

May 11, 2022

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
An Order of Worship for the Evening
Prayers for Peace

7:00pm

The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.

Prelude: Voluntary VIII

W. Boyce

The Officiant greets the people with these words

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening Sentence:

So Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:17-18

Opening Hymn #578 O God of love, O King of peace

Sung to *Dunedin*

**O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
the wrath of nations now restrain, give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Remember, Lord, thy works of old, the wonders that thy people told;
remember not our sin's dark stain, give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord: Where rest but on thy faithful word?
none ever called on thee in vain, give peace, O God, give peace again!**

Psalm 85:7-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

BCP, p. 708-709

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

V. Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, One God;

R. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,

each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
for ever and ever.

The Lector concludes: The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

A Litany for Peace

Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues. Deliver us from every evil that gets in the way of your saving purpose; and fulfill the promise of peace to your people on earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From the curse of war and the human sin that causes war;

O Lord, deliver us.

From the pride that turns its back on you, and from unbelief that will not call you Lord;

O Lord, deliver us.

From national vanity that poses as patriotism; from loud-mouthed boasting and blind self-worship that admit no guilt;

O Lord, deliver us.

From the self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others;

O Lord, deliver us.

From the lust for money or power that drives people to kill;

O Lord, deliver us.

From trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the councils of peace;

O Lord, deliver us.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations;

O Lord, deliver us.

From groundless suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation;

O Lord, deliver us.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your promise of peace;

O Lord, deliver us.

O God our Father: We pray for all your children on earth of every nation and of every race, that they may be strong to do your will.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

We pray for the Church in the world;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For the United Nations;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For international federations of labor, industry and commerce;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For departments of state, ambassadors, diplomats and statesmen;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For worldwide agencies of compassion, which bind wounds and feed the hungry;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For all who in any work to further the cause of peace and goodwill;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For common folk in every land who live in peace;

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Eternal God: Use us, even our ignorance and weakness, to bring about your holy will. Hurry the day when all people shall live together in your love; for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Collect for Peace

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**Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness,
no strength known but the strength of love:
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,
that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,
as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Additional petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered at this time.

The Officiant and People say together

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: #542 Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

**Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee:
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Name of our Risen Lord Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude: *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her* ('All glory be to God on high' BWV 717

J. S. Bach

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