



Seeing Through
the Prism of Justice
ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE



Liturgy and Prayer Services

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Crystal Ballroom

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OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

*Friday, August 5, 2022
7:00 pm*

Prelude Sakura Japanese Traditional

Land Acknowledgment

Reader 1: As participants of this conference, we hereby acknowledge that Arlington, Virginia – the place where the 50th Anniversary Pax Christi Conference is being held – is located on the traditional ancestral lands of the Nacotchtank (or Anacostans), and neighbors the ancestral lands of the Piscataway and Pamunkey peoples, who have served as stewards of the region for generations. Arlington, Virginia is surrounded by just over a dozen tribal nations that thrive along the Anacostia and Potomac River watersheds, Chesapeake Bay area, and the states of Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware.

Reader 2: We humbly acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We are grateful for their past and continued stewardship of this land. We are committed to supporting the Indigenous members of our

community and we celebrate the resilience, strength, and enduring presence of Indigenous people demonstrated around the world.

Opening Song O Great Spirit



O Great Spir - it, earth, sun, sky and sea,
you are_ in - side___ and all a - round___ me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Traditional Native American Chant

Call to Prayer

Leader: We come together in this place to worship God whose way is good. God's creative power sustains the world; that is the love which enriches our own lives though we have often failed in our loving response. In Jesus Christ we can see the way to new life, in union with God by the power of the Spirit in our hearts. The way of Christ is the way of love, joy and peace. We who try to walk in this way offer up to God our whole being in our presence here today.

As we begin this time together, we remember tonight in a special way the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, its victims and survivors, and all those who continue to work for a world free once and for all of the threat of nuclear war.

Opening Prayer

Side 1: O God, tender and just,
the names of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
cut through our denial
that we are capable of destroying the earth

and all that dwell therein.
Forgive us and help us to always remember.

Side 2: We must remember
because this must never happen again.
We must remember
because you would have us live
in harmony with each other,
seeing the joy of your creation
in our sisters and brothers.

Side 1: Holy God, God of all the ages,
lead us from death to life,
to the stockpiling of hope,
and of possibilities, and of love
rather than the stockpiling of weapons,
or stones to throw, or of hate.

Side 2: We pray for the healing of the earth
and of its peoples,
especially for our sisters and brothers
upon whom a nuclear rain poured down.
We pray too for those trapped in violence
in Yemen, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Palestine,
Haiti, and many other parts of our tortured planet.

All: Help us to imagine that another world is possible
and guide our actions towards the peace
you envision, the peace you have already given us.
In the name of the One who came
so that we might have life,
and have it abundantly, we pray. Amen.

Text: Adapted from Rev. Loey Powell, United Church of Christ. Music: *Sakura* (Cherry Blossoms), Japanese Traditional.

Leader: At approximately this exact moment in 1945, 8:15am on August 6th in Hiroshima, the first atom bomb is dropped by the United States from the Enola Gay. It will fall 6 miles in 43 seconds before exploding 2,000 feet above the city, killing that moment and in its aftermath hundreds of thousands of people. We invite you to kneel or stand in silence for the next 43 seconds as we contemplate that moment and pledge, “Never again!”

– *Silence for 43 seconds* –

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (2:2-5)

In days to come, the mountain of our God’s house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it. Many peoples shall come and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, that God may instruct us in God’s ways, and we may walk in God’s paths.” For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of God from Jerusalem. God shall judge between the nations and set terms for many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. Come, let us walk in the light of our God!

Litany of Repentance

R. Lead us to repentance.

Leader: For questioning the authority of Jesus’ teaching on the Cross, we pray...**R.**

Leader: For placing human standards above divine compassion, we pray... **R.**

Leader: For the moral blindness of our nuclear intention, we beg you... **R.**

Leader: For trusting in instruments of death to save us rather than in the power of the Living God, we beseech you... **R.**

Leader: For betraying Christ’s love by allowing hunger and violence that claim lives daily, we implore you... **R.**

Refrain melody: *Parce Domine*, Plainchant, Mode I.

