

Litany of Peace

Dan Schutte

INTRO (♩ = ca. 66)

Em Bm7 Am7 D Em Bm7 C Dsus4 D Em

Keyboard

VERSES 1-4

Cantor All

1. God of all cre - a
2. God of past and pres - ent,
3. God be - yond our know
4. God of great com - pas

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor All

1. God of ev - 'ry na
2. God of fu - ture a
3. God who walks a - mong
4. God of ten - der mer - cy,

Bm7 C Dsus4 D Em

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VERSES 5-9

Cantor

All

5. To the heav - y bur - dened,
 6. To the poor in spir - it,
 7. On the fields of bat - tle, let us be your peace.
 8. As we work for jus - tice
 9. As we wait in long ing

Soprano

Alto

Oo _____ let us be your peace. _____

Baritone

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor

1-4 All to Verses 6-9 5 All to Verses 10-13

5. To the bro - ken-heart - ed,
 6. To the ones im - pris - oned,
 7. In the days of dark - ness, let us be your peace. let us be your peace.
 8. With our hands and voic - es,
 9. With our words of com - fort,

Soprano

Alto

Oo _____ let us be your peace. let us be your peace. For -

Baritone

Bm7 C Dsus4 D Em to Verses 6-9 5 C Dsus4 D Em to Verses 10-13

VERSES 10-14

Cantor All

10. When night sur - rounds us,
11. When hate di - vides us,
12. To all who suf - fer, let us be your peace.
13. With hope and heal - ing,
14. In death and dark - ness,

ev - er, for - ev - er peace. For -

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor All to Verses 11-14 Final All

10. When fear en - folds us,
11. When pride con - sumes us,
12. To those who sor - row, let us be your peace. let us be your peace.
13. With light and lov - ing,
14. In joy and glad - ness,

ev - er, for - ev - er peace. For - ev - er peace.

1-4 to Verses 11-14 Final

Bm7 Dsus4 Em C Dsus4 D Em

VERSE 15

Cantor All

15. Here and at all times, let us be your peace.

15. let us be your peace.

Em Bm7 Am7 Dsus4 D Em

Cantor All rit.

15. Now and for - ev - er, let us be your peace.

15. let us be your peace.

rit.

Bm7 Esus4 Em

Litany of Peace

Originally composed as a processional for an interfaith prayer service, this litany is a prayer for peace. Rather than expecting God to bring that about, we are asking that we may be God's peace to the world. By bringing peace into our own souls, we become God's peacemakers. We allow God to do the peace work in us first, so that we can bring peace to others.

As with any litany, the challenge is to keep the piece moving by adding and changing the choral and instrumental elements. The supporting choral parts change and build every four verses or so. If you listen to the recording, you will hear new instrumental colors introduced every two verses: hand drum, triangle, cymbal and handbells. You will also notice that using male and female cantors adds an element of variety.

Although there is a very slight rubato at the end of each two-measure unit, the tempo of the litany is steady and unchanging. This is part of what gives the repetitive, mantra-like effect to this kind of prayer.

Litanies are wonderful pieces for processions. They don't require people to carry music, and they establish a tempo for moving and walking. They can be sung *a cappella* or be accompanied by guitar and portable percussion instruments. This piece would fit well for a reconciliation service, prayer service for peace or as a retreat prayer.

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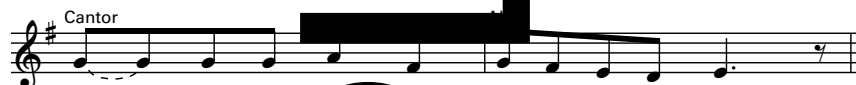
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14. ♪ In death and dark - ness,
15. Here _____ and at all times,



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