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WE SHALL WALK IN PEACE:

A MUSICAL JOURNEY ON RACIAL RECONCILIATION



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† Indicates the congregation shall stand as able

PRELUDE

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

arr. Undine S. Moore

Joshua Liu '23, *violin*; Owen Cromwell '23, *violin*; Louis Dhoore '23, *viola*; Henry Paton '22, *cello*

OPENING PRAYER

Give Us Grace Chris McDonald '24

W.E.B. DuBois

Give us grace, O God, to dare to do the deed which we well know cries to be done. Let us not hesitate because of ease, or the words of men's mouths, or our own lives. Mighty causes are calling us — the freeing of women, the training of children, the putting down of hate and murder and poverty — all these and more. But they call with voices that mean work and sacrifices and death. Mercifully grant us, O God, the spirit of Esther, that we say: "I will go unto the King and if I perish, I perish."

ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

John Rosamond Johnson arr. Zanaida Robles

Victoria Korovljev, Guest Artist, Soprano

Lift every voice and sing

Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the listening skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has

brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,

Bitter the chastening rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,

Have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

watered;

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past,

Till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,

Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might

Led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,

May we forever stand,

True to our God,

True to our native land.

— James Weldon Johnson

Ruhama Solomon '24

You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns, With the certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you? Don't you take it awful hard 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise. Does my sexiness upset you? Does it come as a surprise That I dance like I've got diamonds At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise
I rise
I rise.

PIANO MEDITATION

Meditation on Rosephanye Powell's *Still I Rise*Will Rand '22

READING Dream Variations Langston Hughes
Cameron Hubbard '24

To fling my arms wide
In some place of the sun,
To whirl and to dance
Till the white day is done.
Then rest at cool evening
Beneath a tall tree
While night comes on gently,
Dark like me —
That is my dream!

To fling my arms wide In the face of the sun, Dance! Whirl! Whirl! Till the quick day is done. Rest at pale evening . . . A tall, slim tree . . . Night coming tenderly Black like me.

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!

— Langston Hughes

REFLECTION

Say Their Names Prayer of Remembrance

Destiny Newell '22; Evelyn Slater '22; Akinna Tyler '23 Black Ensemble members speak italicized text; Congregation speaks bolded text

Say her name: Say her name:

All: India Kager (KAY-ger)

All: Jessica Nelson-Williams

Say her name: Say her name:

All: Atatiana (Ah-tah-ti-AH-nah) Jefferson All: Korryn (Cor-RIN) Gaines

Say her name: Say her name:

All: Layleen (lay-LEAN) Polanco (Poh-LAHN-coh)

All: Charleena (Shar-LEE-nah) Lyles

All: Lord, in Your infinite mercy, grant them rest. Rest forever more.

ANTHEM In Remembrance Jeffrey Ames

Amelia Podolny '23, cello

Lux aeterna, luceat eis, Domine. (Let perpetual light shine on them, O Lord.) Turn to me and be gracious for my heart is in distress. O God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? My tears linger at night, but joy comes in the morning light. Lord, in your infinite mercy, grant them rest, rest forever more.

— Jeffrey Ames

READING

James 5:1-9

Emmanuel Bioh '22

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence.

You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

ANTHEM

God's Gonna Set Dis World on Fire

arr. Moses Hogan and Edwin B. Hogan

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days Hallelujah.

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days Hallelujah.

I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days

Hallelujah.

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days

Hallelujah.

God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days.

— Spiritual

REFLECTION

What Will You Sacrifice?

Tesfa Wondemagegnehu

ANTHEM

Would you Harbor Me?

Ysaye Barnwell

Would you harbor me?

Would I harbor you?

Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a heretic, convict, or spy?

Would you harbor a runaway woman, or child, a poet, a prophet, a king?

Would you harbor an exile, or a refugee, a person

living with AIDS?

Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth, a fugitive or a slave?

Would you harbor a Haitian, Korean or Czech, a lesbian or a gay?

Would you harbor me?

Would I harbor you?

— Ysaye Barnwell

SPOKEN WORD

Hold On

Joe Davis, Guest Artist

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We will meet our loved ones there For Jesus Himself will be our leader. There will be no more trials there For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

— Spiritual

† POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn #841

John Rosamond Johnson James Weldon Johnson arr. James Bobb

TALKBACK A Conversation on Racial Reconciliation on the Hill and Beyond

Nekima Levy-Armstrong (civil rights attorney, national expert on racial justice, activist, and legal scholar)
Joe Davis (nationally-tourijng artist, educator, and poet)
María Pabón Gautier (Vice President for Equity and Inclusion)
Martin Olague (Director of the Taylor Center for Equity and Inclusion)

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Collaborative Pianist/Assistant Conductor – Will Rand '22

Special thanks to Mitchell Caponigro for arranging the cello part for *In Remembrance*.

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