

# Lift Us Up

A Prayer Vigil for Non-Violence  
at a Time of Crisis

Thursday, March 5, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

New Brick at  
Christ Episcopal Church

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**WELCOME TO *LIFT US UP*, A  
PRAYER VIGIL FOR NON-VIOLENCE  
AT CHRIST CHURCH**

We stand before You tonight, a tapestry of faiths woven together by a shared heartache and a shared hope. We lift our voices not as strangers, but as neighbors, united in our rejection of violence and our deep desire for healing in our community and our world.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Musical Prelude**

Larissa Sanders  
Director of Music  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

**Procession of Faith Leaders - *Peace Salaam Shalom***

*Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow*

1. Peace salaam shalom,  
Peace salaam shalom,  
Peace salaam shalom,  
Peace salaam shalom.
  
2. We believe in peace (x4)
  
3. We will work for peace (x4)
  
4. We can live in peace (x4)

**Welcome**

The Reverend Marcia Davenport  
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

**Invocation**

The Right Reverend Robert W. Ihloff  
XIII Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

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  
Children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me.  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step 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.

**Meditation · Luke 10:33-37 (The Good Samaritan)**

The Venerable Denise Schiavone  
Archdeacon for the Diocese of Maryland

***O Lord, Hear my Prayer***

*Jacques Berthier*  
Accompanied by Jane Adams - Flute  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
When I cry  
Answer me  
O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.

Prayer

Ann Barnes  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

Prayer for Children Held in Detention

Lucia Martin  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ellicott City, MD

Prayer from the Qur'an

Ellen Boudreau  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

*Hold On*

*Heidi Ann Wilson*

The musical score for "Hold On" is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of two systems of music. The first system (measures 1-8) features a vocal line with lyrics "Hold on hold on" and an instrumental accompaniment with four parts: melody, drone line, low harmony, and low melody. The second system (measures 9-16) features a vocal line with lyrics "my dear ones here comes the dawn" and an instrumental accompaniment with four parts: melody, drone line, low harmony, and low melody. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

## Meditation

Alex Ross  
Immediate Past President of the Columbia Jewish Congregation

## Musical Interlude

Jane Adams - Flute  
Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

## Prayer for Nonviolence and Justice

Jean Pfefferkorn  
Patapsco Friends, Columbia, MD

## Prayer for Peace - St. Francis

Fr. Mel O. Portula, CICM-Missionhurst  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Columbia, MD

### Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**:  
where there is hatred, let me sow **love**;  
where there is injury, **pardon**;  
where there is doubt, **faith**;  
where there is despair, **hope**;  
where there is darkness, **light**;  
where there is sadness, **joy**.

O divine Master, grant that I 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.

- Saint Francis of Assisi

### Oración por la Paz

Señor, haz de mí un instrumento de tu **paz**.  
Que allá donde hay odio, yo ponga el **amor**.  
Que allá donde hay ofensa, yo ponga el **perdón**.  
Que allá donde hay discordia, yo ponga la **unión**.  
Que allá donde hay error, yo ponga la **verdad**.  
Que allá donde hay duda, yo ponga la **Fe**.  
Que allá donde hay desesperación, yo ponga la **esperanza**.  
Que allá donde hay tinieblas, yo ponga la **luz**.  
Que allá donde hay tristeza, yo ponga la **alegría**.

Maestro, que yo no busque tanto ser consolado,  
cuanto consolar,  
ser comprendido, cuanto comprender,  
ser amado, cuanto amar.  
Porque es dándose como se recibe,  
es olvidándose de sí mismo como uno se encuentra  
a sí mismo,  
es perdonando, como se es perdonado,  
es muriendo como se resucita a la vida eterna.  
Amén.

- San Francisco de Asís

Lord God,

We pray for families and loved ones who are separated, carrying fear and uncertainty in their hearts. For parents and children divided by borders, policies, or circumstances beyond their control, surround them with your comfort.

We lift up those fleeing from unsafe conditions. Those escaping violence, poverty, disaster, and fear. Guide them and protect them. Place compassionate people in their path. May they be welcomed with dignity and treated with the respect every person deserves.

We pray for fair treatment for all people affected by injustice. Remind us that every person is made in your image. Give leaders and governments wisdom and courage to treat people as you call us to treat one another — with compassion, fairness, and love.

