

A SERVICE OF

Remembrance

**PRAYER FOR THE OPIOID
CRISIS**



with a reflection offered by

MOMS STOP THE HARM

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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

On April 14th 2016, BC declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency. At this service, we gather to mark the anniversary of this announcement, and to grieve all whom we have lost to toxic drugs.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



***The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector***



You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the congregational songs and responses.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rikki Kooy, Indigenous Elder-in-Residence, Diocese of New Westminster

Philip Murray, Vancouver Coastal Health

The Reverend Areea Bridgemohan, Vicar, Christ Church Cathedral

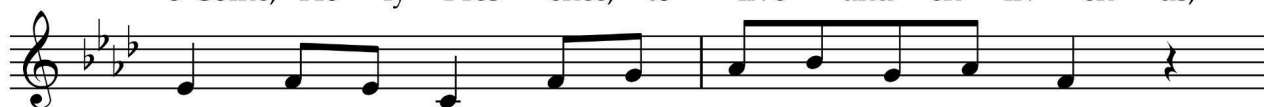
Centering song ***Come In Our Dark Time***

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Tune: LAURA, Jillian Bray (b. 1939)



1 Come, in our dark time when spir - its are des - o - late,
2 Move us to know that a new life a - waits_ us,
3 Come, Ho - ly Pres - ence, to live and en - liv - en us,



come, Word of life to our trau - ma and our tears,
lead us to pools of fresh qui - e - tude and thought,
form in us ways to re - fash - ion our be - lief,



grow in us cour - age to deal with our bro - ken - ness,
rouse to us us - ing the time that is giv - en us,
turn us to see how com - pas - sion will heal_ us,



hold us, en - fold us in faith be - yond our fears.
learn - ing, dis - cern - ing what loss and love have taught.
giv - en, re - ceived, in the lone - li - ness of grief.

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Holy One, I call to you; come to me quickly;
People **Hear my voice when I cry to you.**

Officiant Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
People **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reflection Amanda Burrows, *Executive Director, First United Church*

Prayer

Officiant Let us pray.

Great Spirit, we come before you in sorrow, remembering the lives lost to the opioid crisis and the deep wounds it has caused in our communities. We grieve for all who have left us too soon, for their families and friends who mourn, and for the generations touched by this pain.

Creator, we seek your comfort and healing, for in our grief, we hold fast to the hope of restoration. Guide us to a place of balance, where the cycle of suffering is broken, and new life and healing can grow from the ashes of despair. Strengthen all who mourn and envelop us in the love of community, so that we may find solace in the fact that we are not alone in our sorrow.

May we honour the memory of ones we have lost, remembering their lives as sacred gifts. And may we walk together with courage, believing that even in the depths of sorrow, there is hope, there is healing, and there is light.

In your holy name, we pray.

All **Amen.**

Readings and Reflection

Psalm 13 *Ubi Caritas* (Sung in Latin)

A cantor introduces the chant, and all repeat twice. All hum the chant as a reader speaks the words of the psalm.

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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- 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *
- How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over this one," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

Reading What is there to say about grief?

Stephanie Ericson

Amen, Amen, It Shall Be So

Text and music John L. Bell, after Matthew 5: 3-10

The congregation repeats the phrase below while the cantors sing the verses.

A - men, a - men, it shall be so! A - men, a - le - lu - ia!

*Blest are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**Blest are the sorrowful, they shall be comforted.**Blest are the gentle, the earth shall be their own.**Blest are the hungry for justice, they shall be satisfied.**Blest are the merciful, they shall find mercy shown.**Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.**Blest are the earth's peacemakers, each one shall be God's child.**Blest are those victimized for doing good, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Personal Reflection

*Moms Stop the Harm representative***Affirmation of Faith***Leader* You, O God, are Creator of all,*All* **by whom every being in heaven and earth
is fashioned, named, and sustained.****You call us each by name.****You, O God, are Living Word,
who came and pitched your tent with us,
lived and died and rose again.****You speak to us now through faith.****You, O God, are Holy Spirit,
who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,**

sending us forth to share your love.

You are the breath of grace.

You, O God, are Trinity:

Creator, Word, Spirit;

artist, healer, friend.

You are holy mystery.

We worship you. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession Rejoice Anthony

We sing both verses before the intercessions, and between the petitions. As the prayers are recited we hum softly.

1 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.
2 The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Following the prayers there will be a period of silence.

The Tolling of the Bell

Since the beginning of the public health emergency, some 18,500 of our family, friends and neighbours, have died. The bells will toll 37 times, once for every 500 people.

Act of Remembrance

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of all those who have been impacted by the opioid crisis, family member(s), or neighbour(s). As you light a candle, you are welcome to say the person(s) name(s) aloud. You may wish to light a candle for your personal journey.

During the candle lighting, you are invited to sing the following chant:

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The middle staff is labeled 'Harmony' and features a treble clef, the same key signature and time signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef line, also in the same key signature and time signature, providing a bass line for the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

Text: *Come Holy Spirit*; Verses drawn from the Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community, 1978
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Leader Let these candles be a sign to us of the sacredness of each life in God's eyes.
Joining our prayers into one, we pray together:

The Lord's Prayer

Leader *Eternal Spirit,*
All **Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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Blessing "Blessing for Grief" *by John O' Donohue*

Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song *May the Love of the Lord* (SNC 172)

Text: Maria Ling, 1990, ©.

Music Lim Swee Hong, 1990 © Admin, General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBG Musik.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev - ery_ day.

May God's coun - te - nance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.

May God's Spir - it be___ up-on you as you leave this_ place.

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Sundays@4

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

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

Sunday April 19 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, including repertoire by Charles Wood, C.H. Parry, and Kenneth Leighton

Sunday April 26 - Holden Evening Prayer: Marty Haugen's beloved music setting of Sung Evening Prayer written at the Holden Village Retreat Center, WA.

Sunday May 3 - Evening Prayer with Music from the Taizé Community

Sunday May 10 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, including repertoire by Thomas Tomkins and Henry Purcell

Sunday May 17 - Ascension Sunday - Holden Evening Prayer: Marty Haugen's beloved music setting of Sung Evening Prayer written at the Holden Village Retreat Center, WA.

Sunday May 24 - Pentecost Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Chamber Choir, including repertoire by Oscar Smith and William Byrd

Sunday May 31 - Trinity Sunday - Organ Vespers

Sunday June 7 - Corpus Christi - Holden Evening Prayer: Marty Haugen's beloved music setting of Sung Evening Prayer written at the Holden Village Retreat Center, WA.

Sunday June 14 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, including repertoire by C.V. Stanford and W. H. Harris

Sunday June 21 - National Indigenous Day of Prayer - Evening Prayer with Music from the Taizé Community

Sunday June 28 - Pride Evening Prayer (Stonewall Uprising, June 28, 1969)
Broadway Vespers - a prayer service with solo and duo Broadway vocal works inspired by the readings.

Participants

Diocese of New Westminster Rikki Kooy, Indigenous Elder-in-Residence

Spiritual care The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan, Vicar
Philip Murray, Vancouver Coastal Health
Rejoice Anthony, Anglican Healthcare Chaplain

Moms Stop the Harm

Readers Susan Alexander, Amanda Burrows

Intercessor Rejoice Anthony

Music The Cathedral Taizé Ensemble
Dr. Neil Cockburn (*Organist & Director of Music*)
Philip Murray, Vancouver Coastal Health (*Guitar*)

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