

A TIME OF PRAYER
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>
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A moment of silence is kept.

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

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.

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah (11:1-3a)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I lift my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

A Reading from the Gospel of John (9:1-11)

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

Reader 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 gather 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, those who mourn may be comforted, and those who walk in darkness may see light,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray as our Savior Christ has 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

Almighty God, who 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.**

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.**