

## Scripture for 20 November 2022

### Psalm 46

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth. A Song.  
God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
*Selah*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
*Selah*

Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
*Selah*

## **A reading from the epistle to the Colossians, chapter 1 verses 11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from Christ's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through God and for God. <sup>17</sup> God is before all things, and in God all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.