

Prayer Fellowship with a Difference (Photos taken by Reverend Deborah)



Reverend Deborah led Tuesday Prayers yesterday. It was more like a mini retreat. She spoke about a shadow not being able to exist without light. I understood that meant that no matter how dark our situation may seem at any given time, God's guiding light is ALWAYS with us.

Reverend Deborah read the Stained-glass Prayer by Fr. Gaston Lecleir and asked us all to choose a stained-glass window in church, and to reflect on the words of the prayer. (Words of the Prayer can be found below)

As I walked towards the back of the church glancing at the beautiful windows we rarely take time to appreciate, I was drawn to the one with a cross (and a bible if I am not mistaken.) And as I sat down in the pew I just wept, and wept. The music and words of the background music Reverend Deborah chose were so powerful, I just soaked them in. (Link below)

How often do we sit quietly and actually listen? Life is hectic and we are always rushing around, a quick prayer in the morning, after meals, and perhaps at night. Doing God's work, certainly (we try anyway) but do we make time to quietly reflect on what it is He is trying to tell us individually.

After the closing prayer, I noticed someone else who had tear-filled eyes. It was obvious that we had both been deeply touched by the experience. I have asked Reverend Deborah to warn me the next time she plans something like this so that I can bring my tissues along!

May you too be blessed by this prayer and the song that follows:

Stained-glass Prayer

You offer me this new year
like a stained-glass window to be assembled
from 365 pieces of every color
that represent the days of my life.

I will put into it the red of my love and enthusiasm,
the mauve of my suffering and mourning,
the green of my hopes and the pink of my dreams,
the blue or gray of my commitments or struggles,
the yellow and gold of my harvests...

I'll reserve white for ordinary days,
and black for those when you are absent.
I'll cement it all together with the prayer of my faith,
and by my serene trust in you.

Lord, I simply ask you to illuminate
from within this stained-glass window of my life
with the light of your presence
and with the fire of your Spirit of life.

Thus, through my transparency,
may those I meet this year
discover the face
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
Our Lord. Amen.

[Philippa Hanna - You're Still God \(Official Live Video\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

You're still God:

When all foundations have been shaken
When I'm left standing in the dark
And all I feel is my heart breaking
You still reign and You're still God

And when it feels all hope has faded
The heavy questions hit so hard

And though my soul may feel forsaken
You still reign and You're still God

Though I can't see what's before me
I know that I can trust Your heart
And this one truth will be my story
You still reign and You're still God

I will declare that You are with me
Though voices whisper that You're not
You'll never leave me nor forsake me
'Cause You still reign and You're still God

Though I can't see what's before me
I know that I can trust Your heart
And this one truth will be my story
Your truth's still reign and You're still God

Though I can't see what's before me
I know that I can trust Your heart
And this one truth will be my story
Right You still reign and You're still God

I know You reign and You're still God
And when my enemies surround me
I'll trust the victory of Your cross
And fix my eyes upon You Jesus
For You are God and I am not

You are good and You are faithful
As You have been from the start
You're working all things for Your glory
'Cause You still reign and You're still God

And though I can't see what's before me
I know that I can trust Your heart
And this one truth will be my story, yes it will
That You still reign and You're still God
Yes, this one truth will be my story
You still reign and You're still God

