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Friends in Christ –

As we watch the situation currently unfolding in the United States Capitol, let us all join together in prayer, on this Day of Epiphany, the day we celebrate that Light has come into the world, and the darkness did not and never will defeat it.

As protestors storm the US Capitol building, breaching police lines and barriers during the orderly debate inside, we would ask that we all pause where we are and pray for our nation, for ALL our leaders, for all seeking to maintain order and safety at the Capitol, in Washington and in our country, for the condition of our world wherever evil seems to have the upper hand.

Joining God's people over the years, including Jesus, who have cried out and prayed earnestly throughout the world, may this Psalm and these words from Isaiah be our prayer.

In Faith,
Erin Cox-Holmes, Executive Presbyter
Michael Wilson, Stated Clerk

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will 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 city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

From Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.