



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY PRAYERS Wednesday, November 4, 2020

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

We encourage you to use the following prayer for meditation.

Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly,
so that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness,
so that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.
And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven.
Amen.

— Rabbi Harold Kushner (b. 1935)

WELCOME

Sally Howard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister and People:

Glory to God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come?
My help comes from our God, who made heaven and earth.

Our God will not let our footsteps slip, our Guardian never sleeps.
The Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep!

Our God is our Guardian; our God is our shade,
With God by our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day
nor the moon by night.

Our God guards us from harm; guards our lives.
Our God guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.

READING

A Reading from Matthew (6:25–33).

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Creator feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the fields, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Creator knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed following the reading.

MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as await the results. Help us to hold accountable people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: Loving God, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Minister: Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

People: Guide us in truth and love.

—by Rev. Shannon Kelly, *Missioner for Young Adult and Campus Ministries, The Episcopal Church*; alt.

Minister: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Minister and People:

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.

Padre Nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a quienes nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

我們在天上的父，願人都尊父的名為聖，願父的國降臨，願父的旨意行在地上，如同行在天上。我們日用的飲食，求父今日賜給我們。又求饒恕我們的罪，如同我們饒恕得罪我們的人。不叫我們遇見試探，拯救我們脫離兇惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是父的，永無窮盡阿們。

Minister: Loving God, hear our prayer;
People: And let our cry come to you.
Minister: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.