

JUNETEENTH LITURGY

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PRELUDE

CALL TO CELEBRATE

“The Negro Mother” poem by Langston Hughes

ANTHEM

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” *Lift Every Voice And Sing (LEVAS) 1*



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered; out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

Assembly: You come to your people and set them free.

Presider: 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 sisters and brothers 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.

Assembly: Amen.

1ST LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord?
That day will be darkness, not light.

It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.
Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.
Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.
But let justice roll on like a river, And righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

GLORIA

"Leaning of the Everlasting Arms" LEVAS 196

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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2ND LESSON

"Lord, Why Did You Make Me Black?" poem by RuNett Nia Ebo

HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story" LEVAS 64

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding regions. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

SERMON

The Rev. Malcolm McLaurin | *Holy Cross, Redmond*

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Fix Me” by The Sound of the Northwest Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Intercessor: That those entrusted with authority in our nation may serve the common good and lead in a way that promotes healing in an authentic, responsible, and peaceful manner, we pray . . .

Assembly: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor: 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 the same, we pray . . .

Assembly: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor: 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. . .

Assembly: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor: That all who gather to mark Juneteenth be able to freely and peaceably, remember, reflect, and celebrate together, we pray . . .

Assembly: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Intercessor: That we may be courageous in living out the Gospel, we pray . . .

Assembly: Hear us, O God, as we accept the call to be bearers of peace.

Presider: 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 so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.

Assembly: Amen.

(Based on a prayer from: <https://www.archbalt.org/a-prayer-to-celebrate-juneteenth-a-light-of-hope-for-freedom-and-justice/>)

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

All are invited to make an offering through the ECWW online giving page, linked right. Select the Giving Option: "Other Donations" and indicate "Richard Younge" under "Other Designation." More info can be found on the last page.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Walk Together Children" by The Sound of the Northwest Choir



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Assembly: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham 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

death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, 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:

Assembly: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: 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 your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

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.

Assembly: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assembly: Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

("Our Father" from The New Zealand Prayer Book)

THE FRACTION

SHARING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Total Praise" by The Sound of the Northwest Choir

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Assembly: 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.

(Written by Rev. Gemma Sampson, Diocese of Durham)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider: And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this work, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more.

Assembly: Amen.

(A Four-Fold Franciscan Blessing by The Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman)

Presider: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing

Celebratory African drum and dance by Gansango Music & Dance

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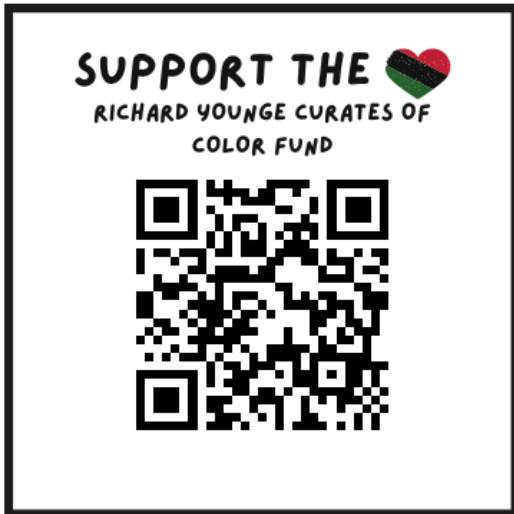
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JUNETEENTH OFFERING

The Richard Younge Curates of Color Fund was established to honor the ministry of the Rev. Richard Younge and to support the ongoing formation of newly ordained people of color in the Diocese of Olympia.

All are invited to make an offering through the ECWW online giving page: <https://resources.ecww.org/give>. Select the Giving Option: "Other Donations" and indicate "Richard Younge" under "Other Designation."

Honoring The Rev. Richard Younge (1925-2011)

Father Richard Younge came to the Diocese of Olympia in 1980 as staff member of the Campus Christian Ministry at the UW and served there until the end of 1985. From the fall of 1986 until his retirement at the end of 1990, he was Episcopal chaplain at Grambling State University in Louisiana and vicar of St. Luke's, Grambling.

His interim assignments here in the Diocese of Olympia were at St. Andrew's, Seattle; St. Columba's, Des Moines (before they relocated to Kent); and St. David's, Shoreline (before their merger with Emmanuel). Father Younge was also at Christ Church in the U-District where he was a part time Sunday and Wednesday evening "curate" for a couple of years as part of an effort to reach out to Episcopal students at the UW in an Episcopal setting. After retiring and returning to the Diocese in the beginning of 1991, he was invited to be part of the diocesan interim clergy rota. Over the next 16 years, he served as interim priest at Christ Church, Puyallup; St. Andrew's, Tacoma; St. Matthew's, Auburn; St. George's, Lake City; St. Matthew's, Browns Point; and St. Clement's, Seattle. He also served as advisor/chaplain for Integrity of Puget Sound, on the diocesan Standing Committee, as chair of the Sudanese Committee, and on the boards of the Episcopal Charities Appeal, School of Ministry and Theology, and Walking in Love, the diocesan HIV/AIDS Commission.

In the wider church, Fr. Younge served as president of the National Episcopal AIDS Commission, a member of the General Convention's Commission on HIV/AIDS, and as a board member of the Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education. Locally in Seattle he was a member of Brother to Brother, an HIV/AIDS outreach and education project, and served two terms on the King County HIV/AIDS Planning Council.

We give thanks for the ministry of Fr. Younge in our diocese and hold it up specifically as an example of ministry by one Black Episcopalian in Western WA which others may find helpful as they consider their own ministries within community.

In a 2006 biography he said, "My ministry has been quite intentional for the diocese in all its diversity and I would want it to be presented as such." Let us remember our friend and brother and honor his legacy!