

Handout for St. Philip's, 12 November 2024
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“[Our father] put up with a lot to get where he got. One time, not long after Papa was consecrated to the bishopric [in 1918], he did a service at Christ Church in Raleigh. It was a white, segregated church. Our family attended, and do you know what happened? We had to sit in the balcony, which was built for slaves! And we were not given the privilege of Communion....At the time, [Bessie] wanted to make a fuss, but she did not, because she did not want to embarrass Papa.

Somehow, Papa always endured this kind of degradation. He saw the hypocrisy, but he felt that gently, slowly, he was making true progress for himself and his people, and he was at peace with that. I learned a lot from my Papa about coping with institutionalized racism.”

Sadie (Sarah L.) Delany, in Sarah L. Delany, A. Elizabeth Delany, and Amy Hill Hearth, *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* (Dell, 1994), 165-166

The Rev. Canon Lindsey Ardrey, “It’s About Time: Your invitation to join a diocesan quest,” <https://www.episdionc.org/blog/disciple-its-about-time/>

The Rev. Sarah Ball-Damberg, “Historic Foundations: How Did We Get Here? The story of God, land and race at Holy Family, Chapel Hill,” <https://www.episdionc.org/blog/disciple-historic-foundations-how-did-we-get-here/>

Two helpful books:

Harold T. Lewis, *Yet With A Steady Beat: The African American Struggle for Recognition in the Episcopal Church* (Trinity Press International, 1996)

Gayle Fisher-Stewart, *Black and Episcopalian: The Struggle for Inclusion* (Church Publishing, 2022)