

Monday Midday Worship

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.

be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.

I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.

I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.

Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

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Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Let us pray. Loving God, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, you know the number of the stars and call them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the fullness of your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (Psalm 147)

Amen.

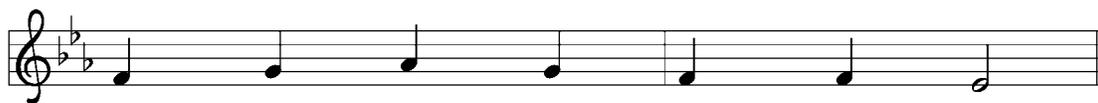
God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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Genesis 45:1, 14-15

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today



1 If I have wound-ed an - y soul to - day, if
2 If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain, if
3 If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold, if
4 For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee; for -



I have caused one foot to go a - stray, if
I have turned a - side from want or pain, lest
I have longed for shel - ter in the fold when
give the se - cret sins I do not see; oh,



I have walked in my own will - ful way, dear Lord, for - give.
I of - fend some oth - er through the strain, dear Lord, for - give.
thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold, dear Lord, for - give.
guide me, love me, and my keep - er be. A - men, a - men.

Text: C. M. Battersby
Music: AN EVENING PRAYER, Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

Perhaps the simplest and most powerful message in this week's parasha is that even in the face of deep wounds families can heal, families can recover. The moment must be right. Here is a prayer for a family's healing.

Dear Brother, Dear Sister

How long,
Dear brother,
How long has it been
Since we saw each other?
Stood together?
Wept upon each other's necks?

How long,
Dear sister,
How long has it been
Since we embraced?
Shared stories?
Shed tears of joy and affection?

Come, let me hold you.
Come, let me hear you.
Come, let me see you.
And this moment will be for gladness.
This moment will be for blessing.
This moment will be for service.
And this moment will be for love.

Blessed are You,
G-d of our fathers and mothers,
You rejoice when families unite.

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May the peace of God enfold us,
The love of God uphold us,
The wisdom of God control us.

Amen