OPENING PROCESSION

Please stand as you are able.

SONG

*We’ve Come This Far by Faith*

*We’ve come this far by faith, Leaning on each other
Trust in our God above, Who’s never failed us yet
Oh, can’t turn around; We’ve come this far by faith*

DARYL L.A. HUNT, piano/music director
MICHAEL BOWIE, bass
LENNY ROBINSON, drums
IMANI-GRACE COOPER, vocals

WELCOME

DEAN RANDOLPH M. HOLLERITH, Washington National Cathedral

INTRODUCTION

CANON THEOLOGIAN KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS, Washington National Cathedral

PANEL DISCUSSION: PREPARE AND RESPOND

HURUNNESSA FARIA
MARNIE FIEBENBERG
REVEREND ERIC MANNING
PIERRE THOMAS, moderator

REMEMBERING THE LOST, HONORING SURVIVORS

*El Malei Rachamim*

*During the singing of El Malei Rachamim, two candles will be lit: one for those who have died of gun violence, and one for those who are survivors.*

CANTOR SUSAN RA BORTNICK, Washington Hebrew Congregation

PANEL DISCUSSION: RESPOND AND RECLAIM

MARY WRIGHT BAYLOR
HURUNNESSA FARIA
MARNIE FIEBENBERG
REVEREND ERIC MANNING
RYANE NICKENS
PIERRE THOMAS, moderator

REMARKS

CANON THEOLOGIAN KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS, Washington National Cathedral

CLOSING LITURGY (continues inside)
The people are invited to stand. The people’s responses are in bold.

OPENING

BISHOP MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

O Lord, my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.  
*Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.* (Psalm 30:2, 6)

READING

RABBI SUSAN N. SHANKMAN, Washington Hebrew Congregation

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

LITANY

Episcopal Peace Fellowship, “Gift of Shalom,” adapted

DEAN RANDOLPH M. HOLLERITH, Washington National Cathedral
SINGH SAHIB SIMRAN SINGH KHALSA, Sikh Dharma
IMAM DR. TALIB SHAREEF, Masjid Muhammad, The Nation’s Mosque

O Holy One, Inspire us with hope in the gift of shalom, the gift of wholeness, and the promise of your presence. *Spirit we need you*

Give us wisdom to seek nonviolence as an answer to the violence of our lives and world. *Spirit we need you*

Give us courage to seek wholeness in a fractured and divided world, and to find reconciliation rather than revenge. *Spirit we need you*

Give us faith to abandon the instruments of violence and death and entrust our lives, our homes and our families to you. *Spirit we need you*

May your presence fill us and others with the thirst for unity, wholeness and the desire to see all people valued as created in your image. *Spirit we need you*

May we and others receive your shalom, that we might be faithful instruments of your love. *Spirit we need you*

Blessed be your name forever, Amen.

The people are invited to sit.

CALL TO COMMITMENT

RABBI ABBI SHAROFSKY, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington

SONG

It’s Time

It’s time... time to make a change. We are the people who can do it
It’s time... time to make a change. We are God’s people, we can do it

BLESSING

BISHOP MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE, Episcopal Diocese of Washington
ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

MARY WRIGHT BAYLOR is the deputy group lead and a media spokesperson with the Burke-Fairfax, Virginia Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Through advocacy work at the local, state and national levels she has demanded action on gun safety. She has decades of experience providing executive leadership, instruction and pastoral and direct care in the field of nursing, most recently with Washington National Cathedral and the Institute for Education and Leadership at Capital Hospice.

THE REV. CANON KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS is canon theologian at Washington National Cathedral. In 2017, she was named Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior to joining the Cathedral and EDS, she was the Susan D. Morgan Professor of Religion at Goucher College in Baltimore. Douglas was one of the first 10 black women to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, serving as associate priest at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., for over 20 years. She holds degrees from Denison University and obtained her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary.

HURUNNESSA FARIAD is head of Outreach & Interfaith at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center). Fariad oversees outreach and public relations efforts to educate the DMV community about the ADAMS Center and the American Muslim community it serves. Fariad also oversees the interfaith efforts at the ADAMS Center. Fariad is the music director of America’s first Mosque Youth Choir, The ADAMS BEAT, which is actively involved in interfaith and advocacy work.

MARNIE FIENBERG has been on a long journey from victim to activist. Since her Mother-in law, Joyce Fienberg, was murdered at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, she has switched careers from business consulting for the Federal government to focus on social action—fighting hate and anti-Semitism at the grass-roots level. Her first project, along with partner Lauren Kline, is “2 for Seder” encouraging Jews across the United States and Canada to actively invite at least two people of other faiths to their first Seder, fighting hate through first-hand experiences about Judaism.

In June 2016, REV. ERIC SHELDON CHARLES MANNING was assigned as the senior pastor to “Mother” Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., where 9 persons were shot to death on June 17, 2015. Rev. Manning was responsible for leading the congregation on a journey of healing and recovery. He worked with the National Crime Victim Research & Treatment Center of MUSC to ensure that comprehensive services were available to the survivors, families and community. This included the establishment of the Mother Emanuel Empowerment Center.

RYANE B. NICKENS was born and raised in Ward 8 of Washington D.C. The murders of three family members and the shootings of three sent her life into a tailspin as a youth. In therapy, she developed healthy coping mechanisms for trauma. Her personal experiences led her to found The TraRon Center to ensure those affected by gun violence have the resources to deal with their trauma. Nickens brings a wealth of experience and passion to her work with families and communities affected by gun violence. She is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and Howard University School of Divinity. Ryane is a proud member of the historic Metropolitan AME Church. Visit: www.traroncenter.org

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