



# Kensington Presbyterian Church

## *Absence and the heart*

July 31, 2022

**WELCOME**, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.<sup>1</sup> If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



### *Announcements*

*Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site*

**Jesus & Java:** Thursday, 7 pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup on Monkland

Please join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

**Wedding:** Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

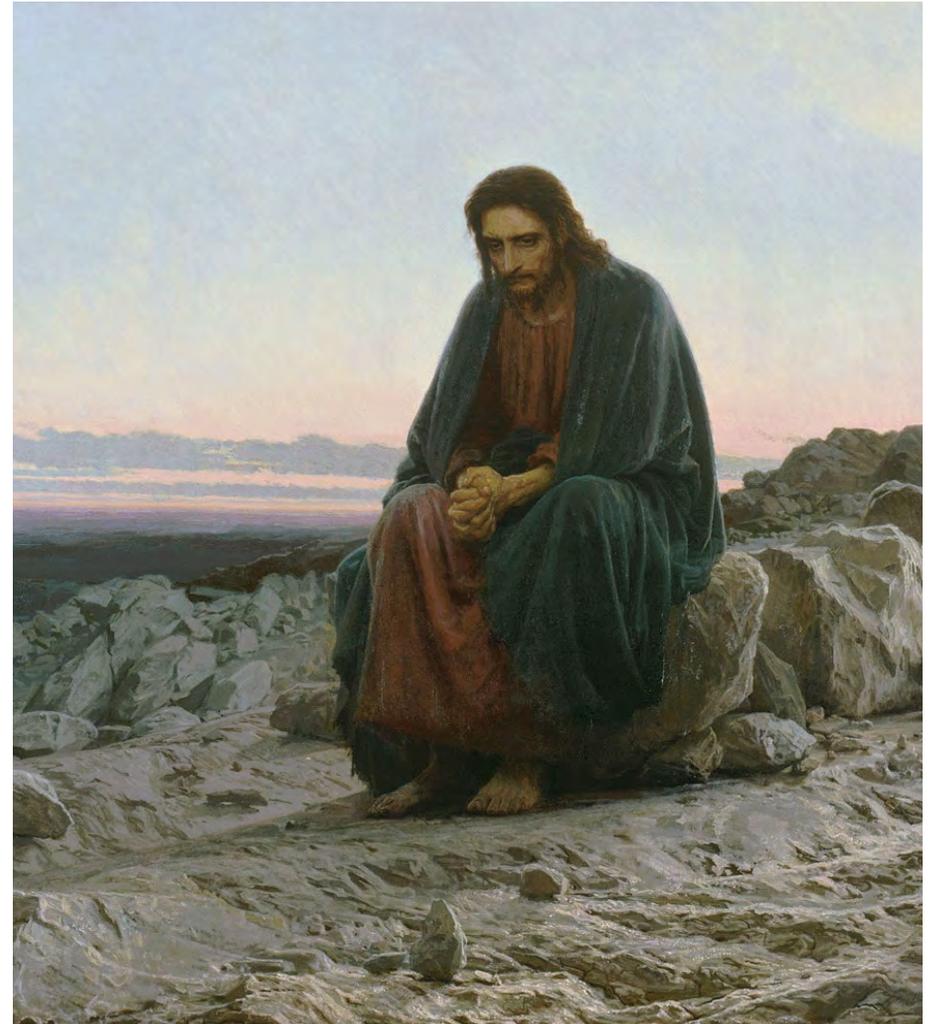
Joseph and Lirah are getting married next Saturday, and you are invited to join them online. [www.theknot.com/us/joe-ragbir-and-lirah-steeves-aug-2022](http://www.theknot.com/us/joe-ragbir-and-lirah-steeves-aug-2022)

**Baptism:** next Sunday we will be celebrating the baptism of Owen M

**Drop Box:** We are now accepting food donations to help the St.

Monica's Food Pantry, AND items to help the young parents program at Head & Hands (ex. clothing, diapers, toys).

