

## Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here

May 30, 2020

A word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

“Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.”

In the midst of COVID-19 and the pressure cooker of a society in turmoil, a Minnesota man named George Floyd was brutally killed. His basic human dignity was stripped by someone charged to protect our common humanity.

Perhaps the deeper pain is the fact that this was not an isolated incident. It happened to Breonna Taylor on March 13 in Kentucky. It happened to Ahmaud Arbery on February 23 in Georgia. Racial terror in this form occurred when I was a teenager growing up black in Buffalo, New York. It extends back to the lynching of Emmett Till in 1955 and well before that. It's not just our present or our history. It is part of the fabric of American life.

But we need not be paralyzed by our past or our present. We are not slaves to fate but people of faith. Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.

That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church. It is happening in Minnesota and in the Dioceses of Kentucky, Georgia and Atlanta, across America and around the world. That mission matters now more than ever, and it is work that belongs to all of us.

It must go on when racist violence and police brutality are no longer front-page news. It must go on when the work is not fashionable, and the way seems hard, and we feel utterly alone. It is the difficult labor of picking up the cross of Jesus like Simon of Cyrene, and carrying it until no one – no matter their color, no matter their class, no matter their caste – until no child of God is degraded and disrespected by anybody. That is God's dream, this is our work, and we shall not cease until God's dream is realized. *Continued on Page 5*

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
(Livestreamed)

### THURSDAYS

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music  
6:30 p.m.—The Way of the Cross  
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# TIMES LIKE THESE



## From the Regathering Task Force

Our survey is out. We need hear from you. Please complete it and return it by Wednesday June 10. Mailed surveys went out a little later and are due by Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Your responses are important and will enable us to craft our plan for regathering within the diocesan and government guidelines. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey.

Robbie Loker, *Chair*

## DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For all the latest parish updates, and links to home worship aids, prayers, and health resources go to:

[www.cckqp.net](http://www.cckqp.net)

**Worship this Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

livestreamed from Christ Church in Chaptico!

[Click Here](#)

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**Virtual Coffee Hour**

*(Following the service)*

[Click Here](#)

## **Covenant for Regathering in Worship**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Washington for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will strive to:

### *Love my neighbor as myself*

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part.
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant;

### *Respect the dignity of every human being*

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from others in the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others, even as restrictions are reduced.

### *Seek and serve Christ in all people*

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.

# OUTDOOR FOOD PANTRY

the Body of Christ – we're in this together

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9am to Noon**

**Thursdays  
3pm to 6pm**

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**Thank You for your support!**



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- . Oatmeal  
Packets**
- . Pancake mix**

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Is this hopelessly naïve? No, the vision of God’s dream is no idealistic utopia. It is our only real hope. And, St. Paul says, “hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Real love is the dogged commitment to live my life in the most unselfish, even sacrificial ways; to love God, love my neighbor, love the earth and truly love myself. Perhaps most difficult in times like this, it is even love for my enemy. That is why we cannot condone violence. Violence against any person – conducted by some police officers or by some protesters – is violence against a child of God created in God’s image. No, as followers of Christ, we do not condone violence.

Neither do we condone our nation’s collective, complicit silence in the face of injustice and violent death. The anger of so many on our streets is born out of the accumulated frustration that so few seem to care when another black, brown or native life is snuffed out.

But there is another way. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a broken man lay on the side of the road. The religious leaders who passed were largely indifferent. Only the Samaritan saw the wounded stranger and acted. He provided medical care and housing. He made provision for this stranger’s well-being. He helped and healed a fellow child of God.

Love, as Jesus teaches, is action like this as well as attitude. It seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others as well as one’s self. That way of real love is the only way there is.

Accompanying this statement is a card describing ways to practice the [Way of Love in the midst of pandemic, uncertainty and loss](#). In addition, you will find online a set of resources to help Episcopalians to LEARN, PRAY & ACT in response to racist violence and police brutality. That resource set includes faithful tools for listening to and learning from communities too often ignored or suppressed, for incorporating God’s vision of justice into your personal and community prayer life, and for positively and constructively engaging in advocacy and public witness.

Opening and changing hearts does not happen overnight. The Christian race is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Our prayers and our work for justice, healing and truth-telling must be unceasing. Let us recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the way that leads to healing, justice and love.



# Episcopal Litany for Social Justice

Office of Government Affairs

Brothers and Sisters: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation in this election season, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Watch over our country now and in the days ahead, guide our leaders and all who will vote, guide them in all knowledge and truth and make your ways known among all people. In the passion of debate give them a quiet spirit; in the complexities of the issues give them courageous hearts. Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

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But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf,  
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

JEREMIAH 29:7

# *Unity Prayer Service*

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 12:30PM

Church of the Ascension

21641 GREAT MILLS RD. LEXINGTON PARK, MD

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Together with Pastor Dennis Swaringer and New Covenant House of Prayer, the Church of the Ascension will be the location and host this Sunday afternoon (12:30pm) of a Unity Prayer Service. Please come and please share this invitation with your friends, colleagues, and communities. We will set up outdoors, but please do encourage people to bring and wear masks and we will practice social distancing. Also - please bring (and please encourage your people to bring) bottles of water and pre-packaged snacks to share. This time of prayer, this Unity Prayer Service, we hope, will be a visible demonstration of the gathered (and sent!) essence of the Body of Christ, and a time to pray for the peace of our world, nation, and community.

—The Rev. Greg Syler

## CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

***Pray for Parish Members:*** Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Martin Hailey, Mike Moore, Ben Pecson, Dorothy Pecson, Virginia Raley, Joan Schuhart, Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Cindy Donaldson, Ebie Cooper, and Betty Fuqua.

***Also pray for:*** Lily Smith – Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler – Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling, Marla Martini – Cooper; Marvin Jones, - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy – Eaton; Frances Clemenos – Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto- Fitch; Debbie and William Windsor – Friess; Joe Fuller – Fuqua; Jessie Tysinger – Graves; Linda Dickerson, Linda Marlo – Hailey; Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba – Harhai; Scott Peabody - Heflin; Gretchen Jubinski – Jubinski; Kay DesMarais – Kauffman; Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker – Monshower; Jan Barnes, John Felicitas, Karen Russell, Shannon Tierney – Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Chris Gass – Molish; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis – T. Oliver; Maura Sullivan -Penk; Fauna Sullivan – Raley; Jennifer Peacock – Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Taylor Nee, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Larry Costello, Shane Roberts, Johnny Schuhart, Carol Campbell - Schuhart; Barbara Carlton – Shupe; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme – Simmons, Carli Trost, Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker, Jackie Sirk Lacey--Sirk; Mary Ellen Foster, Jackkie Dickey –Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle – Tierney; Joann McGilloway, Nicci DeVous – Tyner; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin – Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barrett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Margaret Donahue- Wright.

### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—TRINITY SUNDAY

*Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:*

- Holy Trinity, Collington
- Trinity Church, DC
- Trinity Church, Newport & Hughesville and Old Fields Chapel
- Trinity Church, St. Mary's City and St. Mary's Chapel
- Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro
- Diocesan Ordination Service (June 13) Pray for those who are being ordained,



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## REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

(JUNE 7, 2020) —TRINITY SUNDAY

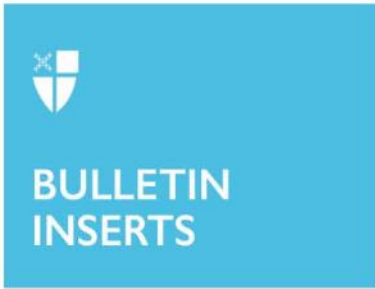
Welcome to Christ Church. The First Sunday after Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Trinity. This is not, however, a celebration of a doctrine, but the celebration of the God whose self-revelation is as an interaction of love between Persons. The doctrine came about as the Christian attempt in human language to express our experience of God: an experience that we are God's children, we are the brothers and sisters of God incarnate, and we are people who find the Spirit of God living in us. Thus, the names given to God's action toward us and God's own being are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



brothers and sisters of God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. As we celebrate the Eucharist, we find our lives as a community drawn into the community of love that we name the Holy Trinity.

