



**HERE FOR YOU
... in Unity Against Racism**

Lunchtime Vigils on Thursday, June 11, 2020

Opening Responses for a Liturgy For Healing

One: If you come In certainty or in confusion, In anger or in anguish,

All: THIS TIME IS FOR US.

One: If you come In silent suffering or hidden sorrow, In pain or promise,

All: THIS TIME IS FOR US.

One: if you come and do not know why, To be here is enough.

All: THIS TIME IS FOR US.

One: Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth, Come now, Christ of the yearning tears, Come now, Christ of the transforming touch,

All: THIS TIME IS FOR US.

Prayer for Humankind

God of all humanity - You call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for women and men of all colors and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice. Remind us that differences are a gift, And interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Unite all your children and give us hope for an end to racism and for a future of equality in which Black Lives Matter. We pray in Jesus' love. Amen

A Moment of Silence for George Floyd and all victims of racism and injustice.

Closing Prayer for Change

In this worship and work we do today and after, we pray for more than conviction. We pray, for change.

Change the easy peace we make with ourselves into discontent because of the oppression of others.

Change our tendency to defend ourselves into the freedom that comes from being forgiven and empowered through your love.

Change our need for disguises, excuses and images into the ability to be honest with ourselves and open with one another.

Change our inclination to judge others into a desire to serve and uplift others.
And most of all,

Change our routine worship and work into a genuine encounter with you and our better self so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Amen.