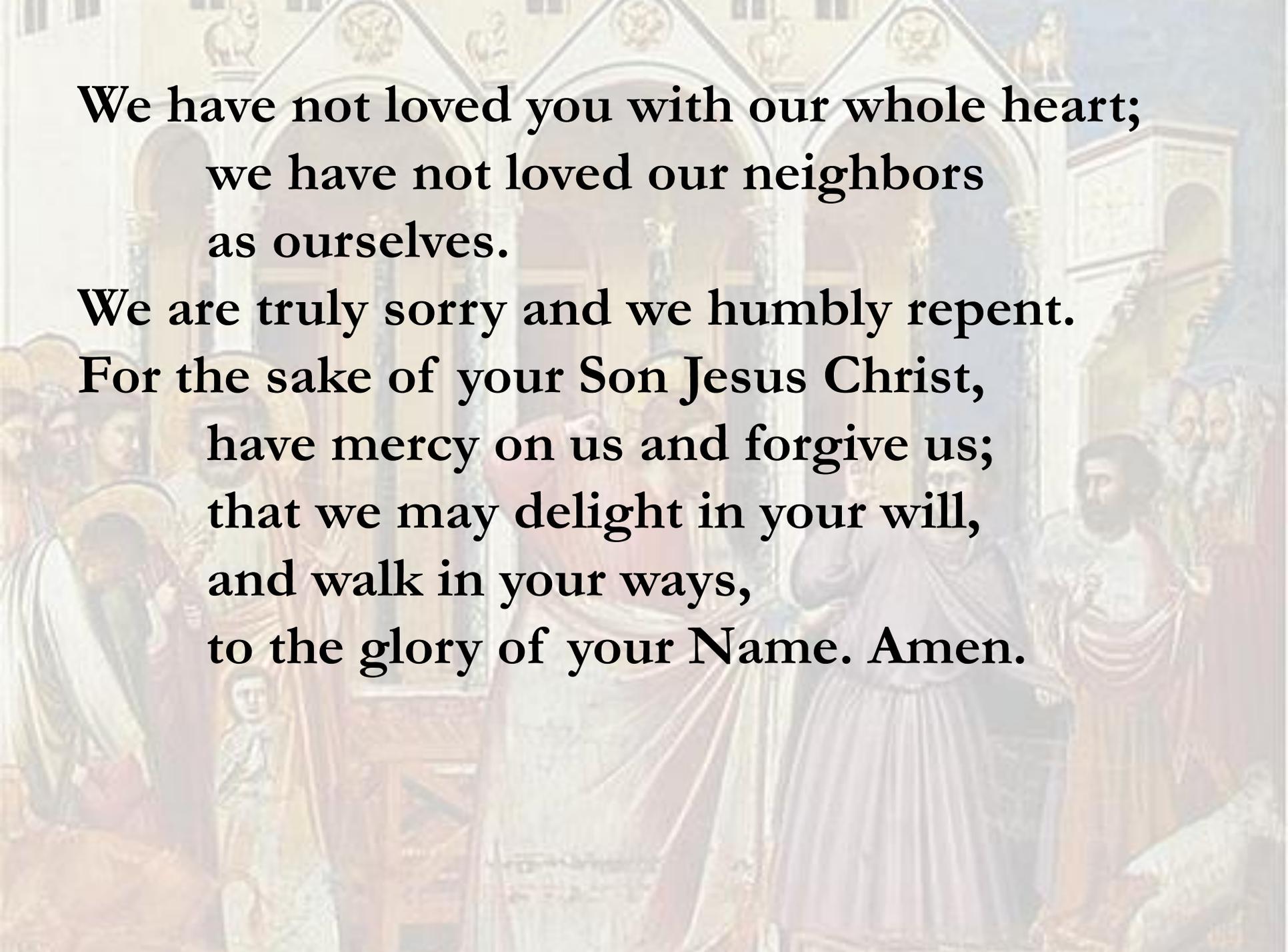
The Deacon or other person appointed says the following
Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence



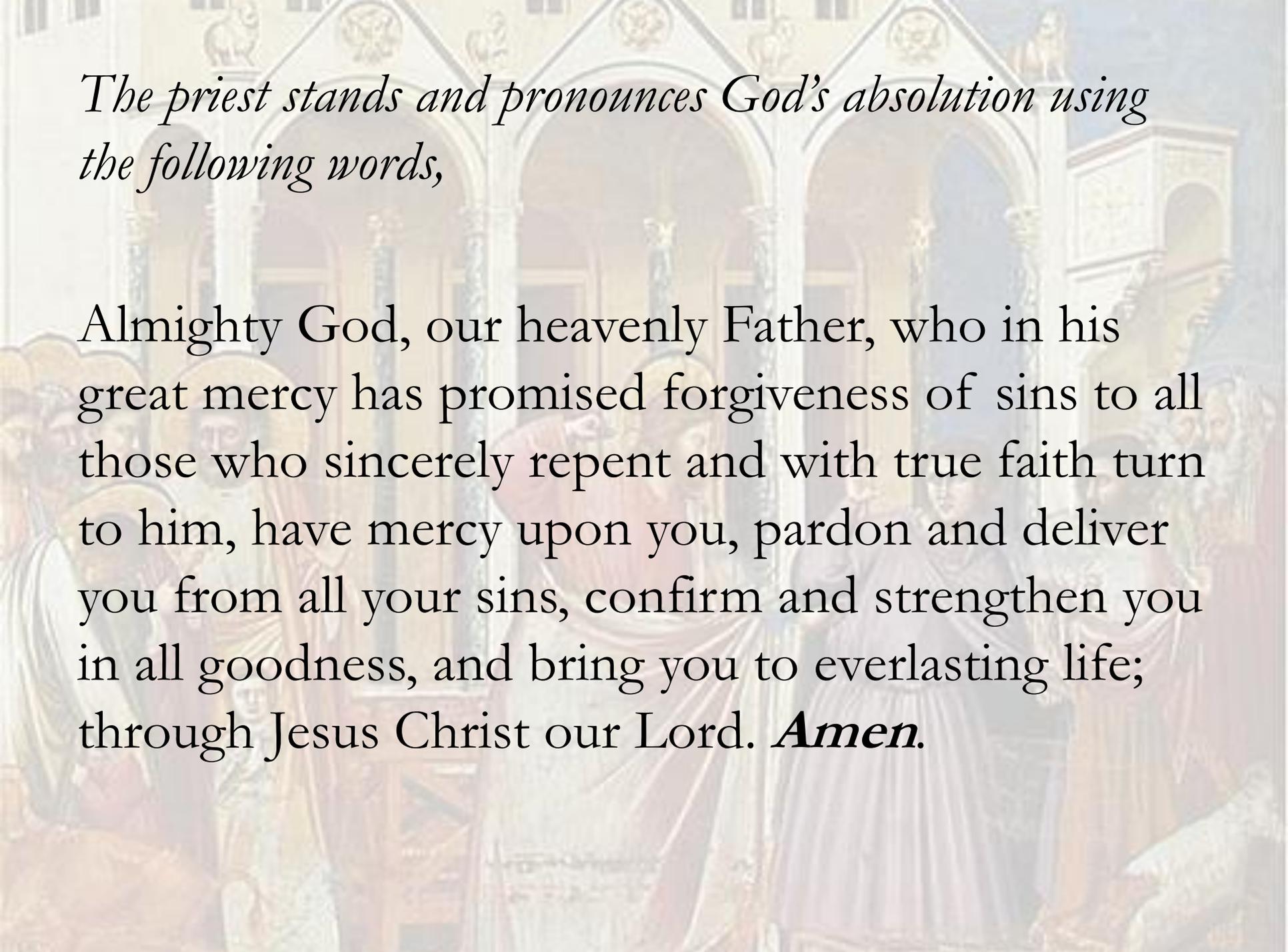


**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**



**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The background of the slide is a faded, artistic rendering of a church interior. It depicts a priest in a red and white vestment performing a rite, possibly the Eucharist, at an altar. The architecture features Gothic-style arches and ornate carvings. The overall tone is soft and historical.

The priest stands and pronounces God's absolution using the following words,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words

The celebrant reminds the congregation of the comfort of grace given to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy

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**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on us.**

**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on us.**

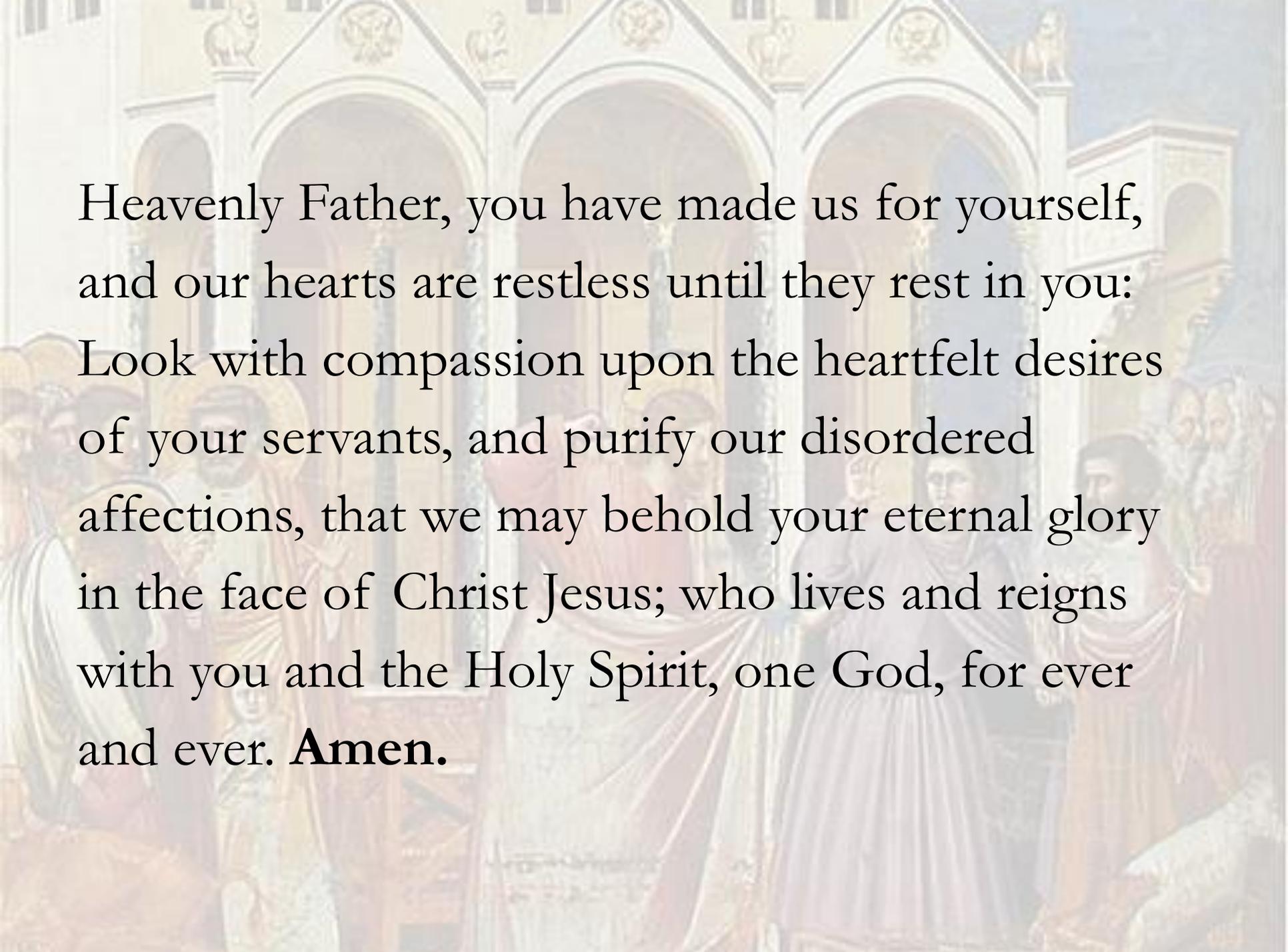
The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

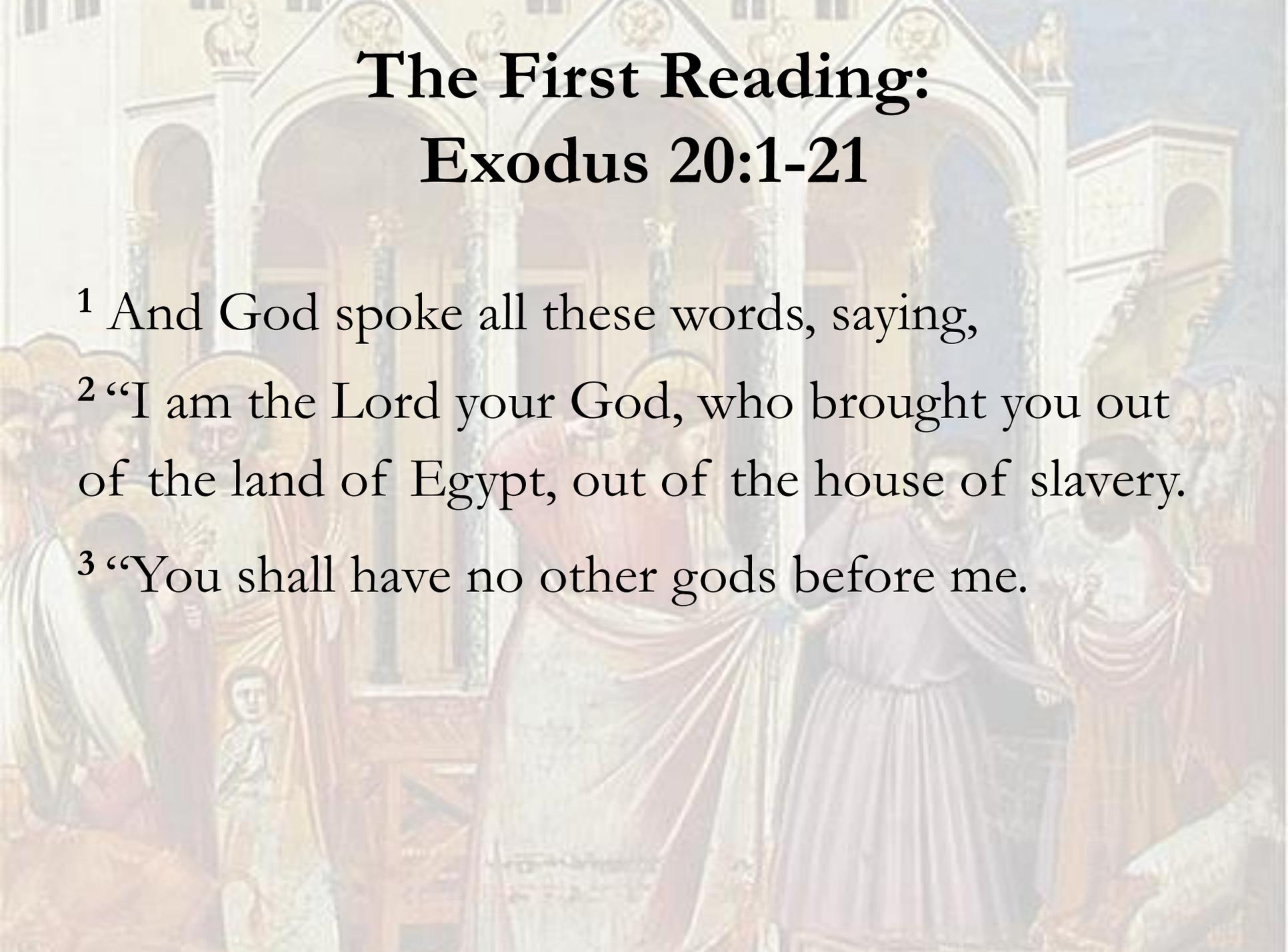
People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant prays a prayer to set the theme for the day



Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you:
Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires
of your servants, and purify our disordered
affections, that we may behold your eternal glory
in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

The background of the slide is a faint, artistic illustration of a church interior. It shows several people in traditional, colorful robes (red, purple, gold) standing in a space with high, arched ceilings and ornate architectural details. The overall tone is soft and historical, typical of religious art.

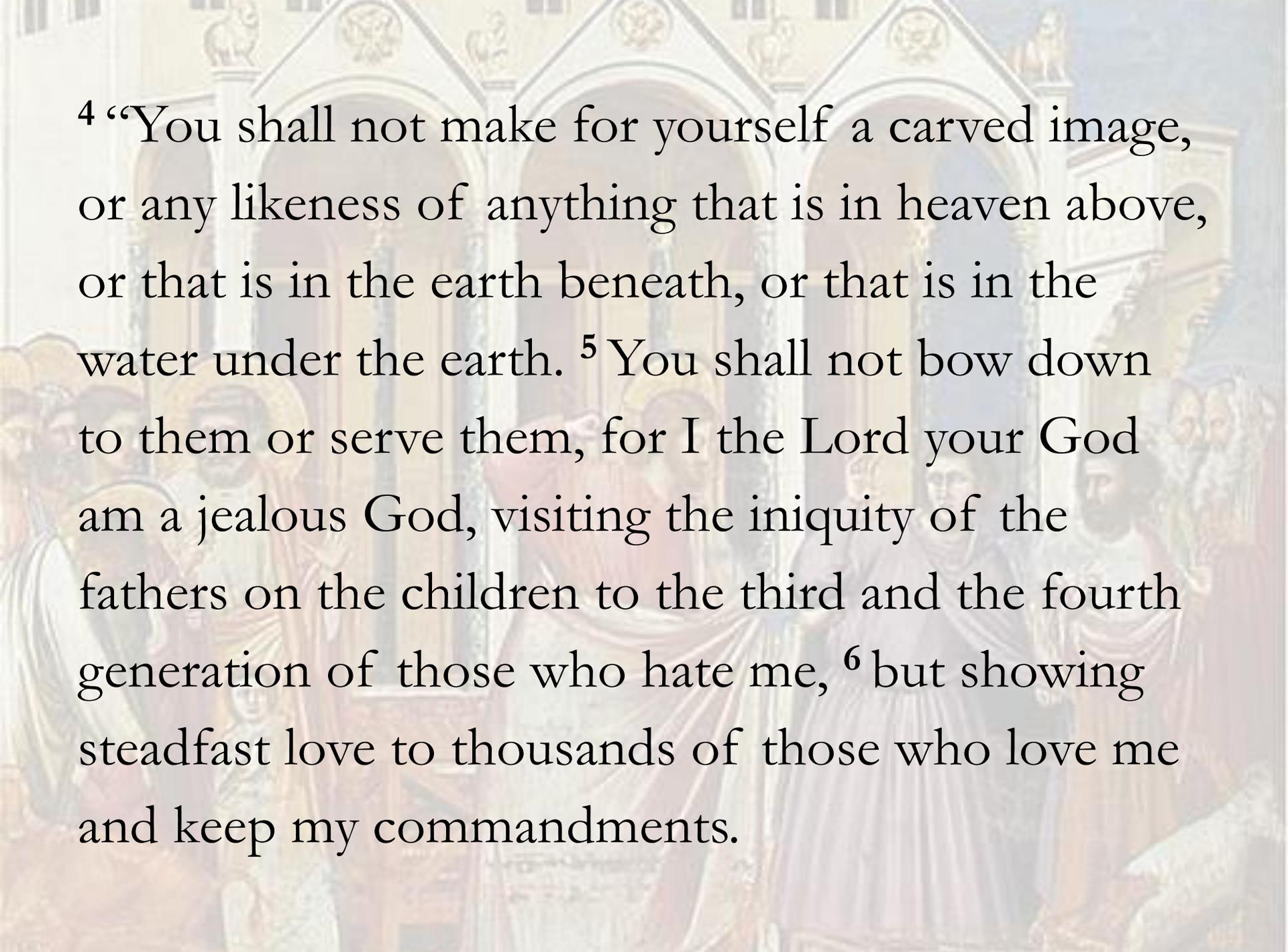
The First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-21

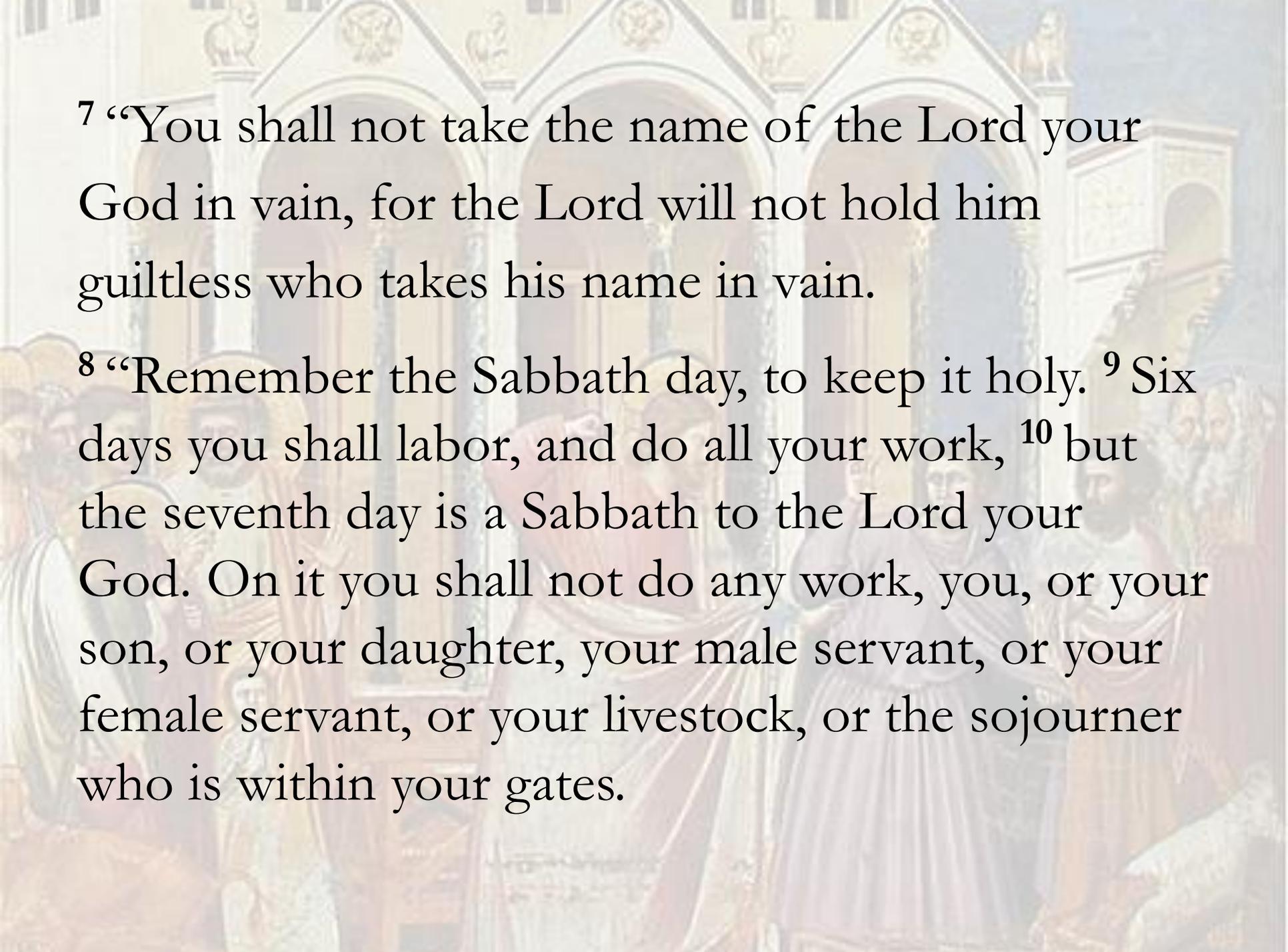
¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

