



Transgender Day of Remembrance

Friday, November 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

November 20 is set aside each year as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance. Started in 1998 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, transgender activist, as a way to memorialize Rita Hester, who was violently murdered in Allston, Massachusetts. The day has evolved and grown such that it is now marked internationally in more than 185 cities in 20 countries.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance has historically been a day to remember those who have been murdered as the result of ignorance and transphobia. It is a day set aside to call attention to the violence, extreme discrimination, and alienation towards those in society who are transgender.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we encourage you to use the following prayer for meditation.

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember those who have been murdered for being who they are, those who face violence on a daily basis, those who have lost loved ones, and those who worry for loved ones.

May we come to a time when we cease to shame children around gender roles and expression, where we allow for freedom and exploration of identity and expression, and to a world that operates from love especially when things are difficult and confusing. May all of us who live with the threat of violence find support, strength, community, hope, and safety from violence.

— Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe

WELCOME

Mike Kinman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Written and sung by Cassidy Anderson.

"Free Girl"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Erin O'Phelan

Minister: Be with us, loving God in all of our journeys.

People: From near and from far and histories unknown.

Minister: Be with us, kind God in strength and in weakness.

People: The lost and forsaken, the proud and the strong.

Minister: Be with us, creative God in all of our beings.

People: Where life in our genders can truly belong.

Minister: Be with us, supporting God in all of our actions.

People: Fulfilling your kingdom where all people come.

Minister: Be with us, loving God in all of our wishes.

People: That rest in your love, when all are as one.

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Minister: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Minister: God of all creation, whose wisdom and love is boundless, you have many names and you are beyond all expressions of gender. We have many names for our sexual and gender identities. We give you thanks for the diversity of sexuality and gender. At times we deny that diversity by holding too strongly and tightly to the divisions that we ourselves create.

As we come together to remember those transgender people who have been killed, taken their own lives or been injured, help us to honor their identities, and the identities of all people. Help us to create a world where everyone can live with authenticity and dignity.

Help us all, who belong to every sexuality and gender, to live our own lives in true fulfillment of our different identities, in fellowship with each other and in the Love of Christ.

Amen.

READING

Ella Baker

A Reading from Isaiah (56:1–8).

Thus says our God, "Do what is right! Work for justice! For my liberation is about to come, and my justice is about to be revealed." Foreigners who would follow God should not say, "God will surely exclude me. I'm not part of the Eternal's chosen people." Nor should the eunuch say, "And I am a dried-up tree." For thus says our God: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbath, who choose that which pleases me and hold fast to my Covenant — to them I will create within my Temple and its walls a memorial, and a name better than that of children. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be excised. And the foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me; loving the name of God and worshiping me — all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my Covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples!"

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

READING

Hannah Earnshaw

An Excerpt from *Queer Virtue*
—by the Rev. Elizabeth M. Edman

'By living into our identities in any way whatsoever, we consciously enter a place of risk. Whatever that first risky step looks like, however cautiously modest, one thing is certain: at some point the risk will be grave, the danger real. The risks, the dangers, can be social, but they may also be—are very likely to be—physical, sexual, economic, emotional, legal, professional, familial, and most assuredly spiritual.

'To live a queer life is to put oneself at risk—among family members, at work, on the street, and even in our homes. Telling the truth about queer identity takes courage. Embarking on the quest to find other queer people can be frightening, even perilous. If Christians understand and respect nothing else about queer experience, they should recognize this: proclaiming what you know to be true—especially in the face of hostility and ridicule—takes guts. Many queer people have a visceral understanding of Jesus' words, "Those who try to make their life secure will lose it.... For what would it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

'Nowhere do we walk the walk of faith more than in our quotidian decisions to live openly, visibly—on the streets, in our jobs, everywhere. Being out in a hostile world requires trust in something more important, and thus more secure, than physical safety. It may be a prioritization of one's identity—"I have to be who I am." It may come from a sense that it simply matters to tell the truth—a prioritization of one's integrity. And it may come from the knowledge that things will only change—for me, for all of us—by risking hits on ourselves individually as we witness to a larger truth: that our identities, our integrity, have value. This is rooted in the knowledge that one's truth is part of a larger truth, and at some point this larger truth will win out.

...

'When a queer person comes out—that is, tells the truth of her life—that person is living into hope. Whatever risk she takes, she has to believe that some part of her will survive whatever happens next, that some part of her is stronger than the hate and the intimidation and the violence.

