



**24th Annual
International Transgender
Day of Remembrance
Candlelight Vigil**

November 19, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Hosted by:



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CATHEDRAL**

Episcopal Diocese of
Northern California

Welcome and Introduction

We welcome members of the Sacramento community, our families, friends and allies as we join in this solemn candlelight vigil in observance of the 24th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The Speakers

Ebony Harper
Executive Director of California TRANScends

Miles Sykes
Drag King, "Clive Maxx"

Rev Doretha Flournoy Williams, MS
*Senior Pastor, A Church for All MCC,
Executive Director of The African American Suicide
Prevention Program*

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance memorializes those who have suffered violent deaths due to their actual or perceived gender identity or expression. The first candlelight vigil in San Francisco was held in 1999 to honor Rita Hester, murdered on November 28, 1998. Since then, annual memorials have been observed around November 20 in countries around the world.

Officiants

The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward
Dean of Trinity Cathedral

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson,
Poor People's Campaign

Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas
*Assistant Pastor, A Church for All MCC in North
Highlands*

Music Leadership and Guitar: Pastor Sharon Henry
Senior Pastor of Reflection MCC in Folsom

Order of Memorial

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the Greater Sacramento area lies within the ancestral homelands of the Nisenan, Maidu, Miwok, Me-Wuk, and Patwin Peoples, who have been the Indigenous stewards of this land since time immemorial.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Sacramento gathers, worships, and serves on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Nisenan people. We recognize and thank the original peoples of this land, whose stories have been and continue to be marginalized. With God's help, we agree to hold ourselves accountable to forming new and ongoing relationships of honor and respect with these lands and peoples.

Slide Show

Pastor Sharon Henry
As you enter we will view a slide show of those who have lost their lives within the US over the last year. There are 70 people represented in these slides. Worldwide, the number of those who have lost their lives is 390.

Welcome

The Very Rev. Matthew Woodward
Dean of Trinity Cathedral

Song

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

**Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true
Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why can't I?**

Invocation and memorial Candle

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Reflection on the Day of Remembrance

The words of Francie Milazzo read by
Dean Matthew

Speaker

Miles Sykes

Drag King performing as Clive Maxx

Musical Reflection

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Unruly Heart

Speaker

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A Blessing

Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Musical Reflection

The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Like a River in my Soul

Speaker

Ebony Harper

Executive Director of California TRANScends

Song

Lean On Me - Bill Withers

Some-times in our lives

We all have pain

We all have sorrow

But if we are wise We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus: Lean on me

When you're not strong -And I'll be your friend

I'll help you carry on...

For it won't be long -Till I'm gonna need somebody to
lean on

Please swallow your pride -

If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill -

Those of your needs that you won't let show

Just call on me sister -

when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

Chorus

Just call on me brother -When you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on -If there is a load

You have to bear -That you can't carry

I'm -right up the road -I'll share your load

If you just call me -Call me

If you need a friend -Call me

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Reading the List of Names

Attendees

Candlelight Circle

Rev. Dr. Rosario Vargas

Closing

Rev. Dr Pamela Anderson

Song

Singing for our Lives

We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing
for our lives 2x

We are a land of many colors, and we are singing, singing
for our lives 2x

We are gay and straight together..2x

We are queer and trans together...2x

We are a peaceful loving people..2x

Hum final verse without accompaniment 2x

Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Remembering Our Dead

Twenty years have passed since the tragic slaying of seventeen year-old Gwen Araujo, and fourteen years ago Ruby Molina was found floating in the American River. In 2010 Sacramento's own Carol Ann Byers and Carina Paige Holleran and many young people were numbered among these victims of fear, hatred and violence or who despaired and ended their own lives. These brothers and sisters of ours chose to engage and live their lives as they knew how braving the scorn and ridicule of those who would not understand them. Finally they paid the ultimate price.



Their tragedies touch us deeply. Their lives inspire admiration and impress the urgency and need for all our brothers and sisters to be allowed to be themselves without fear and danger.

We shed our tears for the loss of these brothers and sisters, for the grief of their families and our community, for the grief of all of us who have long suffered pain from uncaring individuals. May their memories live in our hearts and inspire all of us to commit to the struggle for a loving and accepting world for all.

The Sutter Gender Identity Support Group and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral express our thanks for the sponsorship of the Sacramento Chapter of PFLAG, the River City Gems, and to our many volunteers, donors and participants whose generous donations of time, talent and resources make this memorial possible.



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