

# Be Still

A musical score for the hymn "Be Still" is presented on a parchment-like background. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The background image shows a hand holding a wooden cross against a cloudy sky.

1 A might-y For-tress is our God, A trust-y Sould and Weap - on;  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss af-fect - ed;  
3 Tho' dev-ils all the world should fill, All ea-ger to de-voir us,  
4 The Word they still shall let re-main, Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That hath us now o'er-tak - en.  
But for us fights the Val-iant One, Whom God Him-self e-lect - ed.  
We trem-ble not, we fear no ill, They shall not o-ver-pow'r us.  
He's by our side up-on the plain With His good gifts and Spir - it.

AND KNOW THAT

# I AM GOD

PSALM 46:10



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*Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ “These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

## OPENING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem  
Tune: KINGSFOLD – CW21 Blue 703

*O sing a song of Bethlehem,  
Of shepherds watching there,  
And of the news that came to them  
From angels in the air:  
The light that shone on Bethlehem  
Fills all the world today;  
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
The angels sing alway.*

*O sing a song of Nazareth,  
Of sunny days of joy,  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
And of the sinless boy:  
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth  
In ev'ry heart may grow;  
Now spreads the fame of his dear name  
On all the winds that blow.*

*O sing a song of Galilee,  
Of lake and woods and hill,  
Of him who walked upon the sea  
And bade the waves be still:  
For though, like waves on Galilee,  
Dark seas of trouble roll,  
When faith has heard the Master's word,  
Falls peace upon the soul.*

*O sing a song of Calvary,  
Its glory and dismay;  
Of him who hung upon the tree,  
And took our sins away:  
For he who died on Calvary  
Is risen from the grave!  
And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n adored,  
Is mighty now to save!*

### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION

**M:** You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

**C:** **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

**M:** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**C:** **Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.**

**M:** You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**C:** **Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

**M:** If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**C:** **Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**M:** See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

**M:** God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever!

### RESPONSE

CW21 Blue #505 (1,5): For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup> He came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup> But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

*Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*Psalm tone*



God is our refúge and strength,\*  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the éarth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart óf the sea,

though its waters róar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their súrging.

*Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most Hígh dwells.

God is within her, she wíll not fall;\*  
God will help her at bréak of day.

“Be still, and know that Í am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Śpirit,  
as it was in the be\_gínning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Ámen.**

*Refrain*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup> By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> In the fourth watch of the night,<sup>[a]</sup> Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

## THE NICENE CREED

**I We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

**THE SERMON**

Matthew 14:22-33

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**C: Your kingdom come.**

M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: We pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**M:** All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it will be yours."

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

CW Red #417: I'm But a Stranger Here

*I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.  
Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.*

*What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.  
And time's wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.*

*There at my Savior's side --Heav'n is my home.  
I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
And there, I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.*

*Therefore, I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.  
And I shall surely stand, There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my Fatherland; Heav'n is my home.*

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## for kids

### Songs We Sang



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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:



# ...HE SAID, COME

And when Peter was come  
down out of the ship,  
he walked on  
the water...

-Matthew 14:29

