

Please Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, our Shelter and Strength, you listen to the cries of your people. Forgive our failings and sins against your love. Increase our faith, hope, and charity. Make us strong we pray, O Lord that we may everywhere and always promote your peace, justice and healing. We ask this through Christ, our lord. Amen

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

℟: *AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.*

℟: *AMEN*

℟: *THANKS BE TO GOD*

CLOSING HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so glor - ious - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

1. a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 2. reign - ing; Shel - t'ring you un - der his wings, and so
 3. dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

1. health and sal - va - tion! All you who hear, now to his
 2. gent - ly sus - tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 3. prais - es be - fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

1. tem - ple draw near; Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 3. peo - ple a - gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

The Rosary will now begin for those who would like to stay and pray.

Reception following Prayer Service in the Breezeway

October 25th 2023

Prayer Service for Peace, Justice, and Healing

Welcome to St. Nicholas!

Please help us to preserve the sanctity of this time and space by maintaining a reverent **silence** before and after the liturgy.



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INVITATION TO PRAYER/SERVICE OF LIGHT

(Candles to be lit at this time while *CHRIST OUR LIGHT* is chanted)
(The sign of the cross)

℟: *THANKS BE TO GOD.*

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Verses

1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long-ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Dear friends, we gather this evening to join together in Jesus' name to pray for peace, justice, and healing in our world, particularly in the Middle East, and in our local communities. We gather with hearts troubled and sorrowed by the sins of violence, hatred and indifference, and we grieve for all who have been victims of violence, terrorism, injustice, and war. Although we find ourselves in a broken world, we gather united in hope and desiring peace, justice, and healing for all people.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of freedom, whose will it is to unite all people under your care, grant us we pray the grace to purify our hearts and the fortitude to overcome evil and build a just and peaceful society for all so that War, Violence, and Suffering will no longer plague our minds and hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, For ever and ever.

℟: *AMEN*

(Please Extinguish Your Candles)

Please
Sit

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 86 (PRIEST AND DEACON)

Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed. Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

be gracious to me, Lord; to you I call all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant;

to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, you are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on you. LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

On the day of my distress, I call to you, for you will answer me. None among the gods can equal you, O Lord; nor can their deeds compare to yours.

All the nations you have made shall come to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; and you alone are God.

Teach me, LORD, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name.

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, Lord my God. Your mercy to me is great; you have rescued me from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the arrogant have risen against me; a ruthless band has sought my life; to you they pay no heed.

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in mercy and truth.

Turn to me, be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the son of your handmaid.

Give me a sign of your favor: make my enemies see, to their confusion, that you, LORD, help and comfort me.

All

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINGING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER, AMEN.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv-ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're

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(Fine)

1. faith in you. 2. joy.
2. ev - er 4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verses 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-
3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-
3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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THE LORDS PRAYER

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. Amen.

Please
Sit
or
Kneel

PERSONAL PRAYER/ CONTEMPLATION

Selection of Hymns and Instrumental

Verses



1. On - ly in God is my soul at rest, in
2. On - ly in God is found safe - ty when my



Him comes my sal - va - tion.
en - e - my pur - sues me.



He, on - ly, is my rock, my
On - ly in God is found glo - ry when



strength and my sal - va - tion.
I am found meek and found low - ly.

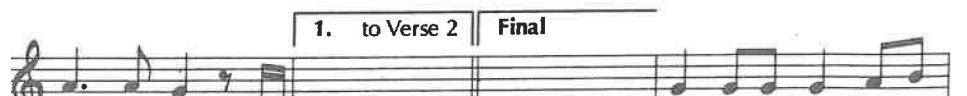
Refrain



My strong - hold, my Sav - ior, I shall not be a -



fraid at all. My strong - hold, my Sav - ior,



I shall not be moved. moved. On - ly in God is my



soul at rest, in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

ONLY IN GOD

PSALM 91 (PRIEST AND DEACON)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield.

You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see.

Because you have the LORD for your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold, no evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent.

For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You can tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; because he knows my name I will set him on high.

He will call upon me and I will answer; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and give him honor.

With length of days I will satisfy him, and fill him with my saving power.

All

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINGING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER, AMEN.

PSALM 46 (PRIEST AND DEACON)

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus, we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, Though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging.

Streams of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be shaken; God will help it at break of day.

Though nations rage and kingdoms totter, he utters his voice and the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

Come and see the works of the LORD, who has done fearsome deeds on earth; Who stops wars to the ends of the earth, breaks the bow, splinters the spear, and burns the shields with fire; "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

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BENEDICTUS/ CANTICLE OF ZACHARIAH

Antiphon refrain: **Show us your mercy, Lord; remember your holy covenant.**

Blessed + be the Lord,
The God is Israel,*
He as come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,*
Born of the house of His servant David.

Through his Holy prophets he promised of old+
That He would save us from our enemies,*
From the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers,*
And to remember His holy Covenant.

This was the He swore to our Father Abraham:*
To set us free from our enemies.

Free to worship Him without fear,*
Holy and righteous in His sight+
All the days of our life.

You, my child shall be called+
The prophet of the Most High,*
For you will go before Lord to prepare His way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation*
By the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our Lord*
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness+
And the shadow of death*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Antiphon refrain: **“Show us your mercy, Lord; remember your holy covenant.”**

INTERCESSIONS

Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in Him, we offer these prayers of intercession.

For our Church: *that the faithful will uphold life and human dignity, that our houses of worship will be filled with grace and holiness.* We pray to the Lord...

For our world and our country: *that people everywhere, that leaders of nations, and our elected officials will work for true justice and true peace and seek to end violence and hatred.* We pray to the Lord...

For all of us gathered here: *that by the grace of the Holy Spirit we may be stirred to action and seek solutions to end violence, racism, and discord.* We pray to the Lord...

For all people touched by war and violence: *may they experience consolation, comfort, peace, and healing.* We pray to the Lord...

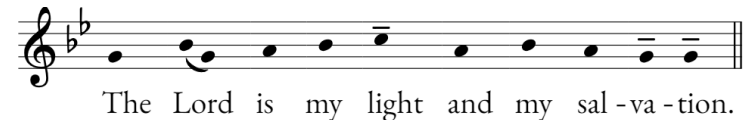
For all who have died: *may they be granted entry into the eternal Kingdom of God; for consolation of all who mourn the loss of their family and friends.* We pray to the Lord...

READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43

“..I see that God shows no partiality.”

Responsorial: Ps 27



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Gospel Acclamation



∞: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to the childlike the mysteries of the Kingdom. cf. Mt 11: 25

Reading of the Holy Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Please
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PSALM 141 (PRIEST)

My prayer rise like incense, my hands like an evening offering
I call to you O Lord, help me now. Hear my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer rise like incense before you, my uplifted hands like an evening oblation.
Set a guard over my mouth O Lord, keep watch at the door of my lips. For my eyes are upon My Lord. In you my soul takes refuge.
The good may chastise me, in their kindness rebuke me, but the oil of the wicked shall not anoint my head. I will not feast with sinners.
Guard me from the traps the wicked have set for me, from the snares of their evil. Let them fall into their own traps, while I pass over them safely.

My prayer rise like incense, my hands like an evening offering

Presider will intone, **“MY GOD STANDS BY ME, ALL MY TRUST IS IN HIM.”**