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Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

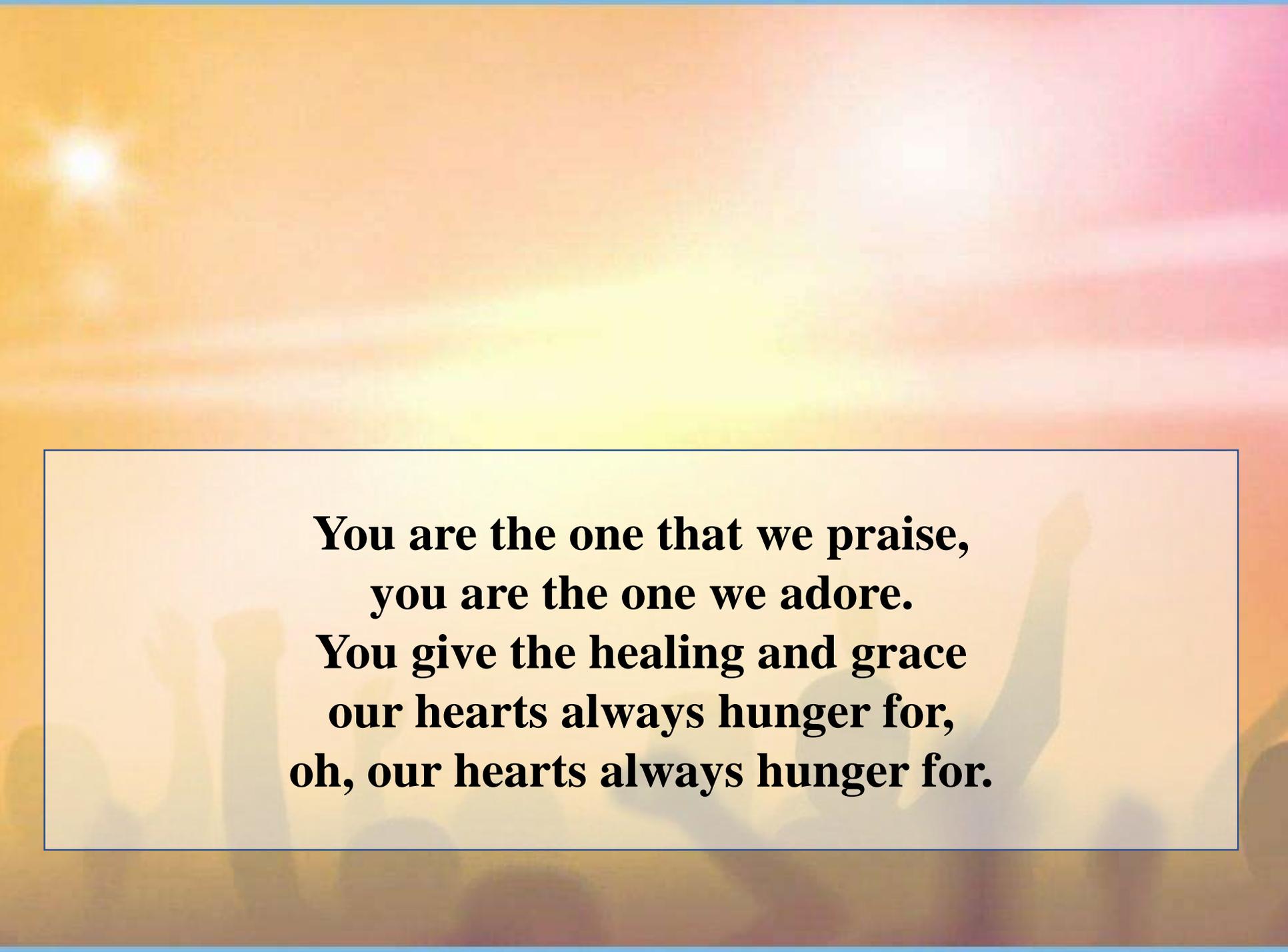
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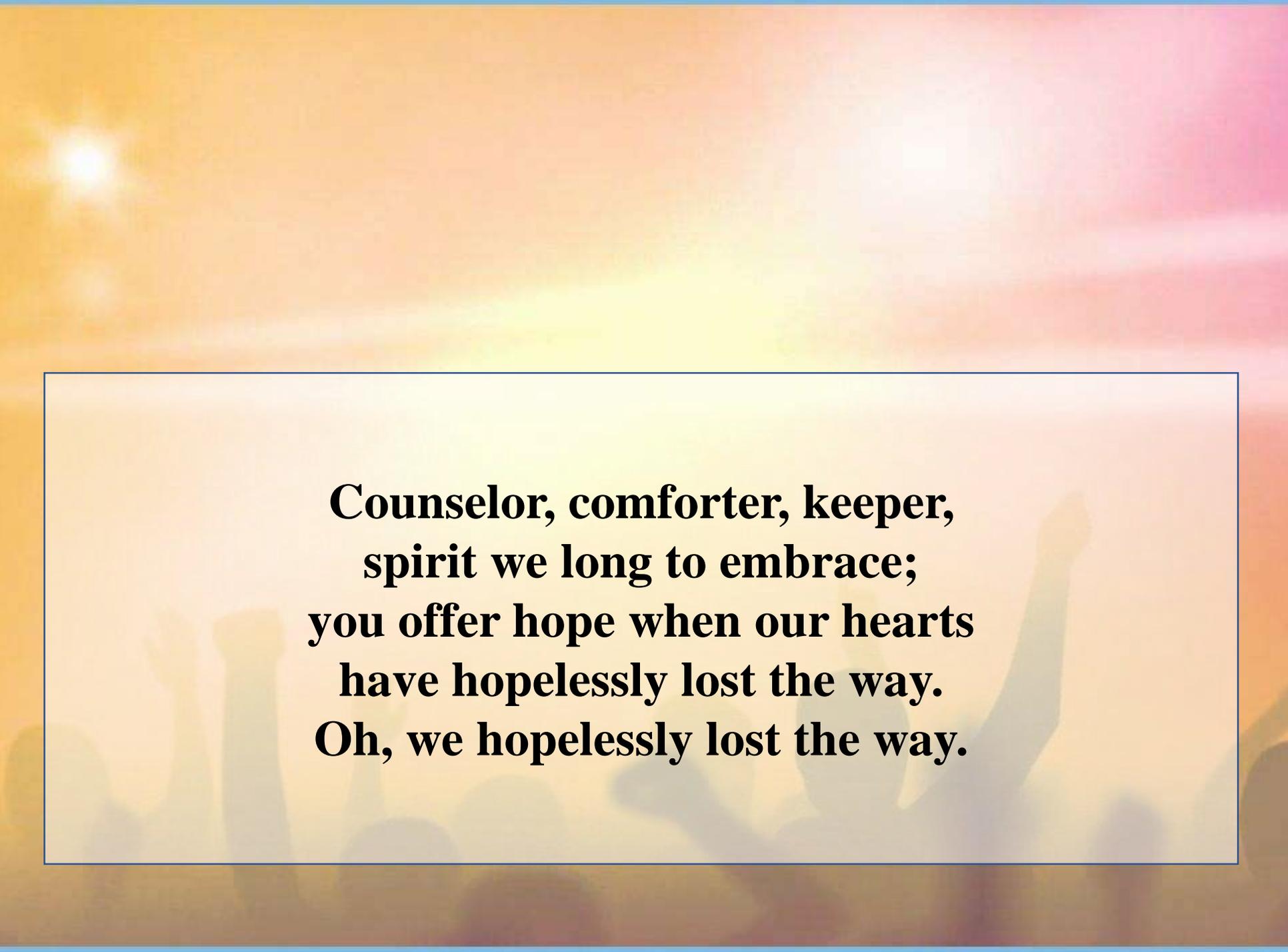
Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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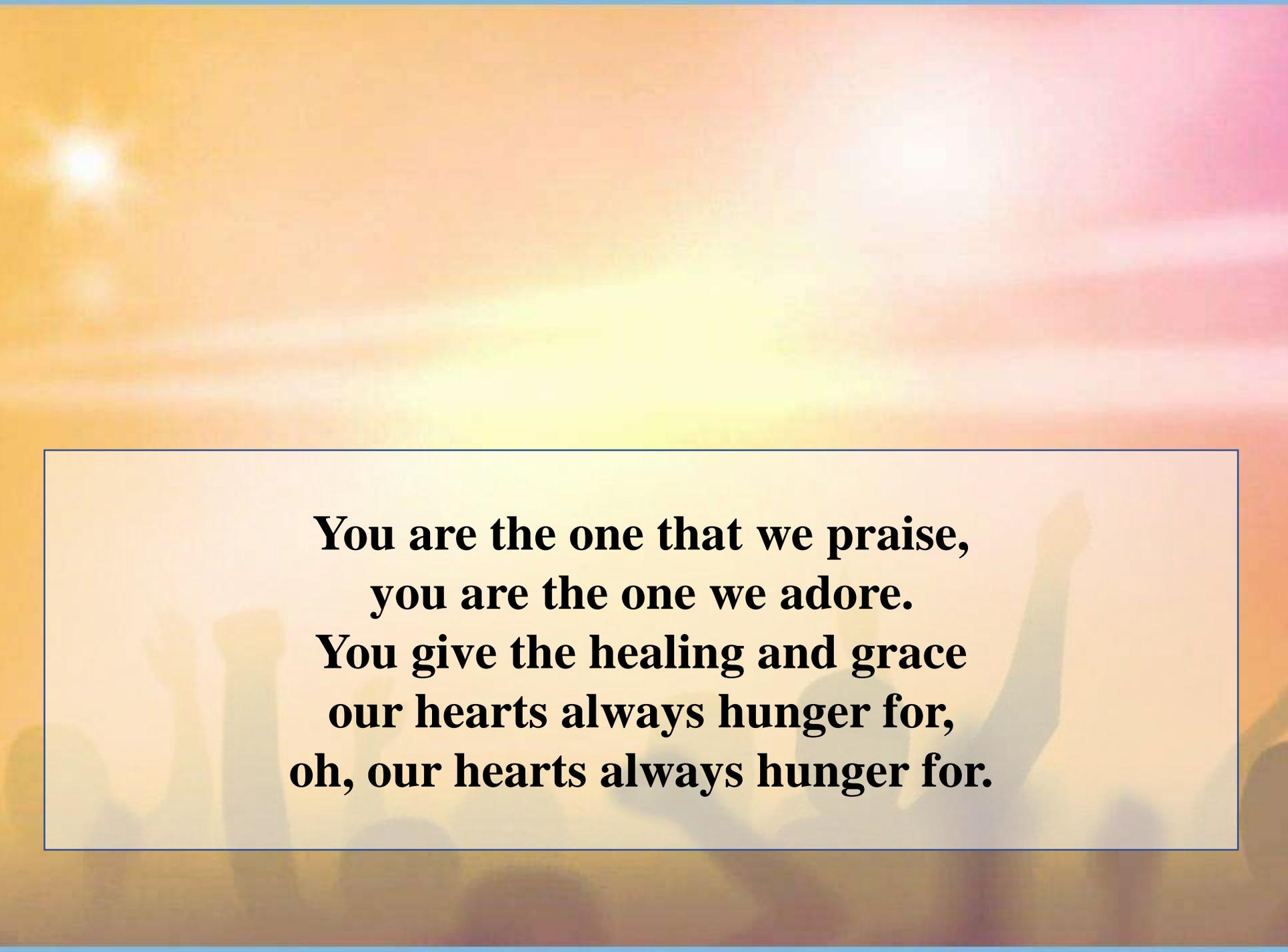
**Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious redeemer and friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.**



