

A Time of Prayer
December 6, 2023

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023>
Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayer, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; though Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Reading from Acts (3:1-10)

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word in my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from Matthew (11:28-30)

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers

Let us offer our prayers for God’s healing, saying, “Hear and have mercy,”

Holy God, source of health and salvation,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
Hear and have mercy.

Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,
Hear and have mercy.

Blessed Jesus, your Holy Name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, descendant of David, you healed all who came to you in faith,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, child of Mary, you embraced the world with your love,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Son of God, you take away our sin and make us whole,
Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, eternal Christ, your promised Spirit renews our hearts and minds,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give courage to all who await surgery, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give rest to the weary, and hold the dying in your loving arms, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and hope of Easter joy, we pray to you, O God,
Hear and have mercy.

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Uphold those who keep watch with the sick, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease, we pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Hear and have mercy.

We pray for

Barbara	Peggy	Burton	Edie	Rebecca
Joni	Kitty	Jeanne	Parry	Julie
Ron	Marilyn	Sue	Tom	Jason

For the repose of the soul of

Bob Peter

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.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**