



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
E P I S C O P A L



13th Annual Sandy Hook Remembrance:

Order of Service  
for Gun Violence Prevention

December 14, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

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Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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*As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.*

*Assisted hearing devices are available from an usher.*

*For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:*

*Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:*

<https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsCathedralEpiscopalSanDiego/live>

*If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,*

*we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>*

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

*- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

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*Kneelers are available in the back of the church: please bring one to your seat if you wish to kneel during the service.*

*Parents with young children are invited to worship with their children in the Playground area of the Nave, where age-appropriate activities are available.*

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§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Light, revealing*  
Grace-Evangeline Mason (B. 1994)

**Welcome and Invocation**

The Very Reverend Penny Bridges,  
*Dean, St Paul's Cathedral*

**Prayer/Reflection**

Bishop Cornelius Bowser

## **Musical Reflection**

*Da Pacem Domine*

Arvo Pärt

*Da pacem Domine*

*In diebus nostris*

*Quia no est alius*

*Qui pugnet pro nobis*

*Nisi tu Deus noster.*

Give peace. O Lord,

In our time

Because there is no one else

Who will fight for us

If not you, our God.

*Sung by the Cathedral Schola*

## **Survivor Testimony**

Bevelynn Bravo

## **Prayer/Reflection**

Br. Yusef Miller

Let there be peace on earth (*sung by all*)

**Let there be peace on earth**

**And let it begin with me;**

**Let there be peace on earth,**

**The peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our Creator**

**Family all are we,**

**Let us walk with each other**

**In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me,**

**Let this be the moment now;**

**With every step I take,**

**Let this be my solemn vow:**

**To take each moment and live each moment**

**In peace eternally.**

**Let there be peace on earth**

**And let it begin with me.**

- Words by Harlene Wood and Music by Sy Miller

## Keynote Speaker

Representative Scott Peters

## Reading of victim names

read by The Rev Dr Richard Vevia  
The Rev. Susanna DesMarais  
The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas  
The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason

We remember those in the San Diego community who have been lost to gun violence in the past year. After the names are read, if you would like to add the name of someone dear to you, please come forward to the microphone.

*After all of the names have been read, the People say:*

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

## Prayer/Reflection

Rabbi Devorah Marcus

## Candle lighting

The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis* from the Evening Service in B-flat by Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
*Sung by the Cathedral Schola*

## Blessing

Dean Penny Bridges

**Dismissal** - Take your light out into the world

## Postlude Music

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

§     *The clergy and people depart.*

*Please continue the Vigil in the Great Hall across the courtyard,  
where you can learn more about gun violence prevention efforts, watch inspiring videos,  
and enjoy some refreshments.*

## Speakers at Tonight's Service

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges has served since 2014 as the Dean, or Senior Pastor, of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. She is committed to bringing people together across divisions and creating inclusive and loving community.

Bishop Cornelius Bowser Since 2012, Bishop Bowser has directed Shaphat Outreach, a ministry of Charity Apostolic Church, that helps youth and adults involved in gang or gun violence make positive life changes through cognitive-behavioral therapy, wraparound services, and educational classes.

Bevelynn Bravo founded Mothers with a Message, an organization supporting mothers who have lost children to violence. Along with board members Alejandra Fuerte, Tracey Swafford, and Lisa Ortiz, she launched the vision in 2012, to prevent another mother's grief and another youth's lost life. As first responders, Bevelynn and her team provide support and resources to families affected by gun violence.

Yusef Miller is a County Wide Social Justice Activist, who has focuses that vary, from Sheriff and Police Reform, to community support against racism, sexism, and religious bigotry; just to name a few.

Congressman Scott Peters, first elected in 2012, serves California's 50th Congressional District. He has been a national leader on gun violence prevention, voting for every gun violence prevention measure that's come before Congress since 2013. He authored the STANDUP Act which is now law and focuses on suicide prevention training for schools, he broadcast the 2016 Democratic anti-gun violence sit-in from the House floor, and he read the names and ages of gun-violence victims on the House floor to highlight the human cost of Congress's persistent inaction.

Rabbi Devorah Marcus has been serving as Temple Emanu-El's Senior Rabbi since 2013. Central to her work as a rabbi are the concepts of building sacred community, being God's partners in repairing the world, and the acknowledgment that all people are created in God's image.

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*Organist and Choir Director:* Canon Martin Green

*Head Usher:* Canon Lucinda Parsons

*Usher:* Kathryn Bunch

*Audio/Visual:* Cathedral Audio Visual Technicians

*Offerings in support of the Cathedral's ministries will be received by the ushers at the back of the Cathedral.*

*You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:*



*or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!*

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## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**

### **DECEMBER 21 Seventh Sunday of Advent**

8 am – Holy Eucharist, *in the Cathedral*

10:30 am – Choral Eucharist, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

4:30 pm, Lessons and Carols for Christmas, *in the Cathedral and [live-streamed](#)*

Members of the Cathedral Schola offer a heart-warming and beautiful service of Scripture readings and carols, to usher in the Christmas season in the tradition of the Church of England. The service will include favorite carols from our traditional Lessons and Carols service.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve**

5 pm – Holy Eucharist Family Service, *in the Cathedral*

Join us for a children and youth led Carol Service on Christmas Eve. A brief “rehearsal” will take place in the Chapel of the Holy Family at 4:30 for young people who wish to participate.

10:00 pm – Choral Eucharist, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

The celebration features members of the Cathedral Choir, instrumentalists, pageantry, carols, and a sermon from Bishop Susan.

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, *in the Cathedral*

We celebrate Christmas morning with a service of Eucharist featuring organ and carols. The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue will preach and Dean Penny will preside at this service.

### **DECEMBER 28 First Sunday after Christmas**

8 am – Holy Eucharist, *in the Cathedral*

10:30 am – Choral Eucharist, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

5 pm – Evensong, *in the Cathedral and live-streamed*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7 pm, New Year's Eve Service

In the Dean's Courtyard (Entrance on 5th or 6th Ave. Labyrinth located on 6th Ave side)  
Join the Cathedral community in a tranquil and meditative service to say goodbye to 2025.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

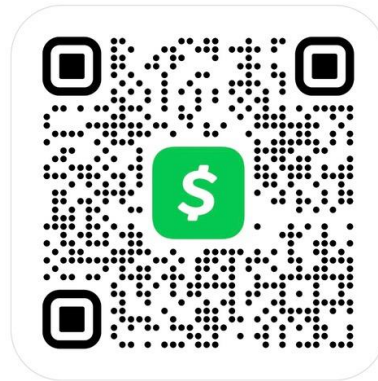
10:30 am, Holy Name Eucharist, *in the Chapel of the Holy Family (located within the Cathedral)*

Welcome the New Year with a Eucharist service observing "*The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.*"

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- ❖ *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
  - ❖ *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
  - ❖ *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
  - ❖ *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
  - ❖ *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*
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