

Interfaith Prayer Vigil *FOR LA'S HOUSING CRISIS*

Pray • Testify • Hope

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 74:1-3, 18-23

Leader: *O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?*

All: *Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago, which you redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage. Remember Mount Zion, where you came to dwell.*

Leader: *Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary.*

All: *Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and an impious people reviles your name.*

Leader: *Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild animals; do not forget the life of your poor forever.*

All: *Have regard for your covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the haunts of violence.*

All: *Do not let the downtrodden be put to shame; let the poor and needy praise your name.*

Leader: *Rise up, O God, plead your cause; remember how the impious scoff at you all day long.*

All: *Do not forget the clamor of your foes, the uproar of your adversaries that goes up continually.*

Welcome and Introductions

Mireya Peña

Offering of Our Hope

Reading of the Promise

Isaiah 65:17-25

Prayer in Song

“Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 74

Testify

Prayer in Meditation

Melinda Rice

Faith Reflection

Carlton Rhoden

Prayer in Community

Ryan Bell

Prayer in Song

“Oh Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

Psalm of Hope

Psalm 23

Song of Hope

“All Will Be Well”

Benediction

Psalm of Hope

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Participants

Officiants: Mireya Peña

Pastor Ryan Bell

Speaker: Pastor Carlton Rhoden

Cantor: Scott Arany

Violin: Melinda Rice

Guitar: Lennox Fleary

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 7/4. The first system has a tempo marking of ♩ = 72. The chords for the first system are Em, C6, D, G, C, Am6, and B. The lyrics for the first system are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, When I call an - swer me. O'. The second system has chords Em, C6, D, G6, Am, B, and Em. The lyrics for the second system are: 'Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O'. Both systems end with a 'fine' marking.

Reprise

*O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer,
When we call answer us.*

*O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, hear our prayer,
Come and listen to us.*

To Conclude

*Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us and
Grant us peace. Amen.*

Taizé chant blended with
Protestant hymn.

All Will Be Well

All will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

To Conclude: *It is well (it is well) for our souls (for our souls). It is well, it is well for our souls!*

Taizé chant based on words by St. Julian of Norwich blended with the hymn by Stafford and Bliss.

Prayer in Community

God of all creation, in your love you created
All people to live together in peace and harmony.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer!

We earnestly pray for our sisters and brothers
Who have no place to call home;

Who make their bed beneath the stars and

Eat their meals from the scraps
that we have thrown away.

Grant them your peace and protection this night.

**Lord, in your mercy, open our eyes to see the suf-
fering of your children and disturb us into action.**

We pray for those who live in woefully inadequate
housing; who, while they may have shelter struggle
daily with unsafe and overcrowded conditions.

**Lord, hear our prayer and merciful grant that
those who may experience peace and freedom.**

We pray for our elected officials:
our Councilmembers and our Mayor.

In your sovereign wisdom you have granted these
men and women a measure of power to serve the
people of Los Angeles.

Give them wisdom and compassion for the poor
and marginalized in our city and move them
to action for justice.

**Lord, hear our prayer and in your power move
upon the hearts and minds our elected officials,
that they might enact just and equitable laws.**

We pray for those who are comfortably housed.

Thank you for your provision for those of us who
experience plenty.

We know and believe that every good and perfect
gift comes from You, the author of life.

Touch our hearts that we might understand the
injustice in our communities and be moved to stand
with those who are less fortunate.

**Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer and build
bonds of relationships between people of all eco-
nomic means.**

Loving God you have promised that a day is coming
when we will "build houses and inhabit them...plant
vineyards and eat their fruit."

**Faithful Lord, hear our prayer and quickly fulfill
your promises to us. Amen.**