The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to join us praying wherever you may be every Monday evening at 5:30. We pray for the St. James’ church family, our community and for the world, using the Book of Common Prayer, the New Zealand Prayer Book, Forward Movement Daily Readings, or other resources. We pray through the St. James’ prayer list, found through a link in the weekly email newsletter and at [www.stjamesaustin.org](http://www.stjamesaustin.org) under the Serve tab, Pastoral Care Ministries.

**An order for Compline**

**Monday, November 11, 2024 (Monday after the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost) and Veterans’ Day**

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*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

Psalm 121

*Levavi oculus*

1I lift up my eyes to the hills;\*

from where is my help to come?

2My help comes from the Lord,\*

the maker of heaven and earth.

3He will not let your foot be moved\*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel\*

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5The Lord himself watches over you;\*

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6So that the sun shall not strike you by day,\*

nor the moon by night.

7The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;\*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,\*

from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Lessons

2 Samuel 22:2-4.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.  
He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.  
He is my refuge, my savior, the one who saves me from violence.  
I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies." 

Luke 14:12-24

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, ’sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Then follows*

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy,*

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom 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.

*Officiant:* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People:* And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*For Those in the Armed Forces of our Country*

Almighty God, this Veterans Day we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, those under active duty and those who have completed their service. 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.*

*In Times of Conflict*

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*

When the World Spins Crazy

By Walter Brueggemann

When the world spins crazy,

spins wild and out of control

spins toward rage and hate and violence,

spins beyond our wisdom and nearly beyond our faith,

When the world spins in chaos as it does now among us . . .

We are glad for sobering roots that provide ballast in the storm.

So we thank you for our rootage in communities of faith,

for our many fathers and mothers who have believed and trusted as firm witnesses to us,

for their many stories of wonder, awe, and healing.

And, when we meet you hiddenly,

we find the spin not so unnerving,

because from you the world again has a chance for life and sense and wholeness.

We pray midst the spinning, not yet unnerved, but waiting and watching and listening,

for you are the truth that contains all our spin. *Amen*

**Prayers of the People**

*Presider: Generous God, who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger: Hear us as we offer our intercessions on behalf of your creation, saying: Happy are they whose hope is in God. Praise God, O my soul!*

Litanist: You have purified your Church as Christ is pure, for he has entered into heaven itself as our high priest who removes sin from the earth: Fill us with generosity and faith, that we may reflect your loving compassion and grace throughout creation.

Happy are they whose hope is in God.

**Praise God, O my soul!**

You love the righteous and care for the stranger: Enlighten our leaders and all in authority to forego the appearance of piety, the abuse of privilege, and the selfishness of power; that they may lift up those who are bowed down, sustain the orphan and widow, and lead generously on behalf of the humble.

Happy are they whose hope is in God.

**Praise God, O my soul!**

You see when the poor and humble give generously out of their poverty and you see when the privileged and wealthy contribute out of their abundance: Be present in your mercy with those who must gather sticks to live on a morsel of bread and a handful of meal, and do not let the jar of meal be emptied nor the jug of oil fail until your blessing of abundance falls upon all people of the earth.

Happy are they whose hope is in God.

**Praise God, O my soul!**

You call all in our community to the responsibilities of stewardship and mutual care: Grant us everything necessary for our common life and lead us to share so freely that none may be alone or in want.

Happy are they whose hope is in God.

**Praise God, O my soul!**

You speak to the weak and vulnerable, saying "Do not be afraid": Be with all for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_.

* Those on our prayer list and others we name ­­\_\_.
* Our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; our Diocesan bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; our clergy (Eileen, Robby, Jim and George and our curate Addison) and all those who work at and for St. James’, including lay people, volunteers and vestry members (Simone Talma Flowers, Clint Dawson, John May, Margaret Shaw, Harrison Eppright, Theresa Garcia, Jill LaCour, Chris Prindle, Jeff Cox, Stephanie Dodoo, Jennifer Graf, Rudy Green).
* We pray for our City Council members - Natasha Harper Madison, Vanessa Fuentes, Jose Velasquez, Jose “Chito” Vela, Ryan Alter, Mackenzie Kelly, Leslie Pool, Paige Ellis, Zohaib “Zo” Qadri, Allison Alter and our Mayor Kirk Watson, for our new City Manager T.C. Broadnax, the Police Chief, Lisa Davis, the Fire Chief, Joel Baker, the Travis County Judge, Andy Brown and for other city and county officials.
* We pray for the Governor and other members of the Executive branch of state government. We pray for senators and representatives in the state legislature and in congress.
* We pray for our Supreme Court Justices (Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Ketanji Brown Jackson and Chief Justice John Roberts) and for all federal, state, and local judges throughout the country.
* We pray for our president Joe and our vice president Kamala, give them strength, wisdom, and courage as they lead our country.
* We pray for Kamala Harris, her family, those who worked for her presidential campaign and ask that you keep them safe and comforted during this time.
* We pray that you would touch the hearts of those who can make decisions and pass laws to protect the people of our state and country against gun violence.
* We pray protection for the children of this country and around the world, especially those in harm’s way.
* We pray for the “hot spots” around the world, esp. in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and the Gaza Strip, the Pacific area around China and Taiwan, Nicaragua, Sudan, and South Sudan, Haiti, Slovakia, and every place where oppression and violence have disrupted or threatened peace.
* We pray for people in communities in our cities, state, and nation where the violent loss of lives has caused grief, pain, frustration, anger and fear.
* We pray for all those suffering from natural disasters in this country and around the world, especially in the southeast U.S. as a result of hurricanes.
* We pray for Scott Madison in his journey to priesthood.
* We pray for the peaceful transfer of power in January.

You have made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them: Hear our grateful thanks, especially for \_\_\_.

* The work of our former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
* Welcome Table and all the many ministries of St. James’ Episcopal Church
* Our family and friends, for healing and restoration to health and wholeness
* Those advocating and working for reasonable gun control laws
* Health care workers in medical practices, clinics, and hospitals
* The hiring of a new Music Minister for the 10:30 a.m. service, Rick Gabrillo.
* Our schools: those who teach and those who learn, those who keep everything running and the people safe
* We give thanks for the faculty and staff of Norman Sims Elementary School and especially for Karla, Principal Patrick Salinas and his staff.
* We give thanks for the staff volunteers and scholars at the Norman Sims’ Freedom School program this summer.
* We give thanks for our seminarian from SSW: Peter, Ari, Br. Angel Roque

You have promised to save those who are eagerly waiting for you: Receive into your eternal and glorious kingdom those who have died, especially \_\_\_.

* Michael Haynes, son of Laura Haynes
* For Veterans who died

Happy are they whose hope is in God.

**Praise God, O my soul!**

*Presider: Loving and gracious God, you care for all whom you have made and you invite us into your life of abundant charity: Give us generous and compassionate hearts, that we may live in unity with one another in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom we give glory, forever and ever.* **Amen.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, you now have set your servant free

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations,

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessing**

May our gracious and humble God honor and accept our gifts and share with us from the divine abundance.

May Christ our Priest who has entered the heavenly sanctuary remove from us all sin and make us heirs of eternal life.

May God the Holy Spirit make us one with Christ in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

And the blessing of our compassionate God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us and enlighten us always. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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