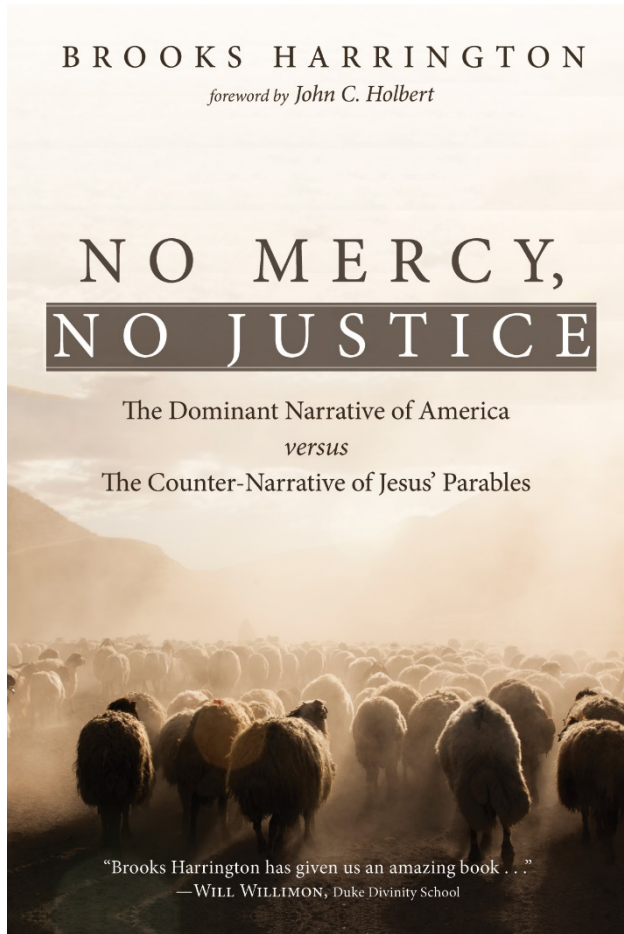


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Author Bio

About Reverend Brooks Harrington, Author of “No Mercy, No Justice”

No Mercy, No Justice is Brooks Harrington’s first book.

All net proceeds from the book, as well as speaking honorariums, will directly benefit the [Methodist Justice Ministry](#).

Reverend Brooks Harrington is the legal director of the Methodist Justice Ministry, which he founded in 2006. Brooks is a former US Marine infantry officer. He attended George Washington University law school in Washington D.C., graduating *cum laude*. He then served on a law school faculty in D.C. for two years and as a federal prosecutor there for five more years. He returned to his home in Fort Worth, and was in private litigation practice from 1983 to 1991 and from 1996 to 2006. He has been honored repeatedly by vote of his peers as a “Texas Superlawyer” in Texas Monthly magazine and as one of the top 100 lawyers in Tarrant County in the Fort Worth Business Press.

From 1991 to 1995, Brooks attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, graduating *summa cum laude*, and was senior pastor of Diamond Hill United Methodist Church in north Fort Worth. He was ordained a deacon in 1993 and an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2008. Brooks has served as an Associate Pastor on the clergy staff of First United Methodist Church in downtown Fort Worth and is now full-time as the legal director of the MJM, working six to seven days week.

Brooks has been married for more than 40 years to Maxine Harrington, a retired professor and former Associate Dean of Texas A&M School of Law. They have three children and four grandchildren.

About the Book

About “No Mercy, No Justice”

How can we be just and merciful? Are justice and mercy in conflict? Or are they aspects of the same truth?

Christians in America are presented with two conflicting versions of justice and mercy.

One version comes from the dominant secular narrative of America. Justice and mercy are contradictions. Mercy is devalued and discouraged.

But within the counter narrative of God revealed through Torah, the prophets, and particularly through the life and parables of Jesus, justice and mercy are aspects of the same truth and way of God. There is no justice without mercy. There is no mercy without justice.

In this book, Rev. Brooks Harrington draws on more than 42 years' experience as a criminal prosecutor, a pastor of inner-city church in an impoverished neighborhood, and the founder of a legal ministry protecting indigent victims of family violence and child neglect and abuse. Through moving stories of women and children he has encountered, he shows the terrible toll of the dominant narrative's version of justice and mercy. And he offers Christians hope with new and startling insights into God's justice and mercy revealed in the parables of Jesus.

