

**Fragments of Just Peace**  
**A prayer service using Twitter to reflect on Just Peace**  
**Inspired by the World Council of Churches'**  
**International Ecumenical Peace Convocation**

*This service was put together by the Ecumenical Centre worship committee and can be adapted for local use. In particular you may like to use the specially prepared Twitter sheets which were used in Geneva, or you could set up a computer, beamer and screen and encourage people to tweet directly in the service from their mobile phones either on their own twitter accounts or on your parish twitter account. We suggest you use hash tags # so that we can all be part of the conversation #WCC #IEPC #justpeace #Sunday4peace. If you use paper tweets then someone will need to type them in after the service.*

***Introduction and greetings***

(During this service you are asked to write "tweets", short sms style messages which will be posted later today at <http://twitter.com/oikoumene>. Share your prayers for peace through Twitter, how is your church marking the World #Sunday4Peace, following the #IEPC and building #justpeace?)

May the Lord give strength to his people!

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!** (Psalm 29:11)

***Sing La Paz del Señor – Thuma Mina 187, 1-3 en español***

***Confession of brokenness***

Where families are fractured by domestic upheavals,  
and children forced onto the streets to fight for survival,  
where more resources are spent on arms and destruction  
and less attention paid to sickness and starvation:

**Come, Holy Spirit heal our wounds renew the whole creation!**

Where the acquisition of things has become an obsession  
and the worth of human beings is measured by their possessions,  
where our air, trees and seas are besieged by pollution  
and purblind mercenary greed threatens our environment:

**Come, Holy Spirit heal our wounds renew the whole creation!**

Where countries are split apart by communalism and racism  
and innocent blood is spilt by wanton acts of terrorism,  
where internecine warfare sets nation against nation  
and a nuclear holocaust looms ominous on our horizon:

**Come, Holy Spirit heal our wounds Renew the whole creation!**

***Each in our own language we write a "tweet" of confession***

***Sing Nkosi Nkosi yibanceba Thuma Mina 37***

***Assurance of forgiveness***

For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54.10)

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***Sing Gloria Gloria in excelcis Deo! Thuma Mina 57***

***Reading from Isaiah 52:7-10***

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

***Sing Gloria Gloria in excelcis Deo! Thuma Mina 57***

***Each in our own language we write a "tweet" expressing our hope for #justpeace in church, society, with the earth and in community ...***

***Reading from Matthew 6:25-33***

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

***Sing La paz del Señor Thuma Mina 187 verse 1 in German***

***Each in our own language we write "tweets" reflecting on the Bible texts and our work for #justpeace***

***Prayers of intercession***

Lord, we pray for  
Peace for those who weep in silence  
Peace for those who cannot speak  
Peace when all hope seems to disappear.  
***Sing Yaraba ssalami Thuma Mina 160***

In the midst of rage, of violence and disappointment,  
In the midst of wars and destruction of the earth,  
Lord, show us your light in the darkness.

***Sing Yaraba ssalami Thuma Mina 160***

Lord, we pray for  
Peace for those who raise their voices to demand it,  
Peace when there are many who do not wish to hear of it,  
Peace as we find the way to justice.

*(Prayers prepared for the World Sunday for Peace)*

***Each in our own language we write intercessory prayer tweets***

***Lord's Prayer said by each in our different languages***

May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!** (Psalm 29:11)

***Blessing and dismissal***

Let us go with Jesus, the light who guides us on our way.  
May our hope be that the Sun of Justice will rise one morning on all  
humankind.  
May the God of Peace, our constant companion,  
lead us along paths of solidarity and hope,  
and give us the joy of being united in God's love.  
Amen

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
(Ephesians 6:15)

***Sing: We are walking in the peace of Christ, we are walking in the peace of Christ.***  
***(tune Thuma Mina 107)***