

Election Prayer Vigil:

Christ Our Peace



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Return to God

Leader



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- 2 With great en - dur - ance
- 3 In ev - 'ry hard - ship
- 4 With hum - ble spir - it
- 5 By speech that's truth - ful
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Assembly



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All



re - turn, re - turn to God.

Text: Marilyn Haskel, b. 1945

Music: RETURN TO GOD, Marilyn Haskel

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OPENING

LEADER: We gather today mindful of the wounded world, confessing our complicity in its wounding. We come to the cross to pray for the end of hostility, hatred, and fear that divides our nation, destroys communities and families, and sows the seeds of death in our own hearts. We come to hear God's promise to pardon, strengthen, and heal us, and to be gathered again into the blessed, broken body of Christ, who is our peace.

ADULT CHOIR: "Mercy, We Abide in You"

Time of Silent Reflection

LEADER: Let us pray:

ALL: Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit that we might live as one new humanity in Christ, dismantling the walls that divide, ending the hostility between us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now and forever. Amen.

Song: "Return to God" ACS #921

FIRST READING AND PRAYER

READER: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Time of Silent Reflection

READER: Let us pray:

ALL: Sovereign God, your son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Empower us to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable in our midst, and respect for the common life we share, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Christ, Our Peace

Sing twice through



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains a vocal melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign at the end of the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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Song: “Christ Our Peace” ACS #1037 Sing twice

SECOND READING AND PRAYER

READER: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:1-2)

Time of Silent Reflection

READER: Let us pray:

ALL: Lord God, when we are assaulted by the troubles of life, and the deep waters of anger threaten to overwhelm us, do not let us sink. In your great compassion, hear us and help us. Deliver us from anger’s power over us. Lead us out of bitter silence and hurtful words so that we may speak the truth in love. Heal every heart set on vengeance, and show us the way to honesty and reconciliation; through the one who has shown us both impassioned zeal and forgiving love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song: “Christ Our Peace” ACS # 1037 Sing twice.

THIRD READING

READER: A reading from the Psalms.

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.

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ELW #720 "We Are Called"

1. Come, live in the light

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord

We are called to be light for the kingdom

To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God

2. Come, open your heart

Show your mercy to all those in fear

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Refrain

3. Sing, sing a new song

Sing of that great day when all will be one

God will reign and we'll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love

Refrain

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. (Psalm 46)

LEADER: You are invited to write your prayer for peace during our time of silent reflection.
During the next song, come forward and place your prayer in the basket by the cross.

Time of Silent Reflection to Write Your Own Prayer for Peace

LEADER: Dear friends, we rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, We rejoice. The Lord is near, so we do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we let our requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Song: “We Are Called” ELW #720

FINAL READING AND PRAYER

READER: A reading from the prophet Micah.
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Time of Silent Reflection

READER: Let us pray:

ALL: O God, you crafted the universe as a living tapestry in which the well-being of the entire cosmos is forever intertwined. In this election season, give us hearts and minds focused on nurturing all that you have made. Forgive us when we are unjust or accept unjust behavior in our leaders. Remind us of your call to not withdraw from the world but to be in the world as your very own broken and beloved people. Ignite in us a passion for the welfare of those who are most vulnerable, and empower us to lead with a love that reflects your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Song: “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” *ELW* #538

***ELW* #538 “The Lord Now Sends us Forth”**

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *Repeat*