

"If I had a hammer, I'd hammer out freedom; I'd hammer out justice..."

In today's Gospel the hammers sound out loud and clear:

Bang!

Bang! Bang! Rat, Tat, Tat!"

The sound of nails being driven into the Body of Christ.

And who is and where is the Body of Christ in our day?

THE MIGRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD BY US:

"WE WILL BUILD A WALL AND WE WILL KEEP YOU OUT!"

The Gays who are told from high: "you must undergo conversion and be reconstituted into a "normal" sexual identity."

JESUS, CHRIST OUR KING WAS NEITHER A DEMOCRAT NOR A REPUBLICAN.

HIS KINGDOM WAS NOT OF THIS WORLD.

SO HE WAS A WOUNDED KING WHOSE HEALING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL HE COMES AGAIN!

IN THE MEANTIME, THE HAMMER SOUNDS AGAIN AND AGAIN. IT ECHOES DOWN INTO OUR OWN DAY.

Alice Walker wrote:

"Healing begins where the wound was made."

WOUNDS ARE BEING MADE TODAY:

□ WOUNDS OF EXCLUSION.

□ WOUNDS OF RIDICULE,

□ WOUNDS OF SCORN,

□ WOUNDS OF BIAS.

We are a wounded nation, and we must pray for "healing where the wounds are made."

To view an excellent homily by an Episcopal Pastor go to You Tube at:

<https://youtu.be/fuvoulcztic>

And so we must pray for our President Elect:

Sometimes O Lord:

The job,

the task itself , the responsibility

shapes the holder for better things.

Sometimes the holder rises above baser instincts, rises to meet new challenges.

We ask these graces for our President Elect:

Deliver him from racist advisers,

Deliver him from mocking the handicapped to care for their wounds;

Deliver him from excluding decent migrants to a spirit of inclusion;

Deliver him from his own fears to understanding.

Protect him from any violent acts.

And deliver us all from division to unity.

We ask all of this through the power of Christ our King.

Amen