



**COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST
A CONTEMPLATION ON OUR TIME**

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Welcome

Opening Song Come, Be With Me – Keith Duke, Geoffrey Nobes, Margaret Rizza, Kevin Mayhew Ltd

A Prayer of Welcome – Adapted from Joyce Rupp's *Welcome A New Year*

A new year
New vaccines to help bring an end to the crushing pandemic,
A new administration with hopes of bringing help, healing and
relief to a troubled nation.
All of this stands at my doorstep ready to enter my life's journey.
Something in me welcomes these visitors:
 the hope of bountiful blessings
 the joy of new beginnings
 the desire for help and relief.
Something in me fears these visitors:
 the challenges they all bring
 unnamed events of future days
 the demands of giving away and growing
 the wisdom needed to walk love well.
All these realities and possibilities stand at my doorstep.
With fragile caution I move to open the door for their entrance.
My heart leads with surprise.
Joy jumps in my eyes,
for there beside this brand-new year and all it brings
stands my God with outstretched hand!
God smiles and gently asks me: can we walk this year, this time
in history, together?
And I, so overwhelmed with goodness and hope, can barely
whisper my reply: welcome in!

Isaiah 40

Musical Reflection Amazing Grace – Catholic Mass Musicians

Matthew 5: The Beatitudes

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Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen.

Closing Song How Can I Keep From Singing – Audrey Assad

My life flows on in endless song
 Above earth's lamentation
 I hear the sweet though far off hymn
 That hails a new creation
 Through all the tumult and the strife
 I hear the music ringing
 It finds an echo in my soul
 How can I keep from singing

What though my joys and comforts die
 The Lord my Savior liveth
 What though the darkness gather round
 Songs in the night He giveth
 No storm can shake my inmost calm
 While to that refuge clinging
 Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth
 How can I keep from singing

I lift mine eyes the cloud grows thin
 I see the blue above it
 And day by day this pathway smoothes
 Since first I learned to love it
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
 A fountain ever springing
 All things are mine since I am His
 How can I keep from singing

Final Blessing

Postlude America the Beautiful – Lisa Schillace and Paul Wattigny

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