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Rev. Michael Joncas, a prominent and longtime American composer of liturgical music, said the i

“I awoke with the germ of an idea for a prayer-song to respond to what many are feeling in the lig the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. “The basic composition was finished by about 10 a.

Father Joncas, well-known for the hymn “On Eagle’s Wings,” said his new composition, “Shelter i

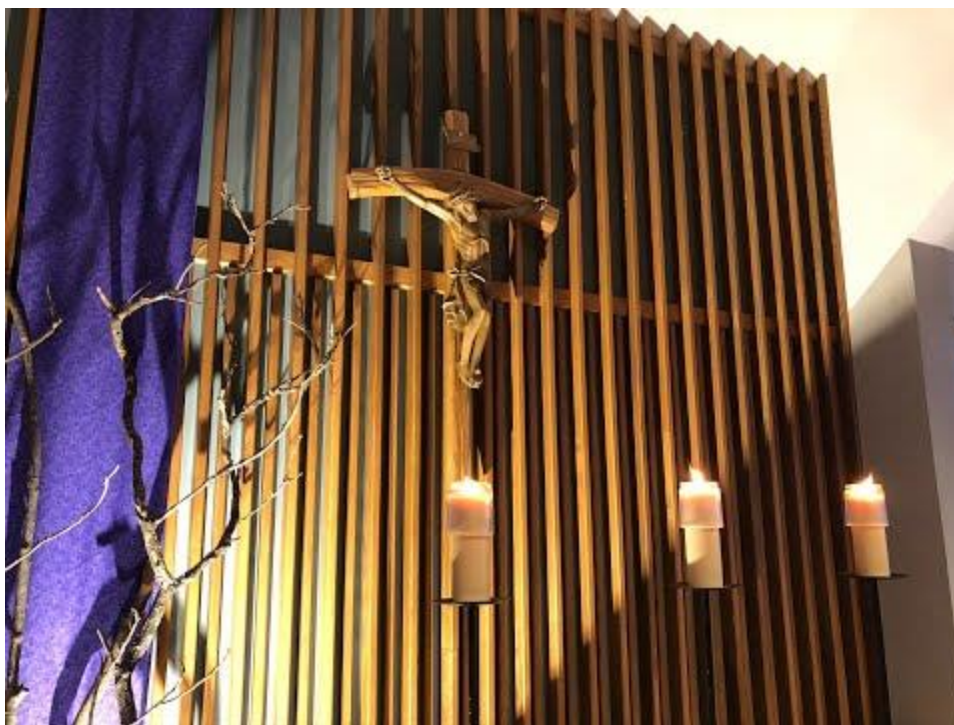
“These are difficult times for all of us, individually and globally,” said Father Joncas in his compos normal and called for acts of corporate and individual heroism in the face of present suffering and

“People of faith may be struggling to articulate their belief in an all-good and all-powerful God in t church composer to find God’s presence even in these fraught times.”

Father Joncas offered “Shelter Me” to one of his music publishers, GIA Inc. They rushed the scor by March 29, “with the understanding that people could download it and reproduce it for free for t non-profit organization in Rome.

He urged those who download the song to direct the cost of the license fee they normally would l spiritual care in this time of crisis.”

[Read more.](#) And you can hear a performance of the hymn below.



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