

A TIME OF PRAYER

Wednesday

April 6, 2022 2:00 p.m.

[Zoom Link to Worship](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

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A moment of meditative silence is kept

Officiant: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 20

¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² **May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.**

³ May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

⁴ **May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans.**

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ **Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven**

with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷ Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ **They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.**

⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.^[a]

The Readings

Lector: A reading from the book of Judges:

Judges 9:7-15

⁷ When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

⁸ The trees once went out
to anoint a king over themselves.

So they said to the olive tree,
'Reign over us.'

⁹ The olive tree answered them,
'Shall I stop producing my rich oil
by which gods and mortals are honored,
and go to sway over the trees?'

¹⁰ Then the trees said to the fig tree,
'You come and reign over us.'

¹¹ But the fig tree answered them,
'Shall I stop producing my sweetness
and my delicious fruit,
and go to sway over the trees?'

¹² Then the trees said to the vine,
'You come and reign over us.'

¹³ But the vine said to them,
'Shall I stop producing my wine
that cheers gods and mortals,
and go to sway over the trees?'

¹⁴ So all the trees said to the bramble,
'You come and reign over us.'

¹⁵ And the bramble said to the trees,
'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you,
then come and take refuge in my shade;

but if not, let fire come out of the bramble
and devour the cedars of Lebanon.’

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. We especially pray for those suffering from the war in Ukraine,
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	Diane
Tom	Ali
Priscilla	Dick
Don	Lillie – Repose of her soul

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 i 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.**