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### Service Recalls London Victims

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More than 500 people filled the pews of Trinity Church in Copley Square last night in remembrance of the victims of last week's London bombings. They offered prayers for the families of those who lost loved ones and for those who remain missing.

The bombings, which authorities say were the work of four men who blew themselves up in three Underground stations and aboard a bus, terrorized the people of London and gave Americans a frightening reminder of Sept. 11, 2001.

The music, response readings, and fellowship united those in attendance and offered them hope at a precarious time.

"My high school history professor used to say he wished history could come alive for us one day," Governor Mitt Romney said during the service. "I didn't know what he meant, but I do today."

The ecumenical service, which was organized by Trinity Church and the British Consulate-General in Boston, combined Christian, Muslim, and Jewish traditions for a diverse congregation.

The voices of the Trinity Church choir filled the historic church as the congregation sang along in a shared plea for peace for the victims and the survivors.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
And the pain of death shall not touch them.  
To the eyes of the foolish, They seemed to perish,  
But they are in peace.

Candace Brugmann, 47, said she took strength from the service by worshiping with people who came with full hearts.

"It's extremely wonderful, so many people with the same sadness coming together, especially leaders of different faiths," said Brugmann, of Malden. "They're trying to teach us to love, despite the horrible thing that just happened."

The Rev. Herbert A. Donovan Jr., interim rector of Trinity Church, stressed the need for people of different faiths to live peacefully side by side. He cited a Muslim teaching: "Repel the evil with good."

"When our natural instincts are to fight force with force, to strike out and to hit back, to not put up with it any longer . . . repel evil with good," Donovan said.

Imam Tala Eid of the Islamic Center of New England told the congregation that he was deeply concerned about terrorists using the name of Islam to justify acts of violence. He said there is no support for such brutality in the Koran or in the teachings of Mohammed.

Audience members either knelt or sat at the end of the service, before the choir walked down the aisle in a choral benediction.



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Heather Adams, 42, who grew up in southwest England, said she had relatives who were on an Underground platform in London when the bombs exploded.

She was somewhat skeptical of the prospects for an end to terrorism.

"I don't know if there's an answer," Adams said. "Sadly, I think that it's too early to say. You can't fight hate. You can only hope."