'Risk taking can be a form of thrill seeking, but that's not the kind of risk I'm talking about now. I'm not talking about recklessness, either. I'm talking about the kind of risk you take because you are caught up in truth, and you simply have to trust it, tell it, live into it. That's the essence of faith—trusting in something you know to be true. Solidly true. True in a way that is both inside you and bigger than you. You see, faith isn't trust in the idea that you will be safe (that "safety is normal," as Shugrue dos Santos says). It is trust in the idea that some part of you—the truth in you—will survive no matter what death-dealing violence is directed at you.

'This kind of risk is the verb form of faith.'

Silence is kept.

PRAYER

Thomas Diaz

Minister: God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or stood too proud. Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one whom no one really knew.

As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no prayers may have been said. We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of each holy flame. We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives. We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance, and cruelty that grow despair. And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

People: Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world. Blessed is God, in whom no light is extinguished. Amen.

— Rabbi Ruben Zellman

LITANY OF TRANSFAITH

Ella Baker

Minister: We praise you, Holy One, for the gift of life: precious, stubborn, fragile and beautiful.

People: We are grateful for the time we have to live upon the earth, to love, to grow, to be.

Minister: We give thanks for those who are standing in their courage to be who they are.

People: We pray for strength for those who do not feel safe or are not ready to reveal their truth.

Minister: We remember those who have been taken by the devastation of violence.

People: We claim the opportunity to build lives of wholeness in their honor.

Minister: Inspire us to challenge and stand strong against unjust laws, repression, stigma and fear.

People: Into your care, we trust and lift up the hundreds of souls who have been murdered or taken their own life.

Minister: We give you thanks for the partners, friends, allies and families who have been steadfast in their love.

People: For the people who, with passion and commitment, support all expressions of gender.

Minister: We give thanks for the science that has led to new life-giving procedures.

People: For those who have acted to provide health care.

Minister: We give you thanks for those whose prejudice and judgment have yielded to understanding.

People: For those who have overcome fear to embrace a life of compassion.

Minister: We lift up the hundreds of souls who have been murdered.

People: We cherish the memories of those we have lost.

NECROLOGY

Thomas Diaz, Hannah Earnshaw

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, to name and remember before God those who have died as the result of transphobic violence in the last 12 months.

Hanss Acevedo	Isabella Bellusci ("Bella")	Nida Choudhry
Mélani Aguiar	Rukia Isis Bemer	Fernanda Coelhinho
Angiie Aguilera	Leca do Beral	Monica Coelho
Mufa Álava	Joyce Berlim	Isabelle Colstt
Pilar Albarracín	Julie Berman	Camila María Concepción
Jennifer Dias de Alcântara	Marcela Bittonti	Emily Core
Luana Alves	Bree Black	Francesca Cornejo
Bruna Andrade	Thabata Oliveira Blus	Brandy Ronzon Huerta Cortez
Fabiola Pereira Andrade	Lorena Borjas	Gisela Corvalán
Maisa Andrade	Marcelle Brandina	Letícia Costa
Marianne Andreolli	Janelle Ariana Briscoe	Wedylla Brenner Darack
Rebecca Ann ("Becca")	F. J. Brito	Lea Rayshon Daye
Maria Eduarda Carla Fernandes Anselmo	Brandy Carolina Brown	Leidy Padilla Daza
Fernanda Antelo	Aerrion Burnett	Patsy Andrea Delgado
Susana Criado Anton	Scarlet Cáceres	John Scott Devore/Scottlyn Kelly Devore
Rebeka Araújo	Demétrio Campos	Teresa del Castillo Diamante
Yampi Méndez Arocho	Roberta Carabajal	Monica Diamond
Kathlyn Aviles	Alice Carter	Maria Eduarda Aires Dias
Brenda Venegas Ayquipa	Manuela de Cássia	Juliana Giraldo Díaz
Sucia Labasura Constantino Barbosa	Ana Karen Velasco Castelán	Steffany Dior
Melody Barrera	Karla Camarena del Castillo	Chiara Duarte
Samantha Rosales Barrios ("Sam")	Eilyn Catalina	Dávila Duarte
F. E. Batista	Marilyn Monroe Cazares	Patricia Dumon
Valeria Belem	Monike Chagas	Katherine Rosmery Duvall
	Elie Che	Barbara Ellen
	Antonela Chelton	

Brenda Barreto Rodrigues
Koge Etuwie
Pablo Iván F
Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells
Raysla Ferreira
Leslie Alejandra Ferreti
("Leslie Rocha")
Rubi Ferriera
Sasha Santos Filho
Rayka França
Alexia Freires ("Pandora")
"Lady Gaga"
Francesca Galatro
Angel Rose Garcia
Naomi Nicole García
Alice Garrefa
Lukás Georgi
Angela Martinez Gómez
Murilo Gonçalves
Rosa Granados
Essi Granlund
Mia Green
E. Grosu
S. Coronel Guerrero
Karla H.
Maya Haddad
Tatiana Hall
Eda Hancı
Queasha Hardy
Luisa Ávila Henao
Andreza Henrique
B. E. Álvarez Hernández

