



All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

Night of Prayer for Our Nation October 8, 2024

WELCOME

The congregation stands for the singing of the opening hymn

346 O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The congregation may be seated for the first reading

A Reading from Deuteronomy 8.11-end:

“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply

and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Please kneel for the reading of the Psalm which will be said in unison.

PSALM: 51.1-17 (*in unison*)

**Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away
my offences.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me
from my sin.**

**For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your
sight, so that you are justified in your sentence, and
blameless in your judgment.**

**Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, and in sin my
mother conceived me.**

But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts and shall
make me understand wisdom secretly.
You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones
which you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your
holy Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of your help again, and sustain me
with your willing Spirit.
Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, and sinners
shall return unto you.
Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my
salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your
righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your
praise.
For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you;
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and
contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.

The congregation may be seated for the second reading

A Reading from Matthew 25.31-end:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he

will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at

all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us

true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation stands for the singing of the following hymn

519 Take my life, and let it be...

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee;
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my heart; it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne;
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

V. Let us pray

All kneel or sit as you are able

V. Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; *Psalm 61:1*

R. **The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.** *Psalm 34:15*

- V. And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. *Psalm 50:15*
- R. **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.** *Psalm 145:18*
- V. In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. *Psalm 18:6*
- R. **When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.** *Psalm 34:17*
- V. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. *Psalm 22:4-5*
- R. **For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.** *Psalm 72:12*
- V. And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. *Psalm 50:15*
- R. **May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!** *Psalm 20:1*
- V. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

For the President of the United States and all in Civil

Authority: O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of the state of Georgia, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

For Congress: O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: So guide and bless our Senators and Representatives assembled in Congress, that they may enact laws pleasing in your sight, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

For Courts of Justice: Almighty God, you sit on your throne giving righteous judgment: We humbly ask you to bless all courts of justice and all magistrates in this land; give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that fearing no power but yours alone, they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

In Times of Social Conflict or Distress: Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

For Our Country: Almighty God, Ruler of all peoples of the earth: We ask you to forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the Truth; give wisdom to our leaders and

steadfastness to our people; and bring to our nation justice, integrity, honesty, and guidance for all our elected officials.

Keep us from hypocrisy; give us sound laws, Godly leaders who fear you, education that enables the learning of truth, and justice among all our people. Take from us all pride, greed, arrogance, selfishness, and corruption; that our land will find peace and rest in the wisdom and ways of Almighty God. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For the Church: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For Social Justice: Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

¹ The term “catholic” does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church but rather to the church universal. “Catholic” means “universal” in both Greek and Latin. There is only one universal church of Christ on earth (Eph. 4.4-6)—just as there was one visibly united church for the first 1,000 years after Jesus, and there will be again.

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For the Human Family: O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Prayer for Mission: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

In Times Of Natural Disaster: Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace,

and preserve us through the storms that are besetting us. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For The Peace Of The World: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For those Who Inform Public Opinion: Almighty God, your truth endures from age to age: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may speak your truth to make the heart of this people wise, its mind discerning, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

For an Election: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide and direct, we humbly pray, the minds of all those who are called to elect fit persons to serve in public office. Grant that in the exercise of our choice we may promote your glory and the welfare of our city, state and country. This we ask for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Additional petitions may be added. Thanksgivings may also be invited.

The congregation stands for the singing of the hymn

568 A mighty fortress is our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

The Officiant and People say the Song of Simeon in unison

NUNC DIMITTIS

LUKE 2:29-32

**Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to
your word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
prepared before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of
your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

208 DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. **Amen.**

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