

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*Officiant ~ Vallerie Farmer*

**AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE**

*Celebrating Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness*

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

**6:00 pm**



"Open wide the eyes of my soul  
that I may see good in all things..."

~ Phillips Brooks, Forward DAY by DAY

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*The Officiant begins*

*(BCP Page 127)*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* *The maker of heaven and earth.*

*The Officiant may then say*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father:*

*We have sinned against you,*

*through our own fault,*

*in thought, and word, and deed,*

*and in what we have left undone.*

*For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*forgive us all our offenses;*

*and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,*

*to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*(BCP Page 128)*

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**Psalm 94:16-23**

(BCP Pages 723-724)

*Officiant and People read alternately by whole verse.*

Who rose up for me against the wicked?  
who took my part against the evildoers?

*If the LORD had not come to my help,  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.*

As often as I said, "My foot has slipped,"  
your love, O LORD, upheld me.

*When many cares fill my mind,  
your consolations cheer my soul.*

Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you,  
one which frames evil into law?

*They conspire against the life of the just  
and condemn the innocent to death.*

But the LORD has become my stronghold,  
and my God the rock of my trust.

*He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice;  
the LORD our God will destroy them.*

**A Reading from I Peter 3:8-12**

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called - that you might inherit a blessing. For

*"Those who desire life and desire to see good days,  
let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips  
from speaking deceit;*

*let them turn away from evil  
and do good;  
let them seek peace and  
pursue it.*

For the eyes of the Lord are on  
the righteous,  
and his ears are open to  
their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against  
those who do evil."

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

*A Reflection from Holy Women, Holy Men*  
Celebrating the Saints

*Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1896*

*The Rev. James Friedel*

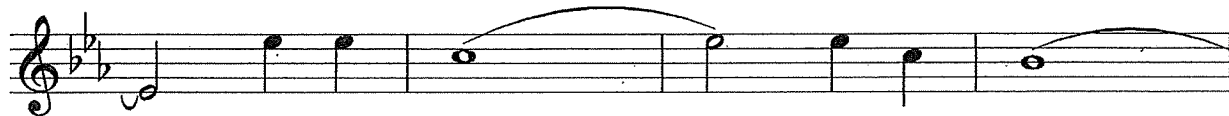
Hymn: Lord, I Want To Be A Christian



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, In my  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my  
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my  
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my



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*The Officiant continues*

(BCP Page 132)

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. *For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. *Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

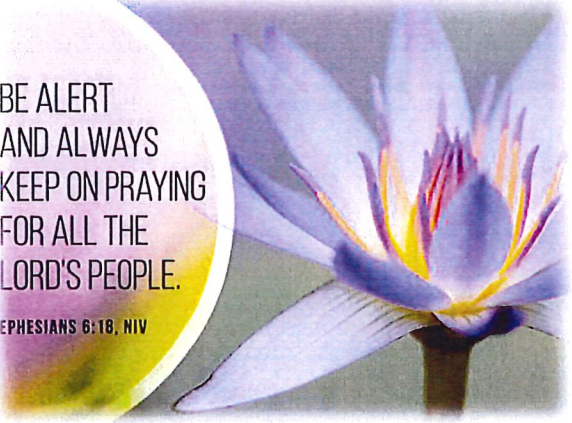
*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those*

*who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*



BE ALERT  
AND ALWAYS  
KEEP ON PRAYING  
FOR ALL THE  
LORD'S PEOPLE.

EPHESIANS 6:18, NIV

*Officiant:* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People:* *And let our cry come to you.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day: Harriet Beecher Stowe**

*The Officiant says*

Gracious God, we thank you for the witness of Harriett Beecher Stowe, whose fiction inspired thousands with compassion for the shame and sufferings of enslaved peoples, and who enriched her writings with the cadences of The Book of Common Prayer. Help us, like her, to strive for your justice, that our eyes may see the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, when he comes to reign with you and the Holy Spirit in reconciliation and peace, one God, now and always. *Amen.*

### **Prayers and Thanksgiving**

#### **For those who Influence Public Opinion**

*(BCP Page 827)*

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **For Justice and Peace**

*(BCP Page 260)*

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.*

**A Collect at the Prayers**

*(BCP Page 395 )*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All*

*(BCP Page 134)*

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

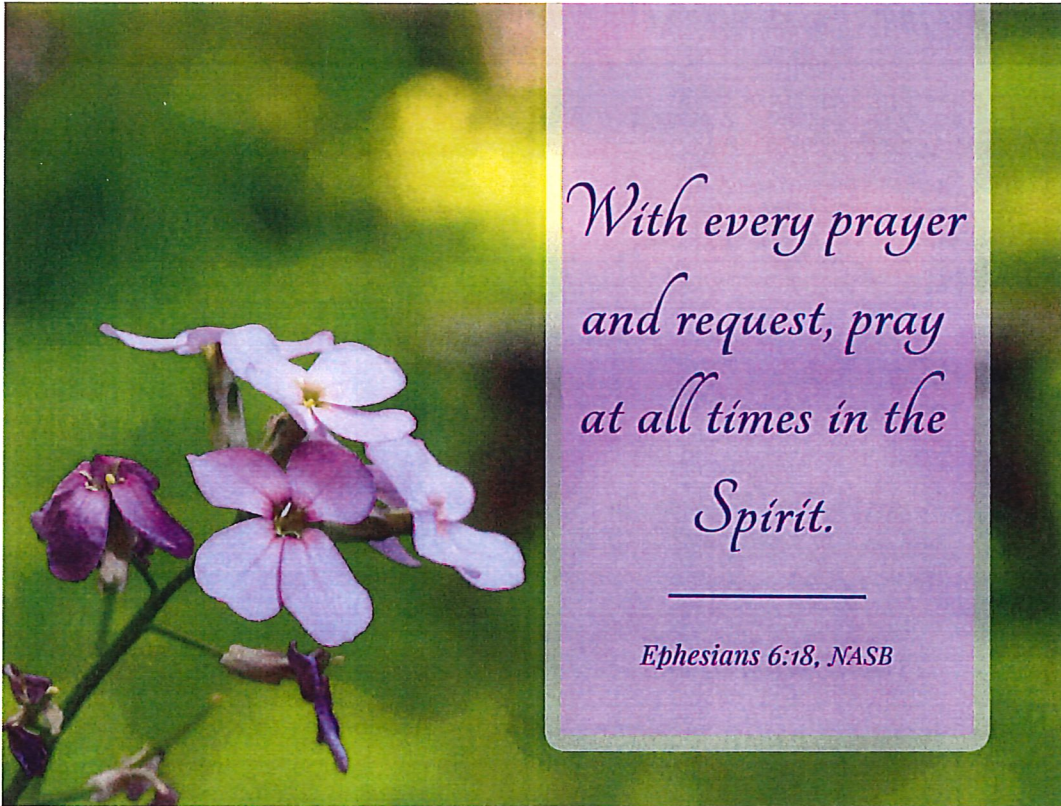
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*Officiant*      *Let us bless the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*



*With every prayer  
and request, pray  
at all times in the  
Spirit.*

*Ephesians 6:18, NASB*