

**A Service in Observance
of the
National Day of Prayer
and Remembrance
for the
Victims of Hurricane Katrina**

Friday, September 16, 2005

12:00 Noon

Christ Church Cathedral



The Order of Service

The Right Reverend Don Wimberly, the Bishop of Texas, *Preacher*
The Very Reverend Joe Reynolds, the Dean, *Officiant*

All stand

HYMN 680

St. Anne

Officiant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray for those who lost their lives in the storm and its aftermath.
O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of
those who have died in this great storm, and grant them an entrance into the
land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who mourn.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal
graciously with all those who mourn and suffer loss. Surround them with
your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have
confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Merciful Father, you have taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with pity upon the communities of the Gulf Coast and the city of New Orleans for whom our prayers are now offered. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; nourish their souls with patience and hope; comfort them with a sense of your presence; give them courage and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:27-31

PSALM 46

B.C.P., page 649

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:2-7

All stand

HYMN 644

St. Peter

All remain standing.

Deacon The Holy Gospel according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit

THE SERMON

The Right Rev. Don Wimberly,
The Bishop of Texas

All stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

We pray for the communities which suffered in Hurricane Katrina: Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory. Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth, and especially the city of New Orleans and all the cities and communities of the Gulf Coast. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send them honest and able leaders. Enable them to rebuild with confidence, that peace may prevail with righteousness, justice with order, and poverty and prejudice pass away; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died: Remember your servants, O Lord, according to the favor which you bear to your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn: Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have survived and are struggling to rebuild their lives: Almighty God, whose own Son had nowhere to lay his head, we entrust to your never-failing care and love all the victims of this storm wherever they may be; surround them with your mercy; provide for their necessities; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to the home that awaits them at their journey's end; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who work to aid the victims of the storm: Gracious God, we thank you for the work and sacrifice of all those who care for the survivors of the storm, for the members of our armed services, police forces, the medical community, relief agencies, and all those who have come, of their duty or of their charity, to the aid of others. Stir up in us all the spirit of service and of the common good; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we pray for our nation, our city, and for ourselves, that we may find guidance and strength to help our neighbors in their time of need: Father, may we always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Your loving hand has given us all that we possess; grant us grace to honor you with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, be faithful stewards of your bounty and provide for our neighbors' need. Help us to welcome those who come to live among us.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, and pray as he has 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN 544

Duke Street

The offering will be given to the hurricane relief work

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE BISHOP'S BLESSING

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfull now, O lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 410

Lauda anime

The Service is ended. All those who need to return to their work may leave the Church.

All those who desire to remain and offer the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to the front of the Church and sit in the choir stalls. All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to share in the Eucharist and receive Communion.

As soon as the Church has quieted, a Eucharist will be celebrated at the Altar of the Cathedral. We will begin the Eucharist with the sign of the Lord's Peace, and then continue the celebration of the Eucharist on page 361 of the Prayer Book.

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst natural disasters in our Nation's history and has caused unimaginable devastation and heartbreak throughout the Gulf Coast Region. A vast coastline of towns and communities has been decimated. Many lives have been lost, and hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans are suffering great hardship. To honor the memory of those who lost their lives, to provide comfort and strength to the families of the victims, and to help ease the burden of the survivors, I call upon all Americans to pray to Almighty God and to perform acts of service.

As we observe a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina, we pledge our support for those who have been injured and for the communities that are struggling to rebuild. We offer thanks to God for the goodness and generosity of so many Americans who have come together to provide relief and bring hope to fellow citizens in need. Our Nation is united in compassion for the victims and in resolve to overcome the tremendous loss that has come to America. We will strive together in this effort, and we will prevail through perseverance and prayer.

Americans are reaching out to those who suffer by opening their hearts, homes, and communities. Their actions demonstrate the greatest compassion one person may show to another: to love your neighbor as yourself. Across our Nation, so many selfless deeds reflect the promise of the Scripture: "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in." I encourage all Americans to respond with acts of kindness in the days ahead. By contributing time, money, or needed goods to a relief organization and by praying for the survivors and those in recovery efforts, we can make a tremendous difference in the lives of those in need.

Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath resulted in a considerable loss of life. We pray that God will bless the souls of the lost, and that He will comfort their families and friends and all lives touched by this disaster. As the American people unite to help those who are hurting, we share a determination to stand by those affected by Hurricane Katrina in the months and years ahead as they rebuild their lives and reclaim their future. We are determined that the Gulf Coast region will rise again. The tasks before us are enormous, and so is the heart of America. We will continue to

comfort and care for the survivors. We will once again show the world that the worst adversities bring out the best in the American people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 16, 2005, as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina. I ask that the people of the United States and places of worship mark this National Day of Prayer and Remembrance with memorial services and other appropriate observances. I also encourage all Americans to remember those who have suffered in the disaster by offering prayers and giving their hearts and homes for those who now, more than ever, need our compassion and our support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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