

PRAYER SERVICE



The flowers for our worship are shared from the garden of Ellen McCollum.



The Church of Saint Andrew

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7:00 PM

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, 'He died for all.'

THE GREAT LITANY

Officiant: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.

ALL: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

ALL: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

ALL: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

ALL: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent.

ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
ALL: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Andrew, Allen, and Mary, our bishops, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
ALL: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Andrew, the Governor of this state, and Bill, the Mayor of this city that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Bless and keep all your people,

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, especially all who are victims of racial injustice and racial violence, and the oppressed.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Keep in safety those who travel, especially the delivery workers, and all who are in peril.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially all who suffer from COVID-19, all who are suffering from mental illness and addiction, all who are feeling hopeless, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially the more than 100,000 who have died from COVID-19, healthcare workers, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, victims of domestic violence, police officers, public servants, and all who have died in riots in our cities, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

***ALL:* Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

ALL: **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy on us. (3x)**

ALL: **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.**

Officiant: O Lord, arise, help us;
ALL: **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Officiant: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our ancestors have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.
ALL: **O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
ALL: **O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously behold our afflictions.**

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
R. **Mercifully forgive the sins of your people**

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
R. **O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**

V. Both now and ever graciously hear us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ**

Officiant: Let us pray.
We humbly ask you, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58: 6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For our Country

Officiant: Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought forth out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Micah 6: 8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For Social Justice

Officiant: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 22: 37-40

He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For the Human Family

Officiant: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE FOURTH READING

Galatians 3: 28

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For Those Who Serve Us in Law Enforcement

Officiant: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in law enforcement in our neighborhoods, cities, and on our highways. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; protect their families; strengthen them in their trials; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE FIFTH READING

Ephesians 2: 13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

In Times of Conflict

Officiant: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE SIXTH READING

Romans 14: 19

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For Peace

Officiant: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever.

***ALL:* Amen.**

THE SEVENTH READING

Ephesians 4: 1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***ALL:* Thanks be to God.**

For the Diversity of Races and Cultures

Officiant: O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***ALL:* Amen.**

All are invited to light a candle(s) for prayer intentions and to hold them in front of the camera during the hymn.

THE HYMN

Peace Before Us, Peace Behind Us

Text and Music: David Haas, based on a Navajo prayer

Solo by Dr. Catherine Lavender, soprano and guitar

Officiant: God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.

***ALL:* Amen.**

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth

Join hands, the disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.