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has been passed to a new generation of Americans--born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage--and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world....

So let us begin anew--remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate.... Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us.... Let both sides unite to heed in all corners of the earth the command of Isaiah--to "undo the heavy burdens . . . (and) let the oppressed go free."

And if a beachhead of cooperation may push back the jungle of suspicion, let both sides join in creating a new endeavor, not a new balance of power, but a new world of law, where the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved. In your hands, my fellow citizens, more than mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course....

Now the trumpet summons us again--not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need--not as a call to battle, though embattled we are-- but a call to bear the burden of

a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation"--a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself. Can we forge against these enemies a grand and global alliance, North and South, East and West, that can assure a more fruitful life for all mankind? Will you join in that historic effort?

...The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it--and the glow from that fire can truly light the world. And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country....

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HYMN 605 P. 11 LEAFLET

### Collect

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 forever. **Amen.**

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Peace and Reconciliation**

All South Africans were less than whole because of apartheid. Blacks suffered years of cruelty and oppression, while many privileged whites became more uncaring, less compassionate, less humane, and therefore less human. Yet during these years of suffering and inequality, each South African’s humanity was still tied to that of all others, white or black, friend or enemy. For our own dignity can only be measured in the way we treat others.....For our nation to heal and become a more humane place, we had to embrace our enemies as well as our friends. The same is true the world over. True enduring peace—between countries, within a country, within a community, within a family—requires real reconciliation between former enemies and even between loved ones who have struggled with one another.... If you want to make peace, you don’t talk to your friends, you talk with your enemies.

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HYMN 597 P. 12 LEAFLET

**Collect**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength is known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of the one God, to whom be sovereignty and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**The Gospel**

**W**            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:43-48).

®            **Glory to you, O Christ**

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**W**            The Gospel of the Lord.

®            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

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**We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to love each other. This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.  
This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps working with us until everything is good and true.  
This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We can be the church, which reminds people of God because we love each other.  
This we believe. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our bishop provisional; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,  
**Hear our prayers for the church.**

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God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil, to unite the human family in bonds of the Beloved Community.

God of freedom,  
**Hear our prayers for the world.**

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God of creation, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for stewardship to protect the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of creation,  
Hear our prayers for the earth.

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God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,  
Hear our prayers for this community.

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God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,  
Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

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God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,  
Hear our prayers for those who have died.

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### Concluding Collect

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart in our country, 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. / 20

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,  
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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Peace

® The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
® And also with you.

## The Blessing (Numbers 6:24–26)

God bless you  
and keep you;  
God's face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
God's face turn towards (our nation)  
and give (us) peace.

## The Dismissal

® Let us go forth as a Beloved Community certain in the power of God,  
through whom all things are possible.

® Thanks be to God

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Hymn 603 P. 12 Leaflet



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Llanglofan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865;  
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

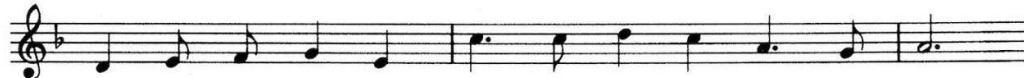
Words: Robert Balmie Young Scott (b. 1899)

Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
 2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
 Then just - ly, in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt.

Music: *Sharphorne*, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



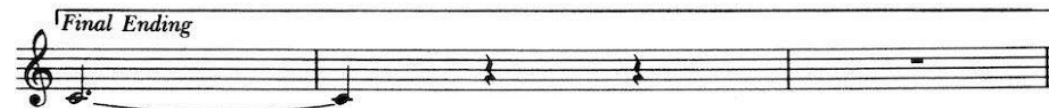
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mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



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earth shall know the (Lord.)



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