Mass for Peace and Justice

Mass Texts from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: 30. For the Preservation of Peace and Justice. (Roman Missal pp 1360-1361).

Lectionary Readings from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: 14. For Peace and Justice (Lectionary Vol 3 pp 593-603)

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you;

hear the prayers of your servants

and guide us in the way of justice. *(Cf. Sir 36: 18, 19)*

***or***

### Entrance Hymn Suggestions

Gather Us In – Marty Haugen (GA 526, CWBII 501, AOV1 12)

Gather Your People – Bob Hurd (GA 530, CWBII 490, AOV1 71)

God of Day and God of Darkness – Marty Haugen (GA 541, CWBII 498, AOV1 56)

For the Healing of the Nations – Fred Kaan (GA 513)

Lord of Life and Lord of Nations (God of Peace) – Anthony Kelly (GA 553, CWBII 546)

### Collect

### A

Let us pray.

O God, who have revealed

that peacemakers are to be called your children,

grant, we pray,

that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice

which alone ensures true and lasting peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

***or***

### B

Let us pray.

O God, who show a father's care for all,

grant, in your mercy,

that the members of the human race,

to whom you have given a single origin,

may form in peace a single family

and always be united by a fraternal spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

***or***

### C

Let us pray.

O God, Creator of the world,

under whose governance the design for all the ages unfolds,

be attentive, we pray, to our petitions

and grant to our times tranquillity and peace,

that we may exult with unceasing joy

in praise of your great mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

***or***

### D

Let us pray.

O God of peace, who are peace itself

and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,

nor a violent mind receive,

grant that those who are one in heart

may persevere in what is good

and that those in conflict

may forget evil and so be healed.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Wide is the dominion of the Lord, in a peace that has no end.*

The people that walked in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow

a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,

you have made their joy increase;

they rejoice in your presence

as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,

the rod of his oppressor,

these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle,

every cloak rolled in blood,

is burnt

and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us,

a son given to us

and dominion is laid on his shoulders;

and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,

Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion

in a peace that has no end,

for the throne of David

and for his royal power,

which he establishes and makes secure

in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever,

the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***or***

**Isaiah 32:15-18**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The effect of justice will be peace.*

Once more there will be poured on us

the spirit from above;

then shall the wilderness be fertile land;

and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live

and integrity in the fertile land;

integrity will bring peace,

justice give lasting security.

My people will live in a peaceful home,

in safe houses,

in quiet dwellings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***or***

**Isaiah 57:15-19**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Peace to the far and near.*

Thus speaks the Most High,

whose home is in eternity,

whose name is holy:

'I live in a high and holy place,

but I am also with the contrite and humbled spirit,

to give the humbled spirit new life,

to revive contrite hearts.

'For I will not quarrel for ever

nor be always angry,

for then the spirit would give way before me,

the very souls I have made.

'Angered by his wicked brutality,

I hid my face and struck him in anger.

Like a rebel he went the way of his choice;

but I have seen the way he went.

'But I will heal him, and console him,

I will comfort him to the full,

both him and his afflicted fellows,

bringing praise to their lips.

Peace, peace to far and near.

I will indeed heal him' says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:2-4, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God give your judgement to the king,

to a king's son your justice,

that he may judge your people in justice

and your poor in right judgement. R.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people

and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people

and save the children of the needy. R.

In his days justice shall flourish

and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,

from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry

and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed for ever

and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,

all nations bless his name. R.

***or***

**Ps 84:9-14**

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. R.

***or***

**Ps 121**

R. Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

Jerusalem is built as a city

strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord. R.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. R.

For peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!' R.

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: "Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. R.

***or***

### Responsorial Psalm – Music Suggestions

Psalm 90 (91): Be with me, Lord - Christopher Willcock (Psalms for Feasts and Seasons 16)

Psalm 90 (91): Be with me, Lord - Marty Haugen (CWB 627, GA 5, CWBII 286)

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness – Marty Haugen (GA 49)  
Psalm 31: I Put My Life in Your Hands – Rosalie Bonighton (GA 30)  
Psalm 27: Do Not be Afraid / The Lord is My Light - Christopher Willcock (GA 28, CWBII 481)  
Psalm 27: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation - Noel Ancell (GA 27)

### Second Reading

**Philippians 4:6-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*May the peace of God guard your hearts and your thoughts.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***or***

**Colossians 3:12-15**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***or***

**James 3:13-18**

A reading from the letter of St James

*The harvest of justice is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

If there are any wise or learned men among you, let them show it by their good lives, with humility and wisdom in their actions. But if at heart you have the bitterness of jealousy, or a self-seeking ambition, never make any claims for yourself or cover up the truth with lies - principles of this kind are not the wisdom that comes down from above: they are only earthly, animal and devilish. Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

***or***

**John 14:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Peace I leave with you ,says the Lord,

my own peace I give you.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.*

Seeing the crowd, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***or***

**Matthew 5:38-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I say this to you: offer the wicked no resistance.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***or***

**John 14:23-29**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Peace is what I give to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***or***

**John 20:19-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Peace to you.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Prayer of the Faithful

**Presider:** Mindful that our hearts and actions can easily turn to greed, envy, anger and hatred, let us pray for God’s gift of peace.

**Reader:**

For all leaders in the Church, particularly Francis, our Pope, and N.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our Bishop: that their words and actions will promote reconciliation, peace and proper order in our world today.  Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all areas of the world affected by war, especially in the Ukraine and Russia, and for their respective leaders:  that the lives and communities that have been damaged may be healed and rebuilt, based upon mutual reconciliation, respect and peace.  Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who suffer, particularly as a result of injuries and forced migration due to war: that they will find resilience, welcome and compassion from all people of good will, particularly those who care for them. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who have been affected by wars past and present or suffered any form of loss and pain:  that God’s Holy Spirit will surround them with healing and peace.  Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who have lost their lives through the darkness of violence and war, especially those in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: that God will grant them eternal light and peace among the communion of the saints.  Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** Gracious and loving God, source of peace and justice, help us to always live in love with our neighbours and to always practice peace and forgiveness in our hearts and homes.  We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### Preparation of the Offerings Hymn Suggestions

My Soul is Longing for your Peace – Lucien Deiss (GA 519, CWBII 559)

As The Deer Longs – Bob Hurd (AOV1 120)

A Trusting Psalm – Kevin Bates (GA 455, CWBII 293, AOV1 115)

Confitemini Domino – Jacques Berthier (GA 430, CWBII 475)

Dona Nobis Pacem – Anonymous – (AOV1 106)

Enviatu Espiritu – Bob Hurd – (AOV1 95)

### Prayer over the Offerings

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),

that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good**

**and the good of all his holy Church.**

May the saving sacrifice of your Son, the King of peace,

offered under sacramental signs that signify peace and unity,

strengthen, we pray, O Lord,

concord among all your children.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

**A**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called children of God. *(Mt 5:9)*

***or***

**B**

Peace I leave with you,

my peace I give you, says the Lord. *(Jn 14:27)*

### Communion/Thanksgiving Hymn Suggestions

Peace Prayer – John Foley (GA 516, CWBII 548)

Eye Has Not Seen – Marty Haugen (GA 466, AOV1 146)

Lord, make me a means of your peace (Peace Prayer of St Francis) – John Foley (GA 516, CWBII 548)

Make me a channel of your peace (Prayer of St Francis) – Sebastian Temple (GA 490, CWBII 555)

My peace be upon you for ever – Christopher Willcock (GA 518, CWBII 558)

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit of charity,

so that, sustained by the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son,

we may be effective in nurturing among all

the peace that he has left us.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn Suggestions

Christ Be our Light – Bernadette Farrell (GA 404, CWBII 540, AOV2 3)

City of God – Dan Schutte (GA 498, CWBII 453, AOV1 57)

A New Heart for a New World – Trisha Watts/Monica O’Brien (GA 438, CWBII 477, AOV1 158)

Bring Forth the Kingdom – Marty Haugen (GA 478, CWBII 306, AOV2 4)

Send Down the Fire – Marty Haugen  (GA 475, AOV2 164 )

Where There is Charity and Love – Richard Connolly (GA 323, CWBII 638)

Come to Set us Free – Bernadette Farrell (AOV1 39, GA 277)

#### Hymnals:

#### AOV – As One Voice (1992)

#### CWBII – Catholic Worship Book II (2016)

#### GA – Gather Australia (1995)

#### PFS – Psalms for Feasts and Seasons (1997)