# Peace, Justice & Reconciliation Commission Vigil in Solidarity with Detained and Separated Immigrant Families



Refugees - La Sagrada Familia by Karen Lattimore

St. Ignatius Church Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

# **Opening Hymn**

#### THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE -Peter Scholtes

Intoned in Spanish

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

refrain And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side We will work with each other, we will work side by side And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. Ref.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Ref.

# **Opening Prayer**

# First Reading

Leviticus 19:33-34

Cuando algún extranjero se establezca en el país de ustedes, no lo traten mal. <sup>34</sup> Al contrario, trátenlo como si fuera uno de ustedes. Ámenlo como a ustedes mismos, porque también ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto. Yo soy el Señor y Dios de Israel.

When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

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# **Second Reading**

Jeremiah 22:3-5

Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. <sup>4</sup> For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. <sup>5</sup> But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become desolation.

Así dice el Señor: 'Practiquen el derecho y la justicia. Libren al oprimido del poder del opresor. No maltraten ni hagan violencia al extranjero, ni al huérfano ni a la viuda, ni derramen sangre inocente en este lugar. <sup>4</sup> Si de veras cumplen con esta palabra, entonces por las puertas de este palacio entrarán reyes que ocuparán el trono de David; entrarán en carros y a caballo, acompañados por sus oficiales y su pueblo. <sup>5</sup> Pero, si no obedecen estas palabras, juro por mí mismo que este palacio se convertirá en un montón de ruinas. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo'"



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# Third Reading

## Hebrews 13:1-3

Sigan amándose unos a otros fraternalmente. <sup>2</sup> No se olviden de practicar la hospitalidad, pues gracias a ella algunos, sin saberlo, hospedaron ángeles. <sup>3</sup> Acuérdense de los presos, como si ustedes fueran sus compañeros de cárcel, y también de los que son maltratados, como si fueran ustedes mismos los que sufren.

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

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## 4th Reading

#### Matthew 25:31-45

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, <sup>[9]</sup> you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Cuando el Hijo del hombre venga en su gloria, con todos sus ángeles, se sentará en su trono glorioso. Todas las naciones se reunirán delante de él, y él separará a unos de otros, como separa el pastor las ovejas de las cabras. Pondrá las ovejas a su derecha, y las cabras a su izquierda. Entonces dirá el Rey a los que estén a su derecha: "Vengan ustedes, a quienes mi Padre ha bendecido; reciban su herencia, el reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo. Porque tuve hambre, y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; fui forastero, y me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa, y me vistieron; estuve enfermo, y me atendieron; estuve en la cárcel, y me visitaron. Ye le contestarán los justos: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos, o sediento y te dimos de beber? Cuándo te vimos como forastero y te dimos alojamiento, o necesitado de ropa y te vestimos? Cuándo te vimos enfermo o en la cárcel y te visitamos? Le Rey les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de mis hermanos, aun por el más pequeño, lo hicieron por mí". Luego dirá a los que estén a su izquierda: "Apártense de mí, malditos, al fuego eterno preparado para el diablo y sus ángeles. Porque tuve hambre, y ustedes no me dieron nada de comer; tuve sed, y no me dieron nada de beber; fui forastero, y no me dieron alojamiento; necesité ropa, y no me vistieron; estuve enfermo y en la cárcel, y no me atendieron". Ellos también le contestarán: "Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento o sediento, o como forastero, o necesitado de ropa, o enfermo, o en la cárcel, y no te ayudamos?" El les responderá: "Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, tampoco lo hicieron por mí".

# Ignatian Reflection (Father Joe)

# **Candle Lighting & Procession of Light**

We light our candles as a sign of the Light of Christ, and carry them forward as a symbol of our commitment to carry Christ's light to the world, and in a special way to the immigrant community in our country.

**Processional Song** 

Jabusch

Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer

## Closing Prayer

Response: Jesus, we welcome You.

Dear Jesus, you came into this world as a migrant R.

There was no room for your family at the inn R.

Along with the angels in heaven **R**.

Along with the shepherds who wandered the hills R.

Along with the Magi who traveled from the East R.

Your family became refugees fleeing Herod R.

In Egypt you were an alien R.

In your public life you did not have a place to rest R.

Dear Jesus, we see you today, and R.

In refugees fleeing war and violence R.

In immigrants seeking a better life R.

In migrant workers who enrich our land with their labor R.

In seafarers and other people on the move **R**.

## **Let Us Pray**: (together)

Dear Jesus, you are the refuge of people on the move. We ask you to grant immigrants, refugees, and other migrants peace, protection, and comfort. Help us to recognize that whenever we welcome the stranger in your name, we welcome you. Teach us to recognize your presence in every human being. Bring us together as one family, at the banquet table of your love, with you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*.

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## **Closing Hymn**

#### **WE ARE CALLED**

David Haas

1. Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!