

Principles for Social Justice

St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

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That there may be justice and peace on the Earth

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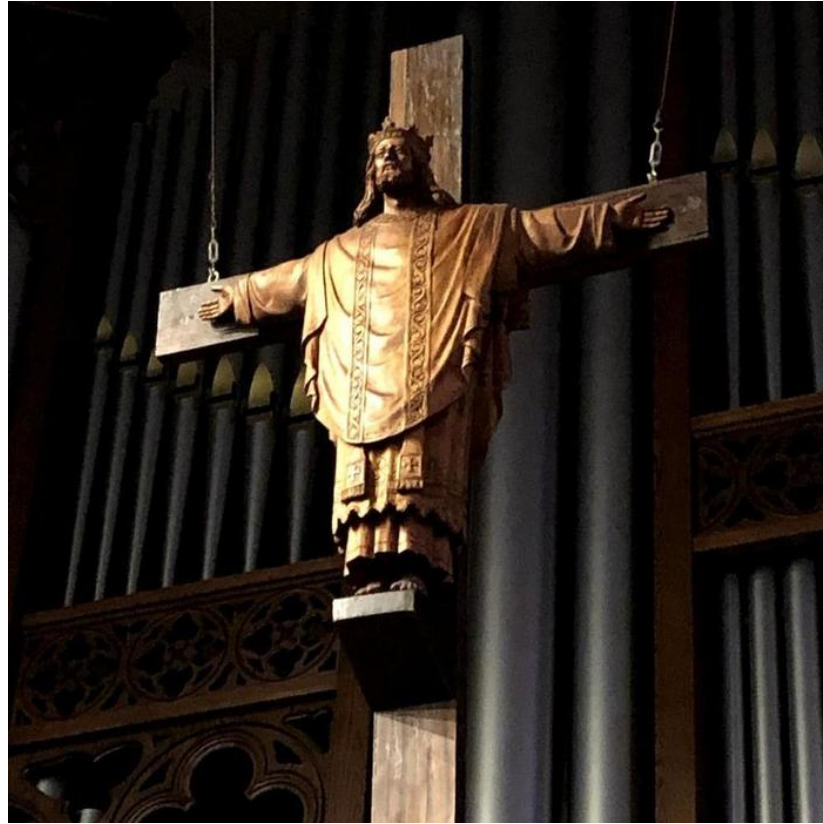
The Reclaiming Jesus Declaration,

<http://reclaimingjesus.org>

The Poor People's Campaign,

<http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/fundamental-principles/>

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979.



Dean Penny Bridges on Palm Sunday 2018

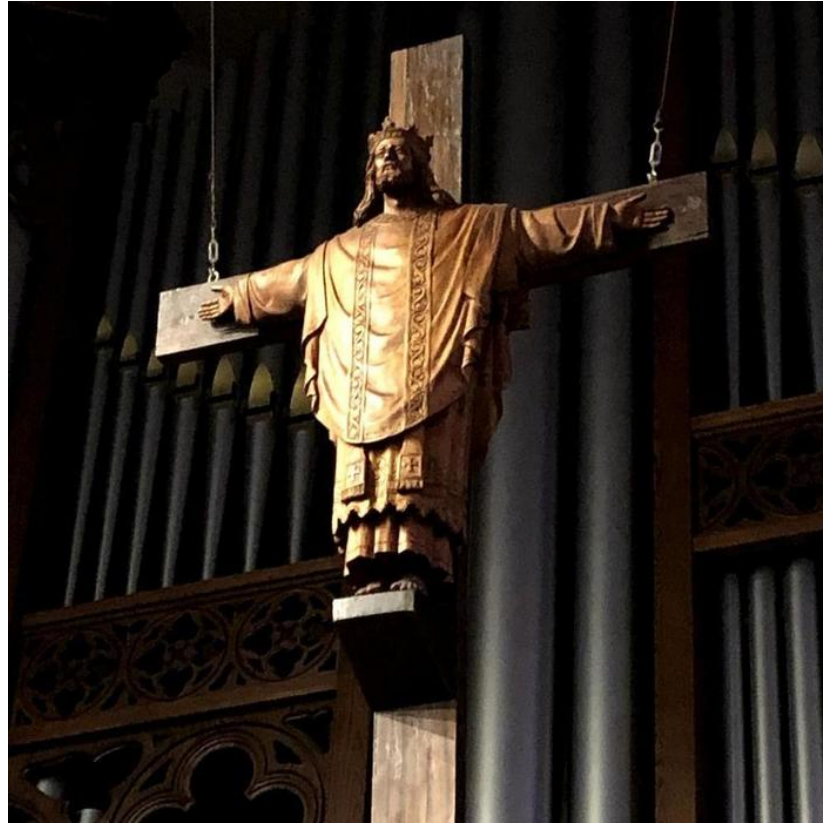
On Palm Sunday the Dean's sermon raised the subject of a statement by a group of two dozen religious leaders including the Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and the Rev. Jim Wallis of *Sojourners*.



