

# PEACE

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## Shalom – a Journey through Lent Safety

**Prelude** " Praise My Soul, The God of Heaven" Lani Smith  
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### Welcome

### Opening Words

We come to this sacred place,  
Hearts prepared to hear a word about shalom – Your Peace  
You are our refuge and strength.

**Keep us safe**

When you call us, we will answer.  
When you challenge us, we will act.  
You are our refuge and strength.

**Keep us safe**

In this time together, open our hearts and minds  
To the possibility of Your Peace – shalom  
You are our refuge and strength.

**Keep us safe**

**Opening Response** "Nothing Can Trouble" Jacques Berthier

1.  
Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.  
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

**Prayer of Invocation** Dom Helder Camara

Come Holy One!  
Do not smile and say you are already with us.  
Millions do not know you  
and to us who do,  
what is the difference?  
What is the point of your presence  
if our lives do not alter?  
Change our lives,  
Shatter our complacency.  
Make your word our life's purpose.  
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.  
Press us uncomfortably.  
For only thus  
that other peace is made,  
your peace. Amen

**Children's Time**

**The Witness of Music** Chancel Choir

**Readings:**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** *Interpreted by Nan Merrill*

Those who dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light,  
who abide in the wings of Infinite Love,  
Will raise their voices in praise:  
“My refuge and my strength;  
In You along will I trust.”  
For You deliver me from the webs of fear,  
From all that separates and divides.

For You have sent your angels to watch over me,  
To guide me in all my ways.  
On their hands, they will bear me up,  
Lest I dash my foot against a stone.  
Through I walk among those who roar like the lion,  
Or are as stealthy as the adder,  
In your strength will I be saved.

“Because you cleave to Me, in love,  
I will deliver you;  
I will protect you, who call upon my Name.  
When you call to Me, I will answer you;  
I will be with you in times of trouble,  
I will rescue you and reverence your life.  
All through the years, will I dwell in your heart,  
As Loving Companion Presence forever.”

## **Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Holy One your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen**

**Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner**

Hymn "On Eagle's Wings"



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his shad-ow for

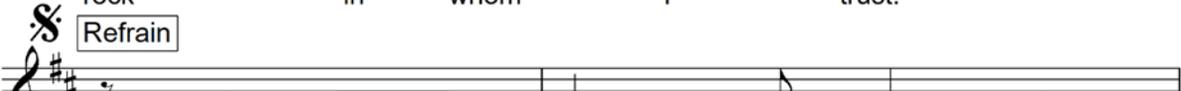


life, say to the Lord: "My ref - uge my



rock in whom I trust!"

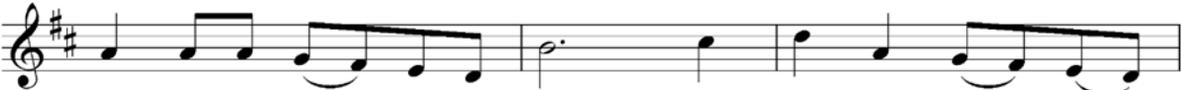
Refrain



And God will raise you up on



ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the



palm of his hand. last time to coda 



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear: un - der - his wings your ref - uge, his

to Refrain

faith - ful - ness your shield.

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by day; though

to Refrain

thou - sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

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bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

**Coda**

And hold you, hold you in the

palm of his hand.

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Communion**

**Prayer:** Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.  
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking  
that our eyes might be opened,  
that we might recognize the risen Christ  
in our midst, indeed, in one another.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **Pray of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love  
by bringing us to this meal.  
We go from here renewed in faith,  
renewed in courage,  
and strengthened by your presence.  
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.  
Thank you for challenging us  
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

## **How shall we join God's work in the world?**

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we  
bring to join you in your work in the world.

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Rigaudon" Henry Purcell/arr. Gerald Peterson  
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