



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, April 24, 2024
5:30 pm*

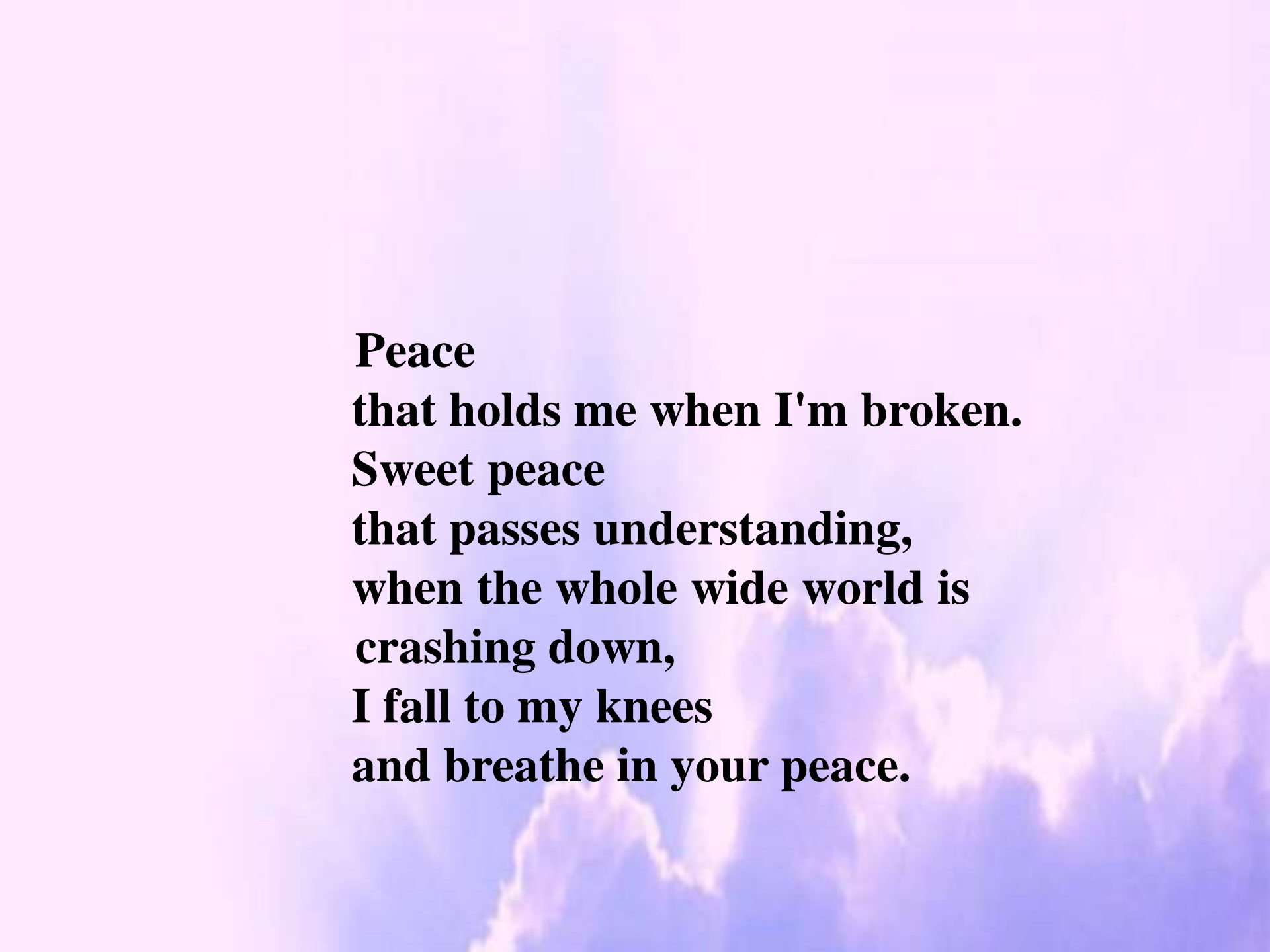
A quilt from Zion's Spring 2024 Quilting Season
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Peace


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**When my mind is like a battlefield
and my heart is overcome by fear
and hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea.**

