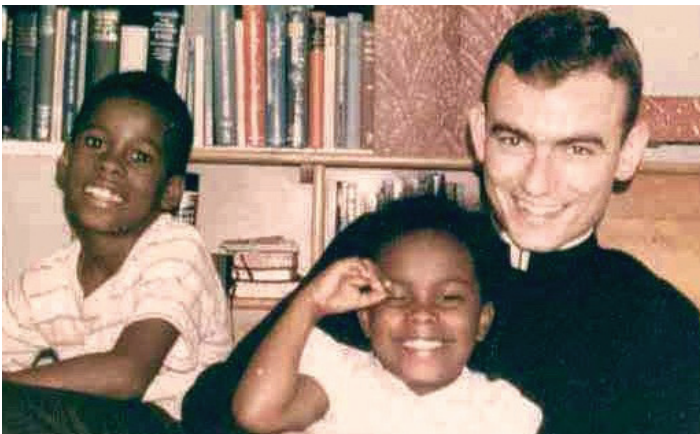


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A Message from Bishop Rob Hirschfeld

I invite the clergy and congregations of New Hampshire to join St. James', Keene, in observing the Feast of Jonathan Daniels on Sunday, August 23. This is the Sunday closest to the 50th anniversary of his slaying in Hayneville, Alabama on August 20, 1965, taking a shotgun blast meant for Ruby Sales, a black teenager and civil rights advocate. The readings set aside for the day include a passage from Paul's letter to the Galatians: *As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*



From The Archives of the Episcopal Church

Jonathan Daniels chose to live out the reality of our unity in Christ by answering Dr. Martin Luther King's summons to come to the Deep South to assist blacks in claiming their full citizenship in our democracy. Though we mostly hear of the violent tragedy that met him in Hayneville after he and his companions were jailed and then inexplicably released, I find the depths of his martyrdom in the fact that he lived with the West family, an African-American family in Hayneville and was integrated as their son and brother. This companionship proved to be offensive to the status quo of that community. His own writings

underscore Paul's vision of our relationships with others in Jesus: "The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed: it has grown . . . I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection . . . with them, the black men and white men, with all life, in him whose Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout. . . We are indelibly and unspeakably one." I pray and hope that we interpret our baptism with similar depth. Such a vision is what allows us to stand up to the powers of sin and division that continue to wound our society.

Polly and I will be joining several youth and adults from St. James', Keene, Jonathan's home parish, and many faithful from all over the country in their pilgrimage to Hayneville this August, celebrating communion with our Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry in the same courthouse where Jonathan's killer, Tom Coleman, was acquitted even though he confessed to the slaying. Ruby Sales will come to preach at St. James', Keene on August 23.

Please join in prayer and vigil and in community conversations as we continue to honor Jonathan's vision of unity among the races, "not only with our lips, but in our lives."

Yours in the Risen Christ.

The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld
Bishop of The Episcopal Church of New Hampshire

The Lessons Appointed for the Use on the Feast of Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Seminarian and Witness for Civil Rights, 1965 From Holy Women, Holy Men, Lesser Feasts and Fasts

THE COLLECT

O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: we give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Galatians 3:22-28

The scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 85:7-13

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I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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