



Wednesday Prayer

3rd Sunday of Easter – Hear my voice

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplications. Because he has inclined his ear to me I will call upon him as long as I live.

Psalm 116:1-2

It is remarkable that the reason that the singer of this hymn is rejoicing is because he or she is being heard by the Lord. Often positive personal, community or global change is possible only after listening to unheard cries. There is so much unnecessary and useless noise that it takes work and wisdom to carefully and respectfully listen.

As God inclines his ear to unheard ones, we are to do the same. It is obvious these days that we are to listen to children, victims of gun violence, women, LGBTQ+ folks, the BIPOC community and their allies. Through listening we share in their stories, honoring them and advocating for them. We incline our ears, leaning in close and sharing in their peril. When this happens there is power generated that can result in praise, trust, healing and peace based in God's love, justice and mercy.

I love the Lord because he has heard the voice of my supplication. Yes, yes, he hears me...And you.

Let us call upon him as long as we live.

Lord, day by day, week by week, you hear our prayers. Help us to listen to the voices that have been silenced and that continue to be silenced in the noise of our world. May we listen with our hearts open in order that we may act with justice and mercy with all who are suffering. Amen.

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