

Peace Be Unto This Congregation is a benediction anthem for the general church year that may be especially appropriate for Trinity Sunday. Congregational singing is encouraged through the inclusion of a reproducible songsheet on page 12. Suggested corresponding scripture readings include Psalm 122, Isaiah 44: 6, Romans 1: 1-7, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-4 and Philippians 4: 4-7. One basic homiletical theme is peace, good health and prosperity to the community of God's faithful people.

In worship, measures 77-104 may be performed as a prayer response or short benediction. Any of the following scriptural passages may be spoken prior to the performance of this benediction.

Psalm 122: 6-7

"Shalom!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and security within your palaces.'

For the sake of the community of the people of God,

I say, 'Peace be with you.'

Shalom!"

2 Corinthians 13: 11, 14

"Farewell, people of God. Be of good cheer and of one mind.

Live in peace, and God's love and peace will be with you.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all. Amen."

Philippians 4: 4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all, for the Lord is at hand.

Do not worry about anything,

but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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NOTE: For performance of this edition by unison voices:

- In mm. 5-20, sing Parts I & II as indicated.
- In mm. 21-end, sing the melody.

PEACE BE UNTO THIS CONGREGATION

for unison or 2-part voices, accompanied,
with opt. congregation*

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from texts by **CHARLES WESLEY** (1707-1788)
and **JOHN NEWTON** (1725-1807)

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Moderately (♩ = ca. 108-116)

PART I

PART II

ACCOMP.

Moderately (♩ = ca. 108-116)

mf

PART I (or unison)

5 *mf*

Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion.

* Part for congregation may be found on page 12. Also available for S.A.T.B. voices, No. 20902, and S.A.B. voices, No. 20903.

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Peace to ev - 'ry soul here - in.

13

PART II (or unison)
mf

Peace, which flows from Christ's sal - va - tion.

17

Peace, re - peal - ing all our sin.

21 (Melody)

mf

May the grace of Christ, our Sav - ior,
May the grace of Christ, our Sav - ior,

This block contains the musical notation for measures 21 through 24. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "May the grace of Christ, our Sav - ior,". The piano part consists of chords and a simple bass line.

25

and the Fa - ther's love,
and the Fa - ther's love,

This block contains the musical notation for measures 25 through 28. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and the Fa - ther's love,". The piano part continues with chords and a bass line.

29

With the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor,
With the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor,

This block contains the musical notation for measures 29 through 32. It features two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "With the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor,". The piano part continues with chords and a bass line.

33

guide us from a - bove.

guide us from a - bove.

37

rit.

39 *mf a tempo*

Je - sus, with Your

mf (Melody) (opt. congregation)

Je sus, with Your

rit. *a tempo*

41

pres - ence cheer us, as we trav - el,

pres - ence cheer us, as we trav - el,

45 47

as we roam. Prince ___ of peace, be

as we roam. Prince of peace, ___ be

49

ev - er near us, in our heart and

ev - er near us, in our heart and

53

in our home. *(congregation tacet)*

in our home.

59 (Melody)

57 *mf*

Thus may we a -

Thus may we a -

61

bide to - geth - er, as we know the

bide to - geth - er, as we know the

65 67

Lord, And pos - sess in

Lord, And pos - sess in

69

sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can -

sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can -

73

molto rit.

not af - ford.

not af - ford.

molto rit. e cresc.

77 (opt. congregation)

f Broadly

Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion.

Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion.

f Broadly

81

Peace to ev - 'ry soul here - in.

Peace to ev - 'ry soul here - in.

85

Peace, which flows from Christ's sal - va - tion.

Peace, which flows from Christ's sal - va - tion.

89

This He gave, our souls to save.

This He gave, our souls to save.

93

Peace, re - deem - ing all our
 Peace, re - deem - ing all our

97

(congregation tacet)

sin. A - men, A -
 sin. A men. A -

rit. to end

101

men, A - men. *decresc.*
 men, A men. *decresc.*

PEACE BE UNTO THIS CONGREGATION

for congregation

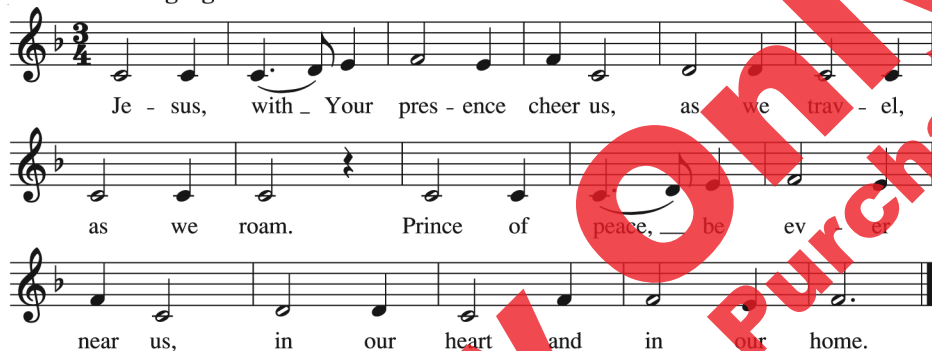
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Refrain: Peace be unto this congregation. Peace to every soul herein.
(Choir only) Peace, which flows from Christ's salvation. Peace, repealing all our sin.

Verse 1: May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's love,
(Choir only) With the Holy Spirit's favor, guide us from above.

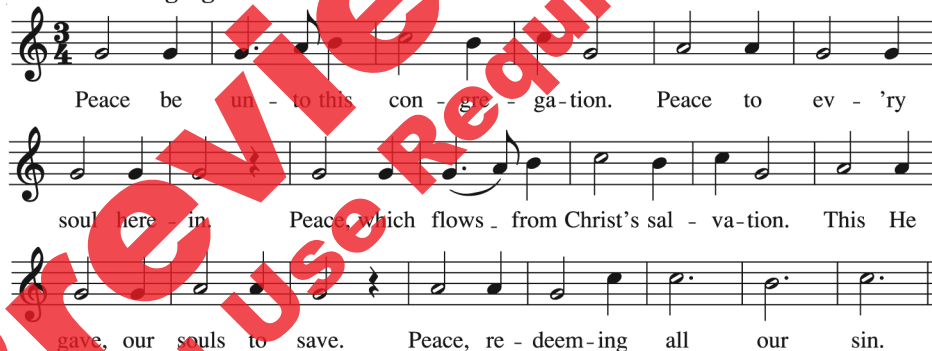
Refrain: Choir and Congregation



Je - sus, with _ Your pres - ence cheer us, as we trav - el,
as we roam. Prince of peace, — be ev - er
near us, in our heart and in our home.

Verse 2: Thus may we abide together, as we know the Lord,
(Choir only) And possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford.

Refrain: Choir and Congregation



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry
soul here in. Peace, which flows _ from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.

Postlude: Amen, Amen, Amen.
(Choir only)

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