

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might, put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn

From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears every tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never earn
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn

Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
Who is turning the world around

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Standing in the Light of God



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder Chris Koellhoffer

Standing in God's Love (adapted)

We talk about taking a stand for what we believe, about standing for something. Standing is a posture. When we stand we are in a posture of attentiveness. When we stand, we have a clearer view of our surroundings.

When we stand in God's love, we are in a posture of paying attention and noticing. We are remaining, staying and rooting ourselves in the living God. We are in a prayerful posture of deep listening, of being open to the Holy One. When we stand in God's Love, we are also committed to more than simply standing there. We are also committing our lives to embody and reflect that Love in our thoughts, our attitudes, and our actions.

Living, Loving God, give me the grace to truly stand in your Light this day.

Reminders:

Come on time **(or better yet a bit early)**
Honor the silence during prayer
Share briefly from personal experience
Listen to each other
Discussion (cross talk) is for after the hour of prayer

Reading: Edward Hays

Psalms to the Springtime Sun (adapted)

Sun of spring, wrap us all in your fiery lover's embrace.
Beautiful springtime Sun, call forth to resurrection
all who sleep in caves
lingering half-awake in lifeless mud,
all who await your quickening call.
May your caressing warmth,
which brings green resurrection to the earth,
be a sacrament and sign,
that I too shall be touched by fire,
awakening from my earthen hibernation
to live in endless Light in an eternal spring.



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