

# Liturgy of Lament

A Vigil for Victims of Asian Hate



**Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color**

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Diocese of Olympia

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA

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6:30PM

## Words of Welcome

## Reading of Headlines

*Please remain silent during the reading of headlines addressing violence against members of the Asian American community.*

## Opening Prayer

## A Reading from Romans 12:14-19, 21 in English, Cambodian & Chinese

### *Cambodian*

ចូរឲ្យពរដល់ពួកអ្នកបៀតបៀនអ្នករាល់គ្នា ចូរឲ្យពរ កុំដាក់បណ្តាសាឲ្យសោះ  
ចូរអរសប្បាយជាមួយពួកអ្នកអរសប្បាយ ហើយយំជាមួយពួកអ្នកយំ  
ចូរមានគំនិតឲ្យចុះសម្រុងគ្នាទៅវិញទៅមក កុំមានគំនិតឆ្អឹងផ្អែ  
ត្រូវចុះសម្រុងជាមួយអ្នកទន់ទាប ហើយកុំគិតថាខ្លួនឯងឆ្លាតឡើយ។  
ចូរកុំតបស្តង់ការអាក្រក់ដោយការអាក្រក់ឡើយ  
ត្រូវតាំងចិត្តធ្វើការល្អនៅចំពោះមនុស្សទាំងអស់  
ចំពោះអ្នករាល់គ្នាវិញ ចូររស់នៅជាមួយមនុស្សទាំងអស់ដោយសុខសាន្តចុះ បើធ្វើកើត។  
បងប្អូនជាទីស្រឡាញ់អើយ! ចូរកុំសងសឹកដោយខ្លួនឯងឡើយ  
ប៉ុន្តែទុកឲ្យព្រះជាម្ចាស់បញ្ចេញកំហឹងចុះ ដ្បិតមានសេចក្តីចែងទុកថា៖  
«ព្រះអម្ចាស់មានបន្ទូលថា ការសងសឹកស្រេចលើយើង យើងនឹងតបស្តង់ពួកគេវិញ  
ចូរកុំឲ្យសេចក្តីអាក្រក់ឈ្នះអ្នកបានឡើយ  
ប៉ុន្តែចូរអ្នកយកឈ្នះលើសេចក្តីអាក្រក់ដោយសេចក្តីល្អចុះ។

### *Cantonese*

逼迫你們的，要給他們祝福；只要祝福，不可咒詛。與喜樂的人要同樂；與哀哭的人要同哭。要彼此同心；不要志氣高大，倒要俯就卑微的人（人：或作事）；不要自以為聰明。不要以惡報惡；眾人以為美的事要留心去做。若是能行，總要盡力與眾人和睦。親愛的弟兄，不要自己伸冤，寧可讓步，聽憑主怒（或作：讓人發怒）；因為經上記著：主說：伸冤在我；我必報應。所以，你的仇敵若餓了，就給他吃，若渴了，就

給他喝；因為你這樣行就是把炭火堆在他的頭上。你不可為惡所勝，反要以善勝惡。

### *English*

Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge. I will repay", says the Lord.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Bell Ringing Nine Times to Honor the 9 Victims of the Atlanta Spa Shootings**

*Cultural Sensitivity to Honoring those who have Died*

*The South Korean Consulate announced they won't be releasing the Korean names of the victims to honor the victims' families' requests and privacy. Some cultures pay respect by not sharing the names of the dead, and it's very common in South Korea to choose to not share names especially in tragic events like this. Therefore, often, families of the dead will choose pseudonyms for the media and general public.*

*At this time, we do not know which names have been approved of by families. Instead of saying their names, we will ring a bell 9 times to honor the dead and read a poem by Erina Kim-Eubanks in their memory.*

A Prayer for my AAPI Sisters: As We Face Unceasing Violence  
*by Erina Kim-Eubanks*

Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee-  
from the liminal places-

You are familiar with the pangs of judgment  
in declarations of where you are "from."  
You are acquainted with the unceasing violence  
of an Empire which demeans your status,  
a religious institution that labels you a threat,  
and a society that crucifies your flesh  
as a scapegoat.

You also know what it means to have your  
belly lavishly fed,  
feet lovingly washed,  
body skillfully tended to,  
burial clothes thoughtfully prepared,  
existence generously supported,  
by women.

Those whose bodies  
were deemed a temptation-  
unclean, even shameful-  
were at the center of your ministry-  
present by your side,  
and given honor in your sight.  
In receiving the presence and gifts of women  
you declared that  
our bodies are worthy of protection  
our stories are worthy of witness  
our gifts are worthy of celebration  
our dignity is worthy of recognition.  
So hold us now, as  
our bodies are shaken by violence  
our stories are rendered invisible  
our gifts are dragged through the mud,

our dignity is desecrated by forces of  
white supremacy, nationalism, and xenophobia,  
alongside heteropatriarchy, fetishization, and capitalism.

Remind us  
of the place we have in your sight,  
within your family,  
by your side ,  
and grant us a healing of our whole selves-  
a mending of our bloodied communities  
and a witness to our pain,  
in a world of unceasing violence.  
Come now, and come quickly.  
For we aren't sure how much we can endure.  
Amen.

### Readings from Psalm 94

How long shall the wicked, O LORD,  
how long shall the wicked triumph?

They bluster in their insolence; \*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.

They crush your people, O LORD, \*  
and afflict your chosen nation

They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
and put the orphans to death.

Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, \*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

For the LORD will not abandon his people, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.

For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.

[Indeed] the LORD has become our stronghold, \*  
and our God the rock of our trust.

Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now  
and ever shall be world without end **AMEN**

### Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for the loving-kindness of God, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Today we lift up the nine victims who were sadly killed in the mass shooting in Atlanta last week. For their souls and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for their families in their grief; may God's love fully embrace them in their sorrow, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the perpetrator, for his family, friends, and for the community of Atlanta, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the elders of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities who are frightened, that they may experience God's presence in their body, mind and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect our lives that they may act with integrity and courage, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace, that we may respect one another in freedom and truth, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Father, enliven the Church for its mission, that we may be the salt of the Earth and a light to the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

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### Blessing for All those in Attendance

Blessed are you who mourn, for you are accompanied in your grief.

Blessed are you who rage, for your anger is a righteous one.

Blessed are you who are afraid, for you are held, precious, by God, and by this community.

Blessed are you who are empty, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who are hated, for you are loved.

You are Loved.

Asian siblings- you are loved.

Black, Indigenous, Brown, and Siblings of Color- you are loved.

White siblings- you are loved.

We are Loved.

We are loved by the Great Love,

the Great Love who delights in children and the elderly, and everyone who comes in between,

the Great Love who delights in all our different languages, accents, and tongues,

the Great Love who delights in the expansive diversity expressed in humanity,

We are loved by the one who loves every skin-hue, every hair shade and texture, every type of nose, every shape of the eyes, every body-size, and every unique and beautiful feature.

We are Loved by the one who made and Loves us All.

So go now, you who are loved, into the world.

Be loved, Be Love.

### Dismissal

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you

and give you peace.

**Thanks Be to God.**