

St. Andrew' s Episcopal Church

**An Evening Service of Holy Eucharist
A Memorial Tribute to those affected by the Coronavirus**

Recorded Service for weekend of February 6th and 7th



OUR WELCOME TO YOU

WE GATHER

Let our prayers be set forth in your sight, as incense,
the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

EVENING PRAYER

**O Gracious Light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven.
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the evening Light, we sing your praises,**

**O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

PSALM 147 (*chanted*)

1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY OF PRAYER

Please join us in reading the refrain in bold type.

Taize #36

The Lord is my light

Leader God of strength and hope, who has promised that when two or three are gathered together there you are in the midst of them, we long for the comfort only you can provide. As we name and remember those things that have touched and challenged our souls in this COVID-19 season, we know that you are with us always, that you are the light in the darkness even when light feels so far away. It is our prayer that by remembering together the places of both pain and gratitude we will be able to release them to you for the healing and hope our souls need.

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Loving God,

All **Hold us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.**

Leader We light this second candle to remember that the pain of loss comes in many forms. We pause to grieve the loss of time spent with our loved ones, the inability to say our goodbyes, the longing we felt to protect them and keep them well. We grieve the loss of good health many people suffer who have survived COVID, the loss of feeling safe when we are out in public. The light reminds us to gather up our pain and offer it to you, O God, asking that into our open hands you will place the gift of peace. We remember that through your love we are never alone. *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All Sustain us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.

Leader We light this third candle to remember ourselves and all the sweet moments of ordinary life that we are missing in this season. We miss seeing each other's smiles, singing together, hugging each other, crowded stadiums and movie theaters and concert halls, traveling, gathering together with friends and families. Our children miss a childhood that takes all these things for granted. We hold our memories of these times close as we look forward to the day when all these things are possible again. The light reminds us to release all that hurts our hearts to God. *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All Strengthen us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.

Leader We light this fourth candle for all those struggling with issues of physical, mental or emotional health that may have worsened in this season. We especially hold close those suffering with serious or chronic disease, depression or anxiety, or thoughts of harming themselves or others. We offer our prayers for anyone who cannot seek routine health care because they fear contracting the virus. The light reminds us of the love and healing available in Christ Jesus and calls us to care for each other in the same way. Hear our prayers that our pain may decrease, and we find new courage and strength. *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All **Heal us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.**

We light this fifth candle to stand against violence in any of its forms against God' s creation, remembering the ways in which this season may have placed God' s beloved people in unsafe work or living situations. We especially honor those who cannot safely tell their own story. The light reminds us that all deserve to live in safety and to offer refuge and encouragement to those in danger. It reminds us to stand up for justice and to seek God' s way of peace and truth. Help us to name anything that still holds us captive and to find freedom and deliverance. We remember those we have loved and lost in this

struggle and draw nearer to God for comfort and strength. *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All **Draw near us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.**

Leader We light this sixth candle for those who suffer from the daily hardships of human life- job loss, financial struggles, homelessness, isolation, fear of the future, as exaggerated by the COVID season. We remember students and teachers finding new ways of learning together, the diligence and expertise of health care workers, everyone who strives to keep our communal spaces clean and safe. The light reminds us that God, our Great Provider, beckons us towards stability and new life, calling us to seek community to support us and ask for help when we need it. *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All **Protect us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.**

Leader We light this seventh candle in gratitude for the ways you provide for us, God, and lead us towards grace and joy even in the midst of this challenging season. We thank you for a slower pace of life, moments shared with our immediate families, the gift of

contemplation and reflection, more time spent outside in your creation, the ability to find new ways of doing old things. The light reminds us to share with you our wonder that we may find unseen gifts in this time of "compassionate abiding." *Pause for silent reflection.*

Loving God,

All Walk with us, Lord, in your comfort and hope.

Leader We give thanks to you, God, for community. We draw comfort and love from sharing both our hardest times and our wonderful times with each other. We thank you for the gifts of accepting help and support from each other and for the ability to be fully present in our world as we share compassion, understanding, comfort and peace. Be present with us, we pray, as we release our heartbreak, our sadness, our anger, our loneliness and grief to you and turn towards healing, gratitude and hope.

All Amen.

Hearing God' s Word brings Light into darkness.

There will be a brief pause for silent prayer after each of the readings.

ISAIAH 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings li

MUSICAL OFFERING

MARK 1:28-39

The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him,

"Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**WE ENGAGE IN PRAYER,
OFFERING OUR NEED FOR GOD' S HEALING GRACE**

MUSICAL OFFERING

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF ANOINTING OIL

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST' S HEALING GRACE

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. Amen.

Let us pray.

O living Christ, make us conscious now of your healing nearness.

A QUIET MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #41

Veni Sanctus Spiritus

Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we may know your love.

Overshadow our souls and bodies with your presence that we may partake of your strength, your love, and your healing life. **Amen.**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers, silently or aloud. *(pause)*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the Grace
and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives,
in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light, we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

WE WELCOME GOD' S BLESSING INTO OUR LIVES.

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ.

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #12 Wait for the Lord

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

WE CLOSE OUR EYES AND TURN OUR HEART IN PRAYER.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mind have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

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thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement
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