

Litany of Peace

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 66)

Em Bm7 Am7 D Em Bm7 C Dsus4 D Em

Keyboard

Musical notation for the keyboard introduction, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a final chord in the treble clef.

VERSES 1-4

Cantor

All

1. God of all cre - a - tion,
 2. God of past and pres - ent,
 3. God be - yond our know - ing,
 4. God of great com - pas - sion, } let us be your peace.

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Musical notation for the keyboard accompaniment of verses 1-4, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a final chord in the treble clef.

Cantor

All

1. God of ev - 'ry na - tion,
 2. God of fu - ture a - ges,
 3. God who walks a - mong us,
 4. God of ten - der mer - cy, } let us be your peace.

Bm7 C Dsus4 D Em

Musical notation for the keyboard accompaniment of verses 5-8, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a final chord in the treble clef.

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VERSES 5-9

Cantor **All**

5. To the heav - y bur - dened,
 6. To the poor in spir - it,
 7. On the fields of bat - tle,
 8. As we work for jus - tice,
 9. As we wait in long - ing, } let us be your peace.

Soprano
 Oo _____ let us be your peace. _____

Alto

Baritone
 Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor **1-4 All** to Verses 6-9 **5 All** to Verses 10-13

5. To the bro - ken-heart - ed,
 6. To the ones im - pris - oned,
 7. In the days of dark - ness,
 8. With our hands and voic - es,
 9. With our words of com - fort, } let us be your peace. let us be your peace.

Soprano
 Oo _____ let us be your peace. let us be your peace. For -

Alto

Baritone
 Bm7 **1-4** C Dsus4 D Em to Verses 6-9 **5** C Dsus4 D Em to Verses 10-13

VERSES 10-14

Cantor **All**

10. When night sur - rounds us,
 11. When hate di - vides us,
 12. To all who suf - fer, } let us be your peace.
 13. With hope and heal - ing,
 14. In death and dark - ness,

ev - er, for - ev - er___ peace. For -

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor **1-4** **All** **to Verses 11-14** **Final** **All**

10. When fear en - folds us,
 11. When pride con - sumes us,
 12. To those who sor - row,
 13. With light and lov - ing,
 14. In joy and glad - ness, } let us be your peace. let us be your peace.

ev - er, for - ev - er___ peace. For - ev - er___ peace.

Bm7 **1-4** **to Verses 11-14** **Final**
 C Dsus4 D Em C Dsus4 D Em

VERSE 15

Cantor All

15. Here and at all times, let us be your peace.

15. let us be your peace.

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor All *rit.*

15. Now and for - ev - er, let us be your peace.

let us be your peace.

rit. Bm7 C D Esus4 Em

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(Keyboard)

VERSES 1-15

[Em] Cantor Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em All

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15. Here _____ and at all times,

let us be your peace.

Cantor Bm7 1-14 C Dsus4 D Em All D.S.

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15. Now _____ and for - ev - er,

let us be your peace.

Final C D Esus4 Em All rit.

let us be your peace.

Litany of Peace

Originally composed as a processional for an interfaith prayer service, this litany is a prayer for peace. Rather than expecting God to bring that about, we are asking that we may be God's peace to the world. By bringing peace into our own souls, we become God's peacemakers. We allow God to do the peace work in us first, so that we can bring peace to others.

As with any litany, the challenge is to keep the piece moving by adding and changing the choral and instrumental elements. The supporting choral parts change and build every four verses or so. If you listen to the recording, you will hear new instrumental colors introduced every two verses: hand drum, triangle, cymbal and handbells. You will also notice that using male and female cantors adds an element of variety.

Although there is a very slight rubato at the end of each two-measure unit, the tempo of the litany is steady and unchanging. This is part of what gives the repetitive, mantra-like effect to this kind of prayer.

Litanies are wonderful pieces for processions. They don't require people to carry music, and they establish a tempo for moving and walking. They can be sung *a cappella* or be accompanied by guitar and portable percussion instruments. This piece would fit well for a reconciliation service, prayer service for peace or as a retreat prayer.

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