<sup>1</sup> note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



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## Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

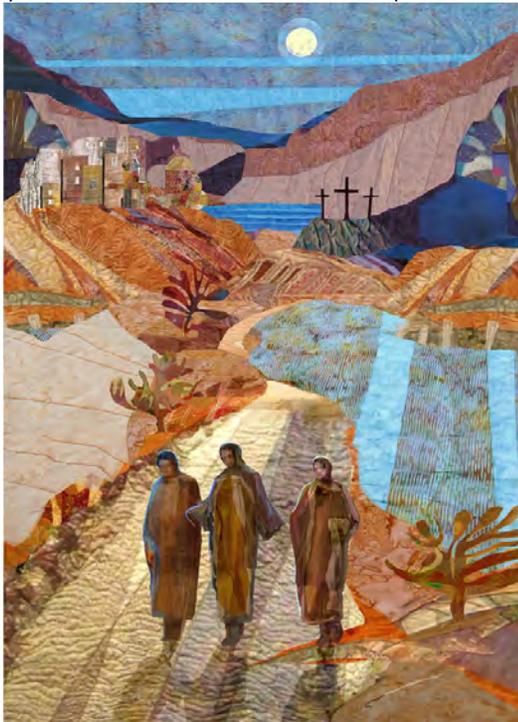


Call to worship (Psalm 92: 1-2)

It is good to praise the Lord  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night.**

🎵 Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness.....pg 10 (324)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfH5k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfH5k)



Road to Emmaus - Michael Torevell



Prayer of Approach

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God our King & Father.

You who rule with power,  
and love.

It is both amazing and wonderful  
that you are always there for us.

In the times when we see you  
and the times when we don't.

lost in our pain  
or chasing another power.

Your compassions, they fail not,  
Neither does your love

and your hope.

You have such faith that we can live a better life,  
even when we cannot see it.

even when we find our faith wobbly.

We come to you know

and with our faith in you  
admit that we are not always good people.

That we live in ways that hurt others, creation, and ourselves.  
that we betray the faith others put in us,

and the faith you put in us.

Please forgive us.

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May your Spirit help us to live into your grace  
and your forgiveness.

To feel your hug,

like that of our mother.

Thank you for your love,  
your guidance  
and your faith.  
May your Spirit help us to see you around us  
and in us.  
Lighting the path for us to walk.

In doing so, we join together in singing the Lord's prayer  
(please use a version you are comfortable with)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is 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 Amen.**



## *Listening to God*

### ✦ Children's story

The next hymn mentions several great people in the Bible. What's interesting is that they weren't perfect. They made mistakes - but God never left them. God had faith that they would do better. They had faith that God would lead them to something better too - even if they never saw it in this life.

- Abram, who was later called Abraham, was promised he would have so many grandchildren and great-grand children that eventually they would be like the stars in the

sky. ...even though he was really old.

- Jacob had pulled a mean trick on his brother, and so had run away. In the darkness God gave him the dream of angels going between the world and the next. We call it Jacob's ladder - and I guess it was because it helped him climb out of the dark place he was in.
- Moses climbed a mountain and became surrounded by a scary storm. He could easily have slipped or taken a wrong step and fallen. Instead, God spoke to him about how people can live a better.
- Rahab helped some people escape from being killed - and later they were able to help her.
- The song is about how sometimes we are in a dark place - which means a tough time when it's hard to see God - but God is still there.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for always being with us,  
even when we can't see you.*

*Amen.*



♪ Hymn: When God first promised Abram.....pg 11  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZF-FcdbDBQk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZF-FcdbDBQk) (tune)



### Prayer for Illumination

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
King of all creation:  
As you teach us by your Word.  
Open our hearts to your Spirit,  
that we are filled with your faith and hope.  
Amen.<sup>2</sup>



### Intro to the readings

- These are actually next week's lectionary readings. For a reason that made sense earlier in the week I swapped this week and next. (just in case you're taking to a friend who goes to another church)
- The Luke passage comes after the passage about looking at the flowers of the field, and that we should not worry.
- The Hebrews passage is a brief section where the writer lists a whole bunch of Biblical people and things they did that shows their faith in God.
- Our psalm also speaks about faith, but from a slightly different perspective.



Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>3</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Luke 12](#): 35-40

[Hebrews 11](#): 1-3, 8-16

[Psalm 33](#): 12-22

<sup>2</sup> Worship Sourcebook O.3.1.1

<sup>3</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963  
or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV



### Sermon: Absence and the heart

*Dear Lord, please bless these words  
and the meditations of our hearts. Amen.*

The Bible is pretty amazing. Most of it was written based on stories that were passed down thousands of years ago, in a different language, by people who lived incredibly different lives to us. What's amazing is that we still read it and find it relevant to our lives.

...not only that, but you can read the same passage again and again and find that it speaks differently to you. The same words light your life in a different way. You could say it's miraculous, if you have the faith to believe in miracles.

Before heading out on my vacation somebody shared with me that they knew several people were struggling with their faith; they were asking, 'where is God?'

This isn't an uncommon question. When our denomination wrote a statement of faith back in the 80s it included a section on Faith. Over half of this section is about doubt. Doubt can be "disobedience", but is also part of "loving God with our minds, as well as our hearts".<sup>4</sup>

It's also a common theme in the Bible. There are many stories where God is wondering why the people are absent from their relationship with their LORD. There are also many stories where people are wondering where God is in their lives.

One example is our passage from Luke.

In the past when I've read this passage it spoke to me about the importance of working hard to make the world ready for Jesus' return. This time my attention was on the absence of the

<sup>4</sup> [Living Faith 6.2.2](#)

master - and what that might have been like. It would be very different than now. The household couldn't check the Master's Facebook feed, or receive an email or phone call. There weren't telegrams. What would it be like to be told by your Master that he'll come back, but not knowing when? ...and knowing that the roads were dangerous, would he make it back?

I imagine there would be faith that he would return, and times where doubt cast its shadow. A friend of mine shared that he recently had some 'wobbly' moments. In his case it wasn't about his master's return, but about why his block of Ottawa didn't have power for over a week longer than the rest of the community. He was feeling not only the absence of power - but the absence of God's goodness. After all, he's a good person, why is this hardship happening?

For many, COVID has added that much more weight to the troubles in life. Have you found yourself wondering? questioning? doubting? feeling that God is absent? Have you found yourself worried about your faith?

Our passage from Luke is one that speaks to this in ways that may not be obvious with a casual reading. It starts off with calling for people to "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit." It's a bit curious when a few verses early we are told not to "*do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or ... what you will wear.*"<sup>45</sup> Now we are told to be dressed for action - in work clothes, not our Sunday best.

And to have our lamps lit. Now you just turn on a switch and forget about it. Back then you had to make sure it didn't run out of oil, and keep the wick trim, and make sure it wasn't knocked over or the house could burn down. Keeping the lamp lit

required attention and work.



In this story, waiting for the master's return means working like a slave. In fact, that is the relationship in the story: slaves and the master. It'll be strange and good when the Master comes. He will serve them... but until then it's hard work.

Keeping the lamp lit also requires faith that the master will actually return. If you stop believing that, then why bother keeping the light on. You probably practice that already. If you're expecting someone to come over one evening and they don't arrive when you expect you'll probably keep the light on... until it gets late and you're tired. Then it's normal to turn the lights off and go to bed. But if you have faith that they will still come, then you'll keep the lights on and sit up for them. It's practising faith in the unknown; faith even if there's doubt.

Then and now, it's hard.

Why does this happen?

Why does God allow these hard situations?

It's a question that's been asked for as long as people have believed in God. It's a question that we wrestled with a bit at Jesus & Java on Thursday night. Why do bad things happen to good people? or, more specifically this morning, why does God sometimes feel absent?

Some suggest it's for a better purpose that we don't know. That we can learn through God's absence.