A Reading from Pope John XXIII

Excerpt from "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth), nos. 112, 113, April 11, 1963

Lector: Nuclear weapons must be banned... Everyone must sincerely cooperate... But this requires that the fundamental principles upon which peace is based in today's world be replaced by an altogether different one, namely, the realization that true and lasting peace among nations cannot consist in the possession of an equal supply of armaments but only in mutual trust.

All: We pray in the spirit of the great prophet Isaiah: may we work to disarm nuclear weapons. We pray to remember our call from Christ to be makers of peace and to become the children of God.

A Reading from Pope Francis

Excerpt from the Apostolic Address at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, November 24, 2019

Lector: With deep conviction I wish once more to declare that the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is today, more than ever, a crime not only against the dignity of human beings but against any possible future for our common home. The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral, as I already said two years ago. We will be judged on this. Future generations will rise to condemn our failure if we spoke of peace but did not act to bring it about among the peoples of the earth. How can we speak of peace even as we build terrifying new weapons of war?

All: We pray in the spirit of the great prophet Isaiah: may we work to disarm nuclear weapons. We pray to remember our call from Christ to be makers of peace and to become the children of God.

Prayer for Courage and Peace

R. Dona nobis pacem.

CANTOR: Shanthi, amani, salaam, shalom, y en la tierra paz.

Paix sur la terre, sekai no heiwa. Grant us, O grant us peace. **R.**

R. Dona nobis pacem.

Reader 1: We pray for the courage to respond to Jesus' call to live nonviolently. **R.**

Reader 2: We pray for the courage and creativity to challenge the madness of U.S. nuclear weapons' policy. **R.**

Reader 3: We pray for the courage to question and challenge those things which oppress our sisters and brothers – poverty, violence, indifference. **R.**

Reader 4: We celebrate and encourage those who work for peace. **R.**

Reader 5: We pray that this conference on the 50th anniversary of Pax Christi USA will help us to root ourselves through prayer and reflection in the teaching of the nonviolent Jesus and that we may continue to witness to the peace of Christ in word and action. **R.**

Prayer Text: Adapted by Rosemarie Pace from "No Faith in Trident," offered by Pax Christi Burghfield, June 2016, part of a Network of Christian Peace Organizations, Pax Christi, St. Joseph's London NW4 4TY, www.paxchristi.org.uk. Song Text: Traditional, arr. T.A. McDonnell, b. 1960. Music: T.A. McDonnell. All rights reserved.

Closing Song O Day of Peace

O day of peace, that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth and love,
Delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
A little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
All creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

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Postlude Paz y Libertad

R. Paz, queremos paz y libertad en este mundo.

Para los niños de todo el mundo, queremos paz y libertad. **R.**

¡Ya no más hambre, ya no más guerra! Queremos paz en esta tierra. **R.**

Para los pobres y los viejitos, queremos paz y libertad. **R.**

¡Ya no mas bombas ni radiación! ¡No mas ideas de exterminación. **R.**

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For all the children of the world, we want peace and freedom. No more hunger, no more war! We want peace in this world. For the poor ones and the old ones, we want peace and freedom. No more bombs or radiation! No more ideas of extermination!



CLOSING PRAYER

Friday, August 5, 2022

9:15 pm

Prelude

I. Ilaah Alsalaam Palestine

*God of peace, rain peace down upon us. God of peace, fill our hearts with peace.
God of peace, rain peace down upon us. God of peace, fill our land with peace.*

II. Lo Yisa Goi Traditional Hebrew

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn of war anymore.

Entrance Chant

Cantor, all repeat



Wis - dom, wis - dom— be at - ten - tive!

Cantor, all repeat



Wis - dom, wis - dom— o - pen our hearts!

