



THE FIFTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH HOLY DAY OF PEACE AMONG THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

JANUARY 31, 2004 • 7:00 P.M.

***CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN***

THE WORLD SABBATH OF RELIGIOUS RECONCILIATION

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Dr. Cheun Phangcham
Ms. Marsha Roefel
Mr. Amrit Singh

Midwestern Buddhist Center
Cantorial Soloist
Musical Artist from Sikh Community

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Congregation)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art God of loving kindness, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

WELCOME

The Reverend Edward L. Mullins
Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook

Scriptures tell us, in ancient times, when nations were threatened by dangers without and injustice within, prophets, priests and kings would gather the people for days of repentance and prayer. The people of those ancient lands would seek forgiveness for idolatry and greed. They would be reconciled to one another and to God. The people would be forgiven and the nation spared. We stand this night before our great creator because our world is threatened with racial conflict, ethnic prejudice and religious war. We ask to be forgiven for our violence, silence, blindness and sin. We ask that our wounds be healed and that we be reconciled to one another and to our source of life and hope. We pray this World Sabbath night that our eyes may be opened to one another's wounds; our silence forgiven; our lives reconciled; and our nations renewed. We come as prophets and priests of all religious faiths to pray for an end to all religious and ethnic violence and we commit ourselves to build a world of justice and peace.

CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

First Prayer

The Reverend Rodney Reinhart
Founder of The World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation

Oh God of creation and liberation, God all merciful and beneficent, God, the remover of difficulties, God of enlightenment and compassion, God who suffers and overcomes suffering, God revealed in the heart of every woman and man... We grieve at the evils of terrorism, greed and war. We repent for those who destroy so many lives and blame their sin on God. We acknowledge that all Scriptures tell us that evil done in God's name is still evil. We pray that all religious discrimination, hatred, terrorism and war may end.

A CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE SIKH TRADITION

Second Prayer

Ms. Raman Singh, Sikh Community Leader

We repent for a century where bullets blazed and martyrs bled and the people of God were betrayed by dictators, tyrants, zealots, and terrorists. We pray for the victims of religious persecution in Armenia, and Greece in World War I. We pray for the Jews who suffered in the Holocaust, the pogroms, and who still suffer today. We pray for the Christian victims of Nazi and Communist tyranny. We pray for Muslim victims of war and ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, Iraq, and Iran. We pray for all victims of religious extremism and fundamentalism. We pray for Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Bahai's who suffered under secular empires and totalitarian dictators. We pray for the victims of religious conflict in Ireland; in Kosovo and Bosnia; in Sudan, Uganda, and Rwanda; in Indonesia and East Timor; in China and Tibet; in the Holy Land and in the Middle East. May our prayers lead us to active repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Choir of Hope United Methodist Church

Prof. Alvin Waddles, Director

SPEAKER

The Reverend John West

**Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church,
Farmington Hills**

A CALL THE PRAYER FROM THE AFRICA AMERICAN CHURCH TRADITION

Third Prayer

The Rev. Cheryl Myhand, Pastor of John Wesley United Methodist Church, River Rouge

We repent for the suffering of native peoples, gypsies, immigrant, refugees, religious, racial and ethnic minorities. We pray for women and other minorities who suffered at the hands of arrogant extremists who hide cruel brutality beneath the mask of religion. Even as we remember the children who died in distant lands, we pray for the children in America's synagogues, churches, mosques and schools wounded and murdered by their fellow students, or lone gunmen. We pray for all the people of this earth, plagued by global warming, pollution and natural disasters. We pray for children who suffer from disease, terror, famine, poverty, malnutrition, homelessness, racial discrimination, ignorance, and AIDS.

PEACE POEM

A choral reading by students from Detroit's Denby High School

A CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE ISLAMIC TRADITION

Mohammad Al-Saadi

Fourth Prayer

Imam Abdulla Bey El-Amin, Muslim Center of Detroit

We remember our heroic peace-makers: Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Bishop Romero, Yitzhak Rabin and Anwar Sadat, who struggled and died to end the wars of religious hatred, and racial oppression. We remember the heroes of September 11, who fought the hijackers, rescued the fallen and sought the lost. We pray for those who have suffered persecution because of their faith. We call for an end to all forms of terrorism and violence, whether committed by Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, cultists, atheists, or any other group. We remember peace-makers of every age. May we find the courage and faith to follow their shining example of sacrifice and courage. May we build a world of peace and not a world of war.