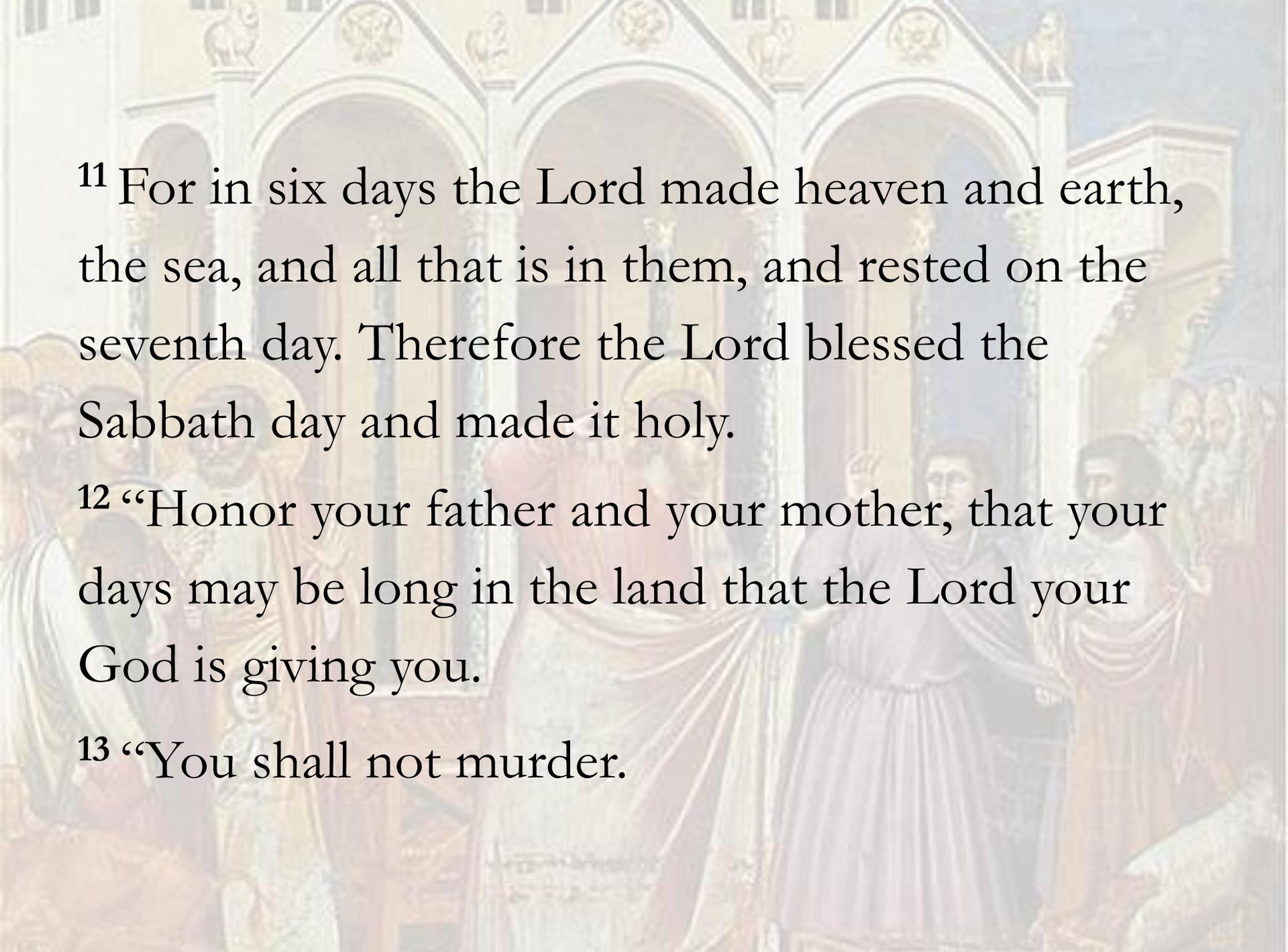
The background of the slide is a faded, artistic rendering of a church interior. It features a series of pointed arches supported by columns. In the center, there is a religious painting or fresco depicting several figures, possibly saints or apostles, in traditional robes. The overall color palette is soft and muted, with shades of beige, light blue, and pale red.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.



⁷ “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

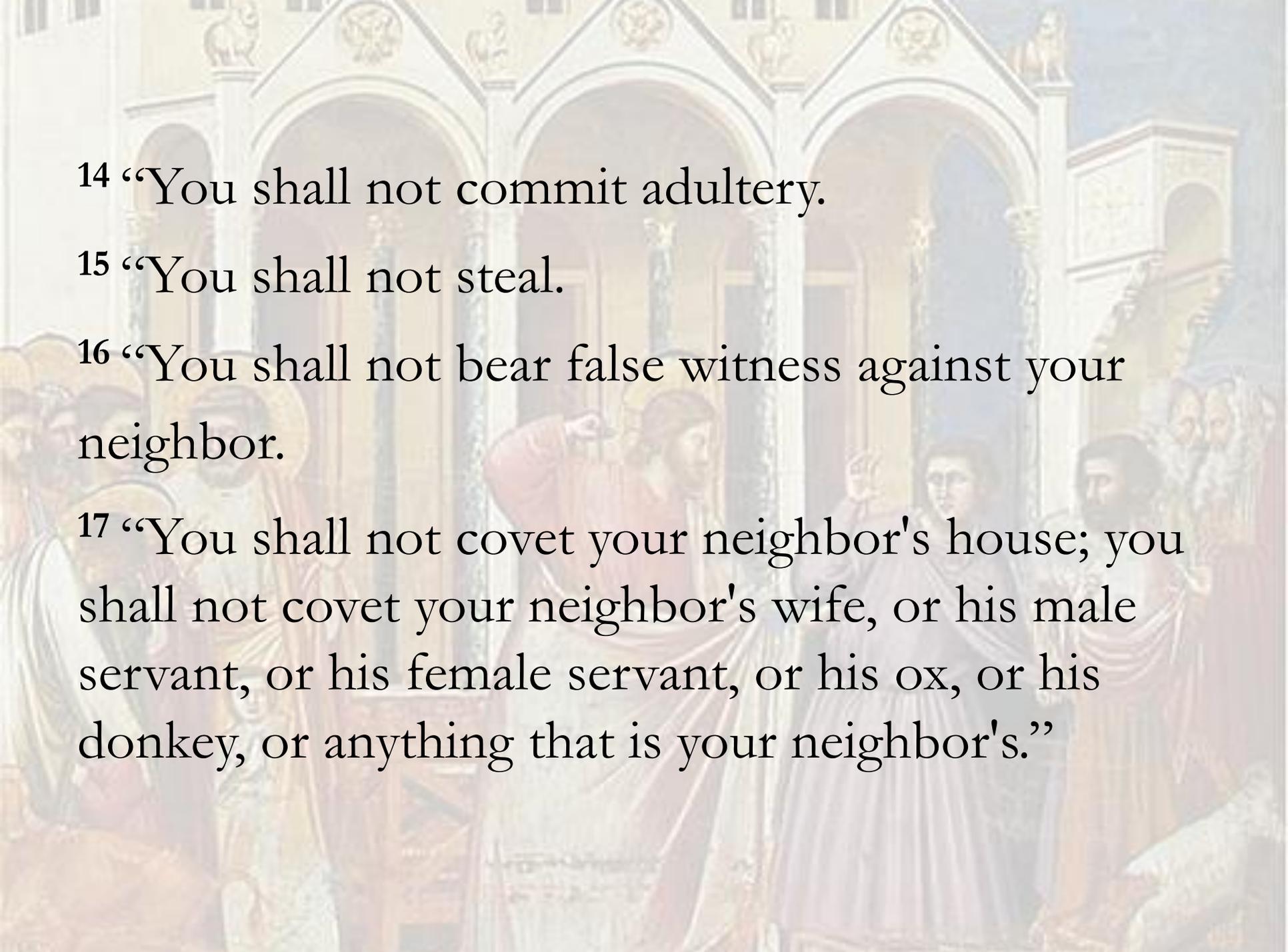
⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.



¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

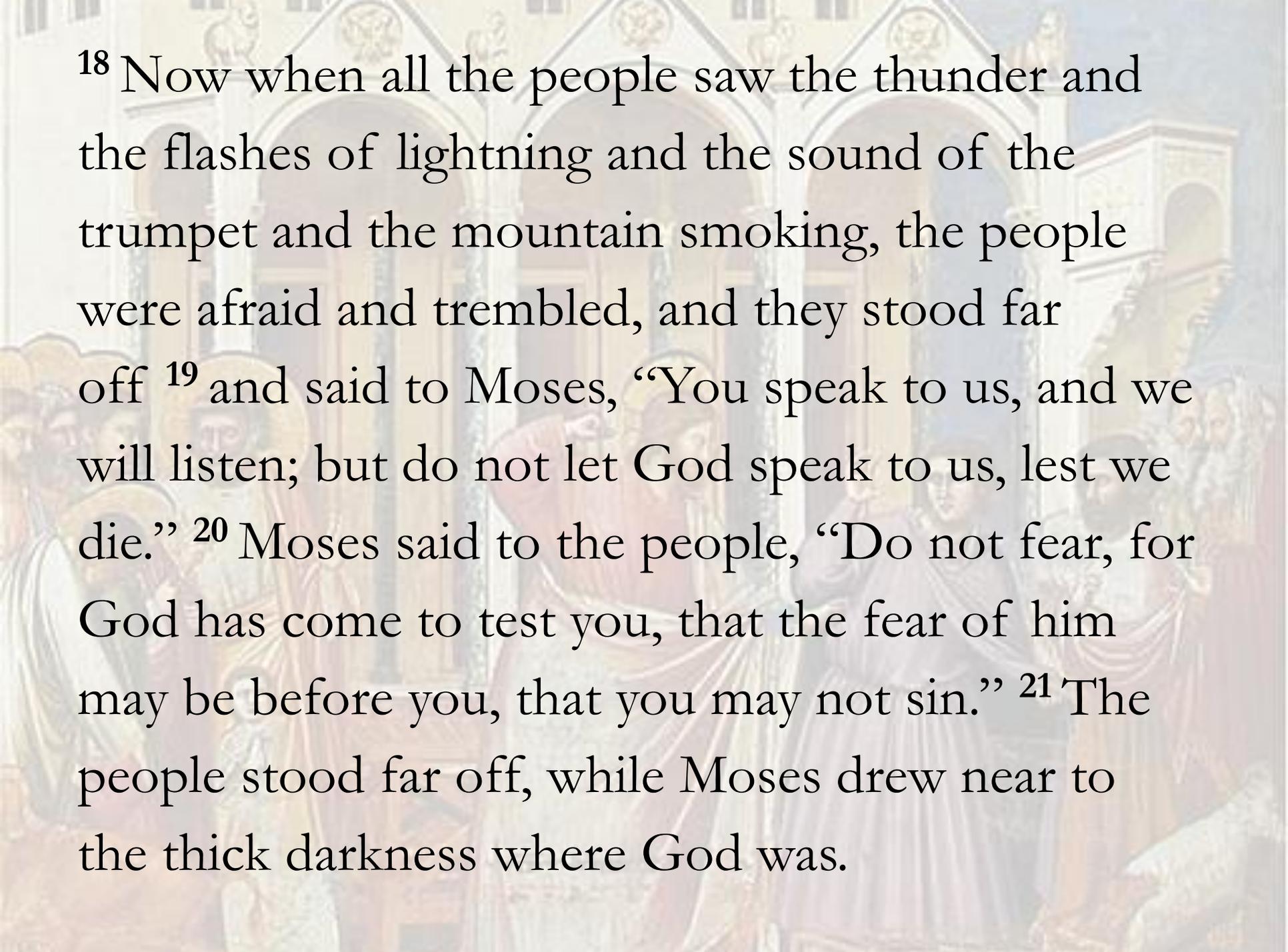


14 “You shall not commit adultery.

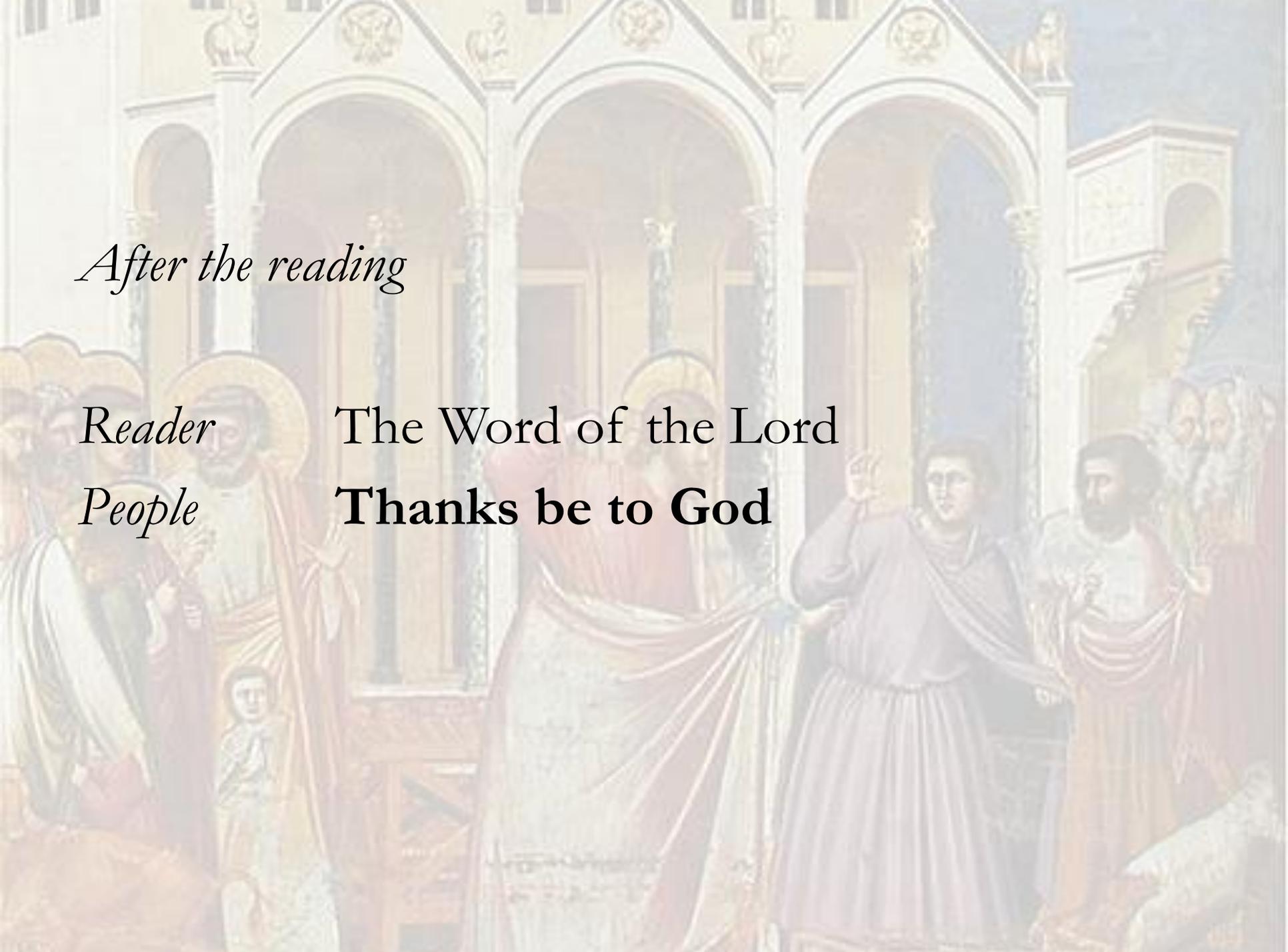
15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”



¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.



After the reading

Reader

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

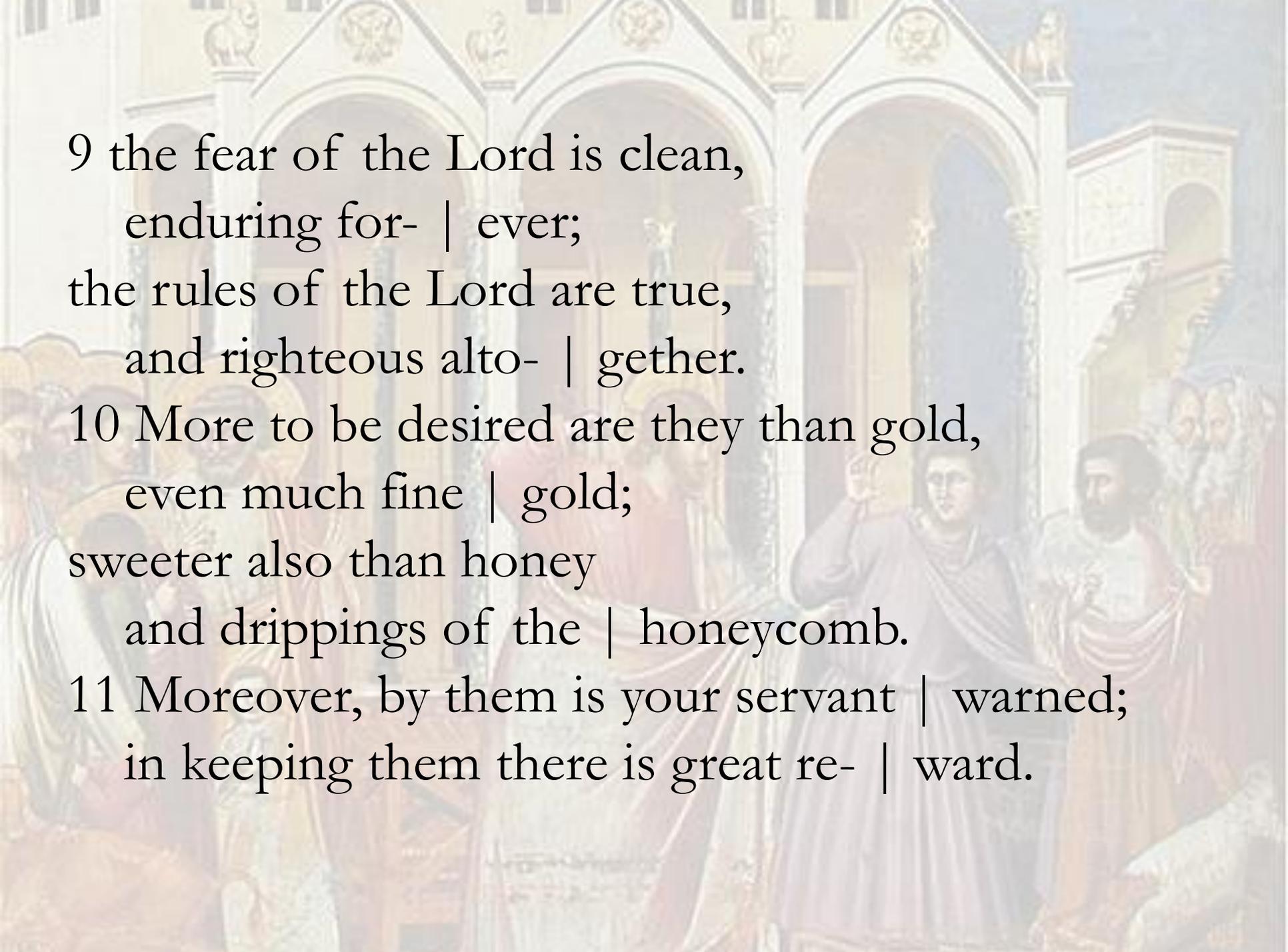
The congregation will chant the psalm together

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the | soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the | simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the | heart;

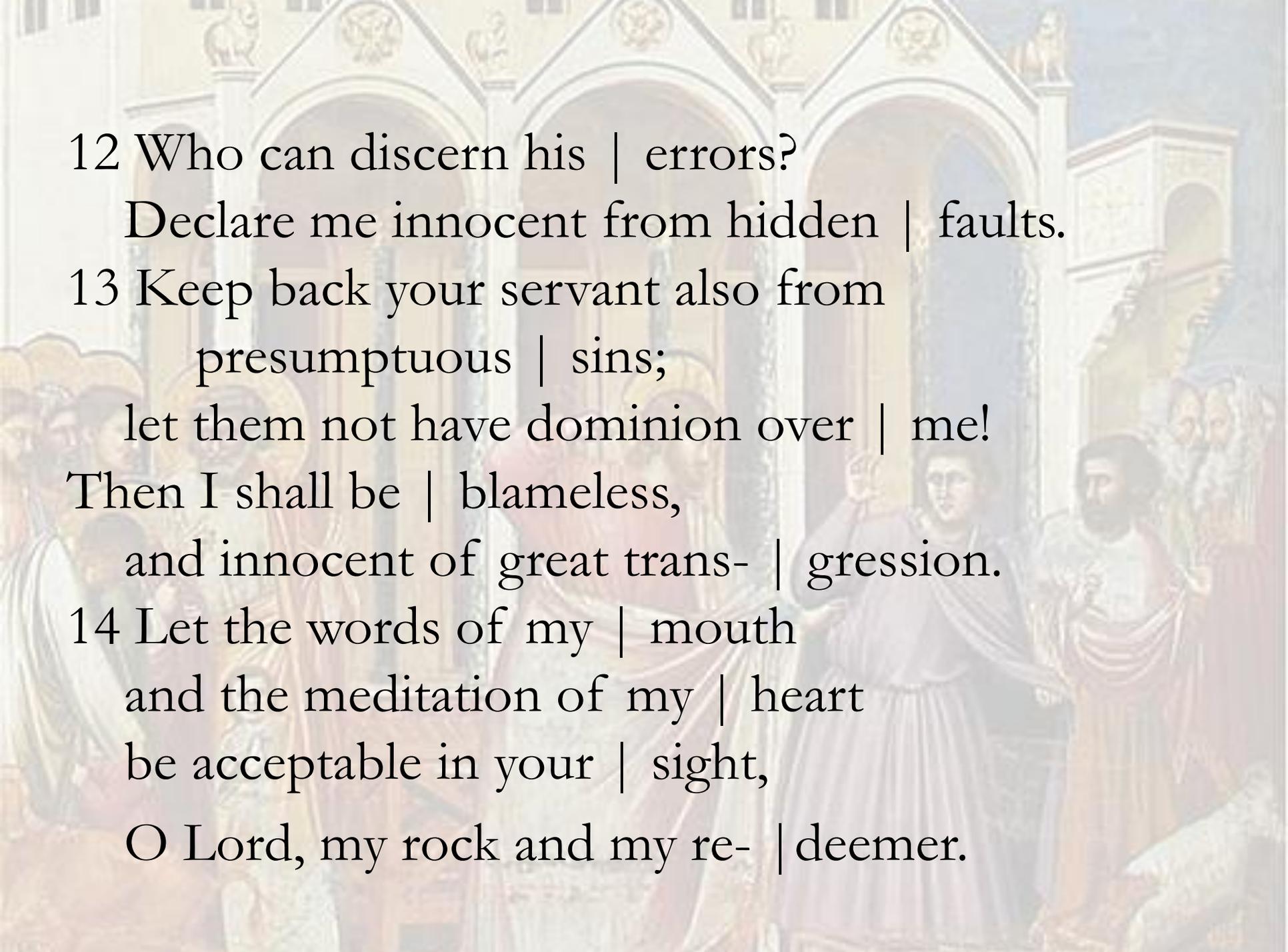
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the | eyes;



9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for- | ever;
the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous alto- | gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine | gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the | honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is your servant | warned;
in keeping them there is great re- | ward.



