

VIGIL FOR UNITY AND PEACE
HOLY MONDAY

MARCH 30, 2026

6:00 IN THE EVENING

*"O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last."*

— *Book of Common Prayer, p. 833*

THE INVITATION TO PRAYER

Bishop: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
People: **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
Bishop: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
People: **your justice like the great deep; you save both mortals
and beasts, O Lord.**

Bishop: How priceless is your love, O God!
People: **Your people take refuge under the shadow of your
wings.**

Bishop: They feast upon the abundance of your house;
People: **you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
Bishop: For with you is the well of life,
People: **and in your light we see light.**

Bishop: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
People: **and your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Bishop: Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
People: **nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God,
let us stand in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his
infinite goodness and mercy.

People: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your gracious will.
Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn 694

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Lytlington

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.**

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 313

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Jesus, meine Zuversicht

**Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.**

**Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.**

**By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.**

**Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.**

The Gospel Reading: John 12:1-11

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

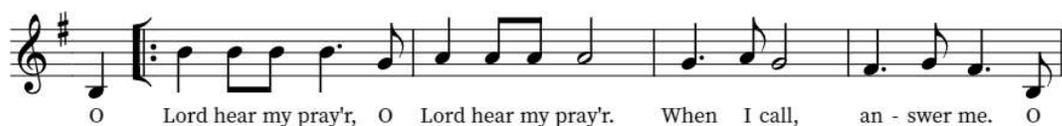
The Right Reverend Susan B. Haynes

THE PRAYERS

Hymn WLP 827

O Lord hear my pray'r

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Repeated three times, then once more at the end of the following Litany.

Leader: For the people of the earth, that where there is strife and division, the gift of peace may be the reward of all who work for justice, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the church of Jesus Christ, that where there is weakness, health may be restored, and where there is division unity may be nourished, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all leaders in the church, that where there is jealousy or distrust, a spirit of forgiveness and compassion may nurture humble service, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the poor, the neglected, and the broken and those we have treated with disdain rather than compassion; with judgment rather than acceptance, with condescension rather than friendship, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who are called to preach the Gospel, that in the presence of fear and anxiety, the message of hope may be proclaimed courageously and effectively, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our communities and our families, that where there is misunderstanding or discord, we may receive the grace to forgive each other and so rejoice in the peace of Christ, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For elected leaders, lawmakers, and those who enforce the law in our cities, our states, and our countries, that they practice mercy over might, compassion over cruelty, healing over harm, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who have lost their lives to violence and indifference, for all those seeking asylum, for those separated or detained, for all people who offer the hope of friendship, the gift of love and the promise of belonging, let us pray,

People: **Gracious God,
hear our prayer.**

Hymn WLP 827

O Lord hear my pray'r

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O". The second staff continues the melody and ends with a fermata over the final note, with the word "Fine" written above it. The lyrics for the second staff are: "Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and lis-ten to me. O".

Bishop: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy Immortal One, restore to us the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from us the fears that hold us back, strengthen us in the journey of healing and wholeness, grant us your peace which passes all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts,
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Bishop: Lift up your voices,
People: **We lift them in prayer.**
Bishop: Lift up your eyes
People: **We lift them in faith.**
Bishop: Lift up your ears,
People: **We lift them in hope.**
Bishop: Lift up your hands,
People: **We lift them in love.**

Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.**

Hymn Take up the Song 166

Stuttgart

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1 Christ has prom - ised to be pres - ent when we
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One, will cleanse us from our sin - ful - ness and shame.
One, will teach us words of wis - dom in his name.
One, will touch us with his spir - it's heal - ing flame.
One, will save us through his power - ful, glo - rious name.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

O God, where our hearts are fearful or faint, grant courage and hope. Where our feet are weary or worn, grant strength and stay. Where our eyes are clouded or confused, grant clarity and vision. Where our hands are fisted or frail, grant freedom and faith. Where our spirits are daunted or dismayed, grant healing and wholeness. Where our thinking is twisted or in turmoil, grant illumination and strength. Grant, we pray, strength in our weakness, hope in our despair, imagination in our inaction and peace in our restlessness. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Anthem: See No Stranger Sarah Quartel, lyrics by Angier Brock
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*Holy One, you see no stranger.
Everyone receives your grace,
and each of us reflects your image,
given your sweet breath at birth.
Your mercies hold us to your heart
and grant us worth, Holy One.
Widen our imaginations when we see a stranger's face.
Help us prize the variations of your love alive on earth.
Forgive us when we judge another.
Embolden us to love our foes.
Holy One, in you we trust.
We bless you for the glories of creation
and for the daily feasts where we are guests.
Teach us to care the way you do.
Holy One, you see no stranger.
Help us dare to see no stranger too.*

THE BLESSING

Bishop: The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.
And the Blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
lift your heart in unity and peace,
this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

**In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.**

THE DISMISSAL

Bishop: O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

