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*We Demand Love*

Pride Month Broadway Vespers

Christ Church Cathedral—Sundays@4

June 29, 2025, 4:00 PM

*You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the congregational hymns and refrains,  
as we make our offering of prayer and worship.*

**Gathering Song**    “We are a Rainbow”

Words and music: David Kai (b. 1955)

*The cantors sing the verses. All join the refrain.*

1. We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright

*Refrain*

The musical notation for the refrain is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half note with a dot), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Staff 2: D4 (half), C4 (half). Staff 3: B3 (half), A3 (half). Staff 4: G3 (half), F#3 (half), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are: We are a rain - bow, ——— sign of co - ve - nant and peace for the flood of tears will fin - 'lly cease to be, come shine your rain - bow, ——— splash your hues a - cross the sky, paint the world in co - lours proud and bold and free.

2. We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. ***Refrain***
3. We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. ***Refrain***
4. When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone  
For our God will be with us on the way  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. ***Refrain***

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Dean/Officiant* The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands of the of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh nations. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Coast Salish Peoples. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and respecting the dignity of every human being, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honour and make visible the Cathedral's relationship to Native peoples.

***All* From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

*Officiant* Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

***All* I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*Officiant* Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

***All* I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*Officiant* When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

***All* When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.**

*Officiant* I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.

***All* Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*Officiant* Blessed are you, God our Creator:

yours is the breath that brings us to life and loves us through our journeys;

yours is the new creation begun in us through Christ;

yours is the comfort and challenge of the Holy Spirit's bidding us  
to integrity and to courage.

Renew our hearts in your love and set us free to delight in your will

and to walk in your ways, in the Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ.

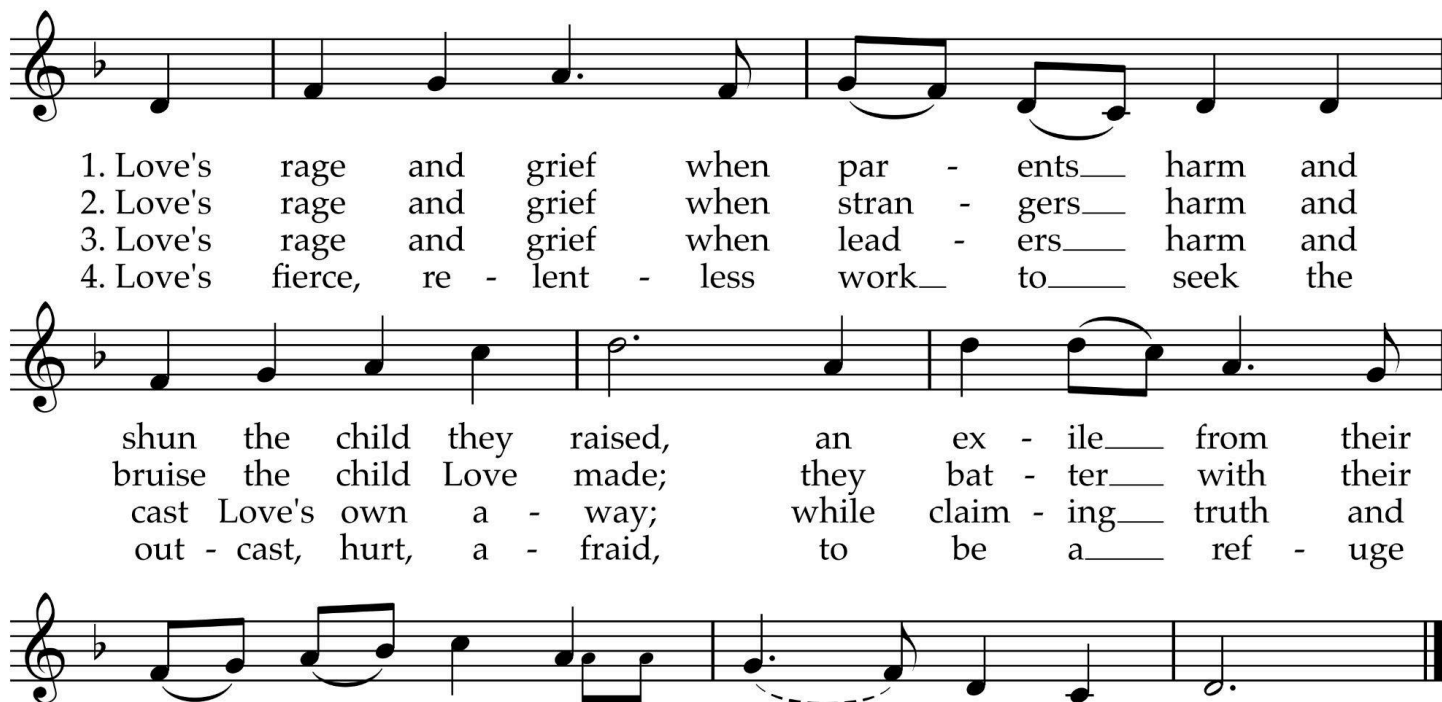
***All* Amen.**

## Hymn

### Love's Rage and Grief

Words: Jeannette M. Lindholm (b. 1961)

