Trans Day of Remembrance

A Liturgy of Prayer & Lament



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Grace Church Chapel
and on Zoom

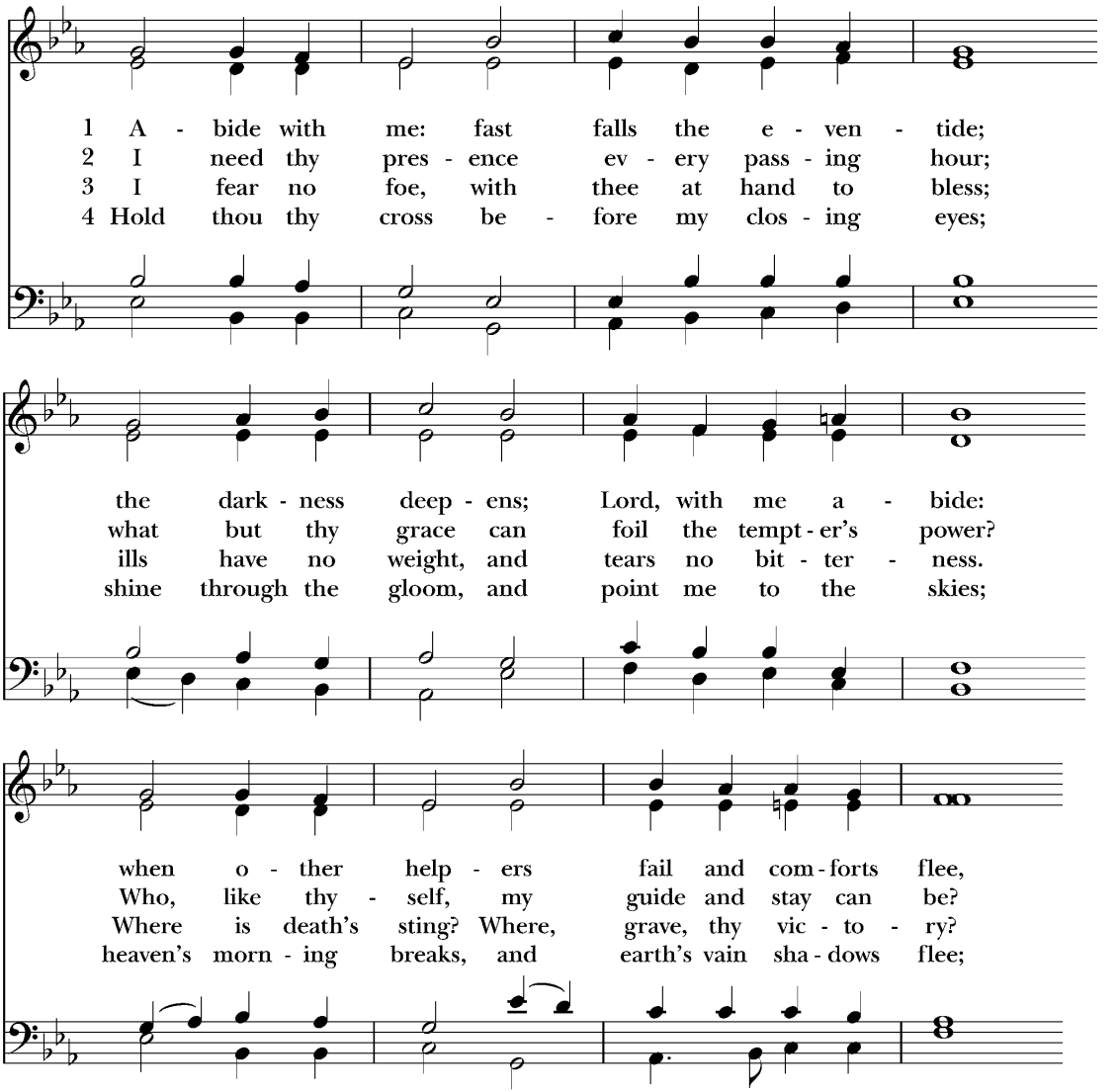
GATHERING & WELCOME Mx. Jack Kamps

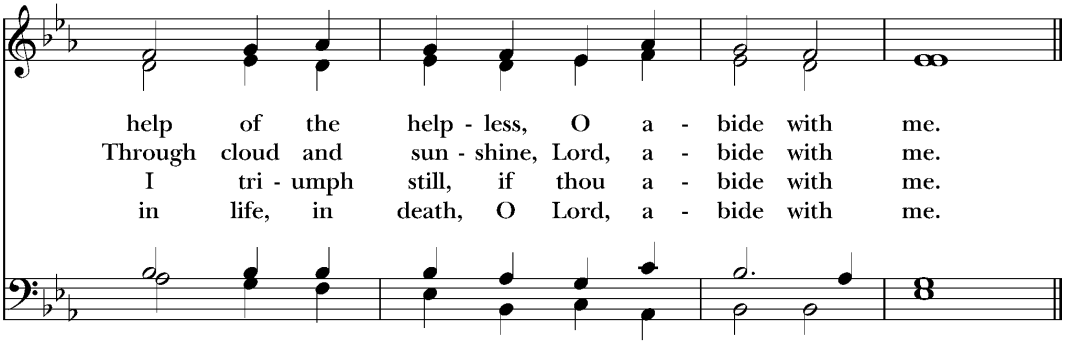
INVOCATION Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

GATHERING HYMN **H 662**

Abide with me





COLLECT *Black Liturgies*

Officiant Let us together confess our shortcomings and our deep longings in the face of systemic transphobia and the violence these systems enact and support.

People **God of our truest names,**
We confess that too often we have encountered liberation in a person and chosen hatred. We confess our own envy at a person capable of living into their true self, when we ourselves are suffocating. We are in bondage to binaries that limit our imaginations for full liberation. Remind us that you yourself contain multitudes. Let us encounter the divine that refuses to be contained by human definition or imagination. Expose all the ways we neglect trans people in our activism. Expose the moral rot that makes us so terrified of publicly supporting Black trans women. Let us become honest about the hatred we have inherited, the violence enacted against queer folk at the hands of those who came before us—Christianity playing no small part in a culture of transphobia. Protect those with the courage to stay near to themselves. May their liberation be multiplied by all who encounter it. Amen.

THE FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:15-17**

Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:
your children shall come back to their own country.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 42

