

# **Service of Lamentation**

**October 20, 2019  
4:00 PM**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Newport News, Virginia**

*All are invited to begin this Service in silent prayer.*

*The bell tolls and a candle is lit for victims of gun violence.*

## **The Litany**

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.*

We pray to you, Lord Christ.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all victims of violence, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have been injured, that they might know your healing power, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who are afraid, that they may know your perfect love which casts out fear, we pray to you, O Lord:  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who mourn, that they may be comforted in their distress, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have died, that they may be received into the arms of your mercy, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the first responders, care-givers, and all who work to protect, heal, and restore, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those in authority, both in the Church and in government, that they might lead us in the way of justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the world may be free of violence, racism, poverty, and oppression, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That our divisions may cease, and all may be one in you, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may not repay evil for evil, but find grace to forgive, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all people might be united in the work of your kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask your forgiveness for the ways in which we have contributed to the violence in the world.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask your forgiveness for any prejudice, bitterness, or hate we harbor in our hearts.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask your forgiveness for any ill we have wished upon one another.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask your forgiveness for the times we have been slow to forgive.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask your forgiveness for all we do, think, and say which falls short of your command to us to love one another.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins; and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
***have mercy upon us.***

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
***have mercy upon us.***

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

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Silence*

Officiant:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: 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.***

### **Invitation to Lament**

Rector: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” ***Amen.***

**Taizé Chant**      *Come and fill*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.*

*You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!*

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The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand, as we come before you this day in the wake of unspeakable violence. In a world that seems hopeless,

help us to remember that our hope rests always in you, and in the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Silence*

## **The Readings**

A reading from the Book of Micah

**Micah 6:6-8**

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

**Romans 8:31-39**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or

persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

**Psalm 23 (King James Version)**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; he leaded me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1. *Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*
  
2. *Spirit of the Living God, cast out our fear.  
Spirit of the Living God, cast out our fear.  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.  
Spirit of the Living God, cast out our fear.*

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### The Gospel

*All stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*



## Thoughts from the Congregation

**Hymn**      *Nothing can trouble*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.*

*Those who seek God shall never go wanting.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.*

*God alone fills us.*

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## The Supplication

O Lord, arise; help us;  
*and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers and mothers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise; help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

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.

*O Lord, arise; help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
*graciously behold our afflictions.*

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
*mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.*

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;  
*O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;  
*graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Final Collect

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Following the collect, silence is kept.*

## The Blessing

Officiant:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn**            *We Are Called*

- 1. Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!*
- 2. Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!*
- 3. Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love!  
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!*

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**The Dismissal**

## **Service Participants**

### **Clergy**

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

### **Musicians**

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### **Readers**

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Ann Turner

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