

## Claiming Common Ground Against Gun Violence

### 1. Salt Palace

Gathering Song(s)

*The following versicle and response is said 3 times:*

V. God did not make death

R. **Nor does God delight in the death of the living**

One: FACT: Due to a legal loophole, approximately 40% of all US guns are sold through private sellers who aren't required to conduct a federal background check.

Bp. Sutton: Why we are here, introduce Scott

Bp. Hayashi: Story

Bp. Sutton: Invitation to get involved

Every child born, and every child slain is precious in God's eyes and in our hearts.  
And so we walk.

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

In pain and sorrow and sadness,  
We walk.

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

Lamenting our loss and longing for change  
We walk.

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*Sing:*

Out of the deep I call unto thee, O Lord  
Consider well the sound of my longing soul.

## 2. Park

### Gathering Song(s)

*The following versicle and response is said 3 times:*

V. God did not make death

R. **Nor does God delight in the death of the living**

One: FACT: In an undercover investigation of online gun sales, 62% of private gun sellers on the Internet agreed to sell a firearm to buyers who said they probably couldn't pass a background check.

Bp. Lee: Why we are here

Gayle: Story *finishes w/Collect for Mothers' Grief - Pietà*

Bp. Lee.: Invitation to get involved

*For all whose lives have been touched and torn by violence*

*We walk*

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*That our children may play in parks, in safety*

*We walk*

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*That we may travel our streets, in safety*

*We walk*

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*That teachers may teach and students may learn, in safety*

*We walk*

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*To claim our public spaces*

*We walk*

**We walk.**

Caminamos.

**Caminamos.**

*Sing:*

Out of the deep I call unto thee, O Lord  
Consider well the sound of my longing soul.

### **3. Salt Palace**

#### Gathering Song(s)

*The following versicle and response is said 3 times:*

V. God did not make death

R. **Nor does God delight in the death of the living**

One: FACT: 82% of gun owners (including 74% of NRA members) support requiring criminal background checks for anyone purchasing a gun.

Bp. Ed K.: Why we are here

Carolyn Tuft: Story

PB Elect: *A Collect for the Human Family*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bp. Ed K.: Invitation to get involved

We know this is complex

We bring our gifts, our resources and our commitment

We will not despair.

**We will act.**

For jobs

For schools

For communities

For families,

We will not despair.

**We will act.**

For cities and suburbs and rural areas:

We will not despair.

**We will act.**

*Deacon Gayle Fisher-Stewart sends the People into the Eucharist.*