

Respond

MORNING PRAYER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

Welcome

Laura Jaquith Bartlett

Hymn

Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother

KINDRED

Led by Joby Bell and Ling Yu Hsiao

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, cultures enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us – color or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human derailings –
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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Prayer of Petition

Teach Me Your Ways

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The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Jeron Burney, solo

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Scripture

Isaiah 58:3-12

Jackson and Hannah Nickolay

Repenting and Lamenting in Times Like These

Josh Voiles

You are the God who hears:
hear our lament and our prayers of repentance.

For those who face discrimination every day
because of their skin color, gender identity or sexual orientation,
we lament.

When those of us with white skin benefit
from racist systems sometimes even without realizing it,
we repent.

For those who have struggled and waited so long
for the Promised Land of freedom and equality,
we lament.

When we have acted in racist and prejudiced ways
and have hurt people of color,
of unfamiliar gender identity or sexual orientation,
we repent.

For those protesting injustice who face police brutality
and a justice system rigged against them,
we lament.

When we think racism and prejudice are someone else's problem,
and not a problem for humanity,
we repent.

God of hope, show us how to work for justice together,
standing up for what is right,
stepping in when something's wrong,
shouldering each other's burdens,
holding each other accountable,
walking together for the way of peace,
righting the wrongs we've done,
speaking truth to power.

We pray for change, lasting change,
for courage to speak truth,
for protection for protesters,
for a de-escalation of violence,
for government leaders who listen.

Deliver us from evil, within and without,
in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Closing Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
LAND OF REST

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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Benediction

Sending

Marion

arr. Joby Bell

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