

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

—*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 294



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As someone who spends a lot of time talking to Episcopalians about racial justice and reconciliation, I often refer to our Baptismal Covenant. I especially invite folks to consider this final question about striving for justice and peace and respecting the dignity of every person. It's an invitation to think about how we might be the Body of Christ together while also understanding that we are not alone: we will, with God's help.

Recently this has made me somewhat uncomfortable; it seems a little too obvious or perhaps too easy. As I encounter people and communities of faith who form and transform me, I feel called to grapple with the uncomfortable areas of my faith, those places where I need to learn and grow. More recently I have wondered how my ministry might be transformed if I instead focused on this question: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" This seems so much simpler and yet so much more complicated at the same time.

I invite you to explore with me what it means to proclaim by word and example in your own life. Together, I am certain that we can find new ways to shout, "We will, with God's help," and work to heal a hurting world.

—**Heidi J. Kim**