

## A Litany on Psalm 46

*(Note: the second reader regularly interrupts the first reader with the headlines . . .)*

**Reader One:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble . . .

**Reader Two:** Suicide Bomber attacks, two killed, ten injured in town square.

**One:** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**Two:** Terrorists strike again! Embassy bombed.

**One:** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place, where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall. God will help her at break of day . . .

**Two:** Africa hard hit by AIDS; infections booming in Asia and Eastern Europe.

**One:** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall . . .

**Two:** Last Filipinos leave Iraq; kidnapped soldier soon to be released.

**One:** God's voice lifts, the earth melts . . .

**Two:** Kidnappings rock Palestinian government; emergency session called.

**One:** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Two:** Financial dirt discovered on big businesses; lawsuits pending.

**One:** Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations God has brought on the earth. God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow and shatters the spear, God burns the shields with fire.

**Two:** Martha Stewart gets five months.

**One:** Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

**Two:** Thousands are dying in Sudan; is it genocide?

**Both:** THE LORD ALMIGHTY IS WITH US; THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR FORTRESS.

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