12 Who can discern his | errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden | faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from

presumptuous | sins;

let them not have dominion over | me!

Then I shall be | blameless,

and innocent of great trans- | gression.

14 Let the words of my | mouth

and the meditation of my | heart

be acceptable in your | sight,

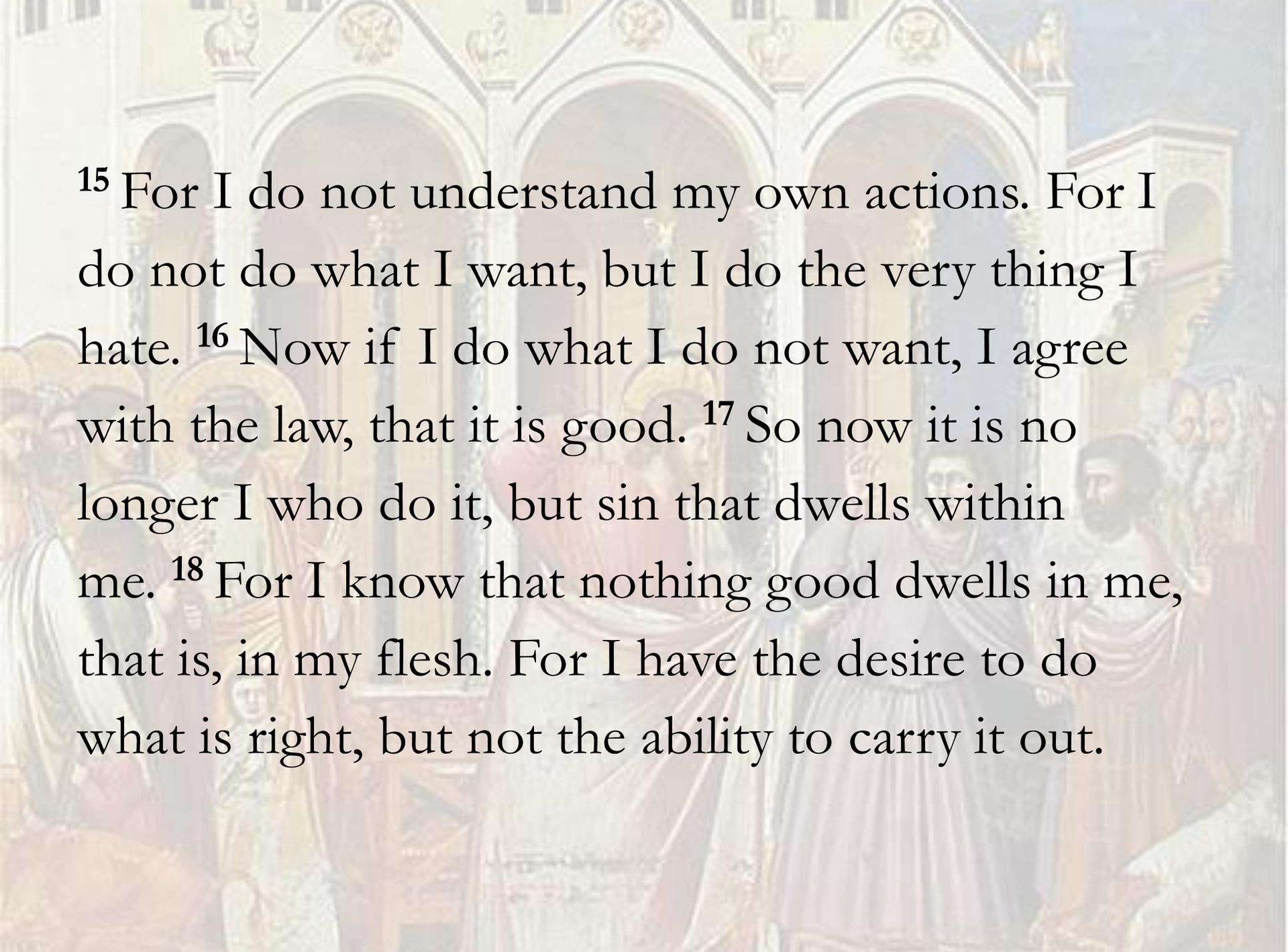
O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The Second Reading:

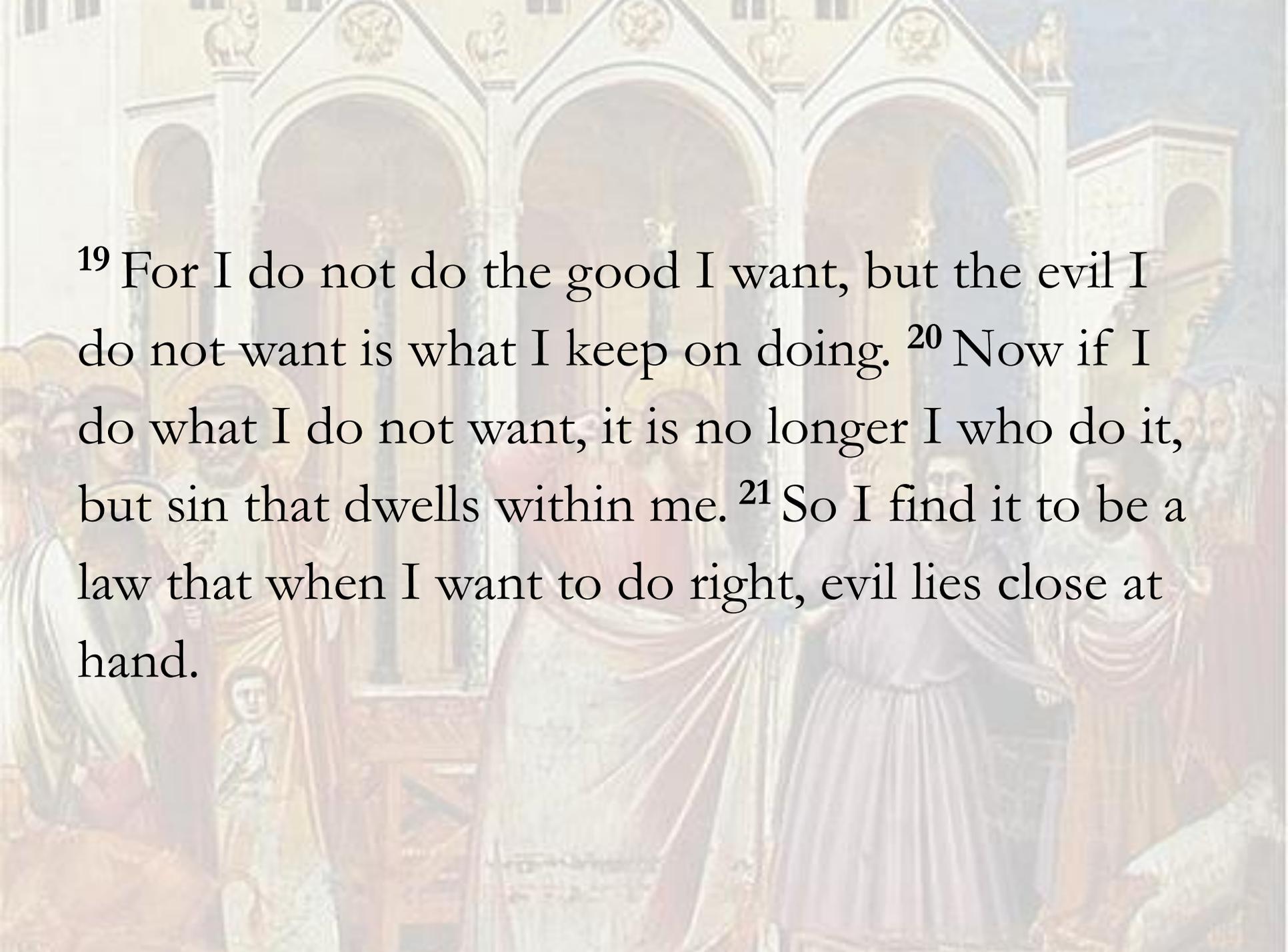
Romans 7:12-25

¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

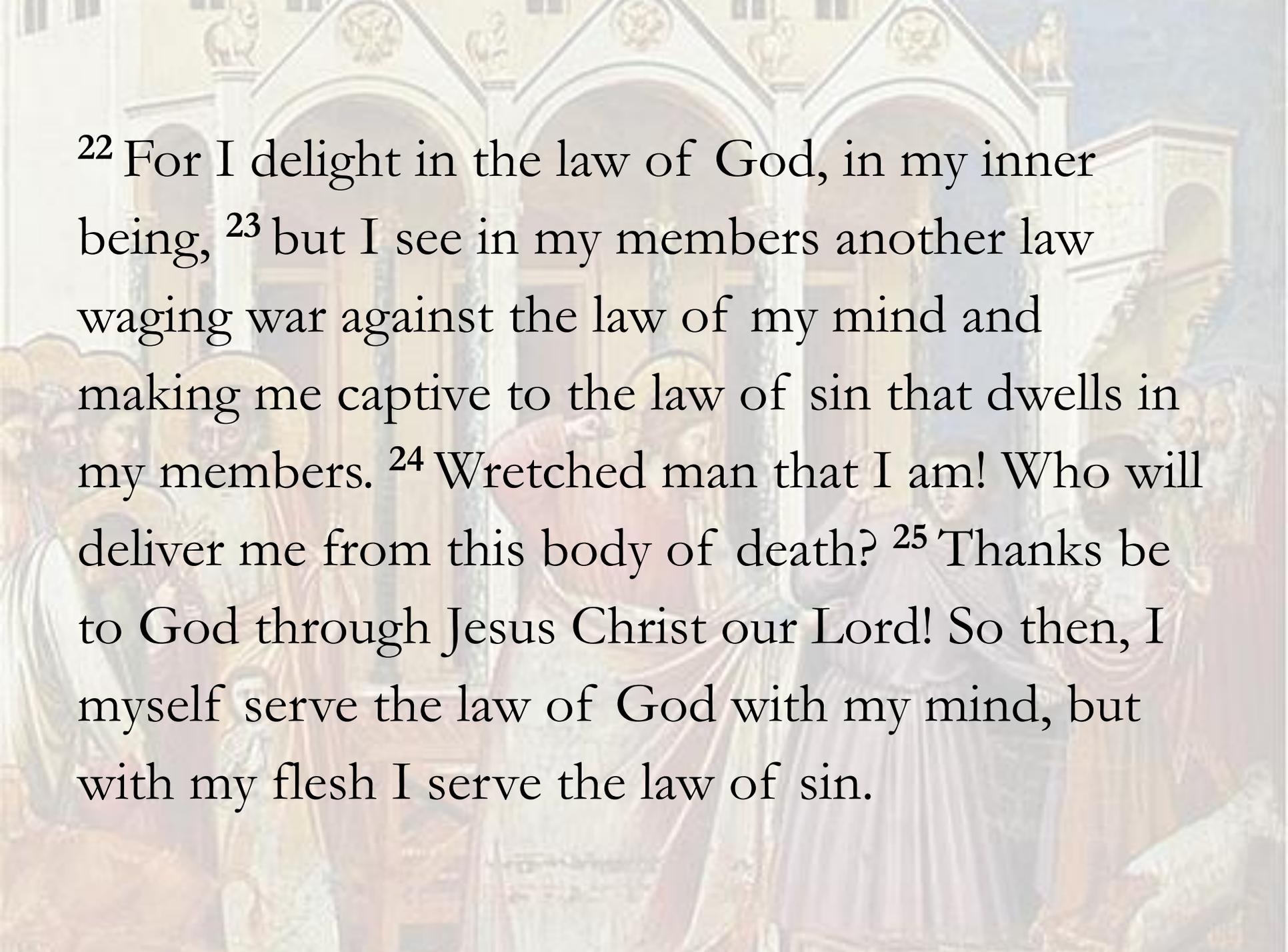
¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

The background is a faded, artistic rendering of a church interior. It features a series of Gothic arches supported by columns. In the foreground, several figures are visible, including a man in a red robe and a woman in a blue dress, possibly representing a biblical scene. The overall tone is soft and ethereal.

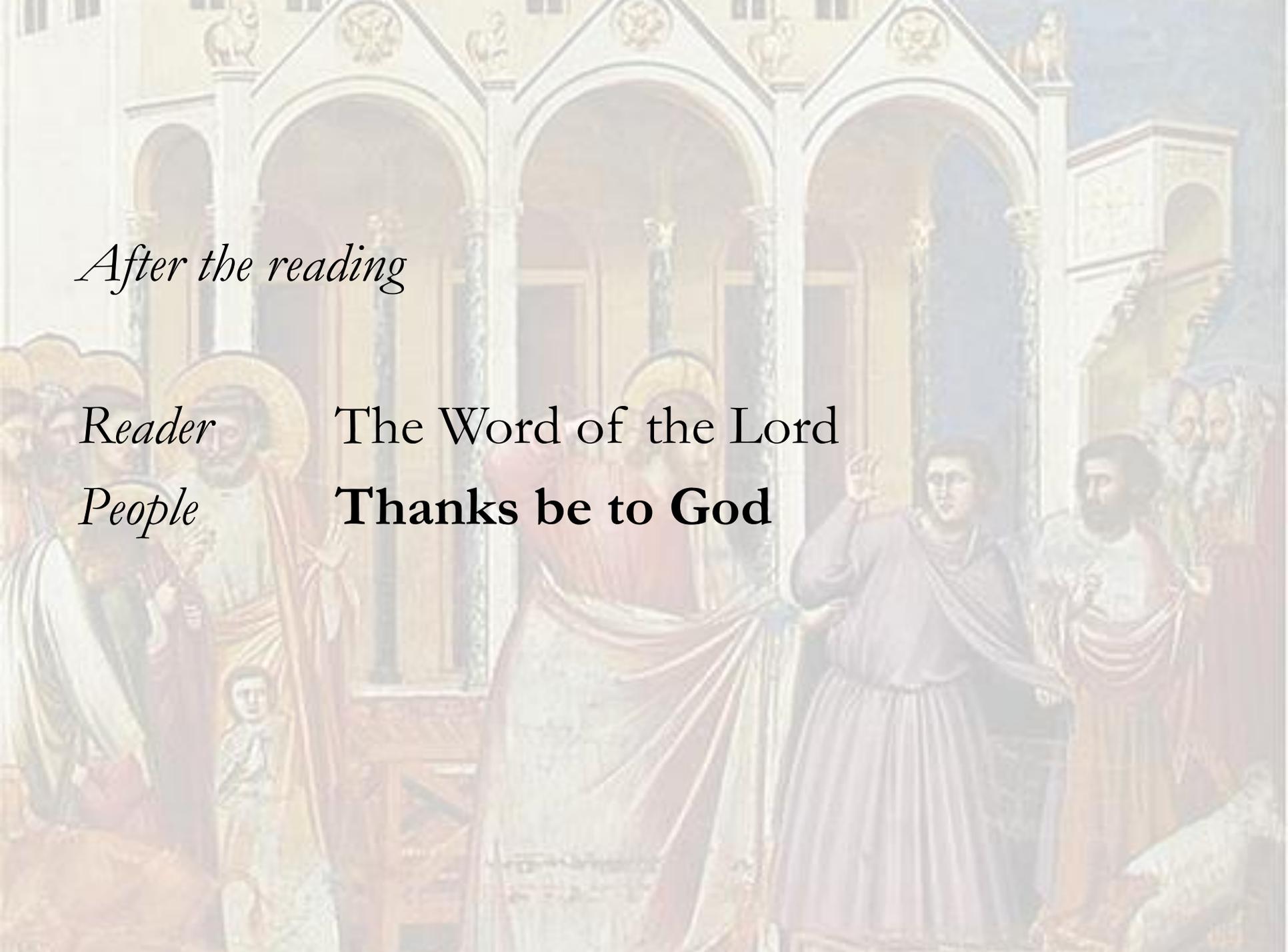
¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.



¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.



²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



After the reading

Reader

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

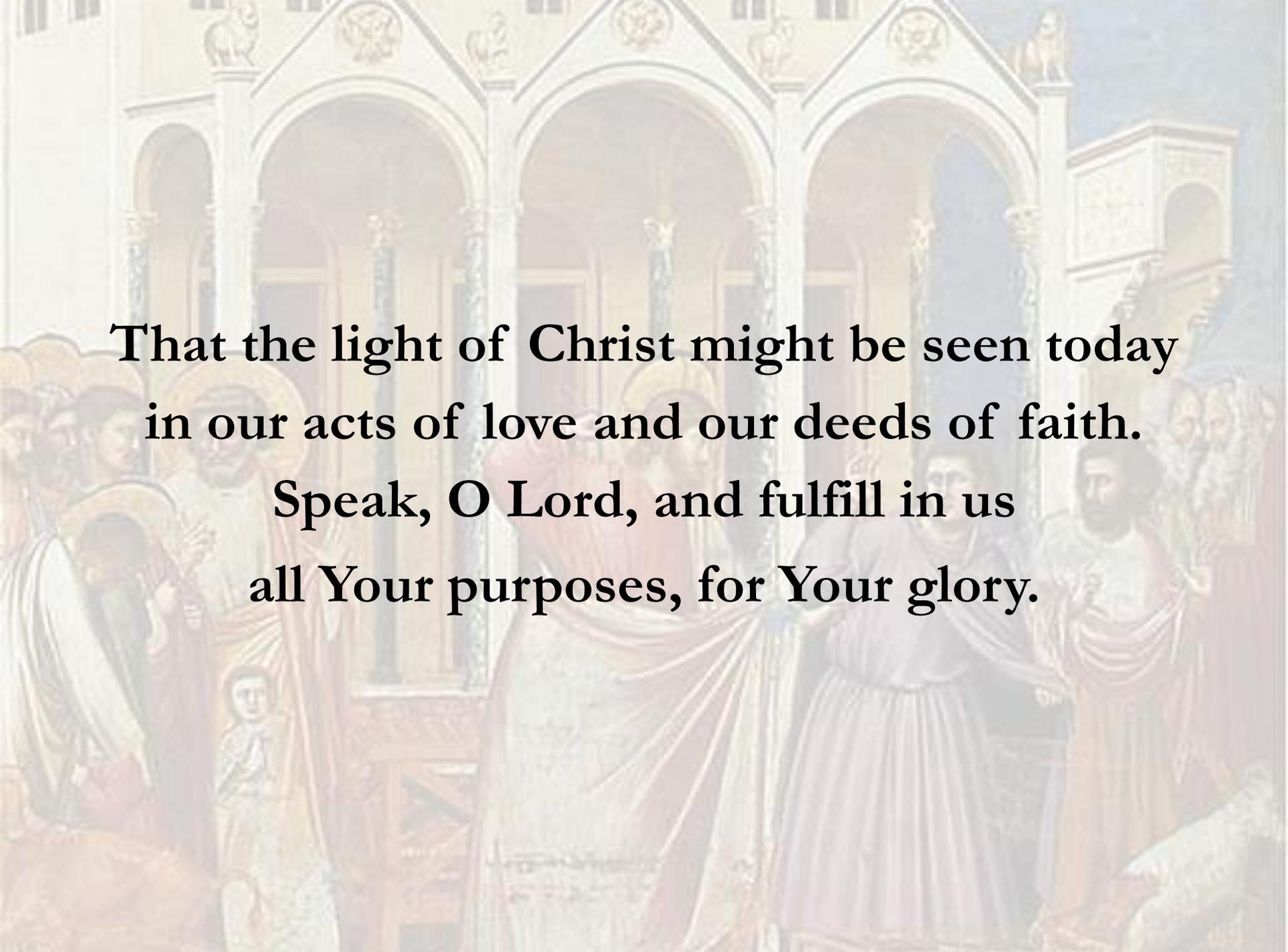


Speak O Lord

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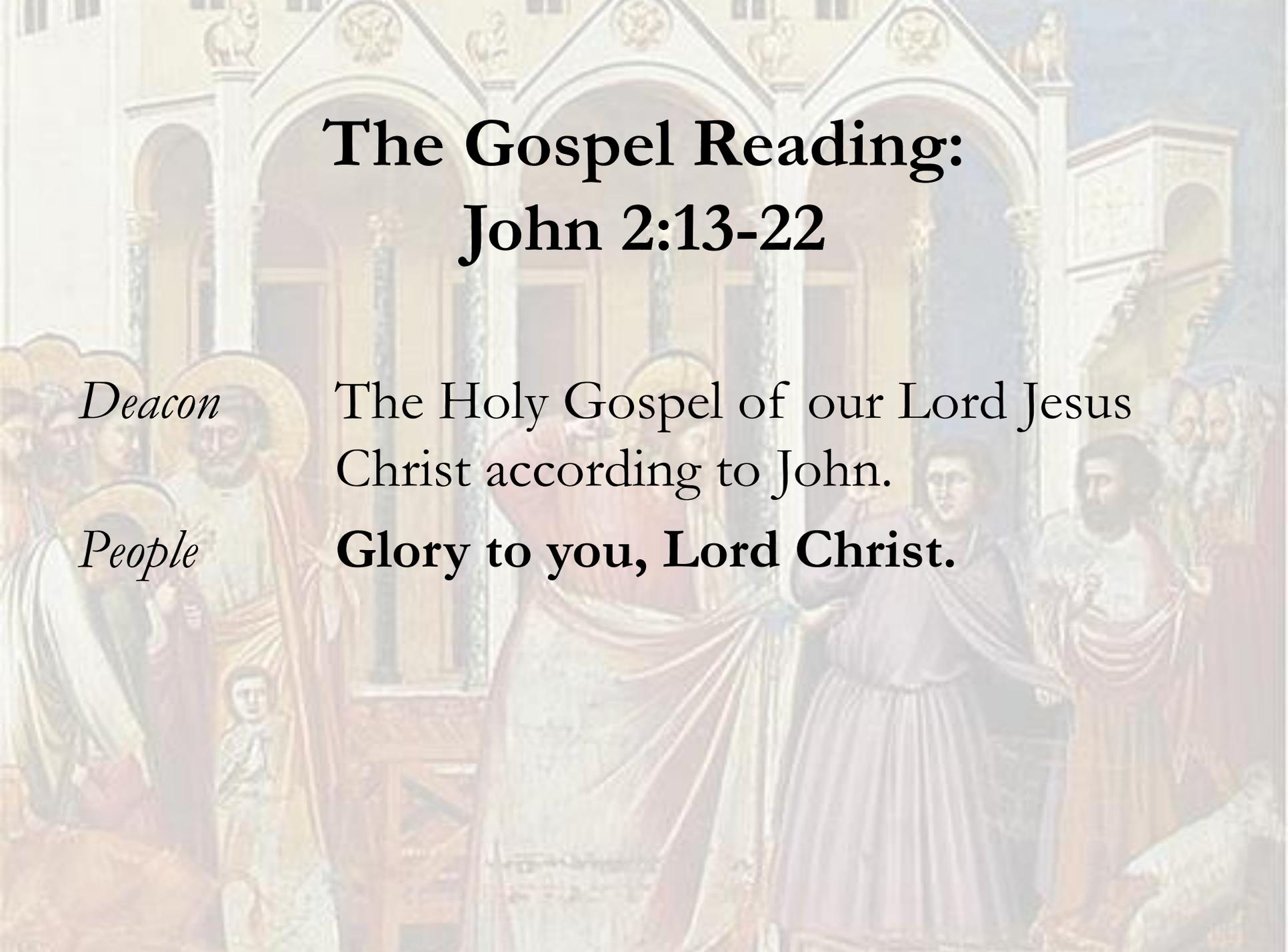
**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of Your holy word.**

**Take your truth plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness.**



**That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**



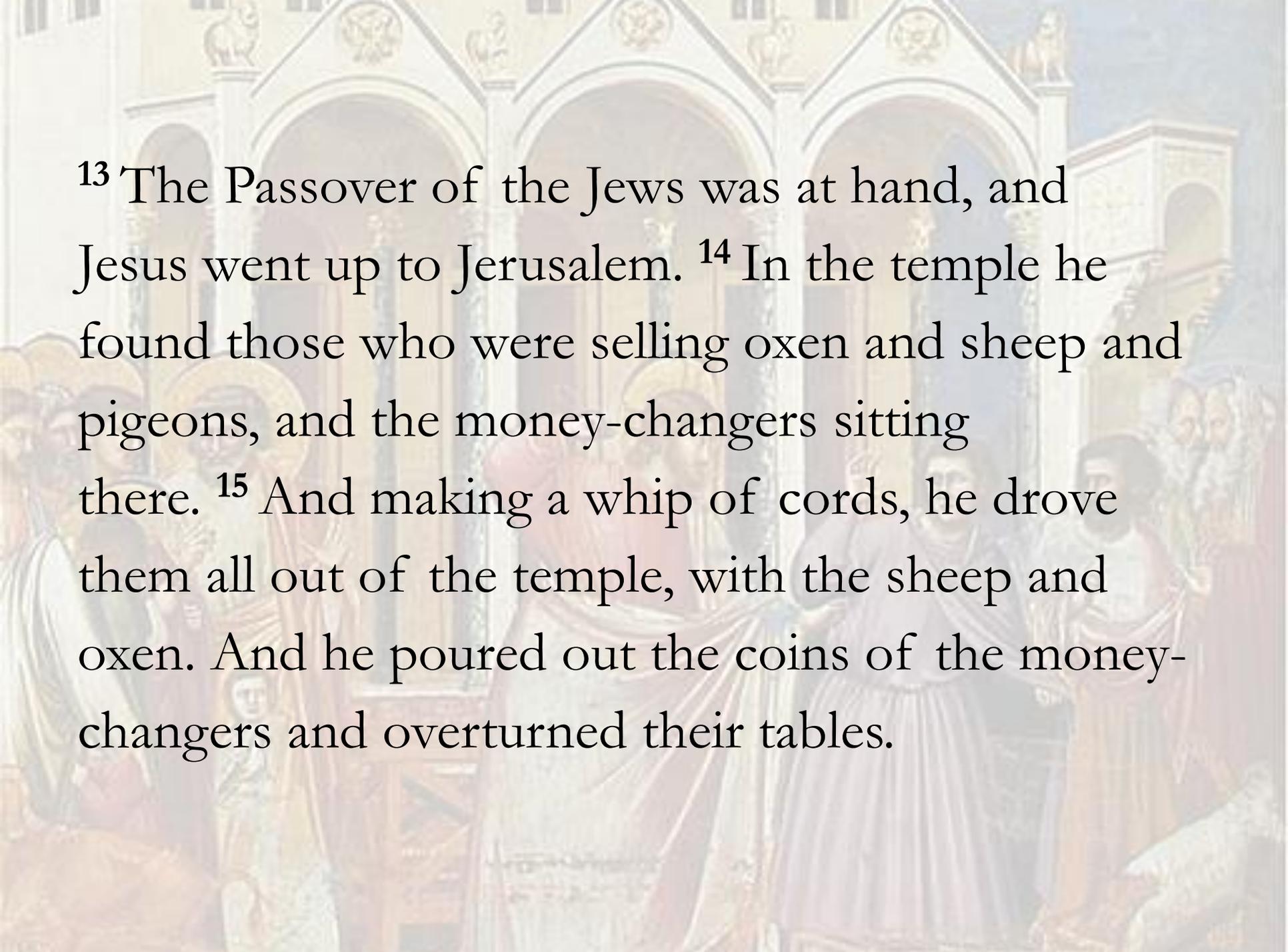
The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Deacon

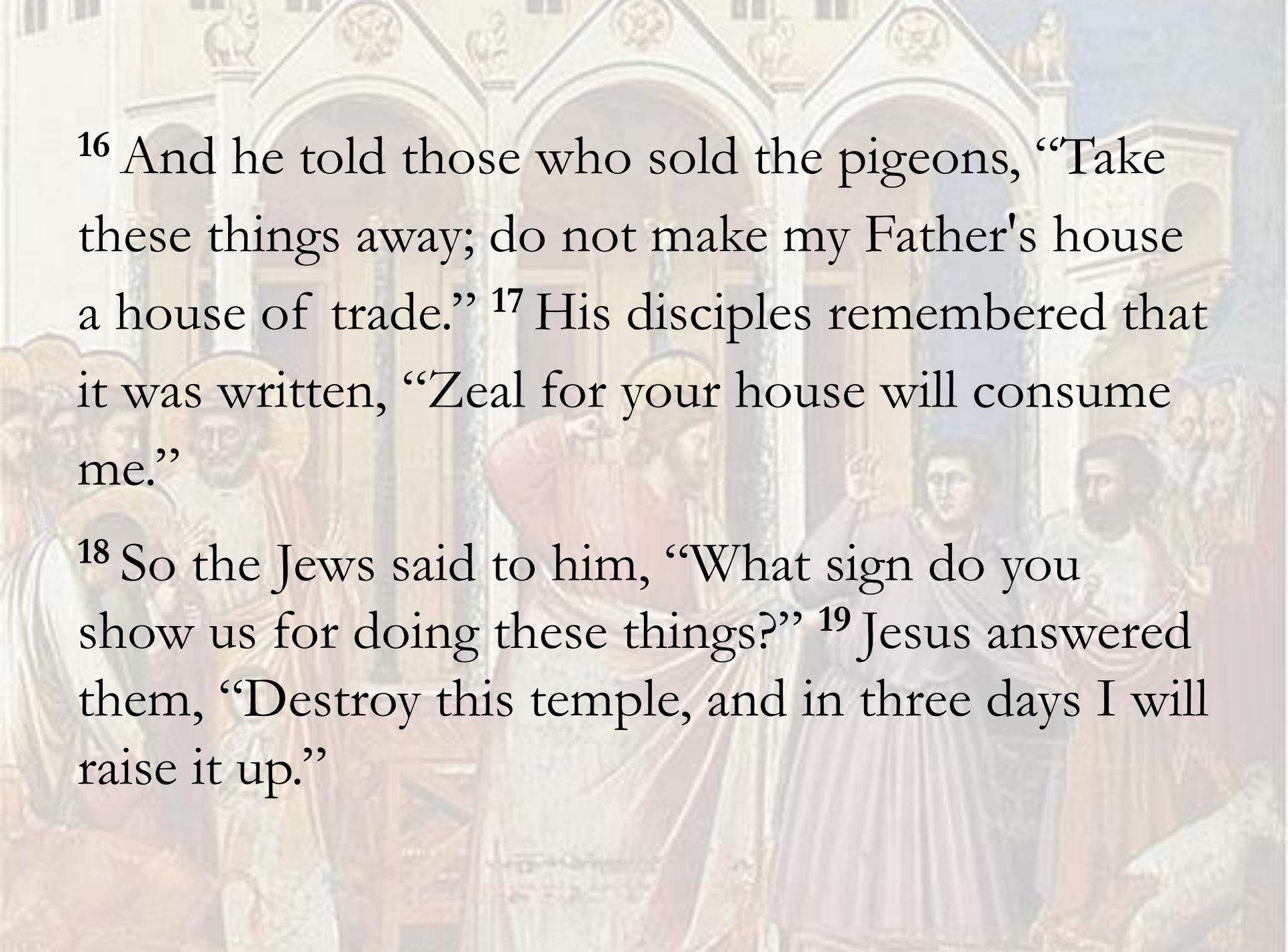
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

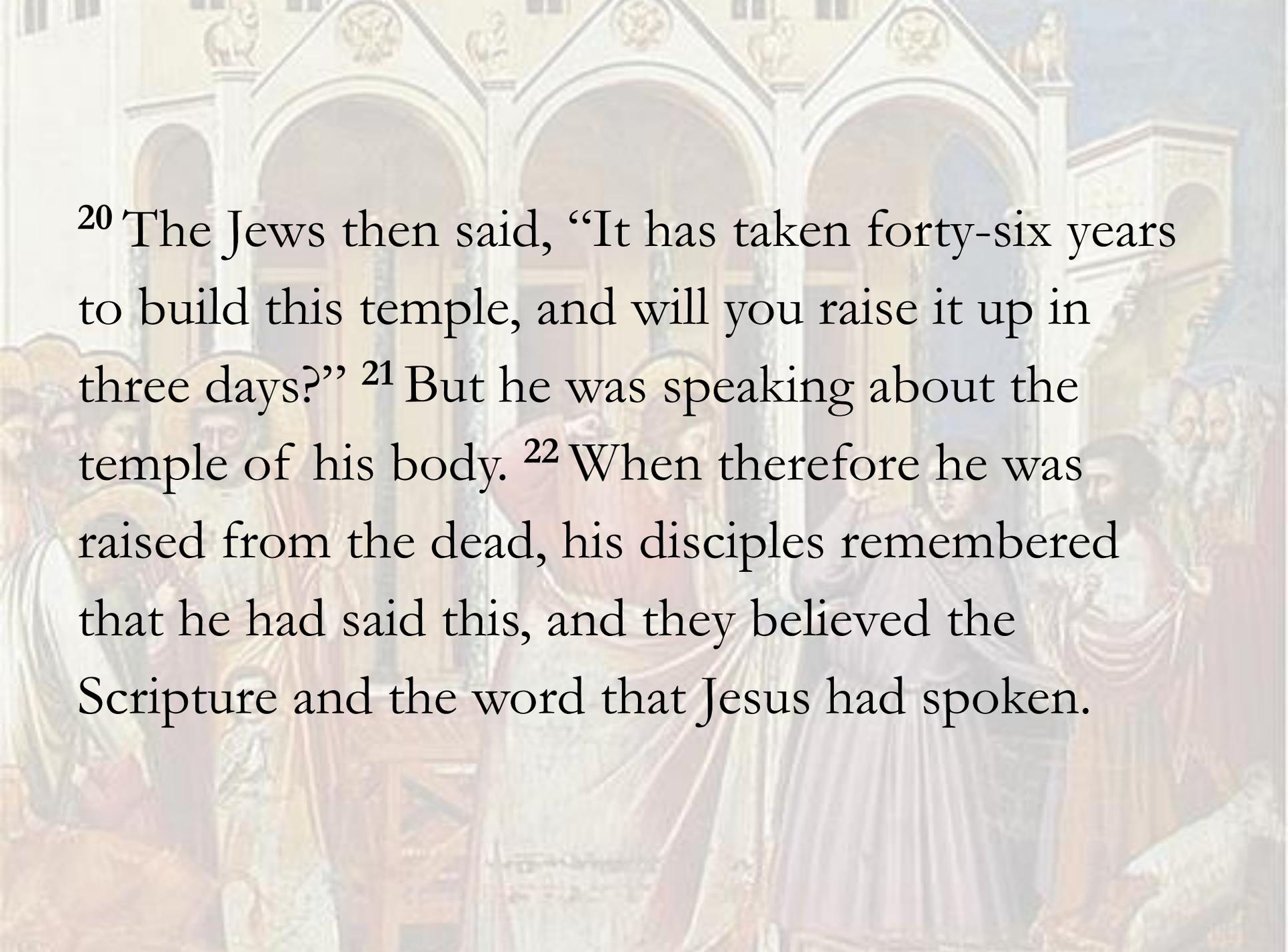


¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

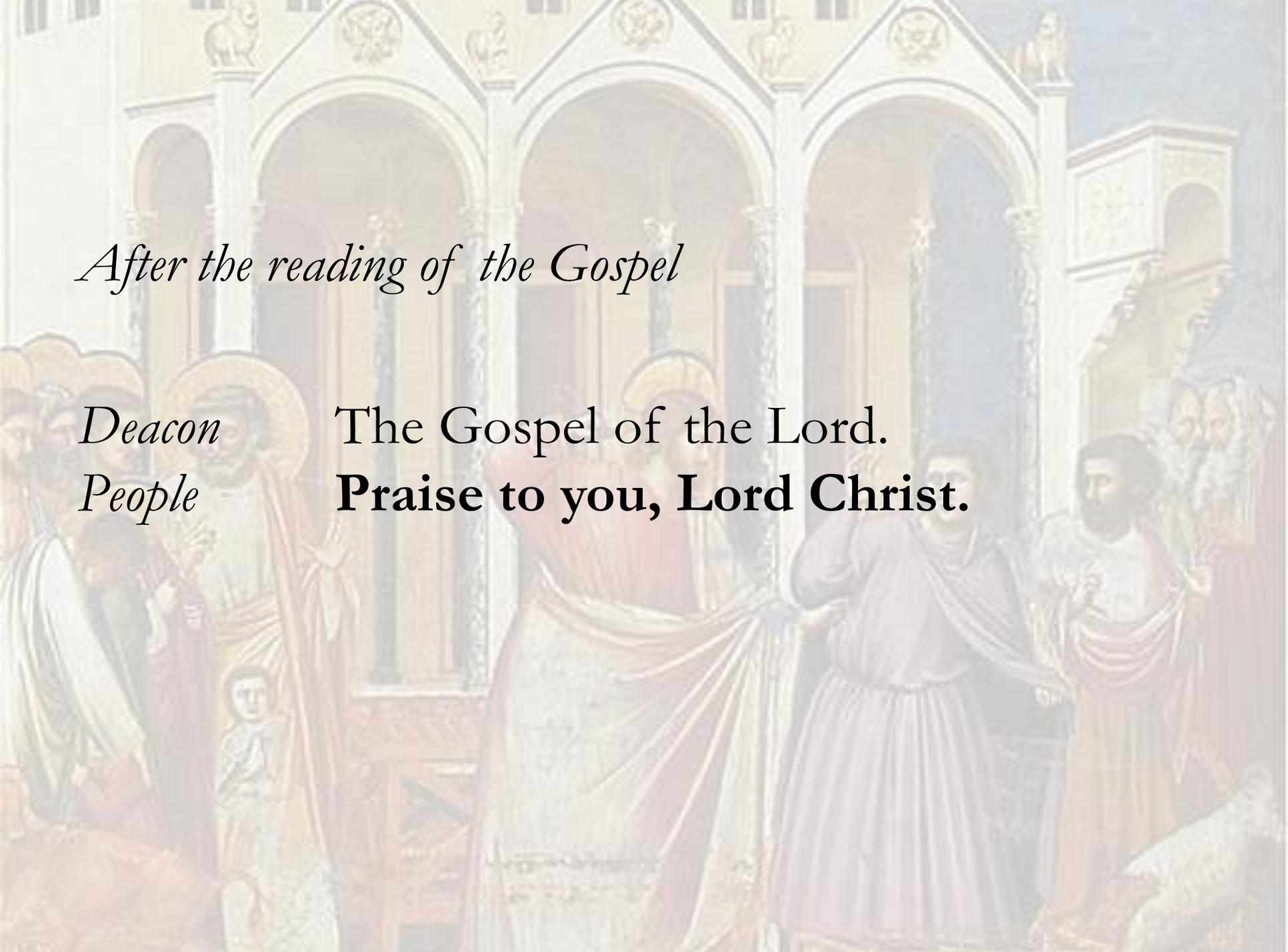


¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”



²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



After the reading of the Gospel

*Deacon
People*

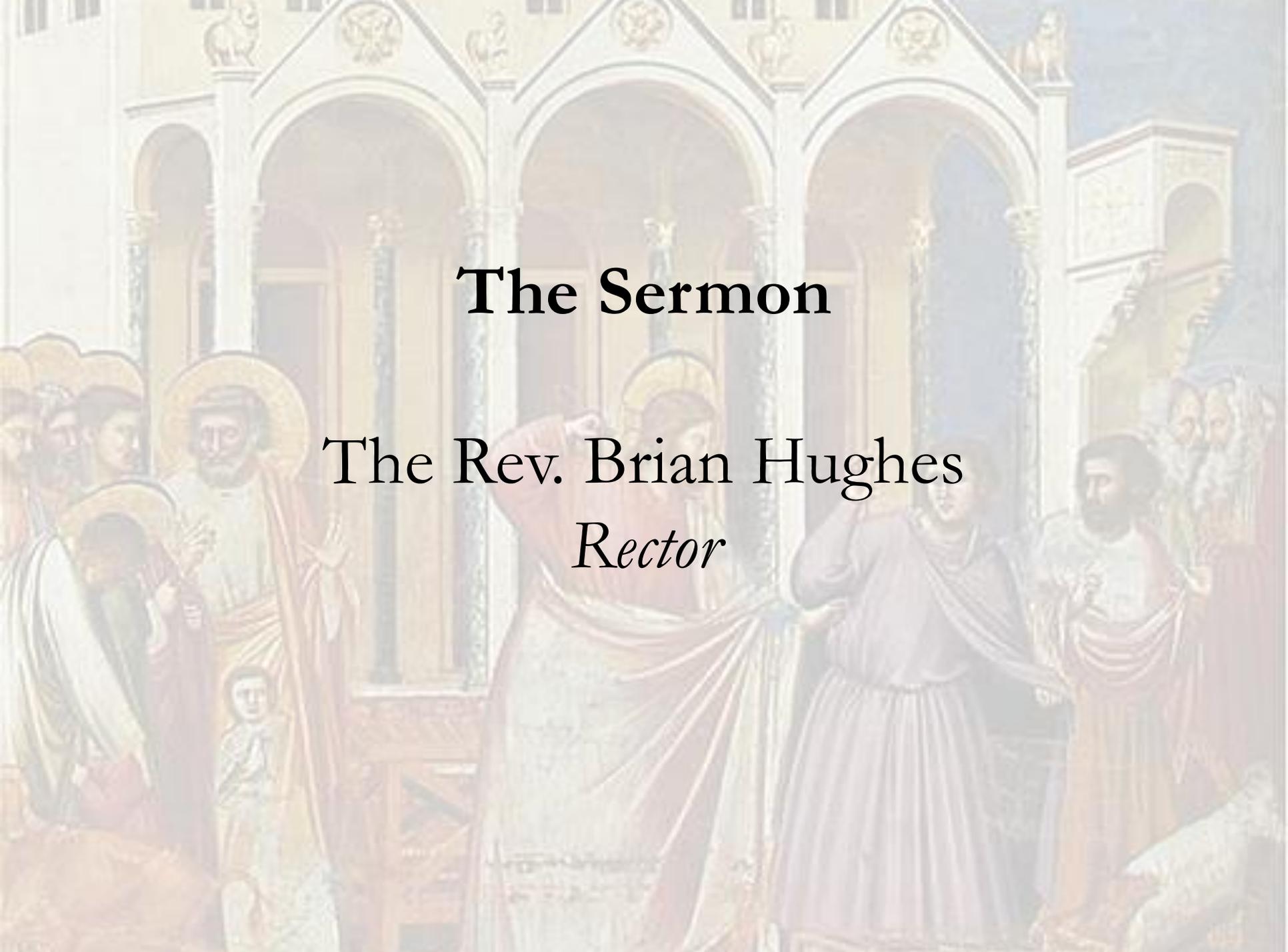
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Speak O Lord

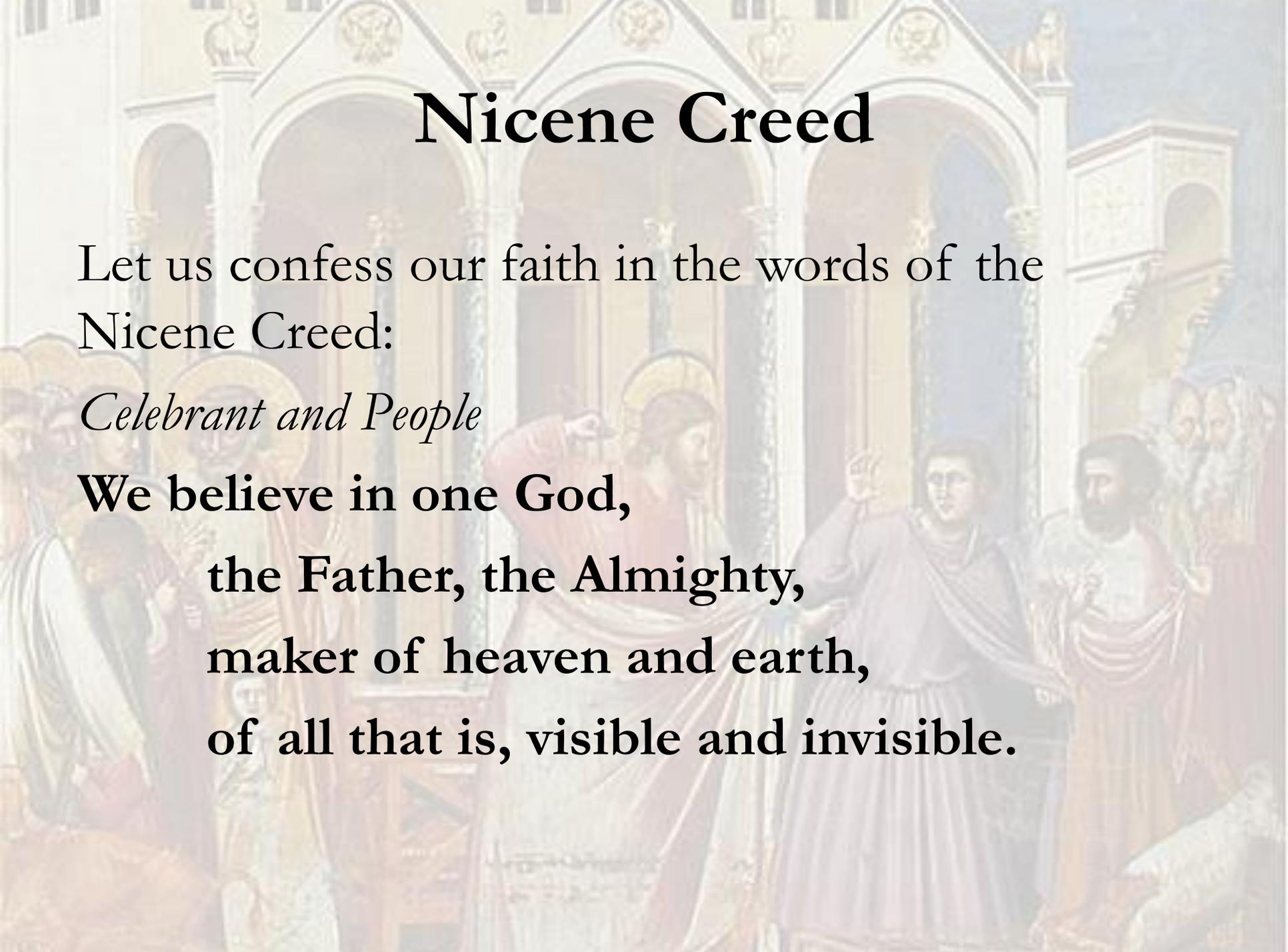
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**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**



