

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another in Christ

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Say these words when you lie down and when you rise up, when you go out and when you return. In times of mourning, embroider them on your garments, tattoo them on your shoulders, teach them to your children, your neighbors, your enemies, recite them in your sleep, here in the cruel shadow of empire:

**ANOTHER WORLD
IS POSSIBLE**

-Aurora Levins Morales

EVENING PRAYER

October 17, 2023

7:00 p.m.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Chant de Paix (*Song of Peace*)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Prepare for worship in silence; please turn off electronic devices.

THE OPENING SENTENCE & CONFESSION OF SIN

All stand.

Officiant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel or remain standing.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE OPENING HYMN 591 O God of earth and altar

KING'S LYNN

All sing.

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 85:7–13**The people say the words in **bold**.*

- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

*Micah 4:1-5**All sit.*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF MARY: HYMN 438 Tell out, my soul

WOODLANDS

All stand and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48

All sit.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON: HYMN 499 Lord God, you now have set your servant free SONG 1

All stand and sing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

*All remain standing or kneel. The people say the words in bold.**Officiant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Officiant* Let us pray.

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 Show us your mercy, O Lord.

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Officiant Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN O God of love, O King of peace

TALLIS' CANON

All stand and sing.

1. O God of love, O King of peace, Make
 2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, The
 3. Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where
 4. Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove All

4.
 wars through - out the world to cease; Our greed and vio - lent
 won - ders that your peo - ple told; Re - mem - ber not our
 rest but on your faith - ful word? None ev - er called on
 hearts are joined in ho - ly love; Oh, bind us in that

ways re - strain. Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.
 sins' deep stain. Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.
 you in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.
 heav'n - ly chain. Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

**May be sung as a two- or four-voice canon.*

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt
 Tune: TALLIS' CANON, LM: Thomas Tallis, c 1505-1585

A LITANY FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

All remain standing or kneel.

Leader God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and dangerous times.

For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them from despair and protect them from harm. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, we pray they find rest. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all your children. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the humanity of all people will prevail. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM & CLOSING SENTENCES

All stand.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Officiant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes and Readers: Jamie Baker, Jx Eikel, Atticus Finkell

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

5 p.m. on select fourth Sundays of the month: Choral Evensong

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

Contact parish office for call-in details.

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