There is much to be said for this. Kierkegaard, Dame Julian of Norwich, and probably your grandparents, all talk about the importance of a parent letting their child try things on their own - even if it means failure and hardship. That this will make the child stronger. I remember somebody telling me that he had several siblings. The youngest was younger enough to everyone else that she was the adorable baby of the family. Without thinking about it, they always let her win. They realized this was a mistake when she was in her twenties and unable to deal with the challenges, or hardships, that came with more advanced schooling, or work, or relationships. Teachers talk about helicopter parenting, where the parent swoops in to save the child from any pain - so that they don't learn.

Sometimes God's absence is like a good parent, giving us space to learn and build our confidence - build our faith.

But that's not always the answer.

As somebody else pointed out at Jesus & Java, sometimes there are horrible things that happen and it's not about leading to an unseen good thing. It is not a part of some divine plan.

There is evil in the world. It falls into two categories with a fuzzy edge. People sin. We do things unintentionally (usually I think) and intentionally that leads to hard times for others and

ourselves. As we've been hearing in the news this week,<sup>6</sup> what people can do to others goes beyond 'hard times' and to the horrific. This isn't about God teaching people to run. There was evil done.

The other category is that it's not only people who are broken in their relationship with God, but all of creation. While our brokenness can contribute to pain such as cancer, this and other issues are also not about God trying to teach us something. They are wrong.

...that said,

it is not beyond God's power to bring healing into any situation. This is part of faith: hope for things unseen.

And we can see that in people's stories. This is what is going on in Hebrews. It's written like a sermon to a group that is exhausted by everything. (Does that feel familiar?) As the writer is getting near the end he reminds them of people of faith. People who did not live easy lives. Who did not live perfect lives. People who had doubts and felt God's absence. They often didn't even see the glorious happy ending that is promised. Abraham never settles down in the promised land with grandchildren as numerous as the stars. Despite all this, they are held up as examples of people who have faith.

What is faith?

Despite how we use the word, faith is not a possession. It's not like a glass, you have it or you don't have it. Like the question of 'is your glass half full or half empty'... faith can be both. Like the concerned father asking for his son to be healed, "*I believe; help*

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<sup>6</sup> with the Pope's visit to Canada and conversations about the harm done at residential schools.

my unbelief!”<sup>7</sup> You can have wobbly times and still have faith. Faith isn’t an all or nothing possession.



Fredrick Buechner says that “Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession.” This is probably why the writer of Hebrews reminds us of stories - stories are actions/verbs/journeys. They provide experiences that give witness to God, even though God can seem absent at times. In all those times God is there. When it’s a teaching time God is like the parent running after the bicycle as the child learns to ride without training wheels, and later watching from the porch. When it is something evil, God is still there - though perhaps hard to see as we are overwhelmed. Through the stories of our lives, faith is woven.

The weaving of faith can be hard. Harder than tending an ancient oil lamp all night long. It can require help - from fellow slaves.

Thankfully, not only does this happen, but we get help from the Master as well. Faith is woven by God, and by us. As Living Faith describes it, “Faith is a gift of God” through the Holy Spirit, **and** “it’s a response to God’s presence in the midst of life. It says ‘yes’ to

7 Mark 9: 24

the God who is here.”<sup>8</sup> Faith is both from God and from us.

and with the LORD’s help, we pray that we will be able to keep walking towards “a better homeland”.<sup>9</sup>

To God be all the glory  
Amen.



## Responding to God

♪ Hymn: Be still, my soul.....pg 12 (749)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAT6PWayxCI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAT6PWayxCI) (big church)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqKVFYD8Obc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqKVFYD8Obc) (accapella)

💬 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Wonder: How would you describe faith?

Etching: Share the story of somebody who you admire with how they lived through a difficult time in their life.

Values: How does your faith impact your actions (large or small).

Memories: Reflect on some decisions you’ve made and consider how your beliefs/values/faith guided your choices.

Prayer: ...that your faith may be strengthened, that you can help others in their faith... and thank God for God’s faith in you.

