

# Be Still, My Soul

*Katharina Amalia von Schlegel (1752)*

## Verse 1

Be still my soul; The Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

## Verse 2

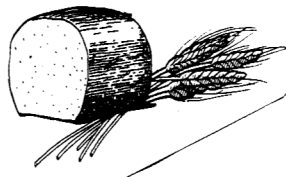
Be still my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

## Verse 3

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

## Verse 4

Be still my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



# Old Orchard Church

November 1, 2009—10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Moses answered the people,  
"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see  
the deliverance the LORD will bring you  
today. The Egyptians you see today you will  
never see again. The LORD will fight for you;  
you need only to be still."

—Exodus 14:13-14—

## Celebrating Our Justification in Jesus Christ by Faith Resting

O Christ, you have done for us  
What we cannot do for ourselves:  
You washed the spot of sin from our hands,  
Answered the self-accusation of our hearts,  
And satisfied the Holy Wrath that stood against us.

Trusting, O God, I come.  
Despairing of my never-finished works,  
I rest in the finished work of him  
Who lived and died in my place.

Fill me with joy as I worship,  
With a sure confidence that by childlike faith,  
The perfection of Jesus Christ has become my perfection.  
Thanks be to God!



### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:5-31

New Testament Reading: Luke 18:9-14

### Sermon Series on Matthew

“Ten Sleeping Bridesmaids and a Tarrying Bridegroom “

Matthew 25:1-13

Jon Coody, seminary intern, preaching

## Freeing Grace

I think it was about five this morning that I opened my Testament on those words, “**Through these God has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature....**” (2 Peter 1:4) ‘Just as I went out, I opened it again on those words, “**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**” (Mark 12:34b) In the afternoon I was asked to go to St. Paul’s Church. The anthem was, “**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared....O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.** (Psalm 130:1-4; 7-8)

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a meeting in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Martin Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more particular manner despitefully used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart. But it was not long before the enemy suggested, ‘This cannot be faith; for where is your joy?’ Then was I taught that peace and victory over sin are essential to faith in the Captain of our salvation; but that, as to the intense feelings of joy that usually attend the beginning of it, especially in those who have mourned deeply [over their sin], God sometimes gives, sometimes withholds them, according to the counsels of His own will.

—John Wesley, Journal entry for May 24, 1738

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**