In times of instability in our country, grant peace of mind to all who are afraid. Steady our communities. Protect our friends and loved ones who are being forced out of our country. Hold them close and let them know they are never forgotten.

Give us the courage to stand up to the injustice we see in the world. Help us choose nonviolence over hatred, understanding over division, and action over silence. Make us instruments of Your peace.

Amen



*I Shall Not Be Moved*

19th-century African American spiritual

Melody

1. I shall not, I shall not be moved, I shall not, I shall not be moved. Just like a

2nd

3rd

5

1 tree that's plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.

2

3

D A7 A7 D

G D Bm (Gm/Bb) D/A A7 D



2. When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved (x2)  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water, I shall not be moved.



3. Don't let the world deceive you ...



4. Black and white together, [we] shall not be moved ...

5. We're fighting for our freedom ...

6. We're fighting for our children ...

**Prayer for Peace in Silence**

**Meditation · Matthew 25:35-40**

Deacon Vaughn Vigil  
Deacon for Latino Ministry at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore  
(Tú has venido a la orilla)

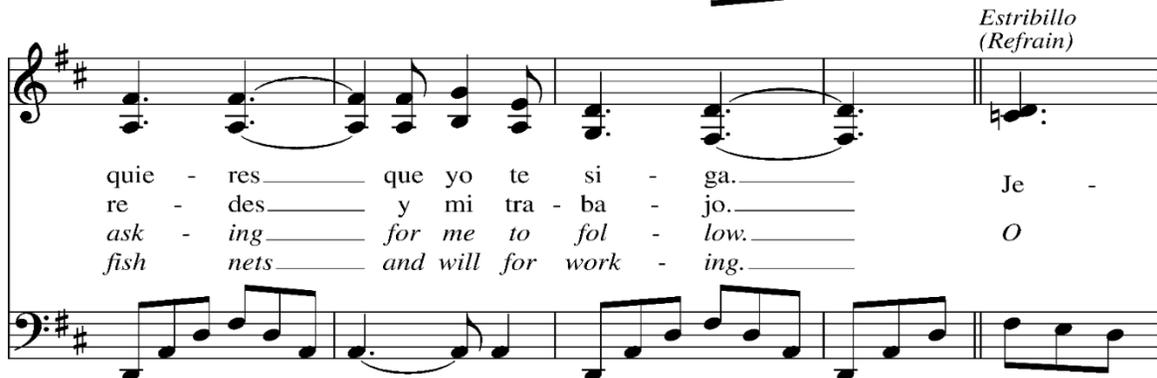
Cesáreo Gabarain



1. Tú \_\_\_\_\_ has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, \_\_\_\_\_ no has bus -  
2. Tú \_\_\_\_\_ sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: \_\_\_\_\_ en mi  
1. You \_\_\_\_\_ have come down to the lake - shore \_\_\_\_\_ seek - ing  
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ know full well my pos - ses - sions. \_\_\_\_\_ Nei - ther



ca - do \_\_\_\_\_ ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, \_\_\_\_\_ tan só - lo  
bar - ca \_\_\_\_\_ no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; \_\_\_\_\_ tan só - lo  
nei - ther \_\_\_\_\_ the wise nor the weal - thy, \_\_\_\_\_ But on - ly  
trea - sure \_\_\_\_\_ nor weap - ons for con - quest, \_\_\_\_\_ Just these my



*Estrillo*  
*(Refrain)*

quie - res \_\_\_\_\_ que yo te si - ga. \_\_\_\_\_ Je -  
re - des \_\_\_\_\_ y mi tra - ba - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ O  
ask - ing \_\_\_\_\_ for me to fol - low.  
fish nets \_\_\_\_\_ and will for work - ing.



sús, \_\_\_\_\_ me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; \_\_\_\_\_ son - ri -  
Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ you have looked in - to my eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ kind - ly

(continued)

en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre; en la a -  
smil - ing, you've called out my name. On the

re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca; jun - to a  
sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat; now with

ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
you, I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú necesitas mis manos,  
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,  
amor que quiera seguir amando.  
*Estrillo*

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary  
a love that's willing to go on loving.  
Refrain

4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares,  
ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
Amigo bueno, que as' me llamas.  
*Estrillo*

4. You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that  
are yearning:  
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.  
Refrain

Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt. Music: *Pescador*, Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992).

