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At left: *Decorated Text Page* (Book of Exodus) from the Rothschild Pentateuch, France and/or Germany, 1296. Leaf: 10 7/8 x 8 1/4 in. (27.5 x 21 cm). Ms. 116 (2018.43), fol. 130. At right: *Decorated Text Page* (Book of Exodus) from the Rothschild Pentateuch, France and/or Germany, 1296. Leaf: 10 7/8 x 8 1/4 in. (27.5 x 21 cm). Ms. 116 (2018.43), fol. 119v.

J. Paul Getty Museum exhibit features Jewish, Christian and Muslim illuminated texts

The J. Paul Getty Center in Los Angeles will feature the medieval art of illumination in sacred texts from the three Abrahamic religions — Judaism, Christianity, and Islam — in *Art of Three Faiths: A Torah, a Bible, and a Qur'an*, on view from now through February 3, 2019.

The exhibit showcases spectacular examples of a Christian Bible and a Qur'an alongside a newly acquired Torah, the Rothschild Pentateuch.

"This landmark acquisition fulfills one of the Museum's longstanding goals of adding to our collection a Hebrew manuscript that can stand comparison in quality and importance to our finest illuminated manuscripts of other languages and faiths," says Timothy Potts, museum director. "It has taken 35 years, but the Rothschild Pentateuch fills this gap more brilliantly than we could ever have imagined. An amazingly rare and beautiful object, richly illuminated with all manner of real and imaginary animals, it also broadens

greatly the narratives we are able to tell about life, culture and religion in the Middle Ages."

For more about the exhibit, visit www.getty.edu. The center is located at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles 90049. †

L.A. diocese to welcome bishop of Puerto Rico

The diocesan community is invited to a special bilingual (English/Spanish) Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 to celebrate an official visit from Bishop Rafael Luis Morales of Puerto Rico. Bishop Morales will preach and Bishop John Harvey Taylor will preside. The collection from the service will benefit the episcopal diocese of Puerto Rico, which was ravaged by Hurricane Maria in 2017. A reception will follow the service, to be held at St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles.

Bishop Taylor and his wife Canon Kathy Hannigan O'Connor will host Morales at the Episcopal residence during his stay Sept. 24 - 27. Bishop Morales, who has been the Diocese of Puerto Rico's seventh bishop since July 2017, will visit several institutions and organizations of the diocese.

Bishop Taylor invites and encourages all to attend the Eucharist.

Referring to the limited U.S. government response to last year's disastrous storm, Taylor said, "Puerto Rico was not made to feel at home in the aftermath of the destructive hurricane. Bishop Rafael and the people of Puerto Rico have a home here in the diocese of Los Angeles."

Additional support for Puerto Rico may be offered at www.EDLAGives.org. †

Congregations invited to participate in 'Concert Across America to End Gun Violence'

Congregations across the country are encouraged to participate in the third annual Concert Across America to End Violence, which will be observed Sept. 20 - 30 this year. This national event uses music to remember all of those affected by gun violence, and to renew a commitment to preventing all forms of gun violence.

Congregations can participate by including an appropriate choir anthem or hymn during the service, or feature the song for this year, "Shine," during a service or other event.

"Shine" was written by two students who survived the Parkland, Florida shootings, and was sung at March for Our Lives in Washington, DC. Music and lyrics for "Shine," as well as a hymn about gun violence and additional information about Concert Across America, are available on the event website at www.concertacrossamerica.org.

To learn more about gun violence prevention efforts in the Diocese of Los Angeles, contact Virginia Classick, co-chair of the bishop's task force, at vclassick@aol.com. †

PHOTOS / THE GETTY MUSEUM

— SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 —

2 p.m. **New Music for Viola and Organ**
St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church
7501 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 90046
Information: 323.876.2102

— FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 —

7:10 p.m. **25th annual Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium**
1000 Vin Scully Avenue, Los Angeles 90012
Information and tickets:
See your congregation's Dodger coordinator

— MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 —

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Labor Day Interfaith Harvest Celebration**
The Abundant Farm
1012 W. Ventura Blvd., Camarillo
Information: bit.ly/2wjBhgn

— SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 —

8 p.m. **Concert: Golden Bridge**
All Saints' Episcopal Church
504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
Information: www.allsaintsbh.org

8 p.m. **Godspell Concert**
Zipper Hall, The Colburn School
200 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012
Tickets/Information: www.bishopsconcert.org

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 —

6 p.m. **Godspell Concert**
Trinity Episcopal Church
1500 State Street, Santa Barbara 93101
Tickets/Information: www.bishopsconcert.org

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 —

5 p.m. **Recital: Stephen Manes, piano**
All Saints' Episcopal Church
504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
Information: www.allsaintsbh.org

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Sharing our freedom: thoughts on immigration

By John Harvey Taylor, bishop diocesan

Setting out last week for my annual late-summer driving trip (five states, about 2,000 miles, with lots of beautiful vistas, good music, and frank talks with Jesus), I steered along Pearblossom Highway between Palmdale and Victorville and thought about my visit to the high desert just a few weeks before.

With eight colleagues from the L.A. faith community, the Rev. Canon Jaime Edwards-Acton and I had the opportunity to visit the Adelanto detention center. For generations, our government has refused to enact sensible, humane immigration reform. For political advantage, the current regime ruthlessly scapegoats immigrants and asylum seekers. Adelanto, where thousands of our siblings are herded around in prison suits while awaiting hearings or deportation, is a direct and an appalling consequence of these civic sins.

Only recently did I learn that a member of one of our churches had probably been incarcerated at the time of our visit. We may even have seen one another without realizing we were Episco-pals. As a young woman nearly 30 years ago, fleeing abuse and violence in her native country and experiencing profound trauma, she married a criminal, who led her into breaking the law herself, for which she was imprisoned. It is not unlike the story that, thanks to Kim Kardashian West, momentarily thawed Mr. Trump's heart and earned another deserving Christian a pardon.

Since then, our fellow churchwoman remarried, raised a family (including two acolytes) in the church, trained for and practiced a serving vocation, and paid her taxes. She's not a citizen, though, so under the government's current zero decency policy, she was arrested, jailed, and, just last week, deported. If you knew her whole story, if you sat in her living room and looked her husband and children in the eye, you'd say to our leaders: For the love of God, have mercy.

In the hope that her family will be able to reunite in a more hospitable country, we've

been asked to keep the details vague. But pray for a lamb of our own flock, a sinner of Christ's own redeeming, for now safely at home with family members in the country she left behind because she had the audacity to believe in the promise of the American dream.

During my vacation, I lavishly claimed the promise of freedom that is being systematically denied to our sister and so many others.



JOHN HARVEY TAYLOR

I've been going wherever I want ("Dinosaur tracks ahead on left"? Oh, joy!) and trying to tune out the news, which, for a newshound, isn't easy, especially this week.

But while we're counting scandals, let's remember the ones that reap the greatest misery. Instead of enacting common-sense reforms, our government and its private contractors operate a shameful archipelago of nearly 1,000 adult detention centers such as Adelanto. Some 565 children, including 24 under the age of five, have still not been reunited with their parents. Our DACA siblings, who only know the home of the brave, await a welcoming word from just a few leaders with courage.

Along the road to Victorville, you'll see several small Spanish-language churches. I stopped outside one in Littlerock, pastored by the Rev. Hector Ocegueda. Él dice: "Todo lo puedo en Cristo." I would like us to match that absolutely true statement about the power of faith with some earthly hope for the victims of an un-American immigration system that has surely run its course. We are better than this. But God would like us to stand up and act like it. †

