



Special Sunday Prayer

January 10, 2021

*Thank you for joining us. Please **keep your microphone muted**. We will unmute for the Prayer of the Faithful and the Our Father. But please pray heartfully wherever you are! Today, please have a bowl of water before you for a special blessing today.*

Community Welcome

Opening Song

Let it Be Paul McCartney

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the broken hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted, there is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
There will be an answer, let it be (3X)

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

And let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be (2X)

Blessing of Water

Greeting

+ In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier. **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Please add your own intentions . . . Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Introductory Reading

First Reading: Isaiah

Psalm: 46

Gospel: Luke

We break open the Word together, although no one should feel obligated to speak unless they are comfortable doing so.

Reflection Song

A Song of Hope by John Foley SJ

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.
Plans of fullness, not of harm.
To give you a future and a hope.

1. After a time has gone by, then I will visit you. Fulfill my promise to you and bring you back.
2. Then you will call on me and you will pray to me. And I will listen to you and bring you back.
3. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart. I will be found by you.

Prayers of the Faithful

*Our response is **Lord, Hear Our Prayer.** You will be invited to unmute your mike to share your prayers. Thanks!*

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The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of the fullness of God's reign on earth, as Jesus taught us: **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, now and forever, Amen.**

Closing Prayer

How the Light Comes

I cannot tell you how the light comes.
What I know is that it is more ancient than imagining.
That it travels across an astounding expanse to reach us.
That it loves searching out what is hidden,
what is lost, what is forgotten or in peril or in pain.
That it has a fondness for the body,
for finding its way toward flesh,
for tracing the edges of form,
for shining forth through the eye,
the hand,
the heart.
I cannot tell you how the light comes,
but that it does.
That it will.
That it works its way into the deepest dark that enfolds you,
though it may seem long ages in coming or arrive in a shape you did not foresee.
And so may we this day turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces to let it find us.
May we bend our bodies to follow the arc it makes.
May we open
and open more
and open still
to the blessed light
that comes.

— Jan Richardson

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen** Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song

Stand By Me by Jerry Leiber / Mike Stoller / Ben E King

When the night has come and the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So darling, darling, Stand by me, oh stand by me
Oh stand, stand by me, stand by me

If the sky that we look upon
Should tumble and fall
Or the mountain should crumble to the sea
I won't cry, I won't cry
No, I won't shed a tear
Just as long as you stand, stand by me
Refrain 2 x

We part from our time together offering each other a sign of Christ's peace.

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