

A TIME OF PRAYER
Wednesday
August 3, 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 60

¹ O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses;

you have been angry; now restore us!

² You have caused the land to quake; you have torn it open;

repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.

³ You have made your people suffer hard things;

you have given us wine to drink that made us reel.

⁴ You have set up a banner for those who fear you,

to rally to it out of bowshot.^[a] *Selah*

⁵ Give victory with your right hand and answer us,^[b]

so that those whom you love may be rescued.

⁶ God has promised in his sanctuary,^[c]
“With exultation I will divide up Shechem
and portion out the Vale of Succoth.

⁷ Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet;
Judah is my scepter.

⁸ Moab is my washbasin;
on Edom I hurl my shoe;
over Philistia I shout in triumph.”

⁹ Who will bring me to the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?

¹⁰ Have you not rejected us, O God?
You do not go out, O God, with our armies.

¹¹ O grant us help against the foe,
for human help is worthless.

¹² With God we shall do valiantly;
it is he who will tread down our foes.

The Readings

A reading from the prophet Hosea:

Hosea 14:1-9

14 Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

² Take words with you
and return to the LORD;
say to him,

“Take away all guilt;
accept that which is good,
and we will offer
the fruit^[a] of our lips.

³ Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride upon horses;

we will say no more, 'Our God,'

to the work of our hands.

In you the orphan finds mercy

⁴ I will heal their disloyalty;

I will love them freely,

for my anger has turned from them.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel;

he shall blossom like the lily;

he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon.^[b]

⁶ His shoots shall spread out;

his beauty shall be like the olive tree

and his fragrance like that of Lebanon.

⁷ They shall again live beneath my^[c] shadow;

they shall flourish as a garden;^[d]

they shall blossom like the vine;

their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

⁸ O Ephraim, what have I^[e] to do with idols?

It is I who answer and look after you.^[f]

I am like an evergreen cypress;

your fruit comes from me.

⁹ Those who are wise understand these things;

those who are discerning know them.

For the ways of the LORD are right,

and the upright walk in them,

but transgressors stumble in them.

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 12:22-31

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?^[a] ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,^[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations^[c] of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his^[d] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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:

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| Brian | John | Bruce | Scott |
| Susan | Kitty | Austin | Cathy |
| Priscilla | Dick | Beth | Dan |
| Julia | Shirley | Lori | |

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.**