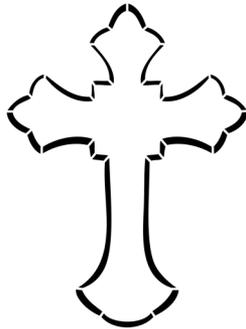


*Requiem for the Black  
Children of God*



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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

Come By Here, My Lord

1. Come by here, my Lord, come by here. Come by here,  
2. Some - one needs you, Lord, come by here. Some - one needs  
3. Some - one's pray - in', Lord, come by here. Some - one's pray -  
4. Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, come by here. Kum Ba Yah,

my Lord, come by here. Come by here, my Lord,  
you, Lord, come by here. Some - one needs you, Lord,  
in', Lord, come by here. Some - one's pray - in', Lord,  
my Lord, come by here. Kum Ba Yah, my Lord,

come by here. Oh Lord, come by here.  
come by here. Oh Lord, come by here.  
come by here. Oh Lord, come by here.  
come by here. Oh Lord, come by here.

## Sign of the Cross and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, for too long, too many of us have stood silent or said too little as our Black brothers and sisters and others of God's family suffer from the systematic racism and its scars in our nation, our communities, and our churches. Let us now acknowledge our sins:

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*They strike their breasts and a bell is rung as they continue:*

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray to me to the Lord our God. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.**

R. Amen.

## Collect

*from Mass for Reconciliation, Various Needs 16*

Let us pray.

O God, author of true freedom,  
whose will it is to shape all men and women  
into a single people released from slavery,  
grant to your Church, we pray,  
that, as she receives new growth in freedom,  
she may appear more clearly to the world  
as the universal sacrament of salvation,  
manifesting and making present  
the mystery of your love for all.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

### Reading

Isaiah 61:1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication goes forth like the dawn, and her victory like a burning torch.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-2,3-5,6-8

**R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you,  
O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,  
Lord, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.  
I trust in the Lord;  
my soul trusts in his word.

My soul waits for the Lord  
more than sentinels wait for the  
dawn.

More than sentinels wait for the  
dawn,  
let Israel wait for the Lord,  
For with the Lord is kindness  
and with him is plenteous  
redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.

### Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Hymn

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

## Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad To  
 make the wound - ed whole; There is a  
 balm in Gil - e - ad To heal the sin - sick soul.

## Verses

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And  
 2. Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, For  
 think my work's in vain, But then the Ho - ly  
 Je - sus is your friend; And if you lack for  
 Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. D.C.  
 knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## Invitation to Prayer

Brothers and sisters, let us pray for all those who have suffered and who have died from acts of racial injustice, acts of hatred, and acts of violence. Let us also pray for those who dedicated their lives in the struggle for justice.

## Reading of Names

*With the calling of each name, a bell is rung.*

Emmett Till	Atatiana Jefferson
Rodney King	Quintonio LeGrier
Amadou Diallo	Stephon Clark
Sean Bell	Davell Gardner
Oscar Grant	Kenneth French
Malice Green	Walter Scott
Trayvon Martin	Horace Lorenzo Anderson Jr.
Freddie Gray	Michael Dean
Rekia Boyd	Eric Courtney Harris
Harith Augustus	Marco Gomez
Michael Brown	Bruce Carter
Kajuan Raye	Italia Marie Kelly
Botham Jean	Tony Robinson
Laquan McDonald	David Dorn
Paul O'Neal	Eddie Lee Patterson
Isiah Murrietta-Golding	Chris Beaty
Tamir Rice	Genevive Dawes
Alton Sterling	Rumain Brisbon
Antwan Rose II	Gus Tousis
Eric Garner	Dave Underwood
Philando Castile	Ahmaud Arbery
O'Shae Terry	Breonna Taylor
Sandra Bland	Rayshard Brooks
Terence Crutcher	Secoriea Turner
Devon Bailey	Bernell Trammell
Bettie Jones	Aiyana Jones
Devaris "Caine" Rogers	George Floyd
John Crawford	

*The Deacon continues with the following petition:*

For the repose of the soul of John Lewis, U.S. Congressman who worked tirelessly for justice for Black women and men in our country, that the Lord will pour out His divine mercy in abundance.

*The Bishop continues, with all responding:*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

**R. Amen.**

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**R. Amen.**

*The bell is rung three times.*

*After a moment of silence, the Cantor leads the acclamation:*

Heal our land, heal our land, heal our land, heal our land.

**R. Heal our land, heal our land, heal our land, heal our land.**

## Lord's Prayer

Let us now pray to God, Creator and Father of all, as his Son Jesus taught us:

**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. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Blessing and Sending Forth

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

In now being sent out to work for God's justice, we ask for His blessing to come upon those gathered here who suffer from oppression.

Lord God,  
your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked,  
yet he prayed for his persecutors  
and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross.

Relieve ✠ the suffering of those gathered here;  
grant them peace of mind  
and a renewed faith in your protection and care.

Protect us all from the violence of others,  
keep us safe from the weapons of hate,  
and restore to us tranquility and peace.

**R. Amen.**

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

# Closing Hymn

# We Shall Overcome

We shall o - ver - come. We shall o - ver -  
We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in  
God will see us through. God will see us

come. We shall o - ver - come some - day.  
hand. We'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
through. God will see us through to - day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve. We shall o - ver - come some - day.

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