

I am a composer. My career affords me time, periodically, to act as a volunteer Disaster Response Specialist with an international aid organization. I was called to New York City September 19, 2001. I returned home in November.

While there I witnessed amazing things, not the least of which was the flood of grace and mercy that people can shower on one another when they decide to. One of the places I experienced that outpouring was St. Paul's Chapel, an affiliate of Trinity Episcopal Church. In 12 hour shifts, 24 hours a day, for 8 months, her people manned an oasis of sanity and refreshment for me and countless others.

*I began writing **The Way of Peace** in the Nave at Trinity. The faces of those kind people are woven through this text; their voices echo in this music.*

Their spirits and those like them are everywhere.

Thank you.

Sheldon Curry

*"If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed—
but hate these things in yourself, not in another."
Mahatma Gandhi*



The Way of Peace is adapted from the famous 16th century canon by Thomas Tallis and a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. It is appropriate for performance by both school and church choirs. A full performance/accompaniment compact disc recording is available separately, No. 22831.

When performed in worship, suggested corresponding scripture readings include Numbers 6: 24-26, Psalm 85, John 14: 27 & 16: 33, and 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14. Suitable for performance throughout the year, it may be especially appropriate for Peace Sunday, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and World Communion.

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For the kind people of Trinity Church Wall Street
and St. Paul's Chapel, New York, New York

THE WAY OF PEACE

for S.A.T.B. voices and keyboard,
with opt. soloist*

Words by **SHELDON CURRY**
After a prayer attributed to St. Francis

TALLIS CANON
by **THOMAS TALLIS** (ca. 1505-1585)
Arranged with New Music by **SHELDON CURRY**

Moderately (♩ = ca. 68-72)
SOLO (opt. unison women) *mp* 3

VOICES

KEYBOARD

f *mp*

O may I walk the

way of peace: Where there is hate, help me show love; When

fear de - stroy's, help me re - store; Be the peace I'm

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S. *mp* **13**

long-ing for.

A. When tears flow free, reach

T. *mp*

B.

14

out in grace; When dark-ness comes, re - flect love's light; When

17

grief a bounds, show bound-less care; Turn from vio-lence

20 *mf*
 an - y - where. *mf* May *mf*

23
 we care less to be loved than to love, to talk than to hear, to

26
 rule than lift up, to keep than let go.

8vb

29

30

Teach us the ways of har - mo - ny: By

mf

(8vb) - - -

32

par - d'ning, we our guilt as - suage; By pour ing out, we're

35

made com - plete. Thus we find the way of peace. Teach

mp

peace.

mp

38

us the ways of har - mo - ny: By

mp

Teach us the ways of

40

par - d'ning, we our guilt as - suage; By pour - ing out, we're

har - mo - ny; By par - d'ning, we our guilt as - suage; By

43

made com - plete; Thus we find the way of peace.

mf

Teach
SOP. *mf*

pour - ing out, we're made com - plete; Thus we find the

46

S.

cresc.

me the ways of har - mo - ny: By

A.

mf cresc.

T.

Teach

way of peace.

B.

mf

cresc.

way of peace. Teach me the ways of

46

48

poco a poco

par - d'ning, I my guilt as - sauge; By

poco a poco

f

me the ways of har - mo - ny: By

Teach me the ways of

poco a poco

har - mo - ny: By par - d'ning, I my

48

cresc.

50

pour - ing out, I'm made com - plete;
 par - d'ning, I my guilt as - suage; By
 har - mo - ny: By par - d'ning, I my
 guilt as - suage; By pour - ing out, I'm

f

50

f

52

Thus I find the way of peace.
 pour - ing out I'm made com - plete;
 guilt as - suage; By pour - ing out, I'm
 made com - plete; Thus I find the

f

52

pp

54 *dim. poco a poco*

We must find the

Thus I find the way of peace,

made com - plete; Thus I find the

way of peace, the

dim. poco a poco

dim. poco a poco

dim. poco a poco

dim. poco a poco

54 *dim. poco a poco*

dim. poco a poco

56

way of peace.

of peace.

way of peace. _____

way of peace.

56

58 *mp* **59**

O may we walk the way of

mp

O may we walk the way of

mp

O may we walk the way of

mp

O may we walk the way of

58 **59**

mp (opt. keyboard)

61

peace, of peace.

peace. of peace.

peace, of peace.

peace. of peace.

61

(play)

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