

Where's Your Chair?

Exodus 14 10-20



Be still before the Lord and wait for him;
do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their evil schemes.
Psalm 37:7

Praising:

Be still, my soul; thy God doth
undertake
to guide the future as he has the
past.
Thy hope, thy 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.

Reading:

Exodus 14:10-20
The Israelites panic

From the terror of an imminent
attack by the advancing
Egyptians, the Israelites turn their
fear and doubt on Moses. What
does God mean by throwing his
people straight back to those

from whom he has just rescued
them? Moses pleads with Israel
to stand firm where it is, to trust in
the Lord to defend it, and to
watch and see God work in
power. God's initial reaction is a
mixture of disappointment and
frustration: the people's lack of
faith reflects poorly on him. God
reveals his plan to regain the
glory. Moses, who has taken
brickbats for God from his own
people, must now position himself
on the front line before the
Egyptians and oversee a miracle.
But first, the angel of God in the
form of the shining pillar of cloud
takes up the night-watch.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord still the beating hearts of
those who wait and watch

- the sick and those tending
them, as pain and illness take
their toll and run their course
- those awaiting verdicts and
decisions, whose futures rest
on the judgment call of others
- the refugees, who dread what
lies before them as worse than
what they've left behind

Father: sometimes the hardest
thing to do is to do nothing. In
those helpless moments, when
time stands still, speak to my
heart the words of the risen
Christ 'peace be with you'. Amen

Doing:

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