



# Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

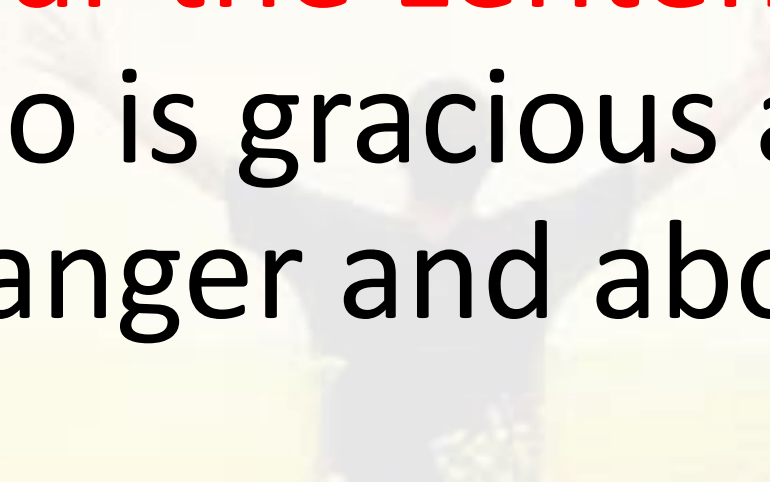
*Hymnals and Bibles are found under the seats.*

Gathering Song:	# 886 vs 1-5
Song of the Day:	# 333
Offertory:	#All Are Welcome
Communion Hymn:	# 779
Sending Song:	# 666

**We live stream our worship services.**

# Welcome

People of God, hear the Lenten call:  
Return to God who is gracious and  
merciful, slow to anger and abounding  
in steadfast love.



# Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days  
and sustains us by God's grace. **Amen**

Let us acknowledge before God and  
one another our need for repentance  
and God's mercy.

A faint, artistic background image of a person seen from behind, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft, glowing light rays emanating from behind the person, creating a spiritual and uplifting atmosphere.

**Holy God,**


**We fail to hear your word.**

**We take for ourselves without regard  
for others.**

**We spoil rather than steward your  
creation.**

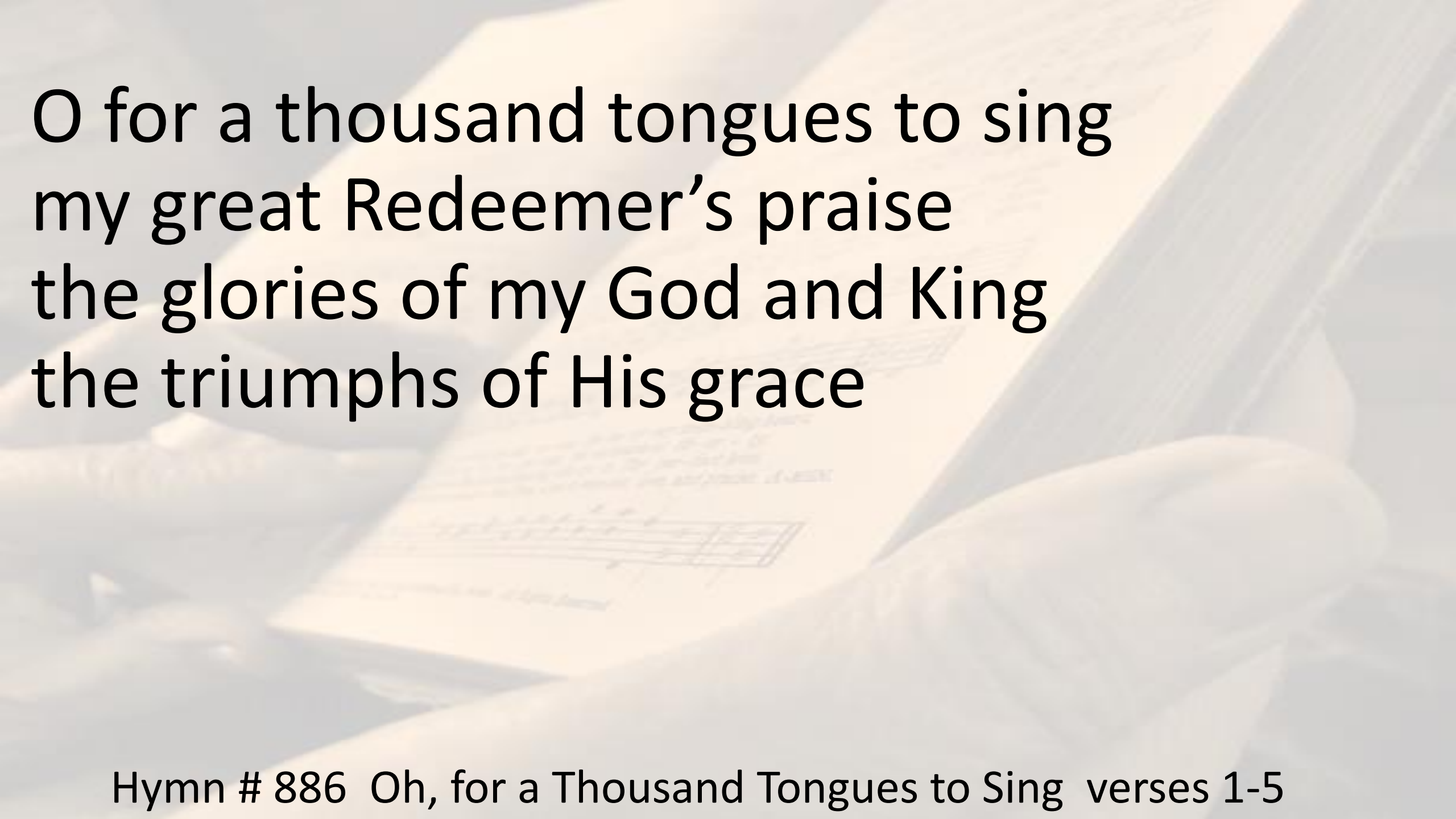
**We cause hurt when you call us to heal.**

**We choose fear over compassion.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
As we seek to follow your way of life.  
Amen.**



Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. God embraces us with divine mercy, + forgives us in Christ's name, and revives us in the Spirit's power.

