



GATHERING ON SACRED GROUND WITH PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY
Wednesday, April 27 @ 5:30-6:30pm Eastern

Welcoming Word and Prayer

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Program Overview

Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Katrina Browne & Phoebe Chatfield

Song: “Lead with Love”
by Melanie Demore

Paul Vasile

Witness & Testimonies

- *Participants in Trinity Church-Santa Barbara circle*
- *Dan Ries, Old Donation Church-Virginia Beach, VA*
- *Jen Jow, St. Paul’s Cathedral-San Diego, CA*
- *Bishop Sean Rowe, Dioceses of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania*
- *Participants in St. Mark’s Church-Marco Island, FL circle*
- *Alida Garcia, Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers board member*
- *Caroline Russell, St. Paul’s-Brunswick, ME*

Remarks & Gratitude

Presiding Bishop Curry

Litany of Repentance
(Response: “Have mercy on us.”)

Introduction: Katrina Browne & Rev. Valerie Mayo
Leaders: Participants from St. Paul’s Church-Delray Beach, FL

What’s Next?

Canon Spellers & Rev. Isaiah Shaneequa Brokenleg

Community News

Katrina Browne, Rev. Valerie Mayo & Phoebe Chatfield

Closing & Prayer

Presiding Bishop Curry

Closing Music:
“Welcome to the Show” –
a preview of the May 22th
“Concert for the Human Family”

Kory Caudill of Nashville, TN
Wordsmith of Baltimore, MD

Litany of Repentance

Adapted by Rev. Paul Kane (Delray, FL) from resource by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
<https://standingcommissiononliturgyandmusic.org/2018/01/03/prayers-for-racial-reconciliation-and-justice>

In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us come before God and humbly confess our sins: our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism.

God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today.
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body. *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice. *Have mercy on us.*

We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest. *Have mercy on us.*

We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest. *Have mercy on us.*

We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises. *Have mercy on us.*

We have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace.
Have mercy on us.

We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others. *Have mercy on us.*

We have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.
Have mercy on us.

We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little. *Have mercy on us.*

We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.
Have mercy on us.

We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us. *Have mercy on us.*

We have divided ourselves from others and refused to listen to or believe their experience. *Have mercy on us.*

We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers. *Have mercy on us.*

We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.
Have mercy on us.

We have been self-satisfied in our privilege and denied our oppression of others. *Have mercy on us.*

We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace. *Have mercy on us.*

We have quietly held good intentions and kept silent the message of reconciliation. *Have mercy on us.*

We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love. *Have mercy on us.*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. *Amen.*

Closing: A Prayer for Racial Justice

A prayer inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. - <https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/prayers/racism>

Let us pray ...

When we do not see the gravity of racial injustice, *Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes.*

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction, *Give us a spirit of bravery.*

When we try our best but say the wrong things, *Give us a spirit of humility.*

When the chaos of this [time] dies down, *Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity,*

When it becomes easier to point fingers outward, *Help us to examine our own hearts.*

God of truth, in your wisdom, *Enlighten us.*

God of love, in your mercy, *Forgive us.*

God of hope, in your kindness, *Heal us.*

Creator of All People, in your generosity, *Guide us.*

Racism breaks your heart, *Break our hearts for what breaks yours, Oh Lord.*

We pray in faith, *Amen.*

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. Amen.