

Leader: What strength do I have, that I should continue to hope? What is my future, that I should be patient? Is my strength that of stone, or my flesh made of bronze? Since I cannot help myself, the hope for success has been banished from me. Job 6:11-13

Congregation: For we are aliens and temporary residents in your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 1 Chronicles 29:15

L: Jesus was aware of this and withdrew. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them all.

C: He warned them not to make him known, so that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

L: Here is my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

C: He will not argue or shout, and no one will hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed, and he will not put out a smoldering wick, until he has led justice to victory.

L: The nations will put their hope in his name. Matthew 12:15-21

C: God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

L: The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

C: He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6

L: I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world. John 16:33

ALL: He has delivered us from such a terrible death, and he will deliver us. We have put our hope in him that he will deliver us again. 2 Corinthians 1:10