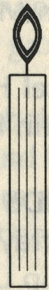


**ECUMENICAL**

# **VIGIL**

*for persons whose lives have been touched by*

**HIV / AIDS**



## **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

*with HEALING through the  
LAYING ON OF HANDS*

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**Christ's Church Cathedral  
252 James Street North  
Hamilton**

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**The Miriam Group**  
Ms. Jean Round

**The Rainbow Chorus**  
Directed by Robert Miller

**Ecumenical VIGIL**

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touched by HIV / AIDS**

Prelude: Adagio for Strings

*Barber*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

**Will You Come and Follow Me** *Kelvingrove*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

All:

We praise and thank you, O God.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## GREETING

Jay Lefebvre

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

### BIDDING AND WELCOME

Ann Macdonald

Leader: AIDS is amongst us. It confronts us personally as a society and as a church. In one way or another, directly or indirectly, it reaches into every one of our communities and into each of our lives.

**All: O God of peace, who taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of your spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Leader: God sent a pillar of fire to guide the Hebrew people during the night of their escape from slavery and their pilgrimage to the Promised Land.

**All: In the same way, God has sent Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, to be our light on the pilgrimage of life. We light these candles as a sign of Christ among us.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**All: A light no darkness can extinguish.**  
*(Please light your taper and pass the light when the candle comes near)*

## A LITANY OF HOPE

*From the Resources for Healing in the Age of AIDS,  
AIDS Ministries Program of Connecticut, Inc. Used with permission*

*Please stand, sit or kneel - whichever is most comfortable for you*

**Leader: Murray Jose**

Leader: God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation;

**All: We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are;

**All: We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet;

**All: We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: Touch and heal those bodies suffering from sickness, injury and disability, and make us whole again;

**All: Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Touch and heal our minds from darkness, confusion and doubt, and fill them with your light;

**All: Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free in love;

**All: Hear us, O God of life.**

**Leader: Justin Howson**

Leader: Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Take our hands in dying, and bring us through death into your loving presence;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Draw near to us, O God,

**All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Be present in our sickness and pain,

**All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Leader: Kerri Shaw**

Leader: Hear us when we cry to you,

**All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Forgive us our transgressions,

**All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We pray for the creation, the planets and stars, and the earth our home.

**All: Help us to be committed and humble stewards.**

Leader: We pray for the Church, and for all Bishops and Priests and all who serve in your Church; we pray for the leaders of all nations, for the Mayors and Councils of our communities;

**All: May they govern with courage and be guided by compassionate strength.**

Leader: We pray for the abiding presence and comfort of your Holy Spirit;

**All: For it is by grace alone that we shall prosper.**

Leader: We pray for courage to walk with those who are living with HIV;

**All: Encourage our hearts and open our hands.**

Leader: We pray for those who are afflicted with HIV and with any other grief or trouble;

**All: Give us relief and quietness of spirit.**

**Leader: Jean Round**

Leader: We pray for all HIV care-givers, hospital workers and researchers;

**All: Be with them in their tasks, enliven their spirits and grant success in your time.**

Leader: We pray for the families, friends, and loved ones of persons living with HIV;

**All: Fill them with your healing and redemptive love.**

Leader: Work through all who share in your ministry of healing, and renew us in compassion and strength;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness all that has been broken by our sin;

**All: Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: We lift before you all who have died from HIV and AIDS, remembering especially:

***All those listed in our AIDS Memorial Book will be read aloud.***

***Time is also provided for names to be offered by members of the congregation, either silently or aloud; those who wish, are invited to bring their lit taper forward and place it with others in the container provided. A short period of silence follows.***

**Leader - Martha Garramore**

Leader: Receive them more and more into your joyful presence. Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we entrust ourselves, and one another,

**All: And all our life to Christ our God.**

Leader: O God, in you all darkness is turned to light and all brokenness is made whole. Look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray, that we may be recreated in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**Let Streams of Living Justice** *Thaxted*

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the  
mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried;  
your truth the heart of stranger; your life the crucified.

#### **A PRAYER FOR LOVE AND PEACE**

**Jay Lefebvre**

Leader: God, you have taught us that anything we do without  
love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love  
is counted dead before you; Help us to recognize  
you now, help us through any bitterness and despair,  
help us accept each other, help us to remember that  
you care for us, and that in your will is our peace.  
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that  
most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and  
of all virtues; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

**The First Reading:** Letter to the Hebrews 3:7-15  
(read by Martha Garramone)

#### **HYMN:**

#### **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

*Bridegroom*

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body;  
to the branches of the vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

**The Gospel Reading:** Mark 4:35-41  
(read by Peter Lowry)

#### **REFLECTION**

**Jay Lefebvre**

#### **Meditation**

Récit (4<sup>th</sup> Suite)

*Marchand*

**THE MINISTRY OF HEALING  
through  
THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**Leader: Bill Thomas**

*(The ministers of healing are drawn from several Christian denominations.)*

Leader: All those who seek the ministry of healing through the laying on of hands, either for themselves or for another, are invited to come forward and kneel or stand as you wish.

*During the Laying on of Hands the Rainbow Choir will sing:  
Sing Me To Heaven Daniel Gawthrop*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *(Please stand)*

Leader: The peace of God be with you all

**All: In God's justice is our peace.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity,

**All: We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*(Members of the community may greet one another.)*

**THE OFFERTORY**

In Remembrance from "Requiem"

*Eleanor Daley*

**PRAYERS AT MEMORIAL STATION**

**Leader: Bill Thomas**

*(Please stand)*

Leader: God of the living and the dead: pour out the abundance of your grace upon us and show us the comfort of those who have gone before. Strengthened in this communion of love and aided by their prayers, may we continue steadfast and faithful in our time on earth; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Eternal Creator, source of life and light whose life extends to all people, all creatures, all things; grant us the reverence for life which becomes those who

believe in you. Help us to recognize you in all we meet, and in that recognition reach out in love — in trust — and faith after the example of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Together Proud and Strong

*Lynn Thomas*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

*Jay Lefebvre*

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**Let There Be Light**

*Concord*

Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all nations gather,  
let them be face to face;

open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;

perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,  
thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together,  
thy spirit never fade;

let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

Postlude: Fugue in F Major (Gigue)

*Pachelbel*



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*We offer particular thanks to Ms. Jean Round and The Rev. J. Lefebvre who have organized this service.*

*Our appreciation is also extended to the Rainbow Chorus (under the direction of Robert Miller) and Glenn Cooper for providing the music, and to Terry Jackman and friends for providing the refreshments.*

*We are grateful to the GLBT community and especially Gomorrah Books, for their support and efforts in publicizing this event.*

*Anyone wishing to add a name of a loved one to our AIDS Memorial Book (which is normally located on the AIDS altar), please see the forms on the AIDS Altar.*

*We extend a warm welcome to all of you who have joined us this evening. We hope that you will stay for refreshments in Myler Hall following the service.*