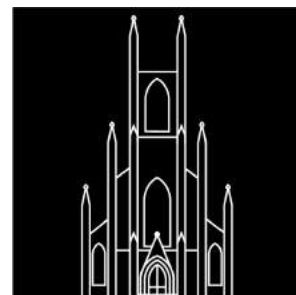


BROOKLYN PRIDE 2023 INTERFAITH SERVICE

Together We Will...

CELEBRATE.
ADVOCATE.
PRAY.



St. Ann
& the Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church

June 6, 2023 — 6:00 PM

PRELUDE

“Guide My Feet”/“Order My Steps”/“Love is Love”

*First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Choir
Amy Neuner, Minister of Music*

WELCOME

The Rev. Canon John Denaro
St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church

REFLECTIONS

Councilmember Lincoln Restler
New York City Council, District 33

Sarah Dojin Emerson and Charlie Korin Pokorny
Brooklyn Zen Center

Mohamed Q. Amin
Caribbean Equality Project

Conor Foley
First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, Outreach Minister

CANDLE LIGHTING

All are invited to light a candle to acknowledge triumphs and challenges in the movement for LGBTQIA+ rights and equality. The flames reflect gratitude for the struggles, sacrifices, and strides of our community; resistance to religious and social intolerance; determination to reverse legislative setbacks; grief for those we have lost, especially those who died by violence; and a renewed commitment to justice for all.

Music Meditation

“Trust Me”

*First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Choir
Amy Neuner, Minister of Music*

Prayer

The Rev. Canon Marie Tatro
St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church

REFLECTIONS

Jakai Reid

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Pratima Kushmani S. Doobay

Sadhana Coalition of Progressive Hindus

Councilmember Crystal Hudson

New York City Council, District 35

Rabbi Michelle Dardashti

Kane Street Synagogue

BENEDICTION

Music Meditation

“I’m Gon’ Stand” (Bernice Johnson)

“Lord, Send Your Spirit” (Raymond Wise)

Lavender Light Gospel Choir

Eric Williamson, Artistic Director | Maria-Elena Grant, Chorus Chair

Remarks

Kyle Naff

Brooklyn Pride

Prayer

The Rev. Elise Hanley

St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church

Reception in the Parish Hall

St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church wishes to thank Kyle Naff and Mickey Heller of Brooklyn Pride, Inc. for the invitation to host this service and for their help to plan and organize it. We gratefully acknowledge Wladimir and Philton Lewis-Thomas de Rosier and Benjamin Graham for their outreach efforts to Brooklyn Pride and other institutions and for widely promoting this event, and for their support with other members of the St. Ann's LGBTQIA+ Action Group to extend hospitality to our neighbors tonight.

Many thanks also for the enthusiastic and generous contributions to this program by all representing faith groups and advocacy organizations. We are especially grateful for the tuneful and spirited participation of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Choir and the Lavender Light Gospel Choir.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to NYC Councilmember Crystal Hudson and NYC Councilmember Lincoln Restler for joining us for this occasion and for the assistance and support of their respective staff teams.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

ST. ANN & THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

stannholyltrinity.org

St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church, the Pro-Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, is an active church committed to love and justice and engaged in service to all God's people. Our historic buildings are a community commons where numerous arts and cultural organizations regularly share space. St. Ann's pursues mission on the corner of Clinton and Montague Streets in Downtown Brooklyn and at the intersection of faith and culture.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BROOKLYN & FIRST CHURCH CHOIR

firstchurchbrooklyn.org

First Church of Brooklyn is an intentionally inclusive and diverse Christian community committed to serving God in our world. Their ministry in Brooklyn and beyond strives for a world that works for everyone, a place where we all get to live into the calling God has placed in our hearts regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, immigration status, religion, physical and mental ability or any other identifier that seeks to separate us from God and one another.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

staugustinesbrooklyn.org

St Augustine's Episcopal Church is a diverse, dynamic Christian faith community in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition located in the heart of East Flatbush Brooklyn. At St. Augustine's, there is a place for everyone, no matter where you are on your life's journey. We are a warm, welcoming, and inclusive faith community of all ages and backgrounds.

KANE STREET SYNAGOGUE

kanestreet.org

Historically known as The Mother Synagogue of Brooklyn, Kane Street Synagogue is the oldest Jewish Congregation that still serves the Brooklyn neighborhood in which it was founded. Their members come from diverse religious backgrounds. Their programs and services for adults and children are rich and varied. People of every gender identity participate equally in all aspects of Synagogue life.

BROOKLYN ZEN CENTER

brooklynzen.org

Brooklyn Zen Center is an embodied training community in the Soto Zen tradition. We aspire to offer opportunities to realize personal and collective liberation through the cultivation of intimate, ethical, and just relationship with ourselves and all beings. Our vow to practice undoing harmful and oppressive conditioning compassionately transforms our world.

CARIBBEAN EQUALITY PROJECT

caribbeanequalityproject.org

The organization's liberation movement educates, inspires, uplifts, and celebrates the Black and Brown, queer and trans non-religious, Muslim, Hindu and Christian, documented and undocumented members of the Caribbean diaspora of all generations, all categories of ability, and all HIV statuses.

LAVENDER LIGHT GOSPEL CHOIR

lavenderlight.com

Founded in 1985, Lavender Light is a mixed-gender chorus. Although the group encompasses many ethnic and spiritual backgrounds, the choir provides a special ministry to members of the black LGBTQI community, who have historically been pressured to choose between their blackness and their gayness. Their repertoire includes gospel (old and new), spirituals, and anthems. The choir produces two full concerts a year and frequently appears as guests at community functions from church services to LGBTQI+ rallies.

BROOKLYN PRIDE, INC.

brooklynpride.org

Brooklyn Pride is a wholly volunteer-managed, non-profit organization working for and on behalf of all LGBTQIA+ Brooklynites and all others who support the struggle for equality of this community. Brooklyn Pride welcomes the participation of all the residents of Brooklyn and the outer boroughs, regardless of age, creed, gender, gender identification, HIV status, national origin, physical, mental or development disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation. The organization strives to increase visibility, acceptance, and inclusion to ensure equality for the LGBTQIA+ Community, honoring the Spirit of the Stonewall Riots.

*Brooklyn Pride, Inc. wants your feedback!
Please scan the QR code and take a brief survey.*

