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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers while I was quarantined and awaiting the COVID test results. The result, as expected, was negative. I was "fortunate" to have had a more ordinary virus.

One morning while quarantined I began to notice all of the various ways we address God, particularly in the Morning Prayer liturgy.

Almighty God
Ruler of the universe
Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven
Almighty and everlasting Father
Father of all mercies
Heavenly Father

How awesome our God is! God is all-mighty, all powerful, the ruler of the universe, who stoops to take notice of us here on earth. Here I am, one small creation, and God is listening to my prayers and praises. Wow! How outrageous it is that God knows us each by name and the details of our lives. Then add to that the fact that God tirelessly is working to attend to our world, our churches, our families, our individual selves. How very blessed we are to have the creator and ruler of heaven and earth watching over us. Consider the words of Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Amen!

God bless you, Mother Julie+

From Carolyn Bashaw

Thank you, in these unsettling time, for sending cards and messages to my brother. He loves to receive mail and puts your cards in a drawer with his most valued possessions.

Send a card to Stephen (Frank) Terry at his new group home. He is Carolyn Bashaw's brother and lived with Carolyn and Louis on Scott Avenue for many years. After your signature add "a friend from St. Alban's".

> 22 Lakehurst Drive Auburn, NY 13021

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Room and also on Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. In-person Holy Eucharist (no singing or exchanging the peace) 15 people maximum Up to 11 people have participated to date. There is room for you!
- 10:30 a.m. Zoom service led from my office

Zoom Code and Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 817 9328 0104 and 400978

Zoom Code and Password for Worship at 10:30 a.m. - 870 3167 4090 and 923019

Zoom Code for Tuesday Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. - 868 3084 1089 and 114552

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter 87031674090#

When prompted Enter #

When prompted Enter 923019#

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Zoom Code: 868 3084 1089/Password: 114552

Thursday Rector's Class: Matters of Faith at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Corrected Zoom code: 858 6751 9278/Password: 211036