

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

November 22, 2020

Jesus the Christ, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, we lift our voices to you in prayer, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

+ That we may serve our God with gladness and generosity, discovering your image in those who hunger and thirst, in those who are threadbare and in prison, and in those who are sick, lonely, depressed, sorrowful, and rejected, remembering especially the work of the Washington Council of Congregations; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the forgiveness of our sins, for the times when we are blind to the needs of others, and deaf to their cries for help, that we may move beyond our selfish greed and love with the measure with which Jesus loves humanity, remembering especially our civil leaders, particularly Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Donald our President, Ned our Governor, James, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, our Congress and our Courts, that the decisions they make may bring righteousness and justice to all peoples everywhere; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That the leaders of our Church may receive the immeasurable greatness of God, seeking the holy way with every step they take, guiding the faithful into the glorious dwelling place of divine love; remembering especially Suheil, Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Geoffrey, our Priest, and all members of this congregation; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the sea and the dry land, molded by the Creator's imagination, for this fragile planet, our island home, for the beauty of the earth, that we may cherish the gifts they bring forth, and be good stewards of their bounty; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That the sin of division may be lifted from our national life, and from wherever it fractures the bonds of affection or movements toward peace, that forgiving what is past and trusting in God's future, we may work to reveal the kingdom in our time;

remembering especially the more than ten million of Americans suffering in this pandemic, and especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers, Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Heather, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemma White, Kathy Coe, Laura Whipple, Eileen Hearn, Connie Kaylor, Jay Lafleur in hospice care, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That the righteous dead may live into eternal life, remember especially Norma Evelyn Riess and Barbara Riff, who died this week, and all our beloved ones who have passed before us, the benefactors of this parish, and the souls of the 250,000 Americans who have perished from this virus; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the reign of Christ over all creation, let us continue our prayers.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.