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Call to Prayer

R. We cry out for peace!

Reader 1: Peaceful God, we come to you from the midst of a broken world where nuclear weapons continue to threaten the existence of all people and our planet. **R.**

Reader 2: Wise God, share your wisdom with the leaders of the world who continue to stockpile dangerous weapons and move our world closer to the brink of destruction. We pray for the ability to overcome our fear and brokenness, cooperating instead of competing, across borders and boundaries. **R.**

Reader 1: God of Comfort, it is disheartening that the U.S. has refused to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, spurning the rest of the world's longing for a world free of nuclear weapons and thus making all of us less safe. **R.**

Reader 2: Healing God, so many communities have been left in ruins as a result of our continued investment in nuclear weapons. We pray that our resources might be used for the healing and rebuilding of our communities instead of the continued manufacturing of weapons of death. **R.**

All: God, Father and Mother of this world, we pray that you would inspire us to create a peaceful world. Help us call our leaders to accountability and to remind them that nuclear weapons bring us neither peace nor security. Lead us into a more peaceful future. Amen.

Refrain Text: Traditional. Music: *Parce Domine*, Plainchant, Mode I.

Closing Chant

R. *Heyanna, hoyanna, hey yan-yan.*

The earth is our mother; we must take care of her. (2x) **R.**

The sky is our father, we must take care of him. (2x) **R.**

The rivers are our sisters, we must take care of them. (2x) **R.**

The trees are our brothers, we must take care of them. (2x) **R.**

Ev'ry creature is a mirror of divinity. (2x) **R.**

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– For anyone who wants to attend, a Saturday morning mass will be held
in the Prayer Room (Salon D/E in Crystal Ballroom) at 7:00 am. –

MORNING PRAYER

Saturday, August 6, 2022

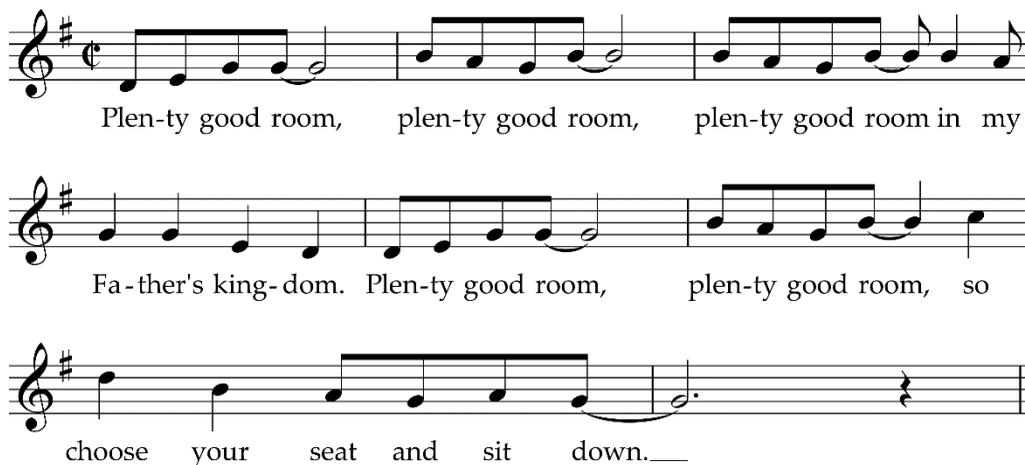
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Prelude Pequeñas Aclaraciones (Cuando el Pobre Nada Tiene)

Small Explanations (When the Poor Who Have Nothing)

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Opening Song Plenty Good Room



Plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room in my
Fa-ther's king-dom. Plen-ty good room, plen-ty good room, so
choose your seat and sit down.____

I would not be a sinner,
I'll tell you the reason why:
I'm afraid my Lord might call on me
And I wouldn't be ready to die. **R.**

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Opening Prayer

Leader: God of Creation, Wonder-Counselor, we pray over the choice of threads needed to create our tapestry of hope. We must weave through the deep racism in this land that has caused so much pain and suffering for all. We must weave in hope, joy and peace, O my God. Give us your Spirit of Wisdom that will come from deep within our hearts. Let us pull out the awful thread of racism that has shaped our country's agenda since its existence, causing a lack of justice for many – this thread woven throughout all our policies in how we treat impoverished people, how we distribute resources, how we legislate immigration, and how and who we kill. This thread of racism must be removed, for it continues to weaken our national and global tapestry. It allows the coldness of injustice to blow through every fabric of our lives. Oh God of Creation, Wonder-Counselor, help us to continue to spin together the right threads that we may weave a tapestry of peace with hope for all our sisters & brothers.