**You are the one that we praise,
you are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

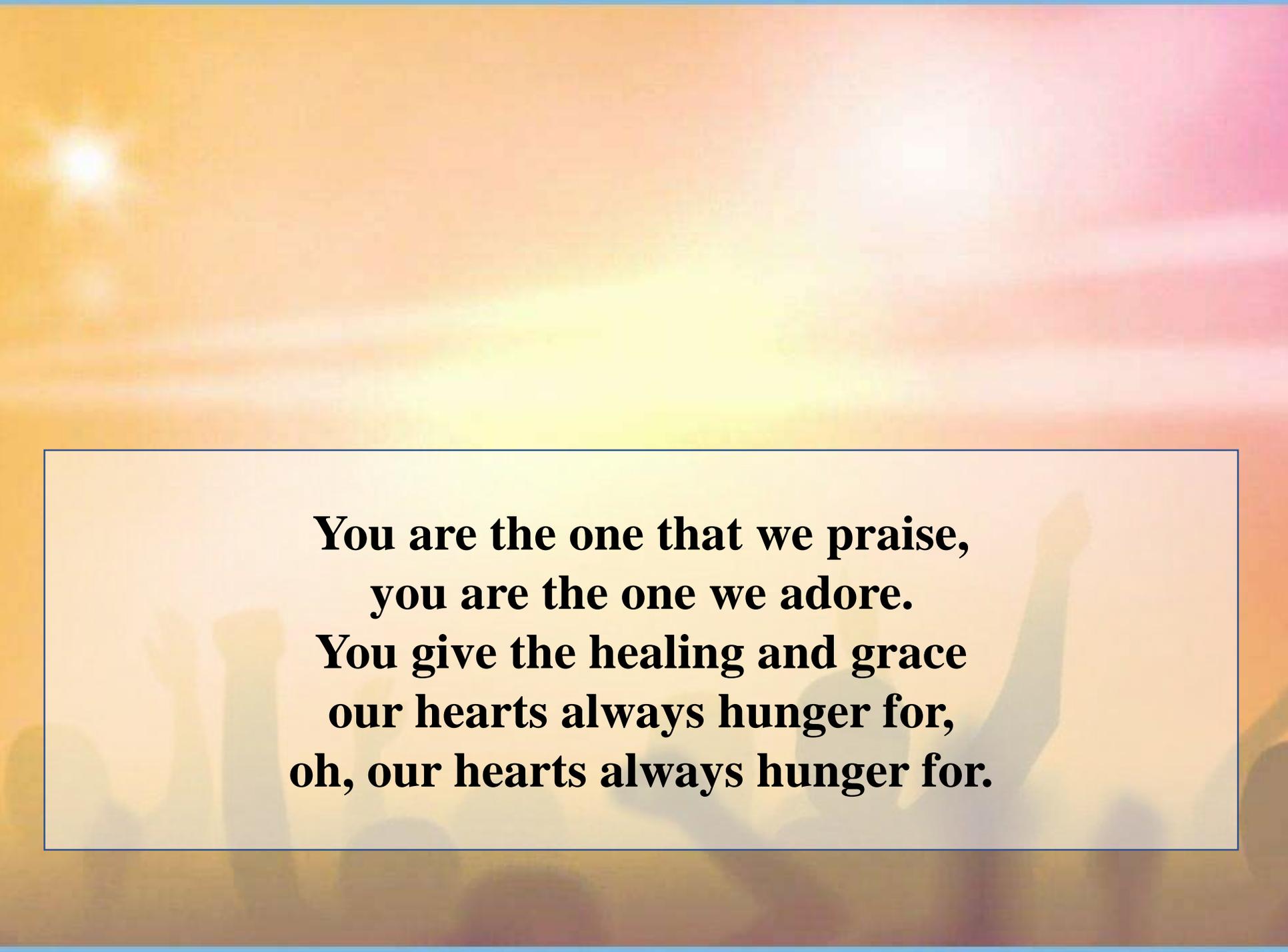


**Counselor, comforter, keeper,
spirit we long to embrace;
you offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.**



