Christ Church Cathedral wishes to thank all who participated in this service as well as those who contributed to our Spring series, “3 Faiths, One hope.” We heard inspiring and insightful thoughts about hope from Rabbi Amy Walk Katz, Dr. M. Saleem Aijwa, Ambassador Mark Hambley and Fr. Joseph L. Pace.

A House of Prayer for All People
Christ Church Cathedral
On the Quadrangle
35 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Musical Prelude
H. David Pulliam
Organist/Choirmaster, Christ Church Cathedral

Welcome
The Rev’d Tom Callard
Priest In Charge, Christ Church Cathedral.

Invocation
Bishop Douglas Fisher
Episcopal Diocese Western Massachusetts

Please be seated

Responsive reading
The Rev’d Joseph Pace
Leader
Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

People
The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.

From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—

he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Jane Kaufman
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make God’s face to shine upon you
May the Lord bring you peace.

—Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, Siddur Sim Shalom

Bishop Fisher: Glorious God, you are the source of our hope and Hope itself.
Sustained in the power of your Spirit and renewed by the creative
power of your Word at work in us, may we take forth from our
worship this evening seeds of hope to strengthen those who
despair, comfort those imprisoned by fear, and inspire change in
our world that your will for creation may be known and welcomed.
This we pray in your Name. Amen.

Imam Baki

Postlude.

Please join us for refreshments in the Library after the service, through the
doors on the left, facing the altar, and up the stairs.
O Source of Peace and Harmony, where there is division and war, where people are divided one against another, especially in the name of faith, bring us together in your peace:

Hear our prayer.

O Most Loving One, embrace in your arms refugees from religious and political persecution that they may find a home secure in you:

Hear our prayer.

O Just One and Giver of Wisdom, bless the governments and rulers of this world, and especially Barack, our President; Charlie, our Governor; Dominic, our Mayor, and all those in authority over us that they may stewards of your justice:

Hear our prayer.

O Provident One, you know our needs before we ask; you provide generously for each of us: make us mindful of your blessings and generous in sharing them with others:

Hear our prayer.

O Benevolent One, you free us from need; bless the poor and hungry, the grieving and those who are alone without comfort in this world:

Hear our prayer.

O God whose word and truth are revealed in your holy prophets and saints: in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; in Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; in Mary, John the Baptist and Jesus; in Mohammad:

May your Peace be upon them and upon us.

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

--Psalm 33:12-22

Reading and Reflection
Imam Wissam Abdul Baki
Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts

Abraham exclaimed: "And who - other than those who have utterly lost their way - could ever abandon the hope of his Sustainer's grace?"

--Al- Qur'aan: 15:56

Reading and Reflection
Jane Kaufman
Congregation B'nai Israel, Northampton

“A Prayer for Peace”

Leader May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world.

People Then nation will not threaten nation and mankind will not again know war.
For all who live on earth will come to realize
we have not come into being to hate or to destroy

We have come into being
to praise, to labor and to love.

Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations
with the power of compassion.

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:
I will bring peace to the land, and you shall lie down,
and no one shall terrify you.

I will rid the land of vicious beasts,
and it shall not be ravaged by war.

Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream.

Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

And let us say: Amen. --Siddur Sim Shalom

Hymn #482, Blue 1982 Hymnal

Announcements

The Prayers: Please join us, standing as you are able

Let us sing to the Most High, the Holy One,
let us blow the shofar to the Rock of our Salvation.
Hear our prayer.

Let us greet God with thanksgiving, with praiseful songs let us pray
to Him, for He is a great God,
a great King above all heavenly powers:
Hear our prayer.

O God, the Compassionate, the Merciful, Praise be to You, Lord of the world. May You guide us always upon your straight path:
Hear our prayer.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth;
Redeemer of the world; Sanctifier of the faithful:
Hear our prayer.

O Sustainer of Life, may your life-giving Spirit move in and through our various communities of faith, sanctifying the places where your people worship your great Name, that we may be faithful in our praise you:
Hear our prayer.

O Lenient and Forgiving One, who is closer to us than life itself; forgive and restore us when we stray from your path and when we cause harm to one another; bring us back to you, that we may be faithful to your will:
Hear our prayer.

Reading and Reflection  Bishop Douglas Fisher
Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

And we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

--Romans 5 2b-5