*What Does the Lord Require of You? A Liturgy of Justice and Freedom from Racism*

**Call to Worship**

How should we come before the Holy One and bow before God on high?

**God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Hymn #743 (MBW\*): **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**Litany**

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

**When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?**

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

If you do away with the yoke, clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn, your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

**God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Our God says:

**Here is my servant whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased**.

I have filled him with my spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

**He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.**

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

**We will walk in the parts of his chosen.**

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

**We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spares into pruning hooks.**

Nations will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore.

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

Justice will roll down like waters,

**And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

**To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Suggested Scriptures: Ephesians 6:11-13 and Galatians 5: 1, 13-15

**Intercessory Prayers**

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence. We are thankful that, without discrimination, you have created all races and peoples in your image. We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people, to recognize our rightful place in your creation. Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan, racism as an ideology continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world. In many places, blacks are still considered and treated as an inferior race. We pray that your liberating power will set us free from such racism.

**ALL: Amen.**

Hymn #707 (MBW\*): **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Sources

\*MBW: Moravian Book of Worship, 1995

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