



# MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Pray and Work  
to End the Sin  
of Racism

(CCC 1935)

**Mass of Peace and Justice  
in commemoration of the  
1963 March on Washington**

Friday, August 28, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Matthew  
the Apostle

**Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory**  
Archbishop of Washington

Principal Celebrant



Archdiocese of  
Washington

# A DREAM REMEMBERED



Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle, left, offers the invocation at the March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963. At right is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech that day.

*(CS file photo)*

**The following is the text of the invocation given by Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle at the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963 for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, we who are assembled here in a spirit of peace and in good faith dedicate ourselves and our hopes to You. We ask the fullness of your blessing upon those who have gathered with us today, and upon all men and women of good will to whom the cause of justice and equality is sacred. We ask this blessing because we are convinced that in honoring all Your children, we show forth in our lives the love that You have given us.

Bless this nation and all its people. May the warmth of Your love replace the coldness that springs from prejudice and bitterness. Send in our midst the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of all to the great truth that all men are equal in Your sight. Let us understand that simple justice demands that the rights of all be honored by every man.

Give strength and wisdom to our President and Vice President. Enlighten and guide the Congress of these United States. May our judges in every court be heralds of justice and equity. Let just laws be administered without discrimination. See to it, we implore, that no man be so powerful as to be above the law, or so

weak as to be deprived of its full protection.

We ask special blessings for those men and women who in sincerity and honesty have been leaders in the struggle for justice and harmony among races. As Moses of old, they have gone before their people to a land of promise. Let that promise quickly become a reality, so that the ideals of freedom, blessed alike by our religious faith and our heritage of democracy, will prevail in our land.

Finally, we ask that You consecrate to Your service all who in this crusade are dedicated to the principles of the Constitution of these United States. May we be sensitive to our duties toward others as we demand from them our rights. May we move forward without bitterness, even when confronted with prejudice and discrimination. May we shun violence, knowing that the meek shall inherit the earth. But may this meekness of manner be joined with courage and strength so that with Your help, O heavenly Father, and following the teachings of Christ, Your Son, we shall now and in the days to come live together as brothers in dignity, justice, charity and peace.

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Processional Hymn

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

James Johnson

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning  
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry  
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?  
 light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; Sing a song full of the  
 wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our  
 met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the  
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,  
 gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last  
 neath thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## Greeting

## Penitential Act

## Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples  
and willed to gather from them  
one family for yourself,  
fill all hearts, we pray,  
with the fire of your love  
and kindle in them a desire  
for the just advancement of their neighbor,  
that, through the good things  
which you richly bestow upon all,

each human person  
may be brought to perfection,  
every division may be removed,  
and equity and justice  
may be established in human society.  
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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz; sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras, una luz resplandeció.

Engrandeciste a tu pueblo e hiciste grande su alegría. Se gozan en tu presencia como gozan al cosechar, como se alegran al repartirse el botín. Porque tú quebrantaste su pesado yugo, la barra que oprimía sus hombros y el cetro de su tirano, como en el día de Madián. Porque toda bota que calza el guerrero en el fragor de la batalla, y el manto revolcado en sangre, serán para quemar, combustible para el fuego.

Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; lleva sobre sus hombros el signo del imperio y su nombre será: “Consejero admirable”, “Dios poderoso”, “Padre sempiterno”, “Príncipe de la paz”; para extender el principado con una paz sin límites sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino; para establecerlo y consolidarlo con la justicia y el derecho, desde ahora y para siempre. El celo del Señor lo realizará.

The Word of the Lord.

R. / Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10.11-12.13-14

*Rawen Harbor*

O Lord, let us see your kind-ness. O Lord, let us see your

truth. O Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

*Last time*

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## Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

Palabra de Dios.

R. / Te alabamos, Señor.

## Gospel Acclamation

Norah Duncan



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## Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús vio a la muchedumbre, subió al monte y se sentó. Entonces se le acercaron sus discípulos. Enseguida comenzó a enseñarles, hablándoles así:

“Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

Dichosos los que lloran, porque serán consolados.

Dichosos los sufridos, porque heredarán la tierra.

Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, porque serán saciados.

Dichosos los misericordiosos, porque obtendrán misericordia.

Dichosos los limpios de corazón, porque verán a Dios.

Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque se les llamará hijos de Dios.

Dichosos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

Dichosos serán ustedes cuando los injurien, los persigan y digan cosas falsas de ustedes por causa mía.

Alégrense y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

## Universal Prayer

### *Read in English*

For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Gregory, and all leaders of our Church, that they may guide us to deeper faith in God and love for others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in Spanish*

For all government leaders, that they may strive to end the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference, and that our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in American Sign Language*

For solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect the most vulnerable, and for the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in Chinese*

For the equitable treatment of women in our country and throughout the world, as we celebrate the centennial of the 19th amendment, that women's voices may be heard and their contributions recognized.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in Italian*

For all members of our society, that the dream for truth and justice of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. may inspire them to work for equality.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in French*

For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged or oppressed, and for those suffering from the current coronavirus pandemic, that they may be strengthened by God's consolation and aided by their friends.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in Portuguese*

For those who have died, especially our loved ones and all those who suffered in the struggle for civil and human rights, that God may bring them into the peace of eternal life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Read in Tagalog*

For each of us present here today, that we may hear Christ's call to be witnesses and faithfully live the joy of the Gospel.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. / Lord, hear our prayer.**



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Preparation of the Altar and the Offerings

### My Lord, What a Morning

*Spiritual*

My Lord, what a morn - ing! My Lord, what a  
morn-ing! O my Lord, what a morn - ing when the  
stars be - gin to fall, when the stars be - gin to fall.

