

## A Public Service of Healing

*In case of illness, the Minister of the Congregation is to be notified.*

*This service may always be led by a deacon or lay person*

*The Celebrant begins the service with the following or some other greeting*

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.***

*All*           **And also with you**  
***Let us pray***

*The following collect or the collect of the day follows*

O God of peace, you 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, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Bible Study -**

### **Book of Exodus Chapter 21**

Please read different versions of Exodus on

<https://biblehub.com/bsb/exodus/21.htm>

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**God be with you.**

*All*           **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*   **Let us pray.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, which 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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *(Lutheran Core)*

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

With joyful confidence, let us approach our Lord's throne of grace, there to pray on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you and adore you. You have revealed your glory through your Son, who has risen and ascended and who reigns at your right hand forever.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Make your Church abide in Jesus, as he abides in you. Cause it to preach the Gospel of salvation and celebrate the Sacraments in accordance with that Gospel. Let it proclaim to the whole world your blessings without number and your mercy without end.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Grant to your persecuted people a firm confidence in the hope that has been established through the steadfast obedience of Christ their Lord. Give them grace to triumph through their sufferings and rise to serve you even in the presence of those who trouble them.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Unite our hearts with fellow disciples of your Son, and with missionaries of your Gospel. Let us all be so united to your beloved Son and with one another, that in everything, we glorify your Name and spread the bounties of your mercy throughout the world.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Let the radiance of our Beautiful Savior fill the hearts and sanctify the ministries of this congregation. Make our worship into a joyful duty, and our service into a sacrifice of praise. Use us to lead others to Jesus, that with us, they may worship, honor, bless and adore him.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

You have appointed your Son as King of creation and Lord of the nations. Teach our leaders to praise your name; to love justice and righteousness; and to seek those things that make for peace. Come to the help of those whose lives are troubled by sorrow and hardship; and draw all people into the glorious and gentle rule of Christ their Savior.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

Keep in your care all who stand in harm's way to right wrongs, establish safety, and protect life and liberty. Prosper all they do that serves your will. Bring them home safely and soon; heal those who are wounded. Help us value their skills and insights when they return to civilian life.  
Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

We lift our hearts to you on behalf of all whose lives are clouded by any sort of affliction or sorrow, including: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Vernestine, Laverne, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria

McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Kevin Green, Sharifa Sena, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Catherine Cone, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Women Ellis, Sharon Alexander, Wanda Pineiro and Deacon Robin Newman. Let the light of Jesus' countenance heal and cheer them. Let all who care for them do so with tenderness and compassion; and grant that together we may praise you for your unending mercies. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and all who minister to the sick.

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

O Lord, those who have died trusting in your promises now see their Beautiful Savior face to face. Thank you for bestowing this blessing upon them. Continue to show us your love. Though we are your unworthy servants, bless us with such good gifts as will sustain us and others in this life. Bring us into that endless life and light you share with all whom you have redeemed. Grant that into eternity we always sing, "Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!"

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

**We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: Kevin Green, Michael Garcia Jr., Danielle Hallal, Earl Taylor, Sarah Ingram Banks and Tamika King. Look upon them with favor, we pray, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.**

Lord, in your mercy, **please hear our prayer.**

We praise and magnify you, most holy Father; we entrust our prayers and petitions to you in the strong name and for the dear sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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*O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

*Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

*Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **Final Blessing**

*A deacon using the following blessing substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”*

*May God the Father bless you; God the Son heal you; God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Deacon      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People      **Thanks be to God.**