



*A ministry and community of prayer of  
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont*

## Vigil for the Wellbeing of Our Nation

January 17, 2021

### A few notes about this time of prayer

We will pray at the top of the hour beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. The Abbey will be open for prayer for the whole time of this vigil. Come and go as you will. As this is a place for prayer, you are free to share scripture or a prayer if you are moved.

If you do not wish to be in the space through the whole vigil, you are invited to pause at the beginning of each hour to join your prayers with ours using these or other prayers.

***Please leave your microphone on mute*** during the responsory portions of the prayers. You are welcome to unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers, then remember to mute again when you have completed your prayer.

1:00 p.m.

*Prelude: Mist in the Valleys (Kathy Wonson Eddy)*

*Mark Howe, Organ*

## The Great Litany - *Sin & destruction*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

*Savior deliver us.*

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness  
of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

*Savior deliver us.*

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world,  
flesh, and the devil,

*Savior deliver us.*

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying  
unprepared,  
*Savior deliver us.*

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our  
death and at the day of judgment,  
*Savior deliver us.*

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence  
and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the  
grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to  
your word.

Son of God, hear us we pray.  
*Son of God, hear us we pray.*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

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*Have mercy on us.*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us your peace.*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on  
us.*

*Officiant and People*

Our loving God in heaven,  
holy is your Name,

may your reign 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 all creation, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly God, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*For Social Justice*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*For the Diversity of Races and Cultures*

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

2:00 p.m.

*Prelude: Panis Angelicus (César Franck)*

*Kim Hardy, Cello and Piano*

## The Great Litany – *Christ's life*

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*Have mercy on us.*

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth,  
childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and  
temptation,

*Savior deliver us.*

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of  
power; by the preaching of your reign,

*Savior deliver us.*

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your  
precious death and burial,

*Savior deliver us.*

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
*Savior deliver us.*

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and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the  
grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to  
your word.

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as we forgive those who sin against us.  
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and deliver us from evil.  
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and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*For People Facing Uncertainty*

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*

*For the Mission of the Church*

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. *Amen.*

*For Quiet Confidence*

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray,



to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

3:00 p.m.

*Prelude: Amazing Grace*  
*Michael Hartigan, Keyboards*

## The Great Litany — *For the church*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy on us.*

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*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially \_\_\_\_\_) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the faint hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Son of God, hear us we pray.

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*Officiant and People*

Our loving God in heaven,  
holy is your Name,  
may your reign 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 all creation, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Prayers for Sound Government

*Officiant* O God our Governor, bless the leaders of our  
land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and  
a blessing to other nations of the earth.  
*O God, keep this nation under your care.*

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to  
Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in  
administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the

exercise of their duties.

*Give grace to your servants, O God.*

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

*Give grace to your servants, O God.*

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

*Give grace to your servants, O God.*

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

*For yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.*

4:00 pm.

*Prelude: Träumerei (Robert Schumann)*

*Kim Hardy, Cello and Piano*

**The Great Litany** — *The world, nation & community*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

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Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayors of our towns and cities that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state

legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless and keep all your people,

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

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holy is your Name,

may your reign come,

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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 all creation, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

## The Supplication

*For use especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.*

*Officiant* O God, arise, help us;

*People* And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebearers have declared to us, the noble works that you performed in their days, and in the time before them.

*O God, arise, help us;*

*and deliver us for your Name's sake.*



Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

*O God, arise, help us;*

*and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. Graciously behold our afflictions.

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and forever promise to hear us, O Christ;

R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O

Christ.

*The Officiant concludes*

Let us pray.

We humbly implore you, O God, to look mercifully upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn all that is evil from us that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and always serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

5:00 p.m.

*Prelude: God of grace and God of glory*  
*Michael Hartigan, Violin and Piano*

**The Great Litany** — *The wellbeing of people*

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*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the  
oppressed.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the  
homeless, the hungry and the destitute.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

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and deliver us from evil.

For all creation, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

For the Nation

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this  
land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

*Heal us.*

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They  
make us rich, though we often exploit them.

*Forgive us.*

We thank you for all people who have made this country  
strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of  
them.

*Inspire us.*

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in  
this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we

have often hidden from its light.  
*Enlighten us.*

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.  
*Renew us.*

Help us, O God, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.  
*May we walk in the way of love.*

Let us pray.  
Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We pray you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
*Amen.*

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