Let us read the psalm together.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your torrents;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"
As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

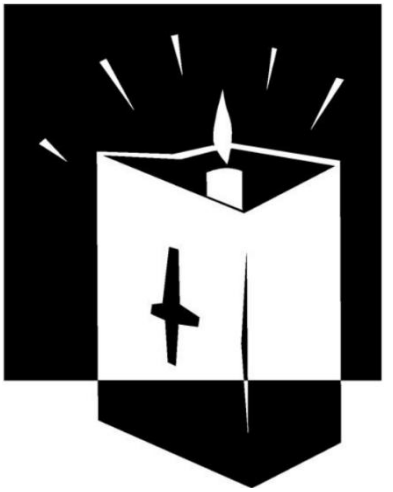
THE REFLECTION Mx. Jack Kamps

PRAYER & INVITATION TO SILENCE *Black Liturgies*

Officiant God of the liminal,
When we take account of the tragedies of the world, it is difficult to believe there is a powerful and loving God. Are you really with us? Why won't you intervene to bring justice and healing now? We trust that you are patient with these doubts. A God who is not threatened by our unbelief but draws near to us in it. Help us toward an understanding of you that includes tension and mystery. Let us be empathetic with our souls, which have endured so much suffering and have a right to ask deep questions of our maker. But as we do, let us find an empathy for you—a God who is no stranger to suffering but endures all things with us, that we might find full liberation. Let our doubts lead us into deeper intimacy with the divine, as we tell the truth of the questions that plague us. **Amen**.

Officiant God, why are you silent?
People **We'll hold hope as we wait.**
Officiant We won't be rushed from grieving.
People **We can rest in silence.**

The congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer and witness for the dead.



THE NAMING OF THE DEAD *Remembering Our Dead 2026 report*

The congregation is invited to participate in speaking aloud the names of the trans, nonbinary, and two-spirit people who have died as a result of transphobic violence in the US in the past year. Congregants joining on Zoom are invited to say the names with the chapel congregation.