About the Beneficiary

The Methodist Justice Ministry was founded by Reverend Brooks Harrington in 2006, first to protect indigent women and children from domestic violence, neglect and abuse, and second, to help them to new lives free of violence, abuse, fear and self-loathing.

The MJM is thoroughly faith driven. Its legal director, Brooks Harrington, is an ordained United Methodist minister as well as a licensed attorney. Our scriptural motto is: *“Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and the needy.”* Proverbs 31: 8-9

Since the MJM began, we have represented in court the interests of hundreds of women and children from low income households. We have not only obtained but also enforced court orders for protection, for custody, for denial or restriction of visitation by the abusers, and for child support and medical support. And we have counseled with more than 5,000 individuals desperate for help. The MJM staff presently consists of three lawyers, a legal intern and two legal assistants. We receive between 20 and 30 new requests for legal representation every week. We need to expand, and the net proceeds from *No Mercy, No Justice* will help us to do this.

For more information about the Methodist Justice Ministry's work and how you can donate, visit www.methodistjusticeministry.org. **All net proceeds from the book, as well as speaking honorariums, will directly benefit the Methodist Justice Ministry.**

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New book “No Mercy, No Justice” explores American culture of justice without mercy, contrasted with Jesus’ narrative of compassion and mercy

Reverend Brooks Harrington is an attorney and minister. His first book is published by Wipf & Stock imprint, Cascade Books, and is available via the publisher and Amazon.

(Fort Worth, Texas) --- [Reverend Brooks Harrington](#) has announced that he has written and published – with [Wipf & Stock’s](#) Cascade Books imprint – his first book, *No Mercy, No Justice: The Dominant Narrative of America versus The Counter-Narrative of Jesus’ Parables*. The book is written to inspire Christians to treat everyone – including themselves – with mercy and justice. In fact, according to the author – and to Jesus’ parables, which Harrington insightfully interprets – there is no justice without mercy, and no mercy without justice.

“Brooks offers Christians hope with new and startling insights into God’s justice and mercy revealed in the parables of Jesus.

‘No Mercy, No Justice’ takes us both deeper into the Holy Scriptures and deeper into the life of faithfulness exemplified by the deeds of love, justice and mercy.”

-- [Mike Lowry](#), resident bishop of the Central Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

In this book - available via the [publisher](#), on [Amazon](#), and on [Kindle](#) - Rev. Brooks Harrington draws on more than 40 years’ experience as a criminal prosecutor, a pastor of inner-city church in an impoverished neighborhood, and the founder of a [legal ministry](#) protecting indigent victims of family violence and child neglect and abuse.

Through moving stories of women and children he has encountered, he shows the terrible toll of the dominant narrative’s version of justice and mercy. And he offers Christians hope with new and startling insights into God’s justice and mercy revealed in the parables of Jesus.

“I wrote this book for the Christians who want to help fix our broken world, who crave more than what seems to be offered by the culture we live in, who believe that helping equates to worshiping,” said Harrington. “It is my hope that this book changes those who read it.”

“Brooks Harrington has given us an amazing book...”
– Will Willimon, Duke Divinity School

No Mercy, No Justice asks the reader: How can we be just and merciful? Are justice and mercy in conflict? Or are they aspects of the same truth?

According to Rev. Harrington, Christians in America are presented with two conflicting versions of justice and mercy. One version comes from the dominant secular narrative of America. Justice and mercy are

contradictions. Mercy is devalued and discouraged. But within the counter narrative of God revealed through Torah, the prophets, and particularly through the life and parables of Jesus, justice and mercy are aspects of the same truth and way of God. There is no justice without mercy. There is no mercy without justice.

To learn more, visit www.revbrooksharrington.com, or attend an event. Rev. Harrington's first book signing is scheduled for Sunday, March 31, 2019, 9am-12pm, at [First United Methodist Church in downtown Fort Worth](#).

About the Author

Brooks Harrington is the founder of the Methodist Justice Ministry, a *pro bono* legal ministry that provides legal protections and supportive services for indigent victims of child abuse and family violence. He has been a Marine infantry officer, a criminal prosecutor in Washington D.C., a litigator in private practice, an ordained United Methodist elder, and the pastor of an inner-city church.

