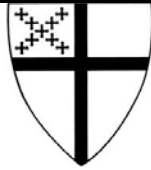


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Dear Friends,

We all watched with horror the assault on the US Capitol yesterday. Even with the resolution of the process certifying the election results early this morning, and even with the concurrent victory of democratic processes in Georgia, the images from yesterday are stark reminders of our need to continue working for the integrity of our democracy with compassionate vigilance and prayerful action.

Late in the afternoon I received an email encouraging churches to ring their bells at 8 pm as a witness to grief and to hope. It was a small act of solidarity given the magnitude of the violations that had occurred, but my spouse Charlie and I walked to Holy Apostles and rang our bell 51 times—once for each state and once for Washington DC. Every peal was sent forth with the prayers we have all been praying: prayers for peace, for accountability, for justice and for love.

May God's Spirit sustain us as we continue working together to create beloved community in Jesus' name.

Yours In Faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna', written in a cursive style.