

PEACE

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Shalom – a Journey through Lent Harmony

Prelude Sue Clauss
"Gabriel's Mother's Highway Ballad #16 Blues" Arlo Guthrie
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Welcome

Opening Words

We come to this sacred place,
Hearts prepared to hear a word about shalom – Your Peace
In the tensions of the day, make your music within us.

Bring us harmony

When you call us, we will answer.
When you challenge us, we will act.
In the tensions of the day, make your music within us.

Bring us harmony

In this time together, open our hearts and minds
To the possibility of Your Peace – shalom
In the tensions of the day, make your music within us.

Bring us harmony

Opening Response "All Are Welcome" Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
Let us build a house where all are named, their
all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and trea - sured,
chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of
hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
out - cast and the stran - ger bears the im - age of God's
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of
grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
face. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
grace. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:
All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
all are wel - come in this place.

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 Chancel Choir
"Ubi caritas" Audrey Synder
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Where there is charity and love,
God is there.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Likewise, therefore, when we come together
Let us be united as one.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Readings:

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Mark 12:30-31

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Jesus a New Commandment" William Loperena & Carolyn Jennings

Refrain

Je - sus a new com - mand - ment has giv - en us:
that we should love each oth - er just as our God loves us.
1 The clear sign of all true Chris - tians
Those who do not love their neigh - bors
is the way they love each oth - er.
do not tru - ly love their Sav - ior (to refrain)

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The first staff is the refrain, starting with a G chord and ending with a D7 chord. The second staff continues the melody with a G chord. The third staff begins with a repeat sign and a G chord, followed by a C chord. The fourth staff continues with a D7 chord and a G chord, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

2 Christ, the Light, the Truth, and true Life, bids us share our love and pardon.
Let us all for-give each oth-er as by God we are com-mand-ed. (to refrain)

3 We are tru-ly friends of Je-sus if we free-ly give our par-don.
In our liv-ing and our dy-ing, God is ev-er there to love us. (to refrain)

4 In true char-i-ty and lov-ing, God is pres-ent here a-mong us.
Let us come to Je-sus' ta-ble with our love for one an-oth-er. (to refrain)

5 Glo-ry be to the Cre-a-tor; glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav-ior;
Glo-ry be to God, the Spir-it, Ho-ly Trin-i-ty for-ev-er. (to refrain)

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,