Today, Brooks dedicates his time and energy toward helping the clients of the [Methodist Justice Ministry](#); **all net proceeds from the sale of *No Mercy, No Justice*, as well as all speaking honorariums, will directly benefit the ministry.** Click [here](#) for more about Reverend Harrington. To learn how to request Reverend Harrington as a speaker at your church or event, please click [here](#). To join the conversation, visit [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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Reviews

“Brooks Harrington has given us an amazing book – at once personal testimony from his significant experiences as an attorney and a pastor to the marginalized, then creative and invigorating biblical interpretation, all cast by a Christian with a passionate commitment to the embrace of justice and mercy. This book will change how you look at our criminal justice system, the parables of Jesus, and the Christian life.”

— Will Willimon, former Bishop of the United Methodist Church and now the Dean of the Chapel at Duke Divinity School

“With the vivid illumination of personal experience, Brooks Harrington offers a trenchant connection between twin pillars of justice and mercy. He shines light on Christian verses which challenges even as it educates... The passion for ministry to children in desperate need will take the attentive reader to new depths of both justice and mercy to the Lord.”

— Mike Lowry, resident bishop of the Central Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church ([click here](#) for more)

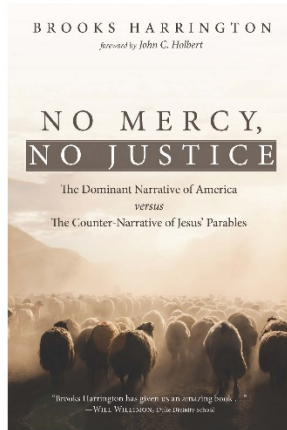
“Regarding the U.S. criminal justice system and poverty, Rev. Brooks Harrington has done much and perhaps seen it all. Prosecutor and minister, Harrington’s qualified insight of these social issues rings disturbingly authentic. Many citizens believe ‘the poor’ are simply victims of public policy. In the spirit of Rauschenbusch and Gladden, No Mercy, No Justice exercises biblical norms and Jesus’s gospel principles to inform believer’s treatment of the poor— our American Achilles heel.”

— David Mosser, author/editor of Transitions: Leading Churches through Change

“In this engaging book, Harrington draws on his wealth of experience and deep biblical wisdom to demonstrate the inseparability of mercy and justice. It calls us to look anew at how we practice our faith in a society dominated by self-interest and a narrative of justice. Reading No Mercy, No Justice might just change the way you live the Gospel.”

— Elaine A. Robinson, Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University

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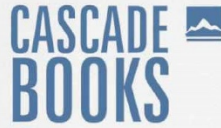
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The Dominant Narrative of America versus The Counter-Narrative of Jesus' Parables

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SELLING POINTS

- Proceeds from the sale of NO MERCY, NO JUSTICE will benefit legal ministry protecting indigent victims of family violence and child neglect and abuse
- A vivid illumination of personal experience, Brooks Harrington offers a trenchant connection between the twin pillars of justice and mercy.
- Prosecutor and minister, Harrington's qualified insight of these social issues rings disturbingly authentic.
- It calls us to look anew at how we practice our faith in a society dominated by self-interest and a narrative of justice.

MARKETING & PUBLICITY

- Publisher Wipf&Stock will feature the book on their website, book conventions, national online book sellers like amazon, Barnes & Nobles, and in stores.
- Kwedar PR will execute PR and marketing plan that will include author events, ads, and media
- Author will provide copies to select reviewers and faith network

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brooks Harrington is the founder of the Methodist Justice Ministry, a *pro bono* legal ministry that provides legal protections and supportive services for indigent victims of child abuse and family violence. He has been a Marine infantry officer, a criminal prosecutor in Washington D.C., a litigator in private practice, an ordained United Methodist elder, and the pastor of an inner city church.

Forward by John C. Holbert is Lois Craddock Perkins Professor emeritus of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas. He is the author of Preaching Old Testament, The Ten Commandments, Preaching Job, Preaching Creation, and other texts that address the intersection between the Hebrew Bible and preaching.

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