

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"
Dennis Eliot
Lorenz Publishing

Welcome

Opening Words

One: We come to hear a word of hope in a world of despair.

Many: Be our hope.

One: We know you are a God of justice and shalom.

Many: Be our hope.

One: Infuse us with your love and compassion so we might join your work.


Many: Be our hope.

One: We come to find you in ourselves and each other.

Many: Be our hope.

Opening Response "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

1.



Peace sal-aam, sha- lom, _ Peace sal-aam, sha- lom, _

2.



Peace sal-aam, sha- lom, _ Peace sal-aam, sha- lom, _

Emma's Revolution

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, be with us now as we center our hearts and minds on you. Fill our spirits with renewed energy and confidence so we might be a witness for you in this time and place. Fix our eyes on your dream for shalom and make our feet ready for the journey toward it. With thanksgiving for your faithful presence always with us, we pray. Amen

Word in Song Sue Clauss "My Song is Love Unknown: A Suite for Organ and Instrument"
John Leavitt
2. Song
Augsburg Fortress Publishing

Sacred Texts

Esther 4: 5-17

Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, 'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.' When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Matthew 9:35-40

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Tune: Ar Hyd y Nos



For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gift's to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin - dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin - dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Time for Gratitude

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude "Rondo Giocoso"

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