

Sign of Peace

Creed

I believe in one God who did not create a world
incapable of change;
Who does not govern
according to a natural order of rich and poor,
of the expert and the ignorant,
of rulers and subjects.
I believe in God who willed conflict in life,
and wanted us to change the present state of things
through our work, through our politics.

I believe in Jesus Christ who rises again and again
in our lives
so that we will be free from prejudice and arrogance,
from fear and hate
and carry on his revolution
and make way for his kingdom.

I believe in the Spirit that Jesus brought into the world.
I believe in the brotherhood and sisterhood of
all nations.
I believe that what our earth becomes is up to us
- a vale of tears starvation and tyranny,
- or a city of God.
I believe in a just peace
that can be achieved;
I believe in the possibility of a meaningful life
for all people.
I believe this world of God's has a future.

Intercessions

The Sun – Mary Oliver	streaming upward on its
Have you ever seen	heavenly oils,
anything	say, on a morning in early
in your life	summer,
more wonderful	at its perfect imperial distance—
than the way the sun,	and have you ever felt for
every evening,	anything such wild love—
relaxed and easy,	do you think there is any-
floats toward the horizon	where, in any language,
and into the clouds	a word billowing enough
or the hills,	for the pleasure
or the rumpled sea,	that fills you,
and is gone—	as the sun reaches out,
and how it slides again	as it warms you
out of the blackness,	as you stand there,
every morning,	empty-handed—
on the other side of the	or have you too
world,	turned from this world—
like a red flower	or have you too
	gone crazy for power,
	for things?

Recessional Hymn: *Give me joy in my heart*

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul/Midsummer

Introduction

Quieting meditation

Opening Hymn: *Come as you are*



Come as you are, that's how I
want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends
Don't run away, shamed as disheartened
Rest in my love, trust me again

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous
I came to bring peace, not to condemn
Each time you fail to live by my promise
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you
Come as you are, trust me again
Nothing can change the love that I bear you
All will be well, just come as you are

Opening prayer:

Gloria: *Canticle of the Sun*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays,
The moon and the stars, Who light up the way
unto your throne.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Praise to the wind, that blows through the trees,
The sea's mighty storms, the gentlest breeze,
They blow where they will
They blow where they please, to please the Lord.

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And all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Reconciliation moment:

The heavens are telling the glory of God
May our worship reflect God's glory.
Lord, Have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
May we see each other as the handiwork of God.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation
project the love of God.
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When we repent of our sins, God forgives us and sets us
free.
May we forgive others and forgive ourselves,
and come to our God in peace. Amen

Acts 12: 1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter^[a] went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Psalm 34: 2-9

Response: *Taste and see that the Lord is good*

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor person cried, and was heard by
the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. Alleluia

Mt 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Pause for reflection **Tui amoris ignem · Taizé**

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