

PSALTER: Psalm 16

R: With God ever before me, my heart is glad, my soul rejoices.

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

³ As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood

I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

R: With God ever before me, my heart is glad, my soul rejoices.

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

R: With God ever before me, my heart is glad, my soul rejoices.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹ You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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***HYMN:** *O GOD, WE PRAY WITH DEEP CONCERN*
(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

O God, we pray with deep concern as flames of war increase.
Each day we hear the news and yearn for justice and for peace.
The young, the old, the sick, the poor often are in harm's way.
How much, we ask, can they endure? Deliver them, we pray!

We pray for children caught in wars in many different ways.
They long for what they knew before— for peaceful, safer days.
O Christ, you welcomed children in— and said we also should.
May we stop wars that threaten them; may we work for the good.

We know your Way is one of love, through Jesus Christ your Son.
We pray each day, "Thy kingdom come," and yes, "Thy will be done."
In Christ, you break dividing walls and give us life anew.
May we respond when Jesus calls and work for peace for you.

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Our Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

(It is recommended that Our Social Creed be frequently used in worship.)

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ALLELUIA! RAISE THE GOSPEL

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the Gos - pel
o - ver the earth! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Peace and jus - tice bring - ing to birth!

Verses

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|----------------|--------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Bless - ed | those whose hearts | are | gen - tle. | Bless - ed |
| 2. Bless - ed | those who work | for | jus - tice. | Bless - ed |
| 3. Trem - ble, | you who build | up | rich - es. | Trem - ble, |
| 4. Trem - ble, | you who thirst | for | pow - er. | Trem - ble |
| 5. Glo - ry | like the stars | of | heav - en— | Glo - ry |
| 6. Glo - ry | to the Word | of | Jus - tice. | Glo - ry |

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| 1. those whose spir - its | are strong. | Bless - ed | those who |
| 2. those who an - swer | the call. | Bless - ed | those who |
| 3. you with op - u - lent | lives. | Trem - ble, | when you |
| 4. you who live for | ac - claim. | Trem - ble, | when you |
| 5. like the sun in | the sky— | Glo - ry | shines up - |
| 6. to the Spir - it | of Peace. | Glo - ry | to the |

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| 1. choose to bring forth | right where there | is | wrong. |
| 2. dare to dream of | last - ing peace | for | all. |
| 3. meet the poor and | see Christ in | their | eyes. |
| 4. find no com - fort | in your wealth | and | fame. |
| 5. on all peo - ple, | e - qual in | God's | eyes. |
| 6. God of Love whose | bless - ings nev - er | cease. | |

to Refrain