



Sanctuary for Peace

Prayer Booklet

Dear Friends,

Shalom. Welcome. Peace.

We are honored by your joining our prayer vigil, Sanctuary for Peace. This vigil is a place for all people of goodwill to gather in thoughtful meditation, reflection, and prayer. This is a time to contemplate on, and commit to, one of God's greatest wishes for us all: peace.

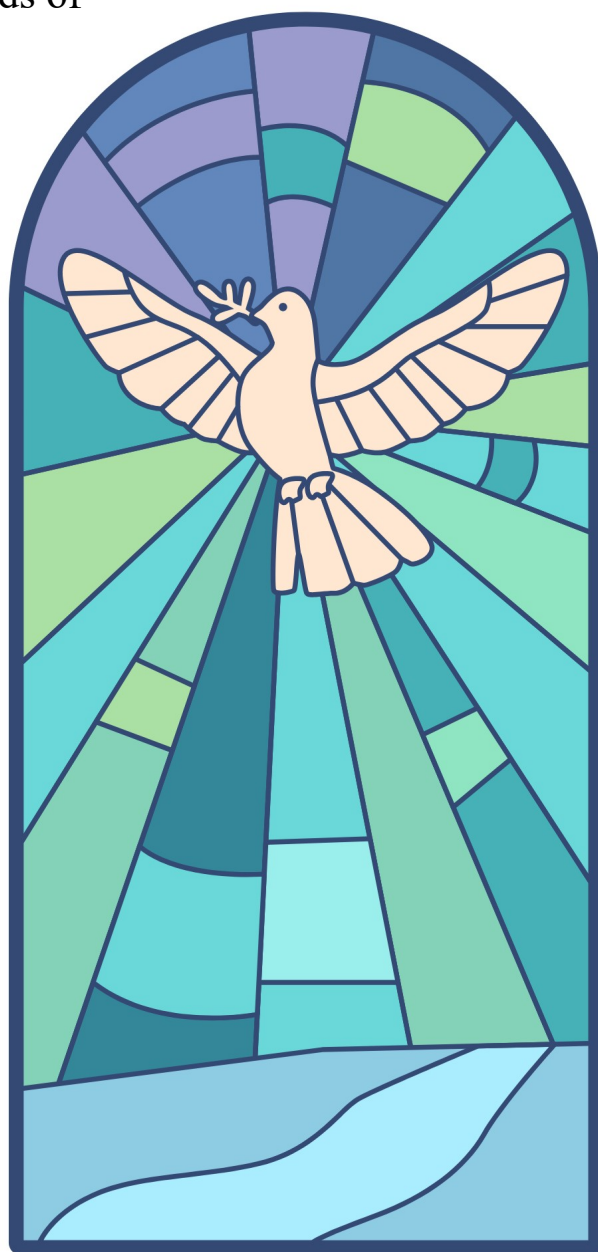
Now is the time to build the bonds of affection, affiliation, and communication between all people. Now is the time to call for an end to the destructive powers in our lives and in our world. Now is the time to engage in the essential work of dreaming and imagining together. For, in the words of bell hooks, "What we cannot imagine, we cannot become."

This worship space is offered as a place to assist us with our sacred imagination. Feel free to join in our art projects. Gaze at the image of, "Mary Queen of Peace". Reflect on our Great Window telling the story of God's great city of peace. Walk the labyrinth. Sit quietly with your own thoughts. Pray your own prayers, and join us at 1 pm and 7 pm for structured, community prayer.

This booklet is filled with the prayers from those 1 pm or 7 pm gatherings. Look through them. Read those which catch your eye. It is yours to keep. Be reminded that God loves you. God loves each of us. And God's desire for us to share that love, begins with peace.

