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Do Not Be Afraid

*Do not be afraid, God is here. Do not be dismayed, O my soul,
For the Lord your God is with you. Wherever you go.*

Let us pray,

***We meet you here, Lord, At the intersection of love and faithfulness.
Here, prayer and praise join hands, Scripture is embraced,
And our voices unite in songs to you. Speak tenderly to our hearts in
this time of worship, And show us the path to peace. Amen.***

Blessing and praise - 27

*Blessing and praise be given, blessing and praise be given
To Christ who comes, who comes for us, comes in the name of the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 130*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

2 Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

5 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins

Lord of all Goodness - 30

Lord of all goodness, Son of the Father, may your peace surround us.

SCRIPTURE *Romans 8:6-11*

6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[a] because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[b] his Spirit who lives in you.

Holy Spirit, loving Spirit - 40

Holy Spirit, loving Spirit, holy, loving Spirit come!

Silence (10 minutes) (The prayer continues in these few moments of silence)

Intercessions:

ONE: God our Father, you want us to become new creatures in Christ. We pray to you.

ALL (sung response): Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ

ONE: Lord, you promise us new heavens and a new earth. Renew our hope.

ALL (sung response): Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ

ONE: You have freed us from our slavery by giving us your only Son, you open for us the way of freedom.

ALL (sung response): Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ

ONE: Enable us to listen to your Word and to welcome it with hearts filled with love.

ALL (sung response): Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ

ONE: We were dead and you brought us to life through the Spirit; we were sinners and you continually restore us to purity of heart.

ALL (sung response): Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ

Closing Prayer...

God of peace, you do not want us to know relentless worry but rather a humble repentance of heart. It is like a surge of trusting that enables us to place our faults in you. And then, by the inner light of forgiveness, little by little we discover a peace of heart. Amen.

Glory to God - 16

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal...Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God!*

Go in Peace....

The service has ended; please feel free to continue to pray in silence. We will begin extinguishing candles fifteen minutes after the service has concluded.