

Reading 2: *I Dream a World*, by Langston Hughes

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind
Of such I dream, my world!

Song

Spiritual
(Ysaye M. Barnwell. See Insert)

Chancel Choir

Offertory Prayer

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Musical Offering

I Choose Love
(Lindy Thompson, Mark A. Miller. See Insert)

Chancel Choir

***The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Reading 3: *Maya's Prayer for Peace* (Maya Angelou)

Father, Mother, God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.
Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.
And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days, for then we are able
to celebrate you and our families
and our friends.

For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.
For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out
in waterfalls of tenderness.
For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask
you to keep them company.
For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance,
we ask you to give to all the world
that which we need most—Peace.

Song

Maya's Prayer for Peace
(Maya Angelou, Tom Trenney)

Chancel Choir

Reading 4: Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done marvelous deeds.
His right hand and holy arm
have won the victory.
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