In faith,

Rev. Peter Homeyer
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church



Worship Schedule

Sanctuary Open Daily, May 22-26, 8am – 8pm

Thursday, May 22

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(livestreamed)

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Sunday, May 25

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pg. 27 1pm Guided Prayer by Father Anthony Cook, Annunciation Greek
Orthodox Church (livestreamed)

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Thank you to all our interfaith community partners for leading daily prayer at Sanctuary for Peace:

Thursday, May 22

**Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton
(in order of presentation)**

**Sikh Society of Dayton
Dr Darshan Singh Sehbi and Dr Simran Kaur Sehbi**

**Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
A Liberal and Welcoming Multifaith Congregation
Kellie C Kelly, Minister**

**Hindu Temple of Dayton
Dr Pratibha Gupta**

**The Living Beatitudes Community
Human Rights Advocate, Georgia Cox**

**The Baha'i Faith
Humanitarian Laura Combs**

**Dayton Mercy Society
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Thursday, May 22

1pm Guided Prayer

Led by members of the Interfaith Forum

Sikh Prayer

by Dr. Darshan Singh Sehbi, and Dr. Simran Kaur Sehbi of Sikh Society of Dayton

Waheguru, we pray for peace in our world. We ask for an end to wars and conflicts, and for a spirit of tolerance, unity and love replace hatred and division.

Waheguru, bless us with the wisdom to follow the path of truthful living and to understand that true victory comes not from dominance or conquest, but from mutual respect, cooperation, and facing challenges together.

Waheguru, Guide our national and world leaders to choose dialogue over use of force, and help all people to find compassion and empathy for one another.

May peace fill our hearts and spread throughout the world. We pray for the well-being of all and God's blessings for everyone. We pray this in your name.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Scripture).

Jagat jalandaa rakh lai aapnee kirpaa Dhaar

Waheguru the world is burning through suffering, desires and attachments to material things. Due to this the world is full of unrest and it is falling apart. Please bestow your protective grace upon us.

Jit duaarai ubrai titai lai hu unbaar

Protect & save the world in the only way in which it can be saved.

Satgur sukh vaykhaalia sachaa sabad beechaar

The True Guru has shown us the way to peace. The path to peace is meditating on the eternal word, the wisdom of non-duality, detachment from worldly things and realizing the oneness that unites humanity with the entire universe.

Naanak avar na sujh-ee har bin bakhsanhaar

Guru Nanak states that the way to peace is contemplating on the eternal or true word or teachings, chanting the True Name and contemplating on his glorious greatness especially in the (amrit vaylaa), the ambrosial hours before dawn. Nanak says one will know no other than the forgiving Lord, the divine being that provides everything to everyone.

Unitarian Universalist Prayer

Rev. Kellie C. Kelly, Minister

Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

*Adapted from **Different Yet United** by Pat Uribe-Lichty*

We come from many places—
along different paths, bringing different truths.
We come with different histories and different realities,
And yet we come together as one people—
with faith that we can use our differences
to heal ourselves, and each other,
to bring wholeness to a fractured world.
We come, seeking to find community,
to find acceptance of who we are.
In this place we may find others who are much like us,
and others who are much different.
May our gathering remind us that we are
a people taught by different stories,
with many voices
but always
one people,

working

for a world where love creates justice,
and justice gives birth to peace.

***Stories in the Making** by Emily Richards*

Some stories begin once upon a time, or long, long ago,
But other stories begin here, and now.
Those stories don't always have a clear direction,
Sometimes they don't even have a clear beginning.
What they do have is possibility.
Those are stories still in the making,
stories that have yet to be fully written,
stories with the potential to create change, for good, or ill.
We won't know how the story ends until we get there,
But we can decide what words we use to write those stories.
Words like hope, kindness, gratitude, peace, courage, perseverance, joy,
And love, above all else, love.

The Tender Mercies of Our Lives by Lara Cowtan

Spirit of compassion, source of life, God of many names
We gather today in gratitude for our many blessings,
for being in community, for the tender mercies of our lives.

We also ache with grief, concern, and anger
about the terrible violence in the world and the human capacity to inflict harm on
one another.

We seek solace in our seeming powerlessness.

We hold in our embrace those hiding in shelters and mourning the deaths of loved
ones; the tattered fabric of their lives.

We pray for those with power to create peace, that they may recognize the fragile
and valuable humanity of those across from them and see how we are all one.

Holy Spirit of mercy, may all who seek comfort and safety find themselves in a
place with no fear or hatred, and may all who suffer in pain or in anger be held in
gentle loving care to ease and heal their wounds.

