

Vigil for the Episcopal Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention cohort, October 2025

Prayer of confession

God of all mercy,
we confess that our hearts sometimes harbour violence,
our thoughts resentment, our speech ungentleness.
We ask, as we come together to pray and to plan
for a world and a nation where gun violence has no place,
that you would eliminate all hatred from the unswept corners of our souls,
that we might follow more closely in the footsteps
of him who disarmed his disciples in the Garden
and declared death to be redundant in the new life of your Love.
It is in the Name of Jesus that we pray. Amen



Christ Breaks the Rifle - Otto Pankok, 1950



God of peace,
You have promised peace to those who follow your commandments,
the commandments to love friend, neighbour, and enemy alike,
and to love you first, the Author of life.
Grant us peace of mind only when our decisions
to speak or to keep silence,
to act or to hold still,
accord with your will for your people
and the justice of your mercy.
It is in the Name of Jesus that we pray. Amen



1 Corinthians 14:20, 26, 31-32

Brothers and sisters [and siblings], do not be children in your thinking; rather be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.
What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and be encouraged. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, for God is a God not of disorder but of peace.

- What word of encouragement, provocation, challenge, or comfort is the Spirit speaking through you today?

John 14:27; 15:9-11

[Jesus said] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

- Where do you see glimmers of peace today?
- Where do you see joy?

The Lord's Prayer

Dismissal: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

