



For the Healing of the Nations

**A Virtual Service of Worship and Witness
Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab
8:00 AM April 10
Good Friday — 2020**

Introductory remarks & directions	Rev. Max Lynn
Morning Song	Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean
Welcome	Janet Cordes Gibson
Honoring the Land and the Ancestors	Isabella Zizi & Benjamin Mertz *
Invocation	Zahra Billoo
A Word from Our Friends Witnessing at the Lab in Livermore	Carl Anderson
Update	Marylia Kelley, Carl Anderson
Sacred Movement <i>The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor</i> *	John Foley, sj
sung by Benjamin Mertz movement led by Carla De Sola with Kathleen Robbiano & response of the people	

Responsive Reading led by **Haley Brown & Stephen McDermott Myers**

Leader 1: There are among us those who sell the just for money and the poor for a pair of sandals, as the prophets said. There are those who pile up spoils and plunder in their palaces, who crush the poor, who bring on a reign of violence while reclining on beds of ivory, who join house to house and field to field so as to take up all there is and remain alone in the land.

Leader 2: I call for a radical re-orientation away from our habitual preoccupation with self towards concern for the wider community of beings with whom we are connected, and for conduct which recognizes others' interests alongside our own. His Holiness the Dalai Lama

People: Let us not tire of preaching love: it is the force that will overcome the world.

Leader 1: I will not tire of declaring that if we really want an effective end to violence we must remove the violence that lies at the root of all violence: structural violence, social injustice, exclusion of citizens from the management of the country, repression. All this is what constitutes the primal cause, from which the rest flows naturally.

Leader 2: An expert in the law tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:35-40

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Leader 1: A civilization of love that did not demand justice of people would not be a true civilization: it would not delineate genuine human relations. It is a caricature of love to try to cover over with alms what is lacking in justice, to patch over with an appearance of benevolence when social justice is missing. True love begins by demanding what is just in the relations of those who love.

Leader 2: That which is hateful to you do not do to another . . . the rest (of the Torah) is all commentary. Now go study. Rabbi Hillel

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Leader 1: What marks the genuine church, is the word that, burning like the word of the prophets, proclaims and accuses: proclaims to the people God's wonders to be believed and venerated, and accuses of sin those who oppose God's reign, so that they may tear that sin out of their hearts, out of their societies, out of their laws -- out of the structures that oppress, that imprison, that violate the rights of God and of humanity.

Leader 1 & People's response readings are from the sermons of Archbishop Oscar Romero, courtesy of Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Worker Community of Oklahoma City, <http://www.justpeace.org/romero.htm>

* Recorded on Good Friday, 2019

Leader 2: Good and evil are not alike. Repel *evil* with that which is best. And lo, he between whom and thyself was enmity will become as though he were a warm friend. But none is granted it save those who are steadfast; and none is granted it save those who possess a large share of good.

Al Quran 41:35-36

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Leader 1: Let us not tire of preaching love: it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can.

Leader 2: Grandfather, Sacred one, Teach us love, compassion, and honor,
That we may heal the earth and heal each other.

Ojibway Prayer

People: Brothers, you came from our own people. You are killing your own brothers. Any human order to kill must be subordinate to the law of God, which says, "Thou shalt not kill." No soldier is obliged to obey an order contrary to the law of God. No one has to obey an immoral law. It is high time you obeyed your consciences rather than sinful orders. In the name of God therefore, in the name of this suffering people whose cries reach every day more and more urgently to heaven, I implore you, I beg you. I order you stop the slaughter! *¡Paren la matanza!*

Song: Turn Back, oh Man

led by **Daniel Zwickel**

1 Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways./ Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,/ Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim,
"Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways."

2 Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise./ Age after age their tragic empires rise,
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep:/ Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

3 Earth shall be fair, and all her people one:/ Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,/ Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry:
"Earth shall be fair and all her folk be one!"

Words of Inspiration

read by **Rev. Max Lynn & Father Ivan Tou**

They will build houses and live in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They won't build for others to live in,
nor plant for others to eat.

Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;
and the works of their hands shall long serve them

They will not labor in vain,
nor bear children to a world of horrors

Isaiah 65:21-23

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Luke 23:26-49

Homily: For the Healing of the Nations

Dr. Ken Butigan

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Janet Cordes Gibson

Offertory: **Tony Scarr**, clarinet

Daniel Zwickel Reflections on the Passover -- the freeing us all from slavery.

Closing Music: *Namaste, chaverim*

A round led by **Daniel Zwickel**

Namaste, chaverim. Asalaam alaycum.

Namu myoho renge kyo, La paz sea (SAY-AH) contigo (3 times)

(Last time) Peace be with you always, Always.

Benediction & Call to Action

Rev. Max Lynn

We invite you to pray in your home, extending your arms forward as a blessing, sending healing energy of love out to the lab, guards, and all the suffering world.

March to the gate, circling for peace (led by Heather MacLeod) & acts of witness in 2019 *

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Dr. Ken Butigan, an initiator of the Good Friday witness, Pace e Bene,
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Tony Scarr, Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC

Carolyn Scarr (coordinator), Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC

Joining us by recording

Carla De Sola, liturgical dancer, choreographer and teacher of sacred dance, for many years at the Pacific School of Religion and the Center for the Arts & Religion, GTU, Berkeley

Kathleen Robbiano has a love for all Creation, and expresses it in this life as dancer, midwife, naturalist and hospice nurse. Peace to all on this sacred life journey.

Heather MacLeod, Dances of Universal Peace

Benjamin Mertz is a performer, educator, and composer who specializes in Black Spirituals, Civil Rights, Jazz, and other African-American music traditions.

Isabella Zizi, Northern Cheyenne, Arikara and Muskogee Creek and a member of Idle No More SF Bay who dedicates her life to protect the sacred system of life

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