

It is my honor today to preach to the choir!

On this day in 1918, as World War 1 stopped, the European people rejoiced. "The War to End all Wars" they called it.

Thousands of bells called out Peace,

And the people knew their work, for Peace, for healing and repair and well-being for their damaged world.

And today we know the devastation delivered by the industries of war, the preparations for and conduct of war; we know the pollution of greed and tyranny.

We know the merciless killing of innocents, the deaths and injuries to combatants.

We know the 120 million displaced persons, unwelcome within our borders

And today, we also know the beauty of the earth,

the harmony of healthy seasons,

the abundance of life.

As in 1918, we know our work today,

our songs of peace

our presence for justice, for well-being, humility and deep relationship,

and for repair of the web of life.

We know the fruits of peace,

and it is our honor to be called to this work;

it's the work of the choir.

Let our bells today, call out to the beauty, the harmony, the relationships, and all that thrives in peace!

Let our bells call us now, and lead us in our work for healing!

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