



Scripture (Luke 22:49-52)

His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.

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To all of you who are building peace, To all of you who are the leaders of the nations, To you, brothers and sisters, citizens of the world, To you young people, who dare to dream of a better world, I say this from a powerful conviction: that peace is possible, but that it is also something that has to be continually won, a good thing that has to be attained through ever renewed efforts. . . Yes, it is every day that the ideal of peace has to be made into a concrete reality by each one of us.

Reflection

Like Christ's disciples, we may fall, more than once, into the temptation to use violence. But the reading from Luke reminds us that Christ bought an important new message to the world: "Stop, no more of this." Peace is possible when we follow Christ not only when the community approves, as they did when He entered Jerusalem, but during the difficult, dark days when we feel alone and despair tempts us. Let us enter Holy Week daring to dream of peace, of resurrection, of possibility.

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