

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!

Juneteenth Sunday
June 19th, 2022

Liturgy for Juneteenth Compiled by The Union for Black Episcopalians

PRELUDE

SONG OF PRAISE & PROCESSIONAL

#3 – Holy Spirit Come Down on Me

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Priest Alleluia. Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People *You come to your people and set them free. Alleluia.*

Priest Almighty God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of the captives; We remember before you our brothers, sisters, and non-binary siblings in Galveston, Texas who on this day received the glad tidings of their emancipation; Forgive us for the many grave sins that delayed that liberating word; Anoint us with your Spirit to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CONFESSION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All *Almighty God, Source of all that is,
Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image
and call us to love one another as you love us.*

*We confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.
We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold
those same neighbors in oppression.*

*Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

FIRST MESSAGE Galatians 3:23-29

Lay Leader Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.

People *Our hearts and minds are open.*

Lay Leader Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lay Leader As we enter this Juneteenth holiday celebration, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world.

That those entrusted with authority in our nation may support the changes needed in order to exercise leadership and promote healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray . . .

People ***May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.***

Lay Leader That the fullness of justice and compassion may be extended to the victims and families who have been subjected to violence, abuse, discrimination, murder, or the threat of, we pray . . .

People ***May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.***

Lay Leader That our communities and our schools may find ways to actively participate in efforts to eliminate violence, especially violence against black and brown people, so that this country may take the lead in fostering conditions for healing racial division, we pray . . .

People ***May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.***

Lay Leader That all who gather this week to remember Juneteenth be able to freely, peaceably, and in celebration with us, remember together, we pray . . .

People ***May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.***

Lay Leader That we be courageous in living out the Gospel, we pray . . .

People ***May we accept the call to be bearers of peace.***

Please be seated.

SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Lay Leader invites people to offer concerns and thanksgivings in person or in chat.
If the podium is inaccessible to you please wave to the Priest and they will bring a mic to you.*

Priest We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. **Amen.**

Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.

PEACE

Priest The Peace of God be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

People ***God be in my head and in my thinking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my loving.
God be in my hands and in my giving. Amen.***

You are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary or make an online offering by pressing the “contribute” button on our website, saintmarysepiscopal.org

The Holy Communion

*Wherever you find yourself on the Journey of Faith, you are invited to receive communion.
To receive a blessing from the priest, cross your arms over your chest as you stand or kneel.
Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I, *Enriching Our Worship*

Priest God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Priest Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to God.***

Priest Let us give thanks to God.
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
Source of life and fountain of kindness. You have filled us and all
creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you
have redeemed us in Christ and knit us into one body.

People ***Through your Spirit, you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.***

Priest Therefore, joining with the faithful of every generation, we lift our
voices with all creation as we sing,

SANCTUS **Hymnal #S-130 – *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

Franz Peter Schubert,
arr. Richard Proulx

Priest Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

People ***You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.***

Priest You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

People ***But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.***

Priest We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

People ***Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.***

Priest Through Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to live the life you called him to, he overcame death, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of those who've gone before us, that with Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Priest For those worshiping with us virtually today, let us now say together the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

All *Gracious God, you stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Priest We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS #9 – For Everyone Born

Words/Music: Murray & Mann

Please stand or choose another posture of reverence that is comfortable for your body.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

***All Creator God, May we who have been strengthened by this
 sacrament,
 strengthen those in weakness
 We who have been fed, feed those in hunger
 We who have been welcomed, welcome others
 We who have been seen and known,
 see and know the needs of others
 Give us your grace to respond always in loving service
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG #16 – O God of Every Nation

Words: William Watkins Reid Jr.

Music: Llanglofan, melody from Hymnau a
Thomas er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yung Nighymru
harm. The English Hymnal

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

SOCIAL TIME IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

Join us for good company and tasty treats on the front lawn!