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Oseh Shalom
(O You who makes peace)

for Vocal Solo, SATB
Chorus, and Piano

PERUSAL SCORE

Oseh Shalom was commissioned by Temple Sholom, Greenwich, CT for Cantor Asa Fradkin and Sasson: The Temple Shalom Teen Choir, in celebration of its centennial. I had never written a choral setting of this very familiar text, and delighted in having the opportunity to write it for Cantor Fradkin, this dedicated teen choir, and this occasion. In this setting, I chose to expand upon the traditional Hebrew text, making it both more personal and more universal: where the original text asks for peace “for us and for all Yisrael,” the text here speaks of peace “within myself, for us and for all Yisrael, and all who dwell on earth, and all of the world/universe.” The simple, but wide-ranging melody is first heard in Hebrew in the solo voice, then in the full choir, before the choir begins a contrasting section, with the text in English. Finally, the original melody returns, bringing us to a peaceful conclusion. The premiere of the piece was at Temple Sholom in May, 2016.

–Gerald Cohen

TEXT:

*Oseh shalom bimromav,
Hu yaaseh shalom b'kirbi,
Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, V'al
kol yoshvei tevel, V'al kol
haolam,
V'imru amen.*

O You who makes peace in the heavens,
Make peace within myself,
For us and all Yisrael,
And all who dwell on earth,
And all our precious world,
And all our wondrous world,
And let us say amen.

Duration: 4'30"

Canon for Trumpet and Bassoon, The Temple Shalom Youth Choir,
in celebration of its centennial

Liturgy, with additions by Gerald Cohen

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for solo voice, SATB choir, and piano

Gentle, flowing ♩ = 72

p O You who makes peace in the heavens, Make peace within myself,

Solo voice

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

p *molto legato*

O - seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom b'-kir-

Gentle, flowing ♩ = 72

For us and all Yisrael,

And all who dwell on earth,

And all the world,

Solo

S

A

T

B

Pno.

bi, a - lei-nu, v'-al kol Yi - sra - el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei - vel, v' - al kol ha-o - lam, v' -

p

Oo,

p

Oo,

p

Oo,

And let us say amen.

15

Solo

al kol ha-o - lam, v'im - ru a - mein, v'im - ru a - mein,

S

Oo, Oo, Oo, Oo, Oo,

A

O -

T

B

Pno.

22

mf O You who makes peace in the heavens, Make peace within myself, For us and all Yisrael,

S

O - seh sha - lom bim-ro-mav, sha - lom b' - kir - bi, al kol

(bring out melody in alto voice)

A

seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom b'-kir-bi, a - lei-nu, v' - al kol Yis-ra-

T

O - seh sha - lom al

B

O - seh sha - lom al

Pno.

mf

Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo. Leo.

And all who dwell on earth,

And all the world,

(melody in soprano)

27

S Yis - ra-el, yosh - vei tei - vel, v' - al kol ha-o - lam, v' - al kol ha-o-

A el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei - vel, ha - o - lam, v' ha - o -

T kol tei - vel, ha - o - lam, ha-o - lam, ha - o -

B kol tei - vel, ha - o - lam, ha - o -

Pno. *And. And. (simile)*

And let us say amen.

33

S lam, a - men, a - men,

A lam, v'im - ru a - mein, v'-im - ru a - mein, v' - im - ru a -

T lam, ha-o - lam, a - men, a - men, a -

B lam, a - men, a - men, a -

Pno.

39

S
A
T
B

mein,
men,
men, _____

p
O You who makes peace in the hea-vens, Make peace with-in my-
You make peace with - in my -

Pno.

45

S
A
T
B

For us and all Yis-ra-el, _____ And all who dwell on earth, And all our pre-cious
Yis ra - el and all on earth, _____ And all our pre - cious
self, _____ And all our pre - cious
self, _____ And all our pre - cious

p *cresc.* *mf*
p *cresc.* *mf*
mf
mf

Pno.

mf

Red.

Make peace within myself,

For us and all Yisrael,

And all who dwell on earth,

61

Solo *cresc.*
lom sha - lom b'-kir - bi, kol Yis - ra - el, yosh -

S *cresc.*
seh sha-lom b'-kir - bi, a - lei-nu, v'-al kol Yis-ra - el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei-

A *cresc.*
seh sha-lom b'-kir - bi, a - lei-nu, v'-al kol Yis-ra - el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei-

T *cresc.*
seh sha-lom b'-kir - bi, a - lei-nu, v'-al kol Yis-ra - el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei-

B *cresc.*
seh sha-lom b'-kir - bi, a - lei-nu, v'-al kol Yis-ra - el, v' - al kol yosh-vei tei-

Pno. *cresc.*
And. (simile)

66 *f rich, warm* *And all our world,*
vei - tei - vel, v' - al kol ha - o - lam, v' - al kol ha - o -

S *f rich, warm*
vel, v' - al kol ha - o - lam, v' - al kol ha - o -

A *f rich, warm*
vel, v' - al kol ha - o - lam, al kol ha - o -

T *f rich, warm*
vel, v' - al kol ha - o - lam, v' - al kol ha - o -

B *f rich, warm*
vel, v' - al kol ha - o - lam, al kol ha - o -

Pno. *f*

70 *And let us say amen.* *mf* *dim.*

Solo
lam, — a - mein, a - mein,

S
mf *dim.*
lam, — v' - im - ru a - mein, v' - im - ru a - mein, v' - im -

A
mf *dim.*
lam, — v' - im - ru a - mein, v' - im - ru a - mein, v' - im -

T
mf *dim.*
lam, — v' - im - ru a - mein, im - ru a - mein, v' - im -

B
mf *dim.*
lam, v' - im - ru a - mein, im - ru a - mein, v' - im -

Pno.
mf *dim.*
Leg. *Leg.* *Leg. (simile)*

75 *rit.* *p*

Solo
a - mein.

S
p
ru - mein, a - mein.

A
p
ru a - mein, a - mein.

T
p
ru v' - im - ru, a - mein, a - mein, a - mein.

B
p
ru v' - im - ru, a - mein, a - mein, a - mein.

Pno.
rit. *p*
Leg. *8va*