

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that
I 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.

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INTRODUCTION by *Don Peck, Director, producer & camera*

WELCOME by *The Rev. John Donnelly*

OPENING SENTENCES –*The Rev. Ellen Donnelly*

Rector: Blessed be God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

People: AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

Rector: Let us pray, saying together,

Everybody:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but 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 one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE “**He is Exalted** Led by **Katherine Browne, CCQF Minister of Music**

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord

Forever

He is His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

FIRST READING: Genesis 4:2-12 God—*Rev. Ellen* Cain—*Don* Narrator: *Fr. John*

Narrator: [Adam and Eve had two children, both sons. When they had grown up,] “ Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer.³⁻⁵ Time passed. Cain brought an offering to GOD of left over produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd, choice cuts of meat. GOD liked Abel and his offering, but Cain and his offering didn't get his approval. Cain lost his temper and went into a sulk.

NARRATOR: GOD spoke to Cain:

God: “Why this tantrum? Why the sulking? If you do well, won't you be accepted? And if you don't do well, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it's out to get you, you've got to master it.”

Narrator: Cain had words with his brother. They were out in the field; Cain came at Abel , and murdered him. Later, God said to Cain,

God: “Where is Abel your brother?”

Narrator: Cain replied,

Cain: "How should I know? Am I his babysitter?"

NARRATOR: GOD said,

God: "What have you done! The voice of your brother's blood is calling to me from the ground. From now on you'll get nothing but curses from this ground; you'll be driven from this ground that has opened its arms to receive the blood of your murdered brother. You'll farm this ground, but it will no longer give you its best. You'll be a homeless wanderer on Earth."

Narrator: THE WORD OF THE LORD. People: Thanks be to God

THE GOOD NEWS Luke 5: 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-12 *Read by Fr. John*

5 Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, ² and he began to teach them:

3 "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

5 "Happy are those who are humble;
they will receive what God has promised!

6 "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;
God will satisfy them fully!

7 "Happy are those who are merciful to others;
God will be merciful to them!

9 "Happy are those who work for peace;
God will call them his children!

11 "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. **THE WORD OF THE LORD. People: Thanks be to God**

KID STORY During the first part of Fr. John's sermon to the adults, we invite the children to color the page of St. Francis at the end of the bulletin. Then at the last part of the sermon, children will be invited to rejoin us.

SERMON The Rev. John Donnelly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: The Prayer of St. Francis *Led by Rev. Ellen Kid Story: Fr. John*

To follow along with the words, turn to the Kid coloring page at end of bulletin.

THE PEACE *We are going to exchange the Peace now. Some of us are sitting with family members, and others of us are not. For those of us, who are alone, you can exchange the "peace" with Jesus by making the peace sign; the others of you may exchange the peace with one another.*

Rev. Ellen: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE OFFERING –Fr. John

“All good things come from you O Lord, and from what is yours, we give back to you.”

[Want to make an offering? Go to the green button on the right of our web page, www.ccqf.org]

THE LORD’S PRAYER**THE BLESSING****CONCLUDING SONG led by Katherine Brown**

[Verse 1] Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus] Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

[Verse 2] Lord, I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus] Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

[Verse 3] As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus] Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
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Send forth Your word, Lord, and let, let there be light
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light!

[Outro]
Lord, let there be light! Let there be light!

DISMISSAL

Fr. John: Let us go forth in the Peace of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!!

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