**Catholic Prayer for Migrants**

For all those who see “home”  
and all it means  
Disappear behind them;  
For all those who cannot see a  
home  
In the days ahead of them; For  
all those who dwell in Daily  
insecurity;  
For all those who are weary and  
Without a safe place to rest their  
heads;  
For all families in migration, we  
pray:  
May the image of the Holy  
Family  
Fleeing oppression  
Stay with us as we are blessed  
With returning to a home  
May we also be blessed  
With compassion for those  
Still weary, still seeking,  
Still with so far to go.

**Oración Católica por los  
Migrantes**

Por todos aquellos que ven su  
casa, y toda la que significa,  
Desaparece detrás de ellos;  
Por todos aquellos que no  
pueden ver una casa  
En los días por delante;  
Por todos aquellos que viven en  
la inseguridad diaria:  
Por todos aquellos que están  
agotados y no tienen un lugar  
seguro para descansar la cabeza;  
Por todas las familias en  
migración, rezamos:  
Que la imagen de la Sagrada  
Familia, huyendo de la  
opresión,  
Se quede con nosotros como  
recordamos que somos  
bendecidos  
A volver a una casa  
Que también seamos  
bendecidos con compasión por  
aquellos que  
Todavía están agotados, todavía  
están buscando,  
Y todavía tienen que ir tan  
lejos.

Let us walk with our migrant sisters and brothers, who often endure hardship and exclusion at the hands of peoples and governments.

Let us listen deeply to their stories, so that we may accompany them on this journey and help them carry their burdens.

Let us speak their truth, so that others may hear when their voices are silenced.

Let us hold their hands when they can go no further.

Allow them to see Your face, Lord, through mine, through us, when they feel that all hope is gone.

Amen.

Caminemos con nuestros hermanos y hermanas

Migrantes, que a menudo sufren penurias y exclusión a manos de pueblos y gobiernos.

Escuchemos profundamente sus historias, para que podamos acompañarlos en este viaje y ayudarles a llevar sus cargas.

Digamos su verdad, para que otros puedan oírla cuando sus voces son silenciadas.

Démosles la mano cuando ya no puedan mas

Permíteles ver Tu rostro, Señor, a través del mío, a través de nosotros, cuando sientan que toda esperanza ha desaparecido.

Amen.

\*Prayer for Migrants, Eng & Spa,  
Education for Justice  
\* World Day of Migrants &  
Refugees 2024

**Reader:** For all who seek justice and ensure the rule of law,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the victims of war and terrorism everywhere on earth,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those living in fear and for refugees from violent regimes,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the courage to resist demonizing and dehumanizing others,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For wisdom in choosing the paths of peace,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the healing of our broken and divided world,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the strength to build trust and friendship across boundaries,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For comfort to the grieving and compassion for the bereaved,

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all our friends, family members, and loved ones who have passed from this life. For all of their struggles, courage and pain. For all that was.

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For centuries, the ringing of a bell and the saying of their name out loud has been used to signify the passing of a loved one. At least forty-six people have died since January 2025 as a result of the government's deportation policies. As we mourn their loss, let their memory be a call to action, a call for life, not death.

No one should be nameless or invisible.