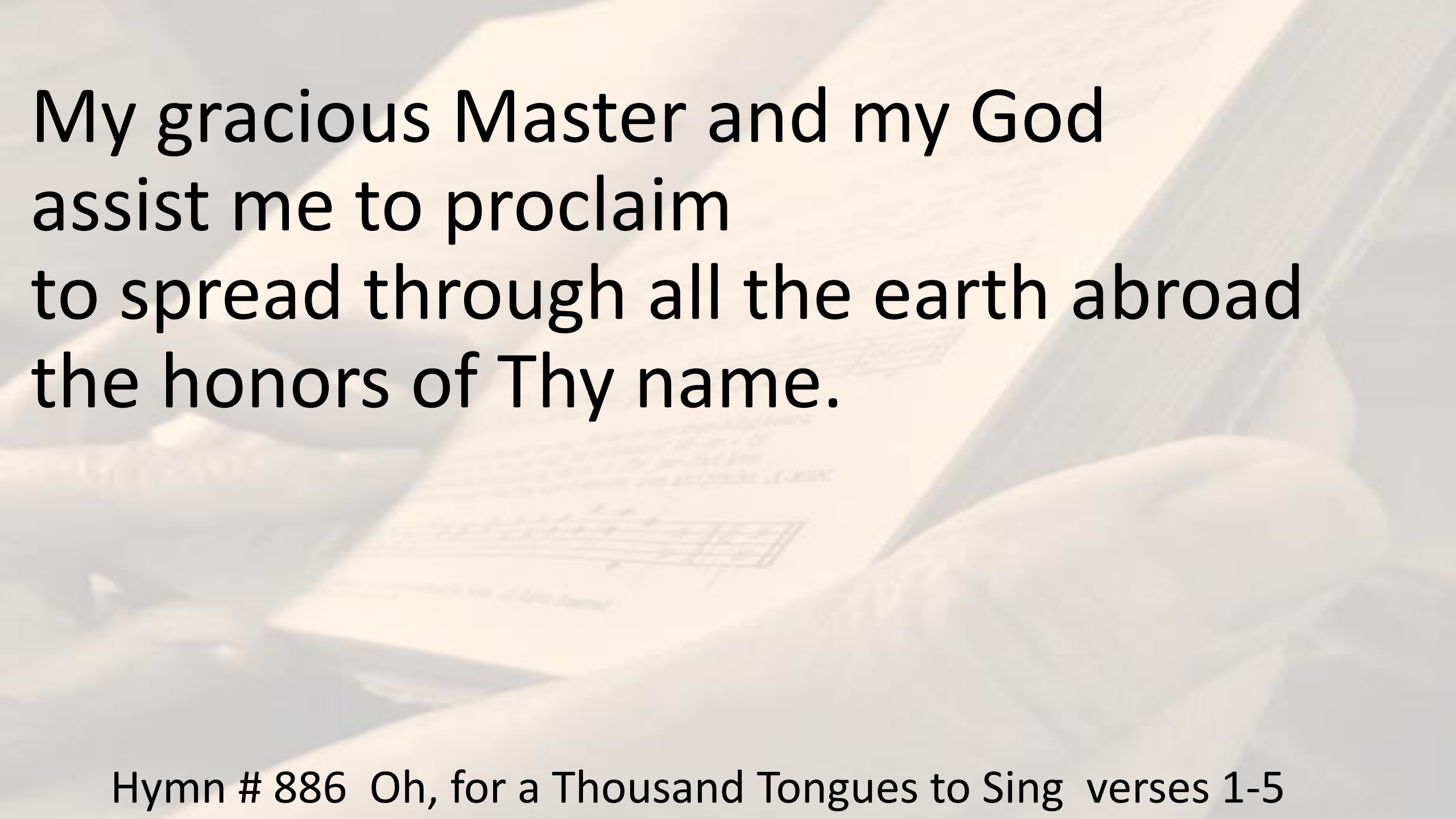
**Amen**

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O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise  
the glories of my God and King  
the triumphs of His grace

Hymn # 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing verses 1-5

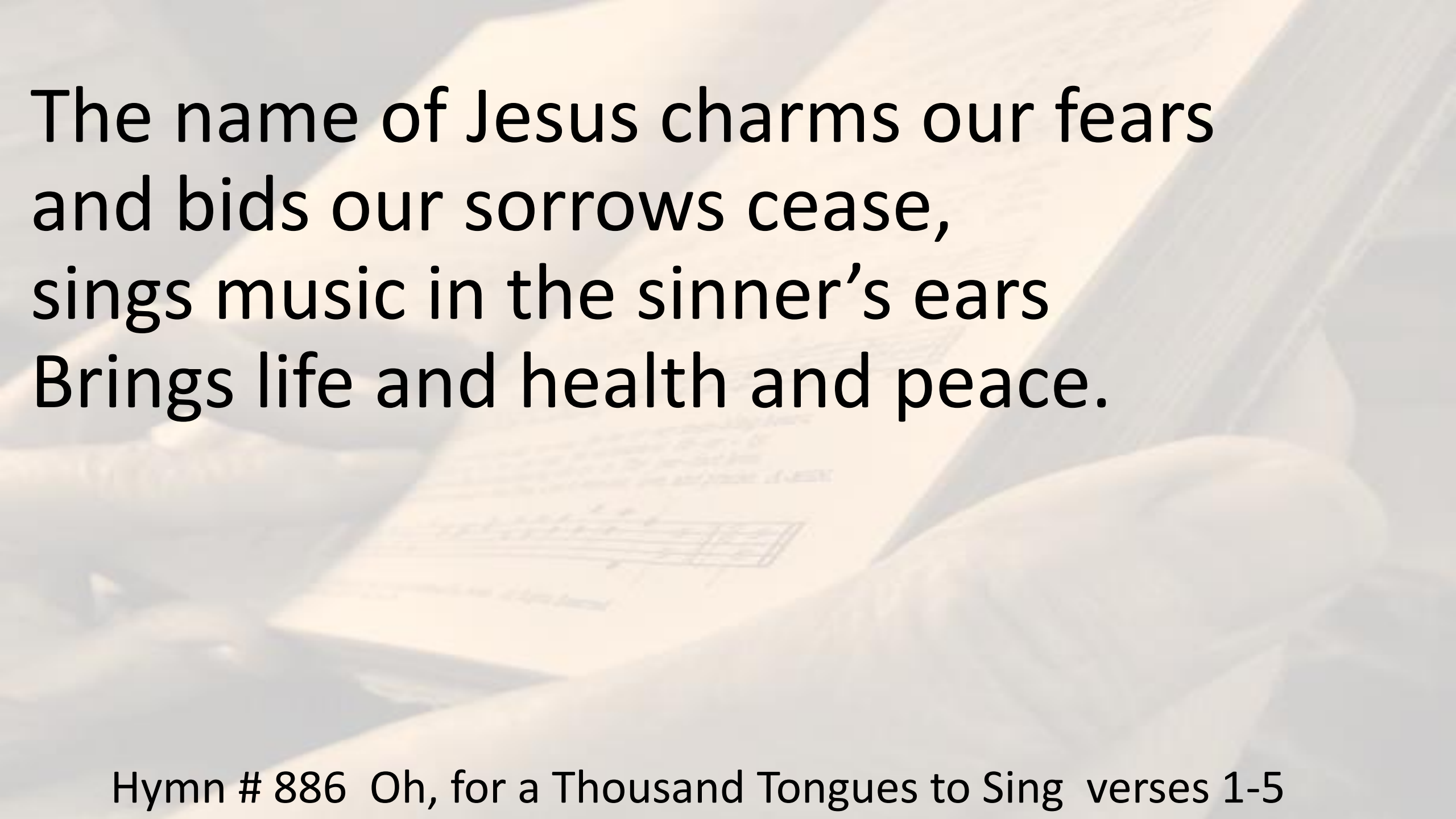


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My gracious Master and my God  
assist me to proclaim  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name.