**My enemies on every side
and I'm tempted to run and hide,
your gentle whisper reaches out to me.**

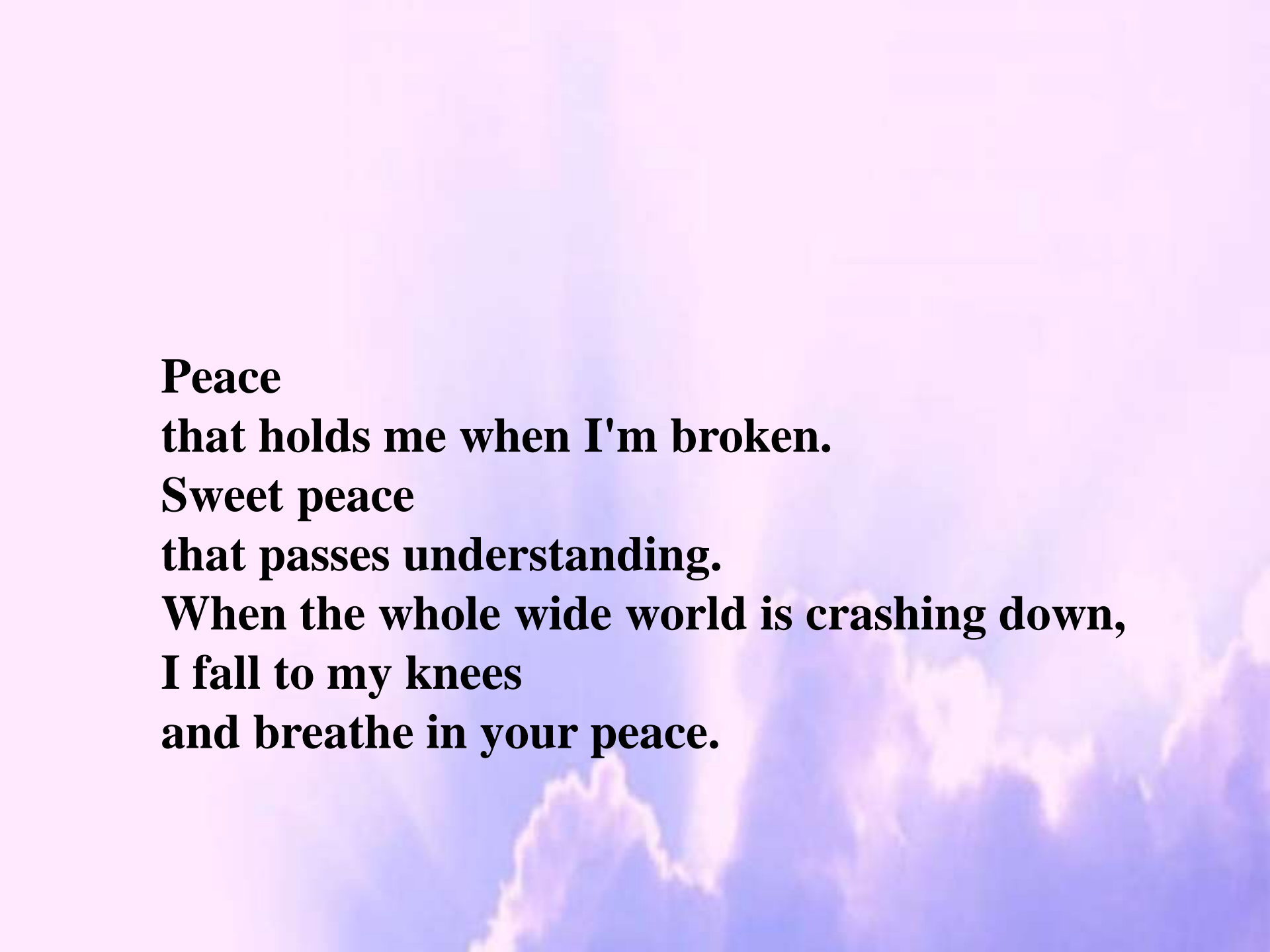


**Peace
that holds me when I'm broken.
Sweet peace
that passes understanding,
when the whole wide world is
crashing down,
I fall to my knees
and breathe in your peace.**



**Fiery arrows whistling,
the terror of the night sets in,
but I can feel your angels all around**

**I am resting underneath
the shelter of your mighty wings.
Your promises are where my hope is found.**



**Peace
that holds me when I'm broken.
Sweet peace
that passes understanding.
When the whole wide world is crashing down,
I fall to my knees
and breathe in your peace.**

**I remember who you are:
You're the God who's never far.
So I will not be afraid.
God, you always keep me safe in your arms.**

**I remember who you are:
You're the God who's never, ever far away.
So I will not be afraid.
God, you always you always keep me safe.**

