

## Easter Vigil 2

### Psalm 46

*Cantor* *All*



The Be - lov-ed is ev - er with us. *The Be - lov-ed is ev - er with us. —*

The Beloved is our **refuge** and our **strength**,  
a Loving Presence in **times** of **trouble**.  
Therefore we need 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**.

There is a river whose streams make **glad** the Holy City,  
the holy habi-tation of the Most **High**.  
The Beloved is in the **midst** of it, it shall not be **moved**;  
Our loving Creator is an **ever-present** help.

The nations may **be** at **war**,  
countries **left** in **ruins**,  
yet is the Voice of the Almighty heard, slowly **breaking** through hearts of **stone**.  
The Beloved is ever with us, the **infinite** Heart of Love.

Come, behold the **works** of the Be-loved,  
how love does reign **even** in humanity's deso-lation.  
For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease, shining **light** into fearful **hearts**;  
loving even those who oppress the **weak**, refining **hearts** of **steel**!

- 1 - "Be still and **know** that I am Love.
- 2 - Awaken! Befriend **justice** and **mercy**;
- 1 - Do you not **know** you bear my Love?
- 2 - Who among you **will** re-spond?"
- 3 - O Blessed One, You know all hearts, **You** are ever **with** us;
- 4 - may Love ever **guide** our **lives**!