



Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see-
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

~ Henry Francis Lyte ~

"Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

~ Matthew 28:20 ~

The Lord's Day — April 26, 2020 A.D.

Song of Assembly

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

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 heavenly Friend, Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
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 dwelt below.
Be still, my soul: the hour is hastn'ing 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1, 5

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God? Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 42

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.
That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Reading of the Word: *Christ, the Image of God and Eternal King*

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Father, who's reconciling grace & power is poured out upon us in Christ, and not merely for surviving but for thriving; yet we must confess our spiritual poverty: fear, anxiety, even withdrawing and withholding from You and from one another. We are often given over to our sins rather than to Your all-sufficient supply. Have mercy on us again. By Word and Spirit, cleanse, forgive, fill and free us to believe and to do all Your holy will
...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Indescribable

Story

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea, Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring; Every creature unique in the song that it sings; All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
All powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God!*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go? Or seen Heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light? Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?

None can fathom:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God!
Incomparable, unchangeable; You know the depths of my heart and you love me the same.
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!*

The Roar

Tomlin

I waited for the Lord, He turned and heard my cry
His mercy opened up my eyes, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

*I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the voice that calms the raging sea, He came to me, came to me
When I needed the Lord, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah.*

I waited for the Lord, He appeared in blinding light
He led me through the darkest night, when I couldn't see and my strength was failing me

I lifted my hands, He lifted me out, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God
With all that I am, with all of my heart, All praise to the Savior, all worship to God

You came to me, came to me, when I needed You, Lord
I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah, I heard the roar of the Lion of Judah

I Will Wait for You

Getty

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.
Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.
*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

Sermon

Nathan White

A Mighty Fortress Psalm 46 (page 471)

We Respond

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Rankin

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his loving arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

All the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him we utter our Amen to God for His glory. May you know and go, experiencing how it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.