

Memorial Day Sunday/Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

PRELUDE

Prelude on CANDLER, DOVE OF PEACE— Thomas Keesecker

CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS

Memorial Day honoring of our beloved dead--veterans, war casualties, non-combatants the innocent of all nations, people who have given their lives in movements for equality, freedom and democracy anywhere.

Pastor: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to You as we remember all whose lives have been given & taken in time of war, disease and targeted violence

People: O Lord, our life, our times are in Your hands.

Pastor: One generation comes into the world to be blessed with days of peace and safety and another goes through the valley of the shadow, enduring the cruelties of war, terror and persecution.

People: Heartbreaking have been the times that have fallen to the lot of many even here, O God.

Pastor: We have lived through years of destruction when we were schooled in sorrow and acquainted with grief.

People: We have seen the just defeated, the innocent driven from their homes as often as we have seen right and justice triumph.

Pastor: At this hour of memorial, we recall with solemn awe all who have perished in war, all who have given their lives for freedom, all who have offered their lives and their futures to establish peace.

People: **All our soldiers, men and women, who have died in our lifetimes in wars in the Middle East, in Europe, in Asia, in Africa (ringing of the gong).**

Pastor: The innocent of all ages—men, women and children—who have been caught in the web of war, terror gun violence in Kabul, Myanmar, Parkland, Gaza, Israel, the West Bank, Boulder, Indianapolis, San Jose.

People: **The victims of the 9-11 attacks (ringing of the gong)**

Pastor: Victims of the Pulse Nightclub attack.

People: **Martyrs of the civil rights movement, the peace movement, the environmental justice movement (ring gong).**

Pastor: 3 ½ million people who have died of the Covid-19 virus.

People: **George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and all victims of police killings. (ring gong)**

Pastor: All martyrs of religious and racial hatred, wars against indigenous people everywhere.

People: **Veterans who live shortened lives due to brain injuries and exposure to toxic chemicals. (ring gong)**

Pastor: Martyrs of the LGBTQ movement, the women's movement, the earth justice movement, journalists of all nations

People: **Harvey Milk, Matthew Shepherd, Jamal Khashoggi. Chico Mendes and Land Rights Activists in Brazil.**

Pastor: Our church and family members who have served in the military.

People: **All who are in harm's way at this moment, both combatants or non-combatants, dedicated fire fighters and police officers, rescue workers, United Nations peacemakers (ring gong).**

Pastor: May all these souls, like stars by day, shine within our hearts and light our path through the darkness of war and terror toward a sunlit hour of peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

"We are a light.

We are the light.

We must never let anyone, any person or any force —
dampen, dim or diminish our light.

We must release the need to hate,
to harbor division and the enticement of revenge.

Release all bitterness.

Hold only love, only peace in your heart,

knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won."

Amen.

—John Lewis

#392 Glory to God Jesus, We Are Here (English and Shona)

Bible readings: Psalm 46:1-7 John 3:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 Scott

SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

#9 Glory to God The Play of the Godhead

Message : When Grief Takes Over—a Memorial Day Sunday Message Scott

#803 Glory to God My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

WELCOME

Anthem

From All that Dwell Below the Skies— Richard Shephard

Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Congregational Response

#851 Glory to God Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

OFFERTORY

The Call- Vaughan-Williams

Joshua Stark, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Closing Hymn

#384 Glory to God Soon and Very Soon

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE

549 Glory to God May the Love of the Lord (China)

POSTLUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry (SALZBURG)-Anne Krentz Organ