

A TIME OF PRAYER
Wednesday
March 9, 2022 2:00 p.m.

[Zoom Link to Worship](#)

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A moment of meditative silence is kept.

Officiant: Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Officiant: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Officiant: Lord have mercy.

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Psalm 119:49-72

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.

⁵⁰ **This is my comfort in my distress,
that your promise gives me life.**

⁵¹ The arrogant utterly deride me,
but I do not turn away from your law.

⁵² **When I think of your ordinances from of old,
I take comfort, O LORD.**

⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
those who forsake your law.

⁵⁴ **Your statutes have been my songs
wherever I make my home.**

⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O LORD,
and keep your law.

- 56 This blessing has fallen to me,
for I have kept your precepts.**
- 57 The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
- 58 I implore your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**
- 59 When I think of your ways,
I turn my feet to your decrees;
- 60 I hurry and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**
- 61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
- 62 At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous ordinances.**
- 63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
- 64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes.**
- 65 You have dealt well with your servant,
O LORD, according to your word.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.**
- 67 Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
- 68 You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.**
- 69 The arrogant smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
- 70 Their hearts are fat and gross,
but I delight in your law.**
- 71 It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

The Readings

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis:

Genesis 37:25-36

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They had the long robe with sleeves^[a] taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³ He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father bewailed him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Mark 1:29-45

²⁹ As soon as they^[a] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they

said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.”³⁸ He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.”³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ A leper^[b] came to him begging him, and kneeling^[c] he said to him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.”⁴¹ Moved with pity,^[d] Jesus^[e] stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!”⁴² Immediately the leprosy^[f] left him, and he was made clean.⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,⁴⁴ saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus^[g] could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Prayers

Officiant: Dear people of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

For our community of St. Michael’s, for our staff, wardens, and vestry, and for our search committee, that we may regather safely, unceasing in prayer and in loving our neighbors,
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who govern and hold authority in the world, that they may pursue justice, mercy, and peace above all else,
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the welfare of the world, that the hungry may eat their fill, the weary may find rest, the mourners may be comforted, and those who walk in darkness may see light,
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers:

Brian
Tom
Diane

Deceased:
Charlie
Esther [McNamee]
Peggy [Jordan]
Nancy [Pinkerton]
Dale [Wooley]
Louise [Christopher]

You may add your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving in silence or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrel

Officiant: Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**