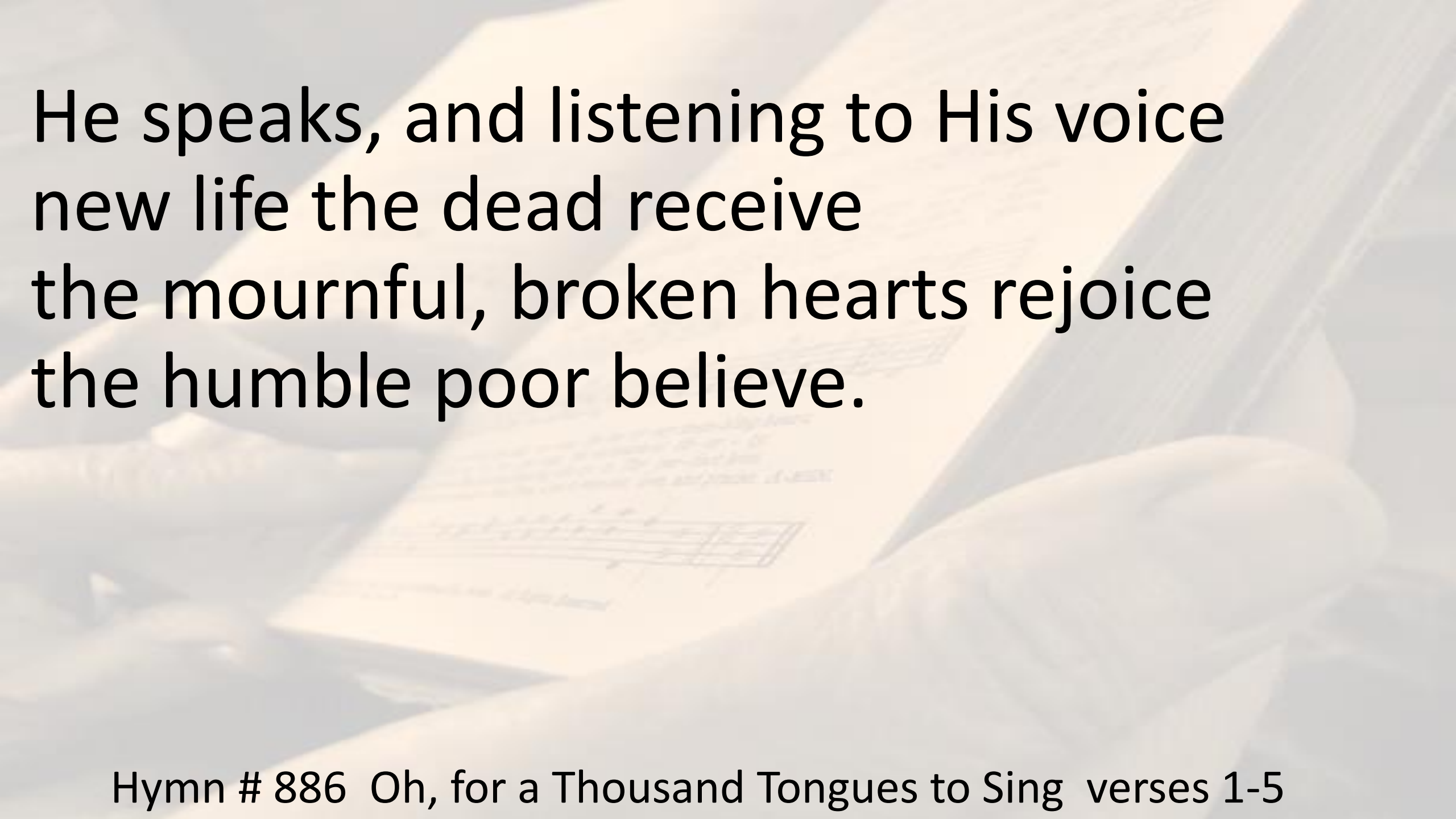
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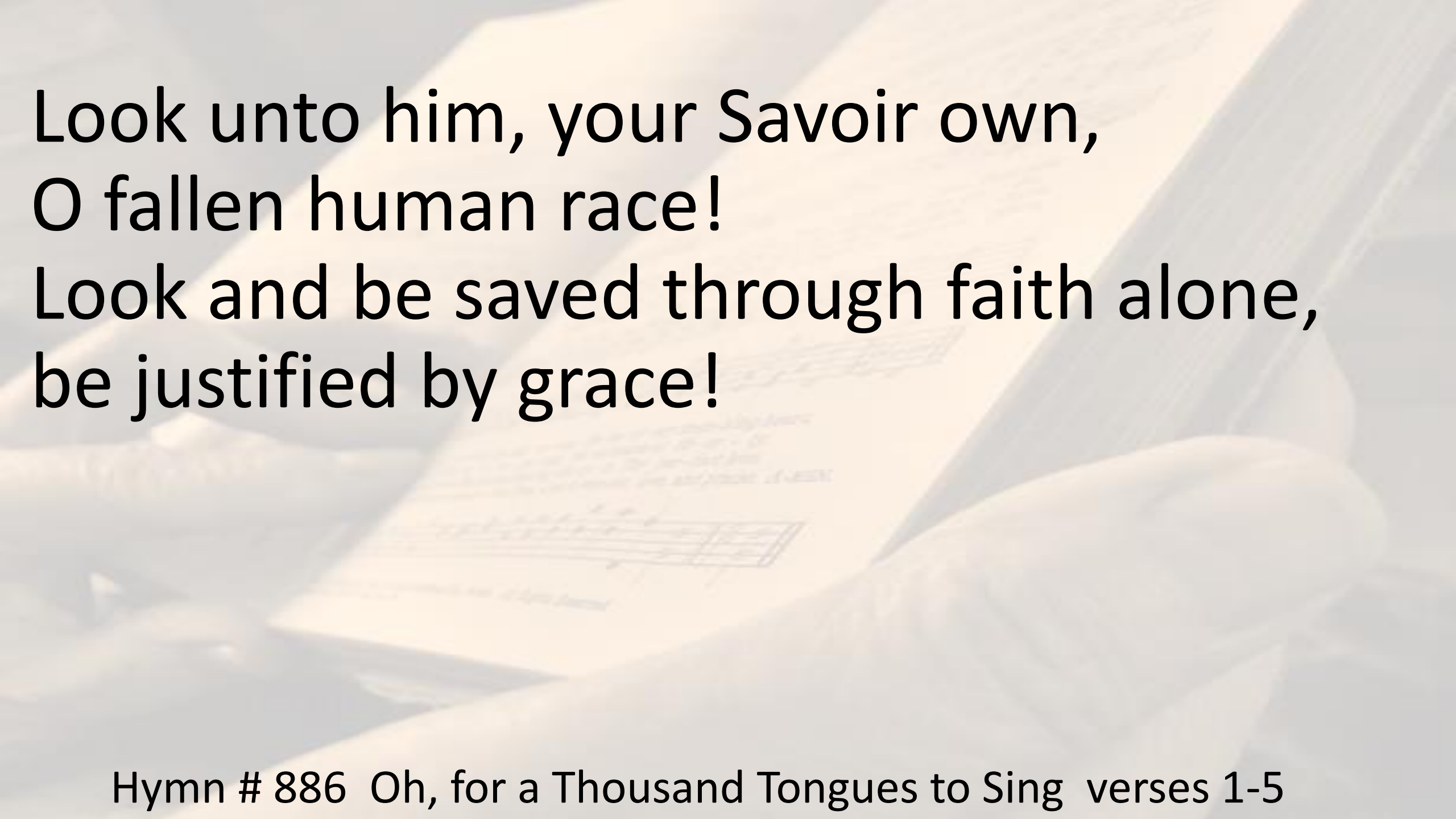
The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears  
Brings life and health and peace.

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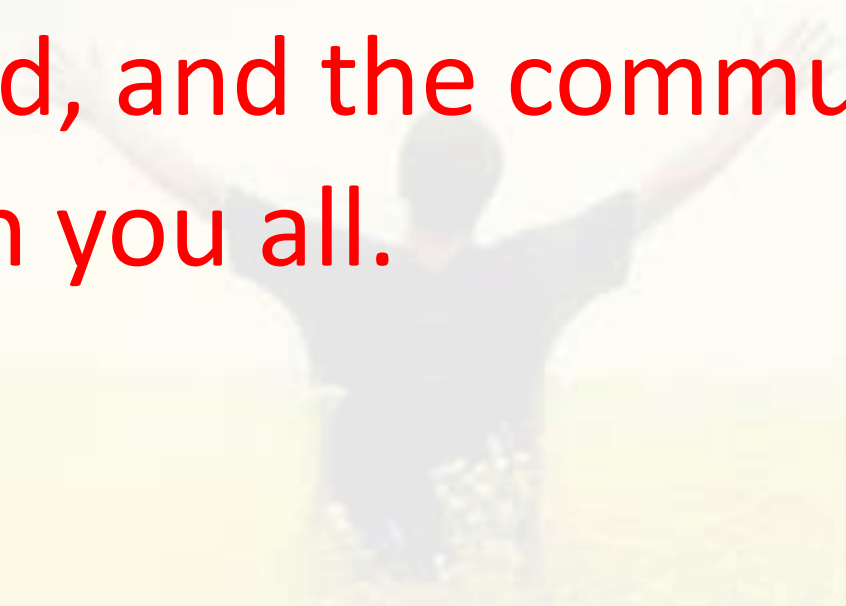
He speaks, and listening to His voice  
new life the dead receive  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice  
the humble poor believe.

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Look unto him, your Saviour own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

Hymn # 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing verses 1-5

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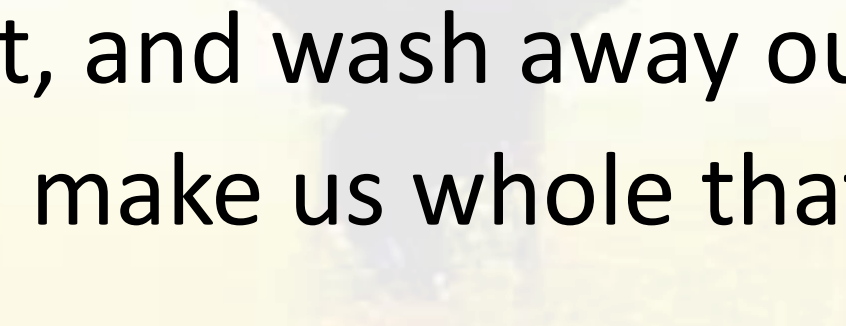
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the  
reconciling love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie, setting 10

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from  
despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sins.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life  
may begin.



# Kyrie, setting 10

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new  
hearts!



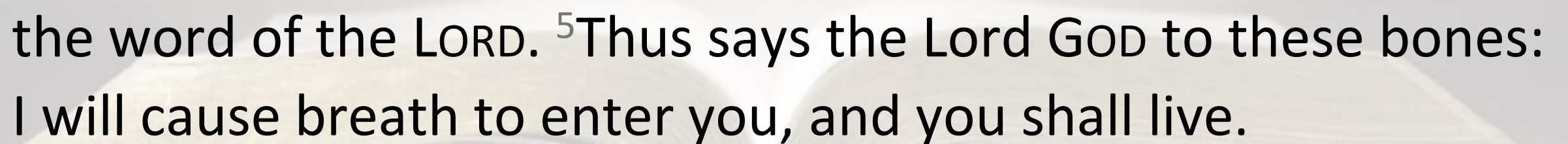
**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

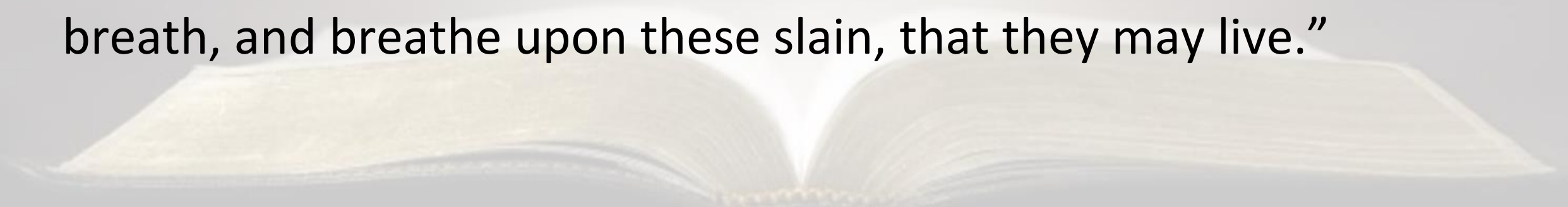


## Ezekiel 37:1-4

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.



<sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”



<sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God!**



We are turning, Lord to hear you;  
you are merciful and kind  
slow to anger, rich in blessing,  
and with love to us inclined.

Gospel Acclamation ELW setting 10

# John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to

<sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”





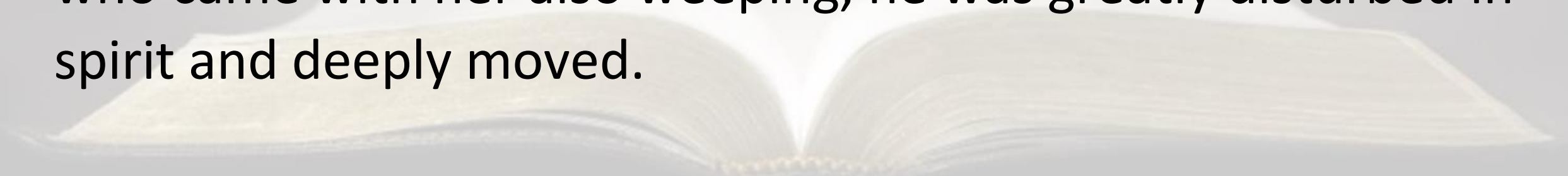
<sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.



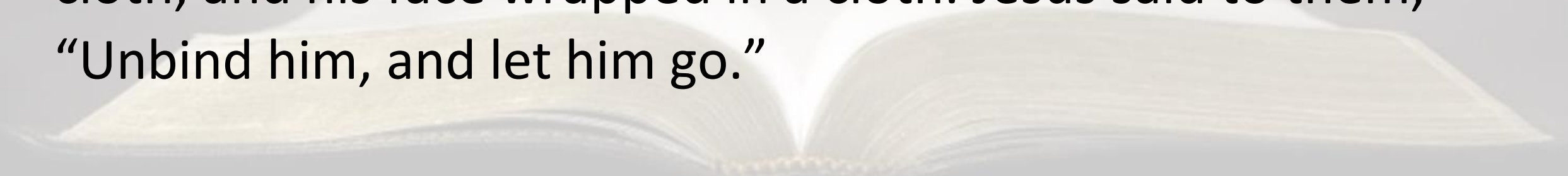
<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.



<sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”



<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”



<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.





This is 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 my life that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee  
take my moments and my days  
let them flow in ceaseless praise

# Sermon

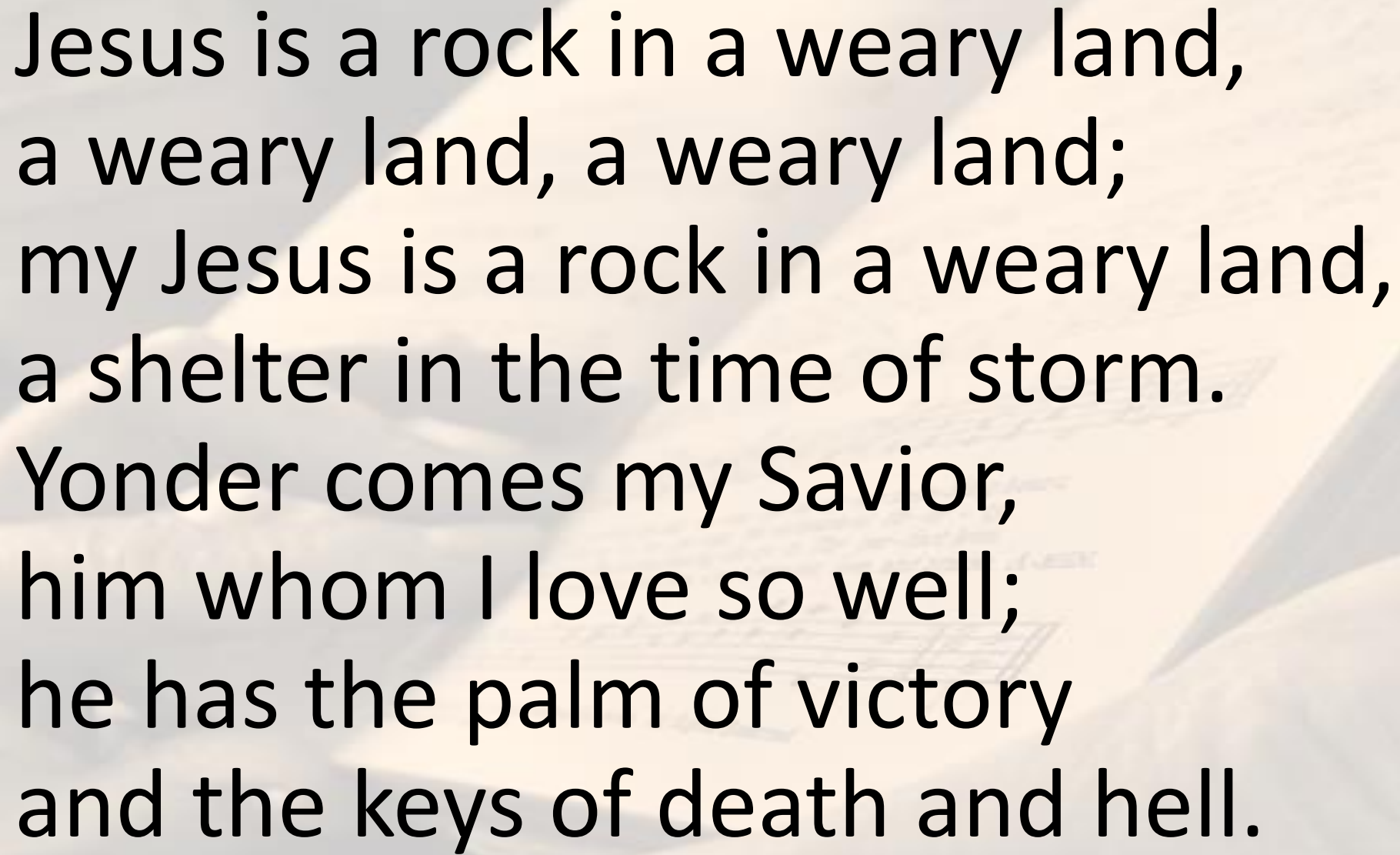


Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.  
No one can do like Jesus,  
not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,  
and he raised him from the dead.

