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Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning, from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. where Mass is about to begin. We welcome you to join in spirit with the congregation here in this small chapel on the first Sunday of the year, as we make our prayer and act of worship together. In particular, those of you who may be ill or convalescent may like to take part in your own way in our celebration here as you cannot go to Mass or church yourself this morning. Today, still in the Christmas season, is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, the name given ~~to the~~ ^{after} eight days to the child born at Bethlehem, but first given him in the angel's message to Mary, before He was conceived. However, the Mass this morning is a special Mass for Peace in the World, which is being offered in all Hong Kong's Catholic churches today in keeping with Pope Paul's appeal for a special day of prayer for world peace at the beginning of each year. There'll be three readings from scripture, in accordance with the recently introduced new pattern; from the Book of Maccabees, the first Letter of St John and the Gospel of St John. There'll also be a special act of commitment to peace, which we will recite just after the Prayer of the Faithful at the end of the first part of the Mass. We begin now with the Entry Song, which is ~~the~~ ^{a verse of scripture}, followed by ^a hymn for the season, 'O Come Divine Messiah'. During this the priest comes to the sanctuary, to recite the penitential prayers before the altar.

Confit.

Kyrie, Gloria

ORATIO

After the prayer for today's assembly, the congregation all sit to listen to a reading from Maccabees, which is an unwitting reminder of a present-day grave threat to peace.

The second reading is from the New Testament, from the first letter of St John.

Gospel

The third reading, the Gospel, is also from St John; one of Christ's meetings with his apostles after the Resurrection. It's read by the celebrant of this Mass, Fr Peter Morris, who will then give the homily.

Creed:

After the scripture and homily, the congregation stand now to recite the Creed together; and this is followed by the Prayer of the Faithful, which today includes a dedication to the promoting of peace.

Offertory:

The Offertory verse, from Ps 134, which was followed by the Christmas song, Silent Night, introduces the second part of the Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist. During this Offertory rite, the bread and wine needed for the memorial celebration of Christ's last Supper and his sacrifice of Himself for us on Calvary, are prepared by the priest. The chalice and paten, with the bread sufficient for the numbers who will wish to receive Holy Communion, are first brought to the altar and the priest says a silent prayer of offering over it. Then he prepares the chalice, pouring in some wine and a drop of water, with this prayer which is an adaptation of an old prayer once used in the Christmas Mass **Deus qui...**

Before the formal Prayer over the Gifts, which concludes the Offertory rite, an invitation to all of us to join in offering this Eucharist together.

Preface: The Eucharistic Prayer begins now, with a short dialogue, and then the special Preface for Christmastime with the sung 'Sanctus'

Consecr.: The priest raises the consecrated Host in full view of the congregation.

PerIpsum: That prayer of praise and glory to God our Father concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, or Canon, of the Mass. We begin to prepare for Holy Communion now by reciting together the family prayer of Christians, the Our Father.

Ecce...: Having held up the Sacred Host for all the people to see during that prayer asking our Lord to make us worthy to receive Him in this sacrament, the priest receives Holy Communion himself, taking first the Body of Christ and then, after a short pause, drinking from the chalice of His Blood. Meanwhile the people in the congregation who wish to receive Christ in Holy Communion have gone up to the altar-rail or are waiting in line in the chapel. After his own communion, the priest begins to give the Sacrament. While he does so and before the congregatn are ready to recite the Communion hymn together, there are these few minutes in which you who are listening may wish to make your own spiritual communion with Christ. Or you may like to reflect with me on the peace of Christ which this Sacrament signifies and brings about in us. You may have noticed, ^{especiall,} _h once the preparation for Communion in Mass begins, there are quite a few references to peace -- and this in every Mass, not just in today's special votive celebration. 'Lamb of God who takes

away the sins of the world, give us peace' -- we say it together always; but then, in his private prayers which the priest says silently immediately following this, ~~the~~ idea is continued: **Q Domine qui ...** The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, with Christ and among all of us who share His life through faith and baptism. And union with Him, and through Him with our Father in heaven, is the peace ~~of~~ Christ, the peace He came to give the world, its reconciliation with God, the fullness and completeness and harmony of being one with the life and love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Peace' in early Christian inscriptions (and the word was used very early) meant what we now mean by 'communion', in the sense of being 'in communion' with, for example, the bishop of Rome. When the familiar phrase 'May he rest in peace' ~~first~~ came into use, it referred not to an absence of trouble, worry, turmoil or anything like that, but to union with Christ and communion with the whole church, on earth and in heaven. This peace, then, is the fullness of love of Christ and union with Him. The sacrament of the Eucharist is a sign of this because it is given and received in a community which has come together, to pray and worship together; it is a common sharing of the one table, of the one Body of Christ who gives Himself equally to all of us to unite us among ourselves and with Him. It's a sign also of the fullness and completion of eternal life with Christ in the family of God's Trinity. But it's not only a sign, but also the present, anticipated reality we can see and experience with the eyes of faith. We pray for the achievement