As we seek to build the beloved community, may we ever be guided by our faith in
the ability of love to conquer injustice, and in our ability to love beyond belief.

May it be so. Amen.



Hindu Prayer: Shanti Path and Common Shlokas with Meanings

Dr. Pratibha Gupta, Hindu Temple of Dayton at Beavercreek

ॐ द्यौः शान्तिरन्तरिक्षं शान्तौः,

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वी शान्तिरापौः शान्तिरोषधौः शान्तौः।

वनस्पिः शान्तिर्विश्वेदेवाः शान्तिर्बृह्म शान्तौः,

सर्वं शान्तौः, शान्तिरेव शान्तौः, सा मा शान्तिरेधध॥

ॐ शान्तौः शान्तौः शान्तौः॥

Om Dyauh Shanti Rantariksham Shantih

Prithvi Shantirapah Shantih

Oshadhayah Shantih Vanaspatayah Shantih

Vishvedevaah Shantih Brahma Shantih

Sarvam Shantih Shantireva Shantih

Saamaa Shantiredhih

Om Shaantih, Shaantih, Shaantih

Translation of the Mantra

May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well
as in the vast ethereal space everywhere.

May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in
all herbs, trees and creepers.

May peace flow over the whole universe.

May peace be in the Supreme Being Brahman.

And may there always exist in all peace and peace
alone.

Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti to us and all beings!

Muhurat

May peace be in the Supreme Being Brahman.

And may there always exist in all peace and peace
alone.

Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti to us and all beings!

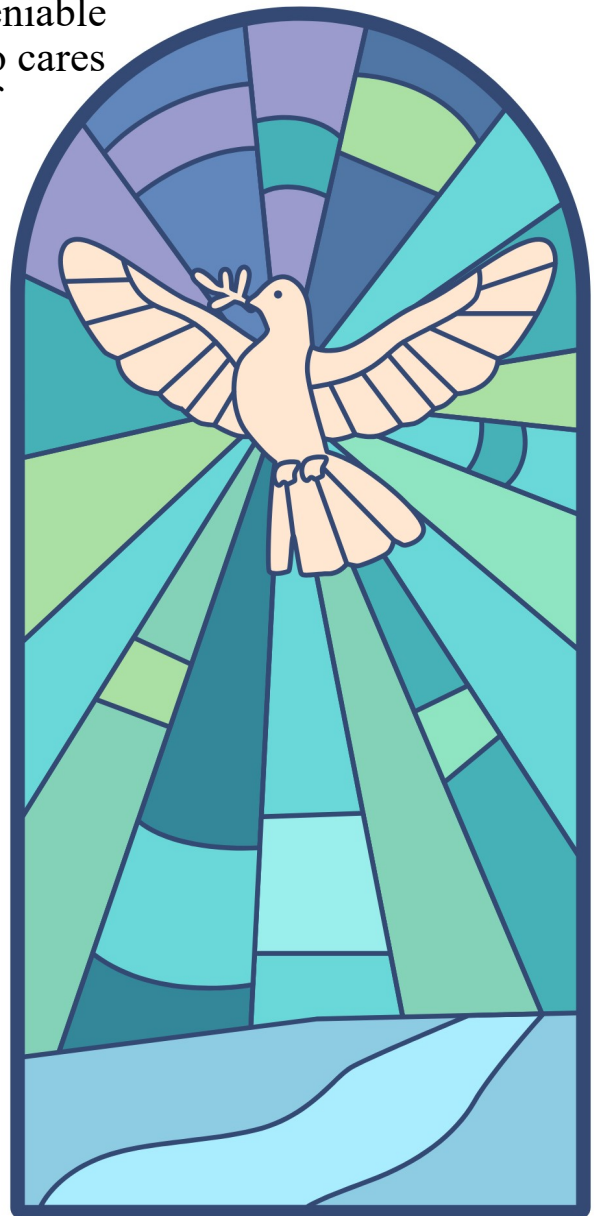
Christian Prayer for Peace

Georgia Cox, Living Beatitudes Community

Almighty GOD, Spirit Creator of the heavens and earth. With the power of Your Word You created diverse forms and beings the greatest of which is humankind. In Your image, You created humans unlike the animals to be a tri-part being – with a spirit, soul, and flesh. Like You, we bear the capacity to love, pursue justice, and despise that which is evil. Unlike You Heavenly Father, from days of old to present, Your beloved children driven by impulses rooted in greed, lust and pride tend to wayward thoughts and actions resulting in conflicts, dissensions and wars.

