"...THE ONE WHO HOLDS
ETERNITY IS OUR PEACE"

# PRINCE OF PEACE

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# SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

## ISAIAH 9:6

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, **THE PRINCE OF PEACE**.

## EPHESIANS 2:14-16

FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR **PEACE**, WHO HAS MADE THE TWO GROUPS ONE AND HAS DESTROYED THE BARRIER, THE DIVIDING WALL OF HOSTILITY, BY SETTING ASIDE IN HIS FLESH THE LAW WITH ITS COMMANDS AND REGULATIONS. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW HUMANITY OUT OF THE TWO, THUS MAKING **PEACE**, AND IN ONE BODY TO RECONCILE BOTH OF THEM TO GOD THROUGH THE CROSS, BY WHICH HE PUT TO DEATH THEIR HOSTILITY.

## MATTHEW 16:24-26

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT. WHAT GOOD WILL IT BE FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, YET FORFEIT THEIR SOUL? OR WHAT CAN ANYONE GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SOUL?

# A WORD FROM THE COMPOSER

In the gospel of Mark, we see Jesus teaching a crowd along with his disciples, saying "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life, will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me, and for the gospel, will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"
(Mark 8:34-37)

Like so many of Jesus' teachings, these words target the common sensitivities in all of us. We all want to be saved, saved from the storms and restlessness of life, saved from the trials of financial pressure and physical or relational struggle, let alone the weight of our ever-present sin. The real problem with all of this is we often believe that we truly can save ourselves. That somehow, the passing moments of peace and rest that we experience, are *not* a result of the common Grace of God in our lives but are actually a result of the work of our own hands.

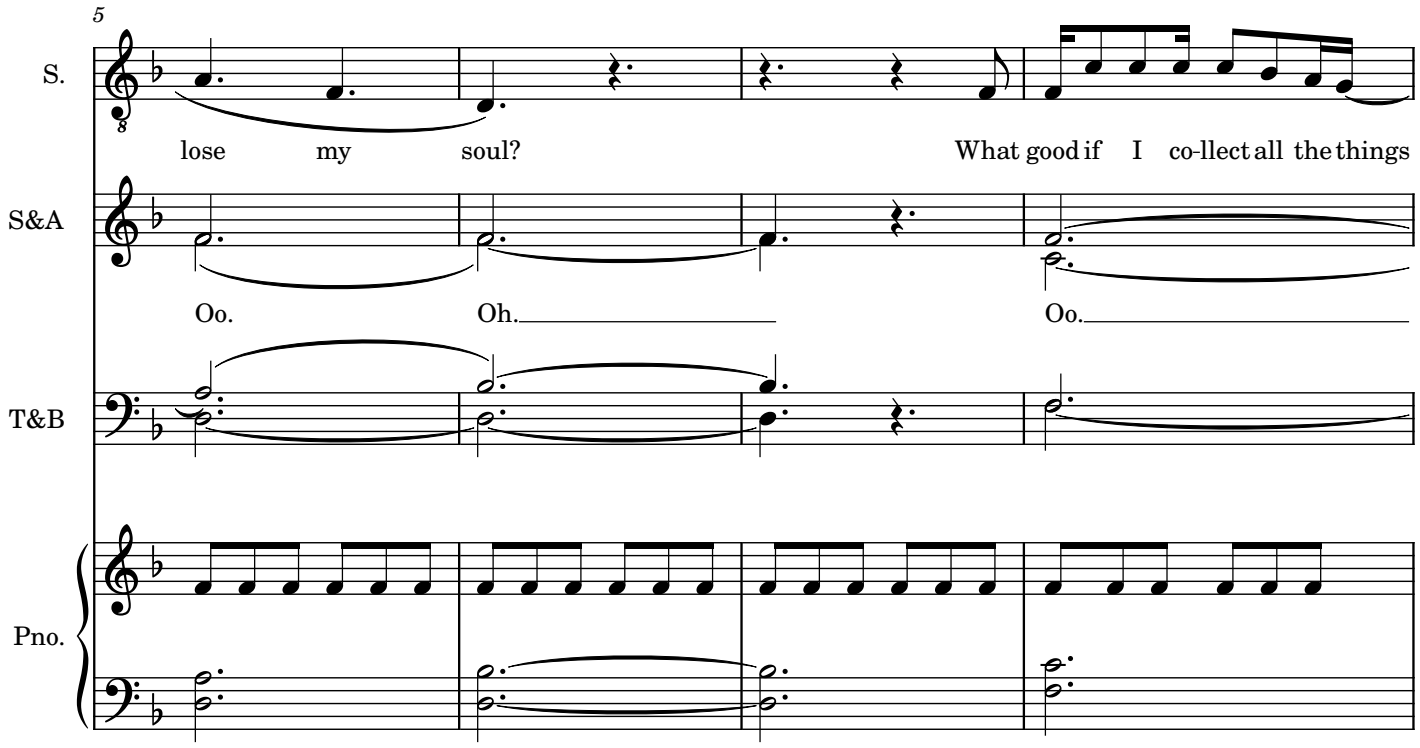
But notice the words that Jesus uses, the path to true and lasting peace and salvation is paved with a *denial* of self, a spiritual *crucifixion* of our wants and desires.

What are the things that you want more than Jesus? What are the things that you think will give you peace? And if you were to somehow experience every want, every desire, and every dream come true, how long would that peace truly last? The problem isn't necessarily our pursuit of peace, it's our incomplete definition of it. For peace is FAR more than temporary pleasure, joy, rest, or some holiday nostalgia. How much more? Eternally more. Infinitely more. For the peace that we all Truly long for is not found in our feelings or even our dreams and passions, it was found 2000 years ago, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, in the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, who Himself *is* our peace. Run after Him, our True Peace, to which all of the waves of our struggles and fears and passions all bow low before- why? Because they MUST bow before Him,
because He Himself is our Prince of Peace.

# Prince of Peace

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9
S.
that can't make me whole? Is there no peace
S&A
Oo. Oh. Peace.
T&B
Pno.
14
S.
to be found? Is there a rea - - son in the
S&A
Oo. Oo.
T&B
Pno.


A
19
S.
dark to re - sound? For un - to us
S&A
mf
Ah.
Un - to
T&B
mf
Pno.
23
S.
a child is born! Un - to
S&A
us a child is, child is born. Un - to,
T&B
Pno.


26
S.
us a Son is gi - ven.
S&A
un - to us a Son is gi - vien.
T&B
Pno.
B
29
S.
He is our Peace.
S&A
He is our Prince of Peace. He is our
T&B
Pno.


32
S&A
Prince of Peace. Won-der-ful Coun - se -
T&B
Pno.
35
S&A
And
lor. Al-migh-ty God!
mf
T&B
Pno.
C
38
He him-self, He is our Peace. The Mor-ning Star of ma-je - sty.
S&A
mp
p
Oo.
Ah.
The
T&B
mp
p
Pno.
p


42
S&A
One who holds e – ter – ni – ty has en – tered time and
T&B
Pno.
45
S&A
space, born to re – deem our fa – llen race. Is – n't He
T&B
Pno.
48
S&A
wor – – thy? wor – thy of all un – en – ding
T&B
Pno.

