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I am offended and outraged at the spectacle of hypocrisy and disrespect paraded through Lafayette Square Park in front of St. John’s Episcopal Church. on June 1, 2020. Protesters were tear-gassed, arrested, and terrorized to set a stage for a Bible photo op for the president in front of a church. This is an abomination. A public disgrace. God is not dead; the Bible is not a prop. Those who know the living God of peace, justice, deliverance, and liberation are called to rise up in this moment. Keep protesting. Keep gathering in your communities of faith to worship, study, pray, and mobilize -- for the long haul. Keep your feet in the streets and at the doors of your elected leaders. Keep the faith. God is not to be mocked (Galatians 6:7-9). Let us not grow weary in this fight for justice.

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