

Pastoral Letter for 4th March 2022

Dear Friends,

It has been hard to write a devotion this week. There has been so much happening in the news that you get tired of watching one sad event after another. I found this song this morning based on the following passage.

Matthew 11:28-30 New International Version (NIV) 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

There are people hurting from Queensland down into NSW as flood waters once again leave people without homes, businesses, farmlands and much more. Here in the Sydney Basin, people in the Hawkesbury Region are again facing floods as they did last year. They are weary and burdened and we who watch these things on TV can also feel helpless as to what to do. I’m currently waiting to see if I will be deployed to an Evacuation Centre to support those who come in for help. The waiting is hard.

As we think of the many who have been affected and continue to be affected by these floods, may we also think of the people in the Ukraine. May we not grow weary and burdened of caring but bring our concerns to the Lord. He will give us rest.

[Come to Me, All Who Are Weary - YouTube](#)

Come to Me all who are weary

Dan Schutte

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Come unto Me all who are weary and find rest for your soul.

Come to Me, all who are burdened,

You shall learn from Me.

Take My yoke upon your shoulders, do not be afraid.

For I will gently teach you of the ways of the Lord.

I have come not to know the strong, but for sinner’s frail.

The powerless shall not be favored in the eyes of the Lord.

You shall come to know secret things, hidden from the wise.

And children shall be rulers in the land of the Lord.

My prayer is that we will find that peace and that rest that only comes from the Lord. He is our comforter through in all situations.

[Because the Lord is My Shepherd \(The New Twenty-Third\) - YouTube](#)

The New 23rd

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything that I need.

He lets me rest in meadows green and leads me beside the quiet stream;

He keeps on giving life to me and helps me to do what honors him the most.

Even when walking thru the dark valley of death, valley of death,

I will never be afraid, for He is close beside me.

Guarding, guiding all the way, He spreads a feast before me

In the presence of my enemies He welcomes me as his special guest.

With blessings overflowing, his goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life,

And afterwards I will live with him, I will live with Him, forever in his home, forever in his home.

(The New 23rd, Ralph Carmichael, Lexicon Music, INC., 1969)

May the God of Love and Comfort surround you today and in the days that lie ahead.

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