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Peace in Christ.

TEXT

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Matins - 1941 - Thursday.

1. Yesterday - our common, desperate, continuing need for peace - and the fact that we can find it only at the foot of the Cross - in the forgiveness of sins through Him of Whom the angels sang - brought Peace down to our sorrowing hearts - now more closely today. how can it be ours -
2. At midnight 1900 years ago - our Lord in the Upper Room - the greatest speech in the history of the world -
 + ordains of us, then it - everything that would happen - unrolled the history of the world - and like birds at midnight - the recurring words: joy, hope, love, Peace - men could have these - life full & full & brave & free - in credible hope - unbelievable strength - peace despite everything - something new in the world -
3. How? - Abide in Me & I in you - a new union of two personalities - intimate, warm - law of physical world - spiritual world. facing life & its burdens sorrow always two - you are never alone - against everything & anything - He lives, when we live - waxes - suffers - Joan of Arc
- X X 4. Stay with it for a moment! life consists of coming and going - all relationships subject to the law of change & decay - friends, father & mother - the relentless tide of time & circumstance - through it all only one remains - unchanged, unchanging - beyond life, stronger than death, as sure as heaven - the hawk in the dark - day of your Confirmation -
- X X 5. Why do we not realize this? You remember the story of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde? - Harder & harder to get back - then our day impossible - we on Sunday morning - then through the week - the poison of sin - eat, drink - beer on Sunday - then harder & harder - walls of ice around your heart - until only the homing bliss of the living God - look back into the years - 3000 years ago & young man in the strength -

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6. The peace of God! a lost treasure - the world - investigator on a strict corner - & it must come back, somehow, sometime - we need it as we need nothing else -
7. And here - in this chapel - I am very sure is the only place where we can ever find it - here we are this morning - health - some worrying about tomorrow - some dreaming dream - murmuring - what are we away from this chapel where we have God? little people - human beings, lost & bewildered - alone
8. But here - within these walls hallowed now by years of prayer & worship & contrition, by tears & gratitude, here we are members of the family of God, children, infinitely near & dear to Him. Communion of Saints - closer than anywhere else to the everlasting home of light & warmth & love & no loneliness at all - here we are in the glad company of the saints of every age & every land - Apostles, Patriarchs, Prophets - here we are safe - here we are at home - here we can find - the peace of God.
9. More definite - the peace of God - rests upon the forgiveness of our sins - what is really wrong with us - our worries, pains? Sin - if nothing else, the sin of not believing hard enough - wide enough - deep enough - Sin - separation etc. fellowship - peace? Cross - God coming down to us - restoration - return - We are safe - we are at home - we can find peace - pictur of Calvary - at home, at rest, wandering.
10. Here is the eternal glory of our Xian faith - also the glory of our Saviour - and its eternal mystery.

Fear!