A Service of Prayer for SEPARATED FAMILIES

June 21, 2018 Christ Episcopal Church, Manlius





ABOUT THE SERVICE

Any day that children are kept separated from their parents is too long.

Today, Thursday, June 21st, is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. It also follows World Refugee Day, June 20th. The Episcopal Church is hosting an all-day vigil for family unity in Washington, DC today and Episcopal Churches throughout the United States will be hosting prayer services and keeping their doors open for those praying for separated families.

An offering will be taken at the service to support Episcopal Migration Ministries' work in welcoming and resettling refugees throughout the United States.

Worship Resources:

The Book of Common Prayer

Enriching our Worship I

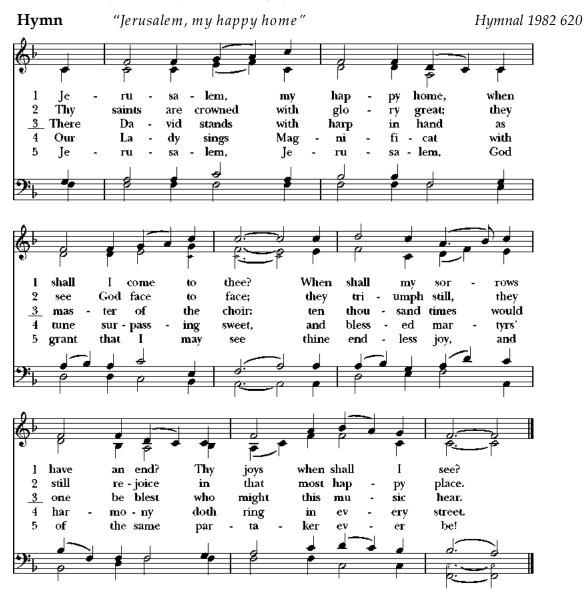
Episcopal Migration Ministries (episcopalmigrationministries.org)

HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

Please stand as you are able for the opening hymn.



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Please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy
Bishop: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray. Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Bishop: Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided

more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst. Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and

sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our

minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, To banish fear from our hearts,

People: that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and

sister;

Bishop: To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity,

People: while responding to their many needs;

Bishop: To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain,

People: to learn the ways of peace and justice;

Bishop: To share of our abundance,

People: as you spread a banquet before us;

Bishop: To give witness to your love for all people, People: as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

Bishop: We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called

together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our

prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated.

The Old Testament Lesson

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "There's a wideness in God's mercy" Hymnal 1982 470 mer-cy like the wide-ness wide-ness of l There's a in God's sea; There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven; the love of God broad-er than the mea-sure of the ís. mind;



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The Gospel Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Bishop Prince Singh

The Prayers of the People

Please stand as you are able.

"Praying for Refugees and Displaced People Worldwide" by Alyssa Stebbing, Trinity Episcopal Church, The Woodlands, Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Leader: As we continue to witness the most widespread refugee crisis since

World War II, we remember that the stories of our tradition are stories of wandering, of flight, of forced migration. Our Holy Scriptures tell us of the sojourns of the people of God—of slavery and persecution, of wandering in the wilderness, of exile and loss.

Today, as we pray for the Church and for the world, we remember our own sacred stories and how they call us to live in God's world, to bring forth God's dream of peace.

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to our God, saying, "Lord, hear us."

Sovereign God, may we who are the Body of Christ, the Church, embrace and welcome the immigrant, the refugee, and all who seek shelter from any danger.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: God of protection, whose Son fled violence from his own home with

Joseph and Mary and sought refuge in a foreign land, hear the cries of all who suffer because of hatred, war, violence, greed, and famine. Help us to peacefully mend our divisions, that all you have created in this world

may be whole.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: God Who makes us One, we pray for our nation and all the nations of

the world, that those who govern the people and have authority over them may consider each life to be of value and may serve the people of their nation with equity and fairness, dedicating themselves to peaceful

resolution of conflict.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors, that those families who

have sought refuge from the ravages of war and violence may find not

only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Loving God, there is no one that goes unnoticed in Your eyes. Take into

Yourself all who suffer. May Christ the Wounded Healer relieve the pain of hunger of the refugee, heal the afflicted body, soothe the fears of the mind, bring peace to the soul, and be tender with the broken hearted, that those who have endured unspeakable trials may find themselves

restored in Christ.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: Almighty and Loving God, you who have crossed the boundaries of

Heaven and Earth to be with your people, visit those who must flee their homes because of violence and oppression and lead them to a land of

safety.