of this full peace and unity of all mankind with God. But there are many obstacles in the way to its achievement, and each of us has some responsibility for these, and for working to remove them. Holy Communion should make us much more conscious of our relations with God and with other people whom God also loves. It should make us love our brothers the way Christ wants us to; it should make us aware of their needs and our obligations in charity and justice -- and being aware of how we should act towards others, is a first step towards really being just, honest and honourable in all our dealings with our fellow men. If there was universal justice and charity, of the kind that the Eucharist should develop in each of us, then there would be no problem of world peace. But there is war and strife between people and nations, and it's people with whom we're bound by ties of common humanity and Christ's love for them, that are suffering. United with Christ, they must be our concern, that their ordinary human rights be respected, that all men may live humanly and thus be able to come to the knowledge and love of God who made us all and sent His Son to be born among us, to bring us all into his peace. You and I may not be able, as individuals, to stop wars and hatred and prejudice; but, beginning with ourselves, and strengthened with Christ's love given us in this sacrament, we are able to build up a community of justice and love and peace, provided each of us is working to eliminate from our own hearts and minds everything that is contrary to Christ's heart and mind in order that we live entirely according to His will; for in His will is our peace.

Now, the Communion verse and hymn. This is followed by the Prayer after Communion, recited by the celebrant of the Mass and then the blessing and dismissal.

After the blessing and dismissal, the priest and his assistants leave the altar and the congregation begins to disperse. And this brings to an end our broadcast of this morning's special Mass for Peace, which came to you from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.

ALL SING :

SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light

1. 'Round you Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,
2. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
3. Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,

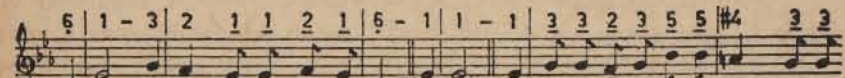
1. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Christ, the Saviour, is born, Christ, the Saviour, is born!
3. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

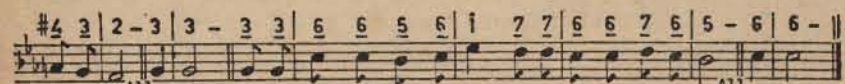
O God, who sufferest not the nations who believe in Thee to be overwhelmed by any peril; vouchsafe to receive the prayers and offerings of Thy servants, that in Thy mercy Thou wouldst grant peace to Christendom and make them secure against all their enemies. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is God, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. ALL : Amen.

AFTER CONSECRATION

ALL SING :



Your death, O Lord, we com-memo-rate, A-MEN. Your glory as our Risen Lord, now we



ce-le-brate, A-MEN. Your re-turn, as Lord in glo- ry, to- geth- er we a- wait. A-MEN.

COMMUNION SONG

READER : Peace I leave with you: My peace I give unto you, saith the Lord.

ALL SING :

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and be-hold him, born the King of angels,

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
O come, let us adore him . . .

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, the author and lover of peace, to know whom is to live, to serve whom is to reign; shield Thy suppliants from all assaults, so that we who trust in Thy protection may fear no foe. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is God, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. ALL : Amen.

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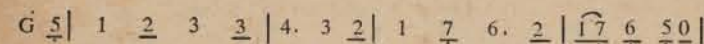
MASS FOR PEACE

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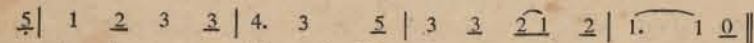
ENTRY SONG

READER : Give peace, O Lord, to them that patiently wait for Thee, that Thy prophets may be found faithful: hear the prayers of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father . . .

