

May Peace Be with You/*Salamun, Kullaheen*

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This song of blessing comes from the country of Lebanon, a land whose people have longed for God's peace in the midst of many years of unrest and conflict. The Arabic transliteration is soothing to sing unaccompanied or you can give it a different feel by adding a flute or recorder. To learn the words, have a leader sing each phrase with the group repeating it in response. Once people are familiar with the song, form two groups, with one group singing the first line, "May peace be with you," or "*Salamun, Salamun*" and the other group responding with, "May God's peace be now with you!" or "*Salamun Kullaheen!*" Sing this song prior to the passing of the peace, during the Communion liturgy, or as a blessing at the end of worship or learning session.

This song can also be used during an Advent candle-lighting liturgy, singing one verse each week during Advent, and all verses on Christmas Eve.

Pronunciation guide:

Salamun [*sah-lah-moon*]
Kullaheen [*koo-lah-hain*]



Sa - la - mun, Sa - la - mun, Sa - la - mun Kul - la - heen!
 May peace be with you, may God's peace be now with you!
 May hope be with you, may God's hope be now with you!
 May joy be with you, may God's joy be now with you!
 May love be with you, may God's love be now with you!

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