**You are the one that we praise,
you are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Almighty infinite Father,
faithfully loving your own;
here in our weakness you find us
falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne.**

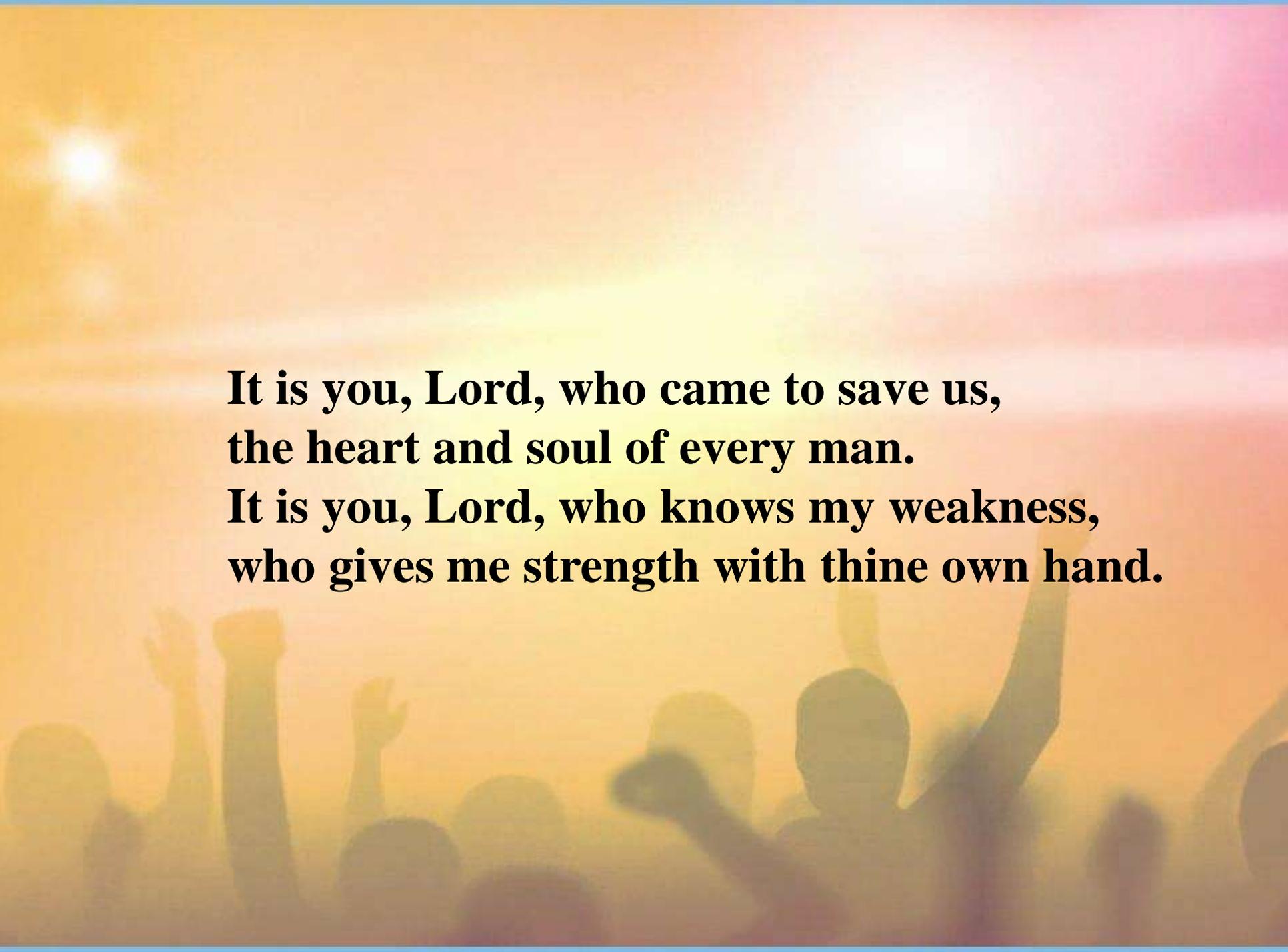


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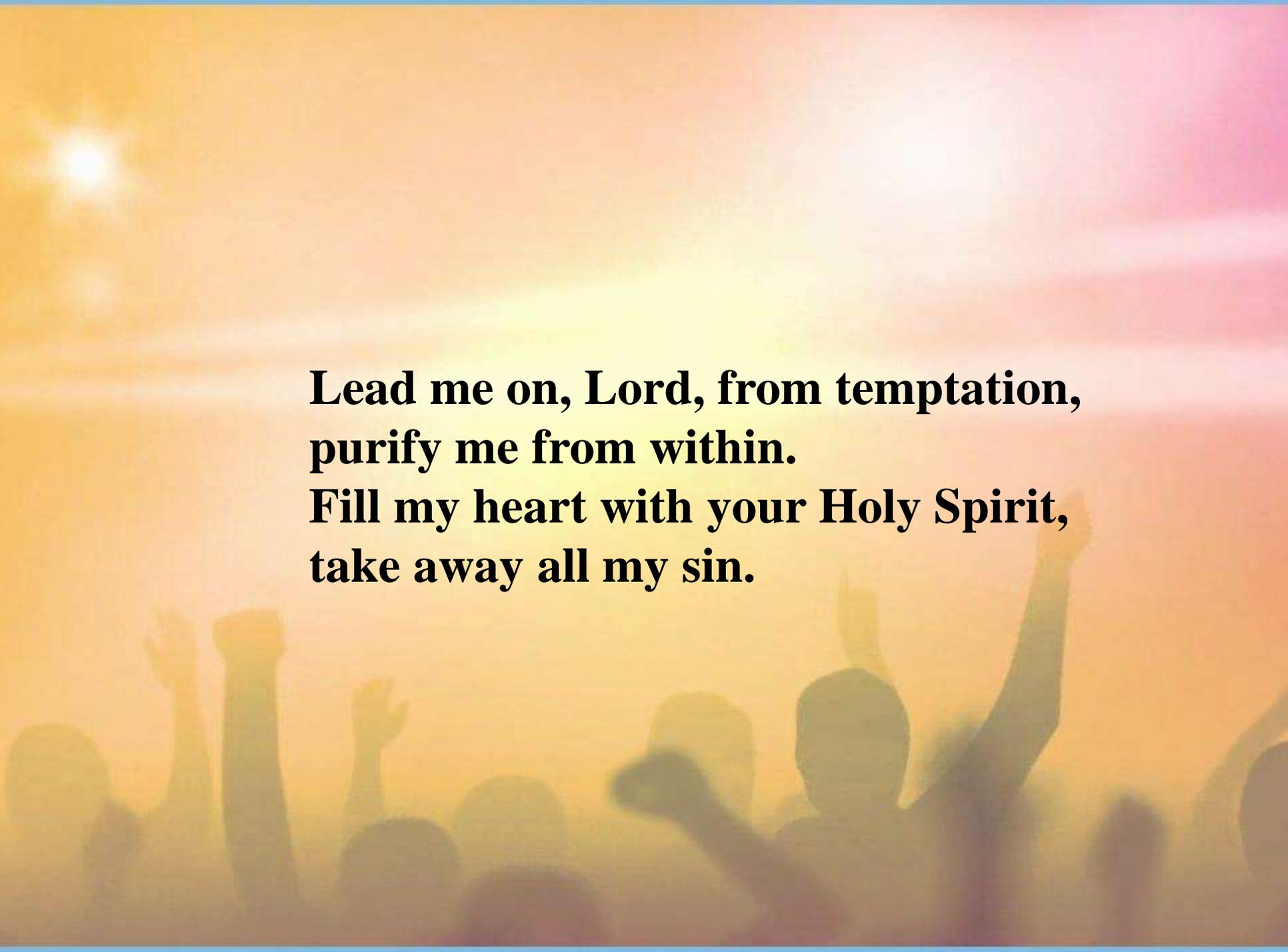
Sanctuary

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**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true,
with thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**



**It is you, Lord, who came to save us,
the heart and soul of every man.
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness,
who gives me strength with thine own hand.**



**Lead me on, Lord, from temptation,
purify me from within.
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit,
take away all my sin.**



Welcome and Announcements



Youth Ministry and the Congregation

Join in prayer and participation in two more 45-minute opportunities that will help build a good foundation for the future of Zion's youth ministry.

September 27 (tonight)

October 4

**Everyone is
encouraged to
attend!**

Two more Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Kids' Message

*Kids' Blessing
and
Release to Church School*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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**To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart:

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

**To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
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Holy, holy, holy.
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Opening Prayer

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Kamarra Brunelle

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant/ I Love You, Lord Medley

