

A TIME OF PRAYER  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
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 The First Letter of John (3:1-2)**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 98 Cantate Domino**

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

#### **A Reading from the Gospel of John (1:1-5, 14)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*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, 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	Meredith
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat	Samuel

Rest of the soul of Bob and Rob

*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, 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.**

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.**