

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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#Lent 2021



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A Statement As We Prepare for Worship

#SayTheirNames

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The hatred and violence committed against Asian Americans are a stain on our country. We stand with our Asian siblings in denouncing all forms of hatred and recognize the ugly history of anti-Asian ideology in the US.

From the Page Act in 1875, which ended open borders by prohibiting the entry of Chinese women to America, to the Japanese internment camps in World War II, to the violence committed in Asian countries in the name of American war, to the horrific racism witnessed in the past year from the previous president, we recognize that hate crimes reported against Asians have increased drastically in recent memory.

We affirm, today and every day, the holiness and humanity of Asian lives. We are committed to the eradication of racism and hatred, and today, in sorrow, we raise our voices to uplift the lives lost last night and the lives we still must work to protect.

To learn more about work being done by Asian Americans to counter hatred and violence and pursue justice, we have a selection of resources here that you can also donate to if able.

- stopaapihate.org
- caaav.org
- imreadymovement.org
- aalead.org
- apiavote.org
- asianprisonersupport.com
- apen4ej.org
- advancingjustice-aaajc.org
- asianamfeminism.org
- 18millionrising.org
- projectsouth.org
- saalt.org
- incite-national.org

Alabando | Worshipping

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

“Somebody’s Hurting My Brother”

*led by musicologist Yara Allen
Poor People’s Campaign*

Oh, somebody’s hurting my brother and it’s gone on...

Far too long

Yes, it’s gone on...

Far too long

I tell you, it’s gone on...

Far too long

Oh, somebody’s hurting my brother and it’s gone on...

Far too long, and we won’t be silent anymore

Oh, somebody’s hurting my sister...

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Lauren Zehyoue, Deacon
Salima Appiah-Duffell, Liturgist*

O God, this morning as we gather to worship you, we hear you say to us, through your Word and through the courage and wisdom of those who’ve gone before us:

“Don’t give up, Beloved.”

We hear the Apostle Paul, likely imprisoned by State Power, say to us in Galatians, “Do not grow weary in doing good for at the proper time, you will a reap a harvest if you do not give up.”

“Don’t give up, Beloved.”

During these days of confession and reflection, we will commit to not giving up on the things that matter most.

We will not give up on joy.

We will not give up on each other.

We will not give up on ourselves.

We will not give up justice.

We will not give up on today.

And will not give up on tomorrow.

Thank for you teaching us to not give up.

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

Respondemos Juntos | Responding Together

Make Us One | Haznos Uno

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Escuchando | Listening

Comunión | Communion

Pastor Maria

Dando en Linea | Giving Online

Please visit www.calvarydc.org/give. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.

Scripture Refrain

**Never give up,
Never give up,
Never give up to thy sorrows,
Jesus will bid them depart;
Trust in the Lord,
Trust in the Lord,
Sing when your trials are greatest,
Trust in the Lord and take heart.**

**Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas, amigo,
Cristo lo tiene en control;
Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas,
Canta al pesar de la lucha,
Cristo a tu lado está.**

“If you have only two pennies left, buy bread with one and a lily with the other.”
-Chinese Proverb

This is your secret weapon.
The ace up your sleeve.
Your under-the-mattress-rainy-day-fund.
But this is also your inheritance
Tucked into the folds of your soul’s embodied,
imperfect life:
The sunshine in the dancing leaf.
The quilt pattern that caught your eye.
The heart-breaking-open moment of redemption and
right-relation.
It’s true—
There are the atoms, the bills, and the necessary
bread.
But he said bread alone just won’t do.
Let’s be honest together
About your daily nutritional requirements.
It’s time to eat right.

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Isaías | Isaiah 55:6-13
Salima Appiah-Duffell, Liturgist

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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Buscad a Jehová mientras puede ser hallado, llamadle en tanto que está cercano.
Deje el impío su camino, y el hombre inicuo sus pensamientos, y vuélvase a Jehová, el
cual tendrá de él misericordia, y al Dios nuestro, el cual será amplio en perdonar.
Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis
caminos, dijo Jehová.
Como son más altos los cielos que la tierra, así son mis caminos más altos que
vuestros caminos, y mis pensamientos más que vuestros pensamientos.
Porque como desciende de los cielos la lluvia y la nieve, y no vuelve allá, sino que
riega la tierra, y la hace germinar y producir, y da semilla al que siembra, y pan al que
come,
así será mi palabra que sale de mi boca; no volverá a mí vacía, sino que hará lo que yo
quiero, y será prosperada en aquello para que la envié.
Porque con alegría saldréis, y con paz seréis vueltos; los montes y los collados
levantarán canción delante de vosotros, y todos los árboles del campo darán
palmadas de aplauso.
En lugar de la zarza crecerá ciprés, y en lugar de la ortiga crecerá arrayán; y será a
Jehová por nombre, por señal eterna que nunca será raída.

Creciendo | Growing

Una Reflección | A Musical Reflection on Justice

“the river”
composed by Rhea Williams

let the river
take us where it flows
let the Healer
wash us as we go
down this river
a current you can't control
maybe the time has come to let go and

let the river
take us where it flows
and Creator
will hold us as we go

down this river
exposing all the holes
the raft is only helpful if it floats

if the wood can be repurposed
into a shelter of great solace
we don't need to be afraid of letting go

maybe perfection's not our purpose
reclaiming songs of joy and goodness
bringing beauty, life, and peace, we'll be made whole

on this river
rowing down
restored on this river
slowing down

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Sally

Himno | A Hymn-Postlude

Piano Meditation on "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Tune: Conrad Kocher

Arranged by Anne Krentz Organ and David Simmons

David Simmons, piano

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week Lauren Zehyoue,
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Holy Week 2021

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1: We will have an evening virtual service for Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Easter Day Service

Sunday, April 4: Our Easter service will be the same as normal Sundays, held at 9:45am on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Easter Day Afternoon Gathering

Sunday, April 4: We invite you to save the date for Easter afternoon for an outdoor, socially-distanced gathering. Weather providing, we will be together in a large outdoor setting to see one another in person and celebrate the arrival of warmer weather and Easter. More info to come soon, but we wanted to make sure you have the date in advance to be able to plan.

Our Labor Together: A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

Our Belovedness: A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, **you** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.
- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

Our Holy Imagination: A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.

Remember in Prayer

New this week: Keith Halls, Rebecca Hasbrouck's father

Family and friends of John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother; Isaac Wright; Patricia Servat, grandmother of Zack Eccleston; Family and friends of Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Celebrating the birth of Eleanor Mae Shaw to parents Amy and Tim Shaw; Family and friends of Victor Tupitza; Family and friends of Elizabeth Lott Thomas; Paul Lansing; Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy; Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together; Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos; Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; The Langford Family; Rich Madigan; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Lilia Ross, friend of Liubov Russell; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights; We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation; Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes; Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil; Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere; Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

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