

Invocation & Call to Worship

In the name of the Creator, the Christ (+) and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

God meets us here.

We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

Confession & Forgiveness

God we come to you in a prayer of confession:

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence,

Lord have mercy.

When we have not recognized You at work in the faith of others,

Christ have mercy.

In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,

Lord have mercy.

God calls each of us by name and claims us in grace.

Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are,

challenges us to let go of our guilt

and provides a way for us to walk on together.

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,

your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Prayers of the People

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints Leonard Chaman Baj, an elder in our partner congregation in Cimiento, join us also with them in the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
All creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word,

wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

COMMUNION

As we worship we gather for communion both in our online worship and at our in-person worship. We know that this will look and feel differently. Yet we trust that you will hear the words of God's gift for you be it in person from a friend or family member, or from a distance as we bless the bread and wine at St. Michael's.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;
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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

You have been reconciled with Christ.
Do the work of Christ in the world: extend support to those in need,
speak up for those cast aside, build bridges of reconciliation,
strengthen bonds of community, knowing that the Maker of Our Days,

the Restorer of Our Souls (+) and the Breath of Our Lives
will be with you this day and ever more.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!