

A Service of Peace and Reconciliation for Gaza and the West Bank

In partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem and USPG

Welcome from USPG - The Revd Canon Dr Duncan Dormor, General Secretary

Opening - Fr Wadie Far, Canon of St George's Cathedral, Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The Greeting – The Most Revd Dr Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

We have been called out of darkness into God's marvellous light.

Grace and peace be with you

All: and also with you.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts,
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:
we dwell in him and he lives in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

All: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

All: and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

All: who was and is and is to come.

Opening Hymn: Father God, I wonder

Performed by youth from the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

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Lighting candles of remembrance

We invite you to light a candle and sit/kneel in a moment of prayerful reflection.

We start our time together lighting a candle, or lamp, or a light in the windows of the safety and sanctuary of our homes, as we remember everyone who has lost their life in the conflict in the Middle East, people who have been injured, families who have been torn apart and all citizens who have lost their homes and been forced to flee or live in temporary accommodation.

In a moment, we will listen to a piece of music during which you can light your candles but before we do so, we still our minds and pray together;

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Amen

Song: Ten Measures of Beauty (Pray for the Peace)

Ten measures of beauty God gave to the world
Nine to Jerusalem, one to the rest
Ten measures of sorrow God gave to the world
Nine to Jerusalem, one to the rest

*So pray for the peace, pray for the peace
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
Pray for the peace, pray for the peace
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

You can greet your friends with the word 'Shalom'
Or you can greet them with 'Salaam'
But peace itself will never come
Till there's justice for everyone
And there can be no peace for the Jew
Till there's peace for the Palestinian too
And there can be no peace for the Jew
Till there's peace for the Palestinian too.

[Chorus]

May the justice of God fall down like fire
And bring a home for the Palestinian
May the mercy of God pour down like rain
And protect the Jewish people
And may the beautiful eyes of a holy God
Who weeps for all His children
Bring the healing hope for his wounded ones
For the Jew and the Palestinian

[Chorus]

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[Chorus]

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Reading: Hebrews 10:19–25 (in English)

A Call to Persevere

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (in Arabic)

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Homily – The Most Revd Dr Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East

Song

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The Nicene Creed

In a language of your choice

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession - The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

All: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life,

and might have it more abundantly.

All: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

All: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

All: We praise and bless you, Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or suffering
that they may be made well.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed
a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance
and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,
and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

All: Hear us, Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

All: You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, Lord, is the well of life

All: and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life:

All: **heal us, and make us whole.**

The Lord's Prayer

In a language of your choice

Closing Music

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The Peace & Dismissal

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Thank you.

