

VIGIL

MORE LOVE. LESS HATE.



FOR LOVE
AGAINST HATE

JUNE 16, 2016 ~ 7PM

Christ Episcopal Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge
74 Park Avenue ~ Glen Ridge
christchurchepiscopal.org

WELCOME!

We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this evening.

This will be a vigil for healing, but also for action. A time when we will comfort one another, but also when we will speak out, and plant the seeds for responding to change the culture, change the laws, change our communities. To that end, the vigil is geared around the actions of Pray, Speak, Remember, and Act.

Restrooms are located by going out the door located in the church next to St. Mary's Chapel (which is on the right as you come through the front doors), and following the hallway. All are handicap accessible.

If you have any questions at all, our ushers will be happy to help you.

If you are in need of pastoral support in the wake of this latest tragedy, please contact the Rev. Diana Wilcox, and she will meet with you, or provide a referral. You are not in this alone – the community is with you. Her contact information is:
rector@christchurchepiscopal.org

VIGIL

PRELUDE

Mr. Ed Alstrom
Jazz Pianist and Organist for the Yankees

WELCOME

The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox
Rector, Christ Church

INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. David Stinson
Senior Minister, Glen Ridge Congregational

READING:

The Rev. Jerry A. Racioppi
Rector, The Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona
Psalm 42:1-8 (*St. Helena Psalter*)

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God, *
for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
You grant me your loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

- READING:** Mr. Rick Fox
Christ Church
A reading from the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu:
“We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for
friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the
beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that
there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich,
poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We
all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.”
- MUSIC:** *Love's In Need Of Love Today* Stevie Wonder (b. 1950)
Ms. Lauren Brown, Bloomfield High School
- SPEAK:** Iman Daud Haqq
NIA Masjid & Community Center
- SPEAK:** Dr. Esmilda Abreu
Chief Diversity Officer at S2NC
Professor of Management, School of Business Montclair State University
Chair, Women's and Gender Studies Consortium of New Jersey
- SPEAK:** The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox
Rector, Christ Church
- MUSIC:** *Get Together* Chet Powers (1937-1994)
Mr. Ed Alstrom
- PRAY** The Rev. Cindy Reynolds
Assoc. Minister, Glen Congregational
*The litany was adapted from one written by the Rev. Michael W. Hopkins, copyright
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- O God, in whose image all people are made, we weep for the innocent
victims of Orlando and everywhere,
Hear our prayer.
- We weep for the perpetrators of violence and hate,
Hear our prayer.

We weep for our country and for our world,
Hear our prayer.

We pray healing for those wounded in body or spirit,
Hear our prayer.

We long for mercy and truth to make a home with each other where
righteousness and peace embrace,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to end a culture of violence,
We fervently pray, O God.

Inspire our earthly rulers to break open old arguments and act for the
common good,
We fervently pray, O God.

Lead us in examining our own consciences for the remnants of prejudice
and hate within us,
We fervently pray, O God.

Give your LGBT children the courage to be who you created them to be,
and help us all work for the love and dignity of every human being,
We fervently pray, O God.

Keep us from acting out of our fear to brand others as enemies,
We fervently pray, O God.

Help us to know our brothers and sisters of all faiths, that we may live in
peace and love,
We fervently pray, O God

Surround us with your loving arms, and give us the courage to break
down the walls that divide us from one another,
We fervently pray, O God.

Let us pray.

O God of deep compassion and abounding mercy, in whose trust is our
perfect peace: Draw near to us in this time of anguish, anxiety and anger,
receive the dead into your eternal care, comfort those who mourn,
strengthen those who are wounded or in despair, turn our anger into the
conviction to act, channel our passion to end our dependence on
violence for our sense of security, and lead us all to greater trust in you.

Amen.

REMEMBER

Mr. Christian Paolino
LGBT Activist

Ms. Cheryl Restaino
President, North Jersey PFLAG

Stanley Almodovar III, 23
Amanda Alvear, 25
Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33
Antonio Davon Brown, 29
Darryl Roman Burt II, 29
Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28

Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25
Luis Daniel Conde, 39
Cory James Connell, 21
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31
Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25

Mercedez Marisol Flores, 26
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22
Paul Terrell Henry, 41
Frank Hernandez, 27
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40

Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30
Anthony Luis Laureano Disla, 25
Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21
Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25

Kimberly Morris, 37
Akyra Monet Murray, 18
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20

Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35

Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35
Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34
Yilmary Rodriguez Sullivan, 24
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33

Martin Benitez Torres, 33
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50
Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37
Luis S. Vielma, 22
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31

MUSIC: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)
Volunteers from the Christ Church Choir

SPEAK Ms. Kirsten Richert
Innovation Facilitator

As we walk to encircle the labyrinth, let us sing of peace in all the world.

MUSIC: *Let There Be Peace On Earth*
Ms. Judy Richardson-Dunkley (first verse solo) and Everyone
**Let There Be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.
Let There Be Peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!**

(Repeat until all are around the labyrinth)

ACT

Write your thoughts, hopes, feelings, prayers and place them on the swan.

About the Swan:

The swan is generally thought to be a symbol of freedom, life-long love, and commitment. They can walk on the earth and swim in the sea as humans do but they also have the ability to soar into the sky. Birds are free to roam to earth and the sky. Many cultures believe that they are a symbol of eternal life; the link between heaven and earth.

This SWAN Animodule was brought to us as a community art project from the Barat Foundation. The Animodules are considered the “Official Peace Ambassadors of Newark”. For more information about art, peace, and mindfulness, visit www.baratfoundation.org

The candles will be lit, and we will ring the bell for each of the 49 victims.