Prayer written by Beatrice Parwatikar, Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace. All rights reserved.

Reader 1: In 1999, Pax Christi USA initiated Brothers and Sisters All, a 20-year strategy to transform Pax Christi USA into an anti-racist, multicultural Catholic peace and justice movement. For a generation now, we have sought to embrace this identity and do all our work from an anti-racist perspective, in the conviction that personal and systemic racism continues to perpetrate deep spiritual and social brokenness and endangers creation.

Reader 2: Because racism inflicts violence on people of color; because violence anywhere is injustice everywhere; and because injustice is a sin against humanity and against the God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies us, racism is contrary to who we are called to be: brothers and sisters all.

Reader 3: We have chosen this identity in order to confront the persistent, destructive personal and systemic racism that perpetuates violence in our communities and results in deep spiritual and social brokenness. We are confident that a spirituality of nonviolent anti-racism makes our transformative vision a reality.

R. Empower us, O God.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint... **R.**

Julia Greeley... **R.**

Venerable Henriette DeLille... **R.**

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton... **R.**

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange... **R.**

Sr. Thea Bowman... **R.**

We pray for the efforts to canonize these six African American candidates for sainthood, and we ask their intercession for our Church and our community as we plot our next steps on this journey toward becoming an anti-racist Catholic movement for peace with justice, a more complete, authentic witness to the beloved community to which we are called.

ALL: Amen.

Refrain Melody: *Parce Domine*, Plainchant, Mode I.

Closing Song O Wisdom!

Cantor, then All O _____ Wis- dom! O _____ Wis- dom!

Cantor, then All O _____ Wis - dom, Wis - dom, more

pre - cious than sil - ver and gold.

Text: Proverbs 8.11, arr. T.A. McDonnell, b. 1960. Music: T.A. McDonnell. All rights reserved.



CLOSING EUCHARIST

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

10:30 am

The Most Reverend John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv.
Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky and Bishop-President of Pax Christi USA
Presider & Homilist

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude Béati Pacífici

Béati pacífici, beáti mundo corde.
Quóniam ipsi Deum, ipsi Deum vídebunt.

Text: Matthew 5.9, *Blest are the peacemakers, and blest the pure of heart, for they shall see God.*
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Entrance Song Let Justice Roll Down

Cantor, then All *Cantor, then All*
Let jus-tice roll down, roll down like a ri - ver,
Cantor, then All *Cantor, then All*
and right - ous - ness like a might - y sea.
Cantor, then All *Cantor, then All*
Let jus-tice roll down, roll down like a ri - ver,
All
and right - - ous-ness like a might-y sea.

Text: Amos 5:24, arr. T.A. McDonnell, b. 1960. Music: T.A. McDonnell. All rights reserved.

Greeting

Penitential Act *Repeat after invocations by cantor.*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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Glory to God

Gló - ri - a in ex - cél - sis De - o. Et in ter - ra
pax ho - mí - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple quarter and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: *Roman Missal*. Music: Vatican Edition *Mass VIII*, Mode V, 16th century.
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm Preparaste, oh Dios, casa para los pobres.

