

Thursday, April 27, 2023

INVITATION:

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. (Ps 118:24)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."...

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, when I face the power of anger, have mercy on me.

When I am harmed by another, or think myself to have been, give me patience to go to that person with a humble spirit, seeking to be reconciled.

When I am outraged by injustice, show me clearly how I too must repent of complicity in this world's broken systems, and cover me in your mercy.

When I can neither rest nor work because of the indignation that stirs my spirit, teach me the power of forgiveness and the freedom of love.

Deliver me from anger, that I might not be consumed by its fire but turn the great energy of my soul toward a desire to serve you and your little ones.¹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for the senior's luncheon happening today at Hebron

*for the World Renew staff working with churches to bring refugees to Canada

*for those living in poverty and suffering injustice

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

May the peace of God enfold us,

The love of God uphold us,

The wisdom of God control us. Amen.⁵