Gabrielly Hills
Ali Mamani Huamani
Britani Jaqueline
Paloma Salas Jiménez
Ekta Joshi
Doona Jué
Kaushik Sunil Narayan Kar
Mylla Karvalho
Giselle Katrine ("Sara")
Daphine Kauane
Emerald Kelliher
Luanna Kelly
Tamara Khatamzhonov
Nikki Kuhnhausen
Bruna Laís
Brenda Landázury
Dorete Lopes Leal
Claudinha Leite
Luisa Sandoval Lemus
Mireya Rodríguez Lemus
Yenifer León
Aghatha Lima
Ana Clara Lima
Doroty Balbino de Lima
Mari de Bastos Lima
Natasha Ferreira Lobato
Isabella Mia Lofton
Paulinha Espíndola Lopes
Cristhal López
Jeanine Huerta López
Mateo López
Alexa Negrón Luciano

Emilia Lundberg
Merci Mack
Barbie Macon
Vitoria Maia
Aysu Mammadli
Amanda Marfree
La Marquesa
Rayven Marthiela
Monic Martínez
J. F. do Nascimento Martins
Stephanie Cardona Matías
Cristal Romero Matos
Viviane Maximian
Draya McCarty
Alex McCray
Tony McDade
Kimberley McRae
Tifany Alves Medeiros
Hilary Medina ("Cristin")
Uber Agudelo Meléndez
Vida Borges de Melo
Shakira Pérez Méndez
Johanna Metzger
Riah Milton
Briyit Michelle Alas Miranda
Dr María Elizabeth Montaña
Ashley Moore
Tamara Denise Morales
Nare Mphela
Ellis Murphy-Richards
Bárbara Cleiton Silva do
Nascimento

Yahira Nesby	Nicole Pinto	Kee Sam
Donna Nierra	Nina Pop	Rocío Ailén Samaniego
Paris Ninel	Dr. Igor Lima Potêncio	Sabrina Sampaio
Alice Nóbrega	Brian Powers ("Eagle")	M. R. Sanabria
Keila Nunes	Isabely Prado	Brenda Sanchez
Ariadna Ojeda	Paola Prado	Layla Pelaez Sánchez
Isabelle Oliveira	Andrea Nayhelli Alonso	Adriana Santana
Letícia Pereira de Oliveira	Ramirez	Soraya de Oliveira Santiago
Veronica Oliveira	Penelope Díaz Ramírez	Beti Santos
Helle Jae O'Regan	Sandra Beatriz Rangel	Jardiele Santos
Alejandra Ortega	Luara Redfield ("Red")	Kethley Santos
Dior H Ova	Raiane Rodrigues dos Reis	Lorrana Martins dos Santos
Fernanda de Souza Paiva	Gabriela Reyes	Ludmila Nascimento dos Santos
Karly Sasha Chinina Palomino	Selena Reyes-Hernandez	Mafer ("Marbella") Santos
Gul Pandra	Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears ("Rocky Rhone")	Robertina dos Santos
Morgana Cláudia Ribeiro	Lorena María del Luján	Vicky dos Santos
Paraná	Riquel	Yandra Karony Santos
Dustin Parker	Mónica Rivera	Jessyca Sarmiento
Luana Paty	Henrietta Robinson	Daniela Saucedo
Selena Peixoto	Luciana Robledo	Babalu Domingos da Silva
Mia Penny	Daniele Rodrigues	Carol da Silva
Guui Pereira	Thina Rodrigues	Fábia Oliveira da Silva
Branca Aldama Perez	Catalina Rodríguez	Fernanda Machado da Silva
Giovana Perez	Gia Valentina Romualdo	Jussara Pires da Silva
Hillary Mendoza Pérez	Rodríguez	Katarina Ariel Silva
Letícia Pérez	Silvina Roldán ("Sil")	Ludmila Silva
Shaki Peters	Bruna Rosa	Marceli Silva
Rafhynha Pimenta	Shelley Lynn Rose	Marcinha Shokenna Bastos
Gabriela Cruz Pimentel	Wilianny Rosenvert	da Silva
Ely Pimentel	Cachita Soto Rufino	Michele Alves da Silva
Victoria Pineda	Jerrika Rivas Ruíz	Neném Santos da Silva
Eduarda Pinheiro	Rafaela de Salles	

