**Wednesday Prayer & Healing Service – January 20, 2021**

**\*\*\*Time changed to 11:30am due to the Inaguration**

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| **Zion Episcopal Church, Manchester, VT**  O God make speed to save us |  |
| **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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 134    A Song of Ascents.**

**1    Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,**

**who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

**2 Lift up your hands to the holy place**

**and bless the Lord!**

**3    May the Lord bless you from Zion,**

**he who made heaven and earth!**

**Glory be 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.**

**Meditation – Fr. Ian. The Psalms of Ascent – Chapter 16 – Blessing**

**Long Obedience in the same direction with Eugene Peterson.**

Please Note – Next week we start studies in the Book of Acts. The study guide we will use is by Bishop N. T. Wright “for Everyone Bible Study Guides.” Kristin will purchase these for the group – please let us know if you would like a copy.

Lord, have mercy.  
***Christ, have mercy.***Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

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| **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,**  **the power and the glory,**  **for ever and ever. Amen** | |
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| *Officiant* | Lord, hear our prayer; |
| *People* | **And let our cry come to you.** |
| *Officiant* | Let us pray. |

**Collect asking for the Holy Spirit**

Heavenly Father send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to  
direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all  
our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into  
all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***We will take a time for sharing prayer requests***

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,

creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,

and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

When we turned away from you in sin,

your anointed Son took our nature and entered our suffering

to bring your healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death

that we might become partakers of his glory.

His apostles anointed the sick in your name,

bringing wholeness and joy to a broken world.

By your grace renewed each day

you continue the gifts of healing in your Church

that your people may praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest

on those who seek your healing touch

may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit.

Hear the prayer we offer for all your people.

Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray:

heal the sick, raise the fallen, strengthen the fainthearted

and enfold in your love the fearful and those who have no hope.

In the fullness of time complete your gracious work.

Reconcile all things in Christ and make them new,

that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love,

and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of thanks and praise.

***Intercessions ………………***

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,

We receive Christ’s healing touch to make us whole.

May Christ bring us wholeness

of body, mind and spirit,

deliver us from every evil,

and give us his peace*.* ***Amen***

The almighty Lord,

who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him,

whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey,

be now and evermore our defense.

May we believe and trust that the only name under heaven

given for health and salvation

is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

***A Short litany for our country:***

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. ***Lord, keep this nation under your care.***To our new President and vice President, to members of the Cabinet, to Governors  
of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. ***Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations**.  
*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.  
***Give grace to your servants, O Lord.***And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you  
faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. ***For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as  
head above all. Amen.*** *BCP 1979 pages 821/822 (edited)*

**The Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.***

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God, Alleleuia, Alleleuia.**

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