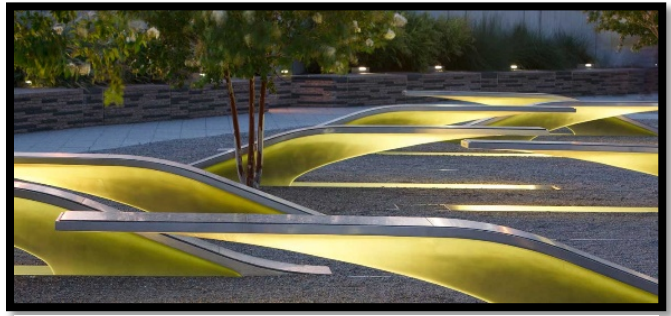




Prayer Service on the
Twentieth Anniversary
of September 11, 2001
September 11, 2021 | 9:30 AM



National 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon

Worship Guide

WELCOME

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Church, world, souls, memories, longings, and desires yearn for the ancient vision of the prophets to be fulfilled.

Right side: The eyes blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongues of the speechless sing for joy.

Left side: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert, the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. (Isaiah 35: 5-7)

By the Spirit, a vision wells up in the people of God who yearn for healing and restoration; for justice, not terrorism; for forgiveness, not hate.

Right side: Then God brought me back to the entrance of the temple. There, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple . . . south of the altar . . . it was ankle-deep . . . then it was knee-deep . . . then it was up to the waist . . . then it was a river I could not cross.

Left side: God led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. God said to me, "Wherever the river goes everything will live. There will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

HYMN

O God, Our Words Cannot Express

(Tune: ST. ANNE CM "O God, Our Help in Ages Past")

O God, our words cannot express the pain we feel this day.
Enraged, uncertain, we confess our need to bow and pray.

We grieve for all who lost their lives... And for each injured one.
We pray for children, husbands, wives; Whose grief has just begun.

O Lord, we're called to offer prayer for all our leaders, too.
May they, amid such great despair be wise in all they do.

We trust your mercy and your grace; In you we will not fear!
May peace and justice now embrace! Be with your people here!

Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette immediately after September 11 and sung at CoF in September 2001.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 11:35-37 & Romans 8:31-39

MEDITATION

HYMN

Come and Fill Our Hearts

The Faith We Sing 2157

CANDLE LIGHTING

*Remember, O God, those who suffer the loss of loved ones...
Remember all who have died in the conflict with terrorism...
Remember all who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance...
Remember those who are still filled with fear or anger...
Remember this nation and those we call enemies...*

Stir your church to declare your peace where there is hatred and hold all in your love and justice

PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

The Faith We Sing 2275

HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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