

## **22 August 2021 9:00am Traditional Worship**

On zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199.

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**Welcome**

**Acknowledgment of Country**

**Call to worship**

**We sing:** Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith, receive from him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

**Declaration of God's grace**

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 37: 1-16, 39

**Do not fret because of the wicked;**

**do not be envious of wrongdoers,**

<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

<sup>3</sup> **Trust in the Lord, and do good;**

**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> **Commit your way to the Lord;**

**trust in him, and he will act.**

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> **Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;**

**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,**

**over those who carry out evil devices.**

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

- <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
- <sup>10</sup> **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
- <sup>12</sup> **The wicked plot against the righteous,  
and gnash their teeth at them;**
- <sup>13</sup> but the Lord laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees that their day is coming.
- <sup>14</sup> **The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows  
to bring down the poor and needy,  
to kill those who walk uprightly;**
- <sup>15</sup> their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> **Better is a little that the righteous person has  
than the abundance of many wicked.**
- <sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**The MSO Chorus sings:** Be still my soul (TiS 123)

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly  
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 clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey  
his voice, who ruled them once in Galilee.

3. Be still, my soul, when dearest friends  
depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your  
fears. Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore  
the trust and hope that strengthened you  
before.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are  
past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**Dedication of the offering  
Notices and sharing**

**Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

**We sing:** Dear Father, Lord of Humankind (TiS 598)

1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and  
fire.  
O still small voice of calm.

**Bible reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon**

**We sing:** This day God give me (TiS 642)

This day God gives me strength of high  
heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in  
my hearth. Flashing of lightning, wind in  
its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness  
of earth.

This day God sends me strength as my  
guardian. Might to uphold me wisdom as  
guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears  
are listening your lips are speaking, friend  
at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is  
'round me, God's host defends me, saving  
from ill. Angels of heaven, drive from me  
always, all that would harm me, stand by  
me still.

Rising I thank you, mighty and strong one,  
king of creation, giver of rest. Firmly  
confessing threeness of persons, oneness  
of Godhead, trinity blessed.

**Blessing**