Now, LORD, the conflicts, dissensions and wars are overwhelming. We have come to petition You for divine intervention. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight – my source of strength and my redeemer. Have mercy on Your children LORD, lessen the time before unbelievers and deniers can be brought to an undeniable realization that “Yes,” there is a GOD. A God who cares and can intervene in the affairs of mankind. All of creation groans from inexplicable pangs of pain, aching for peace beyond what humans alone can grant or negotiate. May Your eternal Spirit rest with us. For Your Name’s sake, and for Your Glory, manifest Your will to guard, guide and direct the work of the peace negotiators. Help us LORD to not only speak of justice but choose to sincerely manifest regard and love for one another. Help us walk and work humbly with YOU our GOD now and always.

Help us LORD to value the beauty and strength of diversity. Help us see, appreciate and embrace the perceived differences of others – that when blended make life more interesting. Help us appreciate how all that diversity just models how we likewise find beauty in all the shades of flowers, fruits and vegetables; the colors of the rainbow, and shades of the rising and setting sun. As this humble cry for help ends, we submit to Your will and way for peace that will surpass our understanding. May your peace rest with us now. So may it be. Amen. Amen. Amen.



Bahá'í Prayer

Laura Combs, Humanitarian

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind.

O God! Establish the Most Great Peace.

Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.

'Abdu'l-Bahá

Muslim Prayer

Imam Baseer Faiz, Dayton Mercy Society

In the name of God—the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful, the One and Only, the Truth, the Source of Guidance and all that is good, the Just, the Ever-Merciful.

We pray that You allow us to see truth as truth and to follow it, and falsehood as falsehood, and to stay away from it.

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and show mercy to us, we will be from those who are in loss.

God, the One who transforms the hearts, give us conviction and firmness upon that which is pleasing to You, and that which You have commanded us to.

God, we pray that You make us from those who partake in the ultimate act of courage and struggle:

- to speak a word of truth to power that is unjust,
- to speak that which is true no matter who it is for or against,
- to speak that which is true even if it is against ourselves,
- to speak that which is true, to hold strong to that which is true, to act upon that which is true

Because You are Truth itself.

We pray for sincerity, and that You inspire us.

Inspire us to encourage others towards perseverance in that which is good and away from that which is indecent.

We pray for guidance, not chaos; for stability, not dissolution; for peace, but not at the expense of justice; for justice, but not at the expense of mercy.

For every person who raises their hands, looks for You, and cries out to You—sincerely calling upon You—we ask that You answer them.

For every oppressed soul who has no one to turn to, we ask that You be the pillar they lean on.

For every oppressor, we ask: if there is any good in them, that You rectify them. And if there is no good in them, then we ask that You protect us from them—and that You directly intervene and deal with them. You are the defender of the weak, the avenger of the oppressed.

We ask that You not allow:

- our wealth to become our blindness,
- our power to become an intoxication,
- our knowledge to become delusion,
- or our pursuit of the Divine to become insincere.

We ask for the conviction to live, to act, to speak, to think, and to feel with the knowledge that You are our audience—and everyone else, including our own egos, are bystanders.

Protect us:

- in a world that is disorienting,
- in a time that has no precedent,
- and from our own selves, lest our lower impulses overtake us, and we become the cause of our own ruin.

We pray:

- for guidance, not aimlessness
- for courage, not cowardice
- for peace, not war
- for justice, not oppression
- for understanding, not ignorance
- for balance, not extremism
- for the best of this world, and of the next
- for ourselves, our families, our communities, our people, and the human family

We pray for our children—born and unborn—to do better than us, and for us to be united together with the righteous, from those who have passed on and those who are yet to come, in a better place—with You.

Ameen.

