Our readings today are so hopeful for us in the light of the issues and needs we are facing in our world today. God's promise to be with us to protect and support us if we place our trust in God is repeated many times. How do we truly show that we do place our trust in God? The phrase "give praise to God's name" is repeated. But what does that really mean? It is more than words. It is made real by our choices and actions in response to the needs that God is calling us to prayerfully discern as we start our day's journey. God's promise to us, if we place our trust in God, is that God will proclaim peace to the nations...our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate to all God's works. We are part of those works. At the end of our day, can we say that we have made visible God's spirit in the part of this world that he has called us to? If we have, then God's promise is that no matter what, we will live. If we have taken that yoke upon us in our choices, then we will find rest! Lord, strengthen our trust in you!