The first account of creation is our reading from the Hebrew Scriptures. While the original writers had no idea of God as the Holy Trinity, Christians have noted that in the act of creating, God, God's Word, and the Spirit or Wind of God are used as terms for God's action. In the New Testament reading, we hear in its concluding Grace the earliest Christian formulary of the Trinity, a passage familiar from the closing of Morning and Evening Prayer.

God is most clearly revealed as the Trinity of Persons in Unity of Being in baptism. It is there that we are adopted as children, thus made



**June 7, 2020 – Trinity Sunday (A)**

**Building a Better Future: A Message About Voting for Youth and Young Adults**

You can make a difference in your community for your neighbors, your family, your friends and yourself by accepting the responsibility to participate in local, state and federal elections. Voting is a sacred right, a right to lift our voices and determine how the United States’ policies and laws are formed. Voting is a commitment, a commitment to one another to not sit idly by and instead take action to build a better future.

The 2018 mid-term election saw the largest voter turnout for a mid-term election in 100 years, and voter turnout among 18-29 year-olds increased by a larger percentage than any other age group—going from 20% in 2014 to 36% in 2018. The power of your vote only exists if you take time to register to vote, research the candidates for all positions who will appear on your ballot, and cast your vote.

Voting procedures vary by state/territory, and may very well be modified on a regional basis for this election because of the Coronavirus pandemic, so make sure to pay attention to the processes where you live. Here’s how to do it:

- You must be 18 to vote, but some states allow people to register before they turn 18 if they will be 18 before election day. Find out when you can register at [www.usa.gov/voter-registration-age-requirements](http://www.usa.gov/voter-registration-age-requirements).
- Register to vote! Visit [www.vote.org/register-to-vote](http://www.vote.org/register-to-vote).
- Double-check registration: unfortunately, instances of voter purging—eliminating lists of people registered to vote—are becoming more common (learn more from the Brennan Center for Justice here: [iam.ec/voterpurges](http://iam.ec/voterpurges)). Even if you have registered to vote, it is best to check your voter registration status: [www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote](http://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote).
- When it is time, research who will be on your ballot for local, state and federal elections. There are a number of ways to do this, but you can get started here: [www.vote411.org/ballot](http://www.vote411.org/ballot).
- Vote! Election Day is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ways you can cast your vote will vary depending on where you are. Check for in person polling places here: [www.vote.org/polling-place-locator](http://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator). Or you can vote by mail or early voting too! Learn more here: [www.usa.gov/absentee-voting](http://www.usa.gov/absentee-voting).

**VOTE**  
*faithfully*

Special note: Even if you aren’t old enough or unable to register to vote, you are still able to engage in the election process. You can volunteer to help get out the vote, attend city council meetings, create or join neighborhood associations, and educate and mobilize others on voting. While the nature of these types of engagement will change due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, you might consider organizing rides to the polls on Election Day for those who otherwise could not get there, or organize child care in your church for those who need time without small children to go vote. You can even sign up to be a poll worker ([www.eac.gov/voters/become-poll-worker](http://www.eac.gov/voters/become-poll-worker)).

Stay updated on election matters and much more, including opportunities to advocate to Congress, by following The Episcopal Public Policy Network on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @TheEPPN.

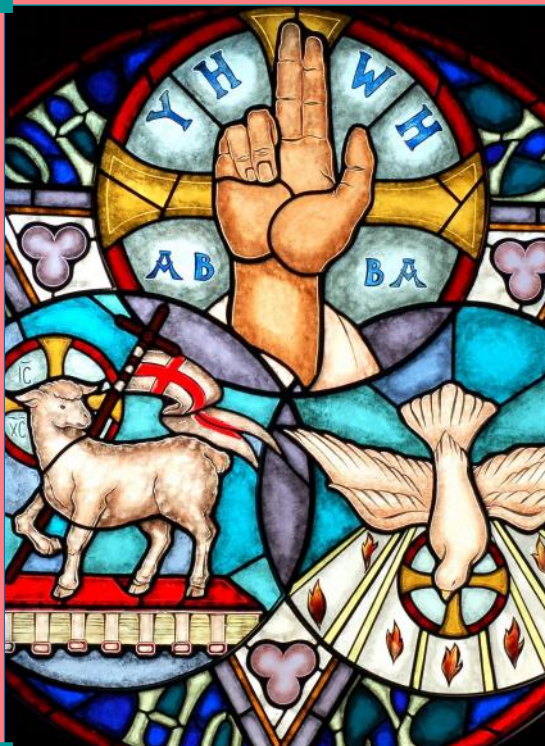
# PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

## Interactive Noonday Prayer

Monday—Friday

12:00 p.m.

[Click Here](#) to Join in



## Evening Prayer

Thursday, June 11, 2020

6:10 p.m.—Quiet Music

6:30 p.m.—Service

*A time for prayer and singing  
after a long day!*

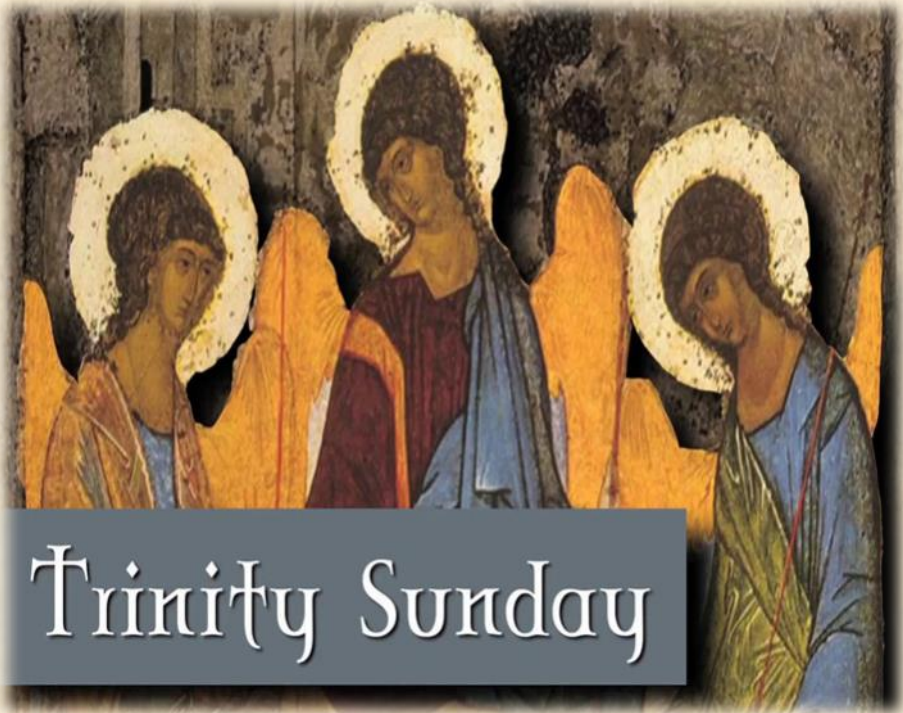
[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

## rites of passage

Please forward Birthday and Anniversary information to Fr. Chris at [frchris@cckqp.net](mailto:frchris@cckqp.net)

### June Birthdays

- 2 Mindy Springstead
  - 7 Riley Dollins
  - 7 Shelby Guazzo
  - 8 Marvin Smith
  - 12 Lyndsay Bolton
  - 13 Steve Shupe
  - 16 Amy Topolski
  - 17 Chuck McCubbin
  - 18 Ed Bolton
  - 18 John Tierney
  - 18 Robert Oppermann Sr.
  - 21 Marilyn Butterfield
  - 21 Susan Tyner
  - 22 Shelby Oppermann Sr.
  - 25 Shannon Zimmerman
  - 30 Coletta Oliver
- ### June Anniversary
- 6 Brandon and Sara Frawley
  - 8 Dan and Diana Donahue
  - 24 Brad and Donna Reeves Jr.



### On the Lighter Side...



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