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**A reading from the book of Philippians, chapter 3, verses 7 through 11. The reading may be found on page 981 of your pew Bible.**

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Please join me praying Psalm 46**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the  
heart of the sea,**

Leader: though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be  
moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People: Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

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**Leader:** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

**People:** **he burns the chariots with fire.**

**Leader:** “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among all the nations,  
I will be exalted on the earth!”

**People:** **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**All:** **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**