

A Vigil for Peace

with Healing Prayer



Thursday, January 29, 8pm
St. James Cathedral
65 East Huron Street, Chicago

“Within our
darkest night,
you kindle the
fire that never
dies away.”

-The Taizé Community



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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
All **Show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**
Let your ways be known upon earth,
Your saving health among all nations.

A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

Leader God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
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.

READING

A Reading from Deuteronomy. (10:17-21)

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The choir sings

MUSIC

*Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes,
se ponen de acuerdo aquí,
en la tierra para pedir,
pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo,
se lo dará.*

*Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi
nombre, allí estoy yo,
en medio de ellos.*

Esto Les Digo

This I say to you, if two of you,
are put in accord here,
in the earth to ask,
to ask anything in prayer,
my Father which is in heaven,
will give it to you.

Because where two or three are gathered in my
name, there am I,
in the midst of them.

Kinley Lange (b. 1950)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,
All **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Lord, keep this nation under your care,
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Leader 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 love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**



READING

A Reading from the gospel of Matthew. (25:35-45)

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'



CHANT AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Please join in singing the chant in whichever language is most comfortable. As we sing, all who desire are invited to come forward, take a taper candle, light it, and place it in the bowls of sand.

Dans nos obs - cu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é -
 En nues - tra os - cu - ri - dad, en - cien - de la lla - ma de tu a -
 With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er

teint ja - mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos obs - cu - ri -
 mor, Se - ñor, — de tu a - mor, Se - ñor. En nues - tra os - cu - ri -
 dies a - way, — nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est

tés, al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais.
 dad, en - cien - de la lla - ma de tu a - mor, Se - ñor, — de tu a - mor, Se - ñor.
 night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, — nev - er dies a - way.

Última vez / Last time

Words: Taizé Community, 1991

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
 Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Leader Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

MUSIC

The Beatitudes

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

– Matthew 5:3–12

The Cathedral will remain open until 9 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

Clergy and lay pastoral care team members are available for pastoral conversation and individual healing prayer.

How you can help

Donate to Casa Maria



With the broader Episcopal Church, we are working to find new ways to care for God's people in our immigrant communities. Your generous donations this evening will support Casa Maria, a place in Minnesota for vulnerable neighbors to receive food and clothing and network with others.



From the January 27, 2026 appeal by Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church:

“As the situation in the United States grows more fraught, The Episcopal Church is working to find new ways to care for God’s people in our immigrant communities. Many of you have asked how you can help.

Please join me in making a generous donation that will allow us to provide emergency funding for ministry with migrants. Your gift will allow us to rush financial support to dioceses that are loving and caring for immigrants in these difficult times.

Last week, we sent funds to our siblings in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to support Casa Maria, a place for vulnerable neighbors to receive food and clothing and network with others. Your gift will help support ministries like this across The Episcopal Church...”



St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Spoken</i>)	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family</i>)	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Choral</i>)	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service (<i>see enews, website, or YouTube</i>)	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Oct–June</i>)	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>see enews, or website</i>)	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Cathedral

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