

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1976

Opening Song: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment, In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

-Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Prayer to be read in unison:

The day will come when I will make for you a covenant with the
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the insects
of the ground: and I will remove the bow, the sword, and war
from the earth, and I will give you a life of peace.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord is doing
great things! Have no fear, you beasts of the field, for the
pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit,
the fig-tree and vine give their full yield.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down
with the kid, and the calf and the lion shall feed together,
with a little child to lead them. The cow and the bear shall
feed; their young shall lie down together, and the lion eat
straw like the ox. The infant shall play over the cobra's
hole; the child shall reach into the adder's lair.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; for
the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as
the sea-bed is covered by water.

-From Isaiah 11, as written
in "Gates of Prayer"

Father James Zoghby and Father John Boudreaux in a song and
meditation: "Everybody's High on All This Holy Mountain"

- from Isaiah 11:6-9

First Reader:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard;
Even Aaron's beard,
That cometh down upon the collar of his garments;
Like the dew of Hermon,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
Even life for ever.

-Psalms 133

Second Reader:

Even them will I bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer;
Their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
Shall be acceptable upon Mine altar;
For My house shall be called
A house of prayer for all peoples.
- Isaiah 56:7

Third Reader:

Arise, shine, for thy light is come
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the peoples;
But upon thee the Lord will arise,
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And nations shall walk at thy light,
And kings at the brightness of thy rising.
- Isaiah 60:1-3

Fourth Reader:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- Psalms 27:1

Fifth Reader:

Swiftly arose and spread around me the peace and knowledge
that pass all the argument of the earth,
And I know that the hand of God is the promise of my own,
And I know that the spirit of God is the brother of my own,
And that all the men ever born are also my brothers, and the
women my sisters and lovers,
And that a kelson of the creation is love,....
-Song of Myself
Walt Whitman

Sixth Reader:

All your strength is in your union.
All your danger is in discord;
Therefore be at peace henceforward,
And as brothers live together.
-The Song of Hiawatha
H.W. Longfellow

Catholics read in unison:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever,
Amen.
Matthew: 6:9-13

Jews read in unison:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

-Deut. 6:4-9

And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before the Lord, our God, as He hath commanded us.

-Deut. 6:25

Catholics read in unison:

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord;

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

> Genesis - Noah (Rainbow)

-St. Mark 12:28-31

Jews read in unison:

Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the Lord.

-Leviticus 19:18

Catholics read in unison:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me show love;

Where there is injury, pardon,

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I

may not so much seek to be

consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-St. Francis of Assisi

Jews read in unison:

Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable Israel to be its messenger unto the peoples of the earth. Bless our country that it may ever be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate in the council of nations. May contentment reign within its borders, health and happiness within its homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among all the inhabitants of our land. Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Thy name hallow every home and every heart. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Giver of peace.

-Union Prayer Book

All read in unison:

"Different are the languages of prayer, but the tears are the same. We have a vision in common of Him in whose compassion all men's prayers meet. Our era marks the end of complacency. We all face the dilemma expressed by Moses: 'I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life.'"

-Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel

Closing song: AMERICA

Oh, Beautiful, for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain's majesty
Above the fruited plain
America, America, God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

-K. L. Bates