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Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Here Is Your God**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

by Pritchard

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Leader: We begin with an angel appearing to Zechariah, telling him not to be afraid.

**People:** Let us look beyond the angel's startling appearance for the promised peace.

Leader: The angel tells Zechariah that his prayers have been heard.

**People:** Let us know and acknowledge the peace that comes from God hearing our prayers.

Leader: The angel tells us that Zechariah's son will prepare for the way of the Lord.

**People:** Let us find peace in the preparation for Jesus' coming. Amen.

### **\*OPENING HYMN NO. 133 (black hymnal)**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING<sup>2</sup>

Leader: A candle now shines among feathers of white... a reminder that when we live each day with peace in our heart,

**People: one light conquers darkness.**

Leader: When we live each day with peace in our heart,

**People: one love smothers hate.**

Leader: When we live each day with peace in our heart,

**People: one breath calms busyness.**

Leader: When we live each day with peace in our heart,

**People: one baby brings eternal life.**

Leader: Jesus is our Prince of Peace!

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

**ALL: O God, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb, until your light bursts into our lives like a clear, bright dawn. We cover our eyes, we're so unprepared for your coming. Your light blazes forth like a white-hot fire, consuming all that it touches. How can we stand before you, O God? The road that we thought was straight and wide is now exposed as a twisted, crooked path, blocked by a mountain of sin. Where can we turn? Who will guide us back to the way of peace – the way that leads to you? Take our hand, O God, and lead us in your way. With your help let us be path makers, overcoming the sin that prevents us from fully realizing your kingdom and all of its glory. Let us be bearers of your light. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>3</sup>

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS, see p. 4)

*The First Song of Isaiah*

**ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 1: 11-17*

**MESSAGE**

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HYMN NO. 438 (black hymnal)

*When Peace Like a River (It is Well With My Soul)*

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Schram

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Come Lord Jesus*

by Schutte

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 116 (black hymnal, v. 7)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**ALL SING:** O Come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 249** (black hymnal)

*Peace I Leave with You, My Friends*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go Now in Peace*

by Besig/Price

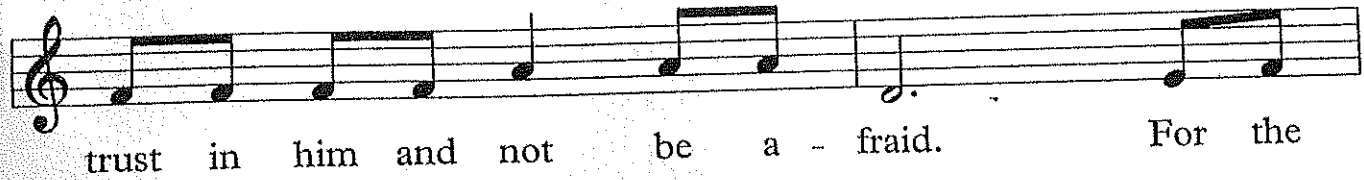
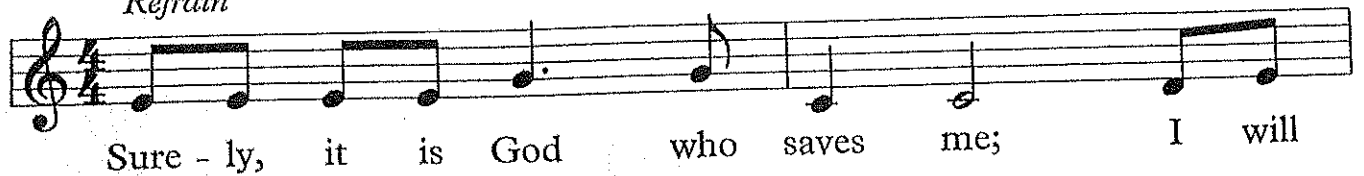
**ALL SING:** Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\***POSTLUDE**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

by Moultrie

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*Refrain*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Joan Schildt & and in memory of Alice Flury for creating the nativity we display at the front of the church by the congregation.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our sons, Matthew & Jason, by Deb & Ken Barshinger.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of my father, Duffin Magee's 100th birthday by Carol Hartman.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Advent Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Jen Cooper, Robin Schriver, Dave Firestone, Wendy Kindig, and Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Robin Schriver

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Liturgist: Tama Allison

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin Schriver and the Wagaman family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Liturgist: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>The Call to worship was written by Wendy Kindig, a member of the Advent worship planning team

<sup>2</sup>The Advent candle lighting was written by Jen Cooper, a member of the Advent worship planning team.

