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My Soul in Silence

Vespers
Commons Annex Lecture Hall
5:15 p.m. Thursday/Friday
January 28/29, 2010

Gathering

*As we arrive, we move around the space and find someone to talk with.
We have a conversation about something which we've heard today which has
challenged us. We remain standing as we do this.*

***When the song begins** we finish our conversation and move around the space,
and in our own time, find a place and sit down.*

Song: Be Still and Know That I Am God

We echo the cantor as directed.

Invocation

For God alone my soul waits in silence.
God is my salvation. (Psalm 62:1)

Gathering words

We gather in the name of the highest
who looked down, calling us into life.
We gather in the name of the lowest
sharing our darkness, sheltering us, setting us free.
We gather in the name of the encompassing power
binding us together in the strength of the Holy One.

Song: For God Alone I'm Waiting (based on Psalm 62)

Again, we echo each line after the cantor:

For God alone I'm waiting
with silence in my soul.
Though chaos rage around me
I rest my hope in God.

For God alone I'm waiting,
the source of steadfast love.
My heart is laid before God,
in whom my trust resides.

Prayer

Song: Simply to Be

1 Sim - ply to be, to be in still - ness, sim - ply to
2 sim - ply to hold the giv - en mo - ment, sim - ply to
3 so am I blessed with - in God's keep - ing, so am I

trust that God is here, sim - ply to know the
lay con - cern a - side, sim - ply to let the
freed from point - less stress, stead - ied to feel the

Ho - ly Pres - ence, is to be blessed: so am I blessed,
heart be speak - ing, is to be blessed: so am I blessed,
soul re - plen - ished, giv - en this grace, fold - ed in peace.

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Music: Jane Marshall
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Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-12 (13) – Elijah meets God at Horeb; God is in silence.

Silence

Meditation

Song

Jyothi dho Prabhu.

Give us light, O Lord.

Aasish dho, Prabhu.

Give us grace, O Lord.

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as found in *Sing with the World*, ed. Alison Adam & John Bell (GIA)

Free prayer

Song from South Africa

Slowly

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

- ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -

- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

-traditional South African (Public Domain)
as included in *Sent by the Lord*
(Iona Community/GIA)

Blessing

Sending (*see next page*)

Gently

Am Fmaj7 , G Dm6 Esus4 , E7

1 The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too; the

Am Fmaj7 , G Dm6 Esus4 E ,

peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

C G Am Em7 *1st time* *2nd time*
Am Am

Deep God's peace, deep peace fall-ing ov-er you.
God's peace, God's peace grow-ing in you.

Deep — peace, deep peace fall-ing ov-er you.
God's — peace, God's peace grow-ing in you.

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