

Worship in the Spirit of Justice
July 10, 2005/ 1:00
Lafayette Park, Washington, DC

Prelude/ Singing:

Make Me An Instrument

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! (2 X)

Where there is hatred, let me sow
love/Where there is injury, let me sow pardon/
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith, O Lord!
Where there's despair, let me sow
faith/ Where there is darkness, let me sow light/
Where there is sadness, let me sow joy, O
Lord!

O Divine Master, grant that I may/
Seek less to be consoled, more to console/ Less
to be understood, more to understand/ Less to
be loved, and more to love, O Lord!

For it is in giving, that we receive/ It is
in pardoning, that we are pardoned/ It is in
dying, we're born to life eternal.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Reginald Heber, rev.)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
early in the morning our song of praise shall
be!

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in
three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore
you, casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim, falling
down before you, You were and are and
evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness
hide you, though the sinful human eye your
glory may not see. Only you are holy. There is
none beside you, perfect in power, in love and
unity.

Holy, holy, holy/ You are full of glory./
But our world is full of pain and dark injustice,

Telling the Truth: We welcome two Muslim
guests to share with us today:

-- Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim Chaplain,
Georgetown University

-- Dr. Hashin El-Tinay, Salam Sudan Fund

Reading 1 (Please read sections in bold.)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's
house shall be established as the highest of the
mountains, and shall be raised up above the
hills. People shall stream to it, and many
nations shall come and say:

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that
He may teach us His ways and that we may
walk in His paths.**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**He shall judge between many peoples, and
shall arbitrate between strong nations far
away; they shall beat their swords into
plowshares, and their spears into pruning
hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war any
more;**

But they shall all sit under their own vines and
under their own fig trees, and no one shall
make them afraid.

**For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has
spoken.** (Micah 4:1-4)

Reading 2 (Please read sections in bold.)

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of
the saints. Extend hospitality to strangers.

**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do
not curse them. Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in
harmony with one another; do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly.**

too./ You have come among us./ living in our
story/ Your dream of love and/ justice will
come true.

Call to Worship:

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift up our hearts to
the Lord!** It is a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere, to give thanks and praise to
you, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth.

**Almighty and ever-living God, to you all
hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.** Let us now give a
sign of our unity and love by exchanging words
of peace with one another....

Song: Come O Fount (Robert Robinson, rev.)

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune
my heart to sing your grace; streams of mercy,
never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by
flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm
fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

Here we sing to God in heaven, you
have brought us to this place. And we know
that by your mercy, we will all complete the
race. Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering far away from God. He to rescue us
from danger, bought us with his precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be. Let your goodness like a
fetter bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to
wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I
love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, with
your Spirit from above.

Do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says, the Lord.”

No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. For by doing this you will heap burning coals upon their heads.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:12-21)

Confession: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Please respond to “We seek your mercy” with, **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Holy and loving God, we confess our indifference to the suffering of our neighbors around the world, and especially in Darfur, Sudan. We live in comfort and security; they live in constant danger. We live in affluence; they live in desperate need. We live in freedom and under the protection of law; they live in displacement and vulnerability to those who hate them. For our indifference, we seek your mercy: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

O God to whom nothing is impossible, we confess our lack of faith. Too often we assume that injustice is more powerful than faith, that evil is more powerful than hope, that hatred is more powerful than love. But your gospel teaches us that with you, all things are possible. Your resurrection demonstrates that your good will triumph over all evil. For our lack of faith, we seek your mercy: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

And God, we confess the inexcusable paralysis and dividedness of our churches, and

of our nation. We let ourselves be divided by secondary matters, while others die because we are not unified on their behalf. We squabble and quarrel about polarizing matters,

paralyzing ourselves by argument when we should be united in compassion. Too often we care more about the triumph of our parties and positions than we care about the protection and survival of the poor, the weak, and the oppressed. For our dividedness and misguided priorities, we seek your mercy: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Sermon: Rev. Jim Wallis (sojo.net)

Offerings: All proceeds will go to humanitarian efforts in Darfur through World Relief and World Vision.
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Offering of Letters – Matt Ching

Song: May Your Kingdom Come
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah/ May your kingdom come.

May your kingdom come./ May it liberate/ Every prisoner/ Of greed and hate./ May it fill our hearts/ With love for you./ For our neighbors and/ For our enemies too.

May your kingdom come/May it end all war/ And the pain and grief/Of the oppressed and poor./ May all violence be/Finally put away;/ May the streets be safe/So the children may play.

May your kingdom come/So the rivers flow/ Clean and clear/As the breezes blow./ May we humans save/Rather than destroy/ So all creatures thrive/Free in health and joy.

May your kingdom come/May all knees bow/ To the king who was/will be and is

now./ May your justice roll/As the rivers run./ May death give way/To resurrection!

Closing Prayer: Brian McLaren (crcc.org)

News/Next Steps:

David Rubenstein, Save Darfur Coalition
Salih Booker, Africa Action

Closing Song: With Kindness

Christ has no body here but ours./ No hands, no feet, here on earth but ours./ Ours are the eyes through which He looks/ On this world/ With kindness.

Ours are the hands through which he works./ Ours are the feet on which he moves/ Ours are the voices through which he speaks/ To this world/ With kindness.

Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear./ Embodied in us, Jesus is living here.

Let us go now./ Filled with the Spirit./ Into this world/ With kindness.

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