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James Theodore Holly - Bishop of Haiti, and the Dominican Republic

James Theodore Augustus Holly, was born a free African-American in Washington, D. C. in 1829. Baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, he later became an Episcopalian and was ordained a Deacon at St. Matthew's, Detroit in 1855. He was appointed rector of St. Luke's, New Haven in 1856. In the same year, he founded the Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church Among Colored People. In 1861, Holly resigned St. Luke's to lead a group of African Americans settling in Haiti. In 1874, he was consecrated the first bishop of Haiti where he served until his death in 1911. He had charge of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, as well, from 1897 until he died.

Most gracious God, by the calling of your servant James Theodore Holly you gave us our first bishop of African American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led your people from bondage into a new land and established the church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudice and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people, and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Mar 11, 12-STEP EUCHARIST, 6:30 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas, followed by supper and a presentation by Katherine Meier and a video entitled, *Recovery Speaks*. [For More Information](#).

Mar 11, SpiriTed: A Visitation from Jonathan and Janet. Spiritual Commentary laced with music and spirit, 6:45 PM, All Saints, Las Vegas

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