



Greeting:

Leader: Jesus Christ + is the light of the world.

People: **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Hymn:

In Every Age

IN EVERY AGE

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Verse 1



1. Long be - fore the moun - tains came to be and the land and



1. sea and stars of the night, through the end-less sea - sons of all



1. time, you have al - ways been, you will al - ways be.

Refrain



In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.



In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Final



God, you have been our hope,

you have been our ref - uge, you have been our hope.

Verse 2

2. Des-ti - ny is cast, and at your si-lent word we re-turn to

2. dust and scat-ter to the wind. A thou-sand years are like a sin-gle mo-ment

2. gone, as the light that fades at the end of day.

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be

3. pa - tient e-ven as we wait. Teach us to em-brace our ev-'ry joy and

3. pain. To sleep peace - ful - ly, and to rise up strong.

to Refrain

Opening Prayer:

Br. Ray Knapp

A Time of Discussion About our Worries and Fears:

Scripture:

Psalm 55:22

Leader: "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
God will never permit the righteous to be moved."

Psalm:

Psalm 46

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³ **though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
¹¹ **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

***People: Glory to God, Source of All Being,
the Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.***

Scripture:

John 14:27

Leader: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Hymn:

Be Not Afraid

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Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.
Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

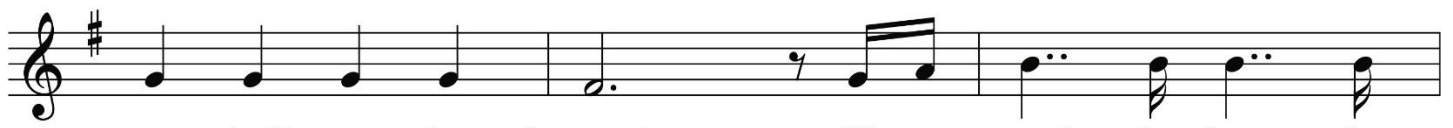
Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the



sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,



you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the

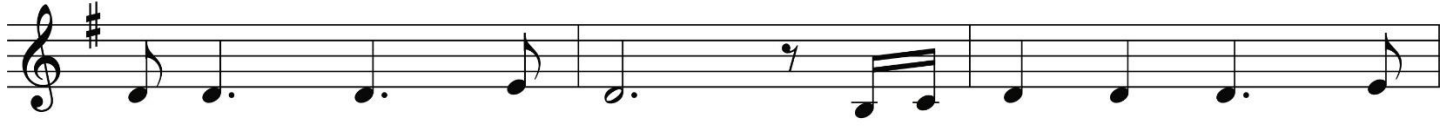


pow'r of hell and death is at your side,



know that I am with you through it all.

Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be



theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for



one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in -



sult and hate you all be-cause of me,



bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

Prayer:

Bishop Michael Scalzi

Lectio Divina:

Ephesians 4:25-27; 29-32

Lector: So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil... Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you

1st reading: What word or phrase strikes you?

2nd reading: What question do you have?

3rd reading: What do you want to say to God, or to others or to yourself?

Hymn:

Only In God

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Only in God is my soul at rest
In Him comes my salvation
He only is my Rock
My strength and my salvation

My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be afraid at all
My stronghold my Savior
I shall not be moved

Only in God is found safety
When the enemy pursues me
Only in God is found glory
When I am found meek and found lowly

My stronghold my Savior
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Prayer:

The Rev. Carol Blow

Canticle of Consolation

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Leader: Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our troubles so that we
may be able to comfort those experiencing any trouble
with the comfort with which we ourselves
are comforted by God.
For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow toward us,
so also our comfort through Christ overflows to you.

But if we are afflicted,
it is for your comfort and salvation;
if we are comforted, it is for your comfort
that you experience in your patient endurance
of the same sufferings that we also suffer.
And our hope for you is steadfast
because we know that as you share in our sufferings,
so also you will share in our comfort.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:

Be Still, My Soul

BE STILL, MY SOUL

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1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!
2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on



1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;
3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—
2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—
3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend
2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know
3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,



1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10; Katharina von Schlegel; in *Neue Sammlung Geislicher Lieder*, 1752; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897. Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Immortal, holy and living God,
Fill us with your life-giving spirit
and help us to put our trust
in the power of your holy name.
Rescue us from our distress
and teach us to acknowledge you
with a willing heart,
through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Closing Sentence

Leader: May the Lord + direct our hearts
in the love of God and the patience of Christ.

People: Amen.