



# WORSHIP: Longing for Peace

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
 Progressive In Approach: Christlike In Action!

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## Shalom

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 Worship Team: Marney Curran, Eric Schultz,  
 Andrew Slonetsky, Sharon Willan, Jane Winstanley

Welcome:

Prelude: **SARABANDE from Cello Suite in D Major**  
 J.S. Bach, arrangement: Leonard Borwick

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Invocation: The Cosmic nature of CHRIST,  
 who rises in every act of loving-kindness.  
 The MYSTERY which is  
 the SOURCE of ALL BEING,  
 and the power of the SPIRIT,  
 is with you all!  
 Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY.

Music: **Longing for A Peaceful Day**

*Proverbs 3:17*

1. When our path is hard and long, Wis-dom helps to keep us strong;  
 2. Sis - ters, broth-ers, hand in hand, we will take a jus - tice stand,  
 3. Ho - ly Wis - dom brings new life; She will help to end the strife.

*Refrain: Long - ing for a peace - ful day, we have gath-ered here to pray;*

She in - spires a hope - ful song, giv - ing power to o - ver - come wrong.  
 joined with those in ev - ery land, seek - ing peace for all hand in hand.  
 All our dreams and hopes re - vive, as we join Her la - bor for life.  
*Ho - ly Wis - dom guides our way, deep with - in us al - ways will stay.*

## Prayer of the Day:

CREATOR of all Life, GOD of LOVE, SPIRIT of Resurrection, sustain us during these times of change: while much is being torn down and many people are suffering.

Renew our faith in Resurrection. Rekindle our conviction that LOVE is stronger than death.

Remind us that your Grace is sufficient for us.

May we meet each challenge knowing that you are always present.

Keep us in your Peace which passes all understanding. Amen.

## Reading from Philippians: 4:4-7

Rejoice in the SAVIOUR always! I say it again: Rejoice!

Let everyone see your forbearing spirit.

Our SAVIOUR is near.

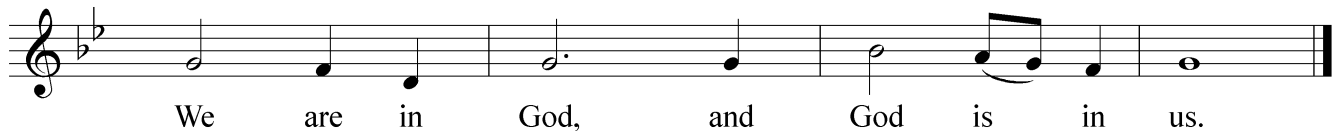
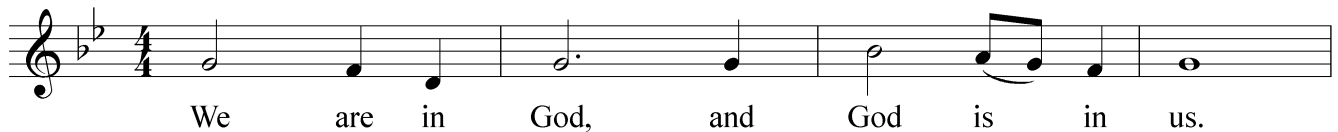
Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to GOD through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances.

Then GOD's own peace, which surpasses all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in CHRIST Jesus.

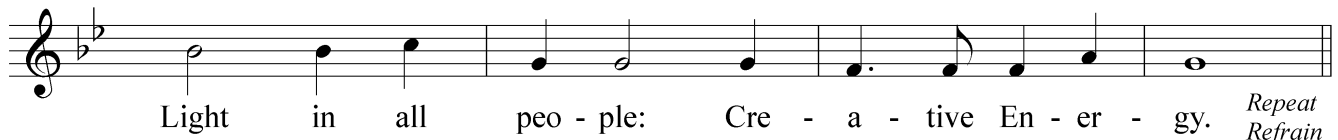
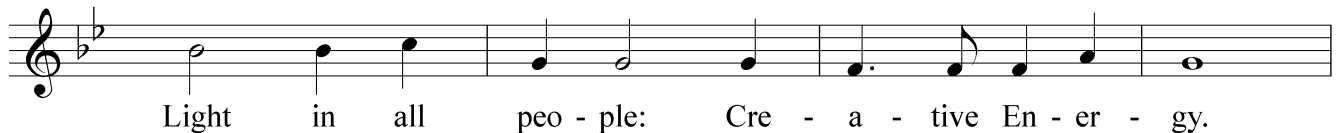
## Acclamation: *We Are In God*

### Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



### Verse



*Text inspired by Julian of Norwich, 1342-1415 CE, & John 1:1-18.*

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**Contemporary Reading**

The Peace of the Wild Things: a poem by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least  
 sound in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,  
 I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water,  
 and the great heron feeds.  
 I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with  
 forethought of grief.  
 I come into the presence of still water.  
 And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light.  
 For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

**Acclamation: Be Still and Know MYSTERY**

1. Be still and know Mys - ter - y. 2. Be still and know Mys - ter - y.

6 know Mys - ter - y.

**Gospel: Mark 13:1-18**

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, “Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!” Jesus replied, “See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down.” As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?” Jesus began by saying, “Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, ‘I am the One,’ and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines—yet this is only the beginning of the birth pangs.”

**Reflection: Ach! Away and Give My Head Peace!**

## **Song of the Day:**

## **GOD IS Within**

Words: W.L. Wallace; Music: AR HYD Y NOS

**From beginning to each ending  
God is within.  
Human and divine keep blending;  
God is within.  
In our coming and our going,  
In our learning and our knowing,  
As we struggle in our growing  
God is within.**

**When supportive help is needed  
God is within.  
When our limits are exceeded  
God is within.  
When life is a hopeless jigsaw,  
When we cry, "We cannot take more,"  
When downtrodden we survive, for  
God is within.**

**When we act with human virtue  
God is within.  
Strive for fine ideals we value,  
God is within.  
When we guard and guide each other  
With compassion, we uncover  
Our true self and we discover  
God is within.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Eric Schultz:

HOLY MYSTERY, history records countless wars and atrocities perpetrated in your name around the world and in our own backyards. As followers of Jesus, we have sung songs, waved banners, raised crosses and carried symbols of our faith in support of a misguided understanding of salvation.

Innumerable voices have cried out in life and in death, calling out for God to save them from the atrocities of war and oppression. Named or un-named you are in sobs of the suffering and weeping of the unconsolably parents whose children are no more.

When we put an agenda for grandeur, prosperity, and glory ahead of a will for peace and justice, forgive us.

When we raise songs, signs and buildings as sources of dominance over people, places and this planet, forgive us.

When hear the cries, sobs and weeping and fail to respond with compassion and love, forgive us.

God, you are not only the source of love, but you ARE also love. When we remember the men and women, young and old who went to war and never returned, remind us that freedom is costly, peace is costly, grace is costly, love is costly. As we pledge “never again” may actions always accompany our words; actions that can never be interpreted as anything but Love – for our planet, all people, and by extension you.

Andrew Slonetsky:

Peace. Inexplicable, powerful peace is not something one can grasp and hold. I know that clearly when I am trying to avoid a truth and deny Love’s spirit speaking in my heart. There is no peace. However, when I make time to slow down my racing thoughts, pause and listen... and breathe, things shift. It might be small, but the sense of connection and awareness of the Love that creates all becomes clearer.

May we start with ourselves as we long for peace in the world so that our hearts align with the Love that is big enough to embrace even the worst of what we humans do. Only then might we become aware of what truly needs to change in us and our societies and to become who we were created to be.

Sharon Willan

HOLY ONE, as I sit here this Remembrance Day, reflecting on Peace, I’m conscious of so many world and family events, situations that disturb, challenge, and keep me awake at night. News feeds constantly provide us with a daily diet of wars, conflicts over vaccines, wearing masks, climate change, immigration, fake news, hate messages. There seems to be no end to the strife. We just want an end to all the howling and violence. When we analyze this list, one concept leaps out - the WHOLE has been torn or shattered.

We want PEACE, but Peace is not the absence of conflict. It is so much more - a deep longing in our hearts for that calm feeling that all is well. And again, Peace is so much more than a calm feeling.

Peace in biblical terms means to make whole or complete and this is difficult work requiring patience and love.

Birthing ONE, we were created as one people, one Earth, one cosmos. The authors of Genesis repeatedly remind us that all is good, complete, yet continuously unfolding.

Weeping Mystery may we understand and acknowledge our part in the unravelling of the abundant gift of life. May we live Shalom and make whole what we have torn apart.

May we realize that peace is not the absence of conflict, but rather taking the ragged pieces of the WHOLE and learning how to bind it together again.

May we listen with our hearts when someone is talking to us - Let us hear what is said and respond thoughtfully.

May we look for common ground in what appears to be a wide gap in our views.

May we begin each day with gratitude for the gift of life, for all that we have.

We pray for political leaders to understand that despite differing views, we all want the same thing: providing for the needs of our families, good weather for crops, a good education for our children. Let us work together.

Peace is not easy to attain. Holy One may we gaze upon your Presence in our world and seeing the beauty and love there, begin to turn to each other to bind the broken, heal the anger, tie the torn relationships together.

Peaceful One, aa a community, may we work towards the PEACE we long for. AMEN

**Music: All Present, All Visible, SOURCE of All Life**

*Words: Sara Kay & Brian McLaren; Tune: John Roberts, ST DENNIO*

**All-present, all-visible, Source of all life,  
Within and around us, through joy and through strife.  
Most Sacred, Eternal, You move on the earth,  
You beckon and call forth new life and new birth.**

**Enlivened, extravagant, Sower of seeds,  
Abundant, abounding, Your mercy exceeds.  
Unhindered, unbridled, you shine forth your grace,  
That we may do likewise, revealing Your face.**

**Transcendent, uncharted, and still close at hand,  
Encompassing people from near and far lands.  
Within each new moment, throughout life and death,  
Your praises are sung out from all that has breath!**

**Blessing:**

May you be at peace, so that LOVE may FLOW in, with, through, and beyond you.  
And when you can no longer be that peace,  
may you find your way deeper into the wonders of Creation so that the wild things can free you  
to rest in the FLOW long enough to remind you that you too are one with the endless FLOW  
which births new worlds, again and again and again.  
Ach away and give your head peace.  
The peace which surpasses all understanding.  
May the ONE who IS our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE Itself  
flow through you now and always. Amen.

**Postlude: Something Told the Wild Geese**

Sherrie Porterfield



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which is God  
which IS LOVE

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