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A Day of Supplication and Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
G **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
G **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- G** **Glory be 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 6

- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- ²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- ³My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD— how long?
- ⁴Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- ⁶I am weary with my moaning;
**every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.**
- ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- ¹⁰All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.
**Glory be 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.**

Sit

Readings

Reading

Joel 2:12–19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
gather the children,
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
“Where is their God?”

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,
“Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Lent

- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Meditation

Canticle

Stand

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat

- C** **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
- L** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- II** **For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.**
- L** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- II** **and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**
- L** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- II** **He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.**
- L** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- II** **He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**
- C** **Glory be 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.**

Sit

E-Offering

St. John's depends on the generosity of its members and extended family for ongoing mission and ministry. As we face an unprecedented challenge in our day, we ask you to remember St. John's in your charity. Contributions may be mailed to our church office, 4939 W Montrose Ave | Chicago, IL 60641 or you can visit www.stjohnschicago.church/give to make an electronic contribution.

Responsive Prayer 1

- L** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- C** **have mercy and hear us.**

C 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
forever and ever. Amen.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \ddagger everlasting. Amen.

L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C and grant us Your salvation.

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C and let Your saints shout for joy.

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**

- L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose compassion never fails and who invites us to call upon You in prayer, hear the heartfelt confession of our sins and receive our humble supplication for Your mercy. Spare us from the just punishment of sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us, and enable us to serve You in holiness and purity of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

- L** O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body; You chasten and You heal. Show mercy to Your servant(s) [name(s)]. Spare [his/her/their] life (lives) and restore [his/her/their] strength. Even as You gave Your Son to bear our infirmities and sicknesses, deal compassionately with Your servant(s) and bless [him/her/them] with Your healing power. We commit [him/her/them] to Your gracious mercy and protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

- L** Lord God, be with the doctors and nurses and all others who minister to the needs of those who are ill. Through their wise and compassionate service, grant relief to the suffering and hope to the afflicted so that all may know of Your boundless care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

Evening Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C **Amen.**

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