

## Fun Fact, May 18, 2022

**Question:** During the American Revolution, it was challenging for clergy to keep saying prayers for the king and state. Which clergyman in which parish resolved the problem by having a Methodist preacher read the prayers for the king in the service?

**Clue:** This priest was brother-in-law to Betsy Ross of flag fame.

**Answer:** The Rev. Aeneas Ross who was rector at Immanuel Church, New Castle. He was the brother of George Ross, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, and of John Ross, the husband of Betsy Ross. "He... omitted the state prayers in the liturgy but permitted an itinerant Methodist preacher to give them from the pulpit immediately before the sermon, which is a strange performance to say the least."

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