The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Hughes
Rector



Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the
Nicene Creed:

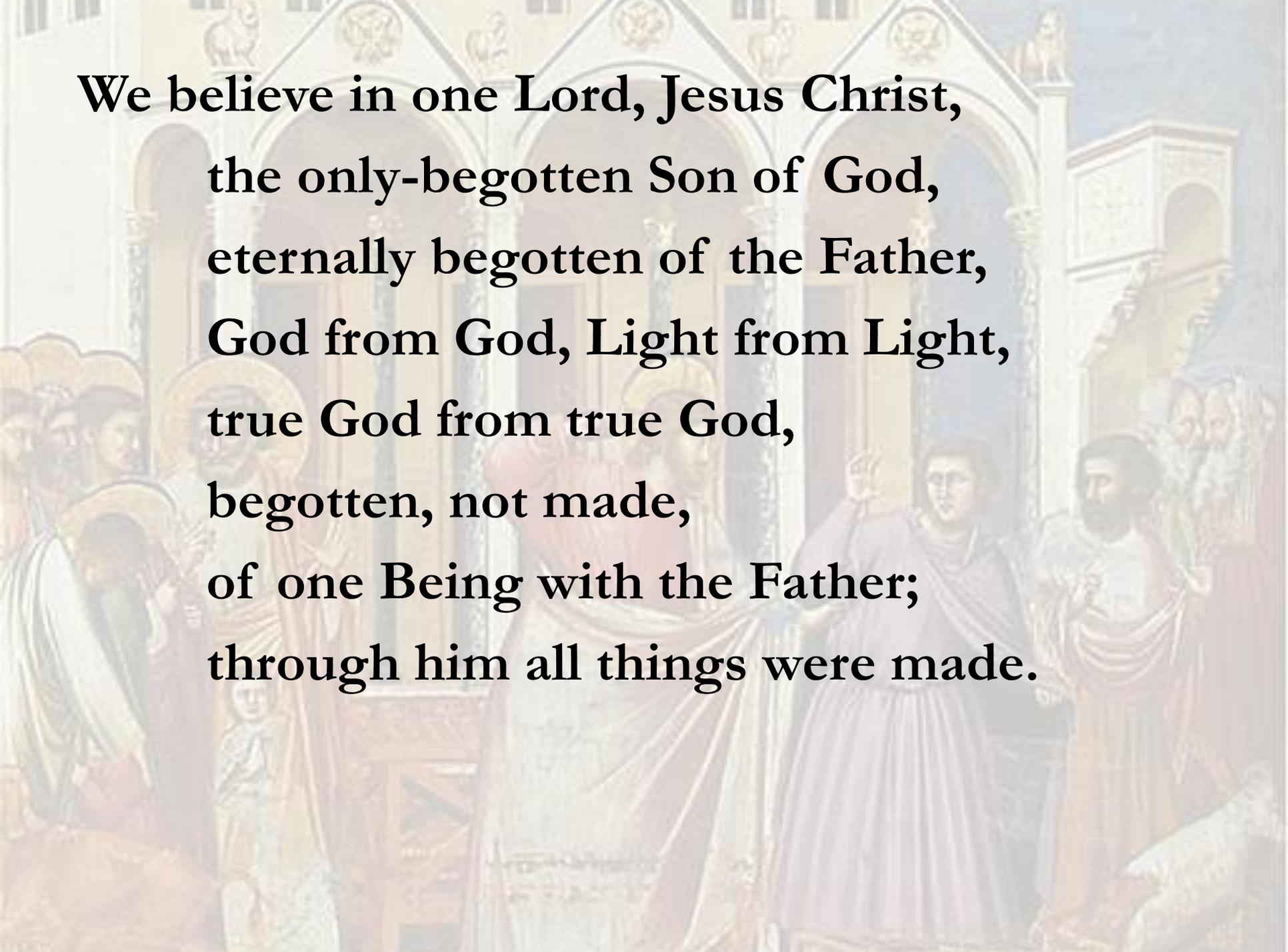
Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

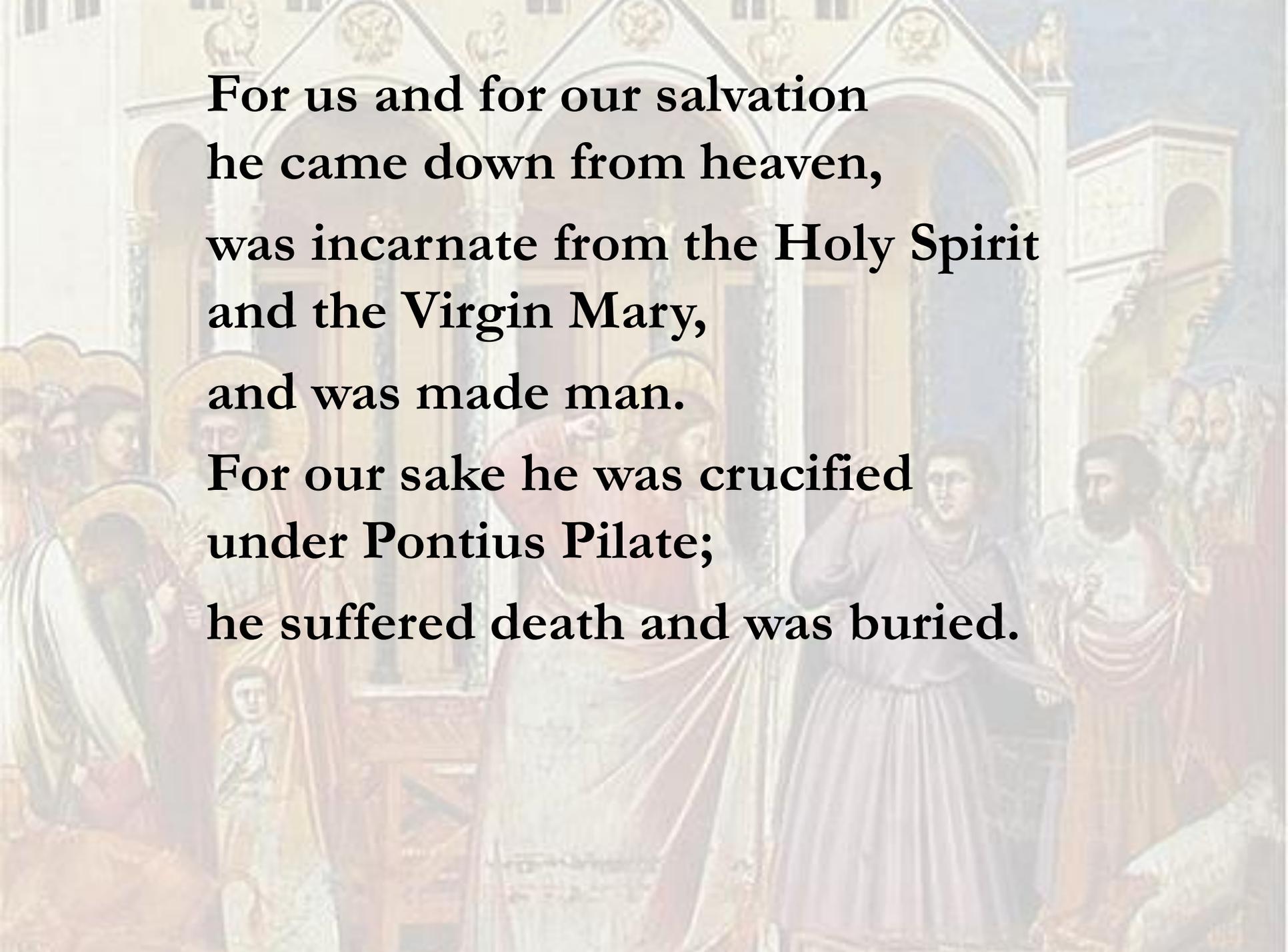
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, visible and invisible.

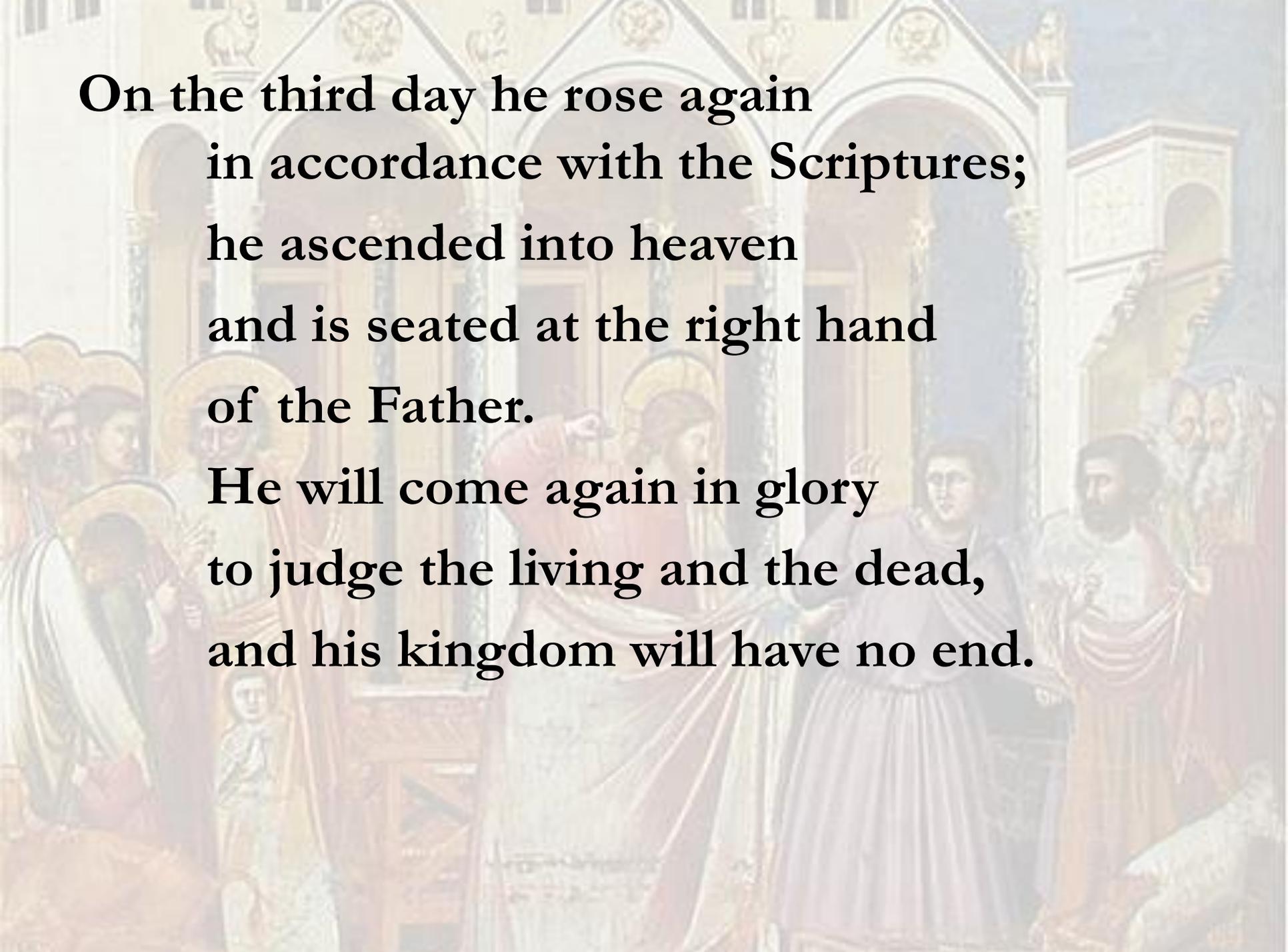


**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

The background is a faint, artistic illustration of a church interior. It features a series of arches and columns, with people in traditional, possibly biblical or historical, clothing. The scene is rendered in a soft, painterly style with a muted color palette. The text is overlaid on this background.

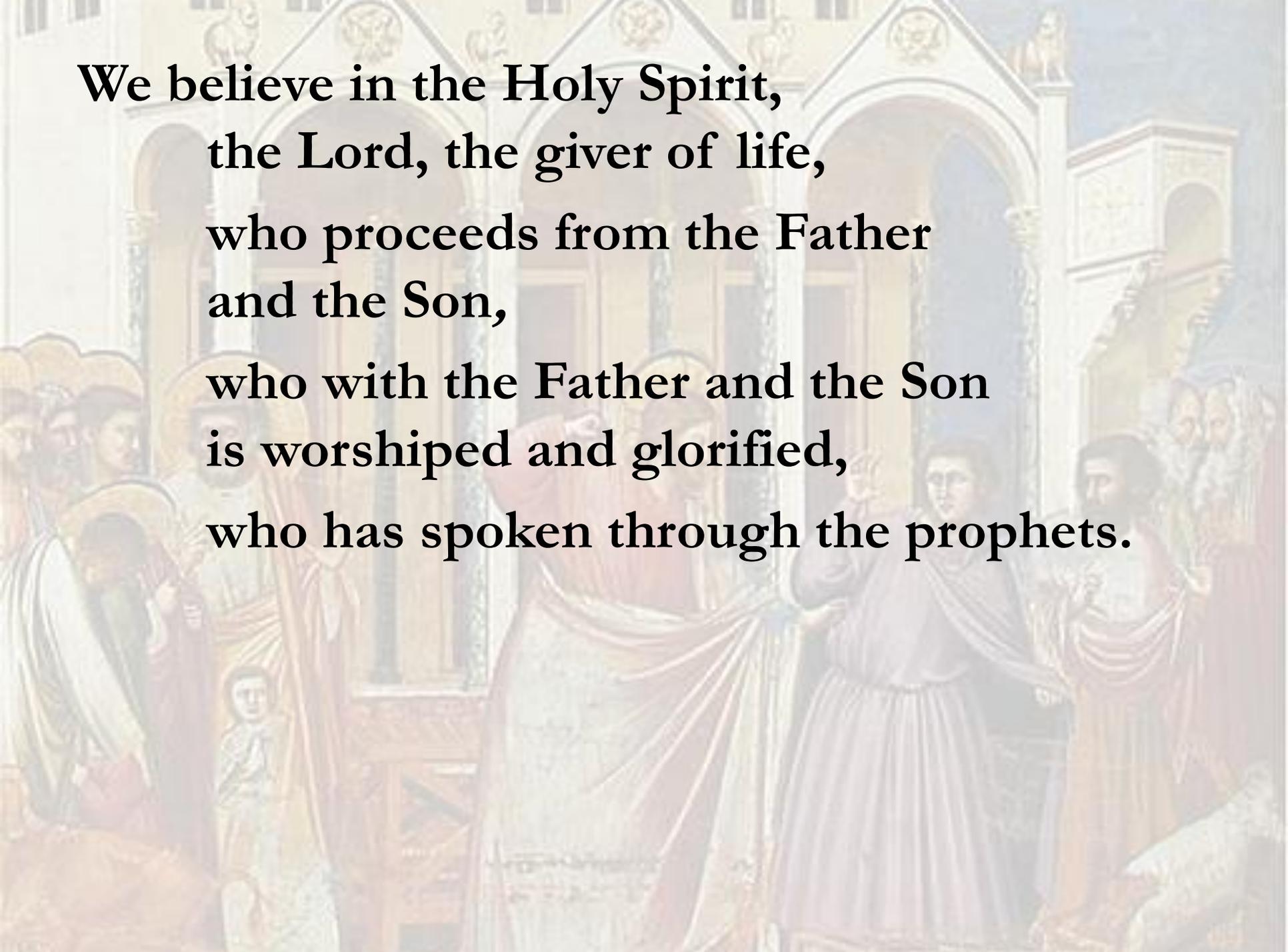
**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

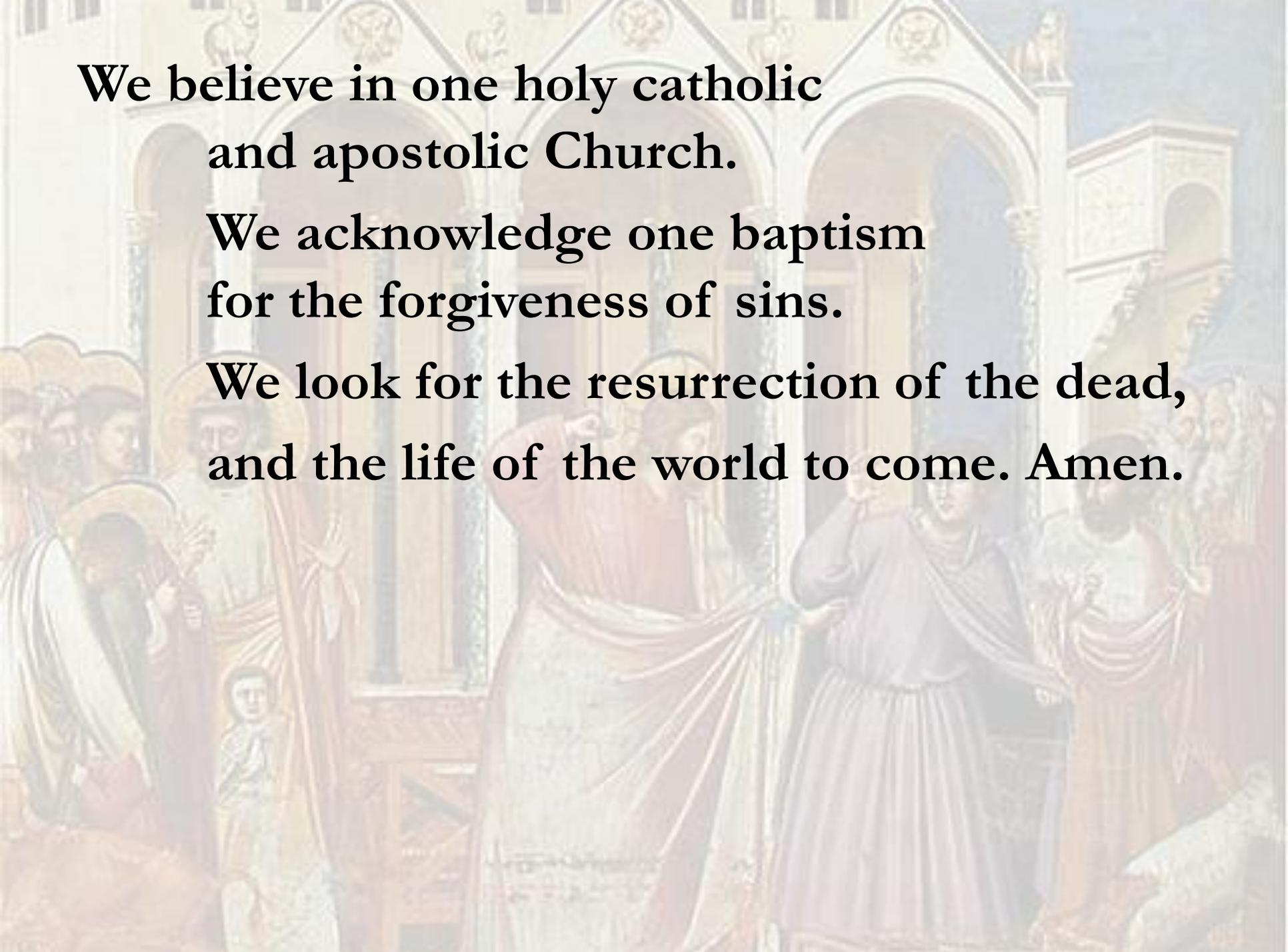


**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

The background is a faded, artistic illustration of a church interior. It features several figures in traditional, flowing robes. Some figures are standing with their hands raised in prayer, while others are seated or kneeling. The architecture includes arched doorways and decorative elements, suggesting a sacred space. The overall tone is solemn and reverent.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**



**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

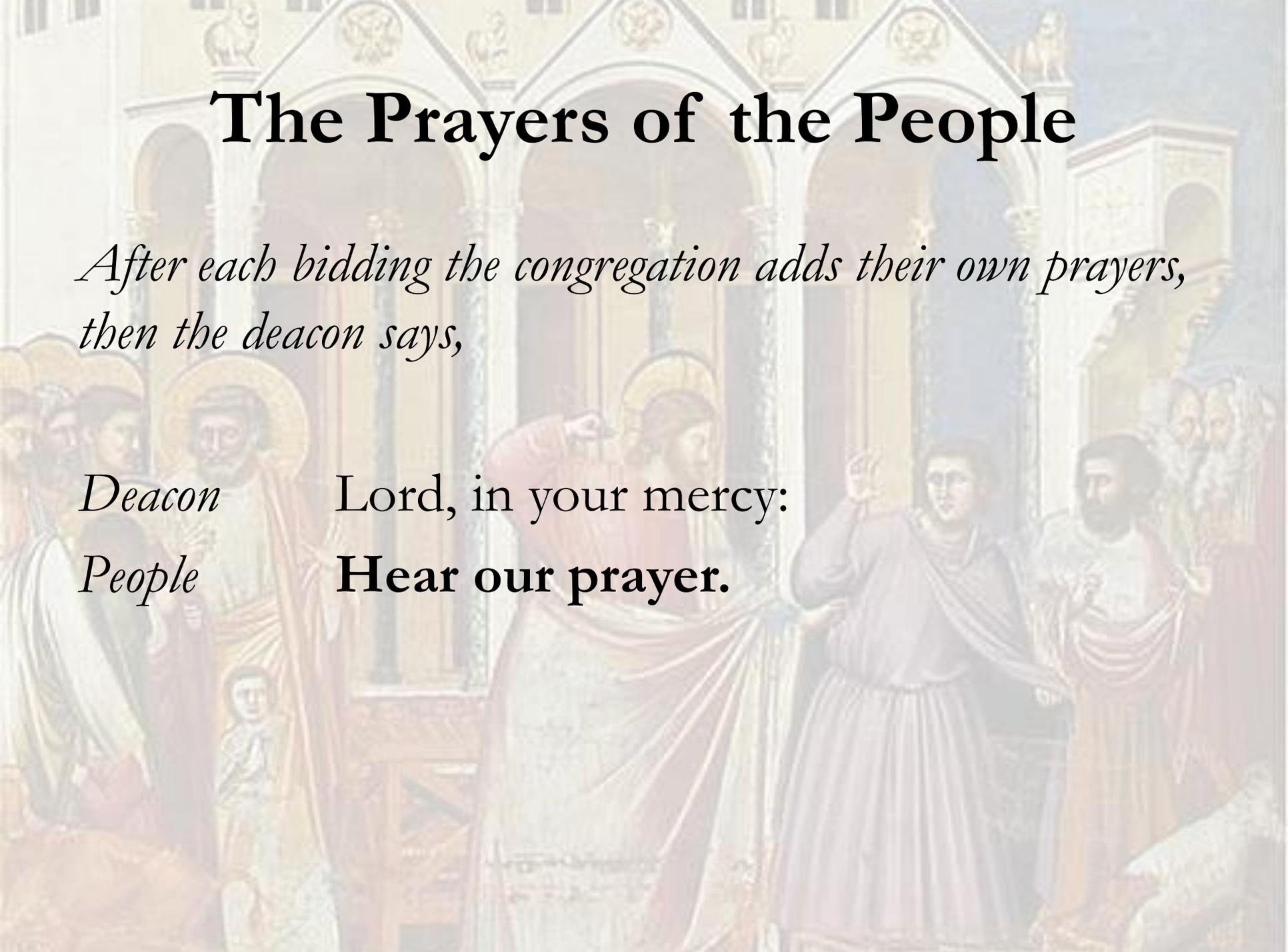
*After each bidding the congregation adds their own prayers,
then the deacon says,*

Deacon

Lord, in your mercy:

People

Hear our prayer.