**Genry Ruiz Guillén** - from Honduras (died Jan 23, 2025)

**Serawit Gezahegn Dejene** - from Ethiopia (died Jan 29, 2025)

**Maksym Chernyak** - from Ukraine (died Feb 20, 2025)

**Juan Alexis Tineo-Martinez** - from the Dominican Republic (died Feb 23, 2025)

**Ruben Ray Martinez** - from the United States (died Mar 15, 2025)

**Brayan Garzón-Rayó** - from Colombia (died Apr 8, 2025)

**Nhon Ngoc Nguyen** - from Vietnam (died Apr 16, 2025)

**Marie Ange Blaise** - from Haiti (died Apr 25, 2025)

**Abelardo Avellaneda Delgado** - from Mexico (died May 5, 2025)

**Jesus Molina-Veya** - from Mexico (died Jun 7, 2025)

**Johnny Noviello** - from Quebec (died Jun 23, 2025)

**Isidro Pérez** - from Cuba (died Jun 26, 2025)

**Jaime Alanis Garcia** - from Mexico (died Jul 10, 2025)

**Tien Xuan Phan** - from Vietnam (died Jul 19, 2025)

**Chaofeng Ge** - from China ( died Aug 5, 2025)

**Lorenzo Antonio Batrez Vargas** - from Mexico (died Aug 31, 2025)

**Oscar Rascon Duarte** - from Mexico (died Sep 8, 2025)

**Santos Banegas Reyes** - from Honduras (died Sep 18, 2025)

**Ismael Ayala-Uribe** - from Mexico (died Sep 22, 2025)

**Norlan Guzman-Fuentes** - from El Salvador (died Sep 24, 2025)

**Miguel Ángel García-Hernandez Medina** - from Mexico (died Sep 29, 2025)

**Huabing Xie** - from China (died Sep 29, 2025)

**Leo Cruz-Silva** - from Mexico (died Oct 4, 2025)

**Hasan Ali Moh'D Saleh** - from Jordan (died Oct 11, 2025)

**Josué Castro Rivera** - from Honduras (died Oct 23, 2025)

**Gabriel Garcia Aviles** - from Mexico (died Oct 23, 2025)

**Kai Yin Wong** - from China (died Oct 25, 2025)  
**Francisco Gaspar-Andrés** - from Guatemala (died Dec 3, 2025)  
**Pete Sumalo Montejo** - from the Philippines (died Dec 5, 2025)  
**Shiraz Fatehali Sachwani** - from Pakistan (died Dec 6, 2025)  
**Jean Wilson Brutus** - from Haiti (died Dec 12, 2025)  
**Fouad Saeed Abdulkadir** - from Eritrea (died Dec 14, 2025)  
**Delvin Francisco Rodriguez** - from Nicaragua (died Dec 14, 2025)  
**Nenko Stanev Gantchev** - from Bulgaria (died Dec 15, 2025)  
**Jose Castro-Rivera** - from Honduras (died Oct 23, 2025)  
**Geraldo Lunas Campos** - from Cuba (died Jan 3, 2026)  
**Luis Gustavo Núñez Cáceres** - from Honduras (died Jan 5, 2026)  
**Luis Beltrán Yáñez–Cruz** - from Honduras (died Jan 6, 2026)  
**Renee Nicole Good** - from the United States (died Jan 7, 2026)  
**Parady La** - from Cambodia (died Jan 9, 2026)  
**Heber Sánchez Domínguez** - from Mexico (died Jan 14, 2026)  
**Víctor Manuel Díaz** - from Nicaragua (died Jan 14, 2026)  
**Alex Jeffrey Pretti** - from the United States (died Jan 24, 2026)  
**Nurul Amin Shah Alam** - from Myanmar (died Feb 24, 2026)

**Reader:** These four bells are rung for the unnamed women who were deported to Haiti and died crossing into the Dominican Republic.

**Reader:** Tonight, we light a candle and ring the bell for all those injured and disappeared, and whose names we may never know, in hope of their safety and well-being.

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Reverend Marcia Davenport  
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry  
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## Benediction

Adam Greene  
Emissary of the Grand Tayac of the Piscataway Indian Nation to the  
Indigenous European People in the Western Hemisphere

Pete Landeros  
Official Spokesperson of the Piscataway Indian Nation and Director  
of American Indian Movement Woodlands Territory Support Group

*The translation of this prayer into English is:*

Muh-shay-wah-nuh-toe	<i>O Great Spirit</i>
Chess-Kay-dah-kay-wak	<i>Of all these Nations</i>
Muss-kah-Kay-yah-oo	<i>On this beautiful Earth</i>
Kah-mee-dee-mun	<i>You who have given us</i>
Ah-duh-wee-nuh-kah-taw-nawn	<i>More than we need</i>
Nuh-kee-Kay-nawn	<i>To survive</i>
Wanishii	<i>Thank you</i>

## *Lift Us Up - Anthem for America*

*Peter Yarrow*

Lift us up  
Make our stand  
Let love triumph  
In our land  
  
Lift us up  
Make us strong  
Give us courage  
To right the wrongs  
  
America our hopes and dreams  
Are truly all at stake  
Let not hate divide us  
Let not our spirit break  
Let not our courage falter  
Let not our bravery fail  
Let unity bring victory  
Let LOVE PREVAIL!

## Clergy and Faith Leaders Recess

*You are invited to stay and join in learning and singing songs of strength and protest, led by Jan DeBoissiere and Patrick Frith.*

*THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.*



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