<sup>3</sup>The prayer of confession and the assurance of pardon are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*, Copyright© Abingdon Press. Shared with permission to congregations for use in worship on the *Ministry Matters* website at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3276/worship-elements-december-9-2018>. Accessed on the web on Dec 5, 2018.

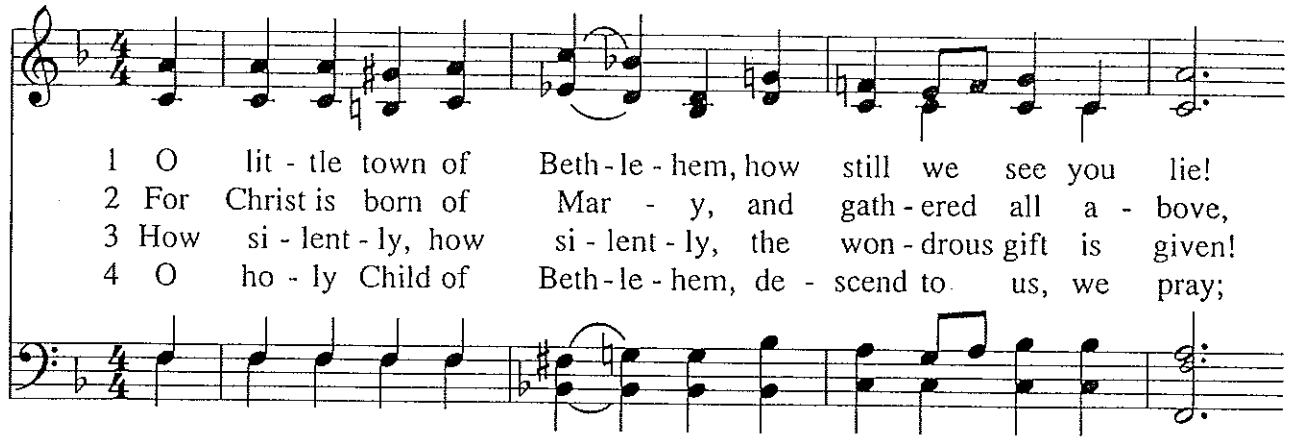
<sup>4</sup>*The First Song of Isaiah*. By Jack Noble White. © 1976 CPP/Belwin Music/Alfred. Reproduced with permission under One License A-725030.

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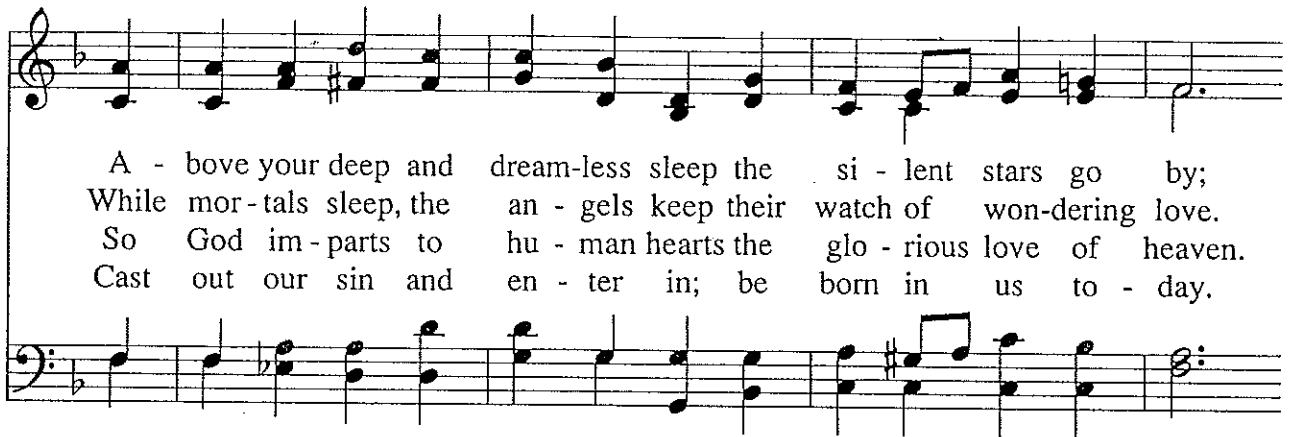
\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:4-7

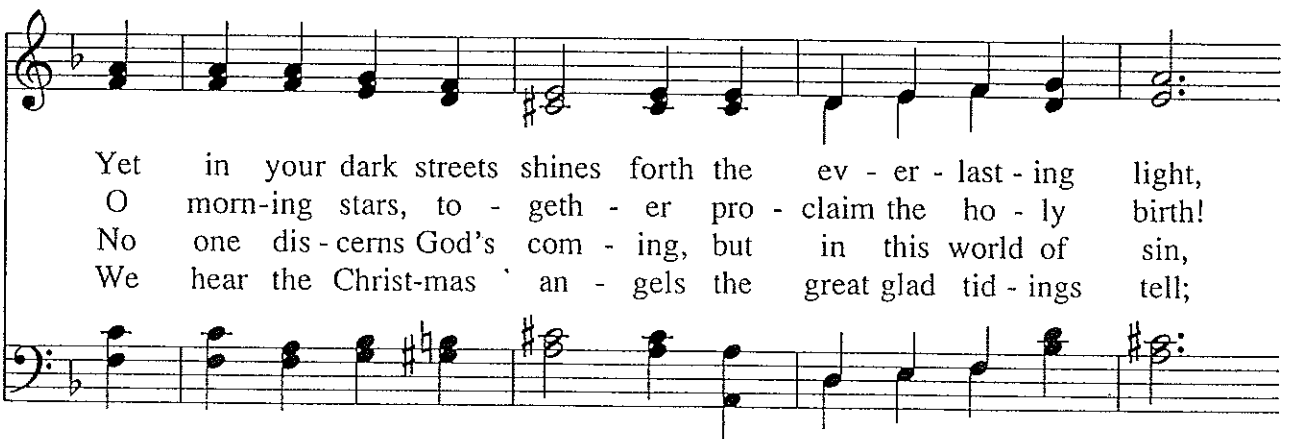
Phillips Brooks, 1868; alt.



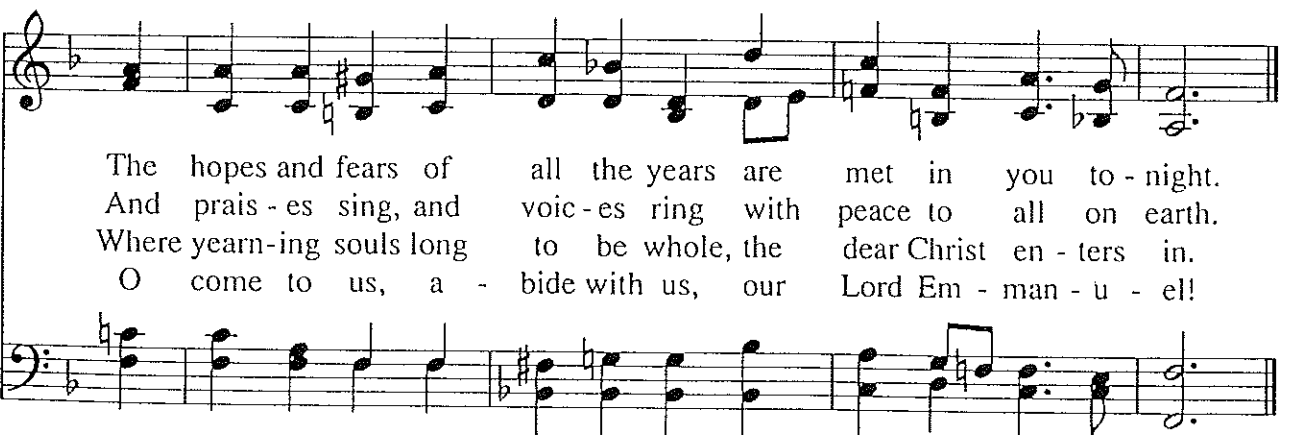
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see you lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove your deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the glo - rious love of heaven.  
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in your dark streets shines forth the ev - er - last - ing light,  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No one dis - cerns God's com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you to - night.  
 And prais - es sing, and voic - es ring with peace to all on earth.  
 Where yearn - ing souls long to be whole, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Inspired by a visit to Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks, minister of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, wrote this hymn for the Sunday School's Christmas service. The tune was hastily sketched by the church organist in time for the service.*