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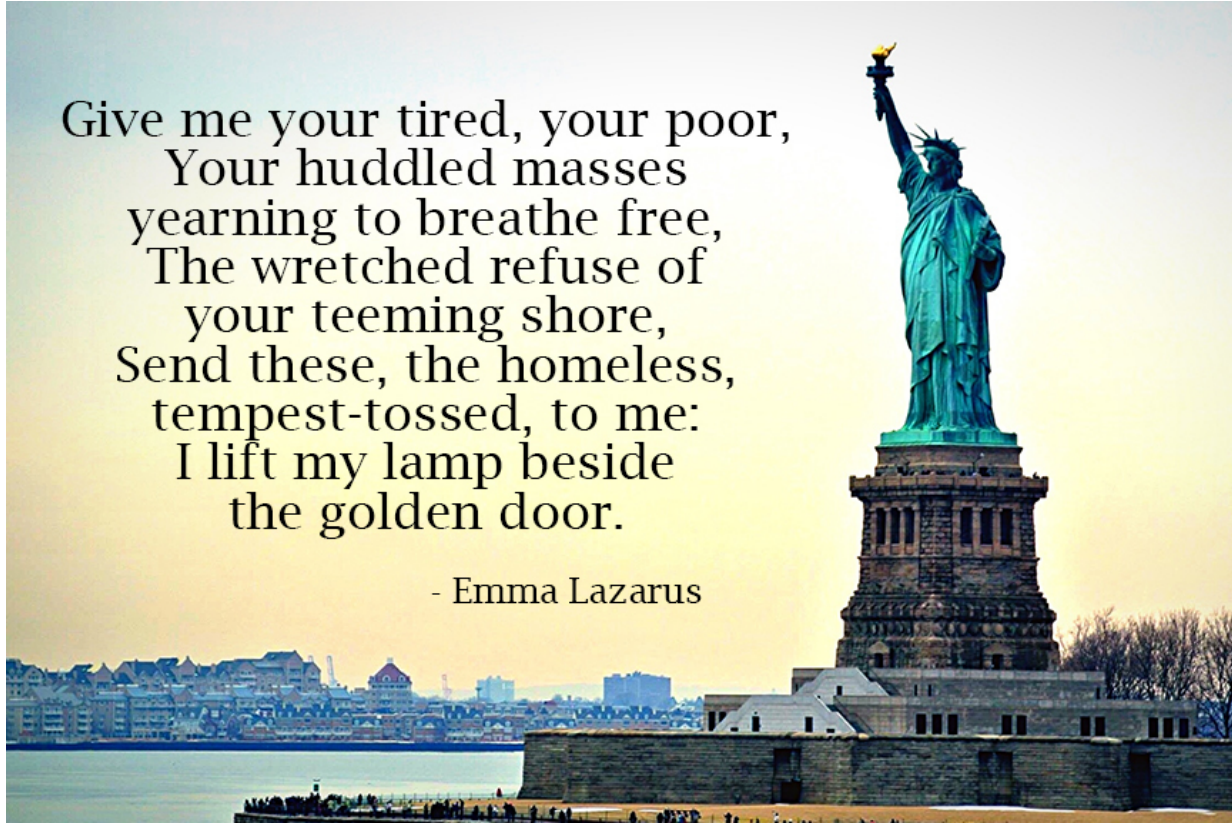
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Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door.

- Emma Lazarus



Luke 4: 16–19

[Jesus] stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.



Why?

As a community of Christian faith, we offer this statement to articulate our position on important issues of social justice. By informing others and reminding ourselves what Jesus calls us to do, we hope, with God's help, to better our world.



March for Our Lives, March 2018

We Promise

- to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- to strive for justice and peace among all people.
- to respect the dignity of every human being.

Principle 1

We believe that every human being on our planet is our neighbor whom we are called to love.



Principle 2

We believe that every human being is entitled to the basic essentials of food, clothing, shelter, health care, education and equal justice; and we strive to make that a reality in our world.



Principle 3

We believe that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives.

— As in *The Reclaiming Jesus Declaration*,

<http://reclaimingjesus.org>.



Principle 4

We stand against oppression based on race, color, creed, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, age, or difference.



“Bloody Sunday”, Selma Alabama, March 1965

Principle 5

We call for a moral revival of the deepest spiritual values in the tradition of our society.

— As suggested by *The Poor People's Campaign*,

<http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/fundamental-principles/>.



Principle 6

We call for our society to step forward in supporting the marginalized and rehabilitating those who have fallen.



Principle 7

We call for the stranger to be treated with welcome while in our land.



