

PEACE

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Shalom – a Journey through Lent Healing

Prelude Handchimes
"Ring Jubilee" Susan E. Geschke
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Welcome

Opening Words

We come to this sacred place,
Hearts prepared to hear a word about shalom – Your Peace
Enfold us in your comforting ways
Heal us

When you call us, we will answer.
When you challenge us, we will act.
Enfold us in your comforting ways
Heal us

In this time together, open our hearts and minds
To the possibility of Your Peace – shalom
Enfold us in your comforting ways
Heal us

Opening Response "Come and Fill" Jacques Berthier

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Invocation Dom Helder Camara

Come Holy One!
Do not smile and say you are already with us.
Millions do not know you
and to us who do,
what is the difference?
What is the point of your presence
if our lives do not alter?
Change our lives,
Shatter our complacency.
Make your word our life's purpose.
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.
Press us uncomfortably.
For only thus
that other peace is made,
your peace. Amen

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Handchimes
"Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Sandra Eithun
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Readings:

Luke 8:40-55

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying.

As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep;

for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat.

To the Moon

by Jan Richardson

With my face to the moon
I confess,
and she hears me,
offering her comfort
as she glides
among the trees.
She doesn't need
my body,
and she doesn't want
my blood;
she just wraps me
in her brightness
and she tells me
I am good.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "We Come to You for Healing, God"



We come to you___ for heal - ing, God,___ of
As once you walked_ through an - cient streets_ and
You touch us through_ phy - si - cians' skills,___ through
Through nights of pain___ and wake - ful ness,___ through
We come to you,___ O lov - ing God,___ in



bod - y, mind,___ and soul,___ and pray that by___ your
reached toward those___ in pain,___ we know you come___ a -
nurs - es' gifts___ of care,___ and through the love___ of
days when strength runs low,___ grant us your gift___ of
our dis - tress___ and pain,___ in trust that through_ our



Spir - it's touch_ we may a - gain___ be whole.____
mong us still___ with power to heal_ a - gain.____
faith - ful friends who lift our lives_ in prayer.____
pa - tience, God,___ your calm - ing peace to know.____
nights and days_ your grace will heal,___ sus - tain.____

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.

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we
bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Celebration for Trumpet" Rober W. Thygerson
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