

## Salt – Light – Hope

reflections and care for those who serve in pandemic  
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There will be time, there will be time  
To prepare a face to meet the faces that you meet;  
There will be time to murder and create,  
And time for all the works and days of hands  
That lift and drop a question on your plate;  
Time for you and time for me,  
And time yet for a hundred indecisions,  
And for a hundred visions and revisions,  
Before the taking of a toast and tea.  
*--The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock by T.S. Eliot*

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We have time on our hands now—time to perhaps do all those little chores that we have neglected or binge on all those movies we missed, but we also have been gifted with time to watch, to listen, to be.

In this pandemic moment we have been transported from one time to another, from the chronos-bounded schedules of our days to the kairos-infused landscapes of our souls. “Kairos” is defined by Greek philosophers as the “right time,” the opportune moment for action. They are the ones who have helped us to understand that timing is everything.

As Christians, we live more deeply in kairos time, watching and listening to discern God’s presence with us and God’s purpose for us. Right now, we are living together in a kairos moment, so how will we choose to use this right time? Rather than allowing the jangling anxiety that surrounds us outside to sweep over us, let’s retreat to the quiet chapel of our souls for just a bit. To pay attention. To listen. To discern. To lean into God infused in Holy Spirit.

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**Please pray with me:**

You are my hiding place, gracious God.

You know me by name.

I come to you with a tear-worn soul.

I come to you in grief and longing.

Reach out in this quiet space to touch my soul with your presence,

And lead me in this peaceful calm.      Amen.