

FROM: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE TO HOLD
A SERVICE OF PRAYER, JUSTICE AND TRUTH**

As the country takes a collective breath following the announcement of the verdict in the Derek Chauvin case yesterday, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine will stand with its community for a **Service of Prayer, Justice and Truth** centered on the pursuit of equity and against intolerance and bigotry **on Wednesday, April 21 at 12 pm.**

All are invited to the Cathedral's front steps, the gathering-place for the neighborhood in times of trial and crisis, as the Cathedral clergy, joined by religious leaders from across Harlem and the rest of New York City, pledge themselves to continue the fight for truth, justice, and healing. Yesterday's trial verdict, which found Derek Chauvin guilty of murdering George Floyd, is the culmination of a year of soul-searching and emotional pleas for the sanctity of human life, particularly Black Americans targeted by police violence, but touching upon many other racial minorities, immigrants, and the working poor.

Over the past year, the Cathedral has hosted vigils on its front steps, including a Black Lives Matter rally that drew thousands last summer. On Wednesday, the stairs will once again be the site of public prayer as a prelude to action. The liturgy, written by the Reverend Canon Patrick Malloy, Sub Dean and Canon for Liturgy & the Arts at the Cathedral, will draw upon the Cathedral's central mission as a house of prayer for all people and the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to working towards justice, reconciliation, and racial healing.

Please visit stjohndivine.org for more information.

WHAT **Service of Prayer, Justice and Truth**

WHEN **Wednesday, April 21, 2021**
12 PM

WHERE **The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine**
1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 110th Street)
New York, NY 10025