Principle 8

We call for a reversal of the forces that are accelerating economic inequality and environmental degradation.



Top 1% vs. Bottom 50% national income shares in the US and Western Europe, 1980-2016:
Diverging income inequality trajectories



Example 8a

Environmental Degradation: Bigger Wildfires



Issues of environmental degradation are a concern of the “Simpler Living” ministry at St. Paul’s.

Example 8b

Accelerating Economic Inequality

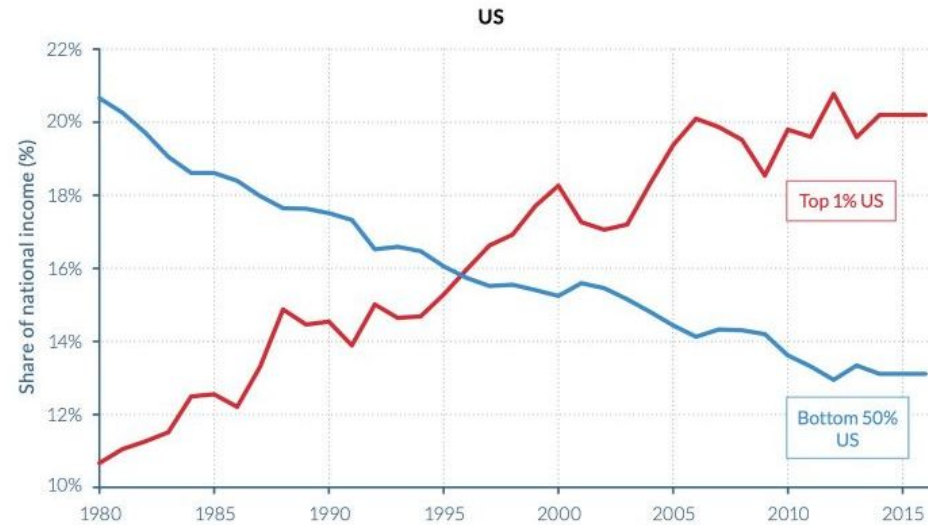


Chart from the *L. A. Times* in August 2018. The blue line shows that the income *share* of the bottom 50% has been cut by about 38% from 1980 to 2015 — equivalent to incremental annual cuts by roughly 1.4%.

Principle 9

We call for the leaders at all levels of our society to learn once again to work together, particularly toward equal opportunity and equal justice for all.

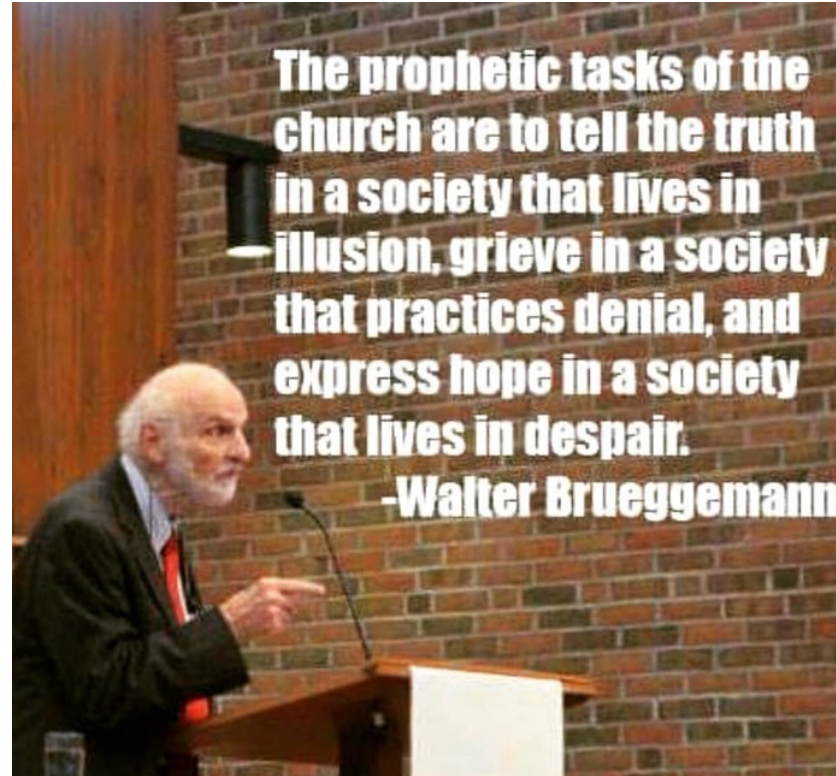


Principle 10

We call for all people to realize that together we are part of the world-wide community that shares and cares for this planet, our island home.



A Theologian



Do You Love Me?

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

— John 21

Potluck and Film Tonight

Tonight after Evensong, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. —
A screening of “Hidden Figures” in the Great Hall

