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Introduction

W. D. R., J.D.
D., B. C. L., S.
D., F. R. J., A.

Opening Hymn

HEALING

By Richard Smallwood

Welcome and Opening Prayer

R. P. L., S.J.
P.

First Reading

THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE

P. J., A. C., '96,
M.E., '97, J.D. & M.B.A '03

“Unfortunately, during the course of 2,000 years of Christian history, this symbol of salvation has been detached from any reference to the ongoing suffering and oppression of human beings—those whom Ignacio Ellacuría, the Salvadoran martyr, called “the crucified peoples of history.”

The cross has been transformed into a harmless, non-offensive ornament that Christians wear around their necks. Rather than reminding us of the ‘cost of discipleship,’ it has become a form of ‘cheap grace,’ an easy way to salvation that doesn’t force us to confront the power of Christ’s message and mission.

Until we can see the cross and the lynching tree together, until we can identify Christ with a ‘recrucified’ black body hanging from a lynching tree, there can be no genuine understanding of Christian identity in America, and no deliverance from the brutal legacy of slavery and white supremacy.”

– James Cone

Response

PSALM

Respond:

Second Reading

JEREMIAH :

P...L DC
A...P...A...R...

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
Do not be deceived by the prophets and diviners who are among you;
do not listen to those among you who dream dreams,
for they prophesy lies to you in my name; I did not send them.

For thus says the Lord:

