



Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN

Night of Peace Edition

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OPENING HYMN

Though The Fig Tree Does Not Blossom

Though the fig tree does not blos - som and the spring brings
Though the o - ceans seethe and threa - ten and the waves tear
Though the sun sets cold and sul - len and the moon comes
Though the ci - ties surge with cha - os and ap - pal - ling
Though the na - tions clash and wran - gle and re - li - gions

fire and snow, still will I hope for a fu - ture
at the land, still will I pray for a fu - ture
dull and red, still will I trust in a fu - ture
deeds are dared, still will I look for a fu - ture
spar and strive, still will I work for a fu - ture

where the fruit of God yet grows.
where the oaks of God yet stand.
where the light of God yet spreads.
where the peace of God is shared.
where the love of God yet thrives.

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Music: *Charlestown*

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*standing*)

Leader Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE COLLECT

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING: "Beginnings" by Denise Levertov (*seated*)

But we have only begun
to love the earth.
We have only begun
to imagine the fullness of life.
How could we tire of hope?
So much is in bud.

How can desire fail?
We have only begun
to imagine justice and mercy,
Only begun to envision
how it might be to
live as siblings with beast and flower,
not as oppressors.

Surely our river
cannot already be hastening
into the sea of nonbeing?
Surely it cannot drag, in the silt,
all that is innocent?

Not yet, not yet—
there is too much broken
that must be mended,
Too much hurt that we have done to each other
that cannot yet be forgiven.

We have only begun to know
the power that is in us if we would join
our solitudes in the communion of struggle.

So much is unfolding that must
complete its gesture, so
much is in bud.

PSALM 30:1-12 (*seated*)

REVELATION – 22:1-5 (*seated*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

O God of Gentle Strength



1. O God of gen - tle strength, your love em - bra - ces me. With -
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have claimed us as your own, As
3. And when life's chal - leng - es e - clipse our minds with doubt, let
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The path may be ob - scure. But



- in the sure - nes of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.
 mem - bers of one bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.
 ho - ly wis - dom spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.
 prom - ised hope of things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

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 Music: Carlisle

THE GOSPEL – Mark 1:32-39 (*standing*)

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON (*seated*)PRAYER OF AWARENESS (*standing*)

Together **As we draw near the fountain of grace, let us acknowledge our need and our suffering, that we might be transformed by the Spirit of God who loves us and heals us.**

Reader We light this first candle as we lay down our need before you, holy God of compassion and grace,

People **trusting in your great love for us and for all creation.**

Reader We light this second candle accepting that we bear wounds,

People **we ourselves have wounded others.**

Reader We light this third candle as we open ourselves to the work of your Spirit

People **to free us from all that is not of you and to recreate us in your image.**

Reader We light this fourth candle in praise and thanksgiving, honor and blessing be to you, divine Fount of healing and love,

People **through your Word of grace made flesh, and your Spirit of holiness and power. Amen.**

Leader Hear the good news: Nothing in all creation, neither what we do nor what has been done to us, can separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ and poured out on the church through the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to come forward in silence to light a candle for our world, community, or those who are hurting.

Leader Great God of compassion, we come before you this day as a people who are broken and battered. We come as a people who need your healing. Be with us and among us, so that we may leave this time of worship strengthened and empowered to seek wholeness in our lives. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, you receive us into your presence,
and we find here a place of welcome.
You bring us into your home,
and we find here a house of hospitality,
where all can come with their need.

O living Creator, O generous Compassion,
you are our refuge.
Here we can hide, here we can rest,
here we can learn to face again
our weakness and our frailty.
Here we can be nourished to face again
the fury of the world.

People **Living God we seek you in the bread of life.**

We do not come for ourselves alone,
but for our community, our nation, our world.
We come in penitence and trust for those around us,
to whom we are bound by ties of faith, knowledge, kinship.

We also come in penitence and trust for those who are not bound to us,
those whom we do not know, and perhaps do not understand;
those who are different, distant, separate, and so many.
We come in penitence because together we have failed in love.
We have failed in mercy. We have failed in justice.
We have not kept your commandments of grace.
We have not carried your cross. We have not fed your lambs.
We have not built up your kingdom.

People **Living God, we seek in you the mercy of renewal.**

Living God, as a community, as a nation, even as your Church
We have turned away from the things which give life,
and have sought the powers of death.
We have lived as people of dust, not as children of heaven.
We recognize our failure.
We confess our wrongdoing.
We acknowledge the evils in our midst.

Yet in Christ, you are calling us again in trust.
Once more, to know ourselves forgiven.
Once more, to turn to our best love, our primary obedience.
Once more, to pledge our allegiance to the One who through
life and death, and life beyond death,
restores what is broken,
binds up what is perilously wounded,
and heals what is desperately diseased.

People **Living God, we seek in you the grace of healing.**

Living God, we come to you bearing the incurable wound of the world,
hearing, all too clearly, the unceasing cry of the world's pain.

We are part of the world, we cannot escape it,
and in our own small way, we have often added to the tale of grief,
but you have received us, forgiven us, and now you seek to
encourage us to be part of the world's healing, agents of the
world's resurrection, seeds of a new beginning.

This task, this transformation
is utterly beyond us, and so in trust and complete dependence
we turn again to you.

People **Living God, we seek in You the bread of life.**
Living God, we seek in You the grace of healing.
Living God, we seek in You the mercy of renewal.

CONCLUDING COLLECT AND ABSOLUTION

Leader God of compassion, you have reconciled us in Jesus Christ who is our peace: Enable us to live as Jesus lived, breaking down walls of hostility and healing enmity. Give us grace to make peace with those from whom we are divided, that, forgiven and forgiving, we may ever be one in Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns forever, one holy and undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Seek Ye First

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first two staves are for the main body of the hymn, and the last three are for the refrain. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Refrain
2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

Leader Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of p'wer and might, —
5 B♭ C Dm B♭ F C Dm Gm⁷ C F^(sus4) F
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9 F C F B♭ C F C F Am
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
13 B♭ C Dm B♭ F C Dm Gm⁷ C F^(sus4) F
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

People **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader Jesus is the Light of the world who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
People **Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion.
If you prefer, you may cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing.*

Mark 11:24 — “So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

*Prayers for healing will be offered by three healing prayer ministers stationed in the Nave
after you receive Communion in the chancel.*

*If you wish to receive prayers of any kind, please share with the healing prayer minister your prayer request,
which will be kept in confidence. You will be anointed on the forehead with consecrated oil,
and prayers will be offered to God for any concern you have on your heart.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Together **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Leader God’s blessing be with you, Christ’s peace be with you, the Spirit’s outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One

1. We all are one, does God in - tend; cre - a - ted child, com - pan - ion, friend;
2. We all are one, though we can be so will - full that we can - not see
3. We all are one, now we must act as though we know the sim - ple fact

Not gen - der, hue, not form nor mark dis - tin - guish - es the Ho - ly Spark
that God's own love will nev - er end, the flaw is ours, can't com - pre - hend
that dif - ren - ces mean nought to One Who loves us all as daugh - ter, son;

im - bued in all by right of birth, with - out re - gard to rank or worth;
each child of God is loved the same, nor can we act to douse the flame
So live and love each day a - new as bro - ther sis - ter bear - ing true

As shown the way by ris - en Son, though each u - nique, we all are one.
of love so bright, out - shines the sun; each child of us, we all are one.
the her - i - tage of love be - gun from each new birth; we all are one.

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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