**You give me peace
that holds me when I'm broken.**

**Sweet peace
that passes understanding.**

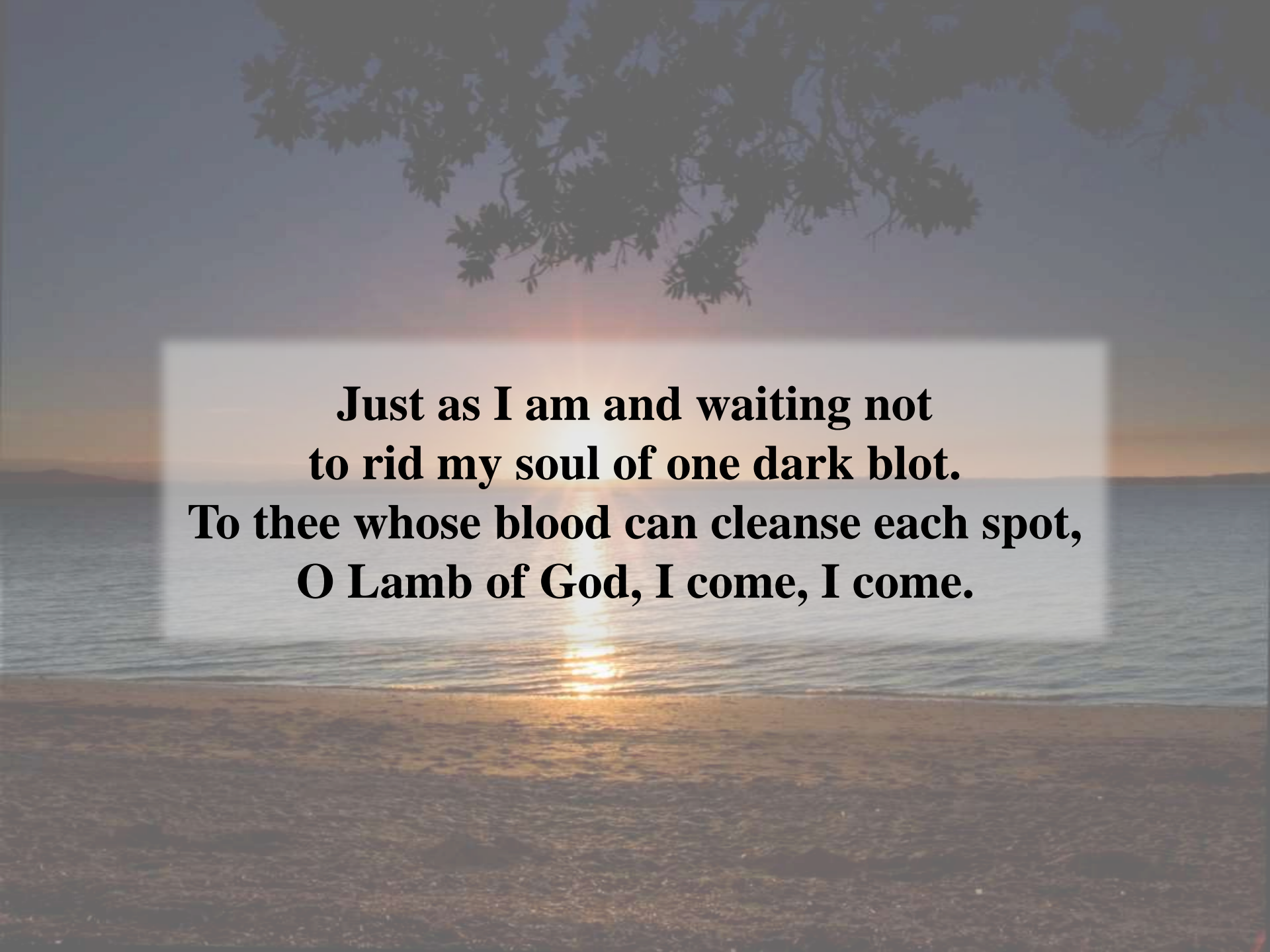
**When the whole wide world is crashing down,
I fall to my knees
and breathe in....**

