A TIME OF PRAYER Wednesday July 6, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Join on Zoom: <u>https://bit.ly/stmikessunday</u> Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 Passcode: 080100

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 119:73-80

⁷³ Thy hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments.

- ⁷⁴ Those who fear thee shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in thy word.
- ⁷⁵ I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
- ⁷⁶ Let thy steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to thy promise to thy servant.
- ⁷⁷ Let thy mercy come to me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸ Let the godless be put to shame,

because they have subverted me with guile;

as for me, I will meditate on thy precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those who fear thee turn to me,

that they may know thy testimonies.

⁸⁰ May my heart be blameless in thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame!

The Readings

Lector: A reading from the prophet Joshua:

Joshua 23:1-16

23 A long time afterward, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, ² Joshua summoned all Israel, their elders and heads, their judges and officers, and said to them, "I am now old and well advanced in years; ³ and you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. ⁴Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. ⁵ The LORD your God will push them back before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶ Therefore be very steadfast to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, ⁷ that you may not be mixed with these nations left here among you, or make mention of the names of their gods, or swear by them, or serve them, or bow down yourselves to them, ⁸ but cleave to the LORD your God as you have done to this day. ⁹ For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations; and as for you, no man has been able to withstand you to this day. ¹⁰ One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, as he promised you. ¹¹ Take good heed to yourselves, therefore, to love the LORD your God. ¹² For if you turn back, and join the remnant of these nations left here among you, and make marriages with them, so that you marry their women and they yours, ¹³ know assuredly that the LORD your God will not continue to drive out these nations before you; but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a scourge on your sides, and thorns in your eyes, till you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

¹⁴ "And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God promised concerning you; all have come to pass for you, not one of them has failed. ¹⁵ But just as all the good things which the LORD your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you, ¹⁶ if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you."

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 10:13-16

¹³ "Woe to you, Chora'zin! woe to you, Beth-sa'ida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it shall be more tolerable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Caper'naum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.¹⁶ "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

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 and for all victims of violence and injustice.

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	Ann
Susan	Ali	Kitty	Austin
Priscilla	Dick	Beth	Cathy
Julia	Shirley	Lori	Dan

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**.