

**#819 Be Still, My Soul (Psalm 46:10 and 1 Thessalonians 4:17b)**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God does undertake to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds shall know his voice who ruled them why he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Together let us come before the Lord in prayer.

Gracious God, how we praise and thank You that you are a gracious, loving and long-suffering God. Help us not to be influenced by the circumstances of our lives, but rather help us to keep the eyes of our hearts on you, knowing that your plans and purposes are perfect. Thank you for your steadfast love towards all your children - which is new every morning. All glory to your holy name, Amen.

**#72 By the Babylonian Waters (Psalm 137)**

By the Babylonian rivers, we sat down in grief and wept,  
hung our harps upon the willow, mourned for Zion when we slept.

There are captors in derision did require of us a song;  
so we sat with staring vision, and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land;  
can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God, hold your holy band.

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hear now our individual prayers of confession....

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Amen

## #839 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story;  
this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story;  
this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story;  
this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Words of Lament from Scripture and the congregation

Message      "Look, Listen and Lament"      Jan Sutherland

## #321 The Church's One Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11 and the Apostles' Creed)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forever more:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

## Prayers of the people

After each petition the leader will say "Lord, hear our prayer".

The people will respond, "Your mercy is great!"

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Lament of Psalm 22

### #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Lamentations 2:22-23)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nations in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, trusting in God's promises for you and your life and the life of this congregation.

**Amen**