



A Prayer Vigil for  
the Michigan State University Community

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit



**Brian Fraser**



**Arielle  
Diamond Anderson**



**Alexandria "Alex"  
Verner**

For all the victims of gun violence, known and unknown,  
especially Brian, Arielle, and Alex.

**Welcome! Our vision** is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

*Please silence all electronic devices.  
This service is also being streamed on our YouTube channel.*

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*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

*All who are able stand, and Bishop Perry greets the people with these words.*

*Bishop Perry* Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*As the procession begins, the cantors now sing  
Psalm 22:1-11 Deus, Deus meu*

**M**Y God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?  
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.  
3 Yet you are the Holy One, \* enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \* they trusted, and you delivered them.  
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \* they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \* scorned by all and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \* let him rescue him, if he delights in him."  
9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.  
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.

*Bishop Perry then says the Prayer for Light, first saying  
Let us pray.*

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient. During the candle-lighting, silence is kept.*

All sing  
Phos hilaron

Le Cantique de Simeon

1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face, the e - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing;  
2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve-ning light, our wont-ed hymn out pour - ing;  
3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs, O Son of God, Life-giv - er;

ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest, our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap pear - ing.  
Fa - ther of might un-known, thee, his in - car-nate Son, and Ho-ly Spirit a - dor - ing.  
thee, there-fore, O Most High, the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Micah 6:8

**G**OD has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Brief silence follows the Lesson.

The cantor begins and all join in singing

In Our Darkness

from the Taizé tradition

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the  
deep - est night is clear as the day - light. Our

The Second Lesson *Revelation 21:1-5*

THEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

*Brief silence follows the lesson.*

The Homily

Bishop Bonnie A. Perry

*The cantor sings*

Solo

AS longs the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren ways,  
Also longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine:  
O when shall I behold thy face, thou Majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing  
the praise of him who is thy God, thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Ruth Podgorny-Richards, cantor*

*Bishop Prince Singh, Bishop Provisional of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan now leads*

The Prayers

*Bishop Singh* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop Singh* Let us pray.

*Bishop Singh and People*

OUR Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Reverend Canon Ellen Ekevag and the Reverend Susie Shaefer continue*

Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you.

In our grief and despair in the midst of hate,  
in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence,  
we lean on you.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Alexandria, Arielle, and Brian, we pray.

For those in the hospital, we pray.

For the families of those who have been killed, and those who have been wounded at Michigan State University,  
we pray.

For the communities that have lost members—their anger, grief, fear—we pray.

For the shooter—help us to pray, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the young people who have endured a shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, and those at Oxford High School,  
who now have had to endure a second shooting at Michigan State University, we pray.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the face of hatred, may we claim love, Lord.

May we love those far off and those near.

May we love those who are strangers and those who are friends.

May we love those with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree.

For the end to this uniquely American tragedy of gun violence, God save our nation's soul.

*Kyrie Eleison. Lord, have mercy.*

*Bishop Singh continues*

Heal our hearts, touch our souls, and give us hope to carry on in your blessed Name.

*Amen.*

*Bishop Perry continues with*

**The Blessing**

**D**EAR Friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be with you this night and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.*

**Organ Voluntary**

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## END GUN VIOLENCE MICHIGAN

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.**

February Membership Meeting, Zoom  
*Discussion to include the timeline for legislation,  
details for the May and September Advocacy days,  
and upcoming statewide days of action.*

Use this QR code for the Zoom link.



### Upcoming Events:

**Monday, March 6, 2023 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

A Community Faith Forum on Gun Violence  
Jordan Missionary Baptist Church  
703 Newport Street, Detroit

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

The Episcopal Dioceses in Michigan and the United Methodist Church  
partner for a Lobby Day in Lansing at the Michigan State Capitol.

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

Silence the Violence March  
Church of the Messiah  
231 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit

*The Cathedral Church of St. Paul*

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry  
*Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan*

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Scott Hunter  
*Dean of the Cathedral*

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