



St. Mary's
Episcopal Church
Anchorage, Alaska
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MUSIC & PRAYER

A service for the evening

....struck down, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:9)



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Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8 pm

By Zoom at <https://godsview.zoom.us/j/97258355536>

Meeting ID 972 5835 5536; Telephone call-in (301) 715-8592

GATHERING MUSIC

Alex Cruver

WELCOME¹

Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp

OPENING PRAYER

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

People: And also with you.

¹ Leaders in this service include Alex Cruver (musician), Kris Green (designer of liturgy, reader), Jim Henkelman (reader), Heidi Marlowe (reader), [Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp](#) (officiant), and the ministers of St. Mary's, which are all the people. This service may be recorded and shared and, if so, personal prayers will be edited out.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT (Phos hilaron)*Book of Common Prayer, p. 118*

O gracious Light,
 pure brightness of the everliving God in heaven,
 O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
 and our eyes behold the vesper light,
 we sing you praises, Triune God.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices
 O Song of God, O Giver of life,
 and to be glorified through all the worlds.

OPENING ACCLAMATION*New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 50*

Officiant Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
People: **Your saving power among all peoples.**

Officiant Renew your Church in holiness,
People: **and help us to serve you with joy.**

Officiant Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
People: **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten
People: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Make us instruments of your peace,
People: **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Alex Cruver

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE HEALING OF OUR WORLD*Book of Common Prayer, p. 258*

Officiant: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

We invite you to place your prayers in the chat space and they will be read aloud. You may also hold your prayers in the silence of your heart. We will honor silent prayers with a moment of silence together.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Alex Cruver

CLOSING PRAYER

*Earth as the Original Cathedral*² Christine Valters Paintner

May you find sanctuary among the trees and the stones,
and feel Earth preparing a place for you
to sit and breathe and be.

Let the long limbs of branches
form a canopy above your head,
let the hills open up a place for you to soar.

May the stones form an altar and
see how the sun makes everything shimmer and glisten
so that everything shines forth from within.

Let the tender vine climbing the trunk
show you what it is to reach to the sky,
let all the living creatures that gather,
winged and four-footed ones,
offer a new companionship.

All around you, see yourself as part of this glorious cathedral,
the lake and holy wells are the fountains of baptism,
the river rushes carrying gifts down from the mountains,
the oaks and sycamore create a sacred circle,
the face of the Creator incarnate and immanent
illuminated with each gaze.

Feel the veil between heaven and earth slip away
until you know this sanctuary of soil and sunlight,
listen to the sky whisper her secrets on the wind,
lifted by wings and song.

² Poem by Christine Valters Paintner (abbeyofthehearts.com) and included with a video created with www.theworkofthepoet.com. Used with permission.

Officiant: Let us pray.

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

People: Amen

BLESSING *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 135; *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 185

Officiant: Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray.

People: Amen

MUSICAL CLOSING & REFLECTION

Alex Cruver, Kris Green

This tall ponderosa pine, scarred at its trunk having been struck by lightning, manages to survive, flourish, and grow into a wonderful tree. In our community, we are people who have suffered loss, grief, illness, and trauma of every kind, and manage to not only survive, but continue to grow and mature into beautiful people, even with our hidden or unhidden scars. ~ Rev. Joe Hubb³

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)



³ Rev Joe Holub, retired pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Anchorage AK, who now lives in Boulder CO. Facebook post paraphrased and photo used with permission.

Thank you for your prayers and presence this evening.

Our service ends quietly. If you would like to be in touch or receive a call, you may private-message Rev. Catherine Amy in the Zoom chat space, send an email to catherineamy@godsview.org or call or text (907) 570-6339. A member of our Caring Ministries team would be happy to offer a brief phone conversation with you after the service. If you are new to our community, you may also click [HERE](#) to receive more information.



*Welcome to St. Mary's. We're glad you're here.
If you'd like more information about our congregation,
please let us know [HERE](#).*

**We invite you to join us each Sunday, 10 am
for our Service of Holy Eucharist**

Zoom: <https://godsview.zoom.us/j/94031891877>

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Gathering music from 9:45 am

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