

March 24, 2021

Welcome

Table Grace

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Candle Lighting Song

ELW # 785 "When Peace Like a River" v1, 2 & 3

VERSE 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

VERSE 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

REFRAIN

Prayer

God of wonder and delight, help us notice the miraculous, today and every day. Write your law on our hearts. Amen.



Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,[a] says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Poem

"This Morning" p. 4 of "Mary Oliver's Devotions"

Every morning
the world
is created.
Under the orange

sticks of the sun
the heaped
ashes of the night
turn into leaves again

and fasten themselves to the high
branches—
and the ponds appear
like black cloth
on which are painted islands

of summer lilies.
If it is your nature
to be happy
you will swim away along the soft
trails

for hours, your imagination
alighting everywhere.
And if your spirit
carries within it

the thorn
that is heavier than lead—
if it's all you can do
to keep on trudging—

there is still
somewhere deep within you
a beast shouting that the earth
is exactly what it wanted—

each pond with its blazing lilies
is a prayer heard and answered
lavishly,
every morning,

whether or not
you have ever dared to be happy,
whether or not
you have ever dared to pray

Table Conversation

Song

"It is Well"

CHORUS

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all it is well.
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You,
And it is well with me.

BRIDGE

So, let go my soul and trust in God.
The waves and wind still know Your name.
So, let go my soul and trust in God.
The waves and wind still know Your name.

ENDING

It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Best Part of Your Week

Lord's Prayer

from New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through
the universe!
They way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that
is love, now and for ever. Amen**

Blessing



I WILL PUT MY LAW
WITHIN THEM,
AND I WILL WRITE IT
ON THEIR HEARTS;
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

+ JEREMIAH 31:33