

Opening Song: God of Day and God of Darkness #645 Music Issue Book

Leader: Let us spend a few moments in silence asking God to calm our hearts and open our minds to Him.

Reader:

A reading from Philippians (4: 4 - 9)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Prayer for Inner Healing:

Reader 1: Lord Jesus, You came to heal our wounded and troubled hearts. We ask You to heal the torments that cause anxiety in our hearts; We ask You, in a particular way, to heal all who are the cause of sin. We ask You to come into our lives and heal us of the psychological harms that struck us in our early years and from the injuries that they caused throughout our lives.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, You know our burdens. We lay them all on Your Good Shepherd's Heart. We beseech You -- by the merits of the great, open wound in Your heart -- to heal the small wounds that are in our hearts. Heal the pain of our memories, so that nothing that has happened to us will cause us to remain in pain and anguish, filled with anxiety.

All: Lord, grant us hope.

Reader 3: Heal, O Lord, all those wounds that have been the cause of all the evil that is rooted in our lives. We want to forgive all those who have offended us. Look to those inner sores that make us unable to forgive. You Who came to forgive the afflicted of heart, please, heal our own hearts.

All: Lord, grant us faith.



Reader 4: Heal, Lord Jesus, those intimate wounds that cause us physical illness. We offer You our hearts. Accept them, Lord, purify them, and give us the sentiments of Your Divine Heart. Help us to be meek and humble.

All: Lord, grant us Your grace.

Reader 5: Heal us, O Lord, from the pain caused by the death of our loved ones. Grant us peace and joy in the knowledge that You are the Resurrection and the Life. Make us authentic witnesses to Your Resurrection, Your victory over sin and death, Your living presence among us.

All: Lord, hold us in your loving arms. Amen.

Blessing with Holy Oil

Leader: The use of olive oil is an ancient tradition. It was massaged on skin and it soothed wounds. It is employed in religious rites and is used sacramentally for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The oil itself had no miraculous curative power: only God has the power to heal. Prayer and this gesture symbolizing the strength of one's belief are ways of expressing one's inner faith in God's power.

Anointing Prayer:

May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace.





Hymns during anointing congregation is invited to sing along

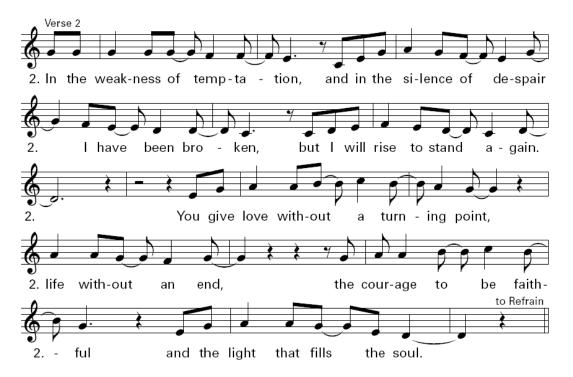
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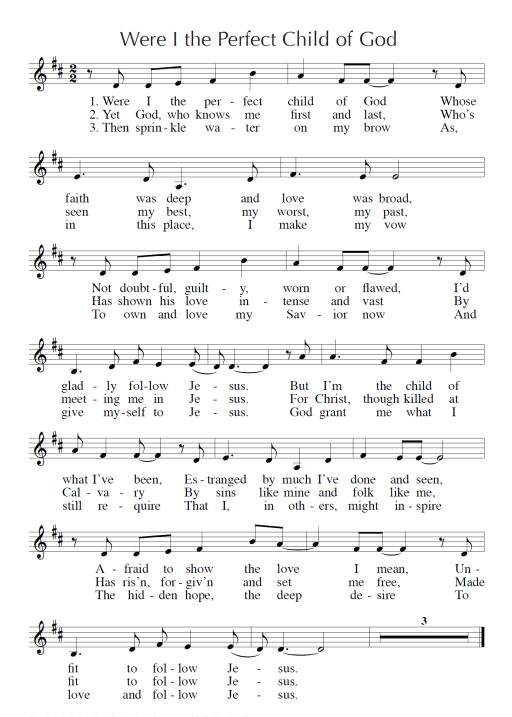


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Reader: A reading from Isaiah (49: 8 - 16)

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you; I formed you and set you as a covenant for the people. To restore the land and allot the devastated heritages. To say to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves! Along the roadways they shall find pasture, on every barren height shall their pastures be. They shall not hunger or thirst; nor shall scorching wind or sun strike them; For he who pities them leads them and guides them beside springs of water. I will turn all my mountains into roadway, and make my highways level. See, these shall come from afar: some from the north and the west, others from the land of Syene. Sing out, heavens, and rejoice, earth, break forth into song, you mountains, For the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you.

Leader: Open to petitions from the group. If no one speaks, or after petitions have finished "Lord, you know our hearts, please answer (these and all) the prayers we hold in them".

All:

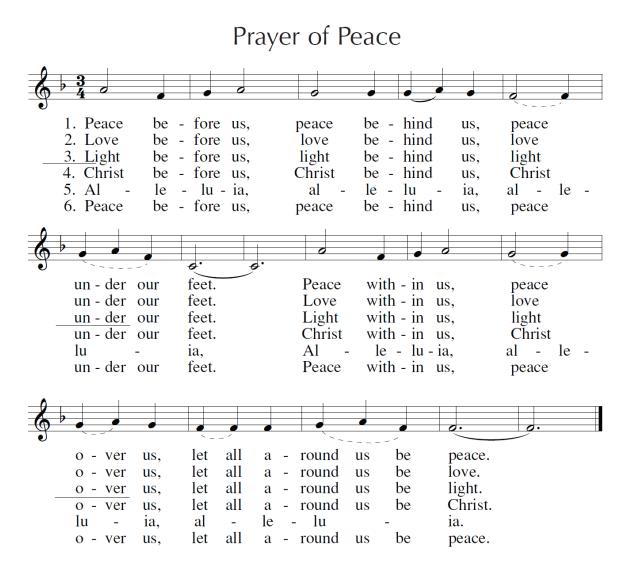
Lord, please put Your peace in my heart. I'm worried and anxious. My mind races and obsesses. I can't help thinking about my problems. And the more I think about them. the more depressed I become. I feel like I'm sinking down in quicksand and can't get out. Calm me, Lord. Slow me down, put Your peace in my heart. No matter what problem I have, Lord, You are bigger, You are more powerful than it is. So I bring my problem to You. I know what I want. I know my will. I do not know Yours.

I do not know how You will use this problem for my salvation. I do not know what good You will work out from this evil. But I trust You.



I trust Your goodness and Your wisdom. So I place myself in Your hands. Please fill my heart with peace. Amen

Closing Hymn:



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