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An Abstract of the Address

"THE CHURCH AND WORLD PEACE"

By

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
At The University Chapel  
University of Chicago,  
Sunday, November 9th, 1930

at Chicago United Chapel

Nothing so completely revealed the pathetic irrelevancy of the church in present-day world affairs as the last war. Nothing so sharply illustrated the eclipse of the spiritual power of organized religion as a consultative factor in the deliberations of civilized peoples as the last war. In the midst of a world gone mad with chauvinistic passions and economic rivalries which were driving it inevitably to war, our churches and synagogues stood absolutely helpless. The voice of the church was seldom, if ever, raised during the years of frightful moral disaster which preceded the war, and when war came the national churches functioned as the lackeys of the state. They were used. They were the ever-ready channels for governmental propaganda. They blessed the battle flags. They sprinkled holy water upon the cannons and the battle-flags. The pentecostal wail of a perishing world pleading desperately for peace found the church a recruiting officer and its priests camp followers.

Religion must be international in the finest sense of the word. It is not opposed to nationalism. It overleaps it. It does not concern itself with it. Nationalism is not mankind's ultimate vision. Nationalism is not enough. It may be a minimum requirement. It is not the maximum program. Self-centered nationalism was thoroughly exposed and discredited in the last war. Nationalism is a means, not an end. "What is great in a man" said Nietzsche, "is that he is a bridge and not a goal." This is true also of nations and national cultures. Once their national existence is secured, peoples must push on to the frontiers of the new world - the world of internationalism, - to the world-mind and the world-outlook. The concern of religion is not with nationalism and the temporary political and cultural

units among men, but with man himself and with mankind. It goes beyond race and creed and boundaries. Its domain is the world of common human needs. Its empire is of the universal spirit.

The church must be the guide, the critic and the censor of the state, - never its tool. It will then be able to render two distinct services to the cause of peace.

It will be in a position to create a real temperament for peace, a "peaceful frame of mind," a will to peace. It once set armies in motion crusading to the Holy Land, by sowing a mystic fervor among men for that land. If religion will become imperial again, uttering its own revelations, it can imbue men and women with a glowing, ardent love for peace.

While the public schools continue perforce to inculcate local patriotic sentiments, the religious schools should, quite as deliberately, educate the youth of the world, both intellectually and emotionally, into a vivid realization of the waste and crime of war and of the means for averting it through international solidarity and world concord. Aggressively and persuasively religion must create a new peace dogma among men and a new international sacrament.

This is the first service which the church will be in position to render. The other service is the focusing of the attention of men upon the machinery for effecting peace. It is not enough to cry peace, peace, when there is no peace. The church must rally men around those agencies, however provisional and rudimentary they may be, which promise to bring peace, if only one step nearer.

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resources of nations but which inevitably catapult them into war.



Nov. 7th, 1930

Mr. Joseph Bernstein,  
City Editor, The News,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bernstein:-

Permit me to thank you very kindly for  
your cooperation in connection with publicity on our  
Monday evening lecture course.

In accordance with Rabbi Silver's letter  
I am enclosing herewith a photograph and an article for  
next Monday's News (Nov. 10th)

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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The University of Chicago



# University Religious Service

AUTUMN QUARTER 1930



11:00 A.M.

THE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

# Order of Service

Sunday, November 9, 1930

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D., The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, *University Preacher*

THE REVEREND CHARLES W. GILKEY, D.D., Dean of the Chapel, *Conducting the Services*

**Preludes:** Procession de St. Sacrement - *Chauvet* Variations de Concert - - - *Bonnet*  
Andante from Symphony II - *Widor* Prelude in B Flat - - - *Bach*  
Sketch in D Flat - - - *Schumann*

The People standing at the entrance of the Choir, until after the Chorale

**Congregational Hymn** - - - - - AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountain side  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble, free,  
Thy name I love:  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,—  
To thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light!  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King! *Amen.*

—S. F. SMITH

## Call to Worship

### Invocation:

O Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us when we draw nigh to Thee from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

The Minister and the People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Chorale

Choir and Congregation

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,

Be thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

**Solo for Soprano:** Hear ye, Israel (Elijah) - - - - - *Mendelssohn*

Hear ye, Israel! hear what the Lord speaketh: Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!

Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants: I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die, and forgettest the Lord, thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations?

## The Scripture

**Anthem:** Prayer of Thanksgiving - - - - - *Netherlands Folk-Song*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,

He chastens and hastens his will to make known;

The wicked oppressing cease them from distressing,

Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,

Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine,

So from the beginning the fight we were winning;

Thou, Lord, wast at our side—all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou Leader in battle,

And pray that thou still our Defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation:

Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## Prayers:

The Minister: The Lord be with you.