**I breathe you, I breathe you in.
Take a deep breath and be still
and know that you are God alone.**

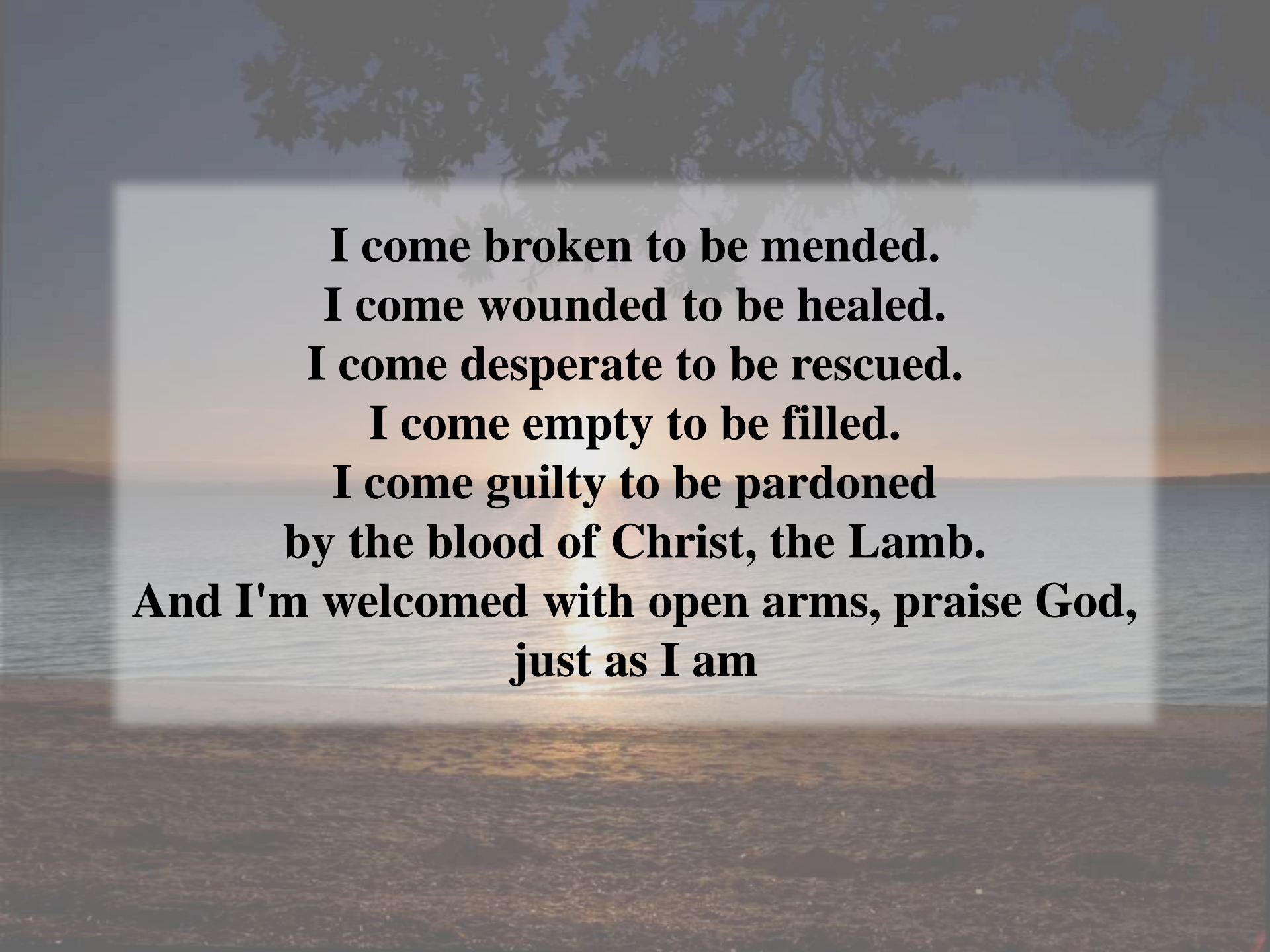
Just As I Am

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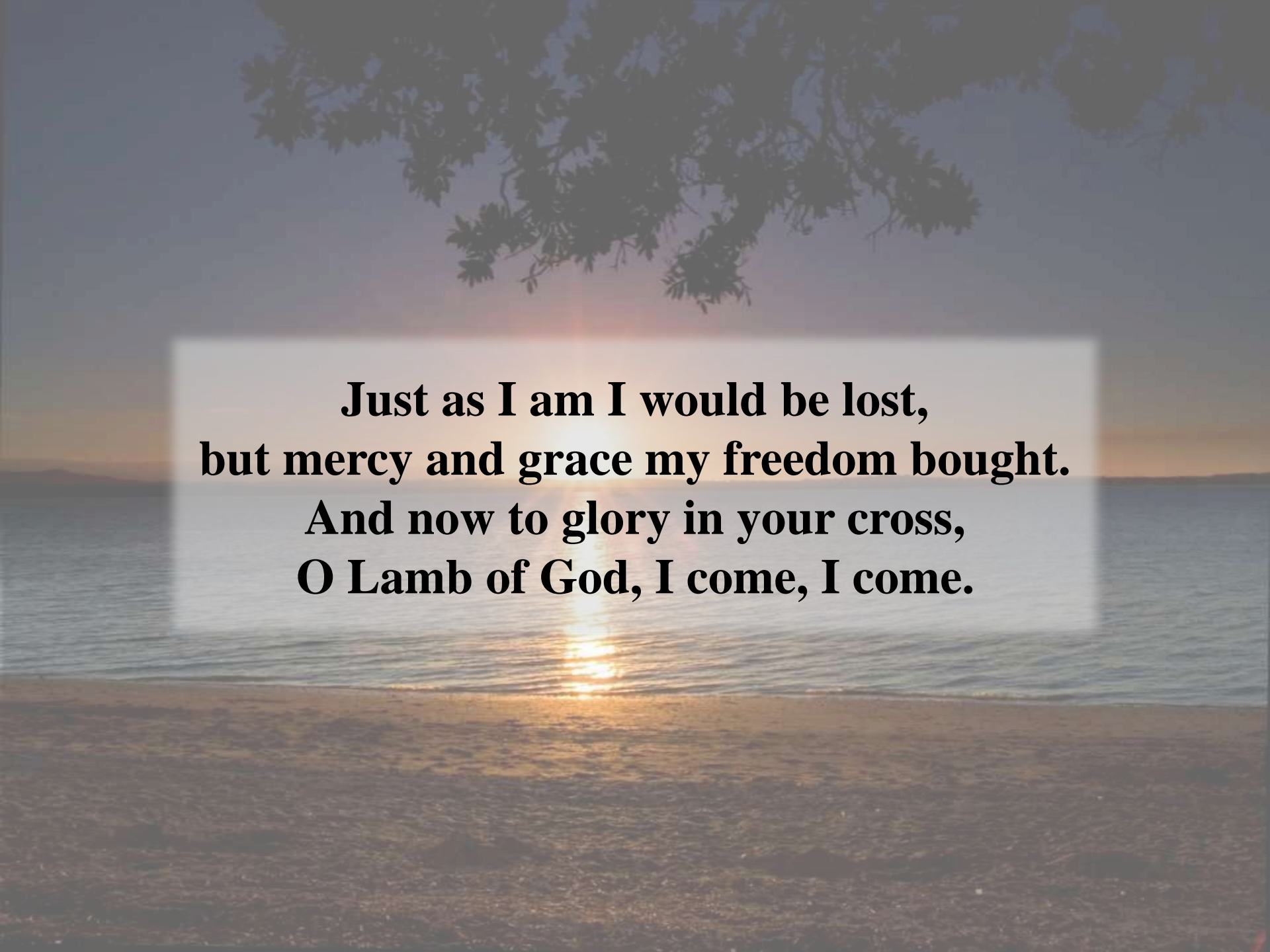
**Just as I am without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. In the foreground, there's a dark, silhouetted tree branch hanging down from the top. A white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text.

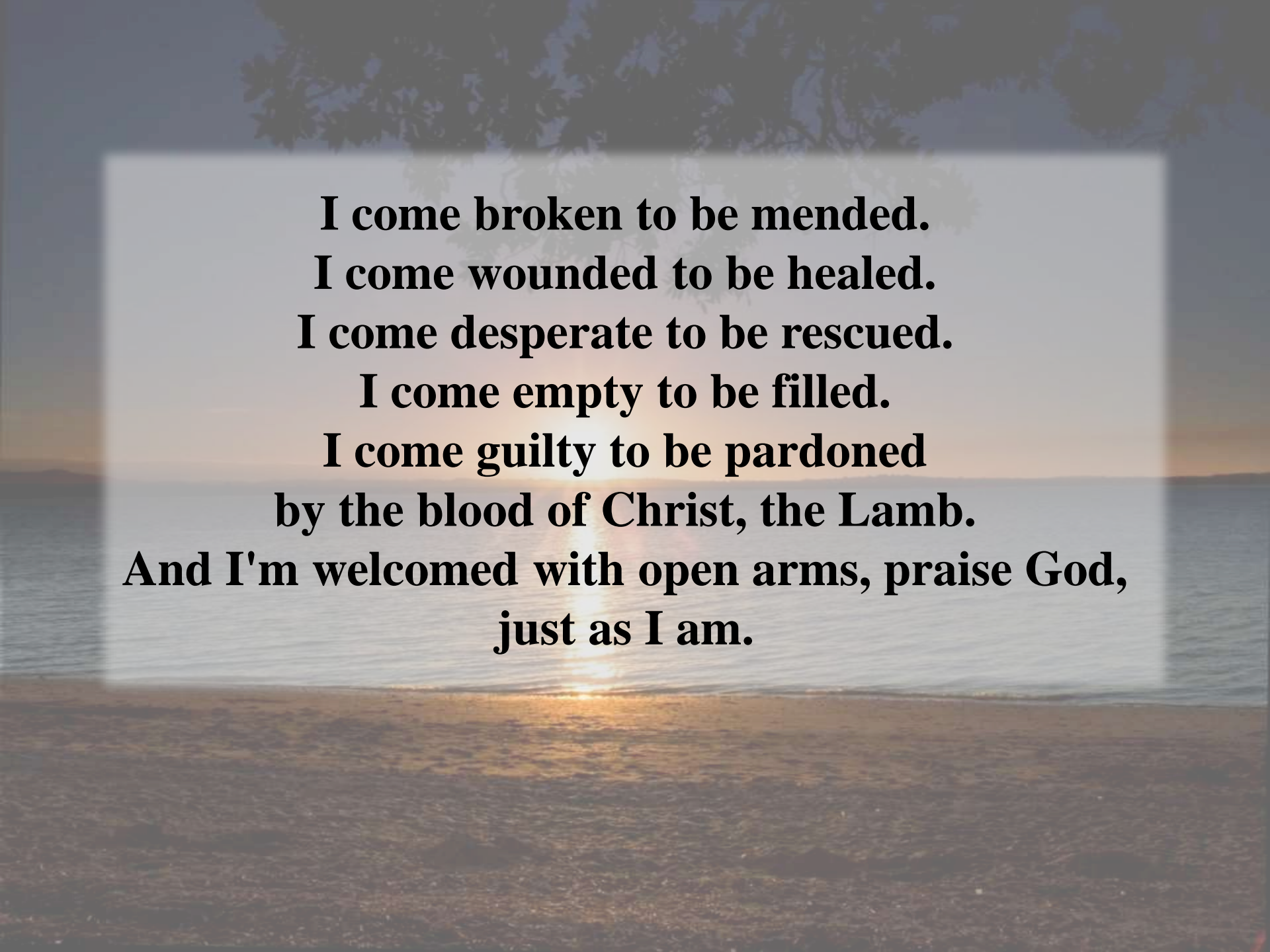
**Just as I am and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

A serene sunset over a body of water with a white text box overlay. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water and sky. The text is centered within the white box.

**I come broken to be mended.
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued.
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God,
just as I am**

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and a reflection on the water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues. In the foreground, there's a dark, silhouetted tree branch hanging down from the top. A white rectangular box is centered in the middle of the image, containing the text.

**Just as I am I would be lost,
but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now to glory in your cross,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange near the horizon. A white rectangular text box is centered over the image, containing several lines of text in a bold, black, serif font. The text describes a state of need and the resulting divine response.

**I come broken to be mended.
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued.**

I come empty to be filled.

