

April 9, 2020 at 7 PM

A bowl of water and towel are placed on a table.

The Litany of Praise

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.People: His mercy endures for ever.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen**.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35 (NRSV)

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, `Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Homily

The Reverend Jackie Whitfield

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Litany amidst the COVID-19 outbreak Adapted from the work of Michael Kurth

God the Father, **Have mercy on us.** God the Son, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us.

Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. As the sorrows of our heart and mind increase, we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defense, and he will be our Savior.

Receive all who have died, *especially NN*, into the arms of your mercy, grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Help those directly infected with the virus and all who are ill, *including NN*, recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep those at high risk of infection healthy and free from all sickness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May those in quarantine, those shut-in, and those who are infirm find peace. Lord, keep them in good health, and renew their mind and spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect doctors, nurses, medical staff, and their families as they minister to the sick, relieve their stress, and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of their patients.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guard first responders from all harm, and grant them strength and courage as they respond to calls for help.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Preserve the health of those who must report to work as their community shuts down, bestow the resources to best care for themselves and their families, and assure them in times of financial and medical anxiety.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those experiencing financial loss, alleviate their fears, and provide for them daily bread.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Help the leaders of this nation and the world make sound and safe decisions to best secure the future of our planet.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As schools close, feed those who will go hungry without guaranteed meals and shelter all students who have no place to live.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire scientists and those working to find a cure with your truth, and help them discover and disseminate a vaccine and cure.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect journalists from harm in their reporting, move them to be a vector of truth in times of uncertainty.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Embolden this church and all places of worship to be beacons of hope and love. Help us to gather however and wherever we can to give you praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Support the leaders of our church as they minister to your flock; fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spare young people from fear and keep them a joyful sign of your love and light.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Build up the strength and fortitude of parents, and give them the words and witness to be wise counselors and compassionate caregivers.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As the waves toss our boat, create calm, remind us that with you all things are possible and we have nothing to fear. Even the wind and sea obey you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Ease our fear and anxiety, that we may share our resources, and extend a helping hand to those in need.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, healer of the sick, ruler of the tempestuous sea, and Savior of the world. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Officiant and 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.

Solemn Prayer

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, *

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

16 Open my lips, O Lord, *

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *

but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, \ast

and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings and oblations; *

then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

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Prayers for the Parish

Prayers have been requested for: Ashley, Avery, Barrington, Bob, Carole, Celeste, Chuck, Gillian, Robin, Simone, Steve, Sophia, Winslow

We also offer special prayers for protection and strength for those working in healthcare. We pray for their beloved families and the difficult decisions that have to be made as they navigate the tensions of dangerous work and home concerns.

Grapevine | News from the Parish

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Wendy Franklin, dear friend of Anna Robinson, who entered into the Resurrection on Tuesday, March 31.

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Jean Birch, aunt of Julia Davison, who entered into the Resurrection on Monday, March 23.

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Louise Bystricky, mother of Kathy Oxx, who entered into the Resurrection on Thursday, March 26.

Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving. Maintaining your pledge is critical to the financial health of the congregation. Over 80% of All Saints' 2020 monthly budget represents fixed expenses that must be paid, even though we are not meeting in person. Please continue! We continue to trust in the Lord and faithfully look to Him for guidance and protection in these uncertain times.

You can mail your check, use the "bill pay" function of your mobile banking, give online by <u>clicking here</u>, or use text giving (To give to the General Fund, text SAINTS to 73256. To give to the Assistance Fund, text SAINTS ASSISTANCE to 73256. To give to the Memorial Fund, text SAINTS MEMORIAL to 73256. To give the Capital Campaign, text SAINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to 73256).