**The Peace**

Introductory words to the Peace

H1

God will speak peace to his people,   
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

H2

God has called us to live in peace.

cf 1 Corinthians 7.17

H3

The Apostle Paul said:  
‘Aim for perfection,   
be of one mind, live in peace.  
Greet one another with a holy kiss.’

cf 2 Corinthians 13.11

H4

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,   
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

cf Colossians 3.15

H5

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

cf Matthew 5.19

H6

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

H7

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’  
says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

H8

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

H9

Jesus says to his disciples,   
‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.’

cf John 14.27

H10

Peace to you from God who is our Father.   
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

H11

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness   
 and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
cf Luke 1.78,79  
(In Easter, add Alleluia.)

H12

May the God of peace make you completely holy,    
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23

H13

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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Glory to God in the highest,   
and peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.

cf  Luke 2.14

H15

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

cf Isaiah 9.6

H16

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,   
peace to those who are far off  
and peace to those who are near.

H17

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace   
there shall be no end.   cf Isaiah 9.6,7

H18

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.                                cf Romans 5.1,2

H19

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
 through the shedding of Christ’s blood,  
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13

H20

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

cf John 14.27

H21

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

cf Ephesians 2.15,16

H22

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples   
 and said, ‘Peace be with you.’  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

cf John 20.19

H23

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.’ Alleluia.

H24

The risen Lord now reigns at God’s right hand.   
He is the Prince of Peace.   
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

H25

We are baptized into Christ:   
let us live in the Spirit of Christ.

H26

The mind of sinful nature is death;   
The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

*cf Romans 8.6*

H27

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf Ephesians 1.13,14*

H28

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.   
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.     cf Galatians 5.22,23

H29

We are the body of Christ.   
*By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.*  
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
*We are bound by the love of Christ.*

*cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Ephesians 4.3*

H30

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19*

H31

We are all one in Christ Jesus.   
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

*cf Galatians 3.28*

H32

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ   
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

*cf  2 Corinthians 5.18*

H33

Jesus said:   
‘Love one another.   
As I have loved you,   
so you are to love one another.’

*cf John 15.12*

H34

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.   
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

*cf Romans 12.9,17,18*

H35

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*cf Colossians 3.14*

H36

God calls us to peace:   
*in God’s justice is our peace.*  
Christ calls us to be God’s people:  
*in Christ is our peace.*

*cf Ephesians 2.14,15*

H37

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.   
*He breaks down the walls that divide us:  
praise Christ who is our peace!*

H38

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of   
 *righteousness.*

*cf James 3.18*

H39

The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating   
 *and drinking,*  
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

*cf Romans 14.17*

H40

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
 *to those who were far off and those who were near.* cf Ephesians 2.17,19

H41

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

*cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23;3.13*

H42

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,  
that you may be kept safe and blameless  
in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23*