

13th Sept 2020



The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you**

Call to worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" To give thanks to the name of the LORD. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "peace be with you."



**A minute's silence** to remember the past, to give thanks for today and to cherish lives lived which remain in our heart.

**Be still my Soul (Libera)**

When I am needing a pick me up, there is one cd I always turn too, and it's the Choir Libera to hear them sing the hymn "Be still my Soul." It's one that I have played in church during various times in my ministry ...a sound that can touch the heart and melt a critical situation giving you the added strength to face it with a renewed hope that you will be fine. I have had so many people on hearing this

ask me where can I get a copy of this...it moved me so much....thank you for playing this recording.



**Libera** is an all-boy English vocal group directed by [Robert Prizeman](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Libera regularly performs concerts in many countries, including the UK, the US and Asia, and regularly makes recordings for their own album releases and other projects. Many members also sing in the [parish](#) choir of St. Philip's, [Norbury](#), in [South London](#).<sup>[2]</sup> According to a 2009 [Songs of Praise](#) TV special, the group usually consists of approximately 40 members between the ages of seven and sixteen, including new members who are not yet ready to fully participate in albums or tours.<sup>[3]</sup> The group recruits from a variety of backgrounds in the London area,<sup>[1]</sup> and does not require its members to belong to any specific denomination.<sup>[2]</sup>

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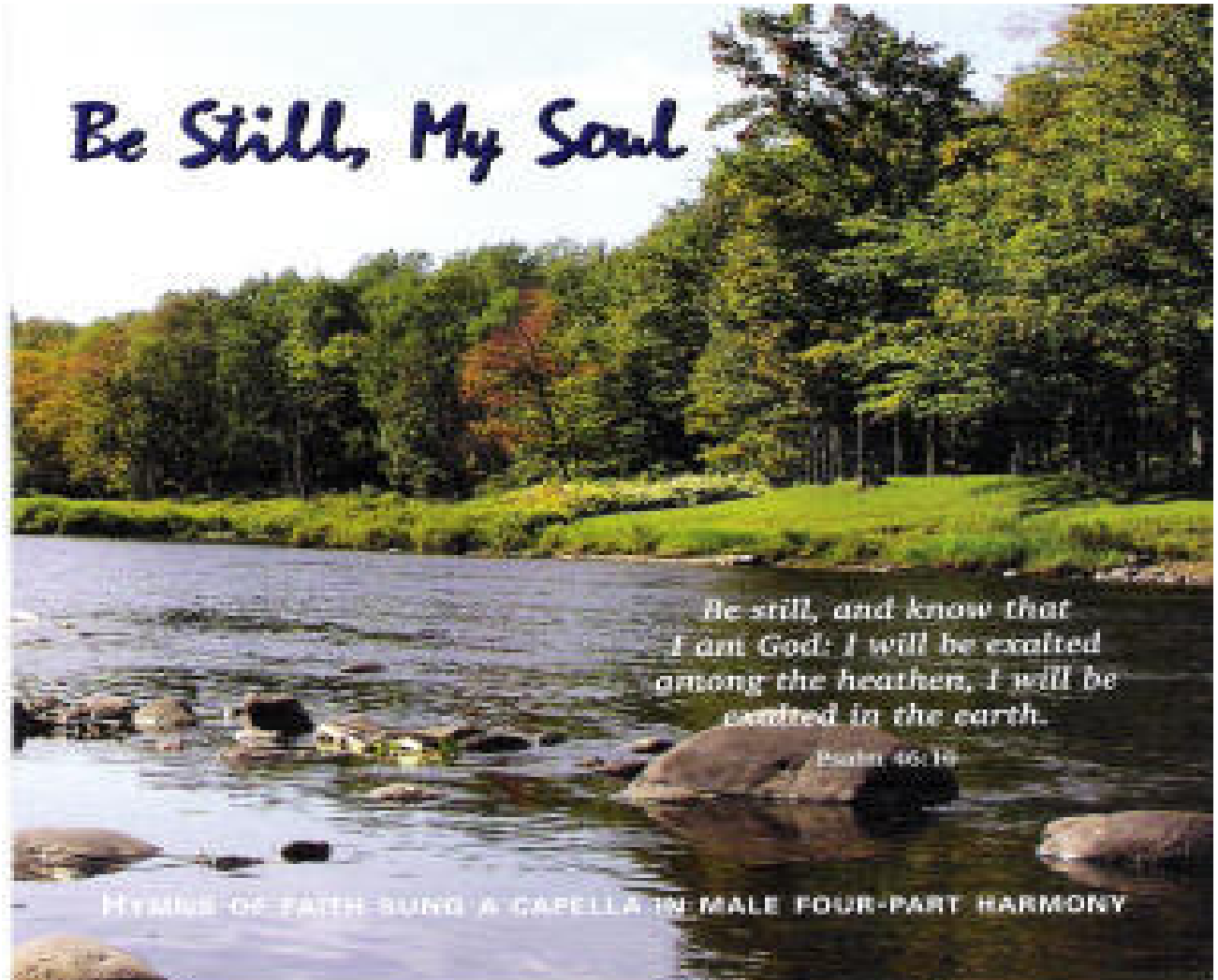
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend, through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake, to guide the future, as He has the past. thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while 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.

