

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On February 22, 2021, the United States Supreme Court declined to hear our case, which means the decision of the Texas Supreme Court stands. I know this is a disappointment to us all, but as followers of Jesus Christ, we live in hope.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry joins me in acknowledging our disappointment and urging all of us to be gentle with one another during this trying time, with the important goal of continuing our worship of God and our ministries in this diocese in as uninterrupted manner as possible.

I ask for your prayers and urge us all to stay focused on the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and on our mission and ministries in the days ahead.

When we began this litigation in 2009, we did so as heir and steward of the legacy of generations of faithful Episcopalians. In the wake of this decision we remain committed to preaching the gospel as we celebrate the sacraments, care for those in need, and strive for justice and peace.

Let us move forward together with grace and love, guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer