

The 5⁰⁵ Red White & Blue with prophetic voices from scripture & US history celebrating Independence Day

Saturday, July 1, 2017 – 5⁰⁵ PM

☪ ← This kind of swirl invites you (any of us here) to read.
You may prefer simply to rest & listen. Don't worry. Our worship unfolds
in God's time. If you speak at the same time, you can continue together.

Centering Bell



As the ringing fades, we empty ourselves to meet our God in quietness & trust.

Opening Acclamation ^{sitting}

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Prayer for our Country

Book of Common Prayer p.820

Celebrant Almighty God, THOU hast given us this good land for our heritage:

ALL **We humbly beseech THEE that we may always prove ourselves
a people mindful of THY favor and glad to do THY will.**

☪ Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

☪ Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;
from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

☪ Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people
the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

ALL **Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom
in THY Name we entrust the authority of government,
that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience
to THY law, we may show forth THY praise among the nations of the earth.**

☪ In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness,

ALL **and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in THEE to fail;
all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lessons & Carols

Celebrant Prophets from all generations articulate ideals, values and visions, creating for society a mirror of our most noble intentions, so that we can see the truth about ourselves and hold ourselves, our communities and our country accountable. This evening, in preparation for Independence Day, we will remember God's call as we have heard it in scripture and in prophetic voices of our country's history. In reading and song, let us renew our national vision and pray for our country, that we may thank God for our blessings and in turn, bless the world.

Each section to be read LOUDLY: BOLD title & text, moving quickly from one to the next.

PSALM 1

Ps 1:1-3

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on His law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 8

Jn 8:31f.

Jesus said to those who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

(1743-1826) THOMAS JEFFERSON 1776 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. —That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations... evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. ...

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the

rectitude of our intentions, do in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States...And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

(1809-1865) **ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1865 SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it...

One eighth of the whole population were colored slaves, not distributed generally over the nation, but localized in the Southern part of it. These slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was, somehow, the cause of the war...Yet neither party expected for the war the magnitude or the duration of which it has already attained...

Each looked for an easier triumph... Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any man dare ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces; but let us judge not that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes... If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offences which, in the providence of God He wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offence came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a Living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope—ferently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn from the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said, 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous all together.'

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS, CHAPTER 3

Gal 3:28

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Look over pages 2-3. Savor & name aloud words that resonate in your soul.

ALL SING **My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!**

DEUTERONOMY, CHAPTER 10—WHY WE CARE FOR THOSE ON THE MARGINS

Dt 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. Him alone you shall worship. To him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

(1849-1887) **EMMA LAZARUS 1883 “THE NEW COLOSSUS” POEM ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, CHAPTER 7

Lk 7:44

Jesus said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? ... “

(c.1797-1883) **SOJOURNER TRUTH 1851 “AIN’T I A WOMAN?”**

(possible version of speech)

Born into slavery in New York, became itinerant preacher, orator for abolition and women’s rights.

That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain’t I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain’t I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man—when I could get it—and bear the lash as well! And ain’t I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother’s grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain’t I a woman?

(1819-1910) **JULIA WARD HOWE 1870 PROCLAMATION FOR A MOTHER'S PEACE DAY**
abolitionist, author of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, envisions of Mother's Day

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!
Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,
our husbands shall not come to us reeking with carnage, for caresses and
applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been
able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be
too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs...

As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war,
let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of
counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby
the great human family can live in peace, each learning after his own time,
the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

(1829-1906) **SUSAN B. ANTHONY 1873 "IS IT A CRIME FOR A U.S. CITIZEN TO VOTE?"**

It was *we the people*, not *we white male citizens*, nor yet *we male citizens*;
but *we the whole people*, who formed this Union. And we formed it, not to *give*
the blessings of liberty, but to *secure* them; not to *the half* of ourselves and
the half of our posterity, but to *the whole people* — women as well as men.

And it is downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings
of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them
provided by this democratic-republican government—the ballot.

(c.1818-1895) **FREDERICK DOUGLASS 1885^{&6} COMMENTS ON THE 23RD & 24TH ANNIVERSARIES OF EMANCIPATION**

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."

"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails,
and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy
to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

Look over pages 4-5. Savor & name aloud words that resonate in your soul.

ALL SING TO THE TUNE OF MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE

This verse composed 1843 by abolitionist A. G. Duncan (altered).

**Hear loud the jubilee echo o'er land and sea: Freedom for All.
Let the glad tidings fly and every tribe reply, "Glory to God on high,"
at slavery's fall.**

(c.1864-1943) **GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER — MISCELLANEOUS QUOTES**

Botanist, Chemist, Inventor, Professor — born into slavery in Missouri

“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.”

“My Prayers seem to be more of an attitude than anything else. I ... ask the Great Creator silently ... often many times per day to permit me to speak to Him through the three great Kingdoms of the world, which He has created, viz.—the Animal, Mineral, and Vegetable Kingdoms; their relations to each other, to us, our relations to them and the Great God who made all of us. I ask Him daily and often momentarily to give me wisdom, understanding and bodily strength to do His will, hence I am asking and receiving all the time.”

“The primary idea in all of my work was to help the farmer and fill the poor man’s empty dinner pail. ... My idea is to help the ‘man farthest down’ ...”

“We are brothers, all of us, no matter what race or color or condition; children of the same Heavenly Father. We rise together or we fall together.”

(1884-1962) **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT 1958 “WHERE DO HUMAN RIGHTS BEGIN?”**

remarks delivered at the United Nations in New York

Where, after all, do universal rights begin? In small places, close to home —so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are *the world* of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.

(1917-1963) **JOHN F. KENNEDY 1963 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

So, let us not be blind to our differences — but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved.

And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.

For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet.

We all breathe the same air.

We all cherish our children’s future.

And we are all mortal.

(1863-1950) **NICHOLAS BLACK ELK — CHILDHOOD VISION**

Oglala Sioux Holy Man

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell, and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight, and in the center grew one mighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father. And I saw that it was holy.

THE GOSPEL APPOINTED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY: MATTHEW, CHAPTER 5

Mt 5:43-48

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Look over pages 6-7. Savor & name aloud words that resonate in your soul.

Celebrant In these voices from history and scripture,
let us hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALL SING **Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.**

Engaging the Word of God — a real short homily

ONE MORE PROPHETIC WORD LINKING OUR FAITH AND OUR HISTORY:

standing

(1929-1968) **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 1963 LETTERS FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL**

Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist,
as I continued to think about the matter

I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label.

☪ Was not Jesus an extremist for love:

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

- ☪ Was not Amos an extremist for justice:
“Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”
- ☪ Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel:
“I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.”
- ☪ Was not Martin Luther an extremist:
“Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God.”
- ☪ And John Bunyan:
“I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience.”
- ☪ And Abraham Lincoln: “This nation cannot survive half slave and half free.”
- ☪ And Thomas Jefferson:
“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...”

ALL **So the question is not *whether* we will be extremists,
BUT *what kind* of extremists we will be?**
Will we be extremists for hate or for love?
**Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice
or for the extension of justice?**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for our nation, our church, ourselves and all God’s people.

- ☪ Lord, we pray for those who suffer or are in any trouble. ☉
Please name those on our prayer list and on your hearts and minds.
- ☪ We pray for our President, Congress, and all who are called to serve in federal, state and local government. Grant them a vision of YOUR will for YOUR people of all walks and races in and beyond our borders. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and courage to fulfill their vocations. ☉
Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.
- ☪ We pray for judges and first responders, for the administration of law, the protection of victims, the defense of the accused; for fairness, humility and restorative justice. ☉
Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.
- ☪ We pray for industry, trade and commerce, for awareness of exploitation, freedom from greed, and concern for the earth and the good of all. ☉
Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.
- ☪ We pray for our youth and their educators in families, churches and schools, that we may convey both information and character necessary for personal and communal flourishing. ☉
Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.

