

## **JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS:**

**Resources for observing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death  
August 16 or 23, 2013**

### **I. Liturgical Resources**

Propers for August 14: *Holy Women, Holy Men*

(The lesson from Proverbs was added in HWHM to those earlier provided in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.)

[Psalm 85:7-13](#)

[Proverbs 4:20-27](#)

[Galatians 3:22-28](#)

[Luke 1:46-55](#)

*Preface of a Saint (2)*

#### **Collect (traditional language):**

O God of justice and compassion, who dost put down the proud and the mighty from their place, and dost lift up the poor and afflicted: We give thee thanks for thy 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 with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

#### **Collect (contemporary language):**

O God of justice and compassion, who put down the proud and the mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and 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.

### **Prayers and Thanksgivings from The Book of Common Prayer**

- Prayers for Social Justice (p. 823, #27); for the Poor and the Neglected (p. 826, #35); for the Oppressed, p. 826, #36)
- Thanksgiving for Heroic Service: BCP 839, #6

### **II. Web-based Resources**

- General information - Propers for the day; biographical sketch:  
[http://satucket.com/lectionary/Jonathan\\_Daniels.htm](http://satucket.com/lectionary/Jonathan_Daniels.htm) or

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/228.html>

- “Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels” – Biopic shown on PBS (57 minutes) - <https://vimeo.com/14117023>
- Speech by the Hon. John Lewis on receiving the Jonathan Daniels Humanitarian Award at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, March 11, 2015 (37+ minutes; speech begins at 15:45): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADA6mmddnb8>
- VMI resources (valedictory speech, 1965 photo album, etc.) - <http://www.vmi.edu/archives.aspx?id=14481>
- Episcopal Church Archives: biography, plus links to other materials  
[http://www.episcopalarchives.org/Afro-Anglican\\_history/exhibit/leadership/daniels.php](http://www.episcopalarchives.org/Afro-Anglican_history/exhibit/leadership/daniels.php)
- Biographical info, with different pictures and links:  
<http://www.moniff.org/about-jonathan-myrick-daniels>
- Episcopal Church, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, *Holy Women, Holy Men* blog on Jonathan Daniels:  
<https://liturgyandmusic.wordpress.com/2010/08/14/august-14-jonathan-myrick-daniels-seminarian-and-martyr-1965/>
- Episcopal Life bulletin insert from 2007:  
[http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=10&ved=0CFgQFjAJahUKEwiziITaj4TGAhUOMIwKHQgsAP0&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.episcopalchurch.org%2Ffiles%2Felite\\_insert\\_081207\\_halfpage.pdf&ei=sKZ3VbPwN47gsASI2IDoDw&usg=AFQjCNFzyvXeXwB7yuEdtKG8qTk-qHVqnA&bvm=bv.95039771,d.cWc](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=10&ved=0CFgQFjAJahUKEwiziITaj4TGAhUOMIwKHQgsAP0&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.episcopalchurch.org%2Ffiles%2Felite_insert_081207_halfpage.pdf&ei=sKZ3VbPwN47gsASI2IDoDw&usg=AFQjCNFzyvXeXwB7yuEdtKG8qTk-qHVqnA&bvm=bv.95039771,d.cWc)
- The Jonathan Daniels Memorial Icon, by Alexander Gassel, that hangs in the chapel of Episcopal Divinity School (downloadable):  
[http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/80854\\_89054\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/80854_89054_ENG_HTM.htm)

Needless to say, there are many Youtube videos of former JD feast day sermons – especially from the pilgrimage site in Hayneville, AL:

- Bishop Henry N. Parsley, Jr. (Diocese of Alabama), August 13, 2011:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSWBpV4GZK8>

- Carolyn Maull Mikinstry, survivor of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church bombing, Aug. 11, 2012: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIVQP08Z0dI>
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage: closing service, August 16, 2013, with remarks by Ruby Sales (1:05) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I35FB1c3cJU>

### III. Sample Draft Press Release (for church communications or public media)

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCHES REMEMBER CIVIL RIGHTS MARTYR

“One of the most heroic Christian deeds of which I have heard in my entire ministry,” said the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “was performed by Jonathan Daniels.”

Fifty years ago this August 20, Daniels, a young Episcopal seminarian, was murdered in Hayneville, Alabama as he participated in the civil rights movement. Episcopal churches throughout Virginia will share in remembering the event on a Sunday near the date of his death.

\_\_\_\_\_ will commemorate Daniels on August \_\_ at its service(s) at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

Daniels was preparing for ordained ministry at Episcopal Theological School (now Episcopal Divinity School) in Cambridge, Massachusetts when in March, 1965 he answered Dr. King’s plea for students and clergy volunteers to join the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery. Daniels went, and decided to return to Alabama that July to help register new voters in the African-American community. After a demonstration in Fort Deposit, he and 28 others were arrested and taken to jail in Hayneville. Six days later they were released.

As one of their group called to get transportation, Daniels and three others walked toward a small store to buy a cold drink. Approaching the door, he saw a shotgun being raised at them. He pushed Ruby Sales, a 17-year-old African-American, from in front of him just as the gun fired. Daniels died instantly. The gunman then shot a Roman Catholic priest, Douglas Morrisroe, wounding him severely.

The gunman was later acquitted of manslaughter by an all-white jury.

In 1991, the Episcopal Church added Daniels to its yearly cycle of commemorations, setting August 14 as the annual date. Canterbury Cathedral in England, the “mother church” of the Anglican Communion, honors him in its “Chapel of Modern Martyrs” along with only one other American: Martin Luther King Jr.

Daniels, a native of New Hampshire, had a special connection with Virginia as he attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, graduating as the valedictorian of the class of 1961.

Bishops of the three dioceses in Virginia—the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston of the Diocese of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV of Southern Virginia, and the Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas of Southwestern Virginia—have each authorized clergy and congregations to use the lessons appointed for the Daniels commemoration on one of the Sundays closest to his commemoration or his death, August 16 or Sunday, August 23.

Daniels “is one of my personal heroes,” said Bishop Johnston, who began his ordained ministry in Selma.

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