Hymn # 333 Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

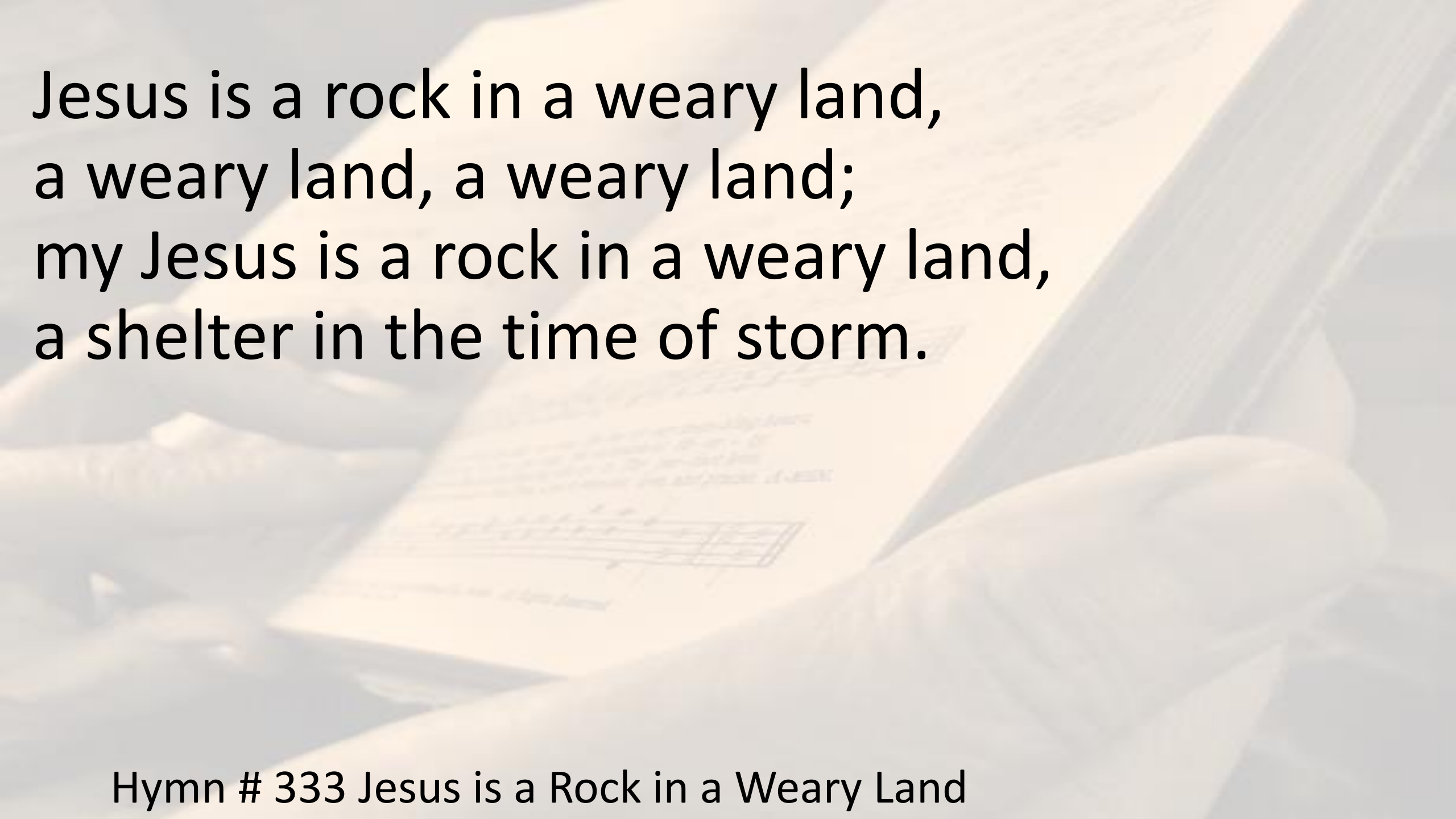
Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.  
When Jesus was on earth  
the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself  
and he washed his disciples' feet.

Hymn # 333 Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

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Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.  
Yonder comes my Savior,  
him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory  
and the keys of death and hell.

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a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm.

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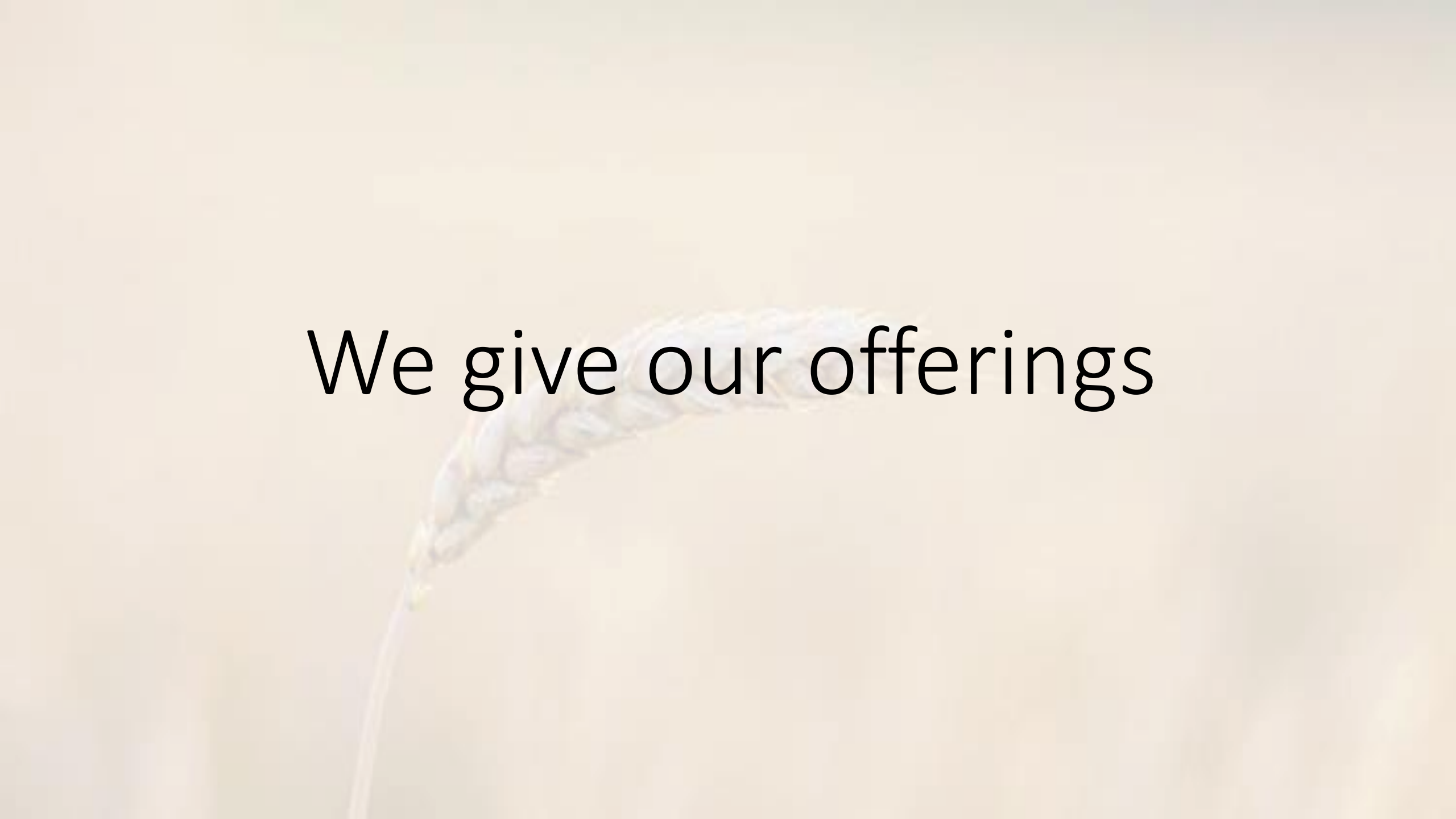
*At the conclusion of each petition, we say:*

