

HYMN for Racial Justice Sunday, 2009 – 'Who do you say I am?'

Based on Mark 8.27-33

Tune: Personent Hodie (also known as Theodoric)

1. Peter spoke, proud and true -
did the best he could do -
told them all what he knew:
'This is God's anointed,
heavenly appointed!'
Gave a name, name, name,
to explain, plain, plain;
Would his call say it all,
need no further story?
2. Jesus then made it clear
how much more we must hear
if we'd let him come near -
we must learn his story,
cross and death and glory;
feel his pain, pain, pain,
then his reign, reign, reign.
If we'd see who he'd be
we must learn his story!
3. Others met on life's road,
watched and feared or ignored,
quickly named and deplored
often classed as 'other',
rarely sister, brother.
Must we name, name, name,
just to shame, shame, shame;
pigeon hole ev'ry soul,
never learn their story?

4. Jesu's life ev'ry day
touched the lives on his way,
let them all have their say -
outcasts with their dangers,
foreigners and strangers -
let them share, share, share,
from their care, care, care,
till he knew what to do,
learning from their stories.
5. Still today, we may meet,
name and leave incomplete
or, like Jesus, may greet,
listening to others,
finding sisters, brothers.
Help us know, know, know
how to grow, grow, grow
as we face and embrace;
merging all our stories.

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Suggested Hymns for Racial Justice Sunday 13 September 2009

Song Title	Writer	Hymn Book/Source	Tune
All are welcome	Marty Haugen	Laudate No. 458	
Brother, sister, let me serve you	Richard Gillard	Laudate No. 924 Celebration Hymnal No.	
My song is love unknown	Sammuel Crossman	Laudate No. 752 Celebration Hymnal No. 503	
The Church's one foundation	S J Stone	Laudate No. 830 Celebration Hymnal No.688	
Whatever you do	W F Jabusch	Laudate No. 926 Celebration Hymnal No. 799	
We are one in the spirit	Peter Scholtes	Celebration Hymnal No. 769	
One bread, one body	John B Foley, S J	Laudate No.832 Celebration Hymnal No. 578	
Put peace into each others hands	Fred Kaan	Rejoice and Sing Hymn Book No. 635	St Columba
This we can do for justice and peace	Brian Wren	Rejoice and Sing Hymn Book No. 639	Gaudium et Spes
When Israel was in Egypt's land	African American Spiritual	Rejoice and Sing Hymn Book No.643	Go Down Moses
The church is like a table	Fred Kaan	Drawn to Wonder Hymn Book No. 13	Holly Lane
Come now o prince of peace (O-So-So) Korean	Marion Pope	Drawn to Wonder Hymn Book No.26	No name
Jesus where can we find you?	Doreen Potter	Drawn to Wonder Hymn Book No. 24	No name
For such a time as this	Laveta Hilton	Worshipping Ecumenically page 134	No name

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION BASED ON THE SCOTTISH MACE



The Scottish Mace is present in the debating hall of the Scottish parliament when it sits in session. A new mace was commissioned for the re-established of the Parliament and was presented to the Parliament by the Queen at its official opening on the 1st July 1999. Engraved in the mace are the words 'Wisdom, Integrity, Justice, Compassion', the values which the Scottish people desire their Parliament to uphold.

Wisdom

'The fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.....' Psalm 111.10

God of wisdom, we bring before you the peoples of faith within our nation. We pray for faith communities who seek to establish harmony within Scotland through the daily living of their faith. We pray for the traditional churches, that in the challenging contexts they face, they may remain faithful to your Gospel. We pray for the growing ethnic minority Christian presence in Scotland, that we may find ways of working together in our outreach to the nation.

R. In our witness to Christ we reveal God's wisdom through our faithfulness.

Integrity

'The integrity of the upright guides them.....' Proverbs. 11.3

God who is righteous, we bring before you all who strive to uphold the values of integrity and righteousness.

We pray for all in positions of political leadership, that they may act in ways which brings about a healthy, vibrant and caring nation.

We pray for all who work with children and young people, that by their example our young people may become responsible citizens of our communities.

We pray for those in leadership in our faith communities, that they may be recognised for their discipleship and witness to faith.

R. In our witness to Christ may we act in ways which demonstrate God's integrity.

Justice

'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice ..' Micah 6:8

God who is just, we bring before you all who in our nation are denied justice, peace and security.

We pray for those seeking asylum and for those exploited through human trafficking.

We pray for migrant workers taken advantage of because of their lack of language skills and unfamiliarity with our systems.

We pray for all who are judged by colour of their skin and not for the people they are.

R. In our witness to Christ may we reveal God's justice to the world.

Compassion

'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion... Colossians 3.12'

Loving God, we bring before you all who in our nation long to feel the

compassion of another human being.

We pray children, women and men trapped in abusive relationships, often fuelled by alcohol and drugs.

We pray for those who wearied of caring for loved ones and neglect to care for themselves.

We pray for all who feel cast out by society and beyond human care.

R. In our witness to Christ may we reveal God's compassion for the world.

God in whom we discover wisdom, integrity, justice and compassion, hear our prayer and enable us to play our part in shaping the life of our nation. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Litany of the Scottish Mace

Rev Lindsey Sanderson for Opening Worship of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity September 2008.

One Race the Human Race

PRAYERS

Dear God, today we stand to pray not just for ourselves, but for the world and its communities. We pray for those caught up in wars and gang violence, especially the innocent and hope that you would intervene and bring peace and safety. We pray for families separated by continents who may spend yet another year without their beloved husband, son, nephew, daughter, mother.

We pray for the leaders of the United Nations, that they would lead in ways uncorrupted by power and self interest so that peace would come more quickly to our world. As you lead us through the changing seasons, may we remember places facing desertification, droughts, floods, and help us to think seriously about our contribution in doing what we can to help reduce climate change.

We pray that every child can be warm, safe and fed and help us to fight child poverty both in our society and in the world. We pray for all kinds of injustice, that justice will be worked for.

Lord, let us be part of your body that reaches out to others. Glorify your name through us as you help us make a difference. The problems seem so big and we are so small. Lord remind us that we are made stronger when we join with others so help us to do that.



Our God, father, mother, sister, brother, all our faces are seen across the world, across this land help us to value and enjoy the diversity in your creation and in the human family help us to embrace one another and to allow your Spirit to transform and enrich us in these growing relationships. We pray for your grace to touch our lives in ways that bring us to life to work with you more effectively Help each of us to know more clearly who we are and who you are , that all can be proud of being created in your image and trust your presence with us on our life journeys

AMEN