Pedrita dos Santos Silva	Cristi Conde Vásquez	Kendall
Ritchely Silva	Serena Angelique Velázquez	Leona
Sarita Sudario da Silva	Exón Vélez	Letícia
Vitoria Santos Silva	Armando Ventura	Leto
Rhyanna Mabelly Spanick	Marisol Chacon Vilcacuri	Lucas
F. Ulguim Soares	Veronica Xexel	Mamta
Fernanda Soares	Luz Clarita Zúniga	Meenu
Isabella Soares (Isabella Pedrozo)	Angoori	Melanie
Vanessa Solórzano/Rotolo	Anushka	Michael
Cibele Rodrigues de Sousa ("Nem")	Beenish	Michelle
Cristiane Sousa	Bernadete	Mira
Paulina Reis Sousa	Bhavani	Musa
Bruna Karla Souza	Bombom	Nicol
Nicolle Muniz Ferreira Souza	Brigit	Paloma
Brayla Stone	Britany	Paula
Jennifer Ávila Sumpala	Burcu	Piya
Lexi "Ebony" Sutton	Carol	Rayssa
Emilly Taylor	Coral	Saeeda
Summer Taylor	Fabíola	Samantha
Jayne Thompson	Gabriela	Samara
Palak Tiwari	Gaby	Sapna
Denisse Torres	Grampoula	Talita
Julie Torres	Guadalupe	Valera
Tita Andrade Umaña	Gurya	Vijji
Gökçe Umay	Harini	
Renatynha Valadares	Heerawas	
Anel Valenzuela	Isadora	An additional 45 children of God were lost, whose names we do not know
Samantha do Valle	Josselin	
Gabrielly Vanderguel	Julia	
Michellyn Ramos Vargas	Karev	
	Karlota	
	Kelly	

And I invite you to add your own intentions, spoken or held in the silence of your hearts.

We invite you to text names to: 910.839.8272

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Written and sung by Cassidy Anderson.

"For It All"

INTERCESSIONS

Hannah Earnshaw

- Minister: Let us pray for all those who have been killed or died because they have not conformed to the gender roles that society expects.
- People: Grant them peace and bring to those they leave behind them your comfort.
- Minister: Help us to listen, and to understand what it means to be transgender, so that we and all trans people live in harmony.
- People: Let us be filled with the presence of great compassion towards ourselves and towards all living beings.
- Minister: We acknowledge the harm that our prejudice and ignorance has sometimes unknowingly created. We recognize the feelings of guilt and self-loathing that transgender people themselves feel when they apply these negative messages about transgender people in general to themselves. May they have full knowledge of your love that transcends all genders.
- People: Grant us wisdom, care and concern that all of us, whatever our genders and backgrounds, are equally accepted as part of the beloved community.
- Minister: For transgender people who are rejected by their families or lack social support we ask you to give all people involved strength and understanding.
- People: Help transgender and non-binary people, their friends, spouses and supporters, to overcome obstacles, and to bring new opportunities for relationships to be restored.

Minister: Comfort all who experience discrimination, unemployment, verbal abuse or experience attacks in their homes or on the streets.

People: Grant us courage and compassion so that we may all live together in peace.

Minister: We recognize the harm that has been caused by embracing historic presumptions.

People: Help all of us to create a future which is not bound to the attitudes of the past but one in which we can move forward to promote the fullness of life in all the world.

Minister: Loving God, Creator of the Universe, grant us fresh hearts and new minds so that we can celebrate the full richness and diversity of human experience in the Love.

People: Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Kelly Erin O'Phelan

Minister: God of all mercy and consolation,
Come to the aid of your people as we mourn the loss of the dead on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. Turn us from our pity, despair and fear toward full relationship with you and all of our neighbors.

Give us the courage to challenge oppression, both gender-based or based on our other ways of dividing and conquering. Love us into including all of our neighbors. Give us the light to examine ourselves, our comfort, privilege and fear, and turn us toward relationship.

May your Holy Spirit lead us to open our hearts to you and one another in confession, and be opened to your forgiveness and renewal.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM

*Sung by Trouvères,
Soloist: Phoebe Kellogg;
Recorder: Inga Funck.*

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

It's been a long dark night
And I've been a waitin' for the morning
It's been a long hard fight
But I see a brand new day a dawning
I've been looking for the sunshine
'Cause I ain't seen it in so long
Everything's gonna work out fine.
Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
I can see the light of a brand new day.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

—Words & Music: Dolly Parton (b. 1946)
arr. by Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)

BLESSING

Ella Baker

Friends, let us go in the company of Hope.
love can do miraculous things —
things we cannot yet dream of for ourselves,
and things we cannot yet imagine for each other.
With such faith in the liberating power of love,
go in peace.
Amen.

