

A Time of Prayer  
November 1, 2023

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*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.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**A Reading from Revelation (7:2-4, 9-17)**

I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will

hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 149** *Cantate Domino*

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song;

    sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;**

**let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

Let them praise his Name in the dance;

    let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people**

**and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

    let them be joyful on their beds.

**Let the praises of God be in their throat**

**and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

To wreak vengeance on the nations

    and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their kings in chains**

**and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed;

    this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12)**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and

utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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*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	Bob	Burton	Edie	Rebecca
Joni	Kitty	Mary	Parry	Peter
Ron	Lynne	Sue	Tom	Jason

For the repose of the soul of  
Anne            Ethan

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.**