SPEAKER

Imam Achmat Salie

**Islamic Association of Greater Detroit,
Auburn Hills**

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Choir of Christ Church Cranbrook

Mr. John Repulski, Director

A CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE BAHA'I TRADITION

Dr. Paula Drewek, Active participant in the Baha'i Spiritual Council

Fifth Prayer

Mrs. Roberta Cottman, Peace activist in the Presbyterian Church

We repent, Oh God for racial discrimination and ethnic conflict. We pray that you will enlighten our hearts and enliven our minds with the realization that religious hatred and racial prejudice walk hand in hand. They are the joined and unnatural twins that give birth to war. Strengthen, we pray, the United Nations and all other national and international groups that work for religious and racial harmony. May their work redirect the rivers of history to flow to holy seas. As we work today for religious and racial justice and peace, may a new light shine; may a new road be trod, and may new dreams become reality, now and in ages to come.

SPEAKER

Rabbi Tamara Kolton

Birmingham Temple, Birmingham

**CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE JEWISH TRADITION
Sixth Prayer**

**Rabbi Arnold Sleutelberg, Temple Shir Tikvah, Troy
Ms. Brenda Rosenberg Temple Beth-el, Bloomfield Hills**

We pray, oh Lord, for Jerusalem. May domes, steeples, mountains and walls be signs of peace, not symbols of war. May the sons and daughters of Ishmael and Isaac turn away from the weapons of hatred and establish Salaam, Shalom and peace throughout the land. May we not miss any opportunity to make peace. May Jerusalem be the joyful and holy city for all creation... not the empty city whose only sound is guns.

**A CALL TO PRAYER FROM THE HINDU TRADITION
Seventh prayer (Congregation)**

**Mr. Madan Kaura, Mharatiya Temple in Troy
Rev. Alicia Renee Ferris**

We repent for our silence in the face of religious conflict and war. We ask, Oh God, that you equip us, unite us, and empower us to do the work of peace. Move within our hearts this day; move within the depths of creation; that we might establish equality and not ethnic cleansing; justice and not genocide; repentance and not destruction; forgiveness and not war, reconciliation and not revenge. We pray that you will fill all people of every religion with the desire to repent, the faith to forgive, and the courage to be reconciled. May we answer your call to make peace among all the religions, nations, races and tribes of the earth.

SPEAKER

**The Rev. Dr. Carlyle F. Stewart III,
Pastor of Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield**

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

**The Choir of Hope United Methodist Church
Prof. Alvin Waddles, Director**

DECLARATION OF RECONCILIATION

**The Rev. Harry Cook,
Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Clawson**

ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARDS

READING AND SIGNING OF THE CALL TO PEACE

OFFERTORY

*Offerings may be given during the signing of the document.
Offering will go to the work of building the World Sabbath*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

God of Many Names

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE (all)

Dr. Felix Rogers

Cranbrook Peace Foundation

We pledge ourselves this day
in the name of all we hold holy
to raise our voices in the cause of peace.

No longer shall we remain silent
when armies march and children die;
while dictators lay the blame on God.

No longer shall we remain silent
when religious and political leaders
use religion as an excuse for bloodshed
or claim faith as a reason for war.

No longer shall we remain silent
when the deepest winds of our spirit
call us to raise our voice for peace.

Najah Bazy

Islamic Center of America

We shall raise our voice
when prejudice and persecution are blamed on God.
We shall raise our voice
when scriptures are twisted.

As the mouths of the faithful scream forth hate
we shall raise our voice to proclaim
that the highest words of every faith
call us to build a world of
Tolerance, Justice, Faithfulness, and Peace.

We shall build a world where all may know
that our faith calls us to be builders of Peace
Not makers of war.

And this we pledge Salaam, Shalom, Peace.

Ms. Clare Kabel

Christ Church Cranbrook

MUSICAL PRESENTATION (Maybe the combined choirs)

FINAL BLESSING

The Reverend Edward L. Mullins
Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook

CLOSING SONG (Congregation)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With peace as our goal; sister, brothers we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

PROCESSIONAL (Congregation to remain in place as the acolytes and religious leaders process)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please join us for a reception in the Dining Room downstairs.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

The Reverend Edward L. Mullins, Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook
The Reverend Rod Reinhart, Interim Ministry Specialist with the Diocese of Michigan
The Reverend Don Duford, Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook
The Reverend Cory Randall Resident Theologian, Christ Church Cranbrook
The Reverend William Fleming, Assisting Priest, Christ Church Cranbrook
The Reverend Lloyd Buss, Lutheran Pastor, Christ Church Cranbrook
John Repulski, Director of Music and Organist, Christ Church Cranbrook
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Participants and readers may change at the last moment due to illness or unforeseen circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

The World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation is designed to become a universal and interfaith holy day for all people. Please ask leaders of your religious faith community to celebrate this annual holy day next year and for years to come.

