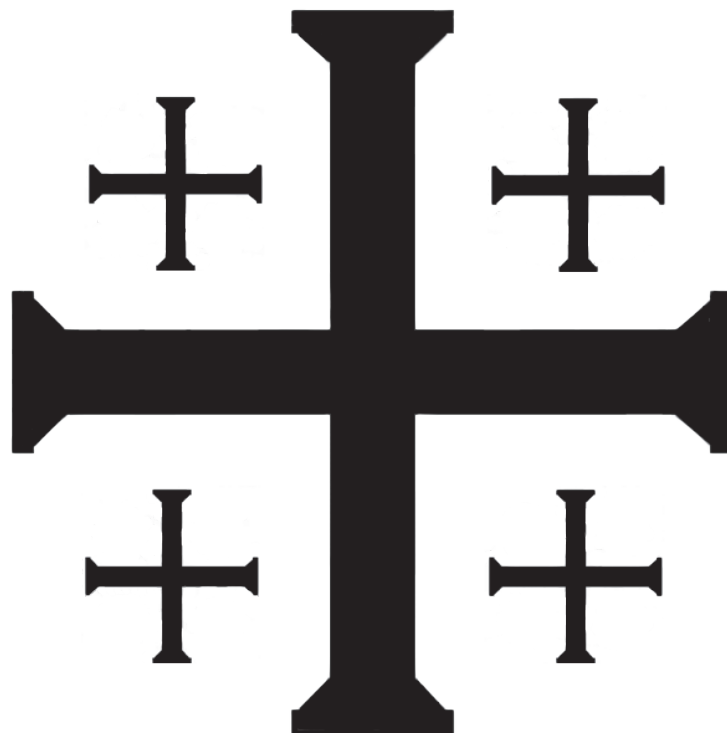


A SERVICE OF PRAYER
for the removal of the
LEE-JACKSON WINDOWS



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

5:30 PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people responses are in bold.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Dean Hollerith God is in this place.
People **And we are God's people.**
Dean Hollerith O God, I love the house in which you dwell
People **and the place where your glory abides.**
Dean Hollerith Let us pray.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (*Prayer for the Human Family*)

THE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

THE REMOVAL OF THE LEE-JACKSON WINDOWS

We gather this day in this sacred place to remove these Lee-Jackson windows dedicated in 1953. We remember that they were received as a gift to this Cathedral memorializing the leaders of the Confederacy in a time when segregation was still the law of the land, when racial division in all aspects of life was social practice, and when the most segregated time of Christian America was on Sunday morning.

The removal of the Lee-Jackson windows this day serves as a testament of the Cathedral's commitment to furthering God's kingdom of the beloved community where the divisions of race and color, North and South, segregation and separation exist no more.

THE PRAYERS

Bishop Budde The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Budde Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: we give you thanks for the faith of those who have gone before us and for the generosity of past generations who contributed to the completion of this Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in their time. We ask that you surround us with your grace at this time as these windows once dedicated for the adornment of this Cathedral are no longer sanctified as part of the fabric of this worship space and now removed.

And loving God, bless us your children in our future together, that we may follow the ways of justice, hope and reconciliation. We pray that all who seek you in this sacred space may find you, and, being filled the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we know it to be true that the arc of history is long and that it bends toward justice. Though laws have been passed and milestones reached, we still have far to go to realize God's beloved community in our midst. We live on this day in the bend of that arc.

Let us pray.

Gracious and merciful God, look on us today and see your children, with ancestors of different races and languages, descended from many families, yet bound into one by the Spirit who yet lives in and among us. We come before you Almighty God, asking you to lift from us the burdens of our past, to forgive us our sins, and to heal in us all the wounds and division of our present time, that we may find wholeness and peace as your people seeking reconciliation. Continue, we pray, your many mercies in this Cathedral Church and in our country, that we may be conscious at all times of your unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Prayer for the Diversity of Races and Cultures*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop Budde The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE BLESSING

The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Dean Hollerith Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
2. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North;

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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