Friday, May 23

1pm Guided Prayer

Led by members of the University of Dayton Campus Ministries

Welcome and Invitation to Prayer

Opening song - Prayer of St Francis

1. Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there is doubt, true faith in you.
2. Haz-me un instrumento de tu paz, que lleve tu esperanza por doquier, donde haya oscuridad lleve tu luz, donde haya pena, tu gozo, Señor.
3. O Master grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Haz-me un instrumento de tu paz, es perdonando que nos das perdón, es dando a todos que tú nos das, y muriendo es que volvemos a nacer.

Praying with Pope Francis's last Urbi et Orbi on Easter 2025

Sung response:

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas deus ibi est.

(Where charity and love are found, God is there).

Litany of Mary of Nazareth

All will respond with the words in bold

Glory to you, God of our Creator

Breath into us new life, new meaning.

Glory to you, God our Savior

Lead us in the way of peace and justice.

Glory to you, God, healing Spirit

Transform us to empower others.

Mary, wellspring of peace...**Be our guide**
Model of strength...**Be our guide**
Model of gentleness...**Be our guide**
Model of trust...**Be our guide**
Model of courage...**Be our guide**
Model of patience...**Be our guide**
Model of risk...**Be our guide**
Model of openness...**Be our guide**
Model of perseverance...**Be our guide**

Mother of the liberator...**Pray for us**
Mother of the homeless...**Pray for us**
Mother of the dying...**Pray for us**
Mother of the nonviolent...**Pray for us**
Widowed mother...**Pray for us**
Unwed mother...**Pray for us**
Mother of political prisoner...**Pray for us**
Mother of the condemned...**Pray for us**
Mother of an executed criminal...**Pray for us**

Oppressed woman...**Lead us to life**
Liberator of the oppressed...**Lead us to life**
Marginalized woman...**Lead us to life**
Comforter of the afflicted...**Lead us to life**
Cause of our joy...**Lead us to life**
Sign of contradiction...**Lead us to life**
Breaker of bondage...**Lead us to life**
Political refugee...**Lead us to life**
Seeker of sanctuary...**Lead us to life**
First disciple...**Lead us to life**
Sharer in Christ's ministry...**Lead us to life**
Participant in Christ's passion...**Lead us to life**
Seeker of God's will...**Lead us to life**
Witness to Christ's resurrection...**Lead us to life**

Woman of mercy... **Empower us**
Woman of faith... **Empower us**
Woman of contemplation... **Empower us**
Woman of vision... **Empower us**
Woman of wisdom and understanding... **Empower us**
Woman of grace and truth... **Empower us**
Woman, pregnant with hope... **Empower us**
Woman, centered in God... **Empower us**

Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you.
Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression.
Teach us to live in peace, to educate ourselves for peace.
Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made.
Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our world.
Amen.

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Compiled and edited by Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB
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Closing Song: Nada te Turbe

Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.

Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.



Hadith (Muslim writings)

حَدَّثَنَا هَنَادٌ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، عَنِ الْأَعْمَشِ، عَنْ أَبِي صَالِحٍ،
عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " وَالَّذِي
نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا أَلَا
أَدْلِكُمْ عَلَى أَمْرٍ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ " .
وَفِي الْبَابِ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ سَلَامٍ وَشَرِيحِ بْنِ هَاشِمٍ عَنْ أَبِيهِ وَعَبْدِ
اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو وَالْبَرَاءِ وَأَنَسٍ وَأَبْنِ عُمَرَ . قَالَ أَبُو عِيسَى هَذَا
حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ .

Narrated Abu Hurairah:

that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you about a matter which if you do it, then you will love one another? Spread the Salam among each other."

Saturday, May 24

1pm Guided Prayer

Led by The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White,
Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

A Mid-Day Service of Prayer for Peace

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant and People

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

**¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?**

**² My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

**⁵ The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

**⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

**⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**⁸ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

At the end of the Psalms the people say

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A time of silent meditation follows.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then prays the following Collects.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may bid prayers of intercession and thanksgiving

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Jewish Writings (Talmud):

Taanit 23a:15-16

One day, he was walking along the road when he saw a certain man planting a carob tree. Hōni said to him: This tree, after how many years will it bear fruit? The man said to him: It will not produce fruit until seventy years have passed. Hōni said to him: Is it obvious to you that you will live seventy years, that you expect to benefit from this tree? He said to him: That man himself found a world full of carob trees. Just as my ancestors planted for me, I too am planting for my descendants.

Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5

Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.

Sunday, May 25

1pm Guided Prayer

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh,
First Baptist Church of Dayton

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

- Matthew 5:9

Prayer for the Children

(In honor of the legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch)

Dear Creator,
we acknowledge in this moment
that we are all your children,
without regard to creed,
race, nationality or faith orientation.

And we also acknowledge
your special concern for the
impoverished, the oppressed,
the hungry, the infirmed
children, both here in our nation
and the millions throughout the earth.

Our prayer is for the ability
to see all the wounded children
of this earth,
with eyes of compassion,
just as Jesus saw them,
to literally ‘suffer with’
those who are victimized
by the forces of structural evil.

We confess our own complicity,
our complacency, our apathy

with a world that produces
so great a disparity as now exists
between those of us
who are privileged
and those whose lives are
constantly in peril
for lack of their days' manna.

We ask forgiveness
because we realize our profession
and our beliefs
are not always matched by practice,
the practice of justice,
the practice of peace.

We ask for courage
to do the deeds,
to take the steps
that will truly make the world
a community where we put aside
the idols of power,
the idols of empire,
the idols of militarism,
the idols of world supremacy,
the idols of greed.

And as we pray,
we also acknowledge
your abundant Grace that is
offered to all of your children.

May our lives be lived as an
expression of our gratitude
of that unconditional love
as we love unconditionally
all the children of the world.

Amen.

~ Al Staggs

A Prayer for Weary Peacemakers *(responsive)*

Leader Holy God, we come to you with heavy hearts,
For we are part of a broken world.

People **We cry to you out of the darkness and confusion
that seems to be all around us.
Hear us, and bring us to wholeness again.**

Leader We believe that you have put us in this world
To bring love and peace and understanding,
But we cannot see the fruits of our work;
We cannot see beyond our pain.

People **Put your hand on the source of our sorrow;
Touch us, and we shall truly be healed.**

Leader Open our minds to the hope that you have for us.
Open our eyes to the light.

People **Open our hearts to your presence
That is with us in our distress.**

Leader Forgive us for hating those we see as haters,
Forgive us for wanting to give up.

People **Show us how to walk in a world
where it is dangerous to love.**

Leader Then make us into
rivers of authentic peace,
Help us to make justice flow
in those waters,
Help us once again to dream
dreams and see visions.

People **Drench us in your spirit,
Pour out, through us, your
hope for this troubled world.
Amen.**

~ Katie Cook

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi *(adapted to be read responsively)*

Lord, make [us] instrument[s] of your peace:

where there is hatred, let [us] sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that [we] may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Their plowshares are beat into swords

By Walter Brueggemann in Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth

And now their plowshares are beat into swords—as are ours.

now their pruning hooks are beat into spears—as are ours.

Not only swords and spears,

but bullets, and bombs, and missiles,

of steel on flesh,

of power against bodies...

And you, in your indignation sound your mantra,

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

We dare to believe they are the aggressor,

and we are the peacemaker.

Yet in sober night dream, we glance otherwise

and think we may be aggressor,

as we vision rubble homes,

murdered civilians,

and charred babies.

And you, in our sadness, sound your mantra,

“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

We do not love war,

We yearn for peace,

but we have lost much will for peace
even while we dream of order.
And you, in your hope, sound your mantra,
“Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Deliver us from excessive certitude about ourselves.
Hold us in the deep ambiguity where we find ourselves,
Show us yet again the gaping space
between your will and our feeble imagination.
Sound your mantra with more authority,
with more indignation,
through sadness,
in hope... “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Only peacemakers are blessed.
We find ourselves well short of blessed.
Give us freedom for your deep otherwise,
finally to be blessed,
in the name of the Peacemaker
who gave and did not take.
Amen.

Benediction

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!