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If you are able, please donate to ProjectQ

ProjectQ Community Center is a black queer founded and run nonprofit that provides free gender-affirming haircuts, empowerment workshops, clothing, internships, food and hygiene boxes, and job placement to LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness.

https://www.powr.io/apps/paypal-button/view?id=20509623&mode=page&transaction_id=7560786

Community Resources

Trans Lifeline- Counselor hotline and suicide prevention run by the trans community for trans* and gender nonconforming people:

www.translifeline.org

Queer Theology - Founded by a trans priest, explores a queer reading of scripture, helps build healthy queer theologies, and provides a robust online community to those that are closeted, exploring, or isolated from safe queer spaces:

www.queertheology.com

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer & questioning (LGBTQ) young people under 25. You can reach out for support 24/7 by calling the Trevor lifeline at 1.866.488.7386

enfleshed was created out of a deep longing for spiritual resources that speak in our time to the things that matter most. With a commitment to spiritual and theological depth and the centering of marginalized experiences, conversations, and communities, enfleshed seeks to provide liturgy, devotionals, curriculum, preaching, training, and pastoral care that addresses honestly, tenderly, and directly, the beauty and pain of living enfleshed lives.

<https://enfleshed.com/>

Trans Can Work: Building a culture nationwide for transgender people to thrive in the workplace. <https://transcanwork.org/>

Trans Lifeline: Trans Lifeline is a grassroots hotline and microgrants 501(c)(3) non-profit organization offering direct emotional and financial support to trans people in crisis - for the trans community, by the trans community. <https://translifeline.org/>

Los Angeles LGBT Center

<https://donate.lalgbtcenter.org/secure/help-build-world-where-lgbt-people-thrive>

Welcome!

“Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith there is a place for you here.”

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allsaints-pas.org/welcome-to-asc/get-connected

Prayer requests can be submitted

by calling 626.583.2707 to leave a message for the Pastoral Care office

or by email to prayers@allsaints-pas.org

or by texting 910-839-8272 (910-TEXT-ASC)



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This Week at All Saints

This Sunday, November 22, 2020



Featured Ministry: All Saints Church Foster Care Project

The All Saints Church Foster Care Project provides community education, public policy/advocacy and direct services for children and youth who have been removed from the care of their parents to the supervision of the state. We recruit volunteers to support youth at public and private agencies. We help foster families with grocery gift cards, diapers, clothing, and educational technology tools. We provide coach monitors to help reunite children with their parents and participate in virtual tutoring

programs. Our Birthday Club can provide a child with their first birthday gift. We take youth on a Back-to-School Shopping Spree or Stuff Your School Backpack drive. We work tirelessly to keep our promise to enhance the lives of foster, homeless, transitional and incarcerated children and youth.

Link for this Sunday: <https://zoom.us/j/817796514>

(The link above includes the Forum, Children's Chapel, the 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. services)

Please do not log on more than 15 minutes in advance, at 9:45 a.m.



10:00-11:00 a.m. Rector's Forum with Becca Stevens

Becca Stevens is an author, speaker, priest, social entrepreneur, and the founder and president of Thistle Farms. She will be joined by **Kristin Beckum, Kim Stevens** and musicians from St. Augustine's Chapel, Vanderbilt University.

11:15 a.m. Service

Becca Stevens preaches.
Canterbury & Coventry Choirs premiere a new piece by our Composer-in-Residence, Bill Cunliffe, *Wherever You Are*. **Youth Chamber Choir** offers *Thanksgiving* by Carey.

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Spanish/English Service

Alfredo Feregrino preaches. **Dan Cole & ensemble & Trouvères** offer music.



Prayers and healing are available by zoom and telephone appointment.

Contact Pastoral Care at prayers@allsaints-pas.org.

K-5th Grade Updates

Digital Children's Chapel is on at 11:00 a.m. Join the Sunday service link or the Facebook Live link. Anyone of any age is welcome to attend this digital chapel! If you have a candle and matches at home, please have them ready as we will light the candle together! Children's Chapel will happen every single week, digital or not. If you are looking for support during this time please reach out to Kelly Erin O'Phelan at kophelan@allsaints-pas.org to connect.



Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Take a break from crazy school schedules, vent, hang out, support each other, get inspired, play games, share art and music and much more. We're sad to not meet for dinner beforehand but so looking forward to catching up during this valuable time. We hope to see everyone there! Information = Nina Scherer at nscherer@allsaints-pas.org.



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Youth Group Link:

<https://allsaints-pas.zoom.us/j/87291969670?pwd=ZHZUN-210bW9sSUxJSE1NVzhFYzBsZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 9196 9670 Passcode: 834378

We're also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ascyouthpasadena/>

Instagram: [ascyouthpasadena](https://www.instagram.com/ascyouthpasadena/)

Stay Connected

Monday, November 23

Monday Meditation Group - 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Beginners are welcome. Join us for quiet sitting and group meditation, accessible to all. Information = encam@att.net.

