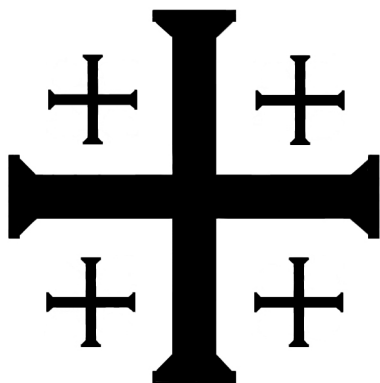


A SERVICE OF  
PRAYER & INTERCESSION



MONDAY–FRIDAY  
2:30 PM  
HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL

SUMMER 2024

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL

## GREETING

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* O God of peace, who have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The officiant leads the people in the psalm.*

### PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## SCRIPTURE

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”  
(*Matthew 11:28-30*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

*Officiant* Let us offer our prayers and intercessions to God whose will for all people is health and salvation.

*Silence.*

*Officiant* God of healing, whose mercy is everlasting, grant your healing grace to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. May they know the comfort of your abiding presence.

We pray for healing and comfort for all affected by the coronavirus around the world.

We pray for all who are detained on our southern border and for those seeking to bring safety and order to that place. May compassion and understanding guide their actions.

We pray for peace in Ukraine and for Israel and Gaza that there may be renewed efforts towards a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

We pray for those whose lives have been for ever changed by gun violence. We pray for an end to violence in our nation, especially in this city of Washington, that our schools, houses of worship, and communities may become places of safety for all.

I now invite your own intercessions for healing, to be made either silently or aloud.

*Silence.*

*People* God, in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayers.**

*Officiant* God of peace, we pray for all who live and serve in the war-torn areas of our world. May your peace be known in every place of violence. Watch over all those who are in service to our country, at home and abroad. Shield them from harm, and strengthen them by your Holy Spirit.

We pray for all deployed, for safety, strength, hope, and a safe return.

We pray for all military chaplains, for safety, strength, hope, and a safe return.

I invite your own petitions for our service men and women, and all in harm's way, either silently or aloud.

*Silence.*

*People* God, in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayers.**

*Officiant* God of mercy, grant your peace to those who have died and to those who are dying that your will for them may be fulfilled [remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_].

We commend to your mercy all the departed, remembering our sisters, brothers, and siblings who have lost their lives due to COVID-19, racial injustice, acts of hate, and gun violence. May they now rest in peace, in that place where there is no pain or grief but life everlasting.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those known only to God. May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

I invite your own prayers for the dying and departed.

*Silence.*

*People* God, in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayers.**

*Officiant* God of love, we give you thanks for the beauty of creation,  
the mystery of love, and all the blessings of this life.

We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Sean, our  
presiding bishop-elect, Mariann our bishop, and all  
bishops and ministers in thanksgiving for their ministry.

We pray for all Cathedral chaplains in thanksgiving for  
their vital ministry.

We pray for all Cathedral staff and volunteers in  
thanksgiving for the many gifts they offer.

I invite your own prayers of thanksgiving.

*Silence.*

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I  
give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not  
our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the  
peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and  
for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us pray together using the words Christ taught us.

*All* 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 GRACE

*Officiant* God be our comfort, our strength;  
God be our hope and support;  
God be our light and our way;  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore.

*All* Amen.

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