

Ninth Station: Executed

Presented by St. Nicholas Gay/ Lesbian and Family/Friends Ministry

Call to Prayer: *by Jose Luis Orozco*

Paz queremos paz y libertad este mundo.

Peace we all want peace and liberty in this world.

Reader: Mother-Father God, we, your children, gay and lesbian Catholics, come to you as outcasts in our own church, vilified as disordered, barred from parenthood, and from sanctioned partnering. Our own church misuses scripture, and cites the sins of priests and the worst of our tradition, to do violence to us and to our children. Like Jesus in his last hours on the cross, we often feel desperately alone and abandoned, and come to you for solace in our exile.

Reader: For an end to violence against gay people - violence of language, of exclusion, of misguided theology.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For an understanding of scripture that does not exclude, but welcomes, that does not oppress, but lifts up.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For all who serve the people of God with integrity.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For our parents, wounded by the same violence and suffering the same isolation.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For those who risk their position and livelihood, to serve and welcome us to the church.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For all the families of the world – For celebrating the ways we partner and parent, love and live.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For contrition and healing in our church,
For an end to arrogance and hubris,
For a church that will,
at long last,
call home those in exile.

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy.

Reader: For honoring the God-ness in all of us .

All: Loving God, surround us with your mercy. Guide us away from bitterness, be with us in our lonely hours, give us strength and perseverance to know that even when our church is an obstacle, you want to be close to us. You have taken us by the hand, and have written your law on our hearts. We are your people.

St. Nicholas Gay/ Lesbian and Family/Friends Ministry, meets monthly, after the 9 am liturgy. Please join us! St. Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202, 847/864-1185

