

Pax Christi Denver is a Catholic peace organization that strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence.



In accord with the Pax Christi USA's initiative "A New Movement for Nuclear Disarmament," Pax Christi Denver is focusing on disarming the missiles in Colorado that are on hair-trigger alert.

We invite you to join our grassroots movement as we explore the transforming power of nonviolence.

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Continuing Her Work to Abolish Nuclear Weapons: Sr. Jackie Hudson Memorial at N-8 Missile Silo

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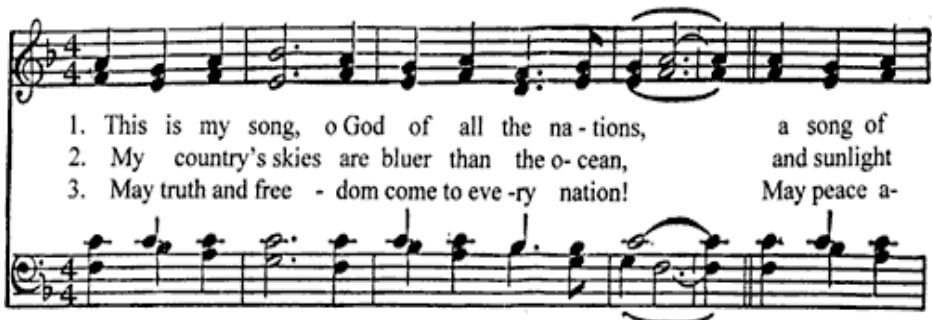
N-8 Missile Site



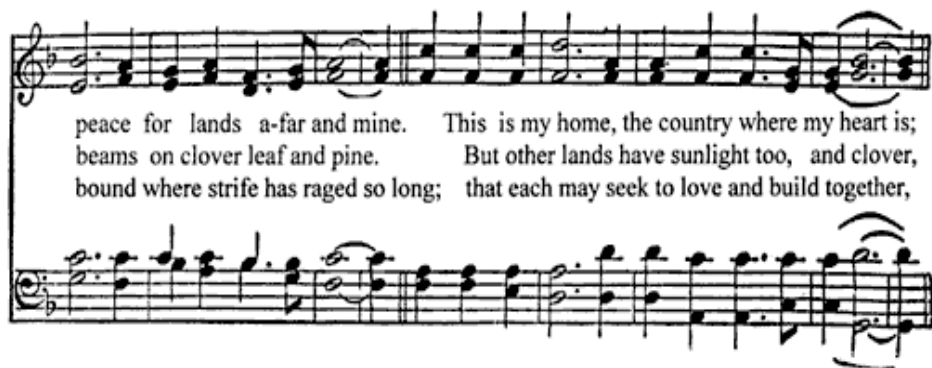
Sr. Jackie, along with Sisters Ardeth Platte and Carol Gilbert, was arrested for her Plowshares action at N-8 in 2002.

Sr. Jackie Hudson, OP (1934—2011)

I. Gathering: This is My Song



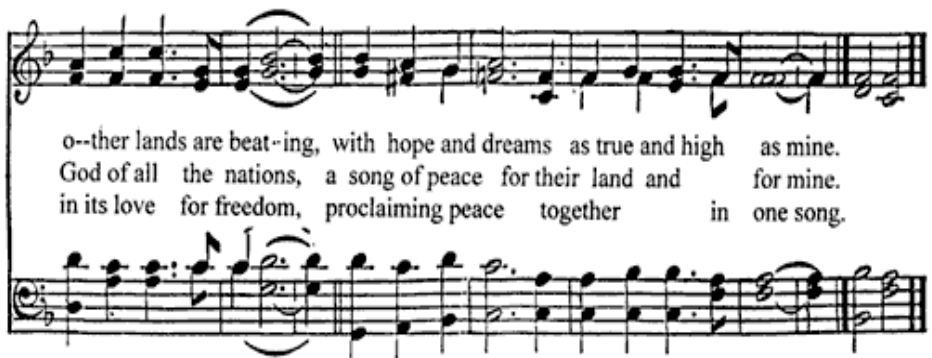
1. This is my song, o God of all the na-tions, a song of
2. My country's skies are bluer than the o-cean, and sunlight
3. May truth and free-dom come to eve-ry nation! May peace a-



peace for lands a-far and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is;
beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
bound where strife has raged so long; that each may seek to love and build together,



Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho---ly shrine; But other hearts in
And skies are ev'----ry-where as blue as mine: O hear my song, thou
A world u-ni----ted, right-ing ev---'ry wrong; A world u---ni----ted



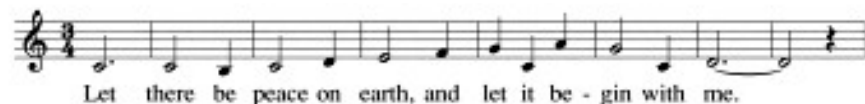
o--ther lands are beat-ing, with hope and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
in its love for freedom, proclaiming peace together in one song.

VIII. Commissioning:

(each person place a hand on the shoulder of a person standing near)

May you have the strength to speak the truth, courage to act nonvio-lently, may you be filled with faith instead of fear, and may God bless you to say no to violence, war and warmaking.

