



Prayer Vigil for Election Night
November 3, 2020
7 p.m.

We welcome you to this service of prayer for our country on this important night. The United States of America enjoys many freedoms, and since the beginning of our country has enjoyed a peaceful transfer of power every four years. After the rancor and sometimes hostile discourse that we have endured this election season, we stop to pray and offer our hearts and souls in humble worship to God who has created all of us in the Divine Image. Let us remember that all that we are, all that we have comes from God.

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

Opening Responses

Officiant Move among us, O God; give us life:
People **let your people rejoice in you.**
Officiant Make our hearts clean within us:
People **renew us in mind and in spirit.**
Officiant Give us again the joy of your help:
People **with your spirit of freedom sustain us.**
Officiant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges:
Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and
representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all
may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 13:1-10

*The reading is taken from Holy Scripture. The response after the reading is **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 67

BCP p. 675

Said by all

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, ***
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

**5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**

**6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

**7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

“Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” by Wendell Berry

There will be a period of silence following the reading..

John 17:18-23

*The reading is taken from Holy Scripture. The response after the reading is **Thanks be to God.***

Of History and Hope by Miller Williams

There will be a period of silence following the reading.

Thanksgivings for National Life

Officiant Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People **Heal us.**

Officiant We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

People **Forgive us.**

Officiant We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People **Inspire us.**

Officiant We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

People **Enlighten us.**

Officiant We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

People **Renew us.**

There will be a period of silence following the prayer.

Affirmation of Faith

The people are invited to affirm their faith, with all saying

We believe that God is present

**in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God,
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith

**that takes us beyond the safe place;
into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.**

We commit ourselves to work for change

**and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life, and to be used by the spirit**

for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Officiant and Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone's voice. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest,
and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and
with God. God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Officiant Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with
one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.
God, our creator,

People **Guide us in truth and love.**

Leader I invite your prayers, either silently or aloud.

The people may add their own prayers at this time.

The Officiant offers additional prayers then says

We now pray in the words our savior taught us

All say

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.**

The Officiant offers additional prayers then all say

**Lord God Almighty,
you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory,
to serve you in freedom and in peace:
Give to us a zeal for justice
and the strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Officiant

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.

This service was compiled by the Rev. Cynthia Espeseth for the 2016 election. The Opening Responses and Affirmation of Faith are from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. The Prayers of the People are adapted from prayers composed by the Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director of Faith Formation and Officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries for The Episcopal Church. The remainder of the prayers are from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979.

St. Hilda St. Patrick Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Rector
Mission Congregation of the Diocese of Olympia
15224 52nd Ave. W, Edmonds, WA 98026

425-743-4655

office@sthildastpatrick.org
www.sthildastpatrick.org

The Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews, Vicar

vicar@sthildastpatrick.org

Kenneth Walker, Music Director

kenneth.10fingers@gmail.com

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Digital Service streamed live at 9:30 a.m.

Hymn and service music permission used by Rite Song, a one-time use reprint license for congregational use.

Please send announcements and changes for Sunday's bulletin to
bulletin@sthildastpatrick.org by Monday evening.