Cormac Robinson *(he/him, age 24)*
Lia Smith *(she/her, age 21)*
Marisol Payero *(she/her, age 22)*
Miles Phipps *(he/him, age 15)*
Girlalala *(she/her, age 21)*
Nora Jane Jenneman *(she/her, age 25)*
Lilith Hailey *(she/her, age 32)*
Madeline "Mads" Adelaide Moore *(she/her, age 27)*
Danny Siplin *(he/him, age 33)*
Rosaline "Rose" Mattaboni *(she/her, age 22)*
Jade Roberts *(they/them, age 25)*
Ivy Jones *(she/her, age 28)*
May Pollard *(she/her, age 16)*
Madeline "Maddie" Cassandra Stensrud *(she/her, age not reported)*
Ashtyn Tice *(she/her, age 17)*
Rylie Autumn Heart *(she/her, age 40)*
Arielle Source Love *(she/her, age 50)*
Jadyn Kimsel *(he/him, age 16)*
Thea Lourdes Masica *(she/her, age 24)*
Shyyell "Mabel" Diamond Sanchez-Mccray *(she/her, age 42)*
Sydney Lou Walden *(she/her, age 30)*
Morgan Sage Seltzer *(she/her, age 25)*
Davonta Curtis *(she/her, age 31)*
Daniella Analee Escobedo *(she/her, age 34)*
Danielle Spillman *(she/her, age 74)*
Aleanna Royal Belcher *(she/her, age 31)*
Paris Harris *(they/them, age 21)*
Lucas "Luca" RedBeard Knapp *(he/him, age 39)*
Christina Maria Huerta Iraci *(she/her, age 57)*

The list of names continues on page 8.

Lanessa Rodriguez *(she/her, age 33)*
Hailey "Spot" Singleton *(they/them, age 29)*
Juniper Blessing *(she/they, age 19)*
Erykah Caldwell *(she/her, age 41)*
Nathaniel Potts *(he/him, age 16)*
T.D. Crawford *(pronouns not reported, age 33)*
Murry Foust *(he/him, age not reported)*
Leia Trysiss Ali *(she/her, age 35)*
Persia Amarra Conway *(she/her, age 33)*
Marlow Trottie *(she/her, age 35)*
Kalena "Peaches" Croskey *(she/her, age 32)*
Kayleigh *(she/her, age 20)*
Patti Wilson *(she/her, age 31)*
Brian George Kleber *(they/them, age 40)*
La'Daijah Walters *(she/her, age 32)*
Asia Williams *(she/her, age 38)*
Victoria Cruz *(she/her, age 79)*
Myles Greene *(he/him, age 24)*
Ansel Blaszkow *(he/him, age 24)*
Jayla McGee *(she/her, age 19)*
Rayla Elle Ojeda-Wells *(she/her, age 29)*
Denise Foster *(she/her, age 55)*
Juju Nadeau *(she/her, age 21)*
Molly Wall *(she/her, age 30)*
Jhené Cordelia Audrict *(she/her, age 21)*
Voss Barclay *(he/him, age 34)*
Sophie Lee *(she/her, age 27)*
Lynn Ann Childers *(she/her, age 18)*
Andi Janow *(she/her, age not reported)*
Jonathan McKinsey *(he/him, age 40)*
Max Bolduc *(he/him, age 26)*
And those who are known only to God.

INTERCESSORY HYMN & CANDLE LIGHTING

Ploughshare Prayer **Spencer LaJoye**

As we hear the words of the intercessory hymn, the congregation is invited to pray and light a candle on the altar or at home in lament and witness for all the trans, nonbinary, and two-spirit people—those whose names are known only to God—whom we have lost in the last year through violence, suicide, and neglect.



Congregants joining on Zoom are invited to unmute as we pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Officiant As our Savior Christ has taught us and teaches us still, we pray

People **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your children with your saints,
People **where sorrow and pain are no more,**
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Give rest, O Christ, to your children with your saints,**
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your children. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, these humans of your own creating. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **Lift Up Your Hearts #339**

I have a Maker

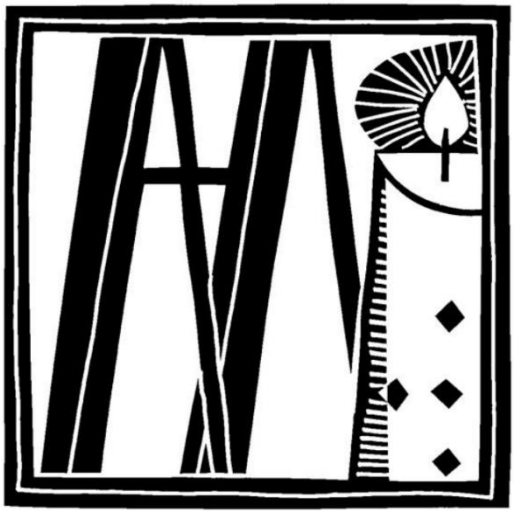
I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hands

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

I have a Mother
She calls me Her own
She'll never leave me
No matter where I go

She knows my name
She knows my every thought
She sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call

God knows my name
God knows my every thought
God sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call



BLESSING AND SENDING The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

Officiant 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.
Show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.



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