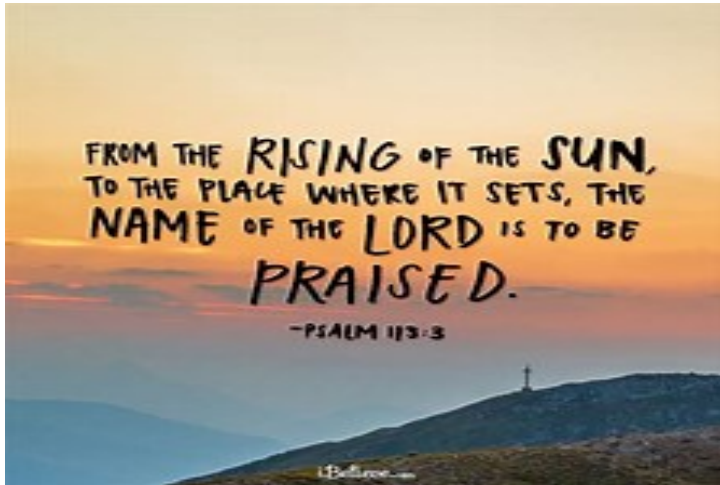
Songwriters: DAVID T. CLYDESDALE, JEAN SIBELIUS, KATHARINA VON SCHLEGEL



### Psalm 103:1-10, 19-22

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules overall. <sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. <sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. <sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul. Amen



Prayer

Heavenly Father, we praise and adore you, as we gather this morning, we rejoice in your name that we can worship you near and far. From our homes to being outside walking, to attending worship in church we gather with one another in love for you. It is as if we are together, whether in one building, or sitting in a different country you draw us all together wherever we are in the world, whatever language we speak, whatever our needs.....You created us, formed us from the dust into body, soul and shaped our being...as we go through life we see you as our heavenly father, one who is nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee, our constant companion. How we do not need to feel alone, and there are times when we are forgetful and can be in need of reminding that you are with us. How awesome to know through our faith that you are nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee. As we wonder through life, as the sun rises and goes down, as darkness falls as we take time to rest our bodies and restore our energies as we dream you are with us...nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee. As we waken on a new day, opening our eyes we are nearer to thee. Forgive us, as we rise in the morning that we do not take time to thank you for our rest, forgive us, for not saying bless this day Lord and thank you for all that I can see....forgive us if you are not first on our minds, the concerns and needs of the day coming before you. Forgive us as we switch of the light as we say goodnight, we do not acknowledge you in our days activities, appreciating the moments you have led us

forth during a busy day...Lord help us to be more aware of your presence, guide our thoughts to hear you speak to us, and lead us into a time where we can take rest, reflect and be still and where we can say, nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee. As our voices join our brothers and sisters near and far, may we all feel your presence in the words of the prayer we say together reflectively as heads are bowed down in front of you....

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

#### Exodus 3:1-12



#### **Moses and the Burning Bush**

**3** Moses was taking care of the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. Jethro was the priest of Midian. Moses led the flock to the western side of the desert. He came to Horeb. It was the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him from inside a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire. But it didn't burn up.<sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I'll go over and see this strange sight. Why doesn't the bush burn up?"<sup>4</sup> The LORD saw that Moses had gone over to look. So God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am," Moses said.<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said.



"Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites live there. <sup>9</sup> And now Israel's cry for help has reached me. I have seen how badly the Egyptians are treating them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people." <sup>11</sup> But Moses spoke to God. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" he said. "Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> God said, "I will be with you. I will give you a sign. It will prove that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me on this mountain .Amen



Praise my soul

Joachim Neander was a German Reformed Church teacher, theologian and hymn writer whose most famous hymn, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation has been described by John Julian in his *A Dictionary of Hymnology* "a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class." Due to its popularity it was translated several times into English - Catherine Winkworth being one of the translators in the 19th century - and the hymn has appeared in most major hymnals.

Youtube ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL Hymn: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

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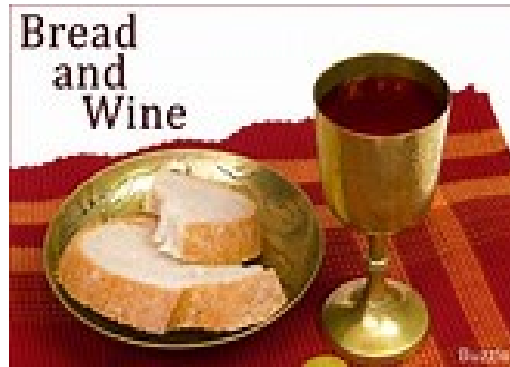
St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney



The day before churches were shut down in Sydney, we very quickly recorded, with a very reduced and socially-distanced St Andrew's Cathedral Choir, several well-known hymns and psalms. 'Courtesy of St Andrew's Cathedral & Choir, Sydney, Australia'.

The words below are not the same as the youtube video, while this is so, the choir is worth listening too...the words appear on the screen.

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Sing now in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth. Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee!  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade  
thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth befriend  
thee.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.



Friendship words for Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Perhaps they weren't used to this style of communion. The bread had been passed around, and everyone had eaten. The minister asked that we wait until everyone had received one of the silver cups filled with communion wine before partaking together. The young man received his and drank it. As he realised what he had done, he blushed and turned to the young woman at his side. She smiled and poured half of her blessed sacrament into his cup. Then they drank together with the rest of the church. From the few words we had exchanged, I gathered they were only recently wed. But I have high hopes for the communion of their marriage.

#### A weekly reminder

Without God, our week would be,

Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday Fightday, and shatterday,  
remember seven days without God makes one weak





Reflection

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life came from his outspoken Christian friend. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often, one night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool had big skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practice by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body in the shape of a cross. Instead of diving he knelt down and asked God to come into his life. As the young man stood back up, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on, the pool had been drained for repairs.

We hear of stories such as this where people have been saved by a feeling, an overriding thought. If this young diver had ignored the shadow on the wall of his out stretched arms, I think we all can conclude what the results could have been and what the maintenance man would have found. How God will speak to us, at the moments within our lives where we are standing on the edge of a cliff top experience and the only way is down.

This maybe not a true story, yet it resembles the story of life, in how it does not always go to plan -. Here in our scripture passage we have Moses, being called by God. Our story of Moses and the burning bush is well known along with how he was born and placed in a basket made of reeds and hidden in the Nile to save his life from Pharaoh's orders to kill all Hebrew sons. He is found by Pharaoh's daughter who takes pity on him and allows him to live. Giving him the

name, Moses, as she "drew him out of the water." Both incidences are signs of Gods involvement, his hands at work where events could have turned out so differently. In our Scripture story we arrive at the place where Moses is being called by God to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God has remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in which he promised all three, land, many descendants, and a blessing from the Lord. He saw the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt and was concerned for them.

God is revealing himself to Moses, a man who was brought up by an Egyptian princess, then who killed an Egyptian, he has a bounty on his head as the King puts out an order to have him killed...Moses flees for his life. Life has turned upside down for him, and now he is on the run.

And so here we are, Moses has become a humble shepherd, looking after his father in laws sheep and goats in the land called Midian, "Years later the king of Egypt died, but the Israelites were still groaning under slavery and cried out for help. Their cry went up to God, who heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant." (Exodus 2:23-24)

God speaks to Moses, via a burning bush, the spontaneous ignition of a thorn bush in the dry desert is not out of the ordinary, yet the flames here continues as the thorn bush is not engulfed. The flame of fire is the glory of God's presence, which transforms but does not consume. It marks the presence of the angel of the Lord. Here is a manifestation Of God at work in the world, the true revelation was not the burning thorn bush, but God's word that came to Moses there. Here God calls Moses, Moses, Moses. God is calling Moses by his name, the whole concept of the Christian calling derives from the belief that God has communicated with us personally, and he calls us by our name....

I don't think it's surprising that Moses is hesitant, fearful, not sure of his own capability for this calling, he says he is weak, he stumbles over his words, who is going to take any notice of me, certainly not those in power -what he is not taking into account is God, "I shall be with you," he says, "and when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me on this mountain. That will be the proof that I have sent you".

Today as we worship, isn't this proof that God is with us for we have taken up the invitation to worship him. We have had to face trials and tribulations in life and certainly I doubt not one of us would have predicted the last six months. While many of us have had a good lock-down, there are those who are suffering, mentally, and physically. Relationships breaking down, people becoming fearful and concerned for what is to come next - how will they manage to live, will we

ever get back to what it was? Today we do not look the same, we wear face masks, something which is new and can be terrifying...the two metre distancing rule is another factor which we have to put into place and remember, there are no exceptions...and as folk come into our personal space...we can begin to feel invaded and vulnerable, the hugs, the handshakes, the kisses on the cheek is a no - no, this is my space so please do not invade it - It was only last year I preached on hugging, shaking hands and welcoming...today we welcome by a smile, a nod, and kindness -some even use an elbow instead of a handshake- We even have to book a seat in church if we wish to attend a service - how life has changed. In Ecclesia-sties, there is a right and a wrong time- a time to embrace and not a time too.

Moses life changed as he was called into delivering the people of God out of Egypt and God is calling us ."The LORD said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering.<sup>8</sup> So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land."

He sees what is taking place within the world, not simply with the coronavirus, he sees the refugees trying to escape to a new land, one of milk and honey, people crying out to be safe, and at peace, Mary and Joseph were refugees, taking their baby, Jesus to a distant land to be safe...as we hear about the marches in America, between different cultures and races, the killing and deaths not just in our own country, around the world, God is saying as we look on in despair, "I am with you." As we go through the ups and downs of life, being diagnosed with an illness, losing our jobs, relationships breaking down, grieving loved ones, feeling alone, no one cares, searching for something, not sure what.....God says, "I am with you." At times It can be hard to believe that God is with us, we have to accept and put our belief in him. The Israelites put their trust in God as they walked on the river bed, as the waters separated as they ran for their freedom, Moses saying, "Do not be afraid, see what the Lord will do for you, today" - How can we say God is with me, if we cannot truly trust or believe in him. When the days draw in and dark nights become cold, when we feel alone and vulnerable, many will start to worry and become concerned, it is here we need to trust the words, "I am with you."

Moses heard his name being called, the young diver saw a shadow in which his body made a cross- as he knelt down, he asked God to come into his life. Sometimes God speaks to people in an audible voice (see Mark 1:11, Matthew 17:5, Acts 26:14, 1 Samuel 3). However, speaking in an audible voice is not his normal way of communicating with us today. The Lord doesn't need to use a

human voice to speak to us. He can communicate with us by putting thoughts and ideas in our minds.

I am about to play a song intitled, "On the wings of a dove"- I found a response from a couple who left this message under the youtube clip for this song, it says,

My wife and I have been married for almost 47 years. Both of us are not well. She has been battling a brain tumour and thyroid cancer. I was hit by a drunken driver, three times over the limit and have a traumatic brain injury. Since then we have had a Dove sit by our window for over a year now. When my wife speaks, it hears her and starts to making sounds...When the day breaks and when it goes down it starts making sounds. We know it must be the Lord, that sent this Dove to us. For he is telling us, we are not facing the challenges of life on our own- "I am with you." Thank you, Lord, for loving us all...In Jesus name Amen.

*In the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit Amen*



About Wings of a Dove

"Wings of a Dove" is a country song written by Bob Ferguson in 1958. "Wings of a Dove" was most popular when it was recorded by Ferlin Husky in 1960. The Ferlin Husky recording went to number one on the country charts for 10 non-consecutive weeks. It was Ferlin Husky's third and final number one on the country chart, spending nine months on the chart. "Wings of a Dove" was successful on the pop charts, as well, peaking at number 12 on the Hot 100. In 1987, Broadcast Music Incorporated awarded Ferguson with the "million air" plays for the "Wings of a Dove". The song alludes to several passages from the Christian Bible about doves sent by the Lord, including a verse about God sending Noah a dove during the flood in Genesis 8:6-12. Dolly Parton's and Porter Wagoner's cover versions include a verse not in the original, referring to another passage about a dove in Matthew 3:16 where "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."