Christian Writings

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



Monday, May 26

1pm Guided Prayer

Led by Fr. Anthony Cook,
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

Third-Sixth Hour Reader's Service

The Third Hour

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3)

Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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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.

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Lord, have mercy. (12)

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Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.
Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.
Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalm 16 (17)

Listen, O Lord of my righteousness; attend to my supplication; give ear to my prayer that is not with deceitful lips. From Your face let my judgment come; let my eyes behold uprightness. You tested my heart, when You visited me in the night; You tried me in the fire, and found nothing unjust in me. That my mouth might not speak of the works of men, I held to hard ways because of the words of Your lips. Restore my steps in Your paths, that my footsteps may not slip. I cried out, because You listened to me, O God; incline Your ear to me, and hear my words. Magnify Your mercies, O You who save those who hope in You From those who rise up against Your right hand. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; in the shelter of Your wings, You will shelter me From the face of the ungodly who trouble me. My enemies surrounded my soul; their fat enclosed them; their mouth spoke arrogantly. Casting me out, they now surround me; they set their eyes to bend down to the earth. They seized me like a lion ready to tear its prey, like a young lion lurking in secret places. Arise, O Lord, outrun them and trip up their heels; rescue my soul from the ungodly, and Your sword from the enemies of Your hand. O Lord, destroy them from the earth; scatter them in their life. Their belly is filled with Your hidden things; they are satisfied with their sons, and they leave their possessions to their children. As for me, in righteousness I shall behold Your face; I shall be satisfied when Your glory is revealed.

Psalm 24 (25)

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God. I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies laugh at me. for all who wait upon You shall not be ashamed; let those be ashamed who act lawlessly in vain. Make known Your ways to me, O Lord, and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation, and on You I wait all the day. Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your mercy, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor of my ignorance; but remember me according to Your mercy, because of Your loving-kindness, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He will instruct sinners in His way. He will guide the gentle in judgment; He will teach the gentle His ways. All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth for those who seek His covenant and His testimonies. for Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way He chooses. His soul shall dwell among good things; His seed shall inherit the earth. The Lord is the strength of those who fear Him, and to those who fear Him, His name is the Lord, and He will show them His covenant. My eyes are always toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the trap. Look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am only-begotten and poor. The afflictions of my heart have been widened; bring me out of my distresses. Look on my humiliation and my pain and forgive all my sins. Look on my enemies, because they multiply, and they hate me with unjustified hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, because I hope in You. The innocent and the upright cleave to me because I wait upon You, O Lord. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

Psalm 50 (51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. for I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. for behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. for if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 1. Automelon.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion.

Theotokos, you are the true vine that produced the fruit of life. Lady, we fervently entreat you to intercede along with the Apostles and all the saints, that our souls be treated mercifully.

Verse

Blessed is the Lord from day to day; the God of our salvation will bring prosperity upon us; our God is the God Who saves us.

Trisagion Prayers.

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Lord, have mercy. (40)

O Christ our God, who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, long suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; who love the just and show mercy to the sinners; who call all men to salvation through the promise of the blessings to come: Do you, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according to your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set our minds right; clear up our thoughts, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and distress. Surround us with your holy Angels so that being guarded and guided by their presence, we may arrive at the unity of the faith and the knowledge of your ineffable glory; for blessed are you unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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The Prayer of Saint Mardarios

O Master God, Father Almighty, Lord only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power: have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments which You know, save me Your unworthy servant; for blessed are You to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Sixth Hour

Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalm 53 (54).

Save me, O God, in Your name, and judge me in Your power. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers rise up against me, and the powerful seek after my soul; they have not set God before them. For behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will return evils to my enemies; utterly destroy them in Your truth. I will sacrifice to You voluntarily; I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good. You delivered me from all my afflictions, and my eye looked upon my enemies.

Psalm 54 (55).