***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



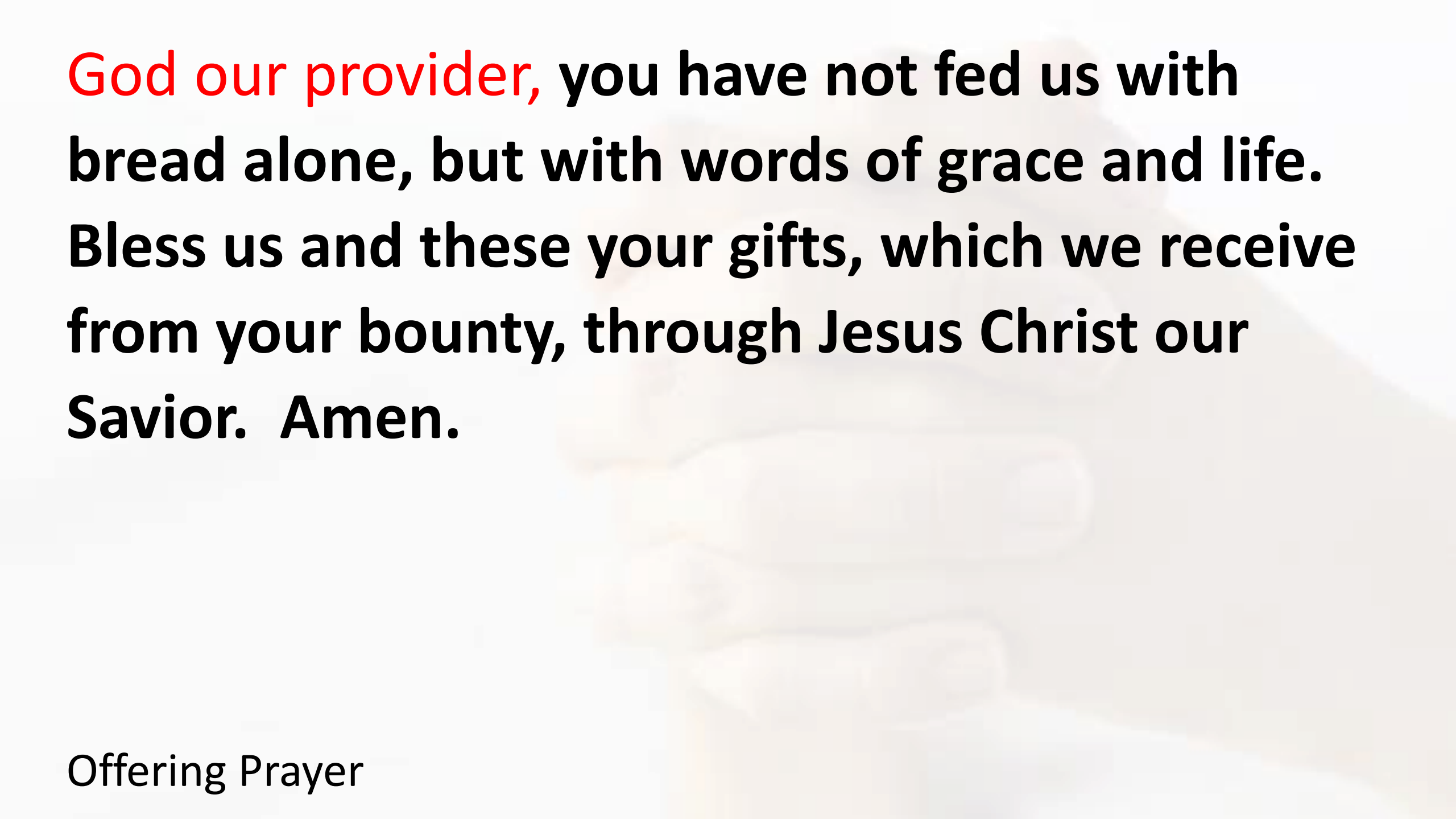
*Promesa de Esperanza*

All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior. All are welcome. All are welcome here.

Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families, tell about the splendid table, God's mercy.

All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior. All are welcome. All are welcome here.

Offertory Hymn: All Are Welcome, refrain, verse 3, refrain



**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus 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 power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy), ELW setting 10

# 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. As our offertory hymn proclaims: All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior. All are welcome here!*

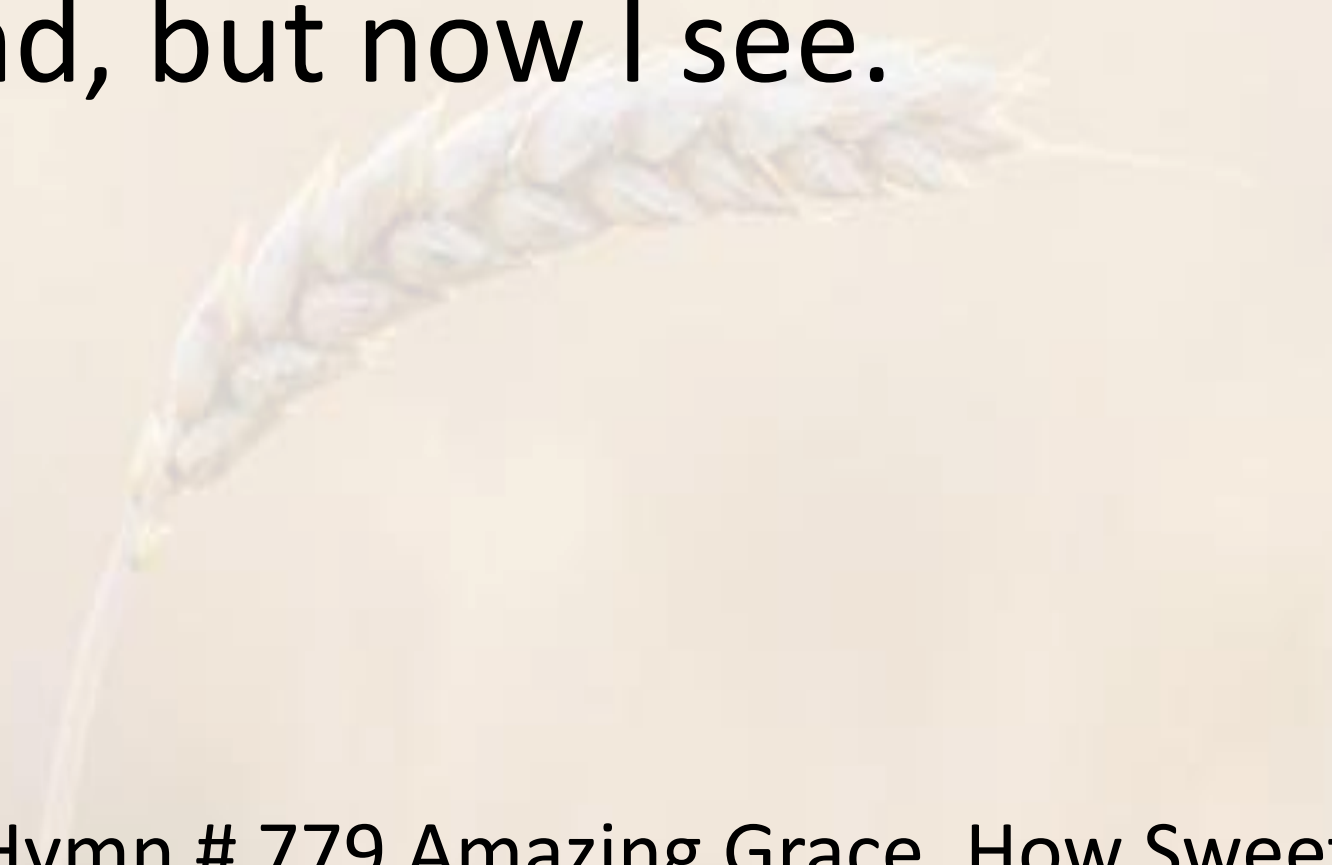
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now we pray.  
Lamb of God, ELW setting 10

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.