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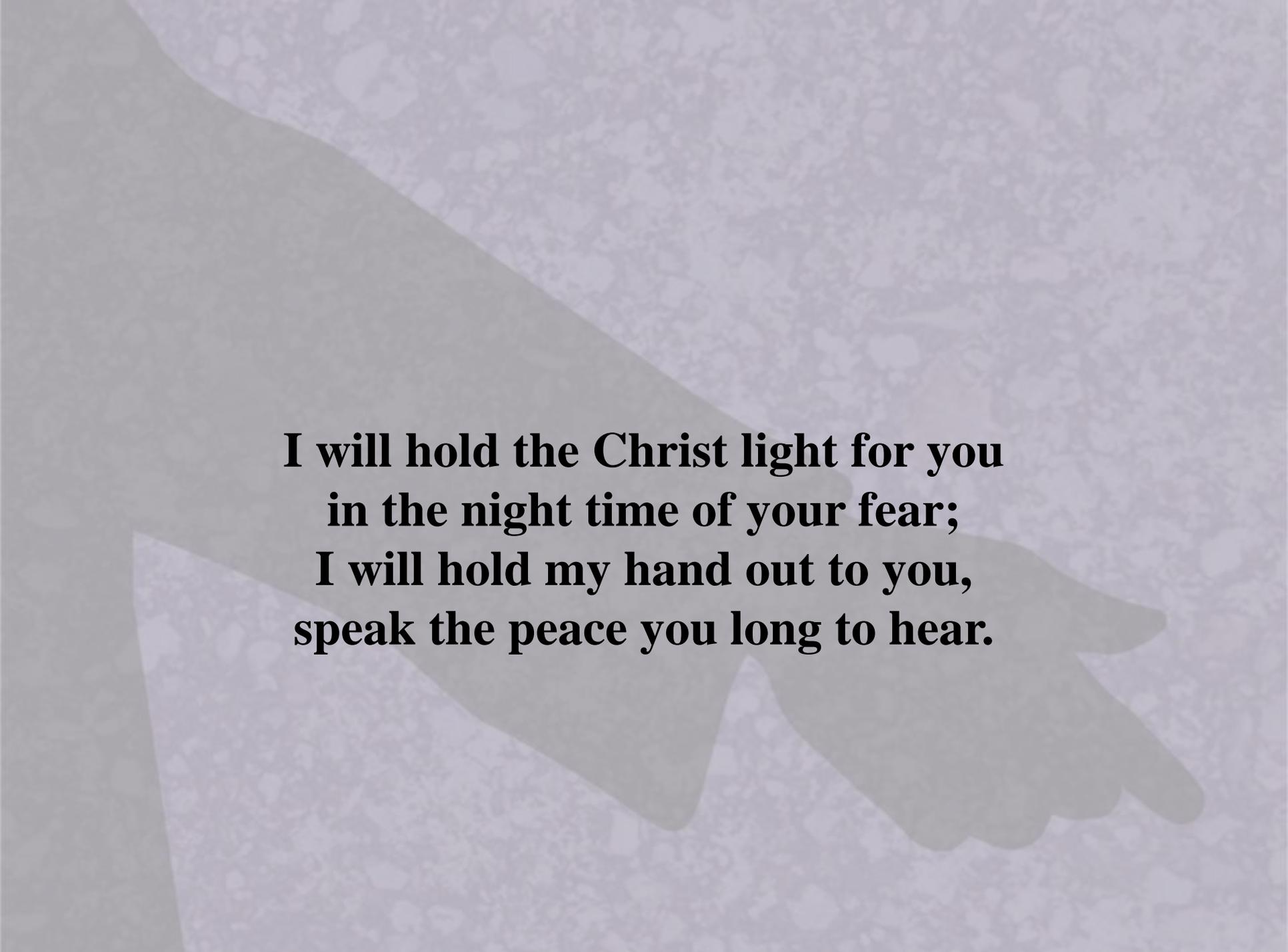
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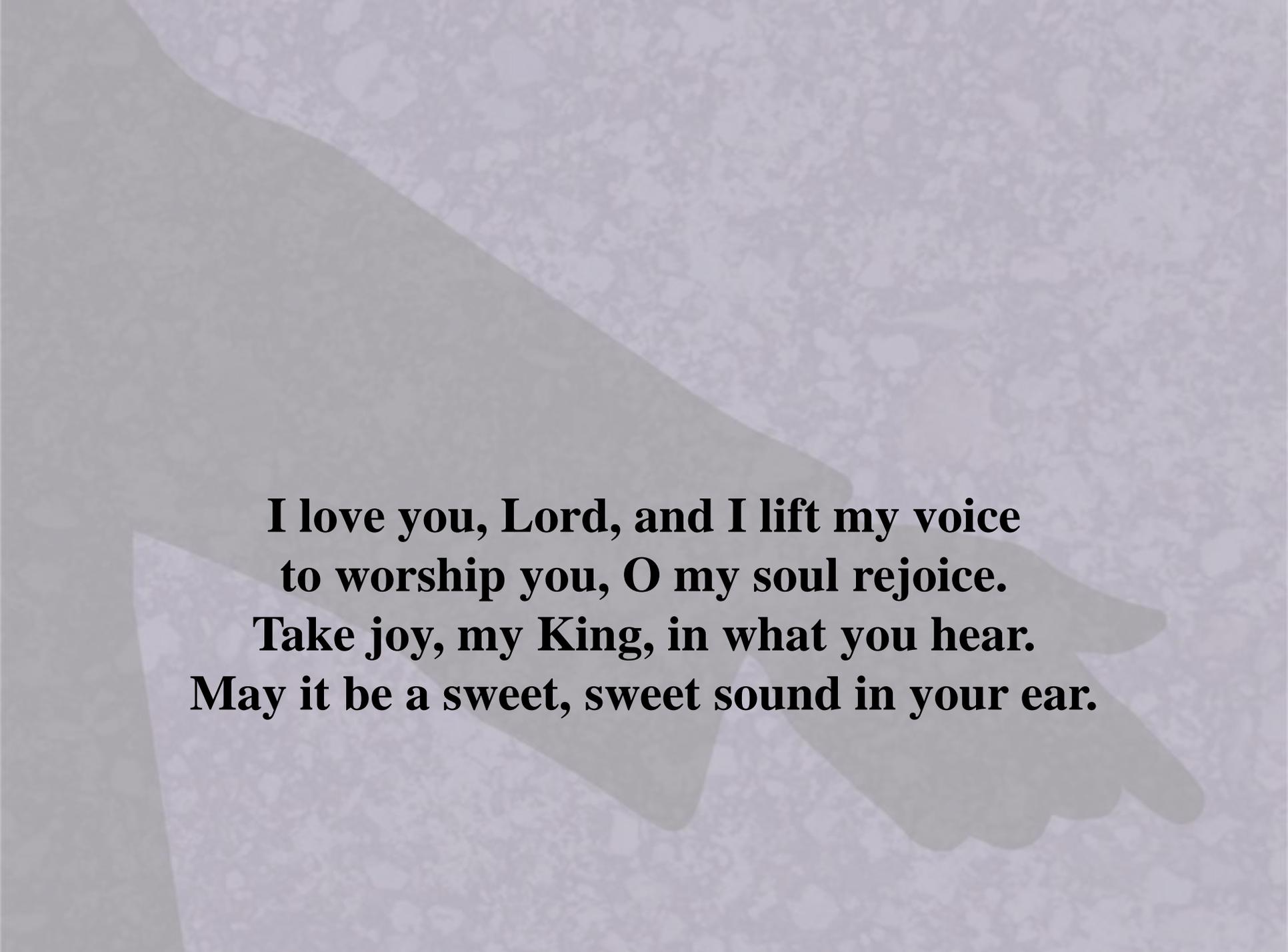
