A Service of Remembrance, Prayer and Healing to Mourn the People Killed and Injured in Orlando

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A Litany of Remembrance, Lament, and Hope The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina Jane Carol Redmont
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Opening Collect from Integrity Atlanta Gay Pride Eucharist for Human Rights
THE WORD OF GOD
We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Please silence all cell phones.

Organ Prelude

Please stand as the clergy enter in silence.
The Opening Acclamation [greeting] (standing)
Celebrant: If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. Psalm 139:10, 11

The Collect (standing)
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn (standing)
Blue Hymnal #490 I want to walk like a child of the Light
The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9 (seated)
A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Litany (please stand)
Leader: Be with us, God of tears, You who have known suffering within your very self.
All: Teach us to weep. Teach us to see and hear each other’s tears.

Left side of the congregation:
We are one people, formed in God’s image.

Right side of the congregation:
We are divided by our past, by our present, by our fears, by our wounds, by our silences.

Left side of the congregation:
We are one people.

Right side of the congregation:
We struggle to be one.

All: Help us to see the face of God in one another. Make of us your holy people. Through our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection, may we live justice; may we find hope.

Leader: Christ Jesus, stay with us.
All: Spirit of the living God, Help us to live.
Leader: Teach us to weep.
All: Help us to dry one another’s tears.
Leader: “Here are my servants, whom I uphold as my chosen ones, in whom my soul delights I have put my spirit upon them: they will bring forth justice to the nations.”
For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: “Here are my servants, whom I uphold my chosen ones, in whom my soul delights I have put my spirit upon them: they will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Left side of the congregation:
“Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it; I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;”

Right side of the congregation:
“I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

Leader: We live on common ground.
All: We share one covenant of baptism, one bread of life, one cup of salvation.
Leader: Christ Jesus, stay with us.
All: Spirit of the living God, Help us to live together.

Left side of the congregation:
We live in struggle.

Right side of the congregation:
We live in hope.

All: “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.”
Left side of the congregation:
“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.”

Right side of the congregation:
“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.”

Leader: We move, slowly, into holy friendship.
All: Help us to live as friends of Jesus.

Left side of the congregation:
On common ground, on this land we live together.

Right side of the congregation:
On this land, we welcome in Christ’s name new friends.

Left side of the congregation:
They bring the riches of faith and the memories of ancestors from other lands.

All: We live as friends of Jesus and friends of all God’s people.

Right side of the congregation:
On common ground, on this land, We break bread.

All: Reconcile us, O God of mercy. Teach us your way.

Left side of the congregation:
When we stumble, help others to forgive us.

Right side of the congregation:
When we are broken teach others to bind our wounds.

All: Christ Jesus, Let us fear neither the truth nor each other.

Leader: “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the dwelling of God is with people, and God will dwell with them, and they shall be God’s people and God’s very self shall be with them, and be their God.”

All: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are all passed away.”

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Choral Anthem
*Shalom, Salaam, Peace be with you*  
Arlan Sunnarborg

Sung by members of the All Saints’ and St. Luke’s Choirs


The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops. I tell you, friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say. 

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Reflection (seated)**

A period of silence is kept.

**Duet** Evening Prayer from “Hansel and Gretel”  
E. Humperdink

Jessie Lane, soprano  
Laurie Swann, mezzo-soprano

**The Prayers (standing)**

Leader:  
Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence. For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers and aliens, and those known to you alone, Loving God

All:  
Make us instruments of your peace.

Leader:  
God of Righteousness, you have given our leaders, especially Barack, our President, and Nathan, our Governor, the members of Congress, the judges of our courts and members of our legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, Loving God

All:  
Make us instruments of your peace.
Leader: God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters and EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the lobbies, the malls and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place day after day. Give them courage and sound judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims. For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and their serenity as they rush to our aid, Loving God

All: Make us instruments of your peace.

Leader: Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence, Loving God

All: Make us instruments of your peace.

Leader: God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died, close to 6,000 this year, in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care. For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, Loving God

All: Make us instruments of your peace.

Leader: God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. For your dream of love and harmony, Loving God

All: Make us instruments of your peace.

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Collect by Celebrant (remain standing)
O merciful God, who has taught us through your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve those who suffer: Look with compassion upon the sorrows of all who have been affected by the senseless deaths at Pulse in Orlando.

Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old
Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old
Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old
Kimberly Morris, 37 years old
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old
Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old
Amanda Alvear, 25 years old
Martin Benitez Torres, 33 years old
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old
Mercedez Marisol Flores, 26 years old
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old
Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26 years old
Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old
Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old
Cory James Connell, 21 years old
Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old
Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old
Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old
Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old

O Lord, in mercy; nourish all who mourn with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon us all and grant us peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Profound Silence (please be seated)
Solo  His Eye is on the Sparrow  

Civilla D. Martin and Charles H. Gabriel

soloist, Jamie Clements

The Prayer Attributed to St. Francis (in unison, standing)

  Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
  Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
  Where there is injury, pardon;
  Where there is error, the truth;
  Where there is doubt, the faith;
  Where there is despair, hope;
  Where there is darkness, light;
  And where there is sadness, joy.

  Grant that I may not so much seek
  To be consoled, as to console;
  To be understood, as to understand;
  To be loved as to love.

  For it is in giving that we receive;
  It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
  And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing (standing)
Christ has no body now on earth but yours; yours are the only hands with which he can do his work, yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world, yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world. Christ has no body on earth now but yours; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.
Closing Hymn  God Has Work for Us to Do

Karol Kimmell, soloist

Solo verse 1 as introduction, then all sing verses 1-5 together

1. 'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; 'til
2. In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill, in
3. In classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street, in
4. 'Til age and race and gender no longer separate; 'til
5. By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear, by

no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled:
board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still:
ev'ry place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet:
pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:

Refrain

God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do, 'till

God's will is done, and all things are made new,

God has work for us, work for us to do!

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The Dismissal (standing)
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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