



# **TRINITY**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND HEALING  
January 19, 2021 - 5:30pm

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to  
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

*The service begins at 5:30pm with musical meditation and quiet prayer.  
The liturgy will begin at 6:00pm.*

## ∞ Opening Acclamation

*Officiant*      Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,  
*People*          **The Maker of Heaven and Earth.**

## ∞ Confession of Sin

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

*Silence may be kept. The People stand or kneel.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

∞ Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand.*

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

**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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.

**O Gracious Light, *Phos hilaron***

**O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**No as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper 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 Song of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

∞ Psalm 27:1-5

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

**Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

**And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

**One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

∞ Matthew 5:43-48

**Y**ou have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

*Meditative Silence*

∞ Psalm 34:1-8

**I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

**Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt his Name together.**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

**Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.**

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

**The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## ∞ A Prayer for Peace in our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,  
in whose image and likeness each of us has been created  
with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth  
and destined for eternal glory,  
Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth,  
from our human family torn by violent conflict:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God,  
that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us  
and as we have experienced in these days,  
is a peace which the world cannot give.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To our leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and party  
to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one  
another.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice  
grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

To the innocent who live in the shadow of conflict and terror,  
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty,  
open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and  
everlasting life.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## ∞ Suffrages for Evening

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 the Trinity and all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

## ∞ Closing Collects

*Officiant* O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

*People*

**Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive  
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*Depart in peace and silence.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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