



Seek Peace and Pursue It - Reflections for Lent 2018

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Put peace into each other's hands

A baby robin once hopped into our porch. Gently I caught it and carried it, cupped between my hands, to the open back door. As I released it, the robin flew away - leaving its tail feathers caught between my hands!

I had tried to handle the frightened bird so carefully, and felt mortified that I had in fact caused it injury. I was reassured by an ornithologist friend, who told me that he believed that the tail feathers would grow again in time. I do hope he was right.

Peace can sometimes be such a fragile state, in families and friendships; in churches and communities; in nations and the world. Sometimes our attempts to make peace can appear to go wrong and to cause further hurt, but we are called as Christian people to go on praying and working for peace.



To ponder:

Have you ever tried to make peace in a situation and been misunderstood? What did you do?

Where do you most long for peace to come in your family, your community, your church, our nation, our world? What might God be calling you to do to make that peace a reality?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you teach us that as peace makers we will be called children of God.

Help us to seek actively to make peace in the part of your world in which we live and move today.

Living Holy Spirit, move over this world and breathe your peace into open hearts and minds and lives and communities. Amen.

Hymn Singing the Faith 712: Put peace into each other's hands

Bible reading: Psalm 122

Bible link: Romans 12: 18 from the New International Version

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

These Lent reflections are written to link with the 2018 Easter Offering Dedication Service, 'Seek Peace and Pursue It' which will be used by most circuits of the Methodist Church in Britain during the weeks following Easter. Orders of service and other resources can be found at www.mwib.org.uk