



*an interfaith service of*  
**PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE**

The Fifteenth Anniversary of 9/11



Sunday, September 11, 2016

11:15 am

**WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

**WELCOME TO ALL,** this day, to the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Washington National Cathedral, and most importantly, a House of Prayer for All People. On September 11, 2001 our nation suffered devastating acts of terrorism and violence that resulted in the loss of 2,977 innocent lives and over 6,000 injuries in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Today, we come together as people of faith to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We remember all who died and the families who loved them. And we gather in this Cathedral Church to pray side by side—Buddhist, Christian, Jew, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, and all people of faith—to remember all affected by this tragedy and to proclaim that love is stronger than hate. We are grateful that all of you have come here today as we join together in prayer for continued healing and peace in our day.

-The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith  
*Dean, Washington National Cathedral*

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**CARILLON PRELUDE**

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand*

*National Hymn*; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

*In Memoriam—September 11, 2001, for carillon*

John Courter (1941-2010)

Dedicated to those whose lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01

*Sonatina, from Actus Tragicus, BWV 106*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Arie Abbenes (b. 1944)

*Legend and Dirge, from Suite for carillon*

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

*Peace be with you (Pax tecum)*

Kamiel Lefevere (1888-1972)

*O beautiful, for spacious skies*

*Materna*, arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

**INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE**

*Vocalise*

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

*The people stand.*

**CALLS TO PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Muslim Call to Prayer

Jewish Call to Prayer

Christian Call to Worship

**OPENING HYMN**

680 • *O God, our help in ages past*

*St. Anne*

## OPENING PRAYER

**OFFICIANT** Let us pray.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your truth and love.

**PEOPLE** Amen.

## PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

**OFFICIANT** Gracious and merciful God, we remember the terrible acts against humanity that the world has suffered and especially those in our country on this day fifteen years ago. We pray for the innocent victims and their families. We pray also that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love. Help us not to speak or act rashly, but fill our hearts with passion for those in need and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you.

**PEOPLE** Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## READINGS FROM THE HOLY WRITINGS OF WORLD FAITHS

### The Buddhist Tradition

*Sutra of the Wise and the Foolish: Buddha*

Abandon evil doing. Practice virtue well. Master your own mind. This is the Buddha's teaching. Do not take lightly small misdeeds. Believing they can do no harm: Even a tiny spark of fire can set alight a mountain of hay. Do not take lightly small good deeds, believing they can hardly help: For drops of water one by one in time can fill a giant pot.

### The Hindu Tradition

*Shrimad Bhagavatam: Canto 5, Chapter 18, Verse 9*

May the entire universe be blessed with peace and hope. May everyone driven by envy and enmity become pacified and reconciled. May all living beings develop abiding concern for the welfare of others. May our own hearts and minds be filled with purity and serenity. May all these blessings flow naturally from this supreme benediction: may our attention become spontaneously absorbed in the rapture of pure love unto the transcendent Lord.

### The Sikh Tradition

*Jagat Jalanda Rakh Lai, Apni Kirpa Dhar*

The world is on fire (due to avariciousness, ego, self-righteousness and possessiveness).

O God, please save it with Your benevolence.

Through whichever door one comes to you! Embrace them.

The true Guru has revealed that those who meditate,

And reflect on the Name of God are imbued with bliss.

Without the Supreme Lord, says Nanak,

There is no one to bless us with forgiveness.

One who longs for all comforts and rewards should practice Truth.

Behold the Supreme Lord God near you, and meditate on the Naam, the Name of the One Lord.

Become the dust of everyone's feet, and so merge with the Lord.

Do not cause any being to suffer, and you shall go to your true home with honor.

Nanak speaks of the Purifier of sinners, the Creator, the Primal Being.

### ANTHEM

*Lakol Z'man (To everything there is a season)*

Ben Steinberg (b.1930)

### The Jewish Tradition

*Avot DeRabbi Natan 4:5*

Once Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai was walking with Rabbi Yehoshua in Jerusalem and they saw the ruins of the Holy Temple that was destroyed by the Romans. Said Rabbi Yehoshua: "Alas for us that the Temple is destroyed—the only place in the world where we can find atonement with God!" Said Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai to him: "My son, do not be distressed. There is another way back to God that is just like the Temple. And what is that way? It is in Acts of Lovingkindness, as it is written (Hosea 6:6) 'It is Love that I desire, not sacrifices.'"

### The Muslim Tradition

*Holy Qu'ran Fatir 35:10 and Fussilat 41:34-35*

In the Name of God, most gracious, most merciful.

Lord, you said and your words are true: If any do seek for glory and power, to God belongs all glory and power.

To him mount up all words of purity. He exalts all righteous deeds. But those that lay the plots of evil, for them is a terrible penalty; and the plotting of such will he not abide.

Goodness and evil are not equal. Repel the evil with the good. Then will he between whom and you was hatred become as it were your friend and intimate. But no one will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and restraint, none but persons of the greatest good fortune.

## ANTHEM

*It acts like love*

Andrew K. Barnett (b. 1984)

*All sing the antiphon.*

It acts like love — mu - sic, reach-es toward the heart and says,

"Could you al - so kiss the hand that caused each scar? For

you will find YH - WH when you do." It does that,

mu - sic helps us to for give. It acts like

*One measure of music is sung for each line of text, changing pitch on the underlined syllable.*

It acts like love—music,  
Reaches toward the heart; touches it,  
And tries to let you know this promise,  
That all things shall be well.

It acts like love—music,  
And tells the feet;  
"You do not have to be so burdened,  
and all manner of things shall be well."