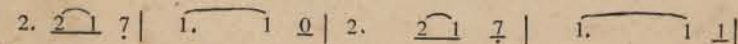
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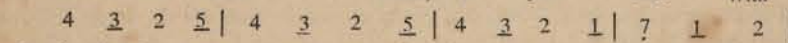
O come, di- vine Mes- si- ah! O Word of God, and Ma- ry's Son



we long to see your tri- umph When sin and death are done



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| 1. Dear Sa- viour, haste! | Come, come to earth. | Dis- |
| 2. Lord Je- sus, come! | Come, to our earth, | and |
| 3. Lord Je- sus, come! | Come, to your own. | With |



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| 1. ple the night and show your face | And bid us hail the dawn of grace. |
| 2. there be- gin to ban- ish sin | And bring us all to heav'n-ly birth. |
| 3. ea -ger eyes we watch the skies | Till on the clouds you take your throne! |

PRAYER OF THE ASSEMBLY

P. Let us pray

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels and all just works do proceed; give to Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be disposed to obey Thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, our times, by Thy protection, may be peaceful. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is God, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

ALL : Amen.

St. First Reading (Old Covenant): Reading from the book of Maccabees

(1, 1-5)

Greetings to their brothers, the Jews in Egypt, from their brothers, the Jews in Jerusalem and in the country of Judaea, and prosperity and peace. May God prosper you, remembering his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, his faithful servants. May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will with a generous mind and a willing spirit. May he open your hearts to his Law and his precepts, and give you peace. May he hear your prayers and be reconciled with you, and not abandon you in time of evil.
ALL : Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY PSALM (Psalm 121)

READER : "How I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of Yahweh!'"

ALL : (repeat the refrain.) NB

READER : And now our feet are standing in your gateways, Jerusalem. Jerusalem restored! The city, one united whole!

ALL : (repeat the refrain.)

READER : Pray for peace in Jerusalem, 'Prosperity to your houses!' Peace inside your city walls! Prosperity to your palaces!

ALL : (repeat the refrain.)

Second Reading (New Covenant): Letter of St. John. (4, 7-11)

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.
ALL : Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (All stand)

READER SINGS :



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ALL : (repeat)

READER : Peace I leave with you: My peace I give unto you.

ALL : (sing Alleluia)

Third Reading: The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John

(20, 19-23)

ALL : Glory be to thee, Lord.

At that time, in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you'; and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'
ALL : Praise be to thee, O Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST : In unity of mind and heart with Christians all over the world, and together with all men of good will, let us join our prayer to that of Christ, the Prince of Peace, who is here present in our midst, asking God the Father of all to grant peace to mankind.

LEADER : Our Father who are in heaven, you loved the world so much that you gave it your only Son Jesus Christ, so that the world be saved, hear our prayer:

ALL : Grant us peace.

LEADER : Your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is the Prince of Peace. His kingdom is one of love, justice and truth. In his name and together with Him we ask you:

ALL : Grant us peace.

LEADER : May your kingdom come. Stir in us all, particularly in the hearts of civil and religious leaders, a desire to work for the coming of your Kingdom. Happy are the peacemakers: they are called sons of God:

ALL : Grant us peace.

FORMULA OF COMMITMENT FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE

PRIEST : Let us now in front of God, as members both of the Christian and human family, make our commitment to the solution of the problems of today's humanity.

ALL : I recognize God as the source of all life. Every man, my fellow-man, has the right to live freely and to ensure his means of livelihood in a dignified manner.

I deplore the fact that the lives of millions of men are threatened by war, by genocide, by the inhuman treatment generated by murderous rivalries, and I feel that I have a share of responsibility in the burden of the socio-economic injustices that oppress my fellowmen.

I commit myself to do everything, even at the cost of my life, in order to help and protect my brothers, and particularly those of them who are exposed to danger, and to insecurity of life: the poor, the needy, the forsaken, the hungry, the exiled, the sick. I wish to contribute to restore confidence in life to all those who suffer spiritually and bodily the evils that war engenders.

I confess to having sometimes given way to feelings of pride or of jealousy in respect of my close or distant fellowman.

I commit myself to fight vigorously all forms of intolerance that break the fraternal links between men and are contrary to the building of a united and universal community, in line with the very desire for unity that God has instilled into our hearts.

I commit myself to a greater respect for the personal and social rights of my fellowmen, to facilitate dialogue between them by removing from my life and from theirs all attitudes of violence, of oppression, of alienation, of partiality which prevent the peaceful search for truth.

PRIEST : O God, make your home among us. We are your people, you are our God. Your name is God-with-us. Grant us the fulness of that peace which Christ has offered us, so that, enjoying it now, we may learn to desire more fervently that Kingdom where there are no tears, no deaths, no mourning or sadness. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL : Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

READER : Praise ye the Lord, for He is good: sing ye to His name, for He is sweet: whatsoever He pleased, He hath done in heaven and on earth.