

God of peace, we pray for our communities: for the local leaders of our towns and cities; for our schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces. For our neighbors and friends. Kindle in every heart a yearning for equality, dignity, and opportunity for all. Make our communities places of holy encounters. Grant us the vision and fortitude to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

Silence

God of peace,
Hear our prayers.

God of mercy: we pray for all in need or trouble, and during this time of hatred and division, especially for those who have been affected by the scourge of white supremacy and racism. We pray for all who have been impacted, for their families and friends, for all who are caring for and treating the sick, and for all who are committed to confronting this scourge. We pray for all victims of violence, oppression, and systemic injustice, and for those who have dedicated themselves to creating a more just world for the next generation. Awaken in us true compassion, humility of spirit, and love for all your children, as we seek to serve Christ in all persons.

Silence

God of mercy,
Hear our prayers.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice and peace; for your prophets who have called us to racial healing and reconciliation; for your martyrs who have given their lives for the coming of your Kingdom; for all victims of racial violence and oppression; for all who lost their lives in the time of slavery and from its heritage; and for all your saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim the Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Silence

God of grace,
Hear our prayers for those who have died and gone before us into your presence.

The Prayers may conclude with this or another Collect

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 815)

JUNETEENTH PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
MONDAY, JUNE 19
2023

**Two pilgrimages
led by Bishop Hughes
to sites in our diocese
with a history
linked to slavery**



*Coordinated by the Justice groups
of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark*



Schedule

9 AM—St. Mark's Church
118 Chadwick Road, Teaneck

Opening prayer and overview.

**10:30 AM—African American Baptist Church
Cemetery and Old Slave Cemetery Marker**
48 Cedar Street, Bergenfield

“Francis Jackson, a freed slave, purchased 7-3/4 acres of woodland here in 1868. Later it would include the black cemetery and a “plain neat little church” built about 1873. The cemetery had 72 burial plots which may have included former slaves.” – Historical Society marker

**11:25 AM—Historic Burial Ground and the
Zabriskie House**
622 Pomander Walk Road, Teaneck

This land was in use as a burial ground by the Native Americans prior to the arrival of European settlers. African slaves who worked the farmland of the early European settlers, like the Zabriskies who owned the 125-acre farm that surrounded it, were subsequently buried here, as were some of the early settlers.

12:10 PM—St. Mark's Church
118 Chadwick Road, Teaneck

Lunch & bathroom break.

**1 PM—Gethsemane Cemetery Historic African
American Burial Site, Little Ferry**

“Purchased in 1860 for the ‘coloured population of Hackensack and in 1901 incorporated by the African-American Trustees as the Gethsemane Cemetery. The one acre lot has about 500 interments of free blacks, former slaves as well as a number of caucasians.” – Historical Society marker

1:45 PM—St. Mark's Church
118 Chadwick Road, Teaneck

Debrief and closing liturgy.

3 PM—Dismissal

About Our Guest Historian

Born and raised in Englewood, Arnold Brown received a law degree from Rutgers University Law School in 1957 and practiced law until 1986. In 1965, he became the first African American elected to represent Bergen County in the New Jersey Legislature.

In 1985, he founded the Du Bois Book Center in Englewood, which specializes in African American Studies and Black Studies. In the same year, he led the effort to declare Gethsemane Cemetery a county historical landmark.

He is the author of *Black Loyalists in Bergen County and the Book of Negroes in the Revolutionary War in Bergen County*, and the co-author of *Images of America: Englewood and Englewood Cliffs*.

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A Prayer for Juneteenth

Written by the Rev. Paula J. Toland

Healing and Reconciling God: You breathed life into a beautifully and wonderfully diverse humanity, a glimpse into the fullness of you and your creation. Over time we have failed to honor you as we have repeatedly ignored the fullness of your image in people who do not look like us. We have denied the impact of our ignorance on the shape of this country and its people over time and today. Help us to see the ways in which we are shaped by history and culture, as well as the path forward to healing and reconciliation. Give us courage to be vulnerable, strength to be humble, and grace to forgive and be forgiven as we walk the sacred ground of listening to the truth of racial injustice in this country. Amen.

Prayers of the People

On the occasion of the Inaugural Juneteenth Pilgrimage, June 2023

Let us pray.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Carlye, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love,
Hear our prayers.

God of healing we pray for the wisdom and courage to confront the painful and terrible legacy of slavery and structural racism in the world, and especially in our Diocese and in Northern New Jersey. Strengthen and heal us so we can be your agents of change and healing.

Silence

God of healing,
Hear our prayers.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and for all nations of the world: for peace and justice for all your people; for the crumbling of boundaries that divide us and keep us captive along lines of race, class, color, language, religion, sexual identity or orientation; for our leaders, that they may serve the common good with integrity and goodwill. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively contend with and never make peace with evil, especially the sins of racism and white supremacy. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

Silence

God of freedom,
Hear our prayers.