## ✦ Spirit Sightings

This week the Pope visited Canada. Based on the news reports I heard his visit was met with both gratitude and disappointment

8 [Living Faith](#) 6.1.1 & 6.1.3

9 Hebrews 11: 16

- depending on who was talked to. One way the Spirit spoke to him was that the actions that included the residential schools was part of an attempt at genocide. That is, the destruction of a group of people. He shared this realization as he was leaving.

Another issue of justice that has finally gained some attention is the 'Doctrine of Discovery'. This is the notion that anyone not Christian, and any land not farmed like in Europe, was allowed to be taken over. It was not just practised by Roman Catholics, but by many Christians - including Presbyterians. In response to the 2015 Truth & Reconciliation Commission, our denomination researched how it had been complicit in supporting this excuse for European governments to subjugate people around the world. You can find the final report, a recorded webinar (workshop), an very interesting video, and other resources on the website: [presbyterian.ca/justice/doctrine-of-discovery](http://presbyterian.ca/justice/doctrine-of-discovery). If you would like to discuss this with me, or as a group, please let me know and we can set something up.

### Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is [info@kensingtonchurch.ca](mailto:info@kensingtonchurch.ca).

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

### Prayers of the people

Dear God

In love you came as Jesus  
showing the depth of your faith in us.

and how you will always reach out to be with us.  
That even when we don't believe it,  
your Spirit is here.  
Sometimes leading us;  
sometimes releasing us  
to balance on our own.  
Yet always with us if we fall.

Help us to explore the joy in your wide creation,  
and to keep the lamps lit  
shining on injustice  
so that the world will be ready when Jesus comes again.

...  
Faithful God  
**Hear our prayer**

Thinking of injustice,  
We pray for the harm done to indigenous peoples, whether  
through good intentions or not, by the Doctrine of Discovery.  
Help us to value the diversity that you have created;  
to look for how others see you  
and try to understand their perspective.

Help us to fight all systemic ways that people are subjugated. The  
various 'isms' that cause people to be treated worse because of  
their skin colour, or language, or religion, or sex, or age.

...  
Faithful God  
**Hear our prayer**

Jesus, you offered healing in a variety of ways,  
and we ask for healing for those we know, and those that you  
know. For those whose bodies are sick or letting them down.

For those whose minds are not healthy,  
and for those whose soul needs your healing.

...  
Faithful God  
**Hear our prayer**

God of compassion,  
into your hands we offer our prayers  
with the faith that you care  
that you can do something about them  
and that you are leading us to a better homeland.

*In Jesus name.*  
*Amen.*

♪ Hymn: Will your anchor hold.....pg 13 (744)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTfypuXwrMA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTfypuXwrMA) (peppy)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9aLhTHmuTg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9aLhTHmuTg) (little slower)

✦ **Benediction** (2 Corinthians 13:13)  
*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*the love of God,*  
*and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*  
*be with you all.*  
*Amen.*



**God has done amazing things at Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec!**

Over the past few years, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the church has transitioned into a thriving multicultural ministry filled with energy and hope. Though the congregation has already done much good work in bringing a new vision and vitality to the church, they aren't stopping there. They have their sights set to the future, wholeheartedly embracing youth ministry and seeing and treating their youth as the leaders of tomorrow. This new focus on youth ministry has youth participating in all levels of governance and worship leadership, and the transformation continues.



DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, July 31** We pray for Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec as the congregation works to uplift and empower youth to participate fully in the life of the church.

**Monday, August 1** We pray for those enjoying vacations. May they find their souls restored by God's green pastures and still waters (Psalm 23).

**Tuesday, August 2** We pray for health-care workers at the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development, as they provide nutrition and educational support to vulnerable children and their guardians.

**Wednesday, August 3** We pray for those who serve in interim ministries as they work with congregations in transition by helping those congregations discern God's future for mission and ministry.

**Thursday, August 4** We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, August 5** We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Orillia, Ontario, who serves as the PCC representative on the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace.