The liturgy of the World Sabbath was written by the Reverend Rodney Reinhart, founder of this interfaith holy day. If you wish to use the prayers from this service in your own church, synogogue, temple or mosque, please contact him at revrod@comcast.net for copyright permission.

THE WORLD SABBATH CALL TO PEACE

Humanity seeks God on many roads. Humanity hears God through many voices. Today, we hear God speak one word, and that word is peace. In this world torn with ethnic strife and riddled with religious persecution and threatened by international terrorism, we fail to hear and heed God's word of peace. Therefore, on this last Saturday in January, in the year 2004, we, as leaders and people of many different faiths, gather at Christ Church Cranbrook to witness the World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation.

On this holy day, we invite all nations, tribes, races, peoples, and religions to obey God's call to peace by ending wars of ethnic cleansing, and the persecution of religious, racial, and other minorities.

On this Sabbath day, we call on world governments and religious institutions to create and recognize an annual World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation as a day to celebrate and enact God's call to make peace among all peoples of the earth.

Religious war and persecution are an offence to God's holy name. We know that political leaders and religious extremists have used religious wars to eliminate opposition and to gain profit, power and revenge. We know that religious persecution is a scandal, a disgrace and a sin. Today, we, as people of faith, gather in solidarity to proclaim that God is a God of mercy, forgiveness, justice and peace, not a God of war.

We call upon all persons of faith to forgive one another, be reconciled one to another, and to commit themselves to work together, to build a world of justice, equality and peace.

God of Many Names

Unison


1. God of man - y names, gath - ered in - to One,
God of hov - ering wings, womb and birth of time,

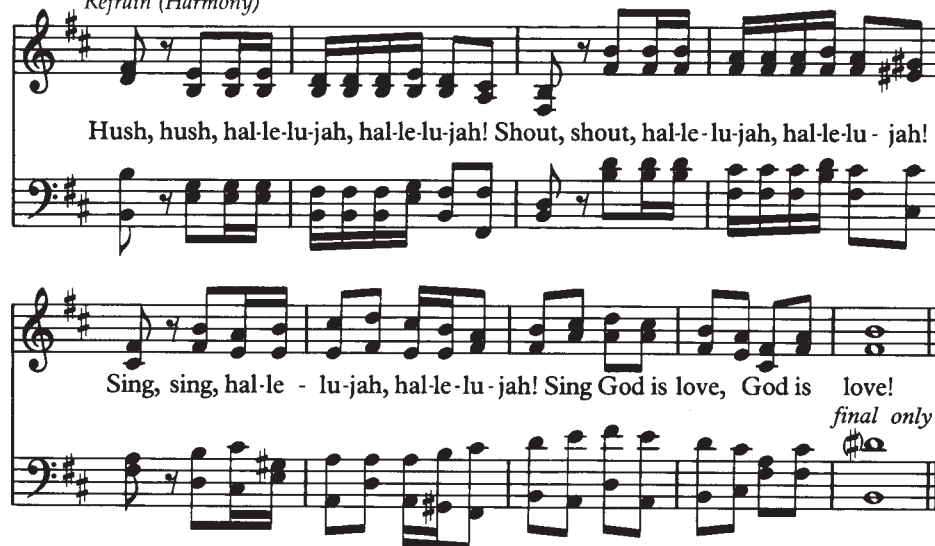
2. God of Jew - ish faith, ex - o - dus and law,
God of Je - sus Christ, rab - bi of the poor,

3. God of wound - ed hands, web and loom of love,
God of man - y names, gath - ered in - to One,

in your glo - ry come and meet us, mov - ing, end - less - ly be - com - ing;
joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, breath of life in ev - ery peo - ple,

in your glo - ry come and meet us, joy of Mir - i - am and Mo - ses;
joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, cru - ci - fied, a - live for - ev - er,

in your glo - ry come and meet us, car - pen - ter of new cre - a - tion;
joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, mov - ing, end - less - ly be - com - ing,

Refrain (Harmony)


Hush, hush, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout, shout, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Sing, sing, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Sing God is love, God is love!
final only

DECLARATION OF RECONCILIATION

The Rev. Harry Cook

May God, the supreme and personal reality who called forth humanity from cruelty and chaos, empower us to build a world of justice, freedom and equality. May God give us the courage and wisdom to forgive ourselves and one another for our blind acceptance of religious persecution and war. May we, as peoples of many faiths, refuse the path of hate and choose the way of peace. May we be reconciled, one to another. May we, as brothers and sisters, call upon all communities, to live and proclaim the message of religious reconciliation today, and for endless years beyond.
AMEN.