Wings of a Dove ( Ferlin Husky)

Youtube [Ferlin Husky - Wings of a Dove \(Grand Ole Opry\)](#)

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Or Youtube [On the Wings of a Dove](#) an old favourite country Gospel song by Bird Youmans · 1 Jul 2017



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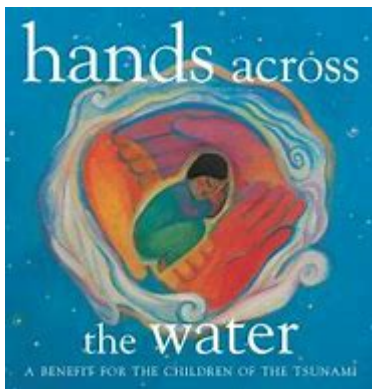
On the wings of a snow-white dove He sends His pure sweet love  
A sign from above (sign from above) On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

When troubles surround us when evils come the body grows weak (body grows weak)  
The spirit grows numb (spirit grows numb) When these things beset us,  
He doesn't forget us He sends down His love (sends down His love)  
On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

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When Noah had drifted on the flood many days He searched for land (He searched for land) In various ways (various ways) Troubles, he had some but wasn't forgotten He sent him His love (sent him His love) On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

On the wings of a snow-white dove He sends His pure sweet love  
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On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove) Songwriters: ROBERT B. FERGUSON



May we pass to our friends and family, neighbours and the stranger the Peace. We can say aloud or silently from deep within, "**Peace be with you**" and in doing so, believe in a world where there can be deep Peace upon the Earth, a world of sharing, loving uniting as equals. A world where we sleep soundly and live in peace. Amen

### **"Longing for light, we wait in darkness"**

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).



This is part of the church's servant calling.



Youtube Longing for Light •3 Dec 2010  
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Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Chorus**

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

**Verse 2**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. **Chorus**

**Verse 4**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 walls made of living stone. **Chorus**

**Verse 5**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
 Let us be servants to one another,  
 making your kingdom come.

**Chorus**

Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.

There was a storm last night, but that didn't stop Harry going for his morning walk early the next day. "How was it?" I asked. "Well, the path was blocked in five different places by fallen trees. But for the person who might have come after me, it was only blocked by three!" He's too old to be shifting trees, which is probably why he left three. But his point was taken. Whichever path you take through life, make sure to leave it better for those who come after. (Friendship book -Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 2020)



**Intercession Prayer**

Dear God you say, " I am with you", for you travel and speaks to us through so many different ways, help us to look, listen be more aware of you and the call you make , calling us by our name.....The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. ... O God, help us to be more still for the presence of the Lord, words

we know so well from the popular hymn. As we pray we remain silent , allowing you time and space to speak with us.....Silence.....O'God so much has been happening within the world, and we wish to pray for others. We think of those who have been caught up in violence, in shootings , stabbings and bomb attacks. We pray for the lives which have been lost and for those who mourn , we remember the people who have survived senseless violence against others, who are traumatised and left in a state of fear. We pray for people who are scared to go out of their homes finding that venturing outside causes panic attacks- we pray for all who need help with their phobias and struggle to live their lives on a daily basis. We pray for people who are suicidal and wish to end the pain and suffering they're feeling. Lord we pray for all who are caught up in the wild fires in California, for those who have lost their homes and possessions and are struggling to know what to do next. We pray for people throughout the world who do not have a place to call home, for the homeless living on the streets , those in hostels, the refuge trying to reach for a place of safety, the wife , husband, child who prays that the abuse they receive will stop and they can begin to live their lives without the worry of being hit... As numbers begin to rise again with the coronavirus, we pray for all who have been diagnosed, for all who are self- isolating to those who have been admitted to hospital. We pray for all who work within the health service, whether in the public or private sector, to all who care and have given their lives over to looking after others. Lord God as we bow before you, we give thank you for our friends and family, for the love we receive and knowledge that we do not walk alone. May you continue to make yourself known especially with those who are in need of your healing and loving presence...As we pray we hand over to you , the young and old, the healthy and those who are sick, those who desperately in need of help and those who give their lives to helping others...in Jesus name we pray and say thank you for each blessing we receive on a daily basis from you...Amen.

