



Peace on Earth

GATHERING SONG

Leader We lift our voices to bring God's peace upon us.

All **Let our message of peace be felt in our hearts and heard around the world.**

Leader We pray first to be reconciled with ourselves, one another, and with God.

All **First reconciliation, then peace.**

READINGS

First Reading: *Isaiah 58:6–9*

Antiphonal Reading: *Psalms 67*

Side 1 O God, be gracious and bless us.

Side 2 Make your face to shine upon us.

Side 1 Your rule shall be made known around the world.

Side 2 All nations shall learn of your saving power.

Side 1 Let the nations sing praise to you, O Lord.

Side 2 Let all the nations shout for joy.

Second Reading: *John 15:9–17*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Leader In faith and hope we ask God to listen as we pray: Strengthen our wills so that we become true peacemakers.

All **Lord, strengthen our wills so that we become true peacemakers.**

Leader Let us lift our voices to encourage world leaders to replace the politics of war with the politics of peace. We pray,

All **Lord, strengthen our wills so that we become true peacemakers.**

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Leader Let us lift our voices to show a love capable of creating a more just and peaceful world. We pray,

All **Lord, strengthen our wills so that we become true peacemakers.**

Leader Let us lift our voices to support one another as we work consistently to promote gospel values. We pray,

All **Lord, strengthen our wills so that we become true peacemakers.**

Leader Creator God, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust, from hate to love, from war to peace, now and forever. Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader Knowing that Christ is recognized through us, let us bless one another and offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

All **Shalom. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"Peace" from Weston Priory