

Come To Me
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A choral reading for three actors based on Matthew 11:28-30 as read in The Message, New International Version and King James Version. Could be read in place of reading the scripture before the sermon using binders/scripts in hand. Actors stand facing the audience. They do not interact with one another. Read with compassion and energy.

All breathe in together-

ALL Jesus said-

MSG Are you tired?

NIV Weary and burdened?

MSG Burned out on religion?

ALL Come to me.

KJV Come unto me.

MSG Get away with me-

NIV -and I will give you rest.

All exhale together.

KJV All ye that labor and are heavy laden-

NIV Take my yoke upon you-

MSG -and you'll recover your life.

KJV Learn *of* me.

NIV Learn *from* me.

MSG Walk with me and work with me-

ALL -watch how I do it.

MSG I'll show you how to take a real rest.

ALL Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

NIV For I am gentle.
KJV I am meek.
NIV Humble in heart.
KJV Lowly in heart.
ALL My yoke is easy.
KJV Take my yoke upon you.
MSG I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.
NIV And you will find rest for your souls.
ALL Rest.
MSG Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

All inhale together.

NIV For my yoke is easy-
ALL -and my burden is light.

All exhale together.

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