The Prayers of the People

After all of the biddings, the deacon concludes the prayers will the following,

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***



The Peace

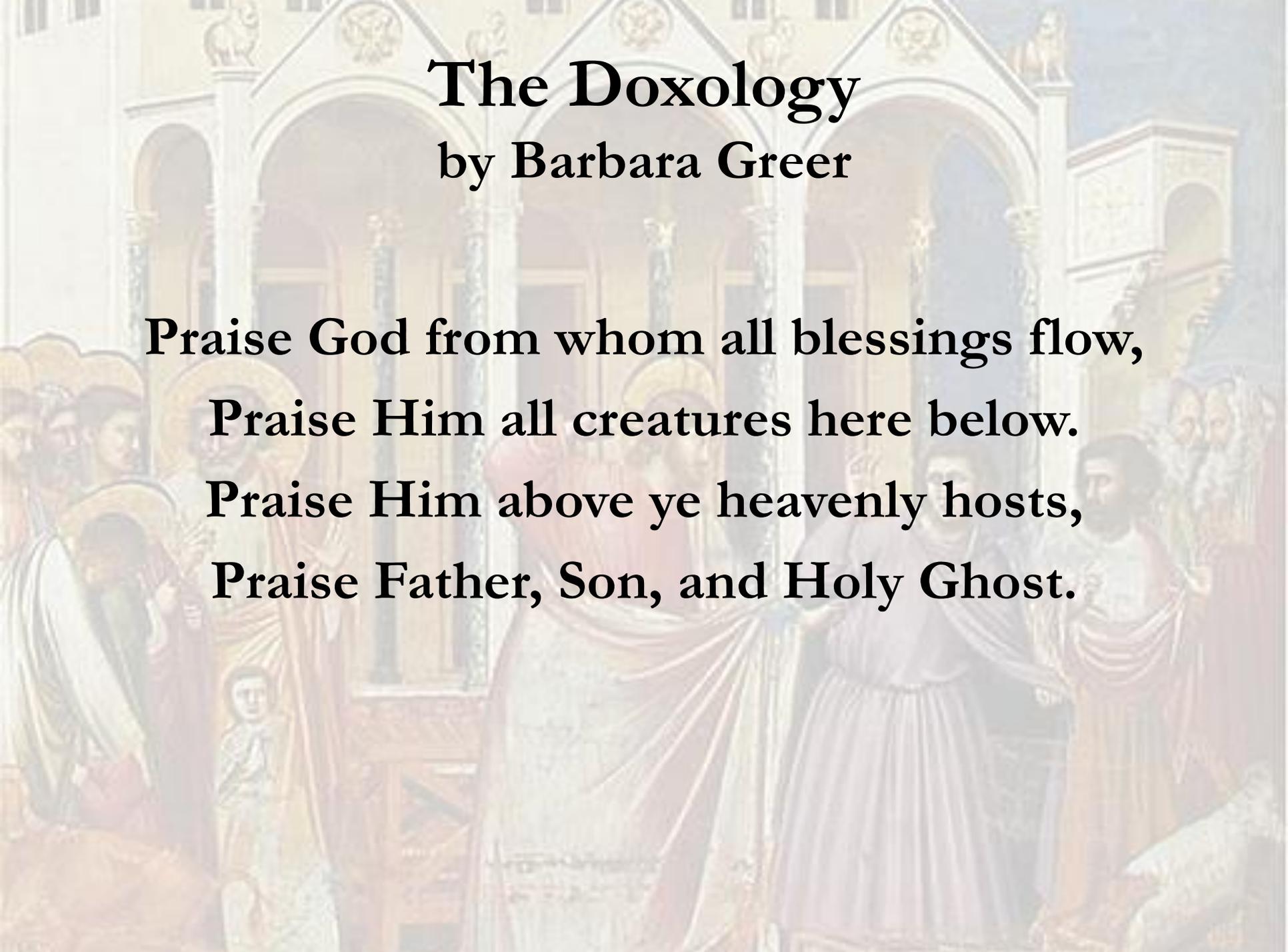
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always
with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Announcements

We desire to be a church family that forms disciples, lives generously, and shares the love of God in our neighborhoods

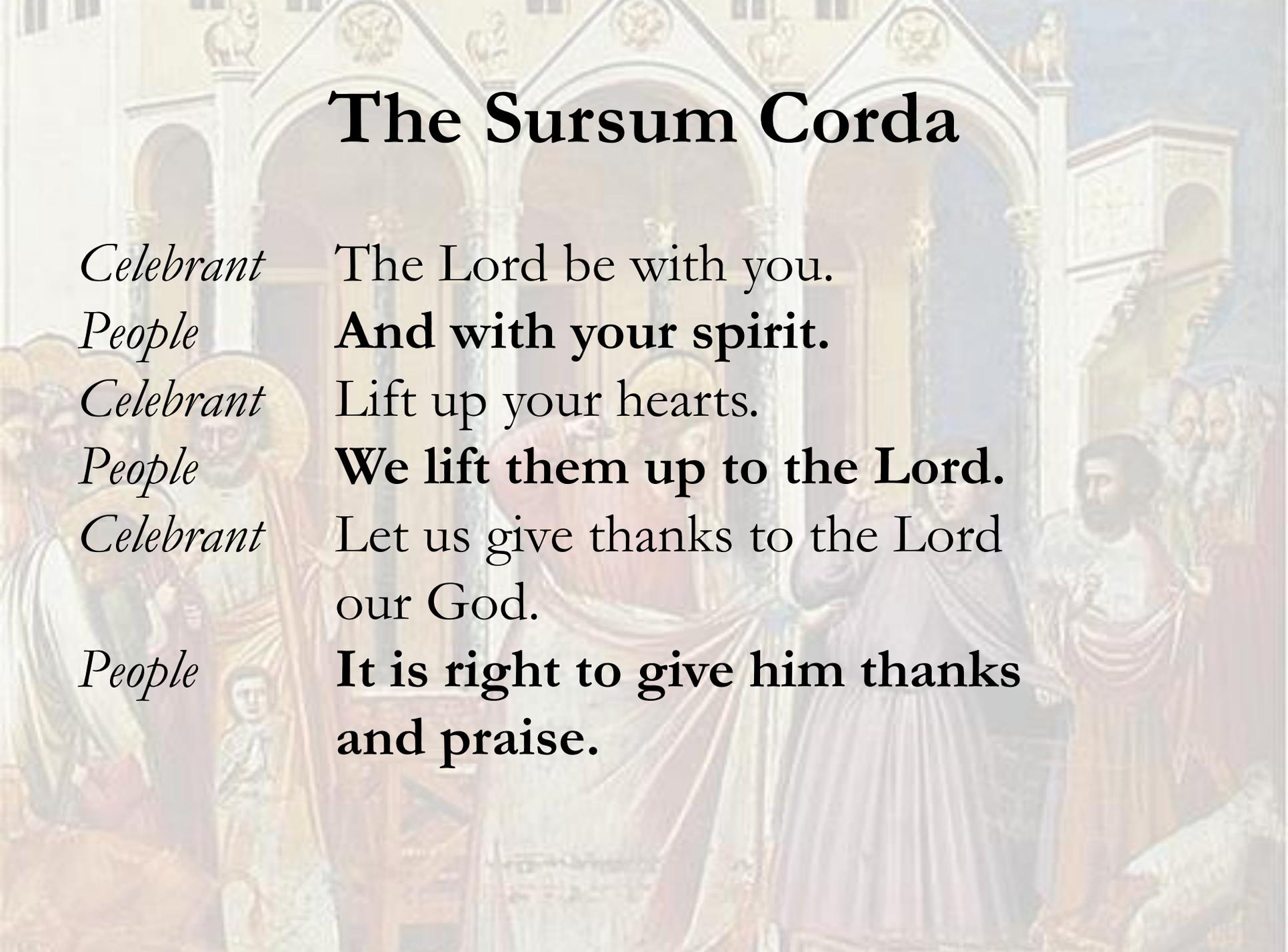




The Doxology

by Barbara Greer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



The Sursum Corda

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with your spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up to the Lord.

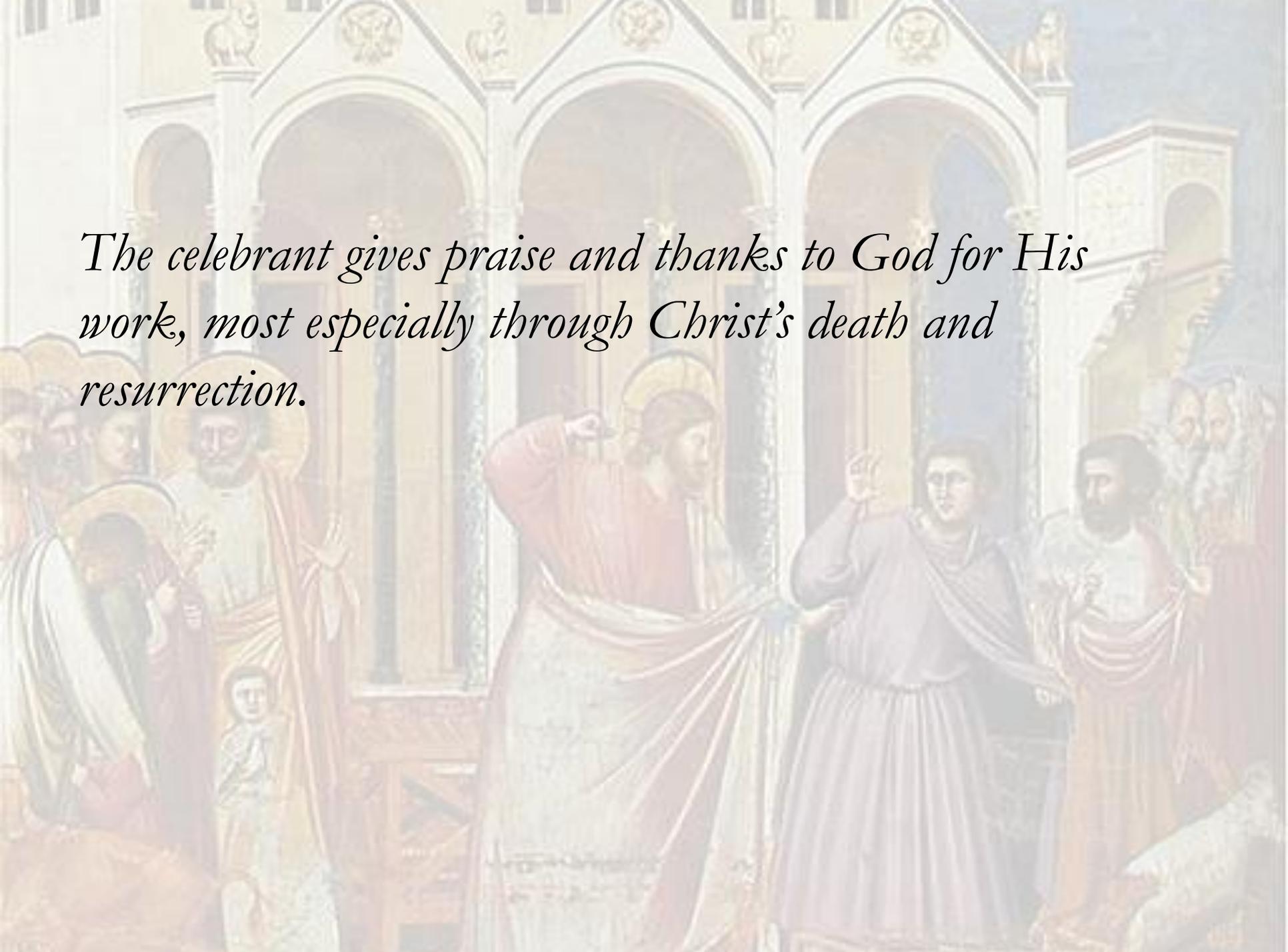
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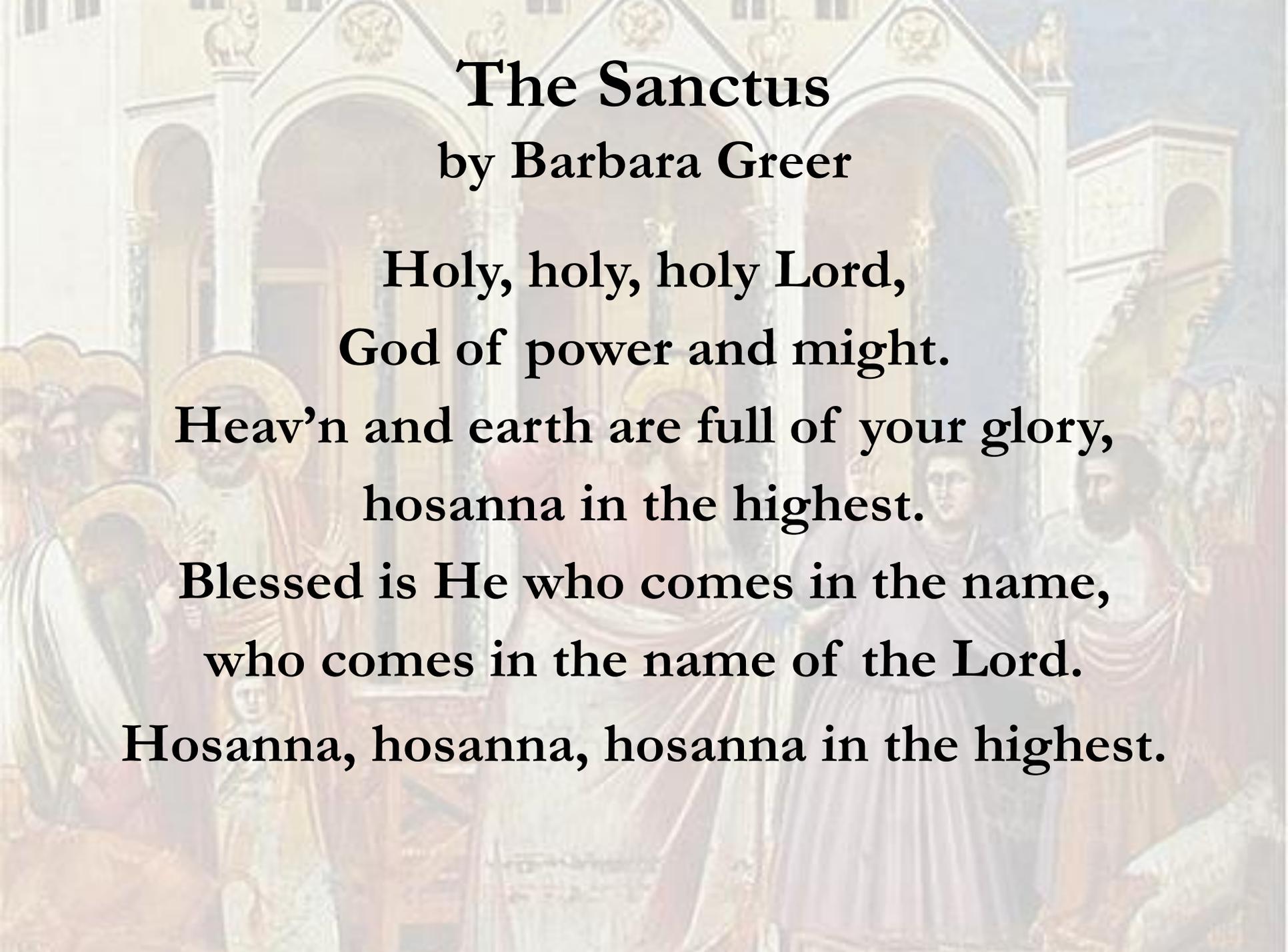
Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People

**It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

The celebrant gives praise and thanks to God for His work, most especially through Christ's death and resurrection.





The Sanctus

by Barbara Greer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

The priest continues by recounting Jesus' last night with his disciples. He then says,

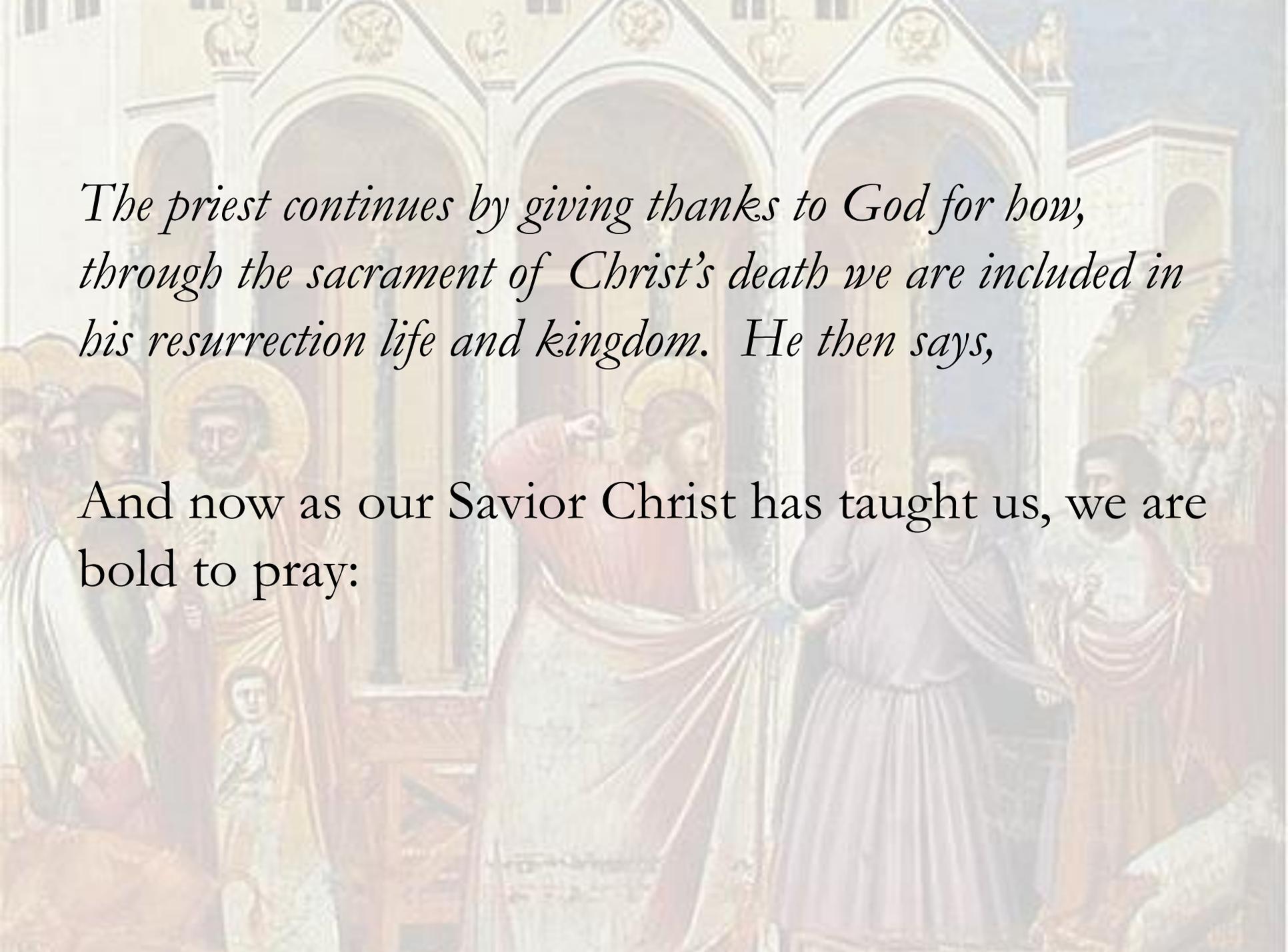
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

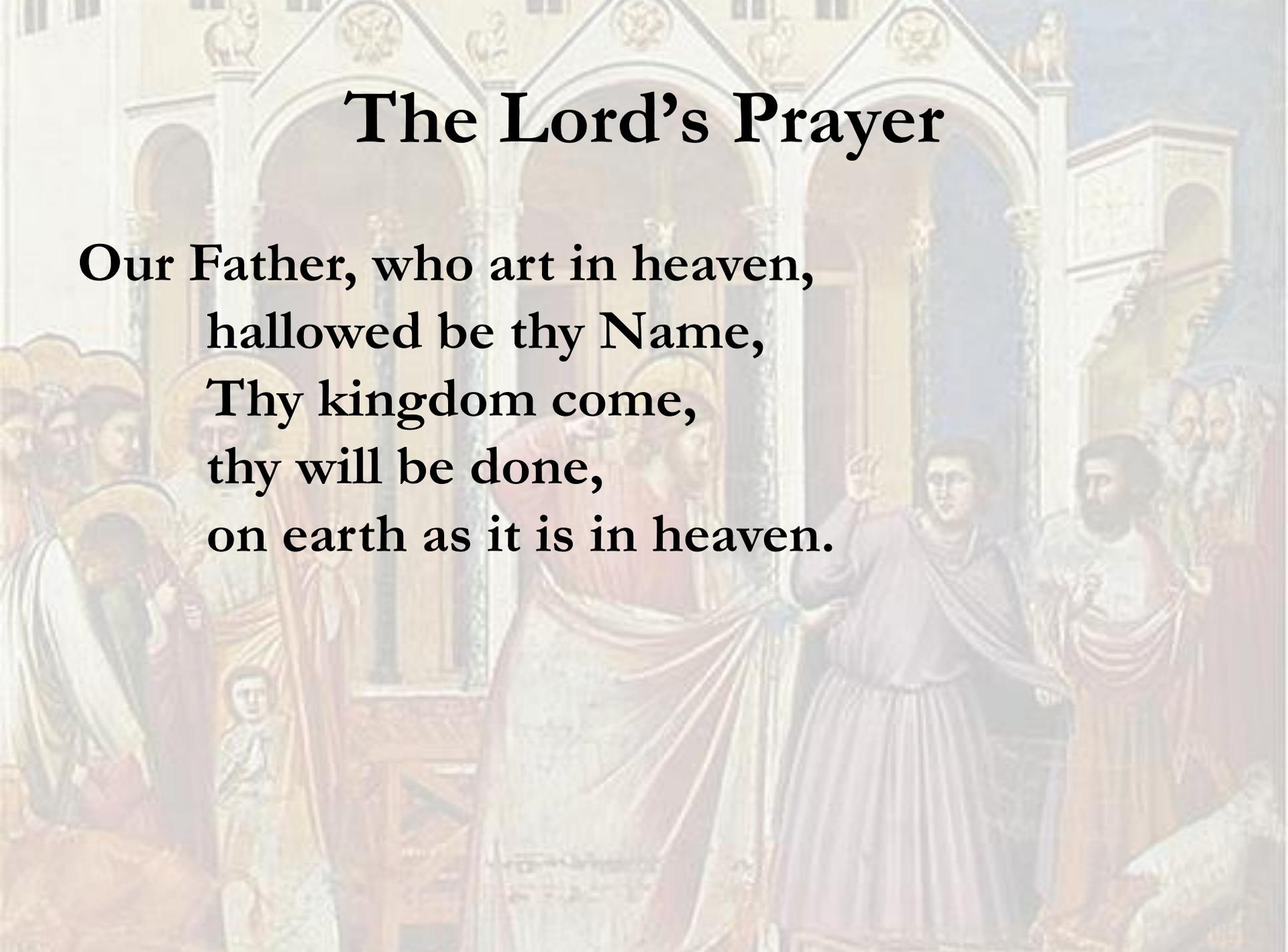
Christ will come again.



