



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of January 19, 2021

From the Presiding Bishop



THE NATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE
FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL



National Prayer Service, Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 7:00 am (PT)

You're invited to join Americans from across the country in prayers for our new administration, the Congress, the courts and all who serve the public good.

On Thursday (Jan. 21) at 7:00 am PT (10:00 am ET), the Cathedral is honored to host the virtual National Prayer Service for the 59th Presidential Inaugural, in partnership with the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Our new president Joe Biden and vice president Kamala Harris will join us from the White House for this online service. Bishop William Barber II, co-founder of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, will preach, with music by Josh Groban, Patti LaBelle and The Clark Sisters.

The service will be available on cathedral.org & bideninaugural.org/watch.

From the Office of the Bishop

Nine Days of Prayer continues through January 22

You are invited to join with Bishop Megan and our diocesan deans in nine days of prayer leading up to, and surrounding, Inauguration Day on Jan 20, 2021.

Each night, at 6 pm, starting on Thursday, January 14, one of our Regional Deans or our Cathedral Dean will lead us in prayers, following The Order for Worship for the Evening. Bishop Megan will lead the prayers on Wednesday, January 20.

The Zoom link and additional call in numbers may be found [here](#). It is also available on our [website](#).

Whenever we are confronted with moments of great import, we gather as the people of God to pray together. The fellowship and grounding we receive gives us strength to engage in a non-violent manner with critical events such as those arising last week.

This worship is my call, to all our members, to engage in the hallmark of our vocation as Christians: to be peacemakers, who engage one another across difference to create bonds of friendship and connection in the power of the Spirit.

Please join us as we pray for our nation.

Spotlight on Diocesan Ministries



The **Latino/Hispanic Ministries Task Force** works to engage more fully with the local Latino/Hispanic communities around the churches.

The **Indigenous Ministries Task Force** focuses on issues of concern involving our Indigenous neighbors. Rev. Tina Campbell, Missioner for Indigenous Ministry, leads this group.

[Invitation to become more involved in Building the Beloved Community](#)

It is January 2021 and the year ahead is full of hope and opportunities to work for the common good and to participate in Building the Beloved Community.

Many of us (over 200!) experienced the transformative power of the Sacred Ground course. We learned the uncomfortable truth about racism in our country, going back to the initial encounters with the Indigenous peoples and continuing to today, bringing slaves to our country and continuing discrimination against African Americans, and unjust treatment of Latinos and Asians over the last two centuries. We were invited to consider not just our national history, but the current systems of injustice in our country and in our local communities. And then, we were led to begin thinking about what we might do to address these areas of injustice. [Continue reading...](#)

From Around the Diocese



Bishop Megan worships with Grace Episcopal Church in Wheatland

Joining the congregation to worship via Zoom, Bishop had as she described a "very lovely visit." Grace, Wheatland is a small and beautiful church which dates back to 1874.

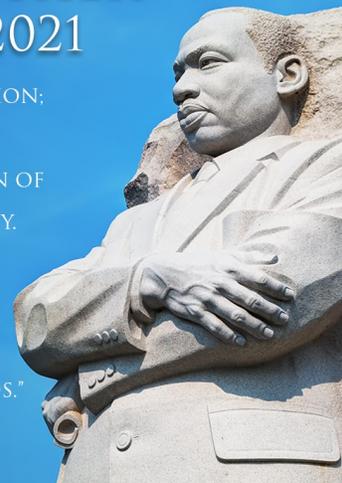
We Remember

The man whose life and legacy we honor, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 2021

"THE END IS RECONCILIATION;
THE END IS REDEMPTION;
THE END IS THE CREATION OF
THE BELOVED COMMUNITY.
IT IS THIS TYPE OF SPIRIT
AND THIS TYPE OF LOVE
THAT CAN TRANSFORM
OPONENTS INTO FRIENDS."
—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Resources and Links

New Lunch Bunch Book Study at Trinity Cathedral

All members of our diocese are welcome to join the Lunch Bunch as they begin a new study on Thursday, Jan 21 at Noon: *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth and Transformation* edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose and Gregory Mobley. The session is facilitated by Susan Hotchkiss. The book is available to purchase on Amazon. For more information and to sign up email study@trinitycathedral.org.

Two new Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles are available

St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville, will hold a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle via Zoom at the beginning of the Lenten season. The bi-weekly ten session program will begin February 18, 2021 and end July 1, 2021.

Contact stjohnsroseville@surewest.net, or call (916) 786-6911, by February 11 to register.

Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento has a few spots available that begins on January 21 and ends on March 25. The Cathedral's session is weekly on Thursday's from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

To register contact study@trinitycathedral.org.

Parishioners from other churches and others are invited to join in to discuss race and faith issues from historical to present-day perspectives which are relevant to the societal and culture issues we experience today. The assigned videos, readings, and discussions are powerful and can be challenging, but they are also profound and transformative as we engage in respectful conversation with the vision of becoming Beloved Community. Given that each of us has our own personal history that we bring to this work, a diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints are not only expected but welcomed.

More information can be found here about the Sacred Ground program: [Sacred Ground | Episcopal Church](#).



Episcopal Relief & Development offers a [new digital prayer tool](#), bringing together prayers from many sources and the opportunity to share prayers with others.

Get Prepared - Whether it's an earthquake, wildfire, flood, or COVID-19, Listos California wants everyone to get ready and stay safe. Working with you to establish resilient communities and build a new culture of disaster preparedness for all Californians. Listos California offers resources for you and your family. Visit their website [here](#).



[Online resources for
people in recovery](#)

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