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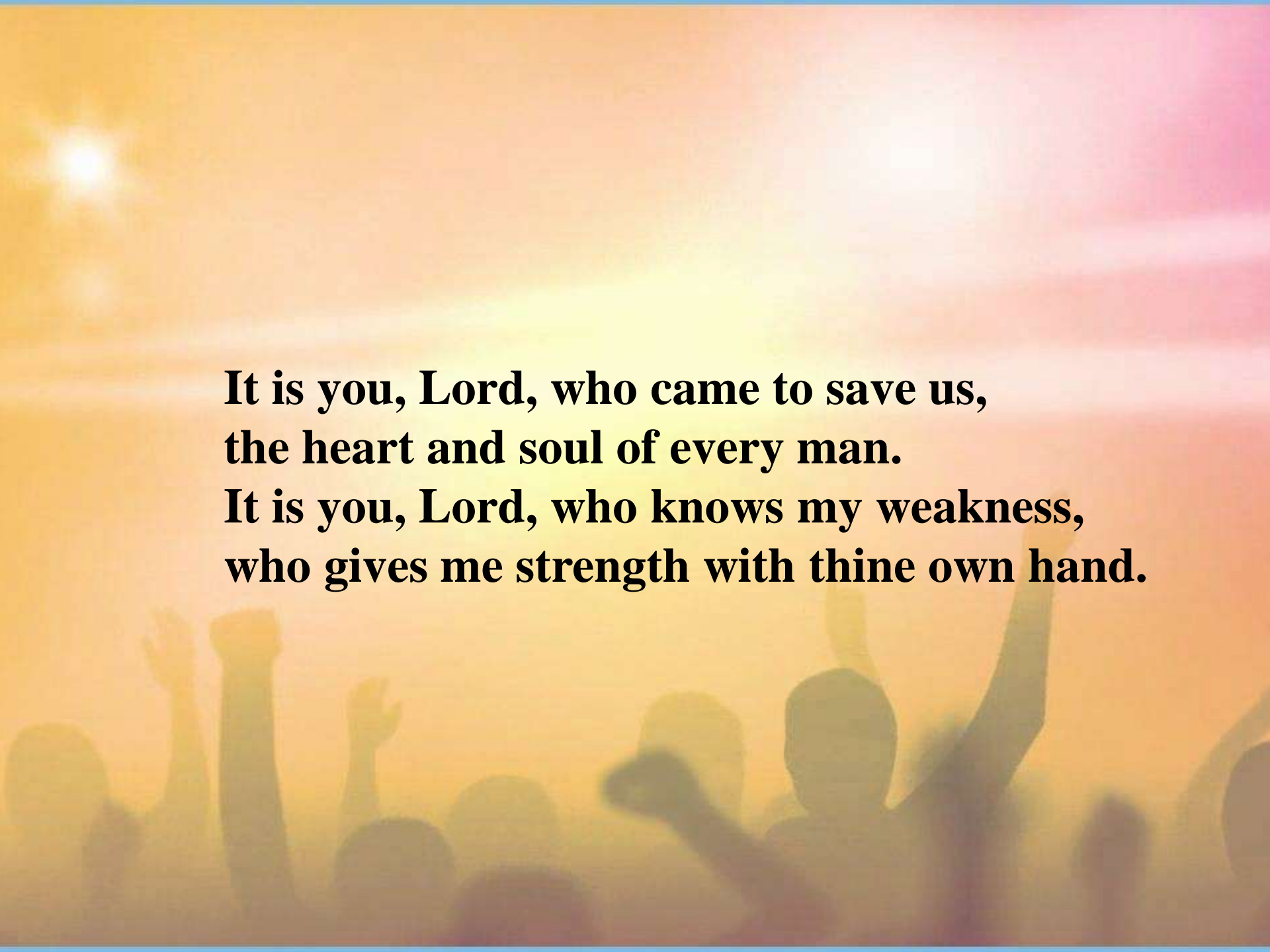
**And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God,
just as I am.**

**Praise God, just as I am,
just as I am.**


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

The background is a light green color with a subtle, faint globe in the upper right quadrant. There are also some abstract, glowing patterns and starburst effects scattered across the page, particularly in the lower right and middle sections.

Sharing the Peace

Kids' Time

Noisy Offering!!!

**Drop your change in the buckets
and make some noise!**

**Proceeds will go to the
Kid Zone indoor play center.**



Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595 vv. 1, 2

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- 1. Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

**2. Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

C: The one who has created us,

L: the one who sustains us,

C: the one who redeems us,

L: the one who walks beside us in good times and bad,

C: and the one who calls us to follow.

L: This is our God!

C: Let's worship him together!

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595 v. 3

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- 3. Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so!**

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin, first in silent prayer ...

To you, precious Lord, we confess:

C: **In hearing your voice, we have closed our ears. In sensing your leading, we have turned away. In feeling your presence, we have hidden from you.**

L: We have sinned by:

C: Closing our hands to the hungry, poor, and needy. Closing our hearts to the hurting and hopeless. Closing our love and lives to our neighbors.

L: Good and Merciful Shepherd, we ask:

C: Snatch us from our sin.

Guide us into your love.

Lead us in paths of righteousness, for your name's sake. Amen.

L: Once we were lost sheep with no idea who we were or where we were going. Through Jesus Christ, things have been set right with God. He used his body to carry our sins to the cross. His wounds become our healing. Now our sins are forgiven by the Shepherd of our souls.

C: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

John 10:19-31

Message

Gentle Shepherd

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**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.**

**Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
for we need your strength from day to day.**

**There's no other we can turn to
who can help us face another day.**

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.**

Offering



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Psalm 23

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**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**



**And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone.
For your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.**



**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**



**And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone.
For your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.**



**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me,
and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**



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Offering Prayer

L: Though our questions may overwhelm us,
and our doubts stridently speak,

C: we praise you, O God, for the gift of faith.

L: Though we may miss the signs of your life,
and ignore the little resurrections all around
us,

**C: We praise you, Divine Spirit, for the gift of
faith.**

L: Though we may constantly seek after proof,
and refuse to believe without seeing,

**C: we praise you, O Christ, for the gift of
faith.**

L: Thank you, Great Mystery,

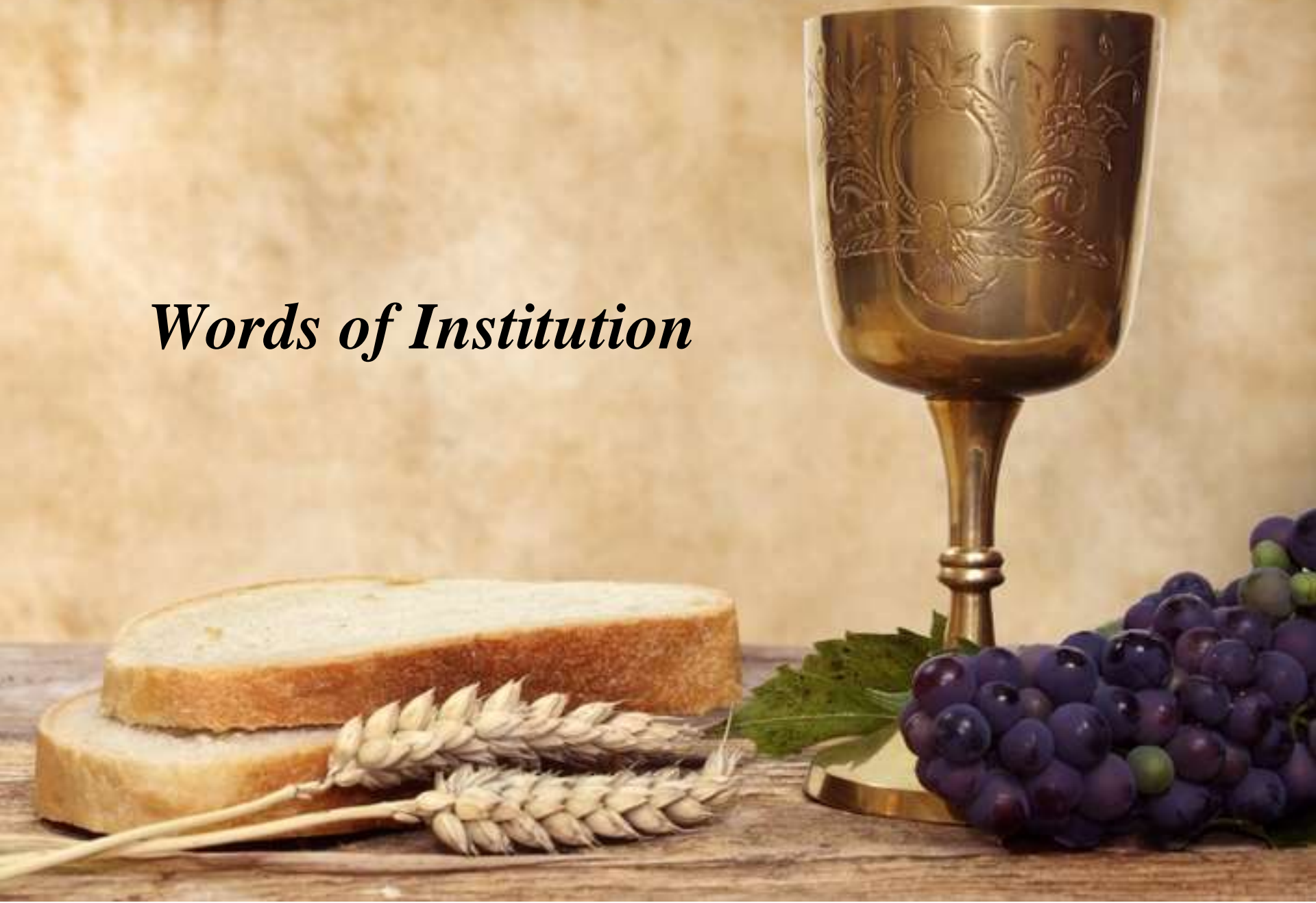
**C: for your life that transcends our
understanding, for your presence from
which we can never flee, for your
resurrection, which is never defeated, and
for the gift of faith that enables us to trust
even in the midst of our doubts.**

Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

Words of Institution



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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



Special Music

“Shelter Me”



Blessing

L: Lord, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the good shepherd. We praise you for his sacrificial love, which he showed us by laying down his life for our sake. Give us courage to follow him as our shepherd and to listen to his voice.

C: **Amen.**

You Are Mine

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- 1. "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."**

**2. "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."**

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

**3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name."**

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

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



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!