

*Mary's Heart Pierced and Peace*, by Luba Lukova

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As a graphic designer, Luba Lukova works with raw symbols and minimal text, stripping away words and symbols to locate a core. Her work also reflects her social activism. *Mary's Heart Pierced*, a silk-screen print, is an illustration for *A Prayer Book for Remembering the Women*, which focuses on women figures in scripture. "When the church chooses which stories to tell and which stories to live out," the book's publisher explains, "it gives to us or withholds from us the stories we need to make our lives." *Peace* is part of a series of posters on social justice issues. Born and educated in Bulgaria, Lukova lives in New York.