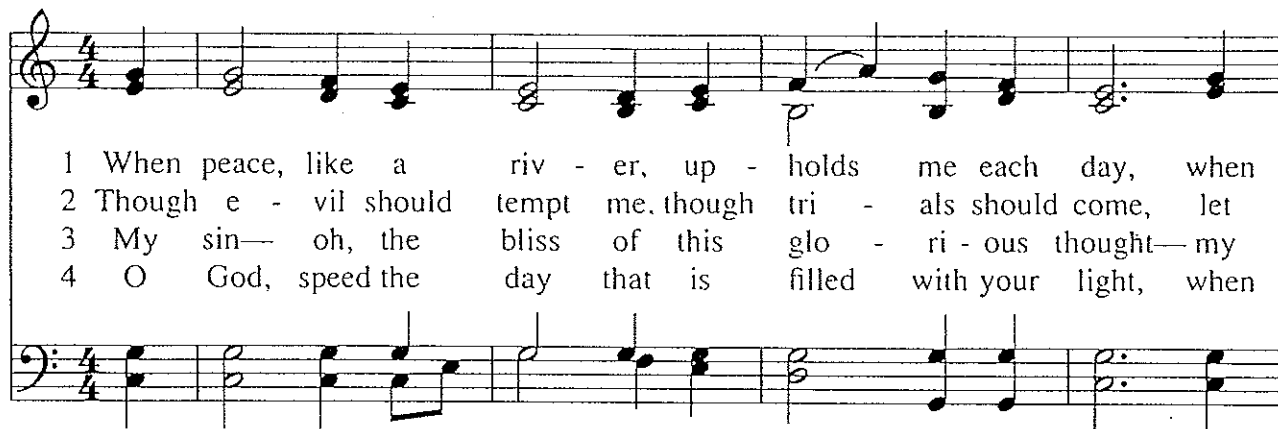
Tune: ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.  
 Lewis H. Redner, 1868  
 Alternate tune: FOREST GREEN

# When Peace, Like a River

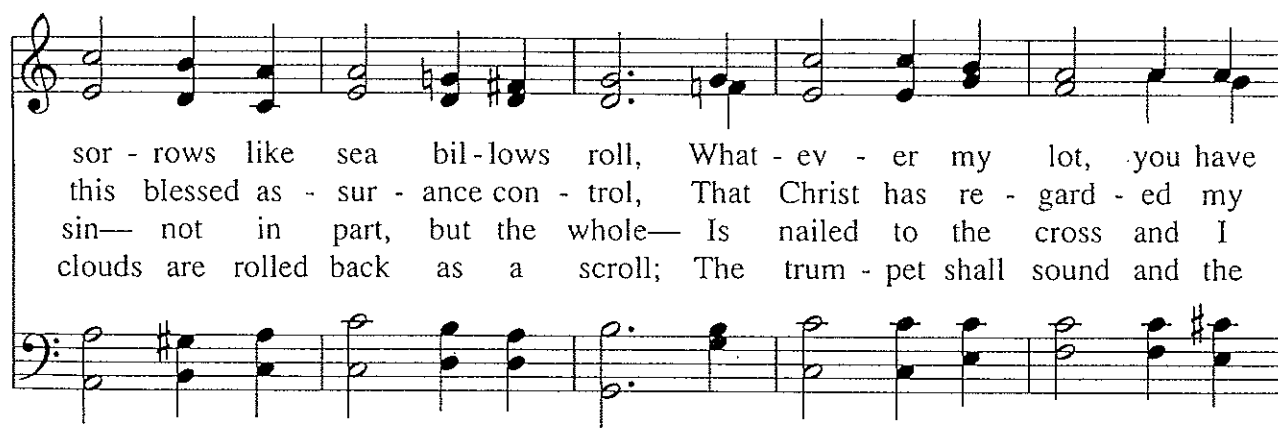
(It Is Well with My Soul)

*Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2*

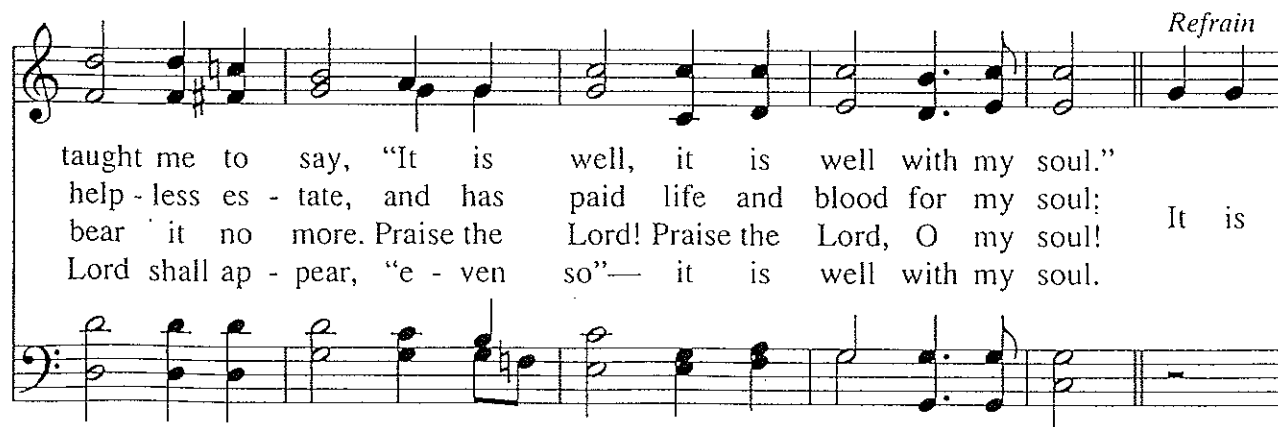
*Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.*



1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when  
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

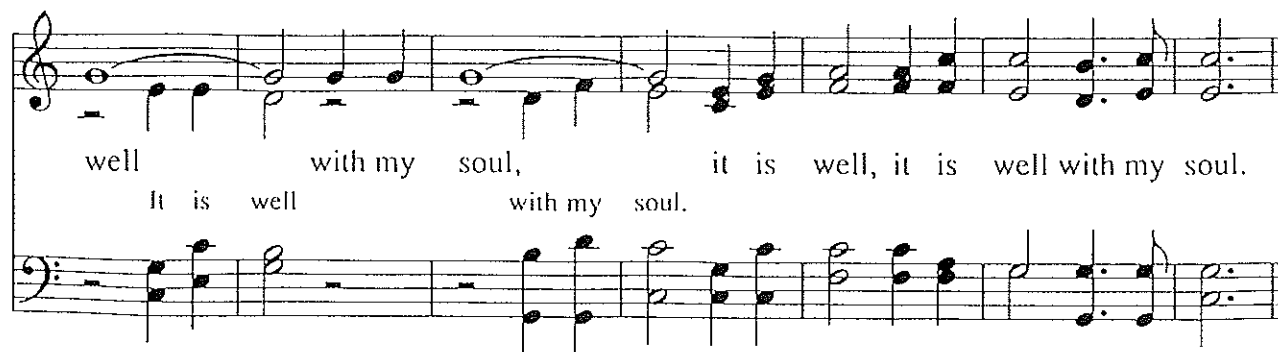


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have  
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my  
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the



*Refrain*

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul; It is  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



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

*This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.*

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain  
*Philip P. Bliss, 1876*



John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

*Refrain*

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D

1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,  
2 Take my hand and be at peace;  
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.  
the spir - it of our love I send. Continued next  
that lone - li - ness is at an end. page.....

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain  
Ray Repp, 1967  
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,  
 And with this love you will be free,  
 Re-joice, my friends, al-though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un-til I come a - gain.  
 un-til I come a - gain.  
 for I will come a - gain.