“Australia” by 14 year old Florida artist Charles Gitnick

Day of Lament

Death Shall Have No Dominion

March 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ:

Again and again, in schools, on city streets, in churches and homes and movie theatres, we witness the horrifying consequences of our apparent devotion to easily accessible and unreasonably powerful firearms. And then we gather to mourn and to pray for solace and strength. We have gathered like this so many times before; may God hear our plea that this be the last time.

Since that terrible day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, many of us who are adults have stood convicted by the passion and moral clarity of the young students who survived the shooting. They are resolutely unwilling to accept that mass slaughter is a necessary byproduct of freedom, and they refuse to countenance the political impasse that characterizes so many efforts to enact sensible gun legislation.

Next week, on March 24, those young people will lead us through the streets of Washington D.C., Chicago, Rockland, Peoria, and cities across the United States. On that day, please do something to stand against gun violence as part of your pilgrimage into Holy Week. Join me at the march in Chicago, join congregations who are organizing buses to travel to Washington, join Episcopalians marching together in Rockland or Peoria, or join us in spirit if you are unable to march. Wherever you are, please pray that God will console, sustain and heal all whose lives are touched by gun violence, and that God will make evident the work that we are being called to do to end this scourge.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee
Bishop of Chicago

Letter from the Dean

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The Very Rev. Dominic Barrington
Dean of the Cathedral
Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Music for the harp
The Rev. Canon Lisa Hackney-James
Sub-Dean of the Cathedral

Pavane pour une infante défunte
Maurice Ravel
(1875–1937)

MUSIC

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
3. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
   Where there is injury, your pardon received,
   Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
   And where there's sadness, eternal joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to understand,
   To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi
Music: Sebastian Temple

WELCOME

The Very Rev. Dominic Barrington
Dean of the Cathedral
Lament

PRAYERS

God the Father, you gave the Law that your people might live in peace, have mercy upon us.

God the Son, you suffered violence for the sake of the world, have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, you bind us together in a community of love, have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, One God, you model for us the perfect and holy relationship in which you intend for all people to live: have mercy upon us.

A period of silence is kept.

For all victims of violence, especially those affected by the shooting in Parkland, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have been injured, that they might be restored to health, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are afraid, that they may know your perfect love which casts out fear, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who mourn, that they may be comforted in their distress, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they may be received into your compassionate embrace, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

For first responders, firefighters, chaplains, nurses, and all others who work to restore order, heal the wounded, and care for the needs of the community, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all volunteers who give of their time and resources to meet the needs of those affected by this tragedy, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

For leaders, both in the Church and in the government, who strive for greater peace, compassion, and understanding in the world, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

That the world may one day be free of violence, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

That war and bloodshed may one day be no more, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may no longer desire revenge when we are wronged, but your justice, which is mercy and grace, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.
That each of us might be empowered and equipped to work toward a just and peaceful society, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all people might be united to seek the cause of your Kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

We ask your forgiveness for the ways in which we ourselves are complicit in the problem of violence in the world. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for any harm we have done to one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for any unkind words we have spoken against one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for any prejudice, bitterness, or hate we harbor in our hearts. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for any ill we have wished upon one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have repaid evil for evil. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have been slow to forgive. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We ask your forgiveness for all we do, think, and say which falls short of your command to us to love one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and help us to show mercy to one another.

A period of silence is kept. All pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Choristers sing

KYRIE from Communion Service in D minor Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Let us pray for all victims of hatred and violence everywhere, especially those who died in Parkland last month and in Chicago in 2018.

**Parkland, Florida:** Alyssa Alhadeff (14), Scott Beigel (35), Martin Duque Anguiano (14), Nicholas Dworet (17), Aaron Feis (37), Jamie Guttenberg (14), Chris Hixon (49), Luke Hoyer (15), Cara Loughran (14), Gina Montalto (14), Joaquin Oliver (17), Alaina Petty (14), Meadow Pollack (18), Helena Ramsay (17), Alex Schachter (14), and Carmen Schentrup (16).

**Chicago, Illinois:** Arthur Smith (38), Jose Aguilar (14), Adolphus Ford (20), Christopher Lewis (29), Hubert Eddings (64), Jovan Killingsworth (26), Jontae Hunt (17), Lareese Smith (25), Dijon Harris (20), Maurice Hutson (24), Dionte Land (24), Patrick George (24), Larenxo Smith (15), Andre Franzell (23), Laed Jones-Tazrell (23), Courvoisier Thurman (28), Kaprice Griffin (19), Paul Bauer (53), Luis Mena-Castro (18), Larry Demond (20), Mauricio Rivera (47), Daniel Smith (45), Torric Harris (40), Rhomel Wellington (17), Johnny McQueen (61), Collette Cammon (67), Marcus Gibson (39), Ravon Fountain (43), Brandon Bivens (18), Earl Smith (25), Leroy Walker (53), Trevor Evans (19), Beatrice Jones (56), Diane Taylor (31) Donald Holmes (29), Darryl Bailey (29) Martez Mayo (20), Luis Morales (43), Antonio Reyes (28), Jamon Harris (20), Terrel Martin (26), Devin (21), Horacio Galvan-Hernandez (46), Manuel Ramirez (18), Tiawain Johnson (26), Thomas Hernandez (28), Luis Flores (19), David Flores (25), Carols McGary (41), Deonte Thomas (23), Demarcus Ealey (29), Jordasch Robinson (37), Ronald Robinson (36), Uriah Hughes (32), Miguel Islas (28), Damarcus Wilson (16), Doterrius Gator (26), Deshawn James (17), Isaiah Clark (28), Peter Puleo (34), Shaquille Gales (23), George Washington (53), Lonnie Rucker (49), Trennis Milam (46), Jamaal Brown (35), Lonnie Hutcherson (29), Janusz Kolodziejcz (51), and John Harris (34).

*The Dean prays*

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

Hear my prayer, Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.  – Psalm 102:1

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)
Outrage

READING

Emma Gonzalez, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student

Since the time of the Founding Fathers and since they added the Second Amendment to the Constitution, our guns have developed at a rate that leaves me dizzy. The guns have changed but our laws have not. We certainly do not understand why it should be harder to make plans with friends on weekends than to buy an automatic or semi-automatic weapon.

I read something very powerful to me today. It was from the point of view of a teacher. And I quote: When adults tell me I have the right to own a gun, all I can hear is my right to own a gun outweighs your student’s right to live. All I hear is mine, mine, mine, mine.

I watched an interview this morning and noticed that one of the questions was, do you think your children will have to go through other school shooter drills? And our response is that our neighbors will not have to go through other school shooter drills. When we’ve had our say with the government – and maybe the adults have gotten used to saying ‘it is what it is,’ but if us students have learned anything, it’s that if you don’t study, you will fail. And in this case if you actively do nothing, people continually end up dead, so it’s time to start doing something.

We are going to be the kids you read about in textbooks. Not because we’re going to be another statistic about mass shooting in America, but because we are going to be the last mass shooting. That’s going to be Marjory Stoneman Douglas in that textbook and it’s going to be due to the tireless effort of the school board, the faculty members, the family members and most of all the students.

Companies trying to make caricatures of the teenagers these days, saying that all we are self-involved and trend-obsessed and they hush us into submission when our message doesn’t reach the ears of the nation, we are prepared to call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

Politicians who sit in their gilded House and Senate seats funded by the NRA telling us nothing could have been done to prevent this, we call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

They say tougher guns laws do not decrease gun violence. We call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

They say a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun. We call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

They say guns are just tools like knives and are as dangerous as cars. We call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

They say no laws could have prevented the hundreds of senseless tragedies that have occurred. We call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.
That us kids don’t know what we’re talking about, that we’re too young to understand how the government works. We call BS.

And death shall have no dominion.

If you agree, register to vote. Contact your local congress people. Give them a piece of your mind. And death shall have no dominion.

HYMN

Hymnal 573

1 Father eternal, Ruler of creation,
2 Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided,
3 Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,
4 Lust of possession work-eth desolations;
5 How shall we love thee, holy hidden Being?

Words: Laurence Housman (1865–1959), alt.
Music: Langham, Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879–1943)
READING

Reader  A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. (41:10, 54:17)

God says, “Do not be afraid, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

Reader  This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord.”

All  And death shall have no dominion.

ANTHEM  Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

– Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)
Dear Friends, on the ninth of October 2012, the Taliban shot me on the left side of my forehead. They shot my friends too. They thought that the bullets would silence us. But they failed. And then out of that silence came thousands of voices. The terrorists thought that they would change our aims and stop our ambitions but nothing changed in my life except this: Weakness, fear and hopelessness died. Strength, power and courage was born. I am the same Malala. My ambitions are the same. My hopes are the same. My dreams are the same.

Dear sisters and brothers, I am not against anyone. Neither am I here to speak in terms of personal revenge against the Taliban or any other terrorists group. I do not even hate the Talib who shot me. Even if there is a gun in my hand and he stands in front of me, I would not shoot him. This is the compassion that I have learnt from Muhammad — the prophet of mercy, Jesus Christ, and Lord Buddha. This is the legacy of change that I have inherited from Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. This is the philosophy of non-violence that I have learnt from Gandhi, Bacha Khan, and Mother Teresa. And this is the forgiveness that I have learned from my mother and father. This is what my soul is telling me: be peaceful and love everyone.

Reader

Dear sisters and brothers, we realize the importance of light when we see darkness. We realize the importance of our voice when we are silenced.