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not despise my supplication; attend to me, and hear me. I am vexed in my prayer, and troubled by the enemy's voice and by the sinner's affliction; for they turned their lawlessness upon me, and in wrath they were indignant with me. My heart was troubled within me, and the terror of death fell on me. Fear and trembling came upon me, and the darkness covered me. I said, "Who will give me wings like a dove, and I will fly away, and be at rest? Behold, I fled far away, and lodged in the wilderness." I wait for the One who saves me from faintheartedness and storm. Drown them in the sea, O Lord, and divide their tongues; for I see lawlessness and strife in the city. Day and night, it shall surround her upon her walls; lawlessness and trouble and wrongdoing are in her midst; and usury and treachery have not ceased from her squares. For if an enemy reviled me, I would have endured it; and if one hating me boasted against me, I would have hidden from him. But it was you, a man my equal, my guide and my friend, who together with me sweetened our meals; in God's house we walked in unity. Let death come upon them, and let them go down alive into Hades; because evils are in their dwellings, in the very midst of them. But I cried out to God, and the Lord heard me. Evening and morning and midday, I shall tell; I shall proclaim, and He will hear my voice. He will redeem my soul in peace from those who draw near to me, for they were with me in abundance. God shall hear, and humble them, He who exists before the ages. For there is no change in them, and they have not feared God. He stretched forth His hand in punishment; they defiled His covenant. They were scattered by the wrath of His face, and His heart drew near; His words were softened above oil, and they are arrows. Cast your care upon the Lord,

and He shall support you; He will never allow the righteous to be moved. But You, O God, will bring them down into the pit of decay; men of blood and deceit shall not live even half their days. But I will hope in You, O Lord.

Psalm 90 (91).

He who dwells in the help of the Most High shall lodge in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my protector and my refuge, my God; I will hope in Him; for He shall free me from the snare of the hunters, and from every troubling word." He shall overshadow you with His shoulders, and under His wings you shall hope; His truth shall encircle you with a shield. You shall not be frightened by fear at night, nor from an arrow that flies by day, nor by a thing moving in darkness, nor by mishap and a demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you; but you shall observe with your eyes, and you shall see the reward of sinners. For You, O Lord, are my hope; You made the Most High your refuge. Evils shall not come to you, and a scourge shall not draw near your dwelling; for He shall command His angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways; in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone; You shall tread upon the asp and the basilisk, and you shall trample the lion and the dragon. "For he hoped in Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him, because he knew My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I am with him in affliction, and I will deliver and glorify him. With length of days I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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Theotokion.

Since we may not presume to speak because of our many sins, will you beseech your Son, O Virgin Theotokos. For the request of a mother can do much to pacify the Master. Do not despise the prayers of us sinners, all-noble Lady. He is merciful and able to save us; after all, He accepted to suffer for our sake.

Verses

Let Your mercies quickly overtake us, for we have become very poor.

Help us, O God our savior; because of the glory of Your name, O Lord, save us, and be merciful to our sins because of Your name.

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Prayer of Saint Basil the Great

God and Lord of hosts and Maker of all creation, in Your unfathomable compassion and mercy You sent down Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race; and by His precious Cross You tore up the record of our sins, and triumphed over the principalities and powers of darkness. O Lord and Lover of mankind, accept the thanksgiving and fervent prayers even of us sinners. Deliver us from every dark and destructive transgression and from all the visible and invisible enemies that seek to harm us. Nail our flesh with the fear of You, and do not incline our hearts to evil words or thoughts; but rather prick our souls with love for You, so that always looking to You, and guided by Your light, and gazing on You, the eternal and ineffable Light, we may send up unceasing praise and thanksgiving to You, the Father without beginning, and Your Only-Begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.

To the Theotokos

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

Dismissal

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Evening Prayer

7pm Guided Prayer

Our Evening Prayer service comes from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.
It is an ancient tradition part of "reading the hours", praying through the day.
This service focuses on thanksgivings for what the day held, and prayers for a peaceful night.

Opening Sentence

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We have not served your Kingdom of Peace. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

All mighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 91

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

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is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of _____

Reading

(following the reading)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: “The Song of Simeon” *(Luke 2:29-32)*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all
the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people
Israel.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty;
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

Prayers

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your servants of peace, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ.

We entreat you, O Lord.

Collects for Peace & Rest

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others

(Prayers may be offered silently or aloud at this time.)

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank you for joining us!

Be reminded that God loves you.

God loves each of us.

And God's desire for us

to share that love,

begins with peace.



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