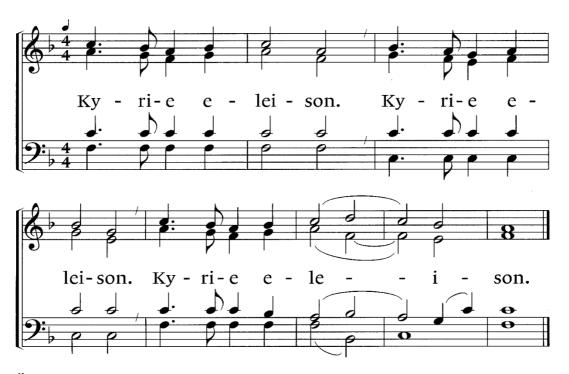


Prayer for peace, 24.2.2023: Let us pray together to God who has promised peace and who gives peace.

### Those who came looking for peace are weeping bitterly (Isaiah 33:7)

You God, you are close to us human beings. Father of compassion, we long to hear the footsteps of those who proclaim peace. Instead, we hear of destruction, hatred and escalating violence. We too are part of it. We yearn for your peace to grow in this world, but we keep failing to open our hearts' spaces to it. Together with all messengers of peace, in the midst of our helplessness and sadness, we pray: Give us your peace! Silence, Kyrie eleison



Übersetzung (nicht singbar): Herr, erbarme dich.

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# He has come to his people ... lifting up a horn of salvation. Salvation from those who are against us, and from the hands of those who have hate for us (Luke 1:68-71)

You God, who is our father and our mother, you are on the side of those who are oppressed and suffer injustice and violence. We pray for the victims of the wars of this world. Lift them up, let them know salvation, healing and mercy.

Silence, Kyrie eleison

#### And of the way of peace they have no knowledge (Romans 3:17)

Our God and Creator, Spirit and Life of the new creation: we pray for those who are trapped in the ways of violence, violence that darkens their vision and prevents them from considering ways of peace. Widen the narrowed horizons and strengthen us to courageously present new ways.

Silence, Kyrie eleison

#### ... so that our feet may be guided into the way of peace (Luke 1:79)

God, Spirit of truth, in this world of conflict, we pray to you: Come to meet us on our paths. Strengthen all peacemakers in the midst of conflict, keep the wick of hope burning, so that we may find our way out of conflict into good and renewed relationships. Guide our steps on the path of peace!

Silence, Kyrie eleison

### Make a search for peace, desiring it with all your heart (Psalm 34:14)

Living God, we stand before you within our exhaustion and weariness. Evil persists, injustice rages. Let us persevere in learning to do right. We ask you for perseverance even when the goal is slipping away.

Silence, Kyrie eleison

### For to us a child has come, to us a son is given... and he has been named Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

God, you gave us the Prince of Peace, your Son Jesus Christ. We confess his power, which has overcome war, violence and destruction and enmity itself. Enliven our imagination, strengthen our faith that power does not have to rely on wars and yet prevails, wisely, respectfully, abidingly and silently.

Silence, Kyrie eleison

# And let the peace of Christ be ruling in your hearts as it was the purpose of God for you (Colossians 3:15)

God, Spirit of reconciliation, we pray to you: Come, take up residence in us, in our deeds, in our hearts and minds. Overcome hatred and bitterness in us; live in us as a source of joy. Silence, Kyrie eleison

# I have said all these things to you. In the world you have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16:33)

Christ, morning light of the new world, in the midst of this world: you celebrate with us your resurrection. Take us with you into the kingdom of your peace that comes and becomes. Let the hope of the resurrection be our strength, let it be the source from which we draw the means to be peacemakers, messengers of joy and ambassadors of justice in the midst of the trials of this time.

Silence, Kurie eleison

You Heavenly Father, you are close to humanity, in you we trust: We thank you for hearing our laments and our petitions. Have mercy on us and on this world.

Amen.