*All sing the antiphon*

My body is covered with wounds this world made,  
but I still long to kiss the hand of God, even when God said  
"Could you also kiss the hand that caused each scar,  
for you will find me when you do."

It does that—music.  
It helps us to forgive.  
(*Rabia of Basra, 717-801*)

*All sing the antiphon.*

## The Christian Tradition

*Matthew 5:2-12a*

Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

*The people stand.*

## HYMN

645 • *The King of love my shepherd is*

*St. Columba*

*The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.*

## HOMILY

Dr. Shaun Casey

## OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's interfaith ministries and mission as a House of Prayer for All People.*

## ANTHEM

*And I saw a new heaven*

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared, as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. 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 passed away. (*Revelation 21: 1-4*)

*The people stand.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**LEADER** Compassionate God, you bid us to remember this day as an act of faith in your sustaining power to bring love, justice, and mercy amid the changes and chances of this life. Be with us as we pray for this world that you love saying:

Reconciling God, strengthen us

**PEOPLE** **To go into the world in peace.**

**LEADER** Let us pray for this nation, for Barack our president and Joseph our vice-president, for the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and for all others in authority, that they may have the wisdom to meet the lasting changes brought by the events of September 11, 2001. Grant them the courage to lead and guide us as a people confident in our freedom, that we may live courageously, without fear or prejudice.

Reconciling God, strengthen us

**PEOPLE** **To go into the world in peace.**

**LEADER** Let us pray for the leaders of the world, that they may be led to ways of justice and mercy, laying aside ancient bitterness and current resentment, for the welfare of the people they govern today, for the honor of those who have gone before, and for the sake of those yet to be born.

Reconciling God, strengthen us

**PEOPLE** **To go into the world in peace.**

**LEADER** Let us pray for all who are dying and all who have died, that they may rest in peace. Let not their lives pass vainly before us, but shine forth a new light which overcomes the darkness of our complacency and illumine for us the compassion to which we are called.

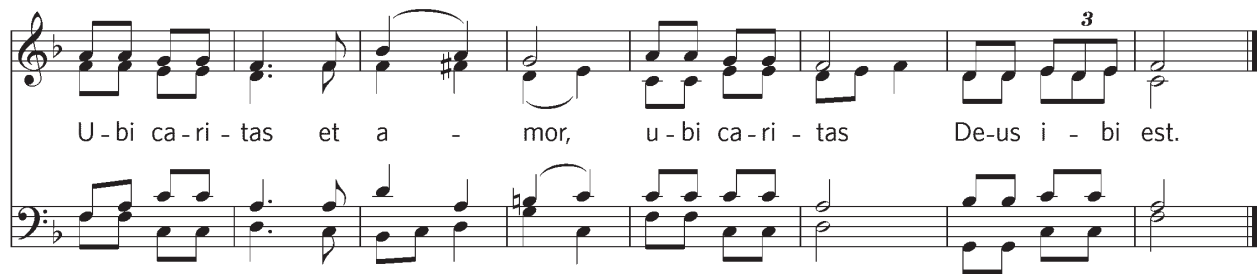
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**PEOPLE** **To go into the world in peace.**



## LITANY OF PEACE

*All sing the antiphon, which is repeated several times.*



**LEADER** O God, You have called us to peace, for You are peace itself.  
May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure, can help to realize these aims:  
Where there is ignorance and superstition,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be enlightenment and knowledge.**

**LEADER** Where there is prejudice and hatred,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be acceptance and love.**

**LEADER** Where there is fear and suspicion,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be confidence and trust.**

**LEADER** Where there is tyranny and oppression,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be freedom and justice.**

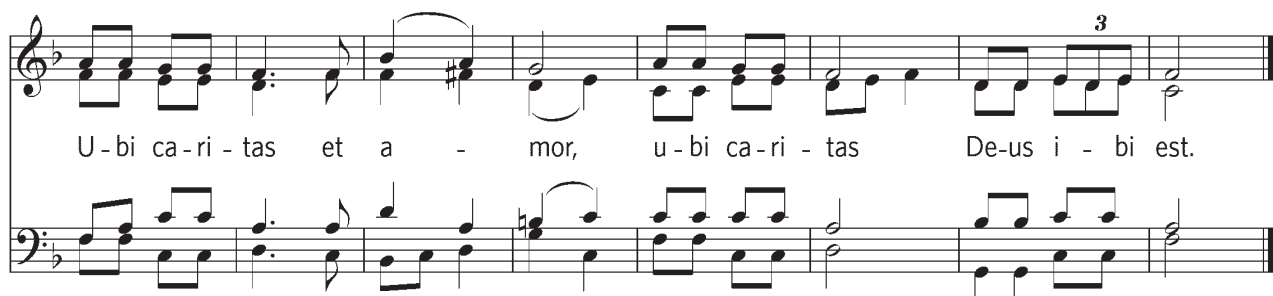
**LEADER** Where there is poverty and disease,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be prosperity and health.**

**LEADER** Where there is strife and discord,  
**PEOPLE** **Let there be harmony and peace.**

**OFFICIANT** Eternal God of all peoples and races, you made us in your image: 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 so that the day will come when all humanity will recognize that it is one family, and serve you in harmony and peace.

**ALL** **Amen.**

*All sing the antiphon, which is repeated several times.*



## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**PEOPLE** Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we 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.

## **BLESSING**

**OFFICIANT** The blessing of God Almighty: the God who created us, the God who liberates us,  
and the God who stays with us throughout eternity, be with you this day and for evermore.

**PEOPLE** Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

**LEADER** Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord.

**PEOPLE** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Great is thy faithfulness*



1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



sha - dow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit-ness, to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
hope for tom - or - row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed, great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552*

J. S. Bach

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