We lift our prayer to You,

People: Lord, hear us.

Leader: We give thanks to you, Source of All Being, that you hear our

intercessions on behalf of our refugee brothers and sisters. We thank you that love swallows fear, that in your compassion we learn to walk with those who suffer, that when we give of ourselves we receive far more, and that when we receive those who stand knocking at our doors, we

receive Christ the Beloved One. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Bishop: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Bishop & People:

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the ovil we have done

the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D BCP p. 372

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you

alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before

time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of

your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under

heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Bishop and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People:

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Bishop: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing

them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop: And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Bishop and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine 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.

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymns

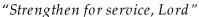
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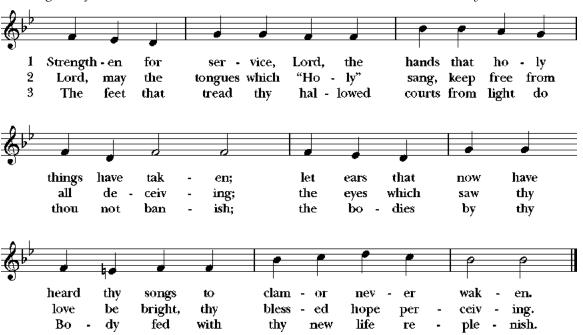




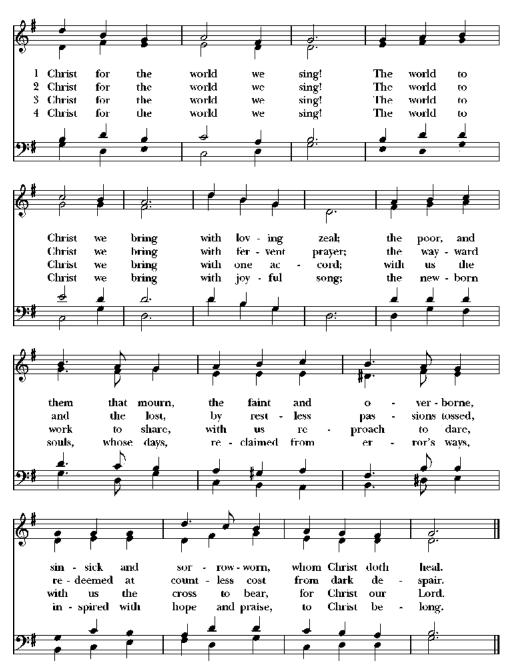




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Prayer After Communion

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop and People:

God of abundance,
you have fed us with
the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Episcopal Blessing

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

Closing Hymn "Singing songs of expectation"

Hymnal 1982 527

See following page.

Dismissal

All are invited to a reception following the service.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Prayers for use at home or in your congregation

Prayer for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers [Source: Nouwen Network]

God, no one is stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant who travelled to another land searching for a home. Amen.

Collect for Ministry [source: Episcopal Migration Ministries]

O God, our great strength, help us to fix our eyes on you, trusting in your mercy. Help us to look into the world and discover that you are there, our Immanuel. Strengthen us as we hold out open hearts and hands to the stranger, to the homeless, to the lonely, to the broken in mind and spirit. Stir us with your presence, your strength, to the homeless, to the lonely, to the broken in mind and spirit. Stir us with your presence, your strength, and your love. All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Collect for Welcome [source: Episcopal Migration Ministries]

Heavenly Father, thank you for making us members of your family--"children of God" and "heir of heaven." Help us to extend the boundaries of our parish family to those who are without family, home and country. Stir us to make and live out our commitment to welcoming the stranger into our midst.

Help us to love those welcomed, to share our lives and to witness to them of your love for all of us in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. In his name we ask this, Amen.

TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT SEPARATED FAMILIES

Contact your elected representatives

Visit the website of the Episcopal Public Policy Network to send a letter to your elected representatives supporting an end to family separation and defending asylum seekers.

bit.ly/cnyepiscopal-family-separation-letter

Be an informed advocate

Learn more about immigration issues through educational video resources from the Episcopal Public Policy Network, including:

- "Understanding Our Immigration System"
- "Loving Your Neighbor: Faithful Action on Immigration" (webinar)

vimeo.com/eppn

Donate to support refugees

Episcopal Migration Ministries resettles refugees throughout the U.S. Your gift ensures that your newest neighbors are given a solid foundation to begin again in safety and hope.

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