



They shall

see his face...

*And there shall
be no night there*

REVELATION 22:4-5

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Be Still, My Soul

(Hymn 415 vv. 1,2,4)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on
your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or
pain;
Leave to your God to order and
provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your
heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful
end.

2. Be still, my soul; your God
will undertake
To guide the future as he has 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 still know
His voice who ruled them while he
lived below.

Please rise

4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning 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.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Epistle Lesson

Romans chapter 8 is one of the most quotable in all of Scripture. It is filled with soaring images of God's grace, rock-solid assurances of his protection, and the inspiring hope of the life that awaits us in heaven. The end of the chapter teaches us that we don't have to be afraid of anything. God is with us and nothing can separate us from his love. We are secure in God's care no matter what comes—whether from earth or from hell itself. God is with us.

The verses are beautiful, but it takes a miracle for us to believe them! It takes the faith that only God can provide. Then, that faith increases as we read his word and marvel his faithfulness and love.

That's what Lent is all about. God displays his unbelievable love in graphic detail. It is incredible that God would sacrifice his own Son for the likes of us sinners. But he did. How could we ever again doubt his love? That's the depth of love in which I live. God's love surrounds me and nothing take that away.

Lent is filled with profound sorrow and heartfelt repentance. It is filled with an equal measure of confidence in the love of God for sinners.

Romans 8:31-39 (EHV)

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³ Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵ What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful

forces, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson

Our Gospel lesson shows us a scene that looks familiar: Someone is being tempted by Satan. We know, all too well, what that's like. He's facing Satan alone. That's familiar, too. But this is not just anyone. This is Jesus. He withstands every temptation. He remains completely faithful and pure. He defeats Satan. That's different. No one else has ever done that.

Now, when Jesus calls us into his kingdom, he calls us to victory. Our life isn't defined by our constant failure against sin. It is defined by Jesus' success. We are cleansed by Jesus' forgiveness. The message of Lent is a story of deep, abiding love, and stunning success against the most horrible evil. It's God's power to change us and our future. God's kingdom is here! Jesus has come and done the impossible: He's defeated death and Satan and rescued us for eternal life in him.

Mark 1:12-15 (EHV)

¹² The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lamb

(CWS 714 vv. 1-3)

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne..

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, his will,
On our behalf the law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb
whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne..

Old Testament Lesson/Sermon Text:

Did you ever try to imagine the depth of God’s love? We know that he created an entire universe for us. We’re familiar with all the gifts and blessings that he provides day after day. We know that he sent his son to die for us. We know that he loves us, but can we grasp how much?

Walking with Abraham as he faces the reality of God’s command to sacrifice his son helps us understand a little better.

We’re stunned when God commands Abraham to sacrifice his only son. Our hearts break when Isaac asks, “Where is the lamb?” We hope against hope with Abraham when he tells Isaac that God will provide. We look aghast as Abraham ties up his son and puts him on the altar. We hold our breath when Abraham lifts the knife. And we breathe again with a deep sigh of relief when God rescues Isaac and provides a ram in his place.

Thank God that Abraham didn’t have to go through with the sacrifice. How could anyone do that? Who could sacrifice his son like that? God could. God did. There was no last second rescue for Jesus. He went through hell for us. And then he died. It’s what Lent is all about: the love that drove him to give up everything to save us.

Genesis 22:1-18 (EHV)

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, “Abraham!” Abraham answered, “I am here.”

²God said, “Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you.”

³Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

⁵Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together.

⁷Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father?”

He said, “I am here, my son.”

He said, “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them went on together. ⁹They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!”

Abraham said, “I am here.”

¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

¹³Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴Abraham called the name of that place “The LORD Will Provide.” So it is said to this day, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. ¹⁸In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Beaumont Family, Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Ardice Cerney, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, John Peters, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Noah & Kristin Olson, Lisa Schmitt, Aaron Wood and Jesse Zach

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston’s son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker’s husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), **and Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew).

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Firefighter: Steve Campbell. Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

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; And 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.*

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.
C: Amen.

If God Himself Be for Me

(Hymn 419 v. 1)

1 If God himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from his love?

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*