SILENCE

PRAY

Rabbi Steven Kushner
Temple Ner Tamid

MUSIC:

Singing For Our Lives Holly Near (b. 1949)
Ms. Peri Smilow
Songwriter and performer

ACT

As you go out into the world, never lose sight of the love felt in this place, and take it with you, proclaiming loudly for all to hear that **love is love, and love is stronger than hate!**

Want to do more?

There are sign-up sheets in the back for the formation of a local advocacy group to work together, across cultures, faiths, communities, to combat fear, hatred and gun violence. This list will not be used for spam, nor will it be sold to any third-party. It is simply to create a local community based group to effect change.

The following is from WeAreOrlando.org:

Folks can now send a message of hope to the victim's families and survivors via our web form at WeAreOrlando.org/hope Note: NO emails from these notes will be added to any lists

All our info is now in Spanish at SomosOrlando.org

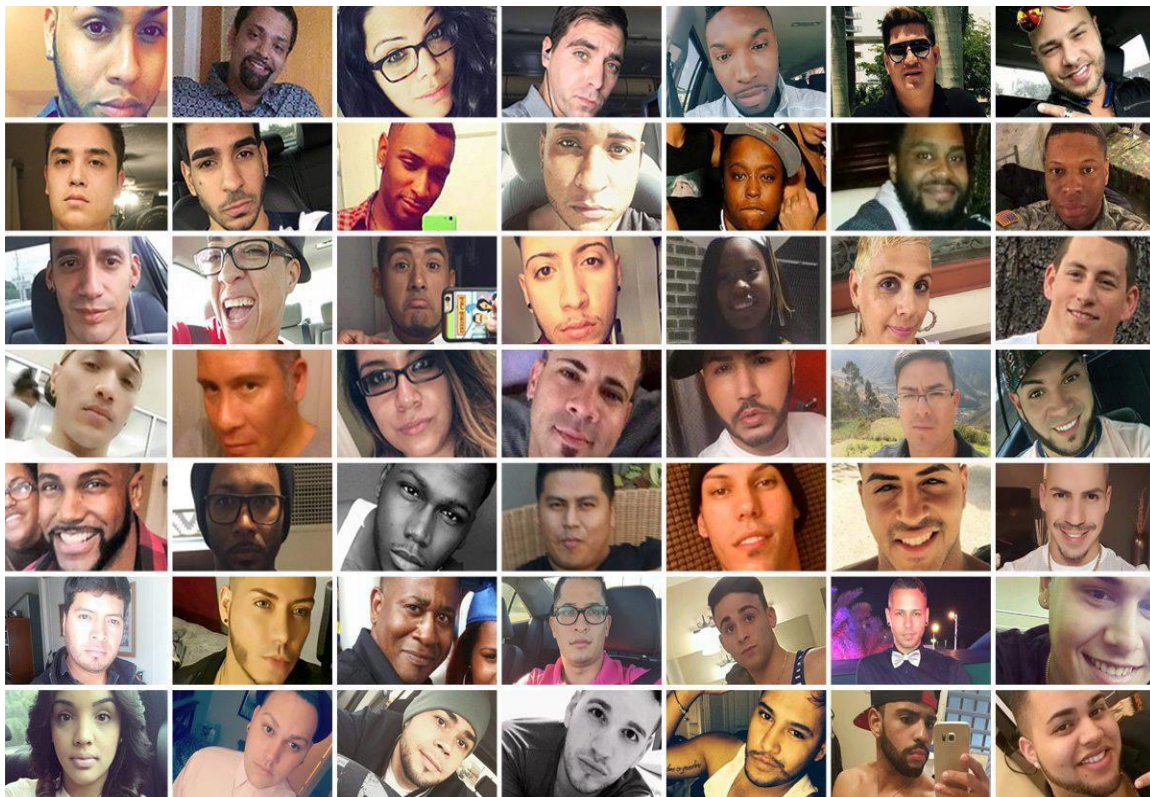
Our LoveBoard (WeAreOrlando.org/LoveBoard) now has all your social media posts and pictures tagged with **#WeAreOrlando or **#SomosOrlando****

Facebook Post:

Join us and write a message of hope to the families and survivors of #Orlando! You can send your message in Spanish and/or English at WeAreOrlando.org/hope **#WeAreOrlando **#SomosOrlando****

Twitter:

Share a message of hope with the families & survivors of #Orlando at WeAreOrlando.org/hope **#WeAreOrlando **#SomosOrlando****



O God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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Mr. Rick Fox
Mr. Christian Paolino
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Ms. Kirsten Richert

Musicians & Singers

Mr. Ed Alstrom
Ms. Lauren Brown
Ms. Judy Richardson-Dunkley
Ms. Peri Smilow
The Christ Church Choir

And We Thank The Following For Their Help

Ms. Kaileen Alston
The Barat Foundation
Ms. Sheila Jackson
The Staff & Leadership of Christ Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 am (spoken service) - St. Mary's Chapel

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

10:30 am – Main Church

Last Chance Mass

6:00pm – St. Mary's Chapel



WEDNESDAY

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

12:00pm – in the Church

Labyrinth Walk & Service

7:00pm – in the Church

THE LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST CHURCH

Wardens: David Drislane and William Seeman

Clerk of the Vestry: Rick Fox **Treasurer:** Dan Wing

The Vestry

Class of 2017

Danita Locks
Bob Plass
David Brinkerhoff

Class of 2018

Lambert Gibson
Denise Massey-Williams
Benjamin Reynolds

Class of 2019

Joseph Durham
Rick Fox
Kevin Treuberg

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