The People: *And with thy spirit.*

The Minister and the Choir: Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us,

*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

For the Nation; for the University; for Daily Needs; closing with the Lord's Prayer  
Response by the Choir

# Hymn - - - - - DUKE STREET

Father in Heaven who lovest all,  
O help thy children when they call,  
That they may build from age to age  
And undefiled heritage.

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,  
With steadfastness and careful truth;  
That, in our time thy grace may give  
The truth whereby the nations live.

Teach us the strength that cannot seek,  
By deed or thought, to hurt the weak;  
That, under thee, we may possess  
Man's strength to comfort man's distress.

Teach us delight in simple things,  
And mirth that has no bitter springs;  
Forgiveness free of evil done,  
And love to all men 'neath the sun.

—RUDYARD KIPLING

## Sermon

### Offertory

The offering is devoted to the support of the University Settlement and other philanthropies for which the University has an immediate responsibility.

### Sentences

#### Anthem, Recessional - -

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine,—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

#### "Veni Emmanuel," tune from a French missal

If drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,  
Such boasting as the Gentiles use  
Or lesser breeds without the law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding calls not Thee to guard,  
For frantic boast and foolish word,  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord! *Amen.*

—RUDYARD KIPLING, 1897

### Presentation of Offering

The People standing until after the Benediction

### Doxology

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

# Hymn - - - - - AURELIA

O God of earth and altar,  
Bow down and hear our cry,  
Our earthly rulers falter,  
Our people drift and die;  
The walls of gold entomb us,  
The swords of scorn divide,  
Take not thy thunder from us,  
But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,  
From lies of tongue and pen,  
From all the easy speeches  
That comfort cruel men,  
From sale and profanation  
Of honor and the sword,  
From sleep and from damnation,  
Deliver us, good Lord.

Tie in a living tether  
The priest and prince and thrall,  
Bind all our lives together,  
Smite us and save us all;  
In ire and exultation  
Aflame with faith, and free,  
Lift up a living nation,  
A single sword to thee. *Amen.*

—G. K. CHESTERTON

## Benediction

### Choral Amen

### Postlude: Grand Chorus - - - - -

Guilmant

The Musical Service this afternoon at 4:30 will be given by the Chicago Bach Singers and EDWIN STANLEY SEDER, Organist. This group of women's voices is directed by ELSE HARTMAN ARENDT, who is soloist with the Chicago Bach Chorus. MR. SEDER is the accompanist of the Chicago Bach Chorus, and is organist of the First Congregational Church, Oak Park.

A religious service, for all members of the University, will be conducted by the Divinity Faculties at 11:50 A.M. in the Joseph Bond Chapel on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

At the Wednesday Vesper Service in this Chapel from 5:00 to 5:45 P.M., a fifteen-minute period of organ music will be followed by a musical service, with a brief address by DEAN GILKEY.

The University Preacher next Sunday morning will be THE REVEREND LYNN HAROLD HOUGH, D.D., Th.D., Litt.D., LL.D., Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. This service, including the Organ Recital played by FREDERICK MARRIOTT, beginning at 10:30, will be broadcast from Station WMAQ.

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# The University of Chicago Chapel

CHARLES WHITNEY GILKEY, *Dean*

## Order of Service

### Autumn Quarter, 1931

SUNDAYS AT 11:00 A.M.

**Organ Preludes:** Beginning at 10:30

**Congregational Hymn**

The People standing until after the Chorale

**Call to Worship**

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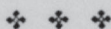
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**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

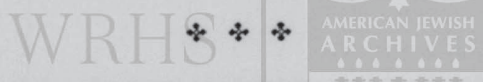
## UNIVERSITY PREACHERS FOR THE AUTUMN QUARTER

- OCTOBER 4—THE REVEREND CHARLES WHITNEY GILKEY, D.D., Dean of the University Chapel, Professor of Preaching.  
 11—THE REVEREND CHARLES CLAYTON MORRISON, D.D., Litt.D., Editor of *The Christian Century*, Chicago.  
 18—THE REVEREND JUSTIN W. NIXON, D.D., The Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York.  
 25—THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY K. SHERRILL, D.D., Trinity Church, Boston, Massachusetts.
- NOVEMBER 1—RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D.D., Litt.D., The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 8—THE REVEREND JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, The Community Church of New York, New York City.  
 15—THE REVEREND RICHARD ROBERTS, D.D., Sherbourne Church, Toronto, Canada.  
 22—PROFESSOR RUFUS M. JONES, LL.D., D.D., Litt.D., D.Th., Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.  
 29—DEAN GILKEY.
- DECEMBER 6—THE REVEREND ROBERT RUSSELL WICKS, D.D., Dean of the University Chapel, Princeton University.  
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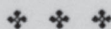


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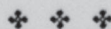
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