

# A TIME OF PRAYER

Wednesday

June 1, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

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*A moment of meditative silence is kept*

Officiant: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

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 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.  
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.  
The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.  
May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## **The Readings**

Lector: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

### **Ezekiel 3:12-21**

Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the LORD rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me. I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days.

At the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die," and you give them no warning, or speak to warn the wicked from their wicked way, in order to save their life, those wicked persons shall die for their iniquity; but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and they do not turn from their wickedness, or from their wicked way, they shall die for their iniquity; but you will have saved your life. Again, if the righteous turn from their righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before them, they shall die; because you have not warned them, they shall die for their sin, and their righteous deeds that they have done shall not be remembered; but their blood I will require at your hand. If, however, you warn the righteous not to sin, and they do not sin, they shall surely live, because they took warning; and you will have saved your life.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

**Luke 9:18-27**

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

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	John	Colette	Rest in Peace: Ed
Susan	Ali	Kitty	
Priscilla	Dick	Beth	
Julia	Shirley		

*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.**