Grief and Loss Support Group - 7:00 p.m.

The Grief and Loss Support Group offers opportunities to develop a better understanding of grief and to learn healthy coping skills and share feelings with others who are experiencing loss.

Information = Frontdesk@allsaints-pas.org.

Brothers on a Journey - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Brothers on a Journey is an affinity group for men to share about their lives in a safe and welcoming environment.

Information = Christine Cox at ccox@allsaints-pas.org.

LGBTQ+ Small Group - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We strive to enhance the journey of faith of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer community through opportunities to foster spiritual and educational growth, social interaction, political advocacy and pastoral care.

Email Christine Cox at ccox@allsaints-pas.org for access details.

Tuesday, November 24

Centering Prayer 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Centering Prayer is a meditation practice that is centered in the contemplative Christian tradition.

<https://allsaints-pas.org/more/pastoral-care/centering-prayer/>
Information = Frontdesk@allsaints-pas.org.

Wednesday, November 25

Noonday Prayers & Prayers of Healing

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Link: <https://allsaints-pas.org/noonday-prayers/>

All Saints Church offers an online service of Noonday Prayers with prayers for healing from 12:00-12:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Join us for this weekly opportunity to come together in prayer for each other, for our nation and for our world. Information = Debbie Daniels at ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

Friday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. on the Quad.

On and around this day across the world, people gather in solidarity to mourn those who have been victims of anti-trans violence, and to ensure that their lives, and deaths, are not forgotten. It allows us to call attention to the continued violence and discrimination persons of trans experience face every day. Music will be offered by Cassidy Anderson.

Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

Join the Racial Justice Ministry in Partnership with the LGBTQ+ Ministry



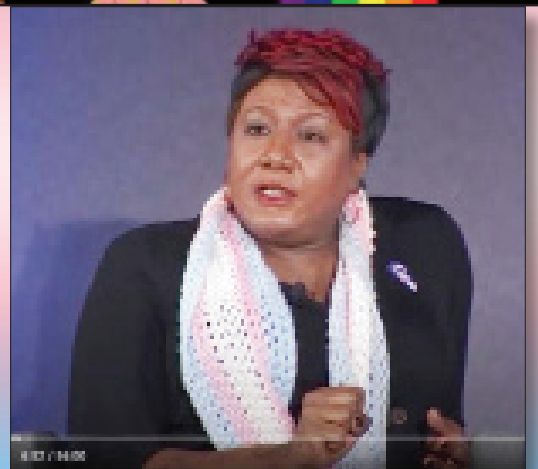
for a Social Discussion on Transgender Day of Remembrance Weekend

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we watch together a 25-minute panel discussion from the Commonwealth Club of California on the topic:
Transgender Day of Remembrance-Addressing Violence Against Black Transgender Women.

After viewing the panel together, we will hold an enriching discussion about what we heard & learned.

Join us over Zoom: <https://fullerton.zoom.us/j/81816507093>



The 2020 Alternative Christmas Market Goes Virtual for Joy Sunday – December 13

The Alternative Christmas Market (ACM) has been an Advent tradition as it brings together non-profit and fair trade organizations for an opportunity for the All Saints community to make donations and purchase gifts that are alternatives to the traditional Christmas present. This year's market will be virtual and will take place via Zoom on Sunday, Dec. 13, 10–11 a.m. Leah Nelson, ACM Co-Chair says, "The pandemic has changed our lives, but the Alternative Christmas Market provides us with the opportunity to capture the true meaning of Christmas, allowing each of us to truly impact those who are most in need." The Market has raised between \$25,000 to \$35,000 annually for organizations, and has more importantly raised our social consciousness. The list of participants is a who's who of local, national and international organizations—including Homeboy Industries, Five Acres, Get on the Bus, and Ten Thousand Villages, just to name a few. You will be able to "shop" directly with each organization during the virtual market by following links to their webpages for donations and product purchases. Get the catalog for the Alternative Christmas Market on the All Saints website or in the chat box throughout the Zoom. ACM co-chair Jane Wallace says, "Even though we can't be together in person for our ACM this year, it is a time to rejoice as we truly WILL have an alternative to our Alternative Christmas Market, as we come together virtually to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas giving to those most in need, opening up our hearts in love and joy and sharing our gifts of good will with our community." To attend the virtual Alternative Christmas Market – click on the Zoom link available on the All Saints website for weekly Sunday worship services.

Merry Christmas!

