

For the kingdom. The power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER

Hymn- The Church's One Foundation.

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The look upon you with favour
And give you peace.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**A Special Ecumenical Service
for Peace Unity and Reconciliation
from Jerusalem to the World**



**on Saturday February 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
At the Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Redeemer- Jerusalem**

Organ Prelude

Words of Welcome

Hymn- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: He, who has made heaven and earth

Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and
foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of
the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; * it shall not be moved; God will
help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms
totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God
of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations
he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the
spear; he burns the shields with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am
exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Pastor + People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFISSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God

People: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free
ourselves,
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

yarabba ssalami im la`qulubana salam.

(German) We pray that we might listen together to your
Word and obey. We pray that in the Eucharist – in the broken
bread and lifted cup – we might find community rather than
division. Let us always taste and see your love that alone
brings salvation to all people.

Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam; yarabba ssalami im la`biladana salam.

(Danish) O God of mercy and compassion, of grace and
reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the
Middle East. Let hatred and fanaticism be turned into love,
fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, that
violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, with
peace and justice known by all.

Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam; yarabba ssalami im la`qulubana salam.

(Finnish) O God of new life, renew your church when we
are timid, scared and paralyzed by sin and self-interest.
Breathe your bold word into us, revealing your will, so that we
may live according to your purpose.

Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam; yarabba ssalami im la`biladana salam.

The Lord Prayer's:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

Hymn- How Great Thou Art

Prayers of the church:

**Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam;
yarabba ssalami im la`qulubana salam.**

(God of peace, give us your peace, fill our hearts with peace.)

(Arabic) Encouraged by God's radiant light revealed to us in Jesus Christ, let us pray for unity with hope, boldness and confidence. For the mission of the church that, like the holy star of Bethlehem, its people may send forth beacons of hope, safety and love for all who seek your face.

**Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam;
yarabba ssalami im la`qulubana salam.**

(English) O Creator and defender of uniqueness, we pray that we might lay aside our pride and petty differences. We confess to our prejudice, narrow-mindedness and our easy judgments of others. Open our eyes to see in one another your people, created in your image. And are saved by your holy blood.

**Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam;
yarabba ssalami im la` biladana salam.**

(Swedish) O Spirit of unity, we thank you for the progress made through ecumenism. Help us always to recognize the gifts of those different from us. We pray for peace in this holy but troubled land. We pray for unity in this city of Jerusalem. Let it shine as a beacon of peace, even to the darkest corners of the world.

Yarabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam;

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son you die for us and, For his sake, forgive us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GLORIA

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

People: All glory be to God on high and thanks to him forever!

Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavour.

He bends his ear to ev'ry call, and offers peace, goodwill to all,

And calms the troubled spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

The pastor prays the Prayer of the Day:

Our heavenly Father we thank you for your divine guidance for us in the past and for the growth of your church. We ask you that you may answer the prayer of our Lord that all who call his name maybe one. Grant us strength that we don't give up when we have obstacles on the road of unity, because of our differences that separates us from each other. Bless the efforts of all those who work and pray for the unity of all people who confess you, Lord and Saviour. Direct our hearts and minds to the real unity that is more than structures. We

pray that this may become true in the name of the head of the church, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: **Ephesians 4: 1-7**

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. **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The Choir of the Evangelical Lutheran School in Beit Sahour.

The Announcement of the Gospel

The Gospel: John 17: 6-9, 20-26

Glory to you, O Lord *Glory to you, O Lord*

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that

those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Praise to you, O Lord. *Praise to you, O Lord*

People: Thanks be to God
Abide, O dear Redeemer among us with your word
And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.

THE NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. he has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn- What a Friend we have in Jesus

Sermon- Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan