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Prelude **Andante Religioso** *(F. Mendelssohn)*

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Great is Thy Faithfulness *(#60)*

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
there is no shadow of
turning with thee;

thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou
forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand
hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in
their courses above

join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

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Lord, unto me!

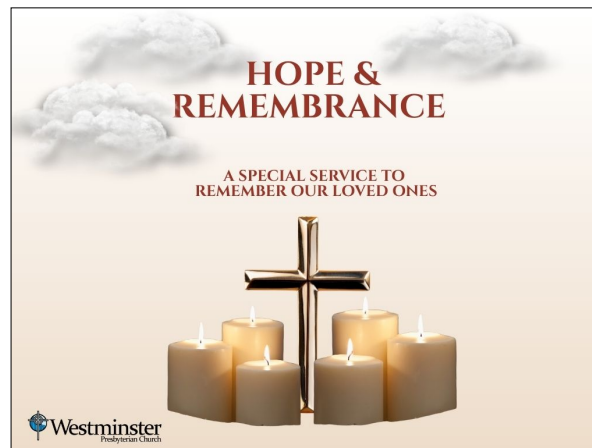
Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;

strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with
ten thousand beside!

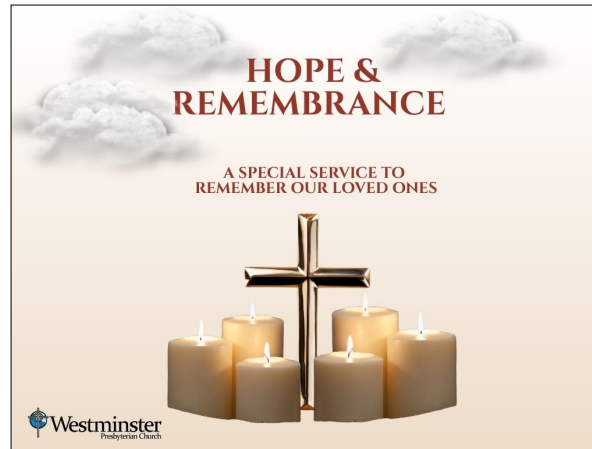
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**May the Peace of Christ
be with you,
And also with you!**



Mark 6:45-56

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

MARK 6:45-56

Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.

MARK 6:45-56

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

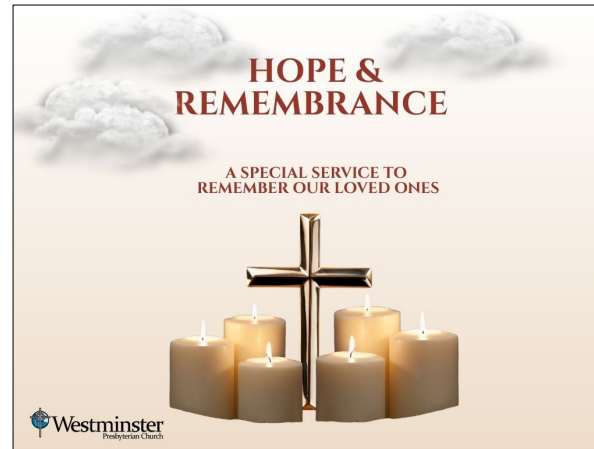
When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus.

MARK 6:45-56

They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

**This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**

MARK 6:45-56



Call On My Name

(E. Smart)

*Be not afraid, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am God,
I'll give you strength,
keep you from falling,
Here in this far away land.*

*Be not dismayed, for I will save you,
I am the Holy One
I'll be Your God,
you'll be my people
Rescued by my righteous hand,*

*Call on my name, offer your prayer
Seek me with all your heart
Then I will hear, and I'll be found
And gather and bring you
back home,
Gather and bring you back home.*

*I'll give you hope,
let nothing harm you
Fulfill my every word,
For the plans I have made,
for you and your future
Are greater than any have known,*

*Call on my name, offer your prayer
Seek me with all your heart
Then I will hear, and I'll be found
And gather and bring you
back home, back home*

*Call on my name, seek me anew
Pray and I'll hear your cry
Open the door, then you will find
I've gathered and brought
you back home,
Gathered and brought
you back home.*

The Gospel of **MARK**



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Who is Jesus?

Takeaway

God is with us in our darkest moments.



*Darkest Moments
Seen As We Struggle
Mark 6:45-48*



Darkest Moments
Met in Doubt & Fear
Mark 6:49-52



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Darkest Moments
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Mark 6:50b-52, NIV



To follow Jesus is to keep venturing out past our comfort level...God continues to take the initiative, God gives us parables, God comes to us in the night when we are making absolutely no headway. **God's faithfulness is greater than our fear, greater than our sin and greater than our unbelief.**

Ronald J. Kernaghan
Mark, The IVP New Testament Commentary Series



Darkest Moments
Given Hope In Our Hurt
Mark 6:53-56



"Sometimes when there aren't words to say, when there aren't answers, or clichés, or verses to quote, sometimes the only comfort we have is to share in our sufferings..."

It's the only way to hold onto that fragile sense of hope, that God is with us in the suffering...

That day came when God put on flesh and entered this world, in his suffering he became our comforter, our deliverer"

BRYAN DUNAGAN, 2021



The Gospel of
MARK



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Who is Jesus?





Be Still My Soul
(#530)

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 every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul!
Your best, your heavenly Friend
thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

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.

Be still, my soul!
The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and
fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys
restored.

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Be still, my soul!
When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we
shall meet at last.



Postlude
Andantino
(C. Franck)