Looking Ahead

Events & Opportunities

“Family Choir” at All Saints

The “Family Choir” is designed to give families an opportunity to sing together! Kids, parents, and grandparents can make joyful music together! Advent is soon approaching and we invite you to gather your family members (safely, within the same household) to join us for our choral anthem on Joy Sunday, Dec. 13 (Advent III). We look forward to seeing joyous squares of families singing together in our final virtual choir project of 2020!

If you are interested, please contact Weicheng Zhao at wzhao@allsaints-pas.org.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25, 5:00 p.m.

As you prepare for a holiday weekend, in the midst of a pandemic, whether with family and friends in-person, virtually, or on your own, join us for a reflective prayer service on Thanksgiving Eve. Members of Canterbury and Coventry Choirs offer music. Susan Russell offers a meditation. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

Link will be available on our Live Stream page:
<https://allsaints-pas.org/live-stream/>

Thanksgiving Edition of Feast & Friendship

Thursday, November 26, 1:00 p.m.

If you will be alone and staying safe this Thanksgiving, sign-up now for a special Turkey Day edition of our Feast & Friendship ministry.

Spaces are limited, so plan now to join this online social gathering at 1:00 p.m. on Nov. 26 — before you enjoy your turkey and all the trimmings. It's BYOB if you want to have your own beverage and/or small bite. Those who sign up for this online event to connect with others in the All Saints Community will receive a Zoom link from host Pamela Tartaglio by Tuesday, Nov. 24. You can stay connected with your All Saints family as you give thanks for your blessings. Information = Christine Cox at ccox@allsaints-pas.org.



20's/30's Friendsgiving Social Hour

Sunday, November 29, 1:00 p.m.

All 20's/30's are invited to a socially distanced outdoor Friendsgiving social hour. We'll gather at a parishioner's backyard. BYOF - Bring your own food. All Saints Church has put in place a number of new protocols and processes to help ensure the safety of participants at small group gatherings. Check it out on instagram at [2030allsaints](#) or RSVP to 2030allsaints@gmail.com. For more information, contact Christine Cox at ccox@allsaints-pas.org.



Senior Saints Monthly Gathering

Thursday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m.

Join us on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. on Zoom for a talk with special guest **Juan Mejia**. Juan joined All Saints in 2001. He married Diana Carbajal at All Saints in 2003, and they have raised their four kids at All Saints. He has been a deputy district attorney with Los Angeles County for over 25 years. Juan is currently serving as the Senior Warden of the Vestry. He was co-chair of the Wardens' Planning Task Force and of the Search Committee for the Associate Rector position. He was also previously a member of the Vestry between 2007-2011. He has chaired the Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth Committee and the Stewardship Committee. He has also served on three discernment committees.

Please contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org for the Zoom link in order to attend.

Drum Circle Continues!

We will be hosting our outdoor community drum circle, led by **Brother Gerald Rivers**

(<https://www.geraldrivers.com/>), a Master Drummer and Djembe player. Drumming is an ancient communal spiritual practice, which roots us in the rhythms of God in creation and binds us to one another. No experience is required! Everyone can drum! Everyone entering will have their temperature taken, be asked about COVID symptoms, checked for masks and given hand sanitizer. Social distancing will be observed at all times. Bro. Gerald will provide some Djembes, and you are encouraged to bring your own drum.

There will be a free-will offering taken at the end for Bro. Gerald's time and talent. Please bring some cash as you have it.

A new time and date TBA soon!



RaiseAChild and Foster Care Project Information Session

Wednesday, December 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

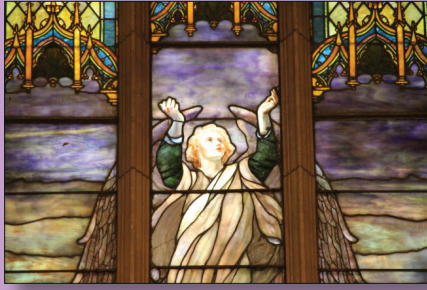
Join RaiseAChild and All Saints Church Foster Care Project for a fun and informal information session from the comfort of your home and discover the benefits of building loving families for foster children. Learn all about the process, including the top ten benefits of becoming a foster or foster-to-adopt parent. You'll meet RaiseAChild parents and hear about the best agencies who want to help you build or expand your family. For more information, please contact: inbox@fostercareproject.org.

Fiction Fun! Zoom Christmas Party

Friday, December 18, 7:30-9:00 p.m.



All are welcome! *Fiction Fun!* is a monthly book group exploring what it means to live lives of faith by reading and discussing contemporary and classic works of fiction. Please contact Christine Cox at ccox@allsaints-pas.org for more information.



