



*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that,
it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."*

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

'Vote Faithfully' **10.25.2020**

Scripture Passages for Reflection

Isaiah 58: 6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear
guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking
of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched
places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Resources

A Season of Prayer for an Election (Forward Movement) –

<https://www.forwardmovement.org/Pages/Item/15381/Season-of-Prayer.aspx>

Plan Your Vote -

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/plan-your-vote>

The Episcopal Public Policy Network –

https://episcopalchurch.org/office-government-relations?fbclid=IwAR2fDUNp-pvIlgNUC_WyGaW2ljXcv2wJ5fKidFpFZG9JvuB_80x4byKhRAm0

Voting Faithfully: Election Engagement Toolkit –

https://episcopalchurch.org/files/vote_faithfully_2020_election_toolkit_updated.pdf

Make Me and Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse -

<https://www.churchnext.tv/library/make-me-an-instrument-for-groups/109669/about/>

Worship

Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness

November 1 at 4:00PM from Washington National Cathedral
Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will preside and preach

<https://episcopalchurch.org/holding-hope>

Holy Eucharist on Election Day

No matter how you voted, when you voted, or who you've voted for, God's altar of abundance gathers us, one and all. Join together at St. Mary of the Hills for Holy Eucharist in the Close (weather permitting) at 12:00PM– Register online - [HERE](#).

Seating is limited at each service, masks and social distancing required.