☪ We pray for all seekers, members, leaders and strangers in the church,
for the Church Universal and God's mission in the world. ☉

Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.

☪ We pray for all who have died, especially those who have used YOUR gifts
to strengthen and enrich our national life. ☉

Pray silently as the sound of the bell diminishes.

Celebrant Almighty God, the earth is YOURS and the nations are YOUR people.
We thank YOU for our country and for all the blessings of this life. Take away any
disdainful pride within us and bring to mind YOUR goodness, so that, living
together in this land, we may enjoy and share YOUR gifts and be thankful. **Amen.**

ALL SING

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than
self their country loved and mercy more than life!**

**America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

The Peace

Standing — then circulate & greet.



Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the Lord's name.

Collection

As we greet each other, we place our offerings in the basket.

HOLY COMMUNION

Children (and their people) may come forward to see.

Presenting our Offering

ALL **Our life: soul & body —all that we are— we offer to YOU, O Lord.**

The basket is lifted in offering to God, and placed on the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3, adapted

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are YOURS at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, YOUR eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom YOU created all things. YOU laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea. YOU brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

ALL **Wondrous are YOU, Holy One of Blessing, all YOU create is a sign of hope for our journey.**

Celebrant And so as the stars sing YOUR praises,
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

ALL **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.**

Celebrant Glory and honor are YOURS, Creator of all. YOUR Word has never been silent;
YOU called a people to YOURself, as a light to the nations,
YOU delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
Of YOUR grace, YOU gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim
the coming of YOUR holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

ALL **Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, YOU have freed us from sin,
brought us into YOUR life, reconciled us to YOU,
and restored us to the glory YOU intend for us.**

We thank YOU that on the night before He died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread.
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.”

bells ring

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.”

bells ring

And so, we remember all that was done for us: [the birth, the life, the healing,
the feeding, the forgiving, the touching, the teaching, the truth-telling,] the cross,
the tomb, the resurrection, the ascension. We long for Christ’s coming in glory.

Presenting to YOU these gifts YOUR earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim YOU, O Christ:

ALL [**Living, YOU taught us love.
Dying, YOU destroyed our death.
Rising, YOU restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**]

Send YOUR Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of YOUR Christ.

ALL **Grant that we, burning with YOUR Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice & love.**

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ. In the fullness of time, gather us with all YOUR people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of YOUR Holy Spirit, we worship YOU our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

ALL **Blessed are YOU now and for ever. AMEN.**
bells ring

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional

**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.**

☪ Give us today a nurturing spirit.

from a Dominican Sisters version of Lord's Prayer

☪ Heal through us as we ourselves are healed.

☪ Lead us into Fullness of life.

☪ And liberate all that is good.

ALL **For the Wisdom, the Presence and the Goodness are YOURS,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

About Communion

- **GLUTEN-FREE** Communion is available in the crystal box & small chalice. Just point.
- **CHRISTIANS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS MAY RECEIVE COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**
If you are not baptized or are not comfortable receiving the elements, the priest is happy simply to pray a blessing on you if you come forward.
- **YOU MAY WISH TO DIP IN TO THE HOLY WATER IN THE FONT TO REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM:**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ~Ps.51:10

Prayer after Communion standing

EOW

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALL **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.**

Reminder & Blessing standing upright, as able, with shoulders back

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Celebrant Christ has no body but yours. — No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses all the world.

✝ “May God ever bless, keep, guide, and continue to prosper you
in your uplifting work for humanity, be it great or small.” George Washington Carver

ALL **Amen.**

Centering Bell



The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Removal of Chairs—*It's become our custom to remove the furniture at the end of worship. If you'd like peace, feel free to move elsewhere in the sanctuary or library out the doors, to the left. The priest ^{and}/or others will be happy to talk or pray with you afterwards—or just give you some space to BE. God bless you.*

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