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness •29 May 2010



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### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
 Thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not  
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever will 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, springtime and harvest  
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature 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  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

### Blessing

In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.  
Go in peace and may Christ breath a blessing on you,  
the Holy Spirit fill you with hope and joy,  
and God's living truth guide you in the path of freedom  
and in love today, tomorrow, and indeed forevermore. Amen

### "By Grace..."

Setting: A small rural community, so small, in fact, the only church in town is a small Baptist church whose pastor must also double up as the local barber to make ends meet. There happened to be a man in this small community who had invested wisely and was enjoying his newfound comfort. This man got out of bed one day to go through his daily routine. He looked into the mirror as he was about to shave and decided, "I make enough money now, I don't have to shave myself. I'll go down to the barber and let him shave me from now on." So he did. He walked into the barber shop and found the preacher/barber was out calling on the shut-ins. His wife, Grace, said "I usually do the shaves anyway ... sit down and I'll shave you." So he did. She shaved him and he asked, "How much do I owe you?" "\$25," Grace replied. The man thought that was somewhat expensive and that he may have to get a shave every other day. Nonetheless, he paid Grace and went on his way. The next day, he woke up and found his face to be just as smooth as the day before. No need for a shave today, he thought, well,

it was a \$25 shave. The next day he awoke to find his face as smooth as the day before. Wow! he thought. That's amazing, as he normally would need to shave daily to keep his clean-shaven business look. Day 3, he woke up and his face was still as smooth as the minute after Grace had finished. Now, somewhat perplexed, the man went down to the barber shop to ask some questions. This particular day the pastor was in and the man asked him why his face was as smooth as it was the first day it was shaven. The kind old pastor gently retorted, "Friend, you were shaved by Grace ... and once shaved, always shaved."

### A Day on the Golf Course"

It's a beautiful day and three men go golfing. The first guy, Moses, steps up to the tee and hits the ball which lands smack in the middle of the lake. Moses goes over to the lake, touches his gold club to the water, the waters part, and he walks up to it and hits it out. The ball lands 10 feet away from the hole. Satisfied, he steps back and lets the next man, Jesus, go. He also goes up to the tee, hits the ball, and watches as it lands on a lily pad in near the centre of the lake. Jesus then goes to the lake, walks across the surface of the water, hits the ball out, and it lands 2 feet from the hole. Happy, he walks over to stand with Moses. Next the last person steps up, hits the ball, and watches as it heads right for the lake as well. However, before it hits the surface somehow a frog manages to swallow it, followed by a large bird swooping down and grabbing the frog in its beak, flying away with it. Terrified, the frog spits out the ball as they pass over the roof of a nearby house, the ball goes into the rain gutter then trails back out into the field, headed straight for the hole. He gets a hole in one! Moses then turns to Jesus and says: "Do you always have to bring your Dad golfing with us?"





**Know that you  
are not alone.  
God is with you,  
holding you,  
comforting you,  
and most of all  
loving you no  
matter what.**

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10.15am

Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you**

**Call to worship** (based on Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" To give thanks to the name of the LORD. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "peace be with you."



**The Peace Candle**

**Be still my Soul (Libera)**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend, through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake, to guide the future, as He has the past. thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while 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.

### **Psalm 103:1-10, 19-22**

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules overall. <sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. <sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. <sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.

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

### **Exodus 3:1-12**

#### **Moses and the Burning Bush**

Moses was taking care of the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. Jethro was the priest of Midian. Moses led the flock to the western side of the desert. He came to Horeb. It was the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup> There the angel of

the LORD appeared to him from inside a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire. But it didn't burn up.<sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I'll go over and see this strange sight. Why doesn't the bush burn up?"<sup>4</sup> The LORD saw that Moses had gone over to look. So God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am," Moses said.<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground."<sup>6</sup> He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God.<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering."<sup>8</sup> So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites live there.<sup>9</sup> And now Israel's cry for help has reached me. I have seen how badly the Egyptians are treating them.<sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people."<sup>11</sup> But Moses spoke to God. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" he said. "Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"<sup>12</sup> God said, "I will be with you. I will give you a sign. It will prove that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me on this mountain.

### Reflection

Song: **On Wings of a Dove** ( Ferlin Husky)

On the wings of a snow-white dove He sends His pure sweet love  
A sign from above (sign from above) On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

When troubles surround us when evils come the body grows weak (body grows weak)  
The spirit grows numb (spirit grows numb) When these things beset us,  
He doesn't forget us He sends down His love (sends down His love)  
On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

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When Noah had drifted on the flood many days He searched for land (He searched for land) In various ways (various ways) Troubles, he had some but wasn't forgotten He sent him His love (sent him His love) On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

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### **Intercession Prayer**

#### **Great is thy faithfulness**

1/ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee, thou changes not, Thy compassion's, they fail not, As Thou hast been, thou forever will 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.*

2/ Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3/ 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!

### **Benediction**

Go in peace and may Christ breath a blessing on you, the Holy Spirit fill you with hope and joy, and God's living truth guide you in the path of freedom and in love today, tomorrow, and indeed forevermore. Amen

Onward Christian Soldiers