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**I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love  
~A World Day of Prayer service from Palestinian Christian Women~**



**Co-hosted by Coral EcuMénica Cántico Nuevo & The Church of the Village**

**Fri, March 1, 2024**

## PRELUDE

*Yarabba Ssalami*

## GREETING

## SALUTATION AND RESPONSE

One: We gather in the Name of the Triune God,  
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Yarabba ssalami*  
*God of Peace Come Among Us*  
*Dios de paz y justiciar*

Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na sa - lam.  
God of peace come a-mong us, rain down your peace in the world.  
Dios de paz y jus - ti - cia, de - rra - ma siem - pre tu paz.

Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na sa - lam.  
God of peace come a-mong us, fill ev - ry heart with your peace.  
Dios de paz y jus - ti - cia, a ca - da co - ra - zón trae paz.

One: God, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**All: You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

One: You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us.**

One: Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**All: Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?**

One: Show us your steadfast love, O God,  
and grant us your salvation.

**All: Let me hear what God will speak,  
for God will speak peace to God's people,  
to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

One: Your salvation is near for those who revere you  
and your glory will dwell in our land.

**All: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

One: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All: God will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

One: Justice will march before you, O God,

**All: and peace will prepare the way for your steps.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us praise God who brings us together to worship in love and unity.

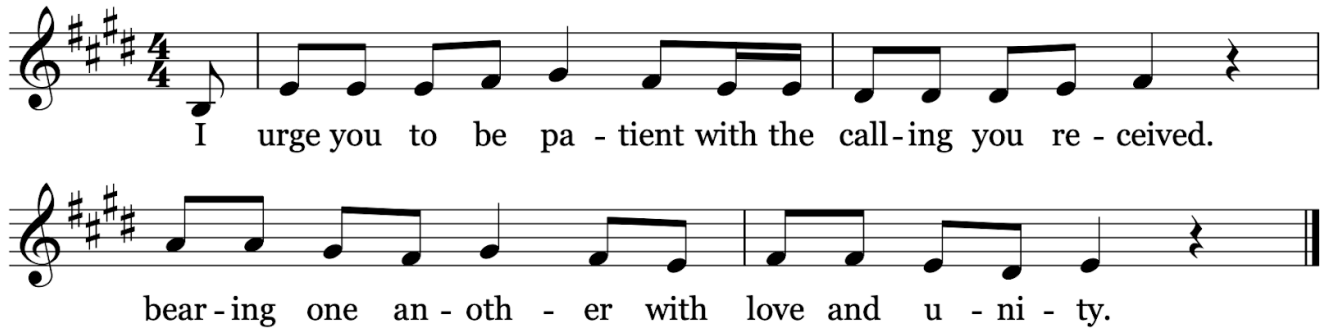
**All: Unity in the Triune God, transcending differences in views  
and theological interpretations.**

One: Let us remember these essential qualities of people of faith:  
humility, gentleness, patience and love.

**All: We confess our weakness and failure to accept others without judging them.**

One: With humility and patience, we bear the challenges in  
our families, society, community and church.

**All: With gentleness and love, we overcome everything.  
We remain strong in our faith, knowing that we belong to God.  
Amen.**



## **GOSPEL READING**

John 15:12-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.  
I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Word of Life and Salvation  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **A STORY OF RESILIENCE**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”*

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

## **A STORY OF TRUTHTELLING**

## **HYMN**

*Your Word Lights the Path*

**Along the journey, among the people,  
we sing and praise your way of love.  
Our hearts grow wider from all your kindness,  
joining with the heartbeat of your love.**

Your Word lights the path we are walking.  
We walk alongside you, Jesus.  
And as we walk closely beside you,  
grace, peace and goodness we harvest.

**Along the journey...**

Our world is full of sorrow, struggle, loss and pain,  
tempting us all into despair.  
We are surrounded by enormous, threatening waves  
that leave us anxious and afraid.  
But then your voice arrives and calms the blowing wind,  
clearing all the clouds from the sky.  
And then your face appears and we raise with the morning,  
waking to the strength and hope you bring.

**Along the journey...**

O God of life and mercy, wondrous is your love.  
We pledge our lives, our hearts to you.  
You are the healing balm that makes us whole again.  
We find our bliss and joy in you.  
Your Holy Spirit lights our souls from deep within.  
You ignite our trust that life is good.  
Your love surrounds us like a mother's reassurance.  
You are with us, for us every day.

**Along the journey...**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER –**

*Our Father in Aramaic*

Abwoon d'bwashmaya  
**Our Creator who is in heaven,**  
Nethqadash shmakh  
**hallowed be your name.**  
Teytey malkuthakh  
**Your kindom come, your will be done**  
Nehwey sebyanach.  
**as it is in heaven.**

Wash boqlan khaubayn aykana daph  
**Give to us our daily bread.**  
khnan shbwoqan l'khayyabayn.  
**Give to us what we need.**

Wela tahlan l'nesyuna  
**And forgive us our sins,**  
Ela patzan min bisha.  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Metol di la khie  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
malkutha wahayla  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
wateshbukhta l'ahlam  
**Ameyn.**  
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## **A STORY OF FLOURISHING**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Salaam al Massih  
(The Peace of Christ)

### **WORDS OF COMMITMENT**

One: Please join me in speaking aloud the commitment of your heart.

**All: May we commit to working for peace as we stand with all women, particularly those experiencing oppression, violence, or discrimination.**

**May we be faithful advocates with decision makers working on all levels of society, including religious institutions.**

**May we bear with one another in love until God's justice and peace reign throughout the whole world.**

One: Let us go now and be agents of peace and justice.

### **BLESSING**

May the God of Peace bless you and keep you.

May God's radiant face to shine upon you, and grant you peace.

**Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## WORSHIP HOSTS

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***Naseeru binur elkalima/***

***Your Word Lights the Path***

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***Abwoon d'bwashmaya/***

***The Lord's Prayer***

W: Matthew 6:9-13

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M: Trad. Syriac melody

***Yarabba ssalami***

W & M: Author unknown, Palestine

***“Wa atlubu (I Urge You)”***

W: Ephesians 4:1-2.

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### **ABOUT CORAL ECUMENICA CANTICO NUEVO**

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