



Sunday,
September 13,
2020



Call to Worship



One: Through Moses, God said,

All: “Let my people go.” (Ex.9:1)

One: In scripture, the law declares:

All: “In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.” (Deut.15:1)

One: To people who came wanting baptism, John said,

All: “Give one coat away.” (Luke 3:11)

Call to Worship *(continued)*



One: When asked how to have eternal life, Jesus replied,

All: **“Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.” (Matt. 19:21)**

One: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free,
giving to others, and following.

All: **In this time of worship, may we open our hearts,
release that which binds us,
and walk more freely with God.**

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (CEB)



Every seventh year you must cancel all debts. This is how the cancellation is to be handled: Creditors will forgive the loans of their fellow Israelites. They won't demand repayment from their neighbors or their relatives because the Lord's year of debt cancellation has been announced. You are allowed to demand payment from foreigners, but whatever is owed you from your fellow Israelites you must forgive. Of course there won't be any poor persons among you because the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, but only if you carefully obey the Lord your God's voice,

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (CEB) *(continued)*



by carefully doing every bit of this commandment that I'm giving you right now. Once the Lord your God has blessed you, exactly as God said, you will end up lending to many different peoples but won't need to borrow a thing. You will dominate many different peoples, but they won't dominate you.

Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites.

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (CEB) *(continued)*



To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them. You must generously lend them whatever they need. But watch yourself! Make sure no wicked thought crosses your mind, such as, The seventh year is coming—the year of debt cancellation—so that you resent your poor fellow Israelites and don't give them anything. If you do that, they will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin. No, give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the Lord your God's blessing you in all you do and work at.

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (CEB) *(continued)*



Poor persons will never disappear from the earth. That's why I'm giving you this command: you must open your hand generously to your fellow Israelites, to the needy among you, and to the poor who live with you in your land.

Psalm 41:1-3, 9:18, 113:7-8, 146:5, 7-9 (NRSV)



One: Happy are those who consider the poor;

The Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

All: The Lord protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

One: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

Nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

All: God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people.

Psalm 41:1-3, 9:18, 113:7-8, 146:5, 7-9 (NRSV) (continued)



One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**All: who executes justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous.

**All: The Lord watches over the strangers
And upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked
is brought to ruin.**

Matthew 19:16-22 (CEB)



A man approached Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus said, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There’s only one who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments.”

The man said, “Which ones?”

Then Jesus said, “*Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.*”

Matthew 19:16-22 (CEB) (continued)



The young man replied, “I’ve kept all these. What am I still missing?”

Jesus said, “If you want to be complete, go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come follow me.”

But when the young man heard this, he went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant



One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.



One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

One: With the whole church, in the most ancient affirmation of the church,
let us confess our faith.



All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.



All: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13, KJ21)*



All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

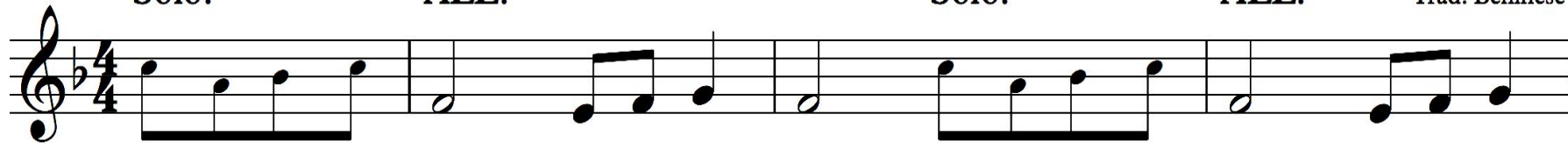
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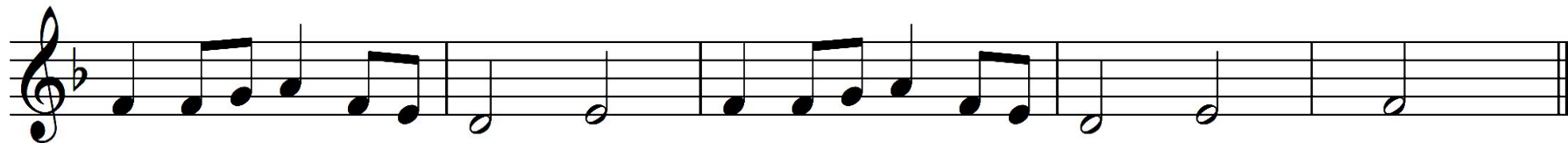
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Trad. Beninese



1. Peace be with you, peace be__ with you. Peace be with you, peace be__ with
 2. Na - fi - jo - ho, ji - jo - ho ni tin. Na fi - jo - ho, ji - jo - ho ni
 3. Peace be with you, peace be__ with you. Peace be with you, peace be__ with



you, with all of__ us, A - men, with all of__ us, A - men!
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 you, with all of__ us, A - men, with all of__ us, A - men!

Peace be with You

