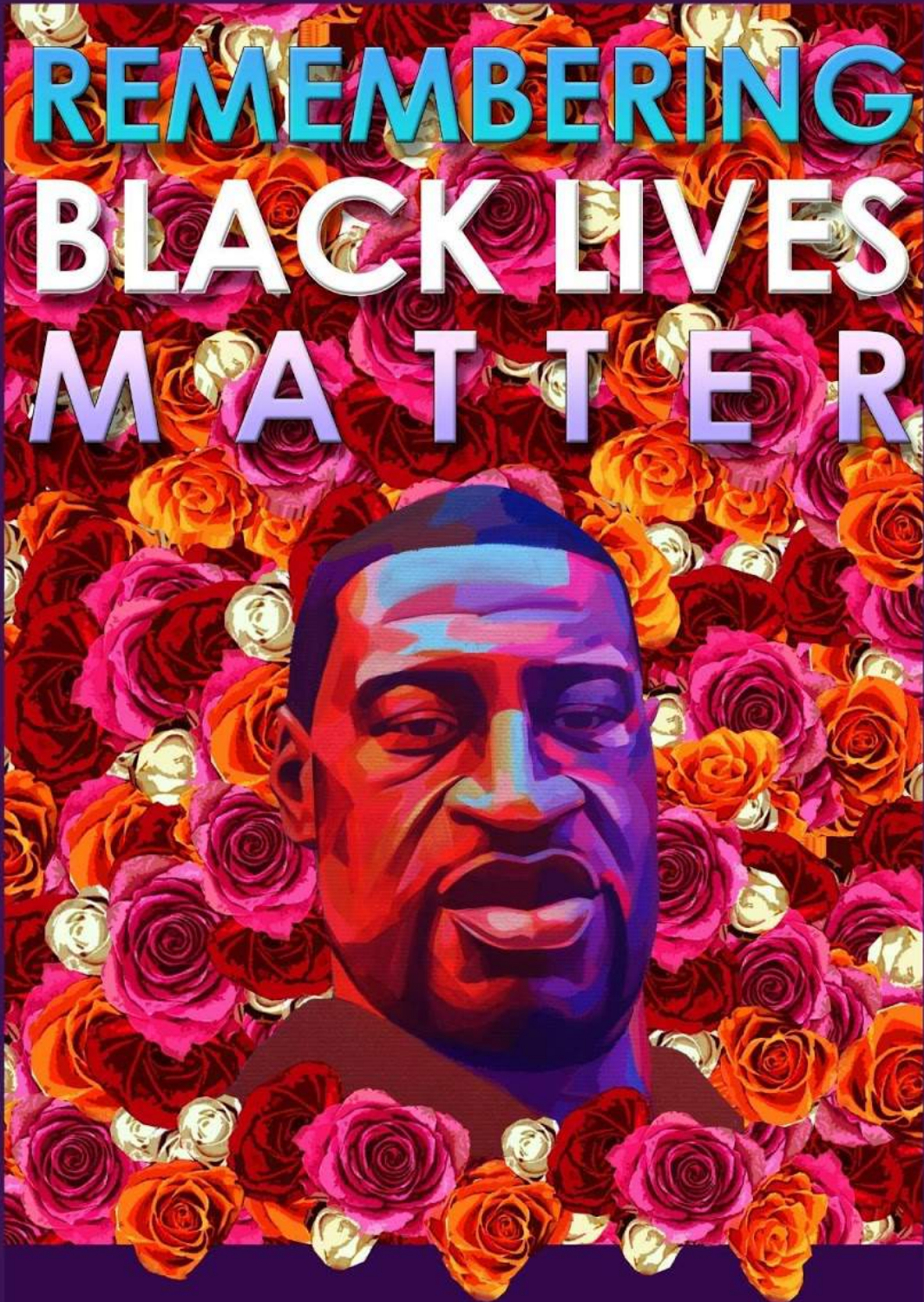


REMEMBERING BLACK LIVES MATTER



Vigil for justice on the anniversary of George Floyd's death
at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church

May 25 | 7:00 pm

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WELCOME
TO ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
PRO-CATHEDRAL *of the* Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a house of worship and community commons in Brooklyn Heights. We are so glad to welcome you here. The ongoing pandemic makes this an extraordinary time that requires us to take precautions to protect ourselves and others. We ask while you are here to please follow all of these health protocols:

- *Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth*
- *Maintain a safe social distance from anyone not in your household.*
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St. Ann's is a friendly and welcoming church that is deeply committed to sharing God's love, caring for creation, and serving our neighbors in need. We remain steadfast in our prayers for the safety of our community, our nation and the world and that all God's people can live in freedom and peace.

Thank you for joining us!

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Canon John E. Denaro, *Rector of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church and Pro-Cathedral*

BISHOP'S REFLECTIONS

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, *Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*

A SONG OF EZEKIEL

Leader I will take you from among all nations; *
All ***and gather you from all lands to bring you home.***
Leader I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
All ***and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.***
Leader A new heart I will give you *
All ***and a new spirit put within you.***
Leader I will take the stone heart from your chest *
All ***and give you a heart of flesh.***
Leader I will help you walk in my laws *
All ***and cherish my commandments and do them.***
Leader You shall be my people, *
All ***and I will be your God.***

REMARKS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

Josue Pierre, *Candidate for NYC Council, 40th District (Brooklyn)*

Anthony Beckford, *Candidate for NYC Council, 45th District (Brooklyn)*

Crystal Hudson, *Candidate for NYC Council, 35th District (Brooklyn)*

Jo Anne Simon, *NYS State Assemblymember, District 52,
and Candidate for Brooklyn Borough President*

REFLECTIONS

The Rev. Marie A. Tatro, *Vicar for Community Justice Ministry and Pro-Cathedral Priest Associate*

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Leader In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us come before God and humbly confess our sins: our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism.

Leader As our great Liberator, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader As our Redeemer, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader As our Sustainer, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have divided ourselves from others and refused to listen to or believe their experience.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have quietly held good intentions and kept silent the message of reconciliation.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

Leader We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love.

All ***Have mercy on us.***

At this time, all are invited to come forward and light a candle of remembrance as the names of all those we wish to remember tonight are read aloud.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

LEVAS II #181 or
The Hymnal 1982, #671

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader Let us pray.

When we do not see the gravity of racial injustice,
All ***Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes.***

Leader When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,
All ***Give us a spirit of bravery.***

Leader When we try our best but say the wrong things,
All ***Give us a spirit of humility.***

Leader When the chaos of the latest incident in which a Black or Brown life is taken from us, and the chaos dies down,
All ***Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity,***

Leader When it becomes easier to point fingers outward,
All ***Help us to examine our own hearts.***

Leader God of truth, in your wisdom,
All ***Enlighten us.***

Leader God of love, in your mercy,
All ***Forgive us.***

Leader God of hope, in your kindness,
All ***Heal us.***

Leader Racism breaks your heart,
All ***Break our hearts for what breaks yours, O God.***

Leader We pray in faith,
All ***Amen.***

BISHOP'S CLOSING BENEDICTION

Prayers for tonight's vigil were drawn from various resources, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, <https://standingcommissiononliturgyandmusic.org/2018/01/03/prayers-for-racial-reconciliation-and-justice>, Sacred Ground, The Episcopal Church's anti-racism curriculum, and prayers inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/prayers/racism>



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