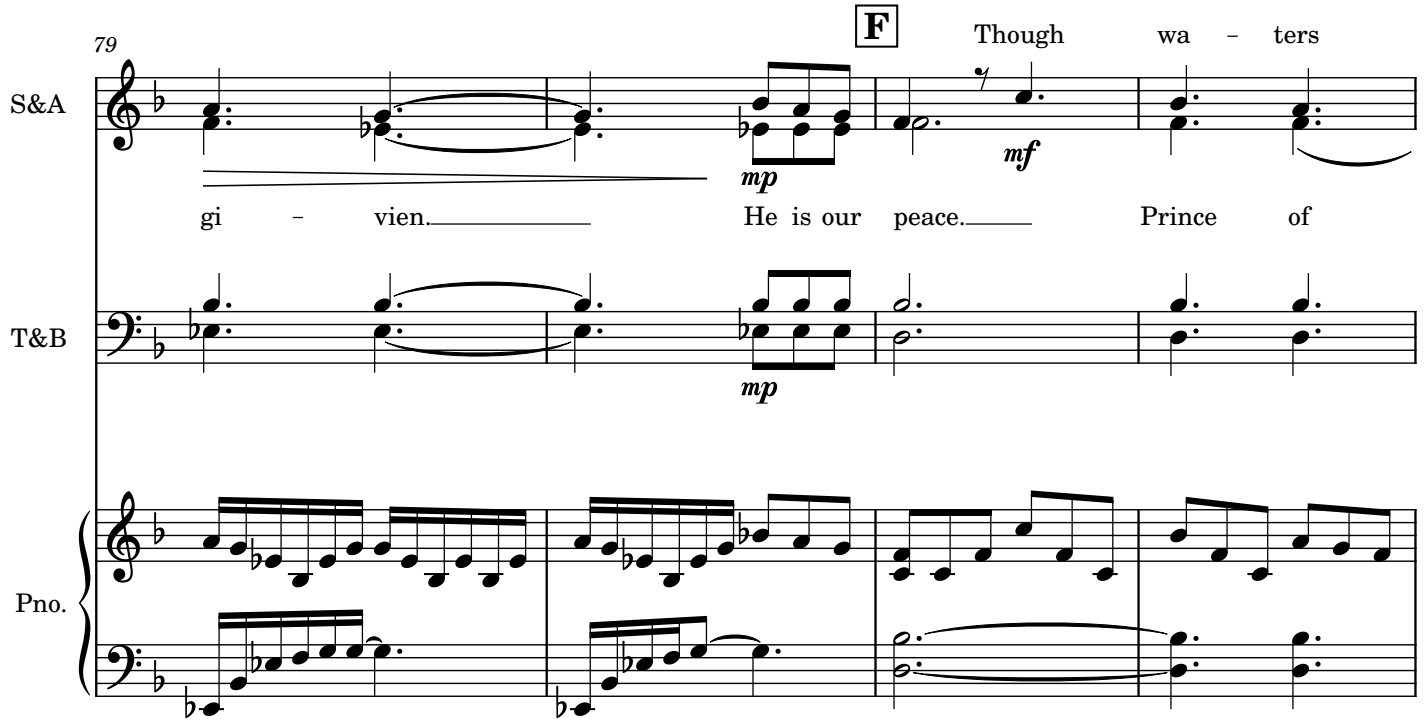

51
mf
D
S.
What good if I gain the whole
S&A
praise?
mp
praise, un - en - ding praise?
Oo.
T&B
praise?
Pno.
54
S.
world, yet lose my soul?
S&A
Oo.
Oh.
T&B
Pno.


57
S.
What good if I co-llect all the things that can't
f
S&A
Oo.
T&B
Pno.
60
S.
make me whole? You can know
S&A
Oo.
Oh.
T&B
Pno.


63
S.
peace, He has a name.
mf
S&A
Peace, true peace. Je – sus,
mf
T&B
Pno.
66
S.
He is the rea – – – son we have
S&A
Je – sus, Je – sus, Je – sus!
T&B
Pno.


E
69
S.
peace in His name! For un - to us
S&A
f
Un - to
T&B
f
Pno.
72
S.
a child is born! Un - to
S&A
us a child is, child is born. Un - to,
T&B
Pno.


75
S.
us a Son is gi – ven.
S&A
un – to us a Son is gi – vien. a Son is
T&B
Pno.


79
F
Though wa – ters
S&A
mp
mf
gi – vien. He is our peace. Prince of
T&B
mp
Pno.


83
rage, though moun – tains quake, our King shall reign in
S&A
Peace. Prince of Peace. Prince of Peace.
T&B
Pno.
88
glo – rious praise. Our Mor – ning Star, our True Peace.
S&A
mp
Prince of Peace. Prince of Peace. The
T&B
mp
Pno.
93
S&A
One who holds e–ter-ni – ty is our Peace.
T&B
Pno.