### Verses

1. You will hear the trum - pet sound  
2. You will hear the sin - ner cry To wake the  
3. You will hear the Chris - tian shout  
na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right  
hand When the stars be - gin to fall. **D.C.**

Text: African American spiritual  
Tune: MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING, 7 8 7 7 with refrain; African American spiritual; arr. by Melva Costen, © 1990

## Prayer over the Offerings

## Preface

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## Great Amen

## COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn

*Leon Roberts*

Refrain

Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is  
here; With this bread and wine his peace you'll  
find, Christ Je - sus is here right now.

Verses

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Have faith in God and have faith in me.  
In my Father's house there are many mansions;  
otherwise, why would I have told you so?
2. I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,  
and then I shall come back to take you with me;  
that where I am you also may be.  
For you know the way that leads to where I go.

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### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Having been fed with the one Bread  
by which you constantly renew  
the human family,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that from participation  
in this Sacrament of unity  
we may draw a love strong and pure  
to help peoples in their development  
and, prompted by charity,  
to fulfill what justice requires.

Through Christ our Lord.      R. / Amen.

# CONCLUDING RITES

## Pontifical Blessing and Dismissal

### Recessional Hymn

#### Lead Me, Guide Me

*Doris Akers*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,  
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

#### Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from  
pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est  
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -  
me, I am blind with - out thy Light to  
hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to  
press. I am put - ting all my trust in  
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant  
see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

Text: Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995  
Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, Irregular with refrain; Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995; harm. by Richard Smallwood, b.1948  
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# A PRAYER, AND A LIFE, FOR JUSTICE

The following column by *Catholic Standard* Editor Mark Zimmermann appeared in the August 15, 2013 special edition marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of March on Washington.

By Mark Zimmermann



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Cardinal O'Boyle looks at a document at the 1963 March on Washington.

The March on Washington will forever be remembered for the inspiring words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. But it is also worth remembering that the march's invocation was delivered by Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle, who not only stood with Dr. King that day, but dedicated his life to seeking justice for all people.

Shortly after becoming Washington's first resident archbishop in 1948, Archbishop O'Boyle began integrating local Catholic parishes and schools. Washington's new archbishop was a no-nonsense man, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, whose father was an Irish immigrant and worked in a steel mill. As a New York parish priest, Father O'Boyle served in a poor neighborhood and later helped lead the U.S. Catholic Church's relief efforts to refugees affected by World War II and its aftermath.

In a 1987 interview, retired New Orleans Archbishop Philip Hannan, who had been a key administrator during that era in the Archdiocese of Washington, assisting Archbishop O'Boyle in the effort to integrate schools, said, "He (Archbishop O'Boyle) thought everybody at that time needed to be reminded we were all children of God, regardless of race."

By the time the Supreme Court issued its landmark 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* ruling that outlawed segregated schools, integration was well underway at Catholic schools in the nation's capital and in surrounding Maryland. Chief Justice Earl Warren conferred with Archbishop O'Boyle about the archdiocese's integration efforts before the court's historic ruling, said Archbishop Hannan, who died in 2011.

Archbishop O'Boyle led efforts with Washington interfaith leaders to increase educational and employment opportunities for minorities in the nation's capital. "Whenever he saw injustice, he went after it. He was really his brother's keeper," said Col. John Posey, a prominent D.C. educator and African-American Catholic who died in 1989.

During Vatican II, Archbishop O'Boyle strongly called for a statement against racism and anti-Semitism.

The plain-speaking prelate was at home as he stood at the Lincoln Memorial and offered the opening prayer at the Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. "Bless this nation and all its people. May the warmth of Your love replace the coldness that springs from prejudice and bitterness," prayed Archbishop O'Boyle. "Send in our midst the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of all to the great truth that all men are equal in Your sight. Let us understand that simple justice

demands that the rights of all be honored by every man."

Archbishop O'Boyle concluded his prayer with the words, "May we move forward without bitterness, even when confronted with prejudice and discrimination. May we shun violence, knowing that the meek shall inherit the earth. But may this meekness of manner be joined with courage and strength so that with Your help, O Heavenly Father, and following the teachings of Christ, Your Son, we shall now and in the days to come live together as brothers in dignity, justice, charity and peace."

But Archbishop O'Boyle did more than attend the march. He had encouraged local parishioners to participate, and march with their pastors holding banners identifying their parishes and ministries. Along with The Catholic University of America and Georgetown University, five local parishes – Sts. Paul and Augustine, Holy Redeemer, Holy Comforter, St. Anthony and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart – offered overnight accommodations to out-of-town marchers. The Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women played key roles in offering hospitality to the marchers. On the morning of the march, special Masses were held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and at several Catholic churches in the city.

In his 2006 book *Steadfast in the Faith: The Life of Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle* published by The Catholic University of America Press, author Morris MacGregor noted, "(Archbishop) O'Boyle's forthright endorsement of the march, as well as his participation, influenced many of his fellow bishops and American Catholics. Thousands of religious and laity, marching under banners that proclaimed their parish affiliation, provided a visual affirmation of the Church's commitment to racial justice."

Cardinal O'Boyle was named a cardinal in 1967, and retired in 1973 after leading the Archdiocese of Washington for 25 years. At his death in 1987 at the age of 91, Cardinal O'Boyle was eulogized as the "founding father" of the Archdiocese of Washington. In the post-war Baby Boom, he oversaw the formation of dozens of parishes and the construction of over 300 buildings, and he once said he was proud that all of the new buildings had been built for a spiritual purpose. He also built bridges of understanding and opportunity between people of different races and backgrounds. His episcopal motto, fittingly, was *State in Fide*, Latin for "Stand Fast in the Faith."



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The crowd of hundreds of thousands of people from across the country gathered for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on Aug. 28, 1963.



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