

*Let us be fully present to the movement of the Spirit,
honoring this sacred space and the intentional moments of silence.
Please place your devices in silent mode during the service.*

*This gathering is sensitive in nature.
If you feel the need for emotional or spiritual support,
please know that our Pastoral Response Team is available for individual conversations.*

***Out of the depths let our cries come to you
Let those with ears, hear...***

Gathering Music


Solo I Love the Lord

I love the Lord
He heard my cry
And pitied every groan
Long as I live
And troubles rise
I hasten to his throne


Amo al Señor
Me escuchó
Tuvo compasión de mi gemir
Mientras yo viva
Y venga el mal
A su trono yo correré

Song Will you hold me in the light?

The soloists sing stanzas 1 & 2; all are invited to sing stanzas 3 & 4.




Solo 1. Will you hold me in the light with prayer and song?
Solo 2. sos - ten - drás en luz con can - to y o - ra - ción. Sos -
All 3. We will hold you in the light and walk with you.
All 4. sos - ten - dre - mos ca - mi - nan - do en la luz.



Hold me in the light of God. _____
 ten - me en la luz de Dios. _____ Con -
Come in - to the light of God. _____
Ven _____ a la luz de Dios _____



Will you weep and cry with me? Will you ache and sigh with me? _____
 mi - go te la - men - ta - rás Con - mi - go tam - bién su - fri - rás, Sos -
We will share your tears with you; we will face your fears with you. _____
Pa - ra com - par - tir tu llan - to y tus mie - dos en - fren - tar _____



Hold me in the light of God. _____ 2. Me
 ten - me en la luz de Dios. _____
Come in - to the light of God. _____ 4. Te
Ven _____ a la luz de Dios _____

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Chant

Nada te turbe

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system's lyrics are: "Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te: quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta." The second system's lyrics are: "Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te: só - lo Dios ba - sta." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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Translation of the Spanish:

Let nothing trouble or frighten you, who has God lacks nothing.

Let nothing trouble or frighten you, God alone is enough.

Words of Invitation from the Presiding Bishop

Dear People of God,

The Church is the community of baptized followers of Jesus and his way. As such we have been called to embody and bear witness to that way and those teachings.

The Church community is therefore called to be a sanctuary where all are safe and honored as beloved children of God.

Tonight, we acknowledge the Church has failed her people. Bishops have failed members of the Church. Priests, deacons, laity, all members of the Church have failed our vows. Some have committed offenses against another, some have denied or covered up those offenses, some have silently observed and done nothing. We have sinned against God and one another. Bishops, as successors to the apostles, hold a particular responsibility for acknowledging our past and ensuring that the Church moves forward in a direction that is a witness to our loving, liberating, life-giving God. This evening we continue the work that has already started by offering a public witness, a time of lament and confession, and a commitment to move forward as the Body of Christ in covenant with one another.

Jesus said “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

I invite all of us into a time to listen with the ear of the heart. Let us offer this space as a sacred container for stories that are about abuse which should never have been.

There is pain in these stories, there is courage in the people who have offered them. Let us honor that courage and vulnerability and pain by our presence and commitment to this work.

We will not get this work perfect, we never will, but we can and do commit to striving at all times to live fully into our vows, our baptismal vows and our ordination vows, and when we fail, to hold one another accountable, to work for justice, and to work for reconciliation with God and one another. This is the work of the Church. This is the work of all God’s people. This is the work we are called to by our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

Chant **Confitemini Domino** *All are invited to participate in repeating the chant*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord are ho - ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, quo - ni - am — bo - nus.
 Ven y llé - na - nos de tu paz. Só - lo — tú e - res san - to.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Ven y llé - na - nos de tu paz. A - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus* *Said in unison, quietly and slowly*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

A Litany of Lament

Bishops will stand as they are able and will say in unison the first six lamentations, after which time, the congregation will join in the leading of the remaining lamentations.

Leader We lament and confess to you

Bishops We lament and confess to you
our sinful complicity with the evil actions
of sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse within our Church.

All ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you

Bishops We lament and confess to you
our negligence in nurturing and safeguarding the sanctity
of pastoral relationships and activities
throughout our dioceses.

People ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you

Bishops We lament and confess to you
our dismissive behaviors and neglect
in following up on concerns brought to our attention.

People ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you

Bishops We lament and confess to you
our infidelity in upholding our vows
to defend those who are vulnerable
and to be faithful pastors to those whose lives
have been shattered by sexual violence.

People ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you

Bishops We lament and confess to you
our hypocrisy in proclaiming Christ as Lord of our lives
while allowing collegial regard and collusion
to rule our decisions and actions.

People ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you
Bishops We lament and confess to you
Our misuse of authority to justify unjust actions of fellow bishops
as well as clergy and laity whom we serve
rather than using our authority
to invoke our prophetic voice to stir their conscience
and challenge their complacency.
People ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you
People ***We lament and confess to you
our arrogance in insisting that our claims to being right
outweigh our willingness to build honest relationships
in which we name how we contribute to the injustices
within our dioceses and the larger church.
Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you
People ***We lament and confess to you
our mindless endorsement of our institution's status quo
evidenced by our apathy concerning economic equity
for all women who work in our dioceses.
Christ have mercy.***

Leader We lament and confess to you
People ***We lament and confess to you
our sins of omission and commission
in dealing with sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse
in our dioceses and in the larger Church,
and our failure to honor the indwelling,
God-given dignity of those entrusted to our care.
Christ have mercy.***

The officiant concludes the Litany with the following collect

Loving and Merciful God, accept our lament and repentance, pour your grace upon those who suffer from the consequences of sin, and guide our footsteps upon the path of your grace and forgiveness; this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. **Amen.**

All are seated.

*Let us listen with the ear of the heart.
Reflections will be offered following a period of silence, after which time we sing the Kyrie three times.*



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A moment of silence is observed.

All stand, as able, to recommit to this process of healing.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name. *(Pause)*

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. *(Pause)*

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us. *(Pause)*

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil. *(Pause)*

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen. *(Pause)*

Commitment for the on-going journey

Presiding Bishop Let us commit to the work ahead of us.

Bishops Our call is to work that has already begun.
People **Our ongoing call is to work together.**

Bishops We commit to listening for understanding.
People **We commit to speaking the truth in love.**

Bishops We will respect the dignity of all.
People **We will strive for justice and peace.**

Bishops Healing and reconciliation is our calling.
People **It is the calling of one and of all.**

Bishops We will continue this journey.
People **We will continue this journey together.**

You are invited to remain for quiet prayer and chanting, or to depart in silence.