IX. Closing Song: Let there be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be-gin with me.



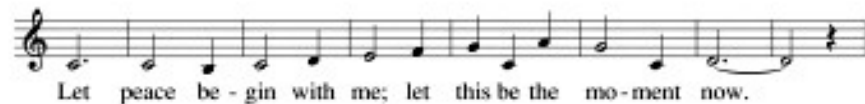
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With



God as our Fa-ther, broth-ers
fam-ly all are we.



Let me walk with my broth-er in per-fect har-mo-ny.
us each oth-er



Let peace be-gin with me; let this be the mo-ment now.



With ev-'ry step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow; To



take each mo-ment, and live each mo-ment in peace e-ter-nal-ly!



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be-gin with me.

VI. Prayer: Litany (response: We commit our lives)

- To abolishing war.... *We commit our lives*
- To forgiving and loving our enemies...
- To providing a safe future for all peoples of the world...
- To sharing our resources...
- To saving our environment...
- To stopping all killing...
- To practicing nonviolence and reconciliation...
- To embracing all races...
- To worldwide disarmament...

VII. Pax Christi Vow of Nonviolence

Recognizing the violence in my own heart, yet trusting in the goodness and mercy of God, I vow to practice the nonviolence of Jesus who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons and daughters of God...You have learned how it was said, "You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy," but I say to you, : Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your creator in heaven" (Matt. 5:9, 43-44)

Before the Creator and the sanctifying Spirit, I vow to carry out in my life the love and example of Jesus

- By striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life;
- By accepting suffering in the struggle for justice rather than inflicting it
- By refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;
- By persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;
- By living conscientiously and simply nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from my own heart and from the face of the earth.

God, I trust in your sustaining love and believe that just as you gave me the grace and desire to offer this, so you will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it.

II. Welcome: From Sisters Ardeth and Carol

Dear Friends present at the N-8 Nuclear Minute Man Missile Site,

We join you in spirit once again at this site of potential mass murder of God's people! It is a place that is representative of the extinction of life on Earth as we know it. There remain the total of 450 to 500 other MM III missiles in North Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, and the forty-eight others in this northeast section of Colorado. We yearn for their decommissioning, disarming and dismantlement. We pray that all of them will be taken off high trigger alert and removed from these farmers' fields as the latest treaty brings down the numbers of strategic nuclear weapons to 1550. We work together with you for total abolition of these weapons of mass destruction as promised by the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty signed forty one years ago. Thank you for your presence, for your work, for your legal, political and direct actions for this cause. Sister Jackie Hudson, our dear Dominican Sister and friend. continues to be with us, to inspire us, to teach us that our lives given for future generations is discipleship, a worthy cause, a ministry blessed. She is face to face with the Divine Peacemaker, the Nonviolent God Who teaches unconditional Love and gives each of us the gift of living it. Let us continue to preach it to our own nation and to the world. We love you and are grateful for you always. Sister Carol Gilbert and Sister Ardeth Platte with Sister Jackie Hudson, PRESENTE!



III. Opening Prayer:

Leader: We who are gathered here pray today with all the world citizens that peace may be in every heart, in every home, in every nation.

All: AMEN

Leader: God of peace, we unite with all our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Today is the day and now is the hour for all people to live in peace. We dedicate ourselves anew to this cause, that the dignity of all persons may be made manifest. Let us make a covenant with one another and seek to make a new beginning. Let us declare solemnly that we are at peace with all people of good will.

All: WE SEEK PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE.

People: We affirm that our security rests not in armaments. We seek a just economic order in which everyone has access to the abundance of the earth. We seek justice in human relationships nourished in the solidarity of the human family.

All: WE AFFIRM JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

Leader: We choose struggle rather than indifference. We choose to be friends of the earth and of one another, not exploiters. We choose to be citizens rather than subjects. We choose to be peacemakers rather than peacekeepers.

All: WE UNITE TO RESIST THE POWERS OF DEATH.

Leader: Before us today are set life and death.

All: WE CHOOSE LIFE THAT WE AND OUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE.

IV. Remembrances

Sister Jackie Hudson is best known to Coloradans as one of the three Dominican Sisters who were arrested for a Plowshares action here at the N8 missile silo. Their trial and sentencing publicized the 49 missiles on active alert here in Colorado and challenged us to work for their deactivation and removal.

Sister Jackie spent the first part of her ministry teaching music to junior high students. In 1982 after hearing a lecture about nuclear weapons she began to work for their elimination. This involved education, vigils, and civil resistance which resulted in prison time. Jackie and Sue Ablao, her longtime companion, were organizers at the Ground Zero center for nonviolent action outside the naval base in Washington state where submarine-based nuclear weapons are stored.

Jackie challenged the Ground Zero community and all of us to “take a step outside our comfort zone” and work for social justice. She died August 3, 2011 as a result of the lack of health care in prison.



V. Song: Sacred Creation

Refrain

Sa-cred the land, sa - cred the wa - ter, sa - cred the sky,
ho - ly and true. Sa-cred all life, sa - cred each oth - er;
all re - flect God who is good.

1-3 to Verses

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'Sa-cred the land, sa - cred the wa - ter, sa - cred the sky,'. The second staff continues with 'ho - ly and true. Sa-cred all life, sa - cred each oth - er;'. The third staff starts with 'all re - flect God who is good.' and includes a box labeled '1-3 to Verses' above the final measure.