Midweek Eucharist
for
Healing and Peace
for
Day after Election Day

November 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
We gather together in this place, in the presence of God, to remember that although our civic responsibilities are important for a just and caring community, our identity is not rooted in political affiliations, but in our covenant with God who created us in God’s own image; that we are one through Jesus Christ and members of his body; and that the Holy Spirit binds us together into one family.

CALL TO PRAYER
If this election season has left you feeling hopeless and heart sick
Come, hear God’s word of peace, hope and unity.
If you feel like your voice is lost in the public square
Come, and remember the covenant God has made with you, to never leave you.
If political views and rhetoric have damaged your relationships
Come, to the table where all are forgiven and welcomed.
If the brokenness of the world, the nation, and the city seem beyond repair
Come, to pray for the gift of God’s reconciling love here and now.

INVOCATION
God of all peoples and nations, we have gathered in this place at your invitation to pray for our country. We come from varied backgrounds and political beliefs that often put us at odds with our friends, our family and our neighbors. In this time of prayer inspire us through your Spirit to a renewed sense of unity in Christ. Move us beyond the things that would divide to a deep awareness of all that we share, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56.1-8
Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will surely separate me from his people’; and do not let the eunuch say, ‘I am just a dry tree.’ For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that
shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145
1 I will extol you, my God and King,
   and bless your name for ever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless you,
   and praise your name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
   his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall laud your works to another,
   and shall declare your mighty acts.
5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
   and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
6 The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
   and I will declare your greatness.
7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
   and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
   slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 The Lord is good to all,
   and his compassion is over all that he has made.
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
   and all your faithful shall bless you.
11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
   and tell of your power,
12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
    and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
    and gracious in all his deeds.
14 The Lord upholds all who are falling,
    and raises up all who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look to you,
    and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hand,
    satisfying the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
    and kind in all his doings.
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
    to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;
    he also hears their cry, and saves them.
20 The Lord watches over all who love him,
    but all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
    and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4.1-5
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

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GOSPEL READING: John 17.20-23
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said, “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**
*Presider says the following as water is poured into a basin/font.*
In the water of baptism we affirm that we belong to God.
In the water of baptism we are united with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.
In the water of baptism we are made one with the church through the Holy Spirit.
In the water of baptism we receive our commissioning to ministries of love, peace and justice.
Remember your baptism and be glad!
*Presider sprinkles the assembly with water.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**
Out of gratitude for your many gifts, O God, and trusting in your abiding faithfulness...

We pray for our president elect and all elected and appointed officials, that they will lead our country with strength and compassion; that they may represent the very best of the United States around the globe; that they may be committed to justice and peace, and bringing our nation together to address our challenges.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our governors and legislators, that they will be responsive to their whole constituency and enact laws that ensure the wellbeing of all the people they represent.
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all others elected to public office, that their service to their people would be just and beyond reproach; that where ever they serve in local government, schools,
or law enforcement, they would treat all people with dignity and serve the common good.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, our cities, and our neighborhoods, that together we can create a place where all people are respected and safe, where difference of opinion does not lead to violence, and where our combined creativity heals brokenness of all kinds.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray also that regardless of the outcome of this election, we would remember that we are called by Christ to care for our neighbor, pursue peace and work for justice in our communities. Inspire us to work together, across divisions and differences, to create beloved community where ever we can.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ.
and knit us into one body. 
Through your Spirit you replenish us 
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels 
and with the faithful of every generation, 
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** 
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
   Hosanna in the highest.  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
   Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, 
creator of the universe and giver of life. 
You formed us in your own image 
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care 
that we might be your faithful stewards 
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image 
in one another and in ourselves; 
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; 
and so we violated your creation, 
abused one another, 
and rejected your love. 
Yet you never ceased to care for us, 
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah 
you called us into covenant with you. 
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Francis, Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Him and with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

FRACTION ANTHEM
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you and in feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray. **God of abundance,**
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING
Go from this time of prayer into the world to be people of love, justice, peace and hope, and may God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—guide and support you in all you do. **Amen.**
THE DISMISSAL
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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