All

And death shall have no dominion.
MUSIC

Words: Anonymous Holocaust victim
Music: Jonathan Adams
READING

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. (12:9–21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

Reader  Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
All  And death shall have no dominion.


Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home; I han’t got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I han’t got long to stay here. Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I han’t got long to stay here. – African-American spiritual

Action

PRAYERS

We are reduced to weeping silence, even as we breed a violent culture, even as we kill the sons and daughters of our so-called “enemies,” even as we fail to cherish and protect the forgotten of our common life.

There is no joy among us as we empty our schoolhouses; there is no health among us as we move in fear and bottomless anxiety; there is little hope among us as we fall helpless before the gunshot and the shriek and the blood and the panic; we pray to you only because we do not know what else to do.

Loving God, we beseech you to move powerfully in our body politic. Move us toward peaceableness that does not want to hurt or kill; move us toward justice so that the troubled and the forgotten may know mercy; move us toward forgiveness, so that we may escape the trap of revenge.
Empower us to turn our weapons into acts of mercy, to turn our missiles into gestures of friendship, to turn our bombs into policies of reconciliation; and in this deep work of transformation, hear our sadness, our loss, our bitterness.

We dare to pray our needfulness to you because you were there on that gray Friday and watched your own Son murdered for “reasons of state.”

Good God, do Easter! Here and among these families, here and in all places of brutality. Turn our Good Friday grief into your Easter joy. We pray in the Name of the one crucified and risen, who is our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Bishop prays

Gracious and loving God, pour upon us wisdom, courage and compassionate energy to witness to your love. Open our mouths to speak and our lives to act in ways that affirm, build up, and rejoice in every one of your children. Give us a voice to call for just laws, for an end to hatred and violence, for ready access to mental health services, and for dialogue filled with respect and careful listening. Let us never wash our hands of any life lost and never cease to witness to your love until all are safe and living in peace. Strengthen us for the work of carrying your cross, and bless our efforts to convey your love and hope. In the Name of your Son, who gave his life for us in unfathomable love, Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

MESSAGE

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee
Bishop of Chicago

POEM “And death shall have no dominion” Dylan Thomas (1914–1953)

And death shall have no dominion.
Dead men naked they shall be one
With the man in the wind and the west moon;
When their bones are picked clean and the clean bones gone,
They shall have stars at elbow and foot;
Though they go mad they shall be sane,
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;

Reader Though lovers be lost love shall not;
All And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.
Under the windings of the sea
They lying long shall not die windily;
Twisting on racks when sinews give way,
Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall not break;
Faith in their hands shall snap in two,
And the unicorn evils run them through;
Reader Split all ends up they shan’t crack;
All And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.
No more may gulls cry at their ears
Or waves break loud on the seashores;
Where blew a flower may a flower no more
Lift its head to the blows of the rain;
Though they be mad and dead as nails,
Heads of the characters hammer through daisies;

Reader Break in the sun till the sun breaks down,
All And death shall have no dominion.

BLESSING & COMMISSIONING

SONG Thomas Dorsey (1899–1993)

I’m gonna live the life I sing about in my song. I’m gonna stand for right and I always shun the wrong. If I’m in a crowd, If I’m alone, on the streets, or in my home, I’m gonna live the life I sing about in my song.

Everyday, everywhere, on the busy thoroughfare, folks may watch me. Folks may spot me sayin’ I’m foolish but I don’t care. I can’t go to church, shout all day Sunday, go out and get drunk and raise sand on Monday. I’m gonna live the life I sing about in my song.

Not for gold, nor for fame, but for the love of Jesus name. I must always walk the straight and narrow way. Jesus told me on that day, he will wash all my sins away. I’m gonna live the life I sing about in my song. – African-American spiritual
We are marching in the light of God, we are Si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen - khos’, Si - ya -
march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen - khos’. Si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha -
we are marching in the light of God.

light of God, we are marching in the light of, the nyen’ kwen - khos’, Si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen, kh -

light of God. We are marching, marching, we are nyen’ kwen - khos’. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, Si - ya -
Oo we are marching in the light of God

marching, marching, we are marching in the light of the ham-ba, ham-ba, si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen, kha-

light of God. We are marching, marching we are nyen’ kwen-khos’. Si-ya-ham-be, ham-ba, si-ya-

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Words & Music: Siyahamba, South African

VOLUNTARY The People respond – Amen! Dan Locklair (b. 1949) from Rubrics
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The Rev. Judy Jackson

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SUNDAYS
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Spoken) Chapel
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Family) Cathedral
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Choral) Cathedral

FIRST SUNDAYS
4 p.m. Choral Evensong (Oct–Jun) Cathedral

WEEKDAYS
8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer Cathedral
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist Cathedral

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