

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All  
A Positive Worship Experience*



*Back in God's House*

*Wednesday*

*March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022*

## Service of Gathering

### The Welcome

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

*Please rise as you are able.*

### Opening Affirmation

*Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities!*

## Service of Praise

### Opening Hymn

*Bless Us All*

*Bless us all who gather here  
The loving family I hold dear  
No place on Earth compares with home  
And every path will bring me back from where I roam*

*Bless us all, that as we live  
We always comfort and forgive  
We have so much that we can share  
With those in need we see around us everywhere*

*Let us always love each other  
Lead us to the light  
Let us hear the voice of reason  
Singing in the night  
Let us run from anger  
And catch us when we fall  
Teach us in our dreams  
And please, yes please bless us one and all*

*Bless us all with playful years  
With noisy games and joyful tears  
We reach for you and we stand tall  
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you  
Bless us all  
We reach for you and we stand tall  
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you  
Bless us all.*

### Opening Litany

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together in the presence of the Most High.

*All: To face our ideals, to remember our loved ones in absence, to give thanks, to make confession, to offer forgiveness, to be enlightened, and to be strengthened.*

One: Through this quiet hour breathes the worship of ages, the cathedral music of history.

*All: Three unseen guests attend: Faith, Hope, and Love. Let all our hearts prepare them place. Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## Imposition of Ashes

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Remembering that we are both frail and resilient, fragile and enduring, and aware that we have all needed aid or encouragement or a second chance at some time, and that others will need our compassion, goodwill, and generosity, and remembering that in good times and in times of challenge we are able to rise like dust, we are earth dust, star dust, and fairy dust, we part and parcel of God and the future has infinite possibilities, let us now mark ourselves with the reminder and the blessing of ash and dust.

### Moment of Silence

*Please rise as you are able.*

## The Twenty-third Psalm (The Message)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

God, my shepherd!  
I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.  
Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.  
You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.  
Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.

In these human words, God's voice is heard.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### Song of Response

*Your Grace and Mercy*

*Your grace and mercy brought me through, I'm living this moment because of you;*

*I want to thank you, and praise you too: your grace and mercy brought me through.*

*Your grace and mercy brought me through, I'm living this moment because of you;*

*I want to thank you, and praise you too: your grace and mercy,*

*your grace and mercy, your grace and mercy brought me through.*

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**

*A Living Prayer*  
By Alison Krauss  
Performed by Tara Sperry

**Sacrament of Hospitality**

{We Remember}

**Homily**

*Back in God's House*  
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

**Eucharistic Intentions**

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

**Song of Response**

*For Everyone Born*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,*

*and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!*

**Pastoral Prayer & Affirmations****Sign of Peace**

*Surely the Presence*

*Surely the presence of our God is in this place:  
I can feel Her mighty power, and His grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.*

***Please be seated.***

**Service of the Sacraments****Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

**Offering Prayer**

*Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that  
I have, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank you,  
God. Amen.*

**Offering Music**

*Dust In The Wind*  
By Kerry Livgren  
Performed By Sara Burns

***Please rise as you are able.***

**Doxology**

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;  
from the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous  
day.*

*Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our  
human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our  
stewardship began.*

**Prayer of Divine Mercy**

*Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love,  
Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one –  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world*

*For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.  
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.  
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One  
Give blessings to us and to the whole world.  
Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One  
Give blessings to us and to the whole world.*

**Intercessions**

One: Mother-Father God, we affirm blessings for all who are on the Cathedral's prayer list and for all who are on our hearts. We trust you to lead, guide, and direct each of us in the ways of happiness, well-being, and right action. We pray for those who hold authority in the nations of the world that they may be guided by wisdom and motivated by a love of justice and peace. We pray for our departed loved ones, (+) let light perpetual shine upon them. And with people all over the world we pray -

*All: may peace prevail on earth.*

We offer these prayers in the name of the indwelling Christ, and we continuing praying in song:

*Creator, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy  
kin-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kin-dom, and the  
power, and the glory forever, Amen.*

***Please be seated.***

## The Lord's Supper

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus shared a meal with his friends and family of choice. After supper, he took a piece of break, broke it, and offered it to those at table. Sharing together made them one body. Jesus said, "When you do this, remember me."

He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, remember me."

## Invitation to Communion

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.  
*All: Thanks be to God.*

## Communion Song

*Heal Our Land*

*Heal our world, Spirit heal our world;  
Hear our cry and turn our nations back to You.  
Lord, heal our world, hear us, O Lord, and heal our world;*

*Receive our prayer and heal our broken world.  
Recieve our prayer and heal our broken world.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

***Please rise as you are able.***

## Prayer of Protection

*The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us.  
The power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is.*

## Benediction

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

## Final Song

*Go, My Children with my Blessing*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone; waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever;  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me; grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you; go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

## Commission

Our worship has ended. Let our service begin!  
*Thanks be to God!*

## Postlude

Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts  
Presents

**Laith Ashley**

**Activist, Singer-Songwriter and Entertainer**

Saturday, March 26, 2022 8:00 PM

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Presents

**Coco Peru**

in

**Bitter Bothered & Beyond**

Saturday, April 9, 2022 8:00 PM

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