Our Beautiful Sanctuary Will Be Open for Prayer in Advent

Wednesdays & Saturdays 12:30 –2:30 p.m. beginning Wed., Dec. 2

Following very strict safety guidelines, we will open the church for prayer or meditation beginning in Advent. You must wear a mask at all times and keep socially distanced by at least six feet. A staff member/lay leader will be available if you have any questions. Information = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

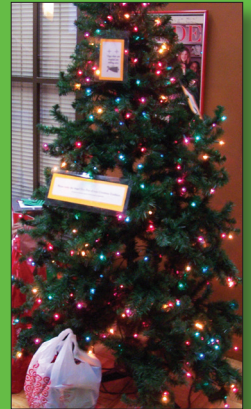
Angel Tree

Due to COVID-19, our Angel Tree will look different this year.

Our partners at DCFS are asking for gift cards to distribute to children and youth with the most need. Although gift cards aren't as fun as picking a tag off a tree, the children and youth who receive these will be just as delighted to be able to receive a gift in the safest way possible during this time.

Please sign up for any gift card(s) you'd like to provide (suggested amount \$25-\$50 each) and follow one of the delivery options below. Please also include a separate note or paper that indicates "This gift is from [first name] at All Saints."

If you have any questions or need to make alternate delivery arrangements, please email Kelly Erin O'Phelan at kophelan@allsaints-pas.org.



Racial Justice Advisory Board Nominations

The Racial Justice Advisory Board (RJAB) is accepting nominations for board membership. The purpose of the Racial Justice Advisory Board is to guide and assist in developing recommendations, metrics and action plans to support the Vestry and staff in implementing the nine action points of the All Saints Church (ASC) Racial Justice Resolution and other action-related plans in order to become the Beloved Community.

Desired nominees to the RJAB are ASC and community members who have demonstrated experience and commitment to effectively addressing matters of race, ethnicity, racism and racial justice as well as other qualified and committed individuals. Nominees can be identified by an ASC ministry, task force, clergy or staff person, parishioner, community member or may be self-nominated. Selected nominees will reflect the current and emerging diversity of the parish and surrounding communities and will be presented to the Vestry for final approval.

RJAB members serve a renewable 2-year term and attend monthly board meetings during the program year.

Applications are due January 14, 2021.

Please direct requests for a nomination packet or questions to Barbara Andrade DuBransky bdubransky@gmail.com.

Invest in the Future of All Saints Church

All Saints Church is a beacon of hope and a place of solace and inspiration for so many people. Our connection with one another, even though online, is deeply important and central to the quality of our lives. It is your generosity that sustains this community, and we are profoundly grateful.

We ask now that you consider what All Saints means to you, and what it can become, and make a generous pledge for 2021. All Saints is on a journey to becoming a community that is more deeply focused on Mission and that has even more impact.

Financial sustainability will be critical, so your support makes all the difference.

Please pledge now, knowing that your investment matters. Thank you!

Make a pledge or gift here: <https://allsaints-pas.org/donate/donate-now/>

If you have questions, please contact Terry Knowles, our Director of Giving & Stewardship, at tknowles@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2736.



**As we begin a new year in our church calendar, we are excited to premiere
Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney's *The Women's Lectionary***



The Women's Lectionary is a project of the **Rev. Wil Gafney, PhD**, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas, an Episcopal Priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and Licensed in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Dr. Gafney selected and translated the reading using an expansive gender-explicit approach and, in the Psalms, explicit feminine language and pronouns for God. Church House, the Episcopal press will publish the Lectionary.

**New Link for Sunday, Nov. 29: <https://allsaints-pas.org/live-stream/>
(The link above includes Children's Chapel, the 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. services)**

We will return to the beautiful interior of All Saints. Ministers of the liturgy will be observing the social distance and safety protocols dictated by health care professionals and in compliance with our diocesan guidelines. And while we all long for the time when we can safely return for in person congregational worship, being able to center our online service in our familiar and beloved sanctuary is one step toward that eventual goal.

10:00-11:00 a.m. Rector's Forum with Rev. Wil Gafney, PhD

11:15 a.m. Service

Rev. Wil Gafney, PhD preaches. Canterbury & Coventry Choirs offer *O Day of Peace* by Parry, arr. by Jacobson.

1:00 p.m. Bilingual

Spanish/English Service

Alfredo Feregrino preaches. Dan Cole & ensemble and Trouvères offer music.

Advent Evening Service, Sunday Nov. 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Link: <https://allsaints-pas.org/live-stream/>



Join Jenny Tisi and Kelly Erin O'Phelan as we provide a family-friendly service of music, readings and storytelling. We will explore the meaning of Advent together!