O God, you have prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice in the presence of God;
O sing and make music to God; exult in God's presence. **R.**

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in this holy place.
God gives the desolate a home, leading prisoners forth into prosperity. **R.**

You poured down upon the land a generous rain, O God.
When your beloved languished, you restored their inheritance,
as they came to dwell in the land that you provided. **R.**

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Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Gospel Acclamation Halle Halle Caribbean Traditional

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Gospel Luke 12:32-48

Homily Bishop Stowe

Universal Prayer **R.** God of peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for our planet and all its inhabitants. O God, who looked upon Creation and saw that it was very good, help us to see as you do. May we cease to destroy the goodness of Earth and instead savor, protect, celebrate, and love our common home. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for all the peoples of the world. God, you gave us understanding and knowledge, which we used to create weapons of unimaginable self-destruction. Teach us wisdom so that we may beat our swords into plowshares and use these resources to feed, shelter, and heal the world. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for the global superpower in whose seat of authority we stand today. May we recognize our colonialist roots, repent of our racist structures, and rebuke the ever-present threat of white nationalism, so that liberty and justice may truly be “for all.” We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for all refugees and immigrants. Jesus, you were a refugee in Egypt and know firsthand the plight of those who flee danger and violence in their homelands, often spurred on by U.S. foreign policy. May we welcome refugees and immigrants with the open arms of peace, for what we offer them, we offer to you. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for all women in the world. May women who are exploited find agency. May women who are abused find safety. May women whose bodies are excluded from vocations of servant leadership be fully acknowledged by their Church. May we, the people of God, bring all this to pass. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for the Church, the body of Christ. May we never tire of undoing centuries of oppression, warmongering, and politics; let us transform our institutional Church into the community of love, peace, and healing that Jesus meant it to be. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for all who identify as LGBTQ+. We cannot ignore that the official documents of the church marginalize the LGBTQ+ community even more than lepers in Jesus’ time. May we all work together to excise this theological cancer, so that we may fully share your gifts and your beauty in our LGBTQ+ siblings with joy and pride. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for each individual here, every single one of us a witness to “Pax Christi,” the peace of Christ. May we be inspired by what we have seen, heard, and shared this weekend. Let us go and spread the good news of the nonviolent Jesus. We pray to God. **R.**

We pray for all those members of Pax Christi USA who have gone before us and now make up that cloud of witnesses that intercede on our behalf for the work of peace. We invite you to share their names aloud now. . . For all of them, we pray to God. **R.**

And we hold up all the prayers of our community, those submitted in the book of intentions, and all the prayers we hold now silently in the peace of our hearts... We pray to God. **R.**

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts O the Beautiful Treasures

O the beautiful treasures laid up for the wise!
How precious the value, how glorious the prize!
Far brighter than diamonds on princes' brow,
And richer than royalty can bestow.
O the beautiful treasures laid up for the wise!

O the beautiful treasures provided by God,
And promised good people who follow the word;
And streams of sweet mercy shall bring them home
To rest from the sorrowful paths they roam.
O the beautiful treasures provided by God.

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Eucharistic Prayer

SANCTUS **R.** Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. **R.**
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria. **R.**
Béni soit celui qui vient au nom du Seigneur. **R.**

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ANAMNESIS Souviens toi de Jésus-Christ réssuscité d'entre les morts.
Il est notre salut, notre gloire éternelle.

Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us,
and is risen from the dead.
He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages.

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DOXOLOGY Amen, alleluia. (2x) Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

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Lord's Prayer & Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Cantor: *All/Todos:* *Cantor:*

1., 2. Cor - de - ro de Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, que
3. Cor - de - ro de Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, que

qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do, ten pie - dad de no -
qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do, da - nos la

All/Todos:

so-tros. Ten pie - dad de no - so-tros.
paz. Da - nos la paz.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; grant us peace.

Communion Procession Christ, Be Our Light



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. _____

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see. **R.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R.**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **R.**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. **R.**

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. **R.**

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CONCLUDING RITE

Commissioning of the Ambassadors of Peace

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Song Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Keep your_ lamps trimmed and burn - ing,

Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing,

Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing,___ the

time is draw - ing nigh.---

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning'. It consists of four staves of music in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined or connected by lines to indicate phrasing. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a comma, the third with a comma and an underline, and the fourth with an underline and a double bar line.

Children, don't get weary, children don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary till your work is done. **R.**

Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over. The time is drawing nigh. **R.**

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