For Choir Assembly
Keyboard and Guitar with C Instrument

Lori True

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU

Ki Ri Su To No
Notes

Background and Liturgical Use: This blessing comes to us from Japan via the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who incorporated it into their international convocation a few years ago. The original Japanese is included here for the refrain, as well as two alternative English texts (one as a Trinitarian blessing and another for interfaith gatherings). New verses have been composed for a variety of purposes and occasions: morning, evening, baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, the blessing of travelers, religious vocations, celebrations of mothers or fathers, etc.

Performance: The key to this musical blessing is simplicity. As a church that longs to be representative of all God’s people, we whole-heartedly encourage choirs and assemblies to sing the original Japanese refrain; the words are easily learned and the recording provides a basic rendering of the pronunciation.

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Refrain:
Japanese blessing

Gentle, flowing \( \frac{4}{=80} \)

Capo 1: \((G^6)\) \((A^7)\) \((D^+9)\)

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love of Christ
dwell deep in your heart.

May the love of God
dwell deep in your heart.

May you

zumimi

Spirit enlighten your way.

May you walk in the light of God’s way.

May you
wa ta ri ma su yo u ni.
walk in the com-fort of God’s care.

live in the com-fort of God’s peace.

(Em/G)  (A7)  (D)
Fm/Ab  Bb7  Eb

To Verses

Last time

ni.  care.  peace.

rit.

(D)  (G6)  (A7)  (DADD9)
Eb  A6  Bb7  EbADD9

rit.
Verses, Set 1

Morning 1. Cherish all the blessings before you this day;
Evening 2. Leave behind the fullness and care of this day;
Baptism 3. Holy one(s), we bless and anoint you this day:
Baptism 4. Cradled in the love of your family and friends,
Anniversary 5. Celebrate your promise, your laughter, your dreams;
Wedding 6. Standing heart-to-heart in the joy of this day,

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come and re - a - wak - en your soul.
rest now in the stillness of night.
Welcome to the household of Christ.
shine as a child of the light.
live well in the covenant of love.
shelter one another in love.

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Verses, Set 2

Mothers 1. Bless these holy women, these heroes and friends,
Fathers 2. Bless these holy men, loving fathers and friends,
Mission Trip 3. Summoned by the call to repair and rebuild,
Travel 4. As you travel forth with the blessings of Christ,
Priest 5. Holy one of God, humble shepherd and guide,
Ministry 6. Chosen holy people, we bless you this day;
Liturical Ministers 7. You who fill our worship with passion and joy,
Illness 8. Loving arms of comfort enfold you this day.
Near Death 9. Holy, suffering servant, do not be afraid;

witnesses of God in human form.
witnesses of God in human form.
go forth with protection and strength.
may the stranger welcome you as friend.
may you find contentment in Christ.
witness well the ministry of Christ.
come renew your ministry of love.
May you feel the tender touch of Christ.
rest now in the healer’s embrace.

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Japanese folk melody

Japanese blessing

Arrangement and English words by Lori True

Ki ri su to no he i wa ga, wa ta
May the peace of Christ be with you. May the
May the grace of God be with you. May the

Shi ta chi no ko ko ro no su mi
love of Christ dwell deep in your heart. May the
love of God dwell deep in your heart. May you

 Zu mi ni ma de yu ki
Spirit en - light - en your way. May you
walk in the light of God’s way. May you

Wa ta ri ma su yo u ni.
walk in the com - fort of God’s care.
live in the com - fort of God’s peace.

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