

# Choral Series

for all victims of terrorism and violence

## O Lord, Send Your Justice

Assembly, Cantor, SAB Choir, Descant, Organ, and Guitar

Ephrem Feeley

INTRO *With great feeling* (♩ = ca. 82)

Em B/D# D°7 A/C# C°7 G/B F#/A# F/A Em/G C#°7 B7

Organ *mp*

REFRAIN: All

Descant *mf*

Soprano *mf*  
Alto  
Baritone *mf*

Send forth your jus - tice and your love, —  
O Lord, will you send your jus-tice and your peace, re - new-ing all the earth, re -

Em Bm/D Cmaj7 D Bm7 C

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O Lord. Your world is bro - ken, needs your stor - ing what is good? The world you cre - at - ed is bro - ken and is hurt, is

F# B Em Bm/D Cmaj7 D

heal - ing, and love, O Lord. long - ing for your love and heal - ing, Lord.

1-4 to Verses Final Fine

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G/B C D7/A Bm7 Em Bm7/E

1-4 to Verses Final Fine

Em Bm7/E to Verses Final E Fine

## VERSES 1, 2

**Cantor**  
*mp*

1. In a world that longs for peace and jus - tice,  
2. In a world where peo - ple live in ter - ror,

**Choir**

1. where greed and ha - tred have be - come our cur - ren - cy, we  
2. where lives are shad - owed by des - pair and hope - less - ness, we

1, 2. ask for your love, we long for your peace, we yearn for your heal - ing, O Lord. O

*D.S.*

*D.S.*

\*If keyboard part is performed on piano, play these notes an octave lower.

VERSE 3: *with more energy*

3. Lord, we have seen the kings of the earth rise up a-*gainst* your a-

Am7 D/F# Gmaj7 C/E F# F#/A#

*mf with more energy*

3. *noint-ed* ones. Lord, we have seen the na-tions rise up, wag-ing

B Am7 D/F# Gmaj7 C/E

3. war on the guilt-less, your most pre-cious cre - a - tion. O

Am7 Em/G A7 Em/B F# B7

*mp sensitively* *mp* *sensitively* *D.S.*

VERSE 4: *with confidence*

4. Lord, our God, your plans for us are great: peace, not dis - as - ter,

4. peace, not dis - as - ter,

4. Lord, our God, your plans for us are great: peace, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf*

*mf*

C D/C Bm Em Am7 Em7/B

*mf marcato*

4. glad - ness, not grief.

4. glad - ness. Lord, our God, we trust in your good-ness,

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

A/C# B/D# C/E D/C Bm Em

*cresc.*

4. come breathe your spir - it on the earth!

O

*D.S. al fine*

F B

*D.S. al fine*

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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(Organ)

**REFRAIN**

Em Bm/D Cmaj7 D Bm7 C

O Lord, will you send your jus - tice and your peace, re - new - ing all the earth, re -

F# B Em Bm/D Cmaj7 D

stor - ing what is good? The world you cre - at - ed is bro - ken and is hurt, is

G/B C D7/A Bm7 Em Bm7/E

long - ing for your love and heal - ing, Lord.

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1-4       | Final       |
| Em Bm7/E  | E           |
| to Verses | <i>Fine</i> |

**VERSES 1, 2**

1. In a world that longs for peace and jus - tice, \_\_\_  
2. In a world where peo - ple live in ter - ror, \_\_\_

1. where greed and ha - tred have be - come our cur - ren - cy, \_\_\_ we  
2. where lives are shad - owed by des - pair and hope - less - ness, \_\_\_ we

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**VERSE 3: with more energy**

Am7 D/F# Gmaj7 C/E F# F#/A#

*mf*

3. Lord, we have seen the kings of the earth rise up a - gainst your a -

B Am7 D/F# Gmaj7 C/E

3. noint - ed ones. Lord, we have seen the na - tions rise up, wag - ing

Am7 Em/G A7 Em/B *sensitively* F# B7 *D.S.*

*mp*

3. war on the guilt-less, your most pre - cious cre - a - tion. O

**VERSE 4: with confidence**

C *mf* D/C Bm Em Am7 Em7/B A/C# B/D#

4. Lord, our God, your plans for us are great: peace, not dis - as - ter, glad-ness, not grief.

C/E *cresc.* D/C Bm Em F B *D.S. al fine*

4. Lord, our God, we trust in your good-ness, come breathe your spir - it on the earth! O

## Composer Notes

The inspiration for this piece came from a photograph accompanying a newspaper article in November 2003. It was of a young girl whose friend had been killed in a terrorist bombing in Istanbul. The pain and distress captured on the girl's face would lead anyone to question "why?" or "where is God in this?"

Despite numerous and continued terrorist attacks throughout the world, God still remains present, slowly and carefully bringing all creation into his fullness. The eschatological dimension of the season of Advent looks forward to an age when God's justice and peace will triumph: when the just are rewarded, and the guilty are held accountable for their actions.

This setting is a reflection of what we experience in the world—where the innocent suffer at the hands of those whose goal is terror and oppression—and what our hope is for the end of time, where we are brought into the fullness of God's love and peace.

This piece is suitable for many occasions: Advent, the sacrament of reconciliation, Pentecost, and other occasions throughout the year when the focus is on hope and reconciliation.

—Ephrem Feeley

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# Assembly Edition

**O LORD, SEND YOUR JUSTICE (cont.)**

1, 2. long for your peace, we yearn for your heal-ing, O Lord. to Refrain

**Verse 3**

3. Lord, we have seen the kings of the earth rise up a-gainst your a-

3. noint-ed ones. Lord, we have seen the na-tions rise up, wag-ing to Refrain

3. war on the guilt-less, your most pre-cious cre-a-tion. to Refrain

**Verse 4**

4. Lord, our God, your plans for us are great: peace, not dis-as-ter, to Refrain

4. glad-ness, not grief. Lord, our God, we trust in your good-ness, to Refrain

4. come breathe your spir-it on the earth!

**O LORD, SEND YOUR JUSTICE**

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**Refrain**

O Lord, will you send your jus-tice and your peace, re-  
new-ing all the earth, re-stor-ing what is good? The  
world you cre-at-ed is bro-ken and is hurt, is to Verses  
(Fine)

long-ing for your love and heal-ing, Lord.

**Verses 1, 2**

1. In a world that longs for peace and jus-tice,  
2. In a world where peo-ple live in ter-ror,

1. where greed and ha-tred have be-come our  
2. where lives are shad-owed by des-pair and

1. cur-ren-cy, we ask for your love,  
2. hope-less-ness, we ask for your love, we

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