



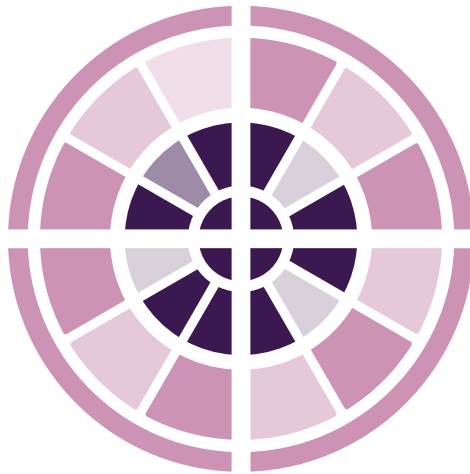
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

LUMINOUS NIGHT

A SPIRITUALITY OF

GRIEF AND HOPE

CLOSING LITURGY



December 5, 2020

11:30 AM

THE GATHERING

All are invited to light a candle as the service begins.

SOLO

Ave Maria

WORDS: Traditional Roman Catholic prayer,

based on Luke 1:28 & 1:42;

MUSIC: Charles Gounod (1818-1893),

based on *Prelude in C*, BWV 846,

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OPENING VERSICLE & RESPONSE

Leader The Holy One is in our midst.

Assembly **O come, let us draw near.**

Leader “In you O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.”

Psalm 71: 1-3

All **Gracious God,
we commend to your loving care
all who seek your healing grace
for themselves or others.
Give them patience and hope in their distress;
strengthen and uphold them in mind and body;
and grant, by your Holy Spirit,
that all your people may be made whole as you desire. Amen.**

THE READING

MATTHEW 11:28-29 *Read aloud by all*

JESUS SAID, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”



A LITANY FOR HEALING

Leader Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

At this quiet time, as we all stay on Mute, you are invited to name aloud the people or intentions on your heart – your loves, grief, longings, and hope. You may share them in the Chat or simply hold them privately, offering prayer until you feel moved to join in the singing of the Chant.

TAIZÉ CHANT *Wait for the Lord*

WORDS: Taizé Community;
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows a musical score for the Taizé chant 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

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Leader God the Father, your will for all people is health and freedom; .
All **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Leader God the Son, you came that we might have abundant life;
All **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Leader God the Holy Spirit, you dwell within us;
All **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Leader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
All **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Leader Holy One, grant your healing grace to all who suffer,
that they may be made whole;
All **Hear us, O Giver of life.**

Leader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or
despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
All **Hear us, O Giver of life.**

Leader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress
to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
All **Hear us, O Giver of life.**

Leader Bless physicians, nurses, and all who minister to the suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
All **Hear us, O Giver of life.**

Leader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold those who grieve;

All Hear us, O Giver of life.

Leader Restore to wholeness all that is broken by human sin,
in our lives and in our world;

All Hear us, O Giver of life.

Leader You are the One who does wonders:

All You have shown your power through the ages.

Leader With you, O God, is the well of life:

All And in your light we see light.

Leader Hear us, O Giver of life:

All Heal us, and make us whole.

Leader Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

Leader **A**LMIGHTY GOD, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, all who are grieving, all who seek your healing and comfort, that all weakness, heartache, and fear may be transformed by the peace of Christ.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

adapted from a prayer by Parker Palmer

**All Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have not enough.
Let forgiveness flow between us. Deliver us from evil.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy
now and forever. Amen**

CLOSING

Leader “In you O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.” *Psalm 71: 1-3*

***All* Open us to your healing power, O God.
We entrust ourselves to your care,
knowing that you desire all of your creation to flourish.
With you as our companion and guide,
strengthen us to hope for all that is good
and to fear no evil.
For your love is stronger than death,
and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens;
and to you we give glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and always. Amen.**

BLESSING

Leader May the God who goes before you through desert places by day and by night be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray.

***All* Amen.**

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Holy One.

***All* Thanks be to God.**



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

LEADERS

The Reverend Cannon Jennifer King Daugherty
The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

MUSICIANS

Rebekah Gilmore, *soloist*
Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, *pianist*

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