

As **Emancipation Day** is commemorated in the former British Colonies to mark the abolition of Slavery on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1834 (abolition Act being passed in 1833), this is a **Litany** which was written by the Revd. Dr. Yolanda Pierce (of Princeton Theological Seminary) in the wake of the killing of Michael Brown in 2014 in the USA but which seems entirely relevant today.

**I invite you to pray:**

Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound.

**Let us not rush to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and complete reconstruction.**

Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.

**Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.**

Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child...someone's beloved son.

**Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.**

Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice.

**Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.**

Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder.

*Instead...*

Let us mourn black and brown men and women, those killed extrajudicially every 28 hours.

**Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.**

Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just.

**Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.**

Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.

**Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage, and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbours and friends.**

Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase.

**Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground**

Let us listen to the shattering glass and let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard.

**God, in your mercy...**

**Show me my own complicity in injustice.**

**Convict me for my indifference.**

**Forgive me when I have remained silent.**

**Equip me with a zeal for righteousness.**

**Never let me grow accustomed or acclimated to unrighteousness.**

Amen.

# Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents & St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Mother Roxanne Hunte  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Emancipation Day and the Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**President and Preacher, Mtr. Roxanne**

**8am and 10am Parish Mass**

**via:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>

**or**



## This week's diary

This is to let you know that while the Churches are closed as all public worship is suspended, we continue to pray for all who live, 'work', worship and indeed 'visit' these parishes, as together we give thanks for what God has done for us, despite the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** *Mother Roxanne is still available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07472 662323 or [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com) Mtr. Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.*

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## For your prayers

*For Archbishops Justin and Stephen. For Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe.*

**For those in any kind of need** and those who've asked us to pray for them including **the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Wilfred, Vera and Claude; **the bereaved** – the Rayner and Corbin families; **the recently departed** – June Rayner; and **Years Mind**.

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*The July/ August copy of the Diocesan Newspaper, The Bridge can be accessed here*

<https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/The%20Bridge/2020/bridgejuly20.pdf>

### COLLECT

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from  
pride,  
when we are needy save us from  
despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*A reading from the Prophecy of isaiah  
(55.1-5)*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does  
not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is  
good, and delight yourselves in  
rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to  
the peoples, a leader and commander  
for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do  
not know, and nations that do not  
know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

### PSALM 145.8-9, 15-22

*Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly  
to be praised.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.  
The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

**Refrain**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed  
down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O  
Lord, and you give them their food in  
due season.

You open wide your hand and fill all  
things living with plenty. **Refrain**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call  
upon him, to all who call upon him  
faithfully.

He fulfils the desire of those who fear  
him; he hears their cry and saves  
them.

The Lord watches over those who  
love him, but all the wicked shall he  
destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of  
the Lord, and let all flesh bless his  
holy name for ever and ever.

**Refrain**

### SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter to the Romans  
(9.1-5)*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I  
am not lying; my conscience confirms  
it by the Holy Spirit—I have great  
sorrow and unceasing anguish in my  
heart. For I could wish that I myself  
were accursed and cut off from Christ  
for the sake of my own people, my  
kindred according to the flesh. They  
are Israelites, and to them belong the  
adoption, the glory, the covenants,  
the giving of the law, the worship, and  
the promises; to them belong the  
patriarchs, and from them, according  
to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who  
is over all, God blessed for  
ever. Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

### GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he  
withdrew from there in a boat to a  
deserted place by himself. But when  
the crowds heard it, they followed

him on foot from the towns. When  
he went ashore, he saw a great  
crowd; and he had compassion for  
them and cured their sick. When it  
was evening, the disciples came to  
him and said, 'This is a deserted place,  
and the hour is now late; send the  
crowds away so that they may go into  
the villages and buy food for  
themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They  
need not go away; you give them  
something to eat.' They replied, 'We  
have nothing here but five loaves and  
two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them  
here to me.' Then he ordered the  
crowds to sit down on the grass.  
Taking the five loaves and the two  
fish, he looked up to heaven, and  
blessed and broke the loaves, and  
gave them to the disciples, and the  
disciples gave them to the  
crowds. And all ate and were filled;  
and they took up what was left over  
of the broken pieces, twelve baskets  
full. And those who ate were about  
five thousand men, besides women  
and children.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, O Christ*

### POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy  
things;  
may the ears which have heard your  
word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung  
your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the  
tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been  
fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of  
your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**Amen.**