

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MAINE
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JESUS IS HERE, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW



NOONDAY PRAYERS WITH NECROLOGY
PERSEVERANCE AND RENEWAL

*As we pause to feed our bodies in the middle of the day,
we pause also to feed our souls by vowing again to live faithfully.
The Feast of Saints Simon and Jude.*

Celebrant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Together Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (pg 4)*

Reader A reading from Ephesians 2:13-22 (CEB)

But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on

the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Together Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Lord, hear our prayer.
People And let our cry come to you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to you will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

Celebrant Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

People **Amen.**

Hymn *Jesus, Remember Me (pg 5)*

The Reading of the Necrology

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**