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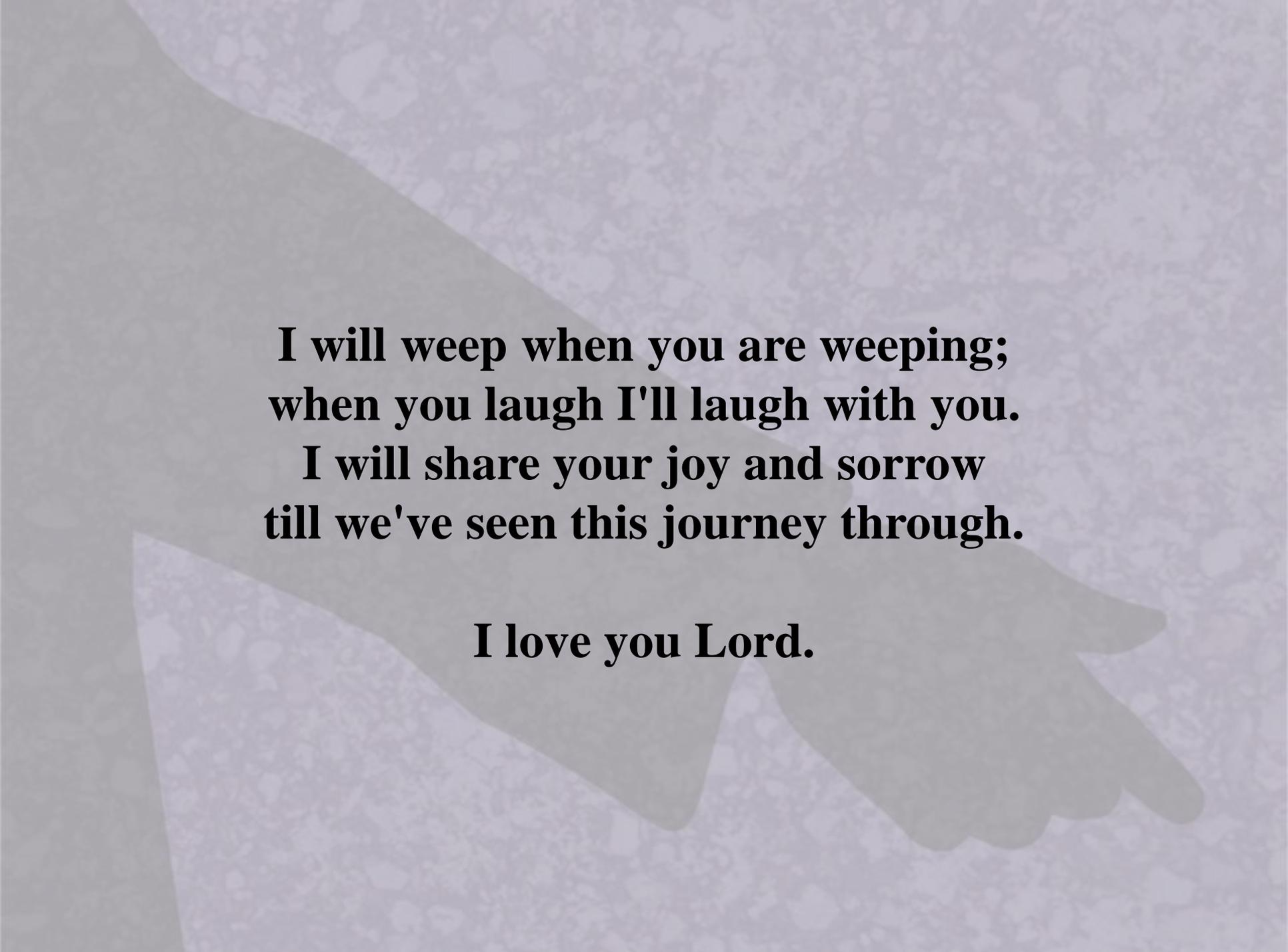
**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**



