

Morning Prayer



Visitors!

We are glad that you are here worshipping with us today.

If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted to have you join us here at St. Paul's as we grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us in Clardy Hall following the Service of Morning Prayer for fellowship, coffee and other good things.

A Brief Word About Our Worship

Worship in the Episcopal Church follows a beautiful and ancient form that dates back to the earliest period of the Christian faith. We know that this style of worship is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but wait on the Lord reverently and expectantly. Once you are used to this form of worship you will find it a truly beautiful, holy, and transformative experience.

Prelude

*As the Tower Bell rings,
all stand.*

The Officiant opens the service with one or more of the following sentences.

Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and from
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Psalms 122:1

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the
earth keep silence before him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Hymn/Song

Announced

Confession of Sin

Officiant:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Please kneel if you are able.

Officiant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

****All stand****

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader and People

L: Lord, open our lips.

P: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All:

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Leader: The earth is the Lord's
for he made it:

People: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalms 95:1-7

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the
Rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout
to him with psalms.

L: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the caverns of the
earth, and the heights of the
hills are his also.

L: The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded
the dry land.

P: Come, let us bow down, and bend
the knee, and kneel before
the Lord our Maker.

L: For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.

P: Oh, that today you would
hearken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed for the Day

Psalms 50:7-15

L: Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against
you; for I am God, your God.

P: I do not accuse you because of your
sacrifices; your offerings
are always before me.

L: I will take no bull-calf from your
stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;

P: For all the beasts of the forest
are mine, the herds in their
thousands upon the hills.

L: I know every bird in the sky,
and the creatures of the
fields are in my sight.

P: If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine
and all that is in it.

L: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

P: Offer to God a sacrifice
of thanksgiving and make good your
vows to the Most High.

L: Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you,
and you shall honor me."

All:

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

All are seated.

The First Lesson
Hosea 5:15-6:6

Reader: A reading from
the Prophet Hosea.

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again
to my place until they acknowledge their
guilt and seek my face. In their distress
they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us
return to the LORD; for it is he who has
torn, and he will heal us; he has struck
down, and he will bind us up. After two
days he will revive us; on the third day

he will raise us up, that we may live
before him. Let us know, let us press on
to know the LORD; his appearing is as
sure as the dawn; he will come to us like
the showers, like the spring rains that
water the earth.' What shall I do with
you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with
you, O Judah? Your love is like a
morning cloud, like the dew that goes
away early. Therefore I have hewn them
by the prophets, I have killed them by the
words of my mouth, and my judgment
goes forth as the light. For I desire
steadfast love and not sacrifice, the
knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah
Isaiah 12:2-6

Leader and People:

L: Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

P: For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

L: Therefore you shall draw water with
rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

P: And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his Name;

L: Make his deeds known among the
peoples; see that they remember that his
Name is exalted.

P: Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things, and this is
known in all the world.

L: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All:

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

All are seated.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Reader: A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in

faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Hymn/Song

Announced

After the hymn/song, all are seated.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat

with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: In the full assurance of eternal life given to us at Baptism, let us stand and proclaim our faith.

****Said by all****

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 sin the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

All are seated.

Welcome and Announcements

An Offering is Received

Officiant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn/Song

Announced

All stand for the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Please kneel if you are able.

O: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

P: And grant us your salvation.

O: Clothe your ministers
with righteousness;

P: Let your people sing with joy.

O: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

P: For only in you can we live in safety.

O: Lord, keep this nation
under your care;

P: And guide us in the way
of justice and truth.

O: Let your way be known upon earth;

P: Your saving health