



Reality, Lament and Hope  
A Service for These Times  
Friday, June 19, 2020  
7:00pm

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## A service in three parts: Reality, Lament, Hope

**Gathering**            “You are mine”    15 minutes of music and slide images

Instruction on service    *Zoom Etiquette*    *Eric Travis, Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills*

*Why we are here*    *Bonnie Anderson, All Saints, Pontiac*

### Opening sentences

Leader            “It is hardly a moral act to encourage others patiently to accept injustice which one does not endure one’s self.”

*Adapted from Martin Luther King, Jr. from “Our Struggle” speech 1956  
Chauntaya King, St. Clements, Inkster*

Leader            “The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others.” *Solomon Ibn Gabriol*

*Halim Shukair, Priest in Charge, Mother of the Savior and Curate, Christ Church Dearborn*

Leader            “For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.” *Job 14.7*

*Cindy Corner, Deacon, St. Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction*

### Opening Prayer

Leader            Gracious God, last night I saw a blessing pass me by, on its way to a stranger. I did not know who was to be blessed or why, but I could feel the warmth of the kindness intended. We live in a world of faces, most we never see, who are hidden chapters in a story we all share. There is no human who has ever lived, or will live, to whom we are not related. God’s kinship is a bond of blessing between us and all who breathe. We are those we know as well as those we fear. We are the other to ourselves, and self in every soul we see.\* Be present with us this evening as we offer our prayers and praises to you, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, and your Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

*\* this portion from Steven Charleston from his book “Hope As Old as Fire.”  
Carol Latimer, Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield*

**People**            **Amen.**

## Reality

### Hymn

Listen to your children praying  
*sung by children from Trinity in the Woods,  
Farmington Hills*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir - it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace." The score includes various chords such as E♭, E♭7, D♭/A♭, A♭, F7, B♭7, A♭dim7, E♭/B♭, and A♭/E♭.

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Psalm 22:1-10 *Councilman Steven Chisholm, St. Clements, Inkster*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

a moment of reflection

## Lament

Rachael L. Rose, Artist Director, Thistle Rose Academy and Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills with voices from churches of the diocese

Hymn

I need thee every hour

v. 1-3

G    Am/C G/D    D    G    C    G

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
2 I need thee ev - ery hour, stay thou near by;  
3 I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me thy will,

D    G/D    D    G    D/A    A7    D

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.  
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

G    C/G    G    G/D    D    D7    Em/D D7    G

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!

G/B    C    G    C6    G/D    D7    G

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

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Psalm 22: 12-20 *Rose Damouni, Mother of the Savior, Dearborn,*  
*printed in English, read in Arabic*

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.  
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me  
in the dust of death.  
For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and  
feet have shriveled;  
I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.  
But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!  
Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

### **Litany of Lament**

*The Rev. Ron Byrd, Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries*

Leader Dear God:

You create and re-create us to love and care for one another. During  
this time of illness and death in the midst of inequality and inequity,  
we gather to mourn the many losses endured around the world, in our  
country, our communities, and our homes, schools, and workplaces.

Leader We lament the loss of kindness, compassion, and respect for the  
dignity of every human being.

God, in your mercy,

**People let our cry come to you.** *Response by the Lau family, Grace, Mt. Clemens*

*The Rev. Judith Schellhammer, St. Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction*

Leader We lament the loss of employment, special ceremonies, and the ability  
to care for loved ones who were ill and to sit at the bedside of those  
who died away from us.

God, in your mercy,

**People let our cry come to you.**

*Kayla Byrd, St. Katherine's, Williamston*

Leader We lament the subjection of children and adults to abuse and violence  
at the hands of those who claim to care for them.

God in your mercy,  
**People let our cry come to you.**

*The Rev. Ellis Clifton, St. Clements, Inkster*

Leader We lament the absence of moral leadership to unite this country and to create an appreciation for the health and well-being of all people, and we mourn the deep divisions in our body politic.

God in your mercy,  
**People let our cry come to you.**

*Jim Holubka, St. James, Grosse Ile*

Leader We lament the-existence of white supremacy, the prejudice and the bigotry that have turned us and our social policies away from our neighbors. We lament discrimination and attacks against our brothers and sisters.

God in your mercy,  
**People let our cry come to you.**

*Sr. Veronica Mary, AF, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit*

Leader We lament all those who have been harmed, killed, or murdered by injustice, hatred, and prejudice.

*Please unmute yourself and add the names of anyone you wish. We envision this as a Pentecost time of names being shared. Please mute yourself when you are finished.*

God, in your mercy,  
**People let our cry come to you.**

*Pamela Sherry, Grace, Mt. Clements*

Leader We lament all who have died directly from COVID-19, and those whose deaths were hastened by the lack of adequate medical care and treatment. We pray for those who died away from family and friends, in nursing homes, in prisons, in immigration facilities, and especially those who we now name, either silently or aloud.

*Please unmute yourself and add the names of anyone you wish. We envision this as a Pentecost time of names being shared. Please mute yourself when you are finished.*

God, in your mercy,  
**People let our cry come to you.**

*The Rev. Beth Taylor, St. John's, Royal Oak*

Leader We lament the increase in mental illness and emotional distress due to isolation, unemployment, and underemployment.

God in your mercy,

**People let our cry come to you.**

*Cindy Fellner, St. John's, Royal Oak*

Leader We give thanks for all first responders; police and fire, doctors, nurses and all hospital staff, grocery store employees and all who have given countless hours and in some cases their lives to aid those affected by Covid-19 and to those who help feed all of us and especially those in quarantine because of this virus.

God in your mercy,

**People let our cry come to you.**

*Oceana Bailey, Trinity in Woods, Farmington Hills*

Leader We give thanks for all the new ways of celebrating Church and maintaining our connections with God and our faith communities. We continue to be grateful for opportunities to appreciate the beauty of your creation as we take to outdoor recreation and exercise and meditative walks. Make us hopeful people who long for your healing presence.

God in your mercy,

**People let our cry come to you.**

*The Rev. Ron Byrd, Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries*

Leader "How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations!"

*Lamentations 1:1*

Leader O God, Creator of the universe, we stand before you as fragile humans, made only of earthy clay and Your breath. In all humility, we hold to you all those who are sick with the coronavirus, who are COVID positive, and all those who care for them and work intimately for their healing. We name the sick and hold them in Your healing light, O Lord.

**People Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Choral Response The Lord's Prayer *Rachael L. Rose, Artist Director, Thistle Rose Academy and Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills with voices from churches of the diocese*

## **Hope**

*Pat Kneeland, St. Stephen's Church, Hamburg*

Psalm 22:21-30

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his  
face from me, but heard when I cried to him.  
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.  
For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.  
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.  
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*a moment of reflection*

Meditation The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry, *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan*

*a moment of reflection*

Instrumental Great is thy faithfulness *Jerry Hardy, Cathedral Church of St. Paul*

*The Rev. Terri C. Pilarski, Christ Church, Dearborn*

## **Closing Prayer**

God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*) **People Amen.**



Closing song *Jerry Hardy, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit v. 1, 3*

### Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways  
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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*Our worship service formally ends here.*

*You are invited to remain here to pray for the next fifteen minutes with musical accompaniment.*

*See next page for additional information on this worship service and next steps you can take.*

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