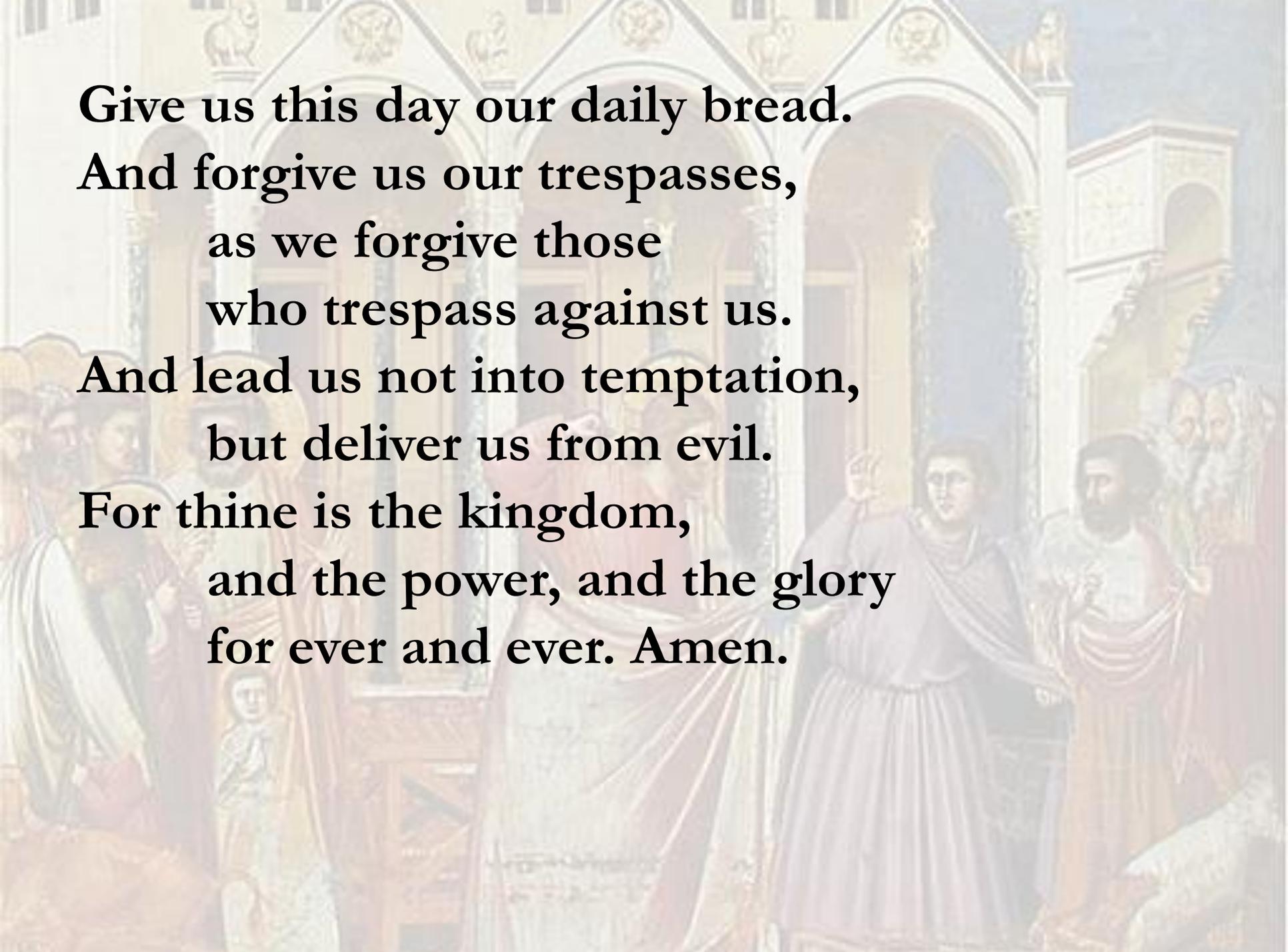
The priest continues by giving thanks to God for how, through the sacrament of Christ's death we are included in his resurrection life and kingdom. He then says,

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer



**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**



Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

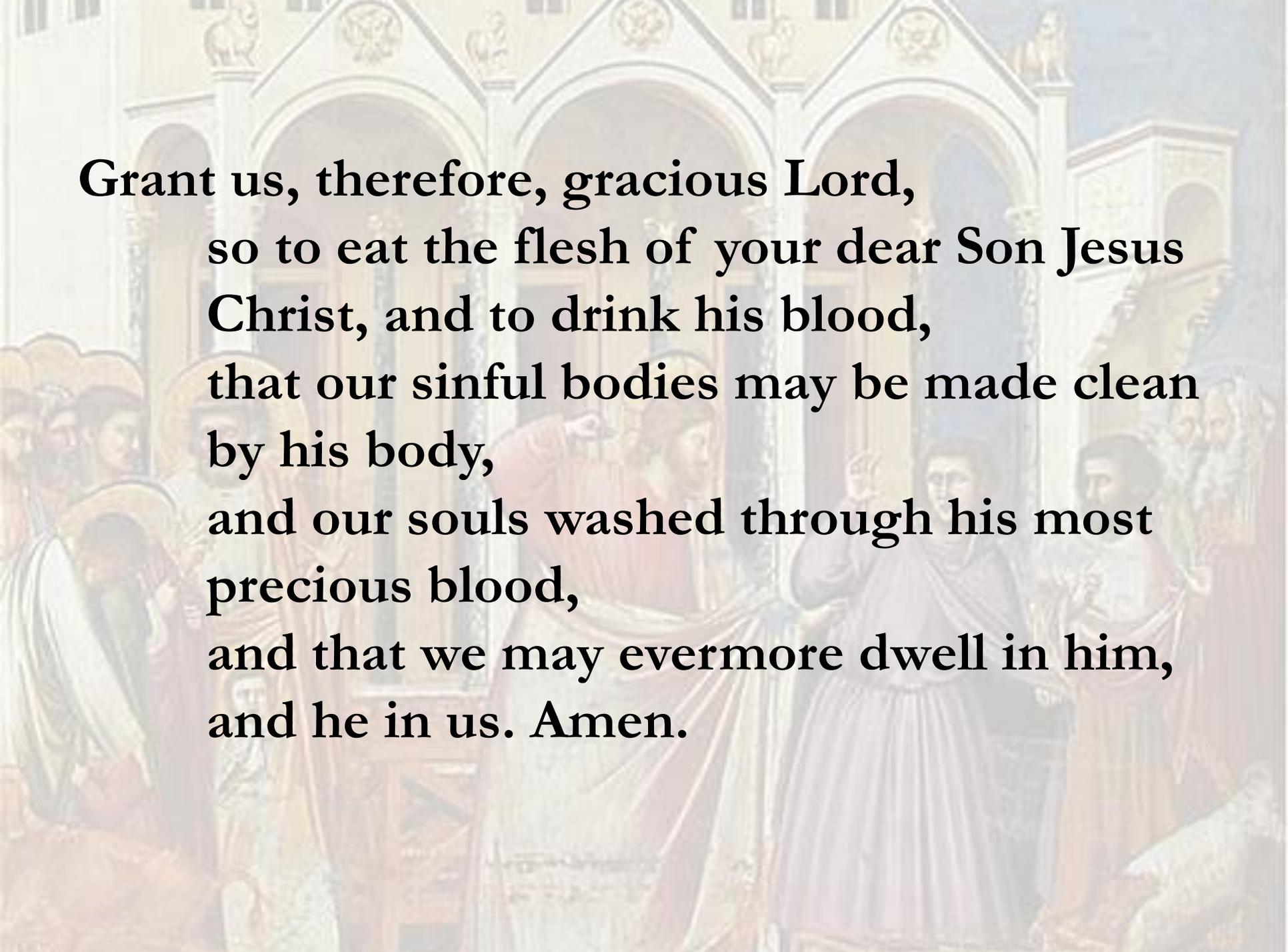
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**



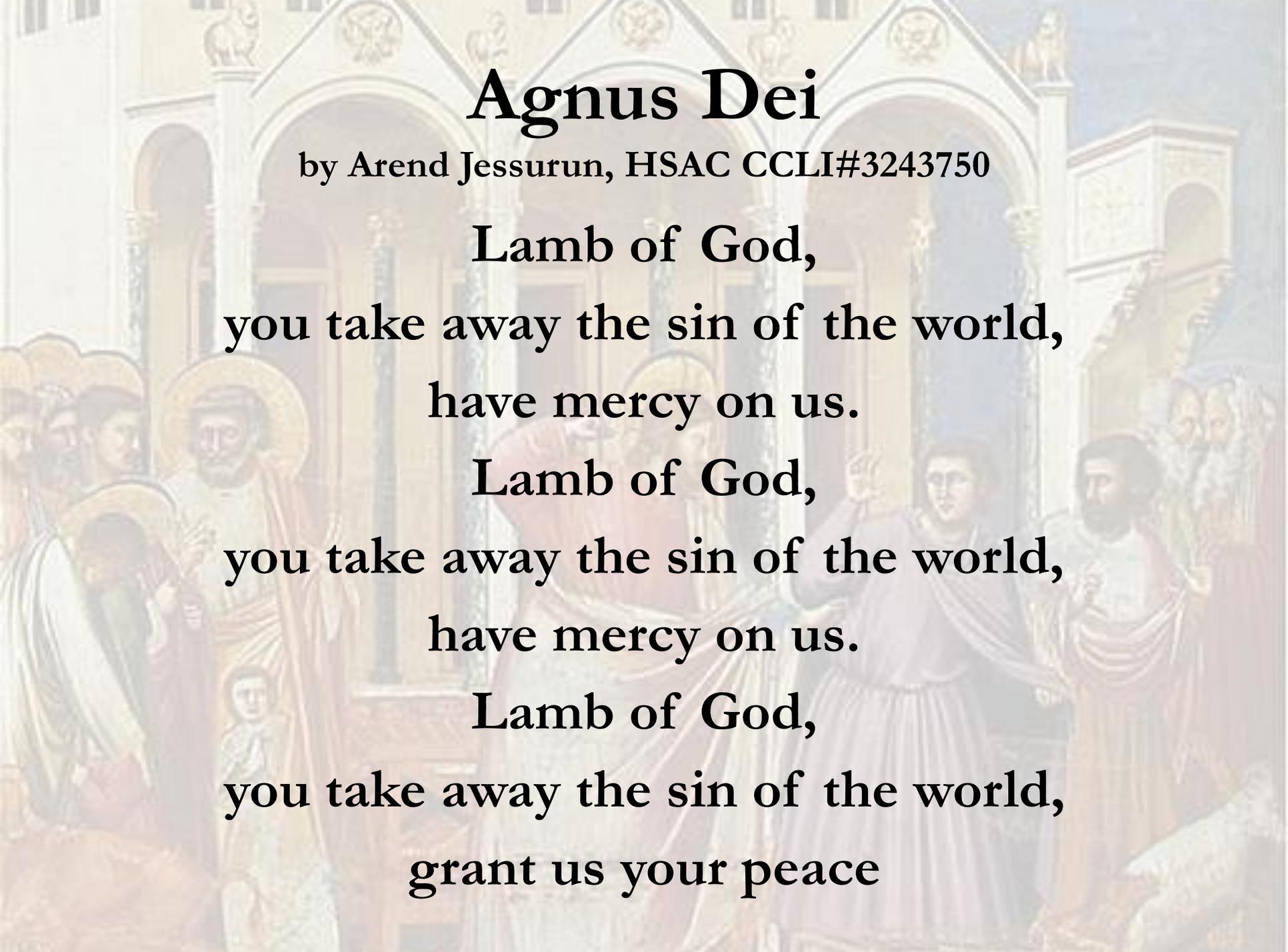
The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this, your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord,
whose character is always to have mercy.**



**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body,
and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**



Agnus Dei

by Arend Jessurun, HSAC CCLI#3243750

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace**

The Ministration of Communion

The priest invites the people to receive communion with an attitude of humble gratitude and faith

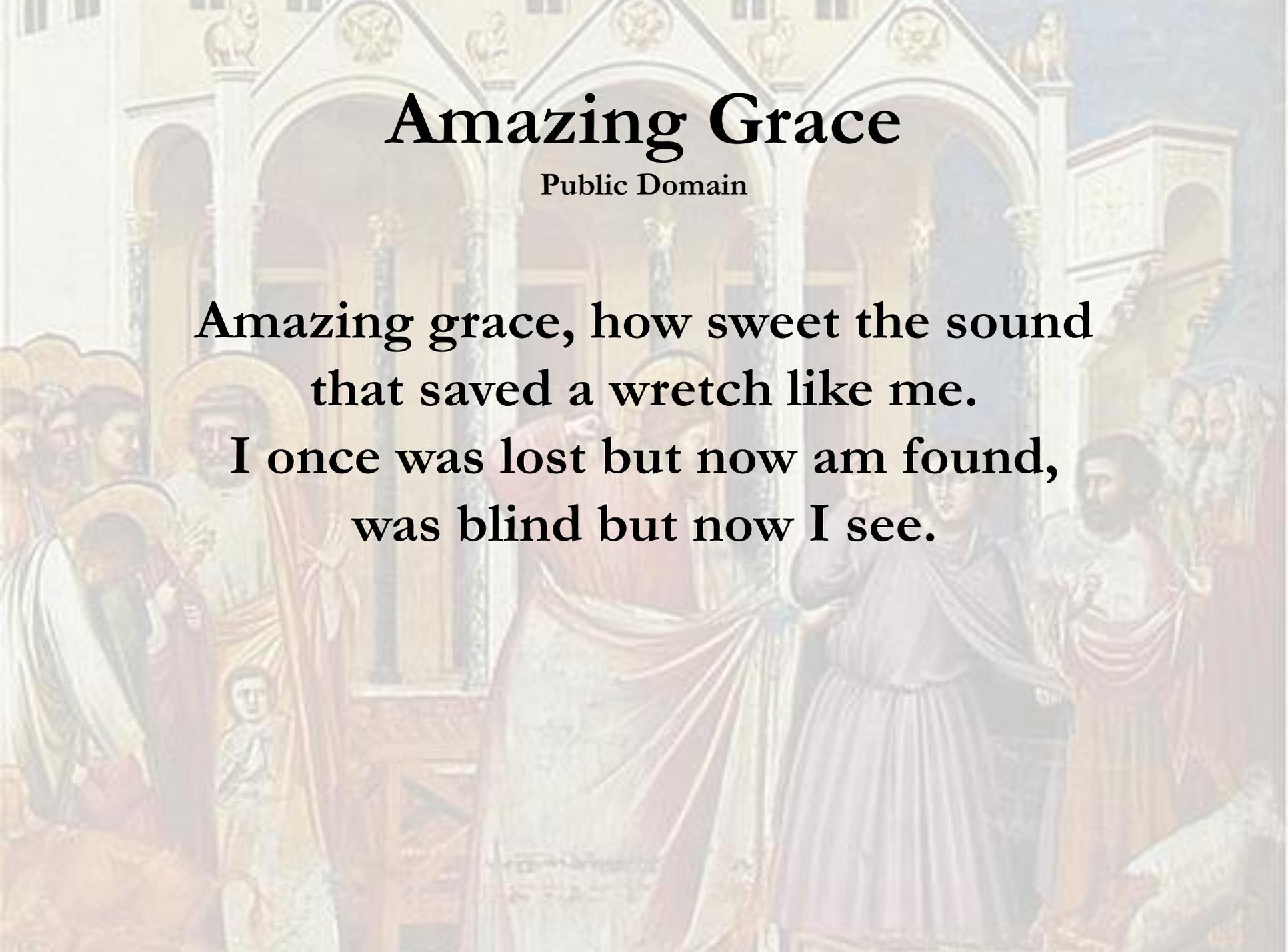


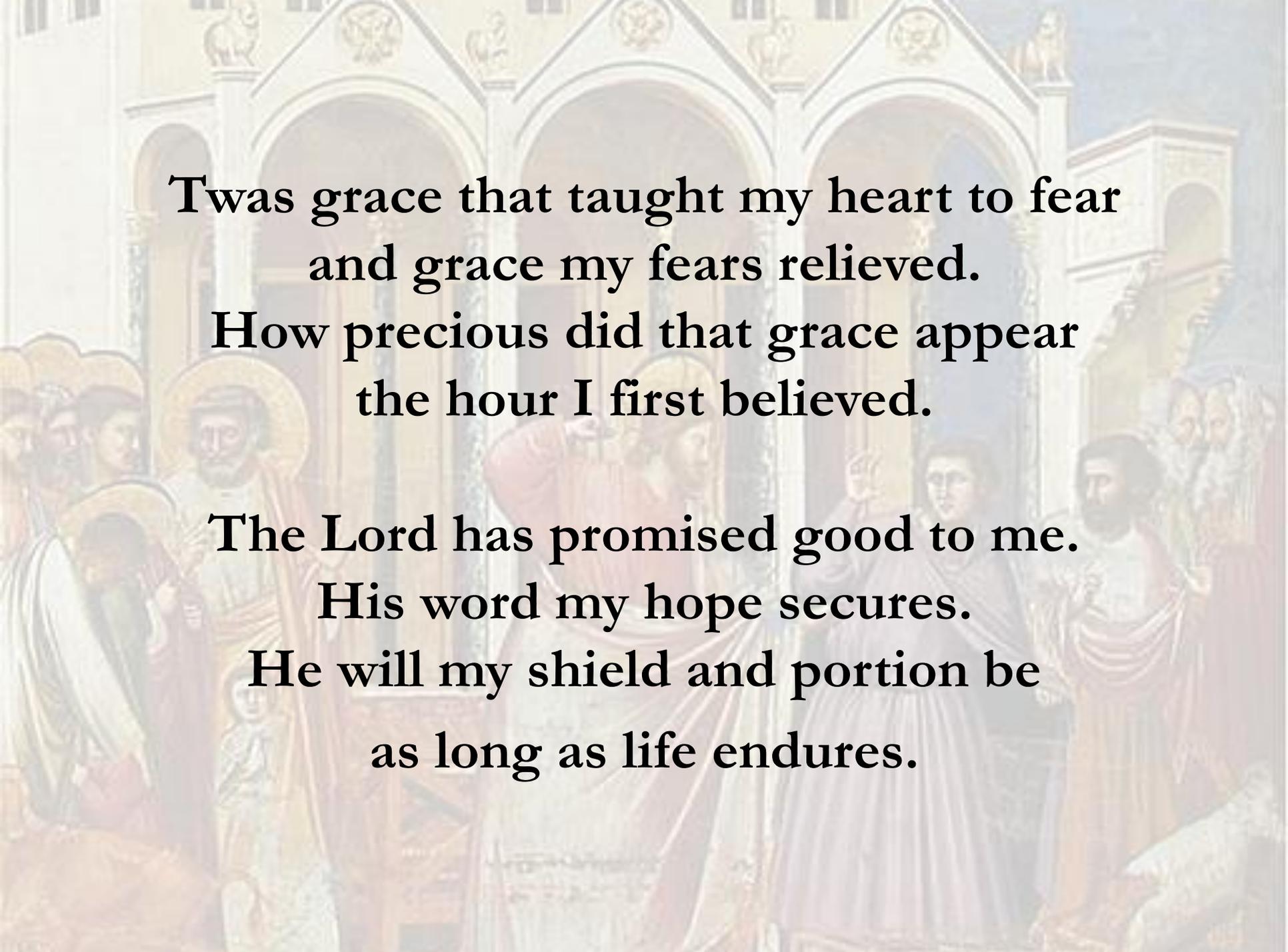
Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

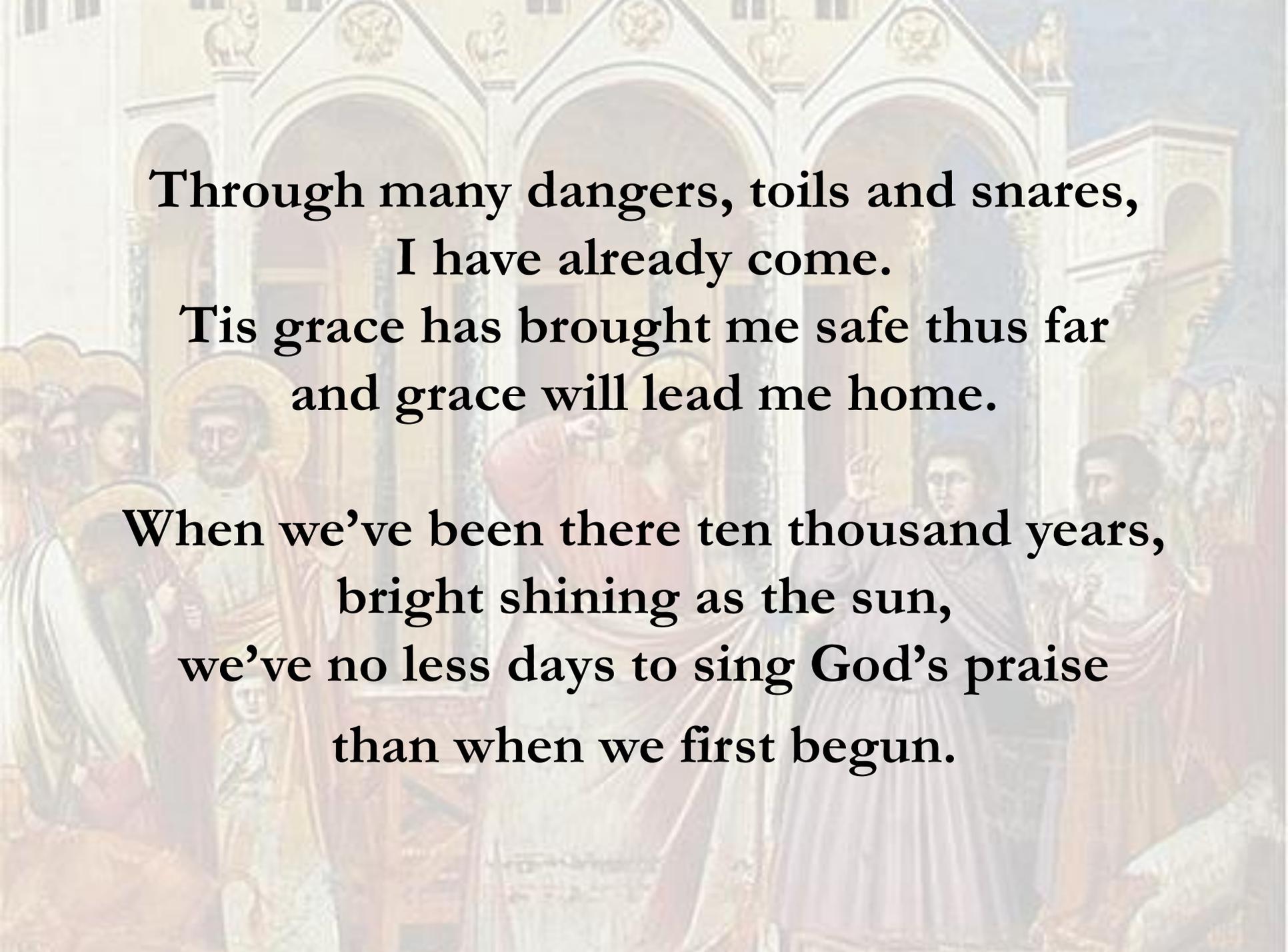




**Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

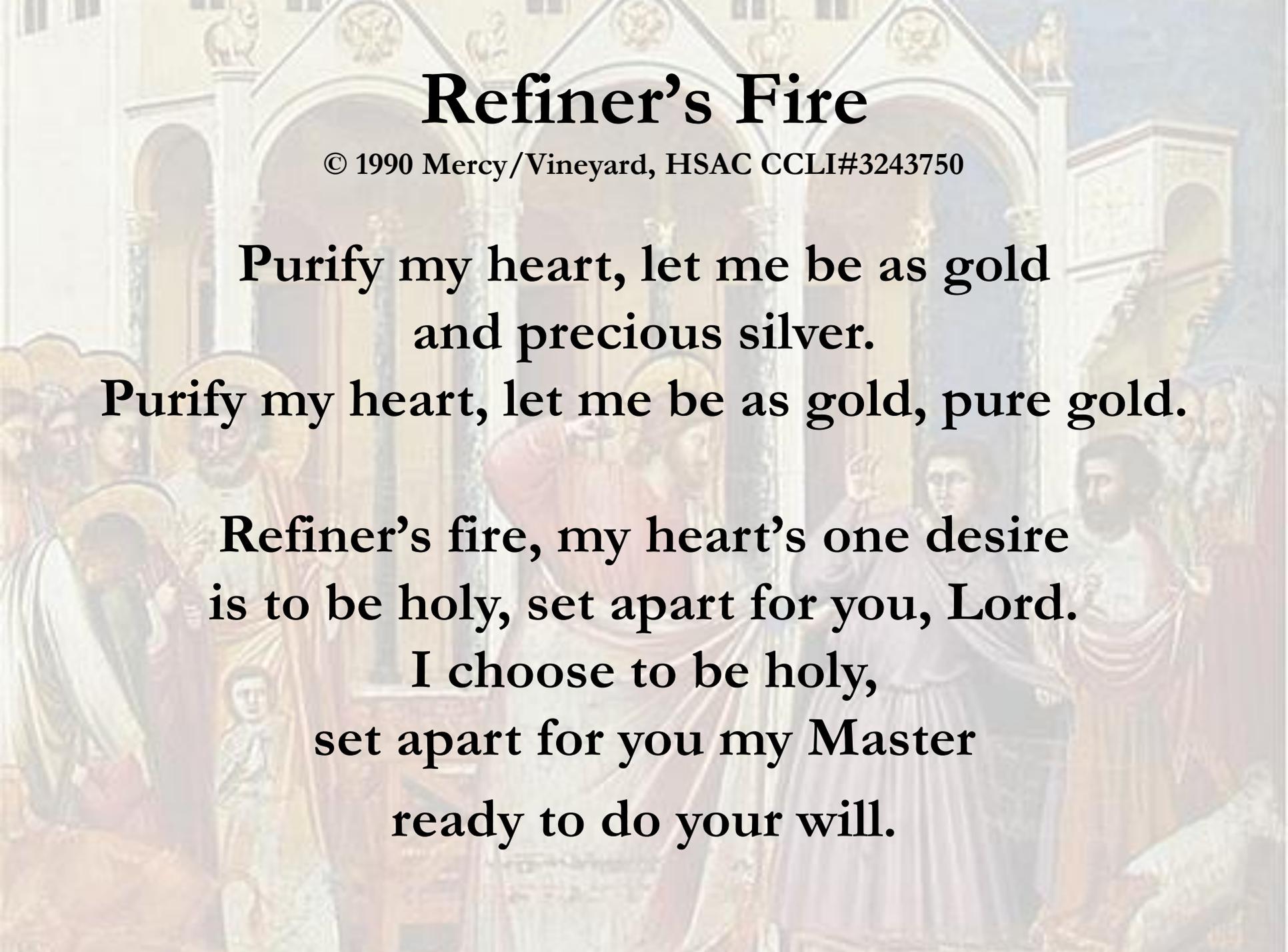
**The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**



**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.**

**Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.**



Refiner's Fire

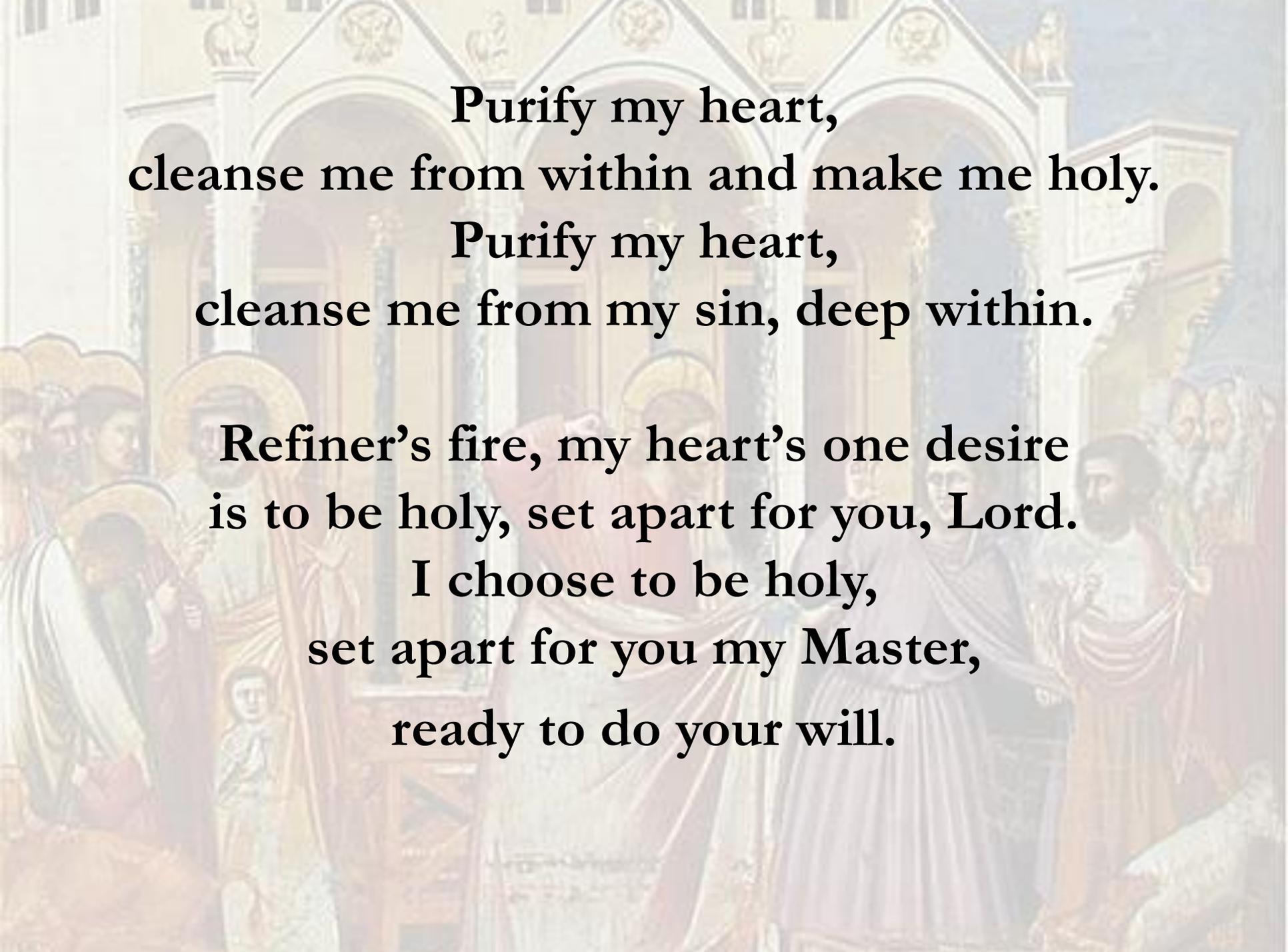
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**Purify my heart, let me be as gold
and precious silver.**

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.**

**I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my Master
ready to do your will.**



**Purify my heart,
cleanses me from within and make me holy.**

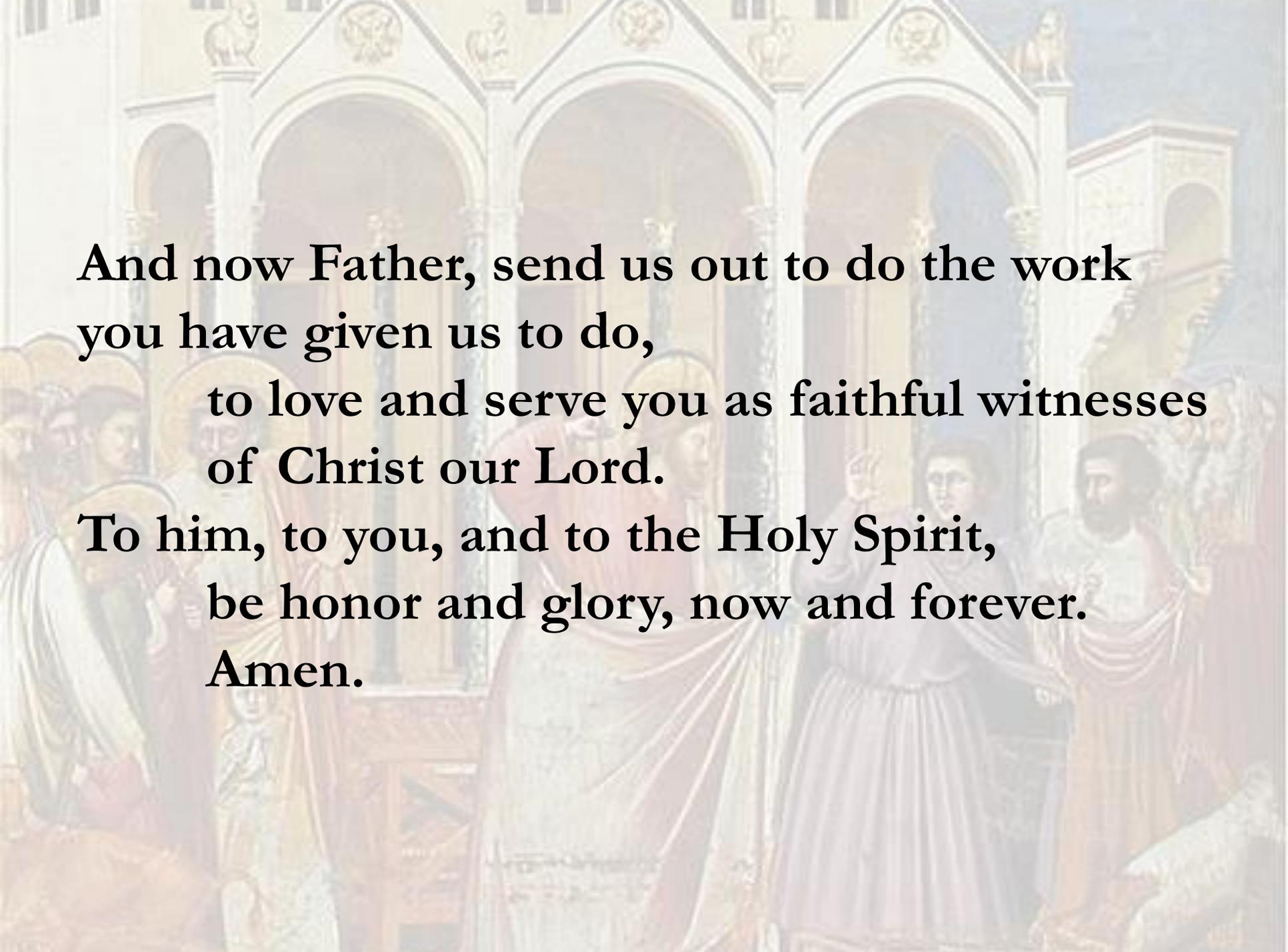
**Purify my heart,
cleanses me from my sin, deep within.**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.**

**I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my Master,
ready to do your will.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual
food of the most precious body and blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries
that we are living members of the body
of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.



**And now Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses
of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.**

Lenten Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you
with our whole heart:**

that desiring you, we may seek you;

and that seeking you, we may find you;

and that finding you, we may love you;

and that loving you, we may hate those sins

from which you have delivered us;

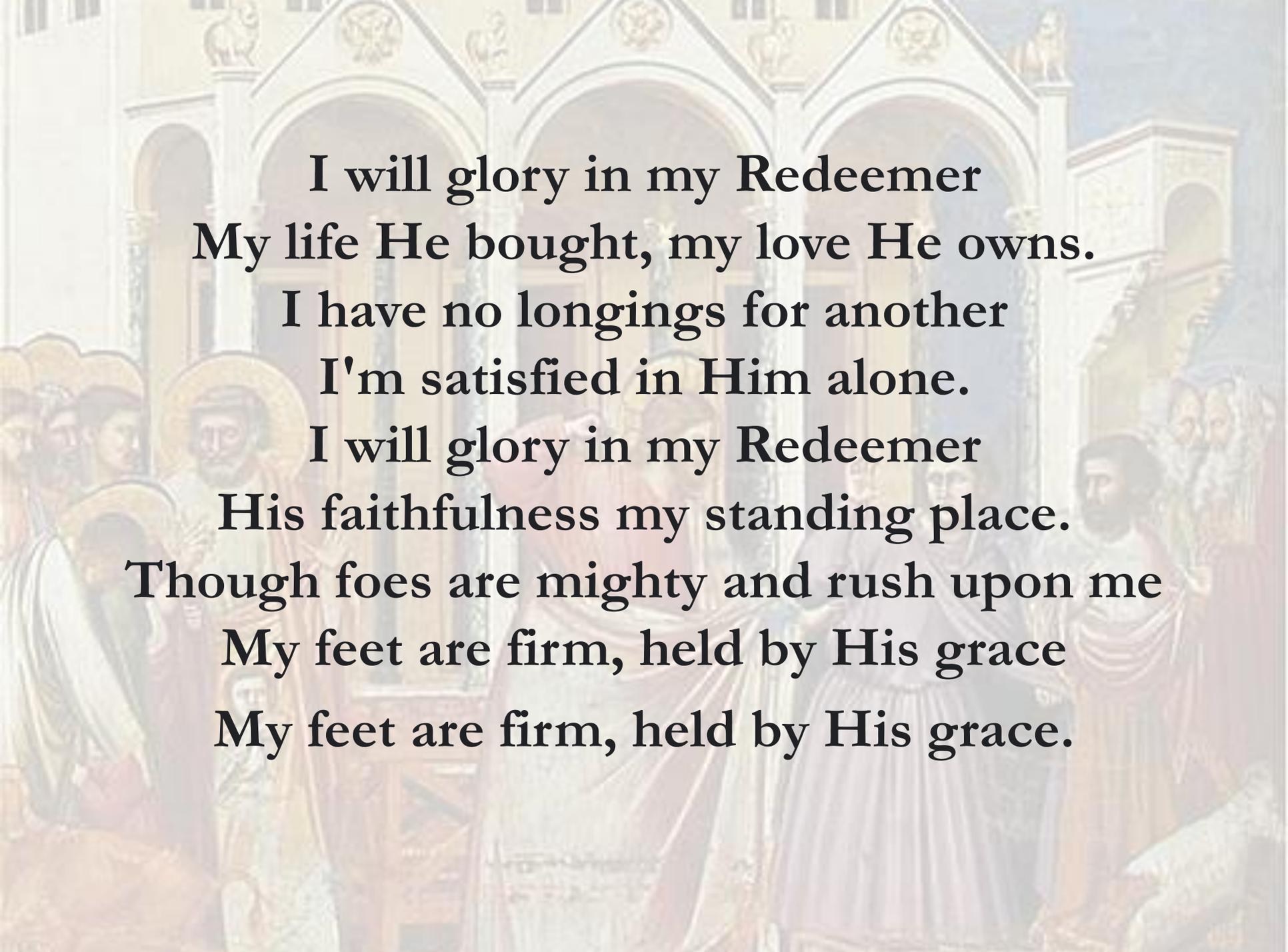
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

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**I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree.**

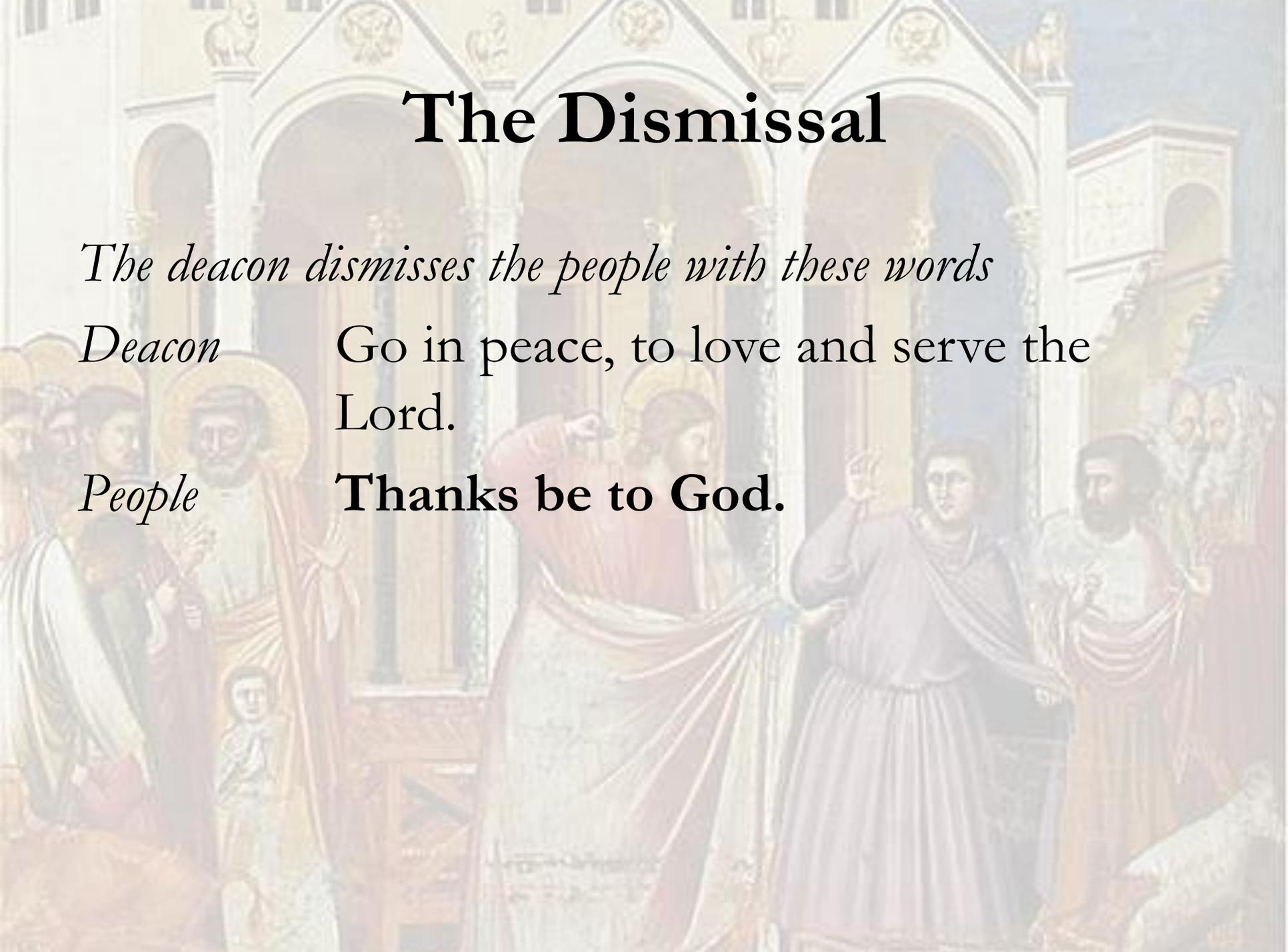
**I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness.**



I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns.

I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace.



The Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people with these words

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the
Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**