

Prelude Halley Weaver, Harp

Welcoming Remarks The Rev. Dennis J. Parker

Blessing of the Memorial Plaque for Tracey Sparling

Leader: Please join me and Lee and Sophie Sparling, parents of Tracey Sparling, in dedicating this plaque and ghost bike to the memory of their daughter Tracey, who was killed on the streets of Portland October 11, 2007.

Response: We remember you, Tracey, as a young woman full of life and promise.

Leader: No death goes unmourned by the One who created us and no death goes unspoken by the One who stands with us in times of trouble.

Response: We remember you, Tracey, as one who was spirit in flesh and remains now with us in spirit.

Leader: In speaking your name, Tracey, and in placing this plaque in your memory, we affirm the beauty of your life and your continuing presence among us.

Response: We remember you, Tracey, as one whose spirit inspires us to seek joy in living.

Leader: Our streets are filled with people like you, Tracey, who want to live, who want to be fully themselves, who want to be remembered. May this plaque and the bike placed here in your honor remind us that memory is sacred, that memory is the lifeblood of our love for one another, and that we are united in memory.

Response: We remember you, Tracey, and hold you always in our hearts.

Plaque is placed on shrine altar for later mounting.

Leader: The Portland Bicycle Shrine was established as a place of prayer and memory in support of those in our community who travel by bicycle and in supplication for the safety of everyone on our streets. Named for the Madonna del Ghisallo in Italy, the Patron of Bicycles, our shrine is for everyone. All are welcome to come here to pray. We also welcome all who wish to dedicate a plaque in memory of loved ones who have died or give thanks for prayers fulfilled.

We will now bless the bicycles you have brought with you today, praying for your safety and joy as you ride.

Bicycles are blessed; bicycle bells are rung together at the end of the blessing.

Blessing Music "I'll Ride with You" Alan Murray (1890 – 1952) – adapted
Matthew Smith, Music Director, soloist

Litany for Safe Journeys (All Standing)

Leader: May the spirit of the morning sun warm us

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, breath of God, as we ride in joy and safety

Leader: May the spirit of the rains cleanse us

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, comforter of souls, as we ride in joy and safety

Leader: May the spirit of the Douglas Firs enfold us

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, sustainer of hope, as we ride in joy and safety

Leader: May the spirit of this ancient land uphold us

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, fire of love, as we ride in joy and safety

Leader: May the rivers and valleys be our guide, and the mountains be our haven

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, mother of our days, as we ride in joy and safety

Leader: May those who have died continue in our hearts

Response: Protect us, Holy Spirit, bearer of peace, as we ride in joy and safety

Closing Prayer The Rev. Ken Arnold

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The Portland Bicycle Shrine, 1432 S.W. 13th Ave., Portland, is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Prayer cards featuring the new icon are available at the shrine.