**Saturday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima)**

We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, on this day in 1945, and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 dactylic

E♭ aug . A♭maj7 A♭6 B♭7 E♭/A♭ E♭

1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fath - er;  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

A♭ E♭/G (B7/F)E♭ F/C C7 F7 B♭

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

B♭7 E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭maj7 A♭6

thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 join with all na - ture in el - o - quent wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

Chinese (Mandarin)

Ni de xin shi guang da, wo Shen wo Tian Fu!  
 Zai Ni yong yuan mei you zhuan dong ying er,  
 yong bu gai bian Fu Shen mei tian shi lian min.  
 Wu shi wu zhong Shang Zhi shi en bu jin.  
 Refrain  
 Ni de xin shi guang da. Ni de xin shi guang da.  
 Qing chen fu qing chen geng jing li xin en,  
 Wo suo xu yong Ni en shou feng fu yu bei.  
 Ni de xin shi guang da, xian zai wo shen.

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Adim E♭/B♭ B♭7 E♭

as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain B♭ A♭/E♭ E♭ C7 Fm sus4-3

Great is thy faith - ful-ness; great is thy faith - ful-ness;

B♭7 E♭ E♭m6 B♭ E♭/F F7 B♭

morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

B♭7 E♭ Fm E♭/G A♭maj7 A♭6

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Adim E♭/B♭ B♭7 E♭

great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

# When God first promised Abram

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1. When God first prom - ised A - bram a  
 2. When Ja - cob fled his broth - er— the  
 3. When Mo - ses climbed the moun - tain en -  
 4. When Ra - hab hid two stran - gers and  
 5. So, thank you, God for dark - ness, the

na - tion of his own, the dark - ness was the  
 trick - ster out of schemes— in dark - ness of the  
 gulfed by storm and smoke, with - in a cloud of  
 spurned the king's com - mand, be - neath the veil of  
 ho - ly meet - ing place where you re - veal your

can - vas where stars of prom - ise shone.  
 des - ert God gave the schem - er dreams.  
 dark - ness the God of glo - ry spoke.  
 dark - ness they safe - ly fled the land.  
 pres - ence and we en - coun - ter grace.

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 Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN; Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

## Be still, my soul

FINLANDIA 10 10 10 10 10 10

F C/B $\flat$  F/A C7/G F C7/B $\flat$  F/A B $\flat$  C7/C F

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

C/B $\flat$  F/A C7/G F C/B $\flat$  F/A B $\flat$  C7/G F

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 to guide the fu - ture wise - ly, as the past.  
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

F /E Dm F/A C Gm

leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 then shalt thou bet - ter know God's love, God's heart,  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief and fear are gone,

D7/A Gm/B $\flat$  F/C /A B $\flat$  6 (A) A

in eve - ry change God faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 who comes to soothe thy sor - row and thy fears.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

F /E Dm F/A C Gm

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: thy Je - sus can re - pay  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

D7/A Gm/B $\flat$  F/C C7sus4-3 (F) F

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 the voice that ruled them here on earth be - low.  
 from his own full - ness all death takes a - way.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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## Will your anchor hold

WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD 10 9 10 9 with refrain

F B $\flat$  6 F/C C F

1. Will your an - chor hold in the storms of life, when the  
 2. Will your an - chor hold in the straits of fear, when the  
 3. Will your eyes be - hold through the morn - ing light the

C (F6) C/G G7 C C7/E F C

clouds un - fold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift and the  
 break - ers roar and the reef is near? While the surges rave and the  
 cit - y of gold and the har - bour bright? Will you an - chor safe by the

7 F F7 B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

ca - bles strain, will your an - chor drift or firm re - main?  
 wild winds blow, shall the an - gry waves then your bark o'er - flow?  
 heaven - ly shore, when life's storms are past for - ev - er - more?

Refrain F B $\flat$ /F F

We have an an - chor that keeps the soul

F/A F C F /E $\flat$

stead - fast and sure while the bil - lows roll, fast - ened to the rock which

B $\flat$ /D F/C B $\flat$  (F) B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

can - not move, ground - ed firm and deep in the Sav - iour's love!

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