**I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**



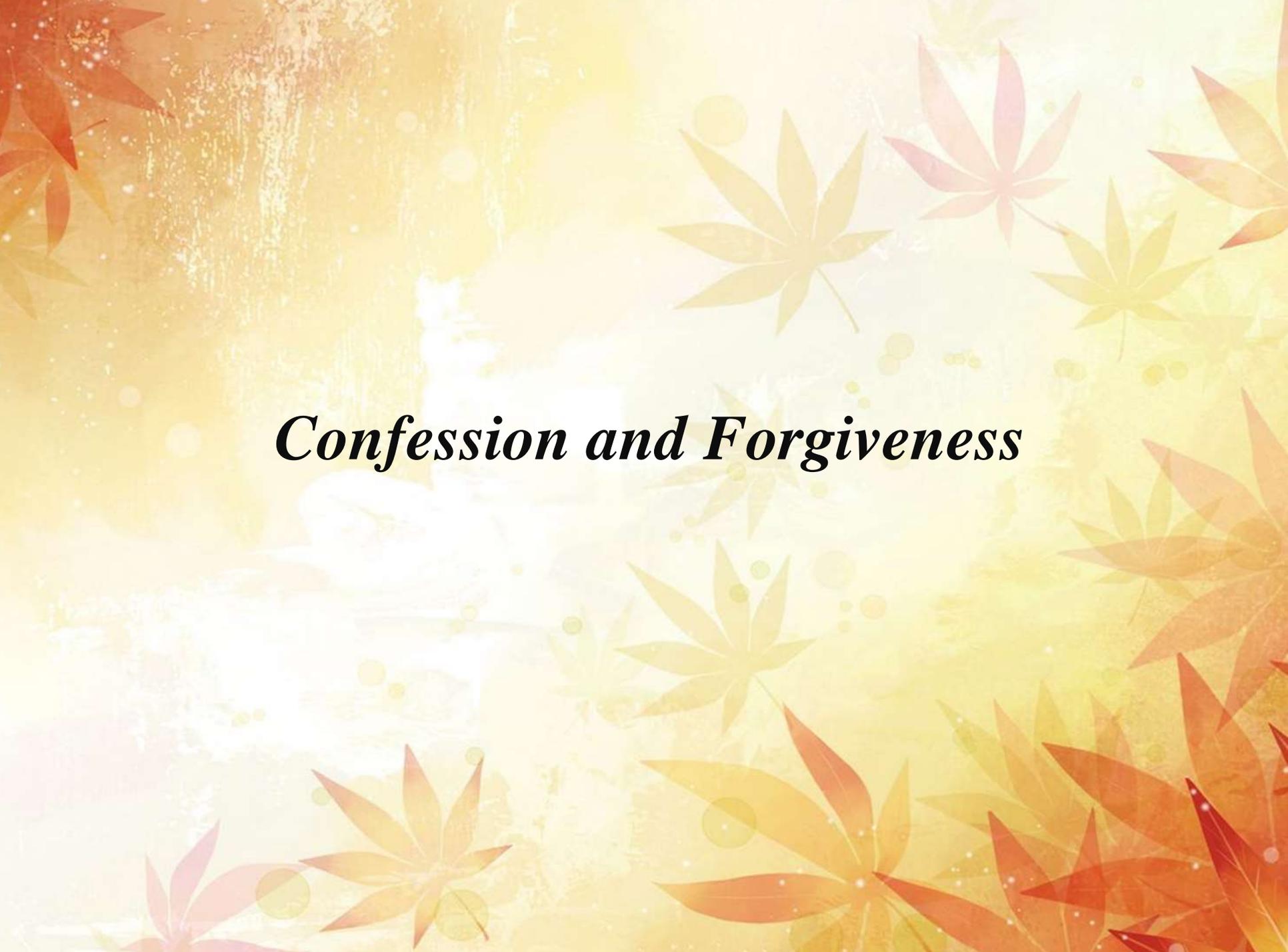
**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**



**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.**

**I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

I love you Lord.



Confession and Forgiveness

Unison Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what you expect of us—but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong—the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you—but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: When we fall, God is there to help us up again. When we find ourselves burdened by past events and circumstances, he walks alongside us to support and encourage us. God is always close at hand, ready to listen when we call out to him. He hears our prayers and answers them. So be at peace. God has heard your prayer. Your sins are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

Offering





Special Music

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“Blessings”

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray together.

C: **Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

L: May the memories of grace shared this hour be a delight and inspiration to us.
May the sun of heaven shine through us.
May the winds of love move us to compassion and service.
May we go forth...
God seeing in our eyes,
God touching with our hands,
God caring through our generosity.

C: Amen.

I Saw the Light

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**I wandered so aimless - life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.**

**Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
no more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**Just like a blind man I wandered alone.
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like a blind man who
God gave back his sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I was a fool to wander and stray.
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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