

# UNITED FOR GOOD

**Gathering in Silence to Quell the Darkness  
An Interfaith Silent Vigil in advance of Election Day, 2020**



*Co-sponsored by Saint Mark's Cathedral, Temple de Hirsch Sinai, First AME Seattle,  
St. James Cathedral, and the Church Council of Greater Seattle*

PRELUDE

“Andante sostenuto” from *Symphonie gothique*  
Joseph Adam, organ

Charles-Marie Widor

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

SILENCE

Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams. Amen.

--Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 4 October 2020

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Adagio in C Minor*  
Darlene Franz, oboe / Joseph Adam, piano

Benedetto Marcello

SILENCE

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.

--Wisdom of Solomon 6:12

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Sarabande” from *Suite in D Major*  
Page Smith, cello

Johann Sebastian Bach

SILENCE

What we need is a total mobilization of heart, intelligence, and wealth  
for the purpose of love and justice. God is in search of man, waiting,  
hoping for man to do His will....This world, this society can be redeemed...  
What we face is a human emergency. It will require much devotion, wisdom, and divine grace  
to eliminate that massive sense of inferiority, the creeping bitterness.  
It will require a high quality of imaginative sympathy, sustained cooperation  
both in thought and in action, by individuals as well as by institutions,  
to weed out memories of frustration, roots of resentment...

It is the audacity of faith that redeems us...  
Mere knowledge or belief is too feeble to be a cure of man's hostility to man,  
of man's tendency to fratricide. The only remedy is personal sacrifice:  
to abandon, to reject what seems dear and even plausible for the sake of the greater truth;  
to do more than one is ready to understand for the sake of God.  
Required is a breakthrough, a leap of action. It is the deed that will purify the heart.  
It is the deed that will sanctify the mind. The deed is the test, the trial, and the risk.

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Prayer” from *Jewish Life*  
Roberta Hansen Downey, cello / Douglas Cleveland, piano

Ernest Bloch

SILENCE

Seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalm 34:14

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Prelude No. 16 in B Minor*  
Joseph Adam, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PROCESSION

*We are grateful to the religious leaders present here this evening, and to all who are participating via livestream.*

**Pastor Carey Anderson**, Senior Minister, First AME, Seattle  
**Rev. Lex Breckinridge**, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina  
**Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown**, Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle  
**Rev. Doris Cope**, Associate Minister First AME Church, Seattle  
**Rabbi Sydney Danziger**, Senior Rabbi, Temple B’Nai Torah  
**Rev. Steve Davis**, Pastor, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle  
**The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne**, Archbishop of Seattle (Roman Catholic)  
**Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons**, Priest in Charge, Trinity Episcopal Church, Seattle  
**The Reverend William Heric**, Pastor of St. Bridget’s Catholic Church, Seattle  
**Rev. Josh Hosler**, Rector, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd  
**Michael Ramos**, Executive Director, Church Council of Greater Seattle  
**The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel**, VII Bishop of Olympia (Episcopal)  
**The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan**, Pastor of St. James Cathedral (Roman Catholic)  
**Rev. Seifu Anil Singh-Molares**, Executive Director, Spiritual Directors International  
**Rev. Dr. Linda Smith**, Executive Director, S.K.Y. Urban Empowerment and Transformation Center  
**The Reverend Steve Sundborg, SJ**, President of Seattle University  
**The Very Rev. Steve Thomason**, Dean and Rector, Saint Mark’s Cathedral (Episcopal)  
**Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee**, Bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod  
**Rabbi Daniel Weiner**, Senior Rabbi, Temple de Hirsch Sinai  
**Rev. Kate E. Wesch**, Rector, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, West Seattle  
**Rev. Lawrence R. Willis**, Pastor of Truevine Holiness Missionary Baptist Church, Seattle; and  
President of the United Black Clergy of Western Washington  
**Bishop Reggie C. Witherspoon**, COGIC Jurisdictional Prelate of the Washington Northwest  
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, State of Washington  
**Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick**, Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth Am