



HONORING  
*Matthew Shepard*

A CELEBRATION AND PLAQUE DEDICATION

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Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7 pm



WASHINGTON  
NATIONAL  
CATHEDRAL

## Welcome

Dean Randolph M. Hollerith, Washington National Cathedral  
Dennis Shepard, Matthew Shepard Foundation

## True Colors

by Cyndi Lauper (b. 1953); arr. Deke Sharon (b. 1967)  
Potomac Fever, Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.  
Kevin Thomason, Soloist

## Waving Through a Window

from *Dear Evan Hansen*; by Benj Pasek (b. 1985) and Justin Paul (b. 1985);  
Potomac Fever, Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C. arr. Robert T. Boaz (1970–2019)

## You Raise Me Up

by Brendan Graham (b. 1945) & Rolf Lovland (b. 1955)  
Brennan Connell, GenOUT; C. Paul Heins, piano

## The Laramie Project (*moments*)

by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project  
St. Albans/National Cathedral School Thespian Society. Chris Snipe, Director  
Introduced by Dennis Shepard

*\*This play contains adult language.\**

### Matthew

Sarah Muoio (Romaine Patterson)

### Homecoming

Matthew Merril (Newsperson), Nico Cantrell (Narrator), Ilyas Talwar (Philip Dubois),  
Martin Villagra-Riquelme (Harry Woods), Jorge Guajardo (Matt Galloway)

### Two Queers and a Catholic Priest

Fiona Herbold (Narrator), Louisa Bayburtian (Leigh Fondakowski),  
William Barbee (Greg Pierotti and Father Roger Schmit)

*The people are invited to stand. The people's responses are in **bold**.*

## Opening

Dean Randolph M. Hollerith, Washington National Cathedral

God is with us.

God's love unites us.

God's purpose steadies us.

God's Spirit comforts us.

**PEOPLE: Blessed be God forever.**

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness of human life. We remember before you this day our brother Matthew and all who have lost their lives to violent acts of hate. We pray that the gifts of all your lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer children may be recognized, welcomed, and celebrated in the world and in your Church. In your holy Name we pray.

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

*The people are invited to sit.*

## Reflection by Bishop Gene Robinson, IX Bishop of New Hampshire

### Angel

Daryl Hunt, Associate Director of Music for Contemporary Worship  
Marshall Keys, Cathedral Band

by John Stoddart (b.1971)

## Reflection by Judy Shepard, Matthew Shepard Foundation

## Dedication of the Plaque

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

God our Father, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay you have formed us in your image. Through the Holy Spirit you have breathed into us the gift of life. In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you and of one another. We claim your love today, as we remember the life of Matthew Wayne Shepard, his family and friends, his accomplishments and his faith in Jesus, your Son. May this memorial, placed in his honor, be a constant reminder of his life for all who visit this sacred space. Peace be with him and all who give thanksgiving for his life.

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

## Remarks by Congressman John Lewis

*She Keeps Me Warm*

by Mary Lambert (b. 1989)

*I Will Always Love You*

by Dolly Parton (b. 1946), arr. M. Lambert

## Concluding Words

Dean Randolph M. Hollerith, Washington National Cathedral

*The people are invited to stand.*

## Blessing

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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

## Imagine

by John Lennon (1940–1980); arr. by Roel Griffioen (b. 1964)

Potomac Fever, Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.

## Carillon Postlude

Edward M. Nassor, Cathedral Carillonneur

*Hallelujah*

by Leonard Cohen (1934–2016); arr. Joey Brink (b. 1988)

*I Will Always Love You*

by D. Parton; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

*Imagine*

by J. Lennon; arr. Carl Van Eyndhoven (b. 1959)

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## PERFORMERS

### POTOMAC FEVER, GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON

Formed over thirty years ago, Potomac Fever is the small, close-knit harmony a cappella group from the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC. PF performs outreach in the DC area, nationally, and internationally on behalf of the chorus.

### BRENNAN CONNELL

Brennan Connell, baritone, is a junior at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, where he performs in the Chamber Choir, Men's Choir, and a cappella ensemble Solid & Sound. He has been a member of the GenOUT Youth Chorus since 2016 and is currently studying voice under the direction of Dr. Aurelius Gori.

### MARY LAMBERT

Singer and composer Mary Lambert is best known for her tear-inducing work on the marriage equality anthem "Same Love," which led to two Grammy nominations for "Song of The Year" and "Album of The Year." Lambert followed up with "Secrets," which shot to No. 1 on the Billboard Dance charts. She has since released a poetry collection, written a song for Disney's upcoming revival of *High School Musical*, and was honored with the Visibility Award from the Human Rights Campaign.

At 30, Lambert has seen much of life, and speaks candidly about her bipolar disorder, queerness, and a previous suicide attempt. This vulnerable approach to her art allows a unique connection between artist and listener. Lambert's voice feels like a friend you'd call for advice about a broken heart. In her newest album, *Grief Creature*, released on November 15, Lambert has given a masterclass in how to spin the straw of pain into something breathtaking.



#### HONORING MATTHEW SHEPARD

This historic bronze plaque was cast to honor Matthew Shepard and will soon be installed in St. Joseph's Chapel to mark his final resting place. It mirrors a plaque dedicated to human rights advocate Helen Keller, who lies nearby. Like Helen Keller, Matthew dreamed and worked for a world full of love and compassion. This memorial plaque was made possible through a global crowd-funding initiative that raised all funds necessary within three weeks. The Shepards join with the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Cathedral to express their deep gratitude for this generosity. While there is a nominal entrance fee for visitors touring the Cathedral, there is no cost to any who come to pray or worship at the Cathedral, including those who come to visit this special spot dedicated to Matthew Shepard's memory.

In recognition of Matthew Shepard's passion to foster a more caring and just world, and to honor his blessed resting place here at Washington National Cathedral, we invite your generous support. All gifts are welcome online at <https://donate.matthewshepard.org/ge/cathedral> and [give2wnc.org/donate](https://give2wnc.org/donate)



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