Tune: DETROIT, Melody from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820



1. Love's rage and grief when par - ents\_\_\_ harm and  
2. Love's rage and grief when stran - gers\_\_\_ harm and  
3. Love's rage and grief when lead - ers\_\_\_ harm and  
4. Love's fierce, re - lent - less work\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ seek the

shun the child they raised, an ex - ile\_\_\_ from their  
bruise the child Love made; they bat - ter\_\_\_ with their  
cast Love's own a - way; while claim - ing\_\_\_ truth and  
out - cast, hurt, a - fraid, to be a\_\_\_ ref - uge

hearts and\_\_\_ home, a - band - oned and e - rased.  
fists\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ words, ad - vanc - ing hate's cru - sade.  
right - eous - ness, they blas - pheme\_\_\_ when they pray.  
and\_\_\_ a\_\_\_ home, to hold the child be - trayed.

*All sit.*

## Reading

“feeling is dangerous,” from *Our Precarious Joy*  
*Read by Byron Hanson*

Alok Vaid-Menon (b. 1991)

## Song

“On the Willows” (*Godspell*)

Words and music: Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

*Sung by Ian Backstrom, Kip Johnson, and Byron Hanson*

## Reading

“I just want to let you know,” from *rooting for you*  
*Read by Bruce Hoffman*

Alok Vaid-Menon (b. 1991)

## Song

“Not while I’m around” (*Sweeney Todd*)

Words and music: Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)

*Sung by Ian Backstrom*

**Reading** *Song of Solomon 2:9-14*

**Song** “I don’t know how to love him” (*Jesus Christ Superstar*)

Music: Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

Words: Tim Rice (b. 1944)

*Sung by Byron Hanson*

**Reading** *Mark 9: 2-7*

**Reflection** Chris Clark

*Seminarian, Vancouver School of Theology*

**Affirmation of Faith** *Said by all, standing as you are able.*

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*All sit.*

**Song** “When you believe” (*Prince of Egypt*)

Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948) and Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds (b. 1959)

*Sung by Kip Johnson*

**Intercessions**

*Officiant* In peace, let us pray to you, Lord God. [*Silence*]

For all people in their daily life and work;

**All For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

*Officiant* For this community, our country, and the world;

**All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Officiant* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Officiant* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Officiant  
All

For peace and unity of the Church of God  
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Officiant  
All

For our own needs and those of others. [*Silence*]  
Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

Officiant  
All

*A Prayer for Pride Month*  
**Amen.**

Written by Jordan Sullivan, United Church of Canada

Officiant

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us  
**The Lord's Prayer - musical setting by Mark A. Miller (b. 1958).**

*All stand as you are able.*

Text adaptation by Mark A. Miller and Laurie Zelman.

Our God\_\_\_\_\_ in heav-en,\_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is your name,\_\_\_\_\_ your  
reign come,\_\_\_\_\_ your will done,\_\_\_\_\_ on earth as in heav-en.\_\_\_\_\_

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, and  
help us for - give, as we have been for - giv - en.\_\_\_\_\_

In the time of tri - al,\_\_\_\_\_ lead us in - to light,\_\_\_\_\_ for yours is\_\_\_\_\_ the  
king-dom,\_\_\_\_\_ and the pow-er,\_\_\_\_\_ and the glo-ry,\_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er.

Our God\_\_\_\_\_ in heav - en,\_\_\_\_\_

ho - ly is your name, ho - ly is your name.\_\_\_\_\_

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
*All* **Amen.**

Song “Sabbath Prayer” (*Fiddler on the Roof*)

Music: Jerry Bock (1928-2010)

Words: Sheldon Harnick (1924-2023)

*Sung by Ian Backstrom, Kip Johnson, and Byron Hanson*

**Closing Song** “Seasons of Love” (*Rent*)

Music and words: Jonathan Larson (1960-96)

*All are invited to join the refrain:*

**How about love? How about love? How about love?**

**Measure in love. Seasons of love. Seasons of love**

**Remember the love.**



***Sundays@4*** features a different music-centered worship each Sunday,  
based on the service of Evening Prayer.

*Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.*

***Sundays@4*** continues through July and August - same time, same place!

## Participants

<i>Clergy</i>	The Rev. Kevin de la Mare
<i>Guest Speaker</i>	Chris Clark, Seminarian, Vancouver School of Theology
<i>Reader</i>	Bruce Hoffman
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Neil Cockburn ( <i>Organist &amp; Director of Music</i> )
	Ian Backstrom, Byron Hanson, Kip Johnson ( <i>Vocals</i> )

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