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I. Meditations

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molto rit.   a tempo

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Pno.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf p

molto rit.

a tempo

26

mp

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

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p

p

p

p

p

33
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molto rit.

a tempo

molto rit.

circa 3' 45"
II. Words There Are

Words there are and prayers, but justice there is not nor yet peace.

prophet said: in the end of days, the Lord shall judge between the nations.

in the end of days, pizz. the Lord shall judge between the nations.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Words there are.
Nor ever again shall they train for war. Never again, train for war.

Words there are. Words there are. Words there are.

Nor ever again shall they train for war. Never again, train for war.

Nor ever again shall they train for war. Never again, train for war.

Never. The Lord judges the nations.

Never. The Lord judges the nations.

For war. The Lord judges the nations.

For war. The Lord judges the nations.
Peace will remain a distant vision. Peace.

Until we do the work of peace ourselves. Peace.
Great is peace: Man cannot wait for peace. The psalmist said: seek peace.

Peace in your place.
Pursue it wherever it is to be found. Seek peace in your place.

Peace.
though we wait, wait for judgment, we can’t wait, wait for peace to fall like

though we wait, wait for judgment, we can’t wait, wait for peace to fall like

Rain up on us, rain up on us,
Great is peace: Man cannot wait for peace. Seek peace. Seek peace in your place.

Peace._

Peace._

Peace._

Peace._

rit._

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circa 5’40”
IV. Bar Kappara: Between Husband and Wife

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falsehood, falsehood to maintain peace between husband and wife.

Falsehood. Falsehood. For no marriage is
The Torah and the prophet...
lie, lie, lie, lie! But peace itself must never be a lie.

lie, lie, lie, lie! But peace itself must never be a lie.

Great is

Great is
If peace is to be brought into the world, it must be brought first to the family.

The Torah
and the prophets use falsehood, peace between husband and wife.

For the sake of peace one may lie. Lie, lie, lie, lie. Lie, lie, lie, lie.
lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie.
lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie.
Great is peace.

Great is peace.

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Great is peace: Peace is the name of God. As it is written:

V. Rabbi Jose the Galilean: The Name of God

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And he called Him Lord, Peace. Even on the threshold of war, we are bidden to begin with peace. May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease.
We have not come in to being to hate or to destroy, but to praise, to labor and to love. God will fulfill the promise to bring peace.
To let love and justice flow. Peace us the Name of God:

To let love and justice flow. Peace us the Name of God:

To let love and justice flow. Peace us the Name of God:

To let love and justice flow. Peace us the Name of God:
Call Him Lord, call Him Peace.
VI. Think on the End

\( \frac{45}{\text{mf}} \)

\( \frac{45}{\text{molto legato}} \)

\( \frac{51}{f} \)

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Essays on Peace
Think on the end that a waits you, and be done with hate.

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Think on the end that a waits you, and be done with hate.

Think on the end that a waits you, and be done with hate.
If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Piano

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Harpsichord

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Strings

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Violin I

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Violin II

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Viola

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?

Cello

If you cherish rage, where will you go for pardon?
Par don? For give all o thers their wrong do ings that you may be for

Look for par don? For give all o thers their wrong do ings that you may be for

Par don? For give all o thers their wrong do ings that you may be for
giv'n. For giv'n. Think on the end that waits for you, and

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where will you look for pardon, and be forgiven? Be done with hatred.

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Par-don comes with love as strong as death.

Think on the
end that a-waits you, and be done with hate. Great is peace.

circa 5' 10"
VII. Rabbi Simeon ben Yohai: All Blessings

\( \text{\textit{Essays on Peace}} \)
Great is peace: In peace are to be found all other blessings.
Feed on love and brotherhood and peace reigns.
Peace in your coming in; peace in your going out; peace with all.

Peace, peace, peace, peace with all.

It is the seal of all men.

It is the seal of all men.

It is the seal of all men.

It is the seal of all men.
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As it is said:

Peace is the end of all things in this world; peace is the end of all things in this world.

Pea-ce,

As it is said:

Peace is the end of all things in this world; peace is the end of all things in this world.

Pea-ce,

As it is said:

Peace is the end of all things in this world; peace is the end of all things in this world.
mercy, life, and love. Deep peace and mercy, life, and love.

Be hold, I will extend to her like a river. Love.

said: I will extend to her like a river. Life and love.
Grant us peace and love. Proclaim it to the earth. Grant us peace.

May the love of your name hallow each heart.
Unite the fragments of our hearts to see the light of peace.

May the love of your name hallow each
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of our hearts to see the
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light of peace.

light of peace.

light of peace.

light of peace.
Bless-ed is the e-ter-nal source of peace.