Online Prayer Guide

- Turn off all other electronic devices not being used to stream the prayer service. This will help make this time of prayer less distracting—treat it as if you are in the church building.

- Inhabit the awkwardness of worshipping together online. Yes, it’s strange. Let it be strange and enjoy the hilarity, with hopes of a swift return to worshipping in close proximity.

- Additional resources may be found St. Michael’s website @ www.stmikesgeneseo.org
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~1 John 1:8, 9
Confession

Officiant  Let us, therefore, come before the throne of mercy, confessing our sin.

*The people kneel, as able.*

People  Father of Mercy, take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and free us from idle talk and the lust for power. Grant us a spirit of chastity, humility, and self-denial, that we might love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us, O Lord, to see our own transgressions, and to refrain from judging others, lest we condemn ourselves. Forgive us our sin and complete your work of Love in us. Amen.

**The Absolution & Comfortable Words**
Invitatory

The people stand, as able.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All 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.

The Antiphon

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People O come, let us adore him.
Venite

The people remain standing, as able.

Officiant O come, let us sing unto the Lord;*

People let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

   Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,*
   and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*

   and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth,*

   and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it,*

   and his hands prepared the dry land.
Venite

O come, let us worship and fall down* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,* and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,* and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.
The Antiphon

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
People O come, let us adore him.
Officiant  Be joyful in God, all you lands;*

People  sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies
 cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name.”

Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,
 so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
In his might he rules for ever;  
    his eyes keep watch over the nations; *  
let no rebel rise up against him.  
Bless our God, you peoples; *  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holds our souls in life, *  
and will not allow our feet to slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us; *  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; *  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.  
Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
The Psalter

I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Officiant  May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
People  show us the light of his countenance and come to us. 
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations. 
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. 
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity 
and guide all the nations upon earth.
The Psalter

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.
When Israel saw Joseph’s sons, he said, ‘Who are these?’ Joseph said to his father, ‘They are my sons, whom God has given me here.’ And he said, ‘Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.’ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, ‘I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also.’ Then Joseph removed them from his father’s knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel’s left, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel’s right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, an
The First Lesson

said, ‘The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.’ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father’s hand, to remove it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. Joseph said to his father, ‘Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.’ But his father refused, and said, ‘I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.’ So he
blessed them that day, saying, 'By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, “God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.”' So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.’
The people stand, as able.

Officiant  My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
People  and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
The Magnificat

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.
The Second Lesson

The people sit.

John 6.27-40

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’
Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’
The Apostles Creed

The people stand, as able.

Officiant I believe in God

People the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
The Apostles Creed

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

The people stand, as able.

People 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.
The Prayers

Officiant  O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People  And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant  Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People  And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant  Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People  For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant  Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People  And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
The Prayers

Officiant  Let thy way be known upon earth;
People  Thy saving health among all nations.
Officiant  Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People  Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant  Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People  And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.
Officiant  Let us pray.

People  Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  

Amen.
The Homily
“Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life.”

—John 6.27
Our self-love and self-concern is a natural intuition that someone loves us, that someone is concerned for our well-being—God.

—Bernard of Clairvaux, See Isaac Slater, “Beyond Measure”
Prayers of the People
A Collect for Communion

The people stand, as able.

Officiant Let us pray.

People In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your Grace, Lord Jesus; and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant  Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People  Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
Thank you for joining in Prayer online.