Lamb of God, ELW setting 10

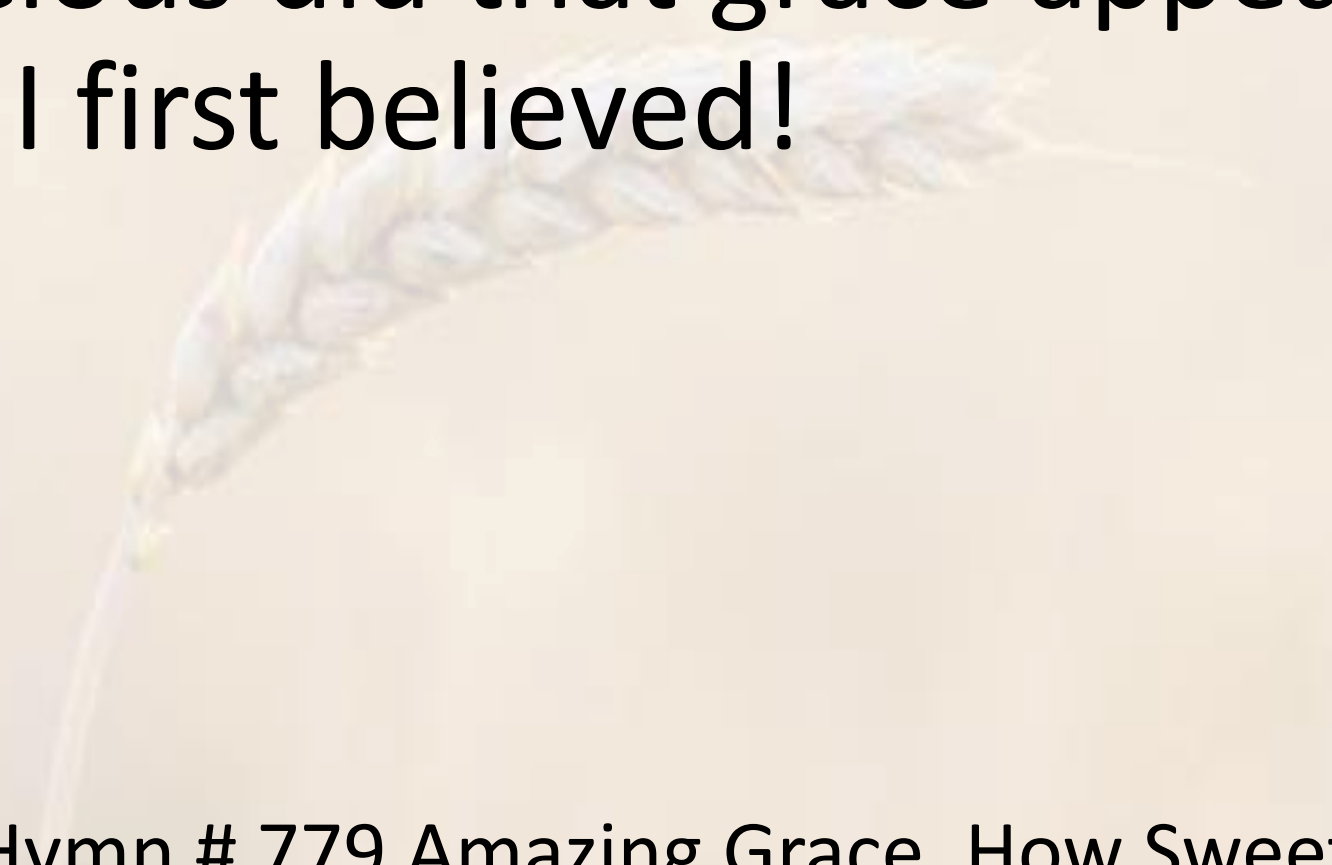
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.



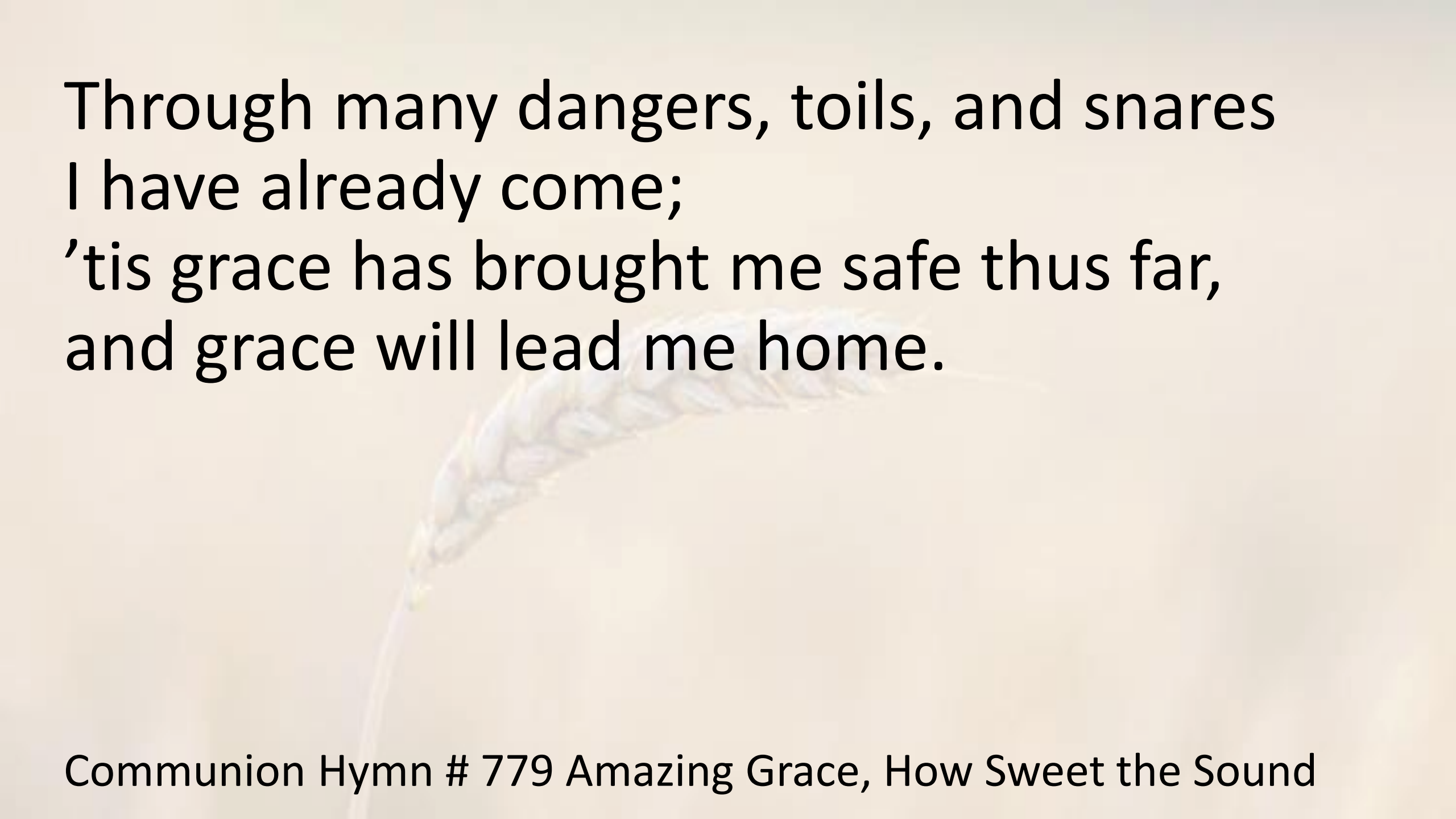
Communion Hymn # 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!



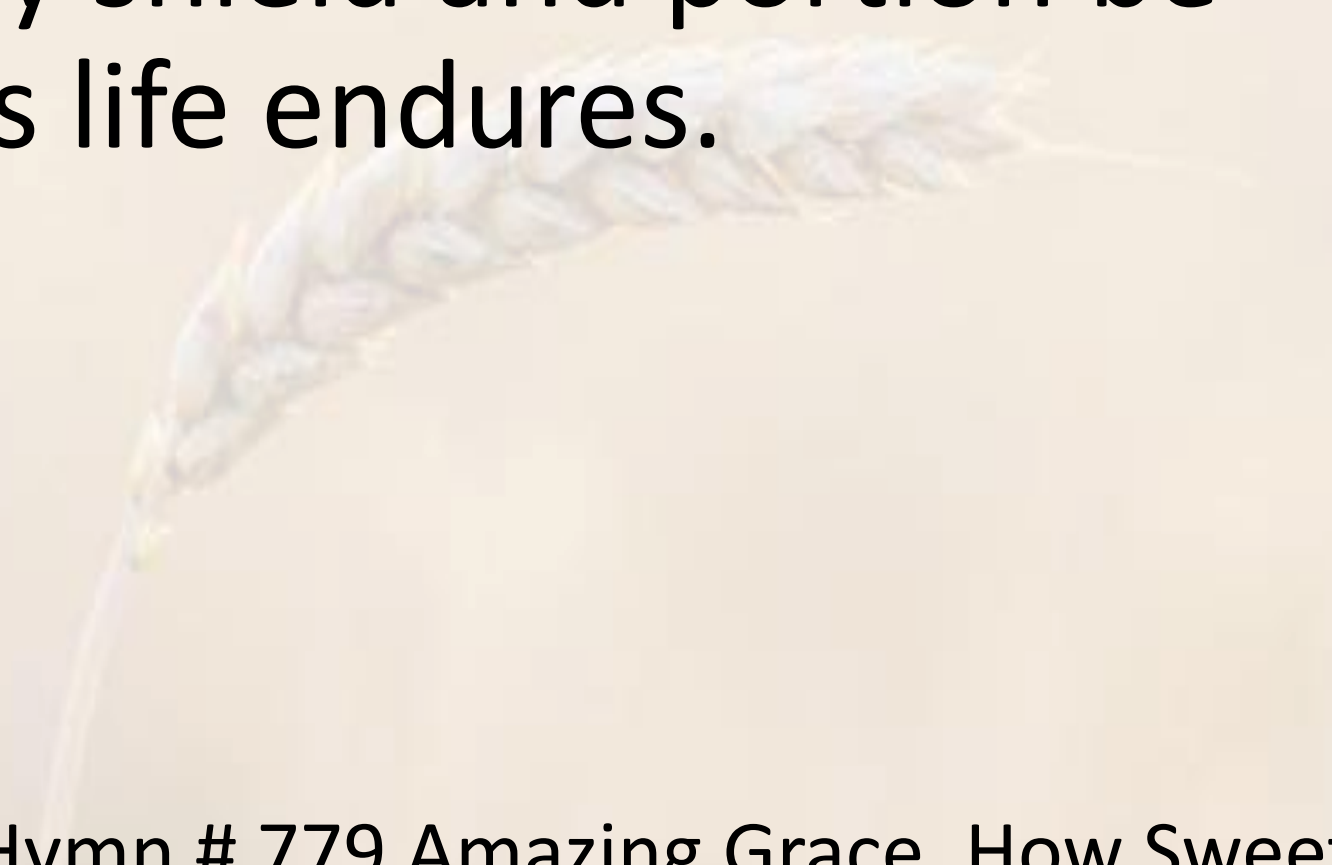
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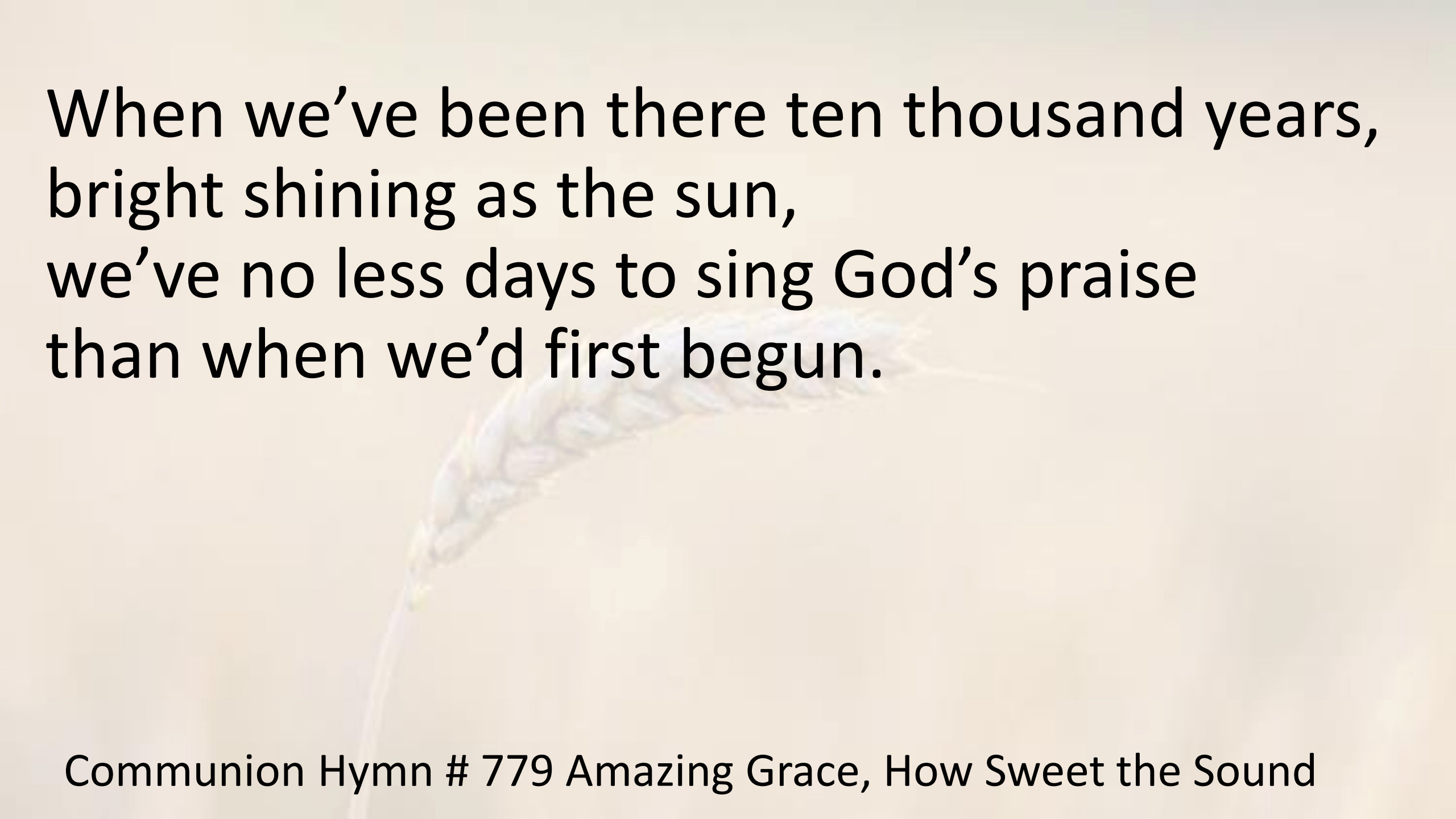
Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

Communion Hymn # 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.



Communion Hymn # 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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'd first begun.

Communion Hymn # 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

# 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.**



Prayer of Discernment

# Announcements





# Blessing

On this Lenten journey, travel to the God  
who transforms. Travel to the Arms so wide.  
Travel to the Spirit all generous. **Amen.**

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

ELW# 666 What Wondrous Love Is This

When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

ELW# 666 What Wondrous Love Is This

To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

ELW# 666 What Wondrous Love Is This

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

ELW# 666 What Wondrous Love Is This

# Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to  
love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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