

# A Community Remembers: Reflections on 9/11

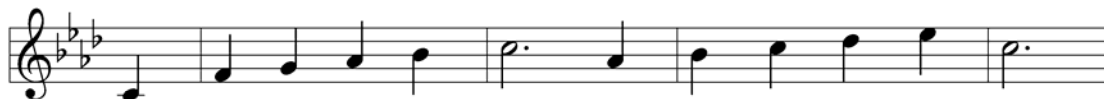
## *An Interfaith Worship Gathering*

Wake Forest University Divinity School  
Opening Convocation  
Tuesday, September 11, 2007  
11:00 a.m.  
Wait Chapel

Prelude: Adagio in E Major.....Frank Bridge  
Donald L. Armitage, University Organist

Welcome.....Rev. Tim Auman  
University Chaplain

\*Hymn: "God of Abraham Praise".....YIGDAL  
**\*All who are able, please stand.**



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 He by him - self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love.  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God!  
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

Litany .....Oliver Thomas MDIV '10, Faika Weche MDIV '10,  
Steven Fuller MDIV '09, Diane Horton MDIV '10,  
and Dr. Diane Lipsett, Assistant Professor of  
New Testament & Christian Origins

- Reader 1: We rest in the sacredness of now and ask God's blessings and generosity of Spirit upon all that we pray for.
- All: God, give us strength to hold on to our faith and the courage to keep alive the joy in creation.**
- Reader 2: God of hope, bless everyone who remembers September 11, 2001. May our recalls and memorials be a forever testimony of our human integrity and our unending endeavors to cultivate peace.
- Reader 3: We beg you God to preserve the work of those who struggle to bring life and security to areas literally destroyed by hurricane Katrina. People are still trying to rebuild and find a place to call home. In the helpless feelings of those who have lost everything (and for some, everyone), come quickly to their aid and plant within their souls a sense of peace and a lasting taste of humanity.
- All: God, give us strength to hold on to our faith and the courage to keep alive the joy in creation.**
- Reader4: God of comfort and healing, please restore a sense of peace within the hearts and minds of people who lost family and friends in the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Bless our brothers and sisters who still hurt and long for a sense of security. Bless our campus and all places where we place our trust in you.
- Reader 5: God, bring your compassionate embrace to the people affected by the sudden tragedy in Minnesota. Bring comfort to families who lost loved ones in the coal mines of West Virginia, Ohio, and Utah. Be a presence of peace to all who are affected by disasters.
- All: God, give us strength to hold on to our faith and the courage to keep alive the joy in creation.**
- Reader 1: Hear all prayers that plead for peace. May challenges of the world be endured, our faith deepened, and love increased.
- Reader 2: We pray, merciful God for the youth and young people of today who are growing up in this unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world.
- All: God, give us strength to hold on to our faith and the courage to keep alive the joy in creation.**
- Reader 3: For people who struggle physically, mentally, and emotionally, may their spirits be strengthened and healed; giving reason to hope, goodness to praise, and encouragement to live.
- Reader 4: Instill a strong sense of your presence in the surroundings of all who are confronted daily with fear, violence and death. Grant them the will to seek refuge in you, knowing that the foundation of all goodness lives in the God that breathes through them.
- Reader 5: God we need you and we raise our voices in prayer.
- All: God of mercy, hear us.  
God of peace, protect us.  
God of love, embrace us.  
God of healing, restore us.**
- Readers 1&2: May the God in whose presence our ancestors walked, hold us close.

Reader 3: May the God who has known us from birth, guide us.  
Readers 4&5: May the God who shares in our hurt and pain, grant us peace.  
**All: Amen.**

Includes excerpts from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*,  
US Catholic Conference, Washington, DC 1989.

Lighting of the Hope Candle and Holy Silence.....Dr. Sam Gladding  
Department Chair and Professor of Counseling

Musical Reflection..... Matthew Stalnaker MDIV '09, guitar  
and Charles Smith MDIV '10, violin

A Reading from the Hindu Tradition.....Saket Munshaw '10

A Reading from the Jewish Tradition.....Hannah Rothman '10

A Reading from the Christian Tradition.....David With MDIV '08

A Reading from the Islamic Tradition.....Sajid Ghaffar '09

A Reading from the Baha'i Writings.....Sarah Donaldson '09

Musical Offering: "Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace".....Emily Hull MDIV '09,  
Clare Johnson MDIV '10,  
and Matt Johnson '02 MDIV '10

*As you are invited, please join in singing:*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, oh Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia

"Reflections on Wholeness".....Sarah Donaldson, Sajid Ghaffar,  
~ from *An African Prayer Book* by Desmond Tutu Hannah Rothman, Saket Munshaw  
and David With

Introduction of Speaker.....Dr. Bill J. Leonard  
Dean, Divinity School

Address: "Living Out-Loud in a World that Demands Silence" .....Dr. Veronice Miles  
Rudy Pardue & Shelmer D. Blackburn  
Instructor of Homiletics and Christian Education

\*Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God".....IVERSON

**\*All who are able, please stand.**



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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\*Sending Forth.....Dr. Veronice Miles

Postlude: Psalm 18 ("I will praise Thee, O Lord, my strength").....Benedetto Marcello

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**Ushers:** Barbara Calvin MDIV '09, Sabrina Gilchrist MDIV/MA '10, Laura Gundel MDIV '08, and Justin Williamson MDIV '09.

There will be a *Worship in Wait* service on Tuesday, September 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Wait Chapel. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown, Associate Professor of Homiletics at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.