



# Welcome to Worship!

Time after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song: # 765

Song of the Day: # 611

Offertory: # 481

Communion Hymn: # 522

Sending Song: # 697

**We live stream our worship services.**

Welcome

This is the day that God has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

A faint, semi-transparent image of a person standing in a field of yellow flowers with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with a clear horizon line.

# Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin before God and one another and ask for God's guidance.

*Silence for Reflection*

In the tempting wilderness of the world, we succumb to sin, self-centeredness, and despair.

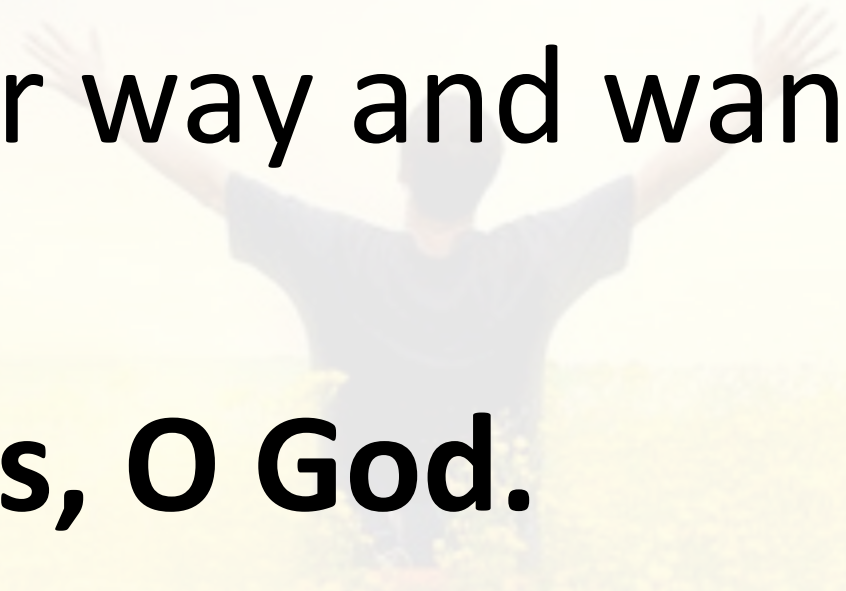
**Change our hearts, O God.**

In the noisy wilderness of the world, we fail to hear your call to live as your people.

**Change our hearts, O God.**

In the confusing wilderness of the world, we lose our way and wander away from you.

**Change our hearts, O God.**



In the empty wilderness of the world,  
we reach for things which do not  
satisfy.

**Change our hearts, O God.**

Hear the prayer of our hearts, O God,  
as we sing.

Change my heart, O God.

Make it ever true.

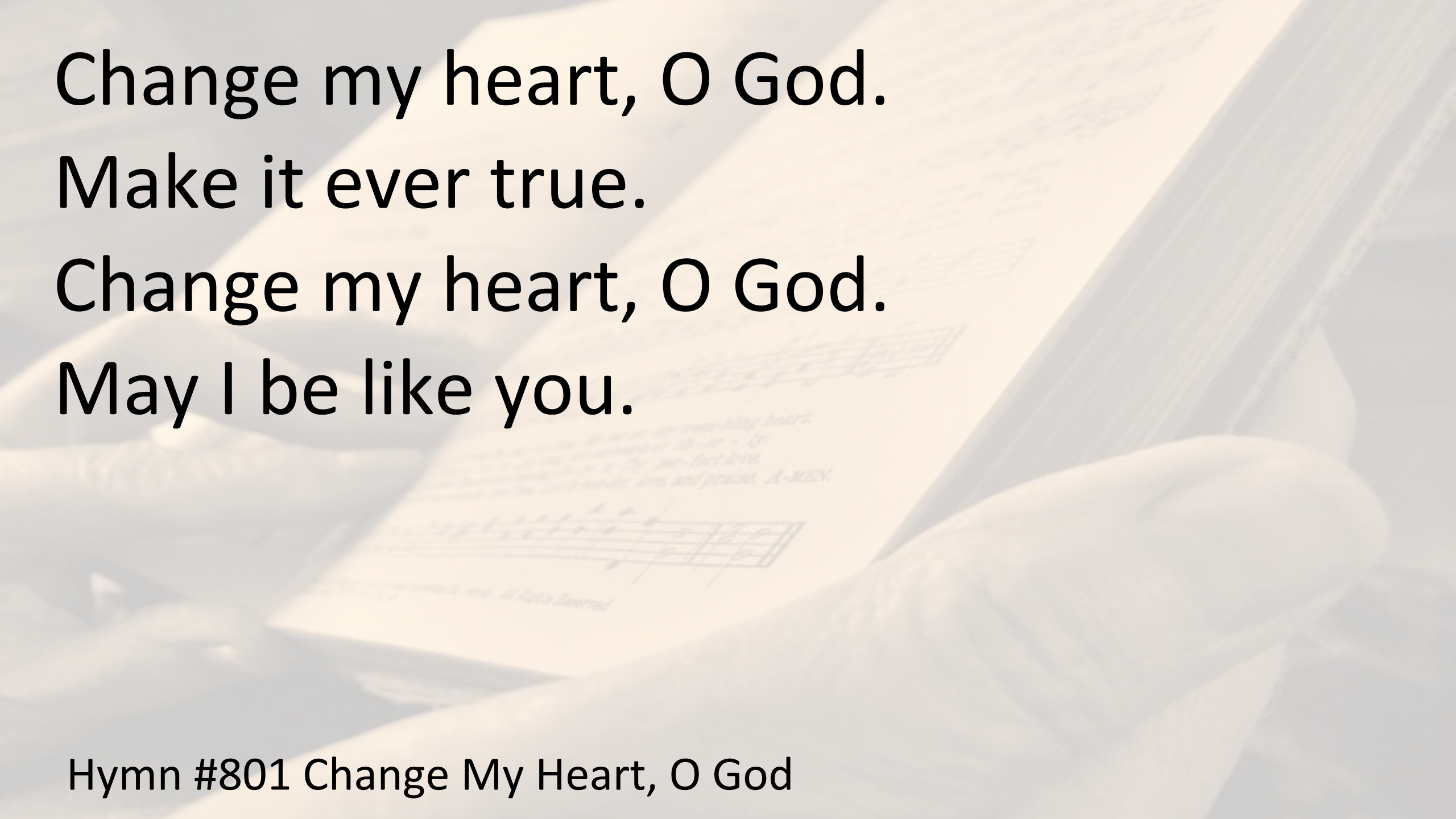
Change my heart, O God.

May I be like you.

You are the potter. I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I  
pray.

Hymn #801 Change My Heart, O God

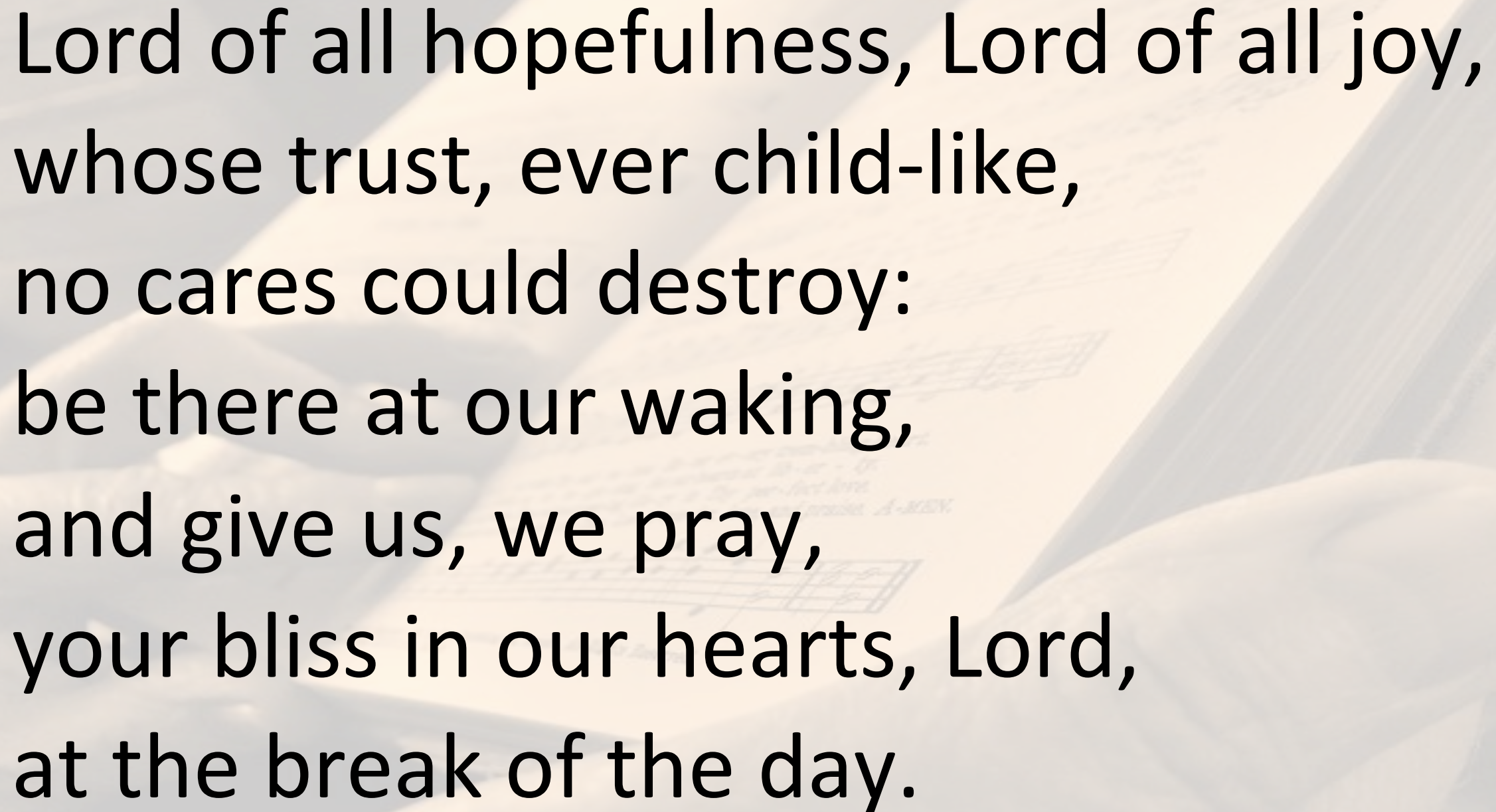


Change my heart, O God.  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God.  
May I be like you.

Hymn #801 Change My Heart, O God



God, our potter, molds and makes us into God's own people, forgives our sin, and guides us in our daily lives. Rejoice in God's mercy, and live in God's love.  
**Amen.**

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Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Hymn # 765 Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the  
plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors,  
and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Hymn # 765 Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms  
to embrace:

be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Hymn # 765 Lord of All Hopefulness

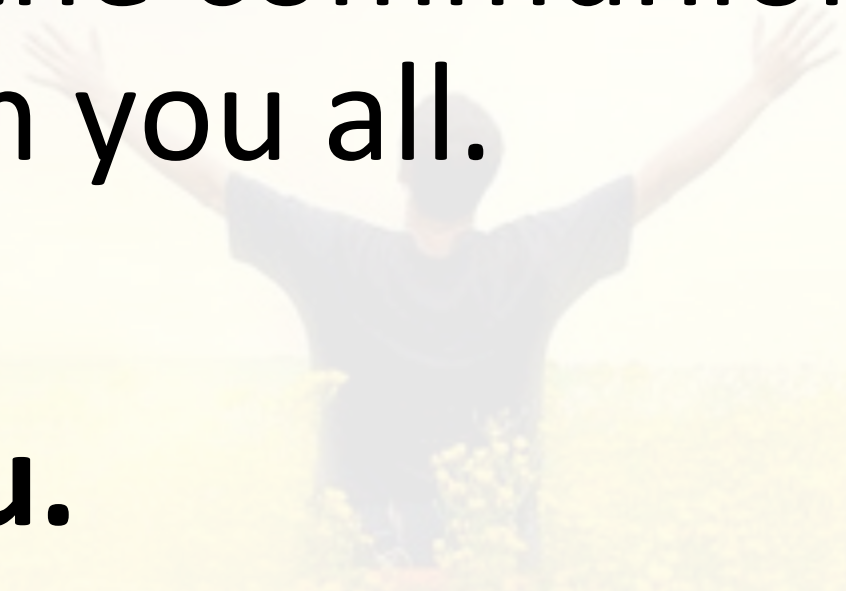
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

Hymn # 765 Lord of All Hopefulness

## Greeting

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



# Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

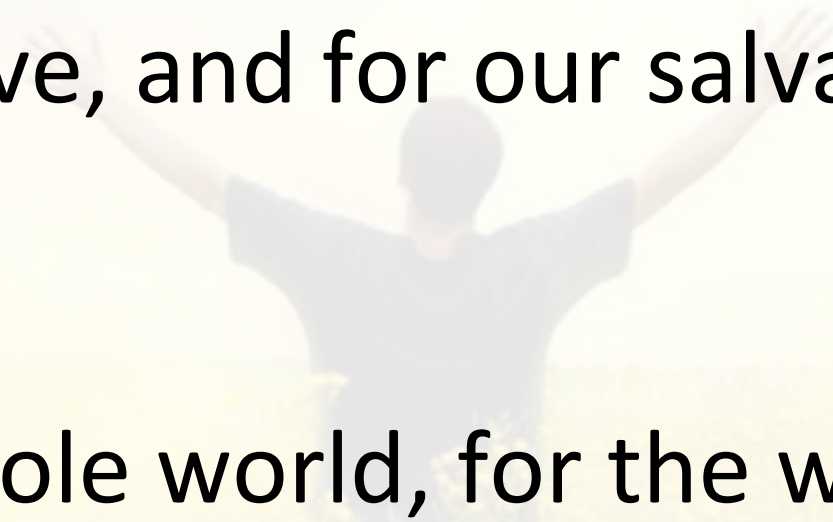
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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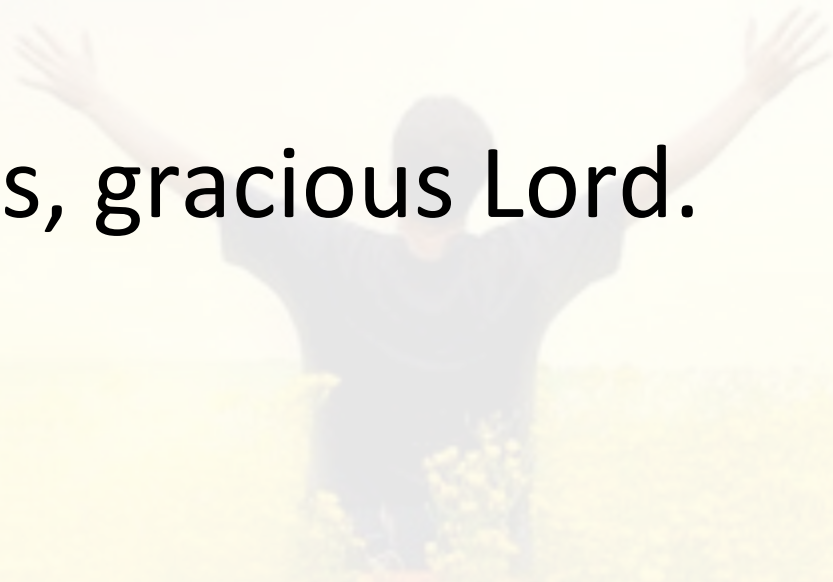


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**





## Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

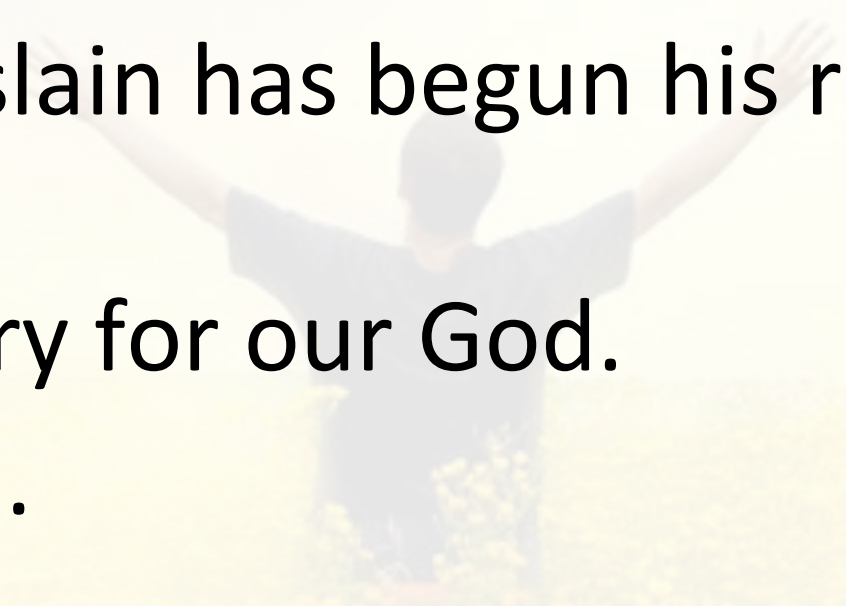
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.




**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

## Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.



<sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Ancient Words, ancient wisdom.

**Thanks be to God!**



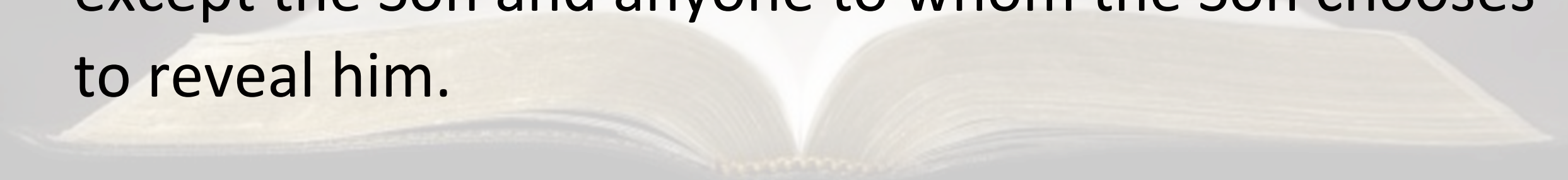
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.



## **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

<sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



The gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



# Faith in Motion

*As we prepare to put our faith in motion, we sing together:*

Take, oh, take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be. Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.



# Sermon



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down,  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

Hymn ELW # 611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream.

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
look unto me; your morn shall rise  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

Hymn ELW # 611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



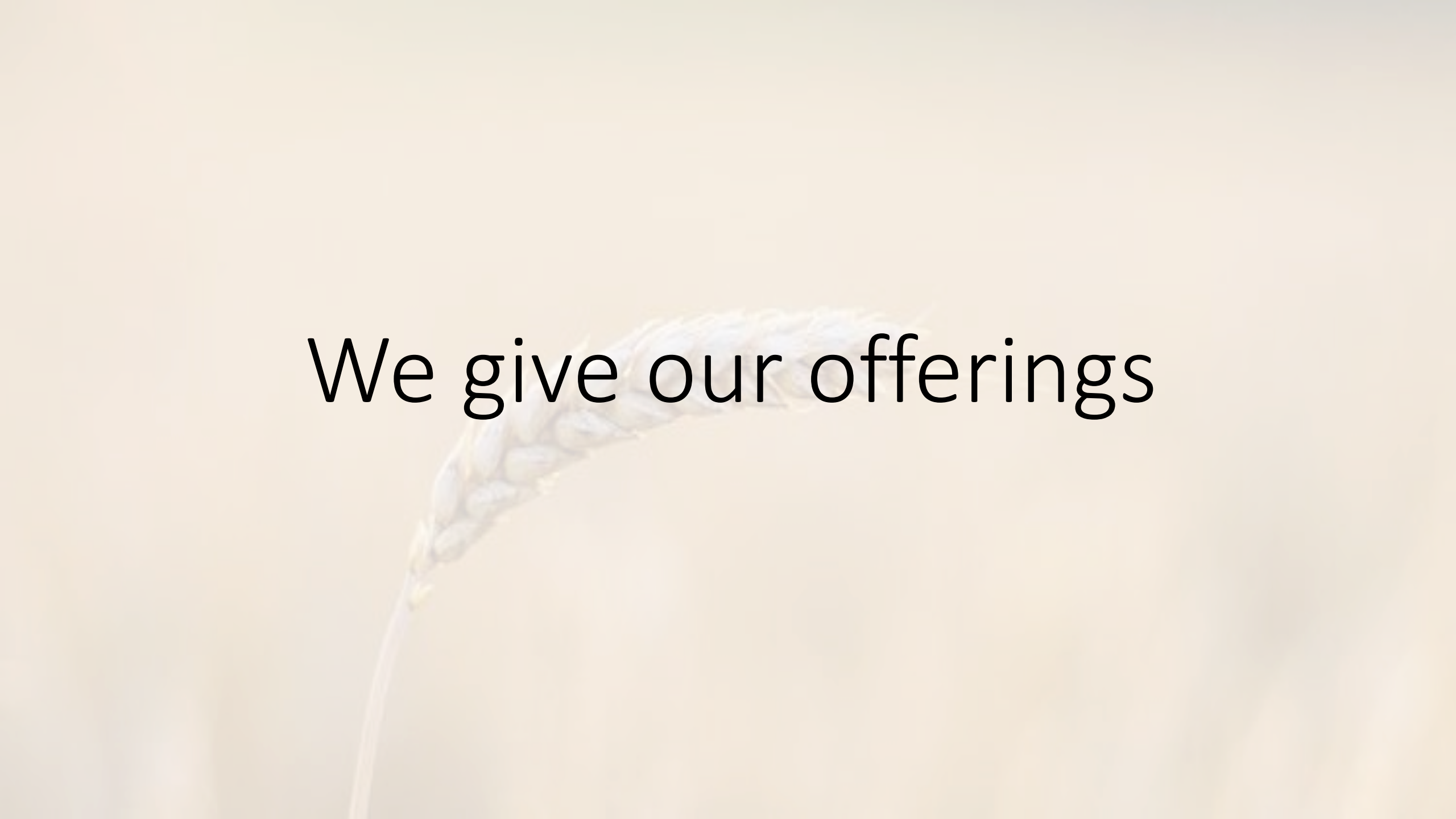
*At the conclusion of each petition, we say:*

***You are gracious, God. Hear our prayer.***

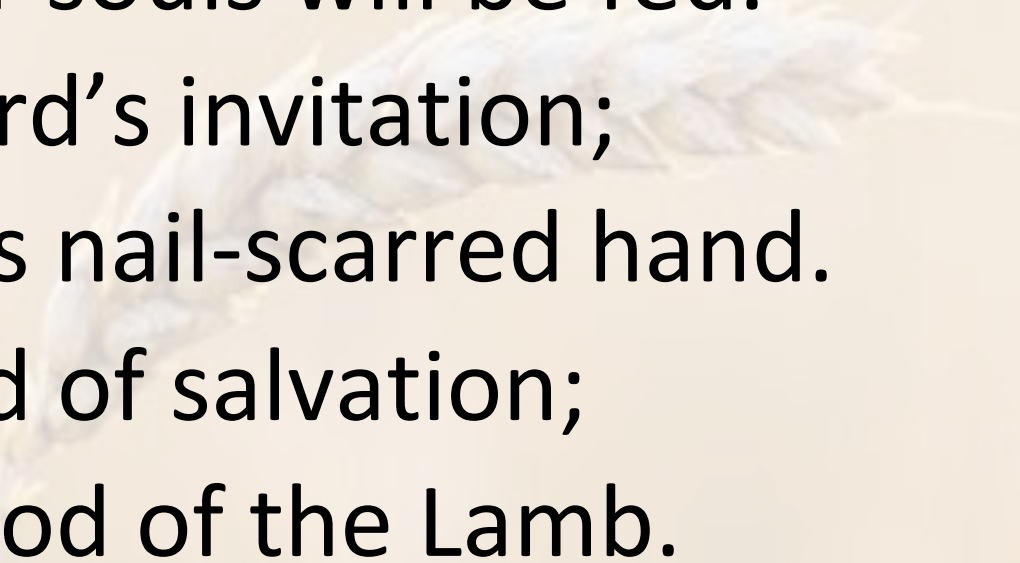
## Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

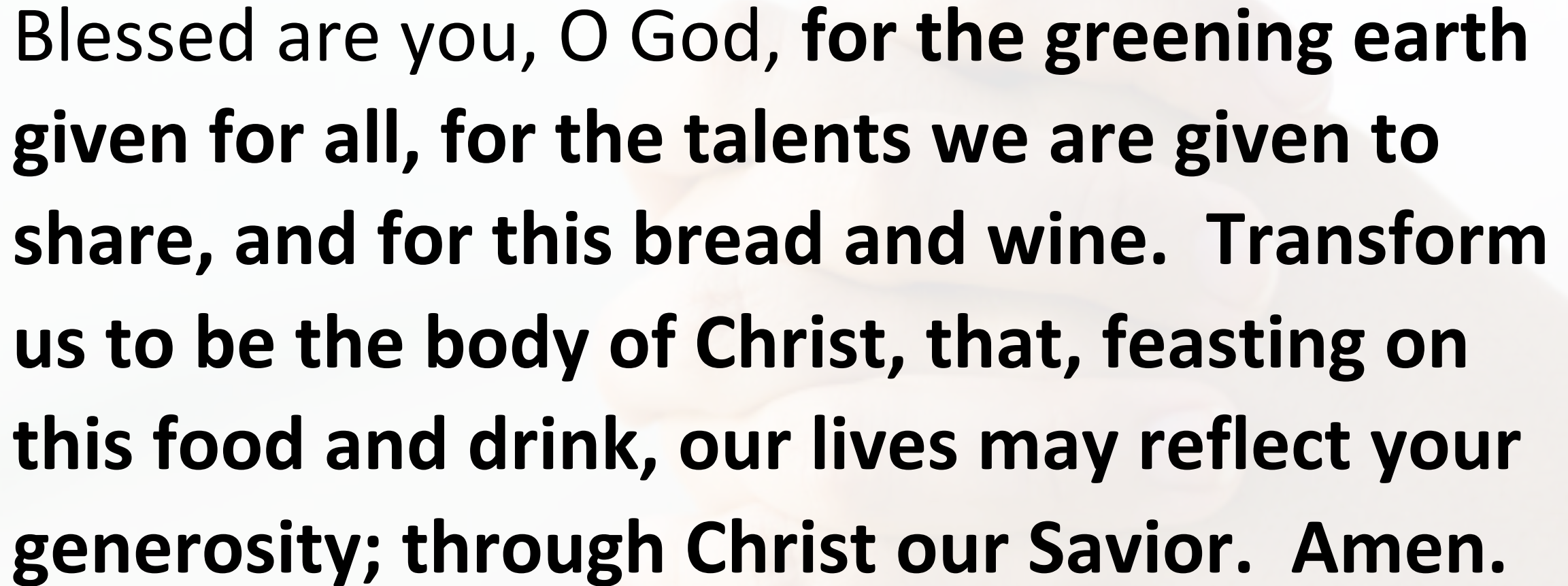


We give our offerings



Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
Come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offertory Hymn: ELW #481 Come to the Table

A pair of hands, one above and one below, gently holding a small, round loaf of bread. The hands are positioned as if offering the bread. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

**Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Great Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

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

Communion



# Proper Preface

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

# Words of Institution

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.

*We receive Holy Communion by intinction. Once we receive the bread or gluten-free wafer, you may dip it in the non-alcoholic wine. Individual cups of non-alcoholic wine are available for those who prefer an individual cup. All are welcome at the table of hope!*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

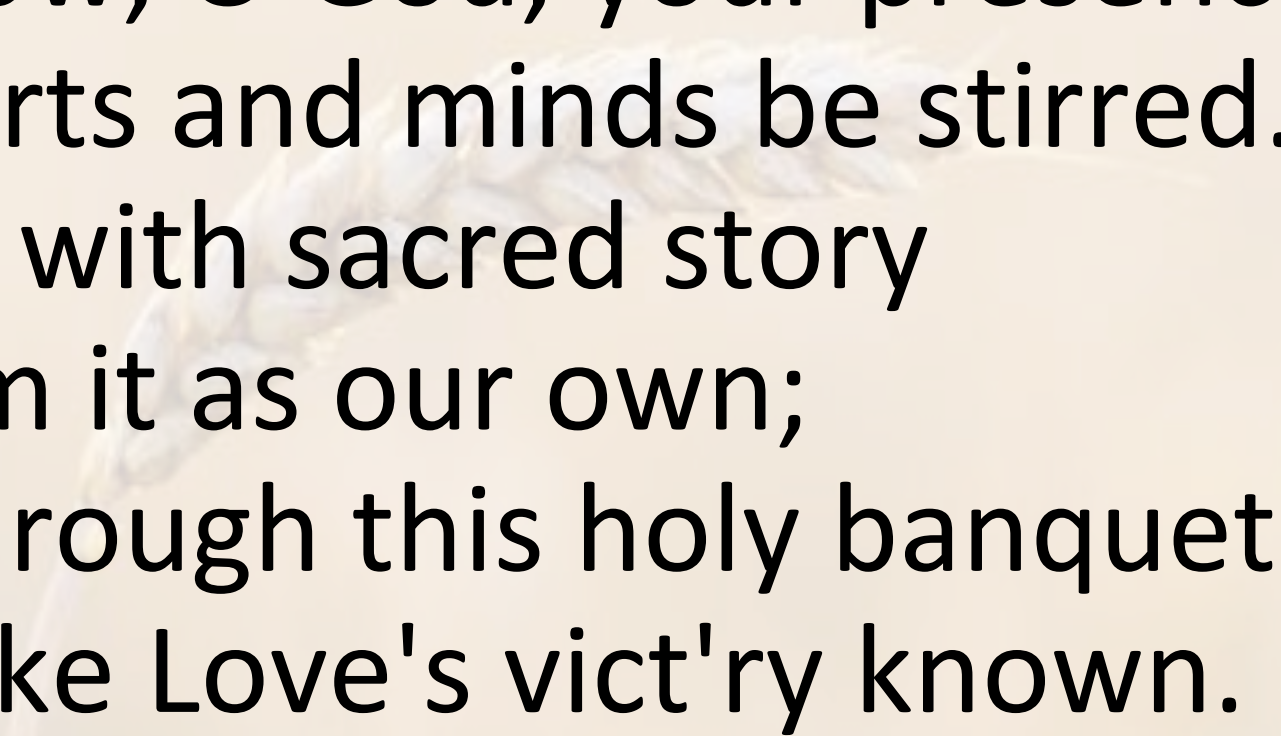
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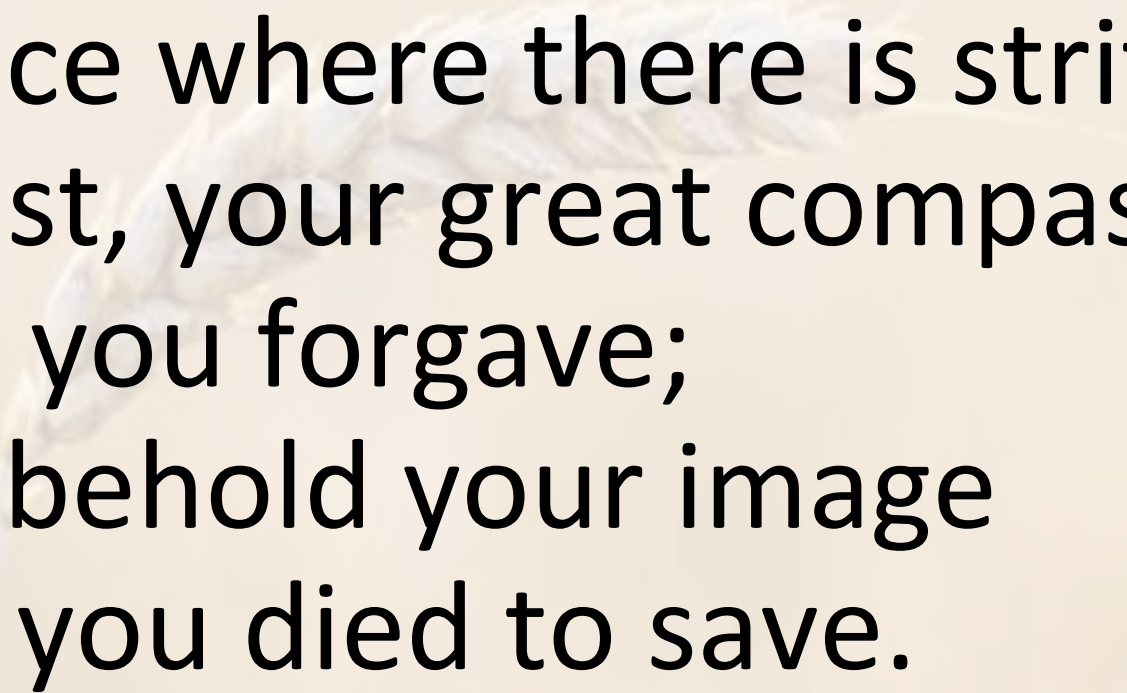
**grant us peace**

Lamb of God, ELW Setting 3



As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Communion Hymn # 522 As We Gather At Your Table



Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Communion Hymn # 522 As We Gather At Your Table



Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

Communion Hymn # 522 As We Gather At Your Table

# Table Blessing



## Prayer of Discernment

God of grace and love, **you have a dream for us.**  
**Open the eyes of our hearts to see you at work.**  
**Unstop our ears to hear the call of your spirit.**  
**Unbind us from our fears that we might go**  
**where you lead.**

*Silence for reflection: Where might God be  
leading us?*

We pray by the Spirit's power in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



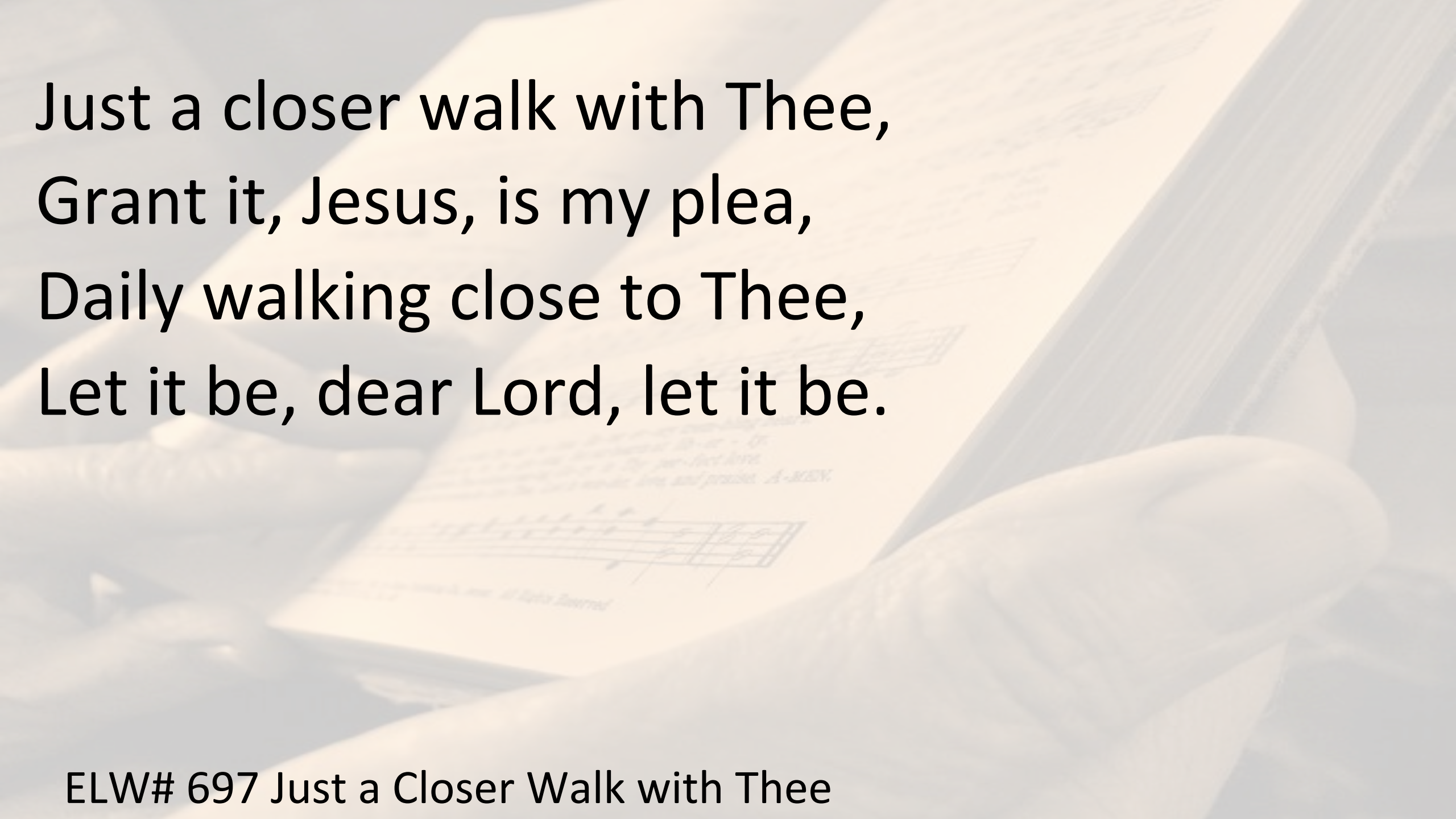
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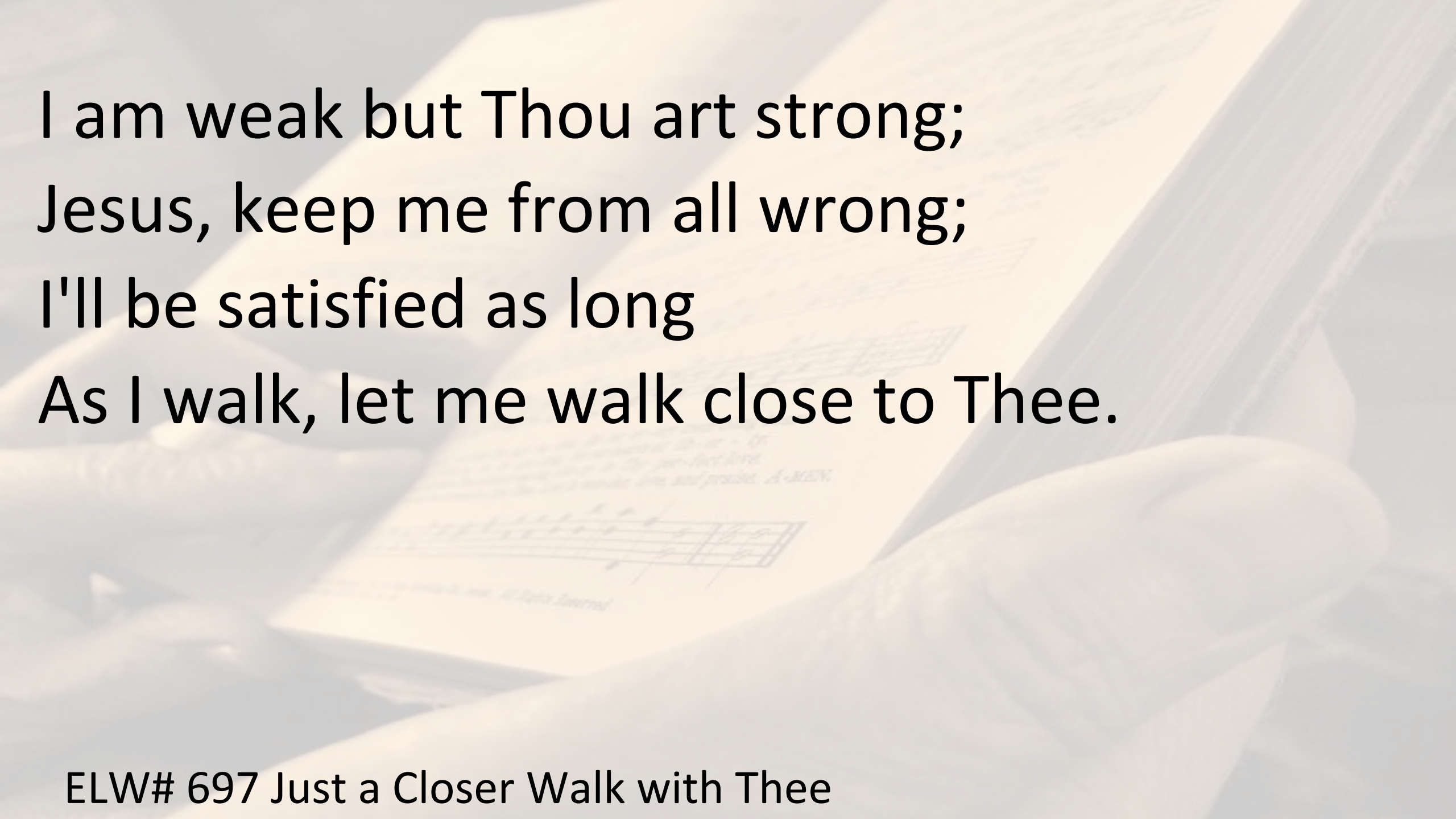
# Blessing

Go with the strength you have. Go simply,  
lightly, gently, in search of Love. And the  
Spirit go with you. **Amen.**



Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

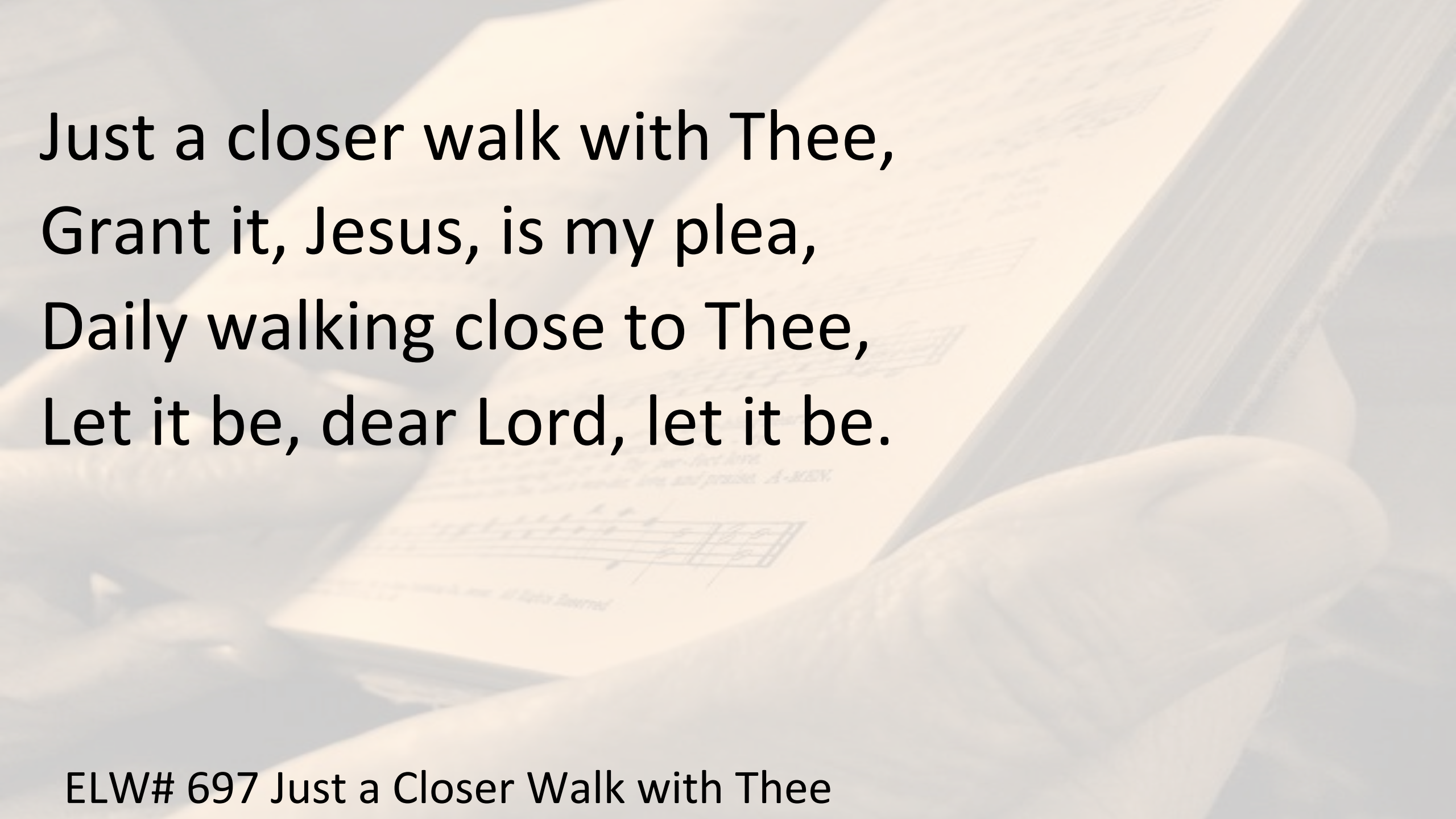
ELW# 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee



I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

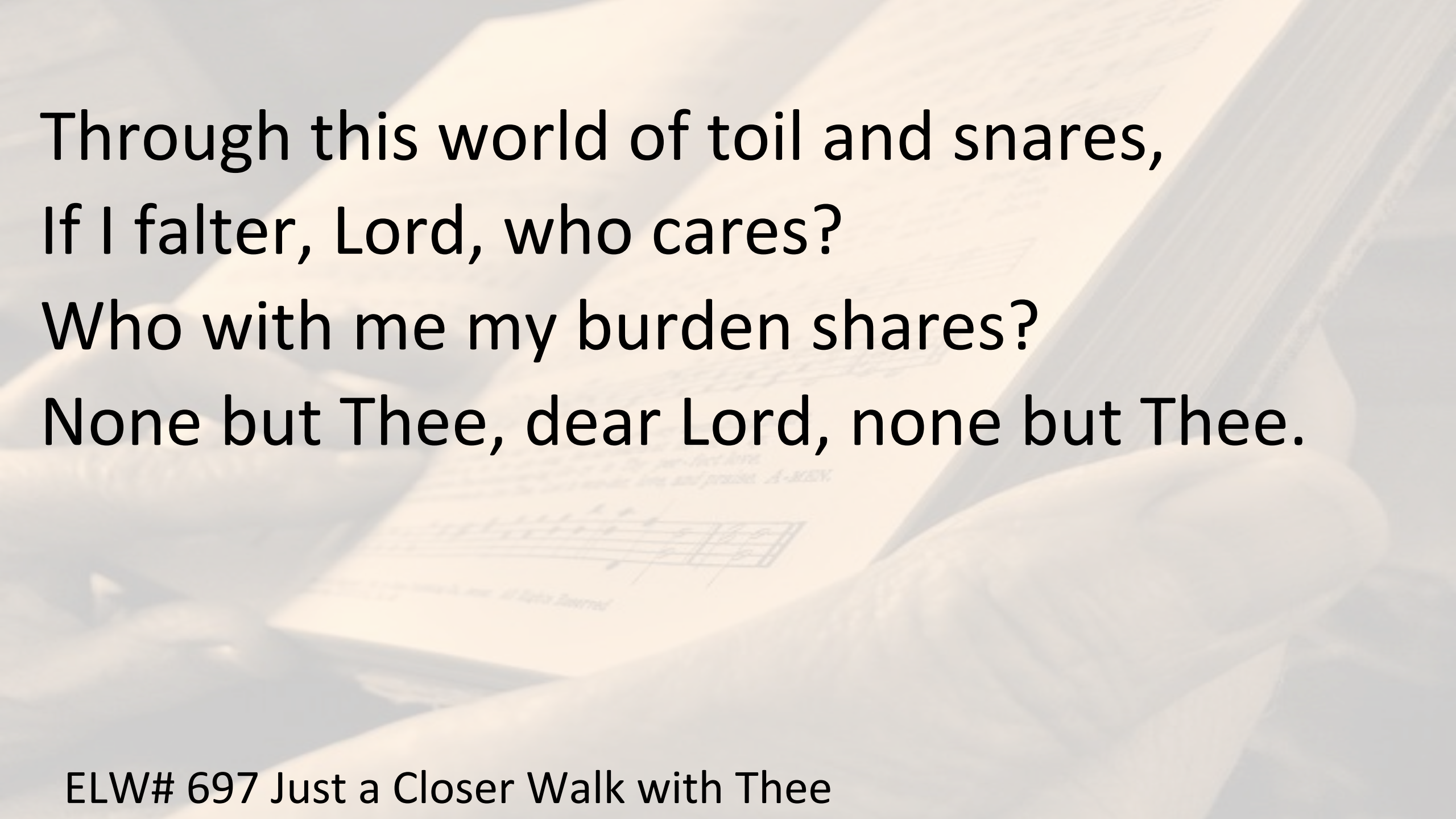
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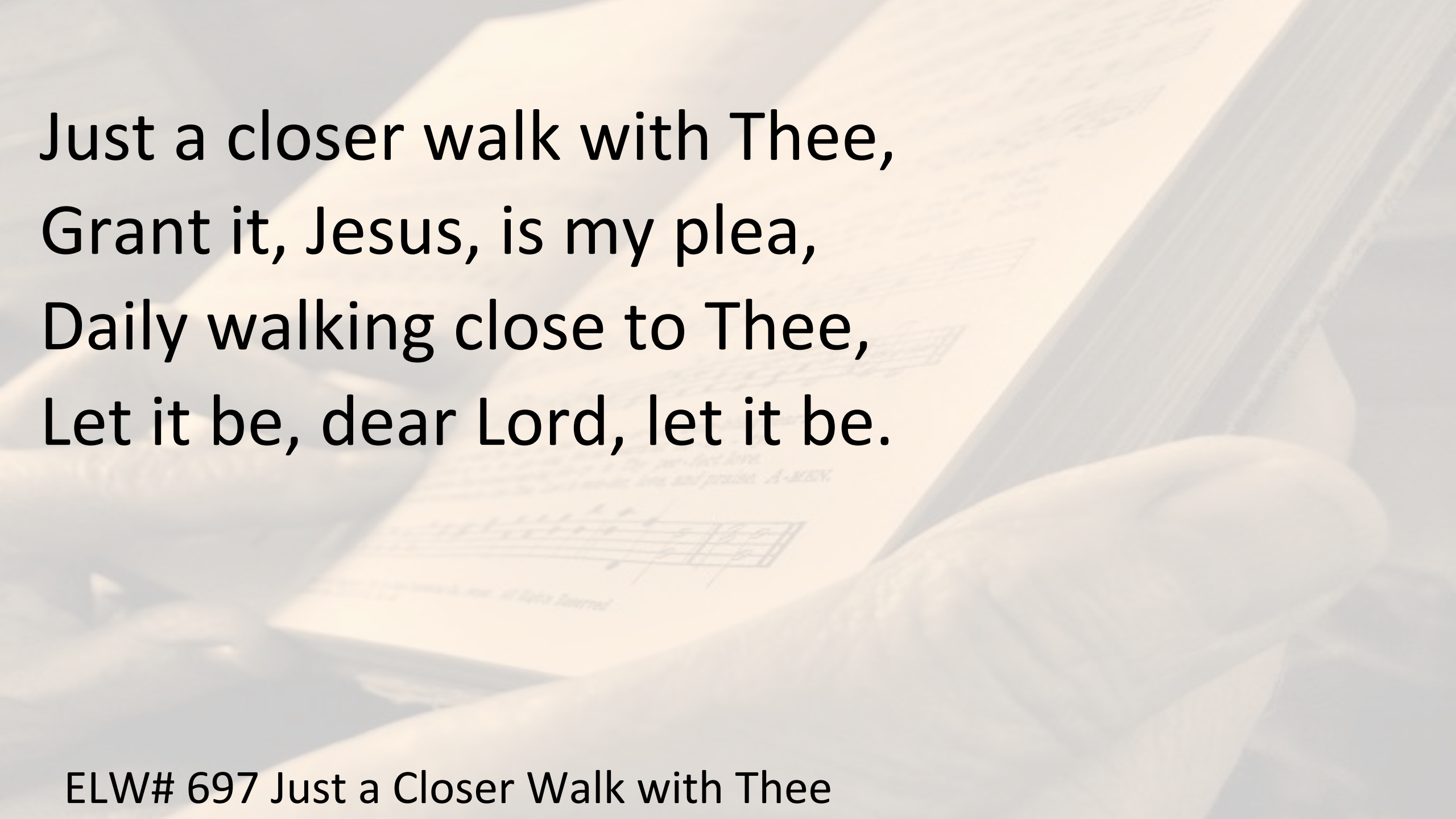
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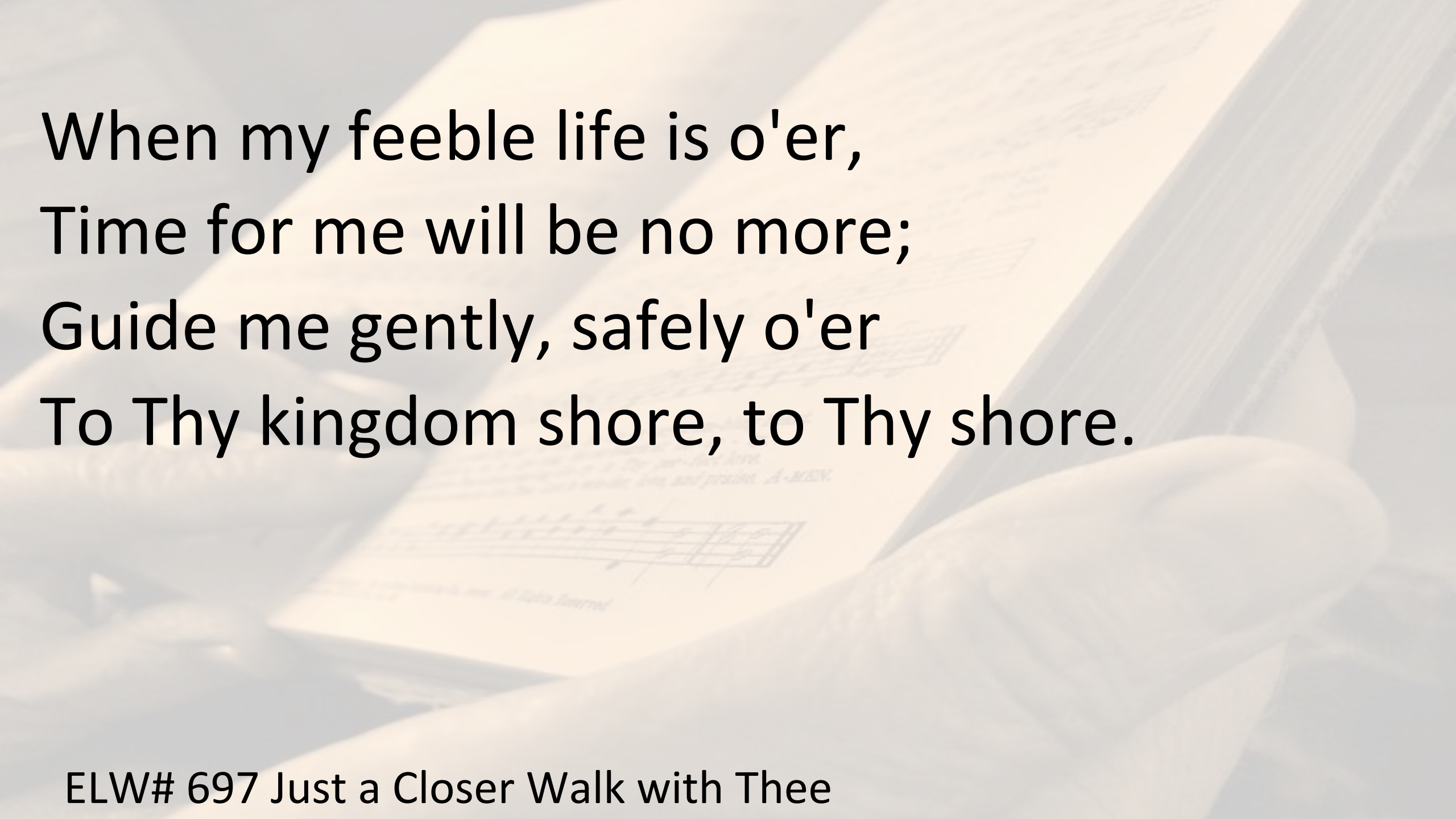
Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

ELW# 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee



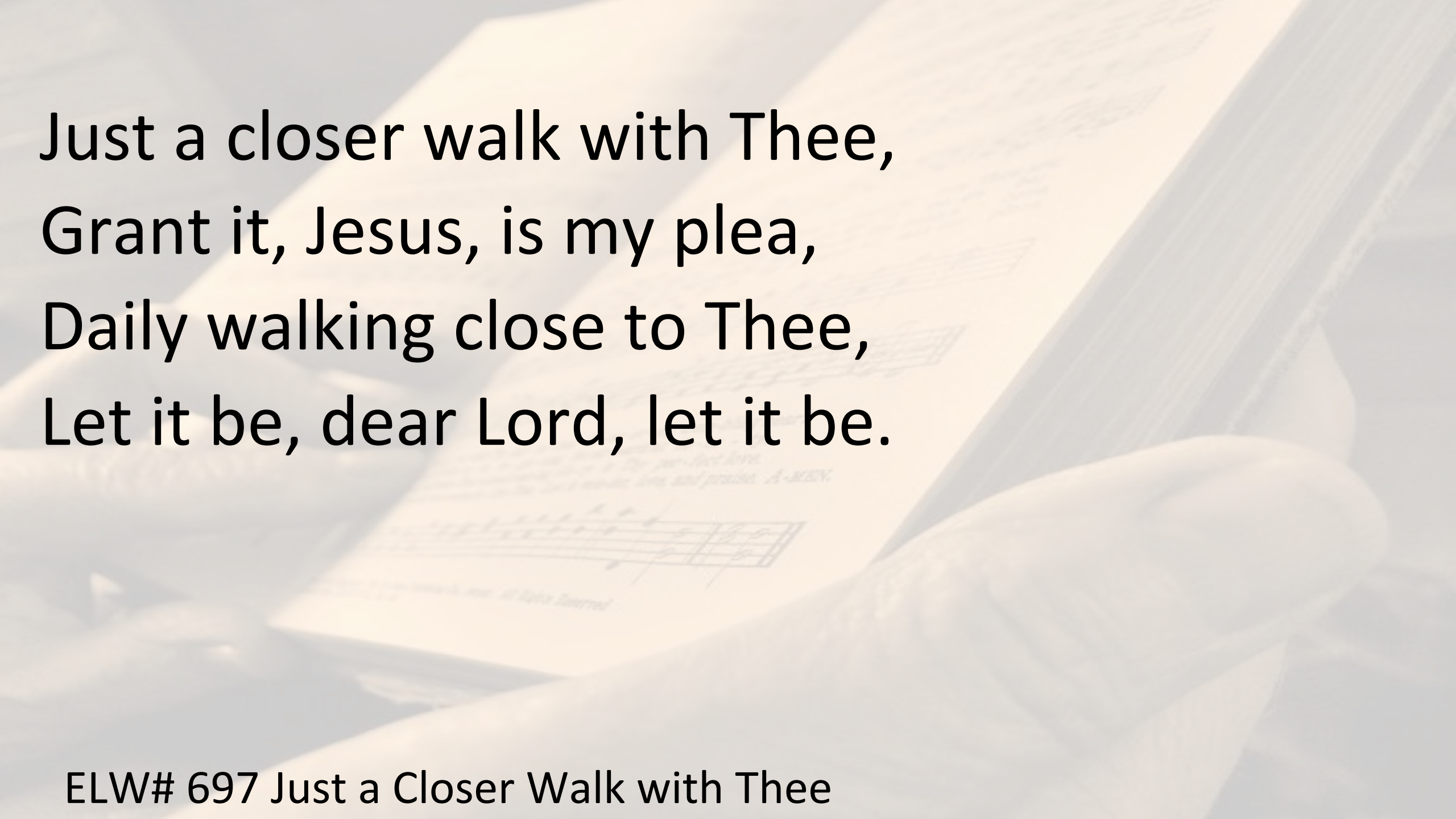
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When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

ELW# 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

# Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to  
serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

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