

ACTION FROM LAMENTATION, FURY AND HOPE



Artwork: Brother Mickey McGrath, Oblate of St. Francis DeSales

This image is adapted from a set of Stations of the Cross I did following my trip to Kenya two years ago. It better conveys my feelings than could words about the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, a city I dearly love. Jesus wept. So do I.

Within Our Darkest Night

Jacques Berthier

With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -

way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

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I.

Black Lives Matter / Say Their Names

Catholic Lesbians Ministry

Read by Cato Ybarra and Mary Hurson

Tolling of the Bells

8 minutes and 43 seconds

We invite all of you to take a knee in reverence

II.
Letter from a Birmingham Jail
By Martin Luther King Jr. (1963)
Xavier Mission
Read by Andres Ramirez

We Are Marching

Siyahamba
"Siyahamba" originated in South Africa, probably as a Zulu folk song

III.
Meeting His Mother
Family Faith, RCIA and Comunidades Hispanas Ministries
Read by Luz Marina Diaz

The Promise

by Tracy Chapman

Lynda Stewart-Kennedy, soloist
Luz Marian Diaz, dancer
Stefano Nappi, choreographer

IV.

In the Spirit of Pentecost: *A reflection on My Relationship with Fire*

By Kristen Beckles

Young Adults Ministry

Read by Kristen Beckles

Can You See God

by Chris da Silva

Maria Brinkmann, soloist

Traci Tournoux, Cara Caponi, Joel Dabu and Sidney Marquez Boquiren

V.

excerpts from:

The Assumption of White Privilege and What We Can Do About It

By Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Racial Justice Ministry

Read by Moira Egan and Tim O'Connor

A PLEDGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The Church of St. Francis Xavier joins with people of faith and no faith, throughout the world, in committing itself to racial justice. And so we pledge together:

I SUPPORT justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

I AFFIRM that white privilege is unfair and harmful to those who have it and to those who do not.

I AFFIRM that white privilege and the culture of white supremacy in which our nation and our church were founded and developed must be dismantled.

I SUPPORT racial equity, justice, and liberation for every person.

I AFFIRM the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Therefore, from this day forward . . .

I WILL strive daily to understand white privilege and white supremacy and how their existence benefits me.

I COMMIT to help transform our church culture to one that is actively engaged in seeking racial justice and equity for everyone.

I WILL make a greater effort to treat all people with the same respect I expect to receive.

I COMMIT to developing the courage to live my beliefs and values of racial justice and equality.

I WILL strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice from my thoughts and actions so that I can better promote the racial justice efforts of our church.

I WILL renew and honor this pledge daily, knowing that our church, our community, our nation, and our world will be better places because of my efforts.

Order My Steps

Glen Burleigh



1. Or - der my steps in your word, — dear Lord, Lead me, — guide me,
2. Hum-bly I ask thee, teach me your will. While you are work-ing,
3. Bri - dle my tongue, let my words ed-i-fy, Let the words of my mouth be ac-



ev - er-y — day. — Send your a - noint - ing, Fa-ther, I pray.
help me be — still. Though Sa - tan is bus - y, God is real!
cept-a-ble in thy sight. Take charge of my thoughts, both day — and night.



Or-der my steps in your word. Please, or-der my steps in your



word. word. I want to walk wor - thy. My



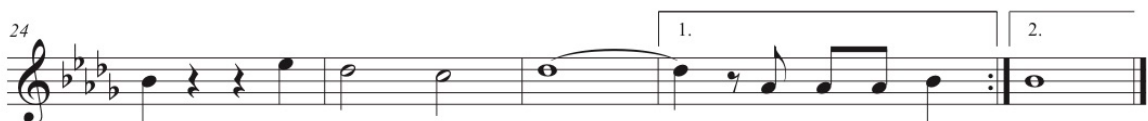
call - ing to ful - fill. — Please or-der my steps, Lord,



And I'll do your bless-ed will, — The world is ev-er chang-ing,



but you are still the same. — If you or-der my



steps, I'll praise your name. — I want to walk hame.

Text: Psalm 119:133, Glenn Burleigh, 1949-2007.

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Glenn Burleigh (Burleigh Inspirational Music)



La Cuarta Estación: Jesús se encuentra con su Madre

Mientras lleva su cruz en el camino al Calvario, Jesús se encuentra con su madre.

María camina la vía hacia Calvario y está al pie de la cruz con su amado hijo. María abraza el dolor y el sufrimiento de Jesús en su pasión y muerte. La pasión del hijo es la pasión de la madre. Y la muerte del hijo es la muerte de la madre.

Muriendo en la cruz, Jesús llama a su madre. Mientras moría, George Floyd llamó a su mamá. Aunque ella murió hace dos años, él tiene un lugar en su corazón para ella. Un lugar cálido y seguro donde se reúnen. El se encuentra con su madre.

En tiempos de dolor y sufrimiento, un llamado a una madre es una oración. Es una invocación sagrada que consuela. Es un encuentro santo para recordar el amor y la compasión reviviendo la caricia, el beso y el cálido abrazo de la madre.

El se encuentra con su madre.

El se encuentra con madres negras que temen que sus hijos e hijas mueran como él.

El se encuentra con nuestros corazones llamándonos a arrepentirnos de actitudes, comportamientos y discursos racistas.

El abre nuestros oídos para escuchar los gritos de los heridos y muertos por la discriminación racial y nos inspira a condenar el escándalo del racismo.

El da voz a las madres, padres, tutores y educadores religiosos en Xavier para hablar porque el silencio no es una opción.

El fortalece nuestra determinación de dialogar y actuar, para construir con nuestros hijos, hijas y la comunidad el mundo mejor que Jesús promete.

Un mundo que es posible si honramos el mandamiento más importante: amar a Dios y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo.

En este momento de lamento y furia, también llamamos a nuestra madre, nuestra Madre Espiritual. Quién mejor que María, que es Asiática, Negra, Blanca, India, Indígena; María, que se convierte en todos para todos. Quién mejor que ella para caminar con nosotros en el camino de Cristo hacia la justicia racial, llenos de esperanza por un futuro justo donde todos/todas disfruten de la paz.

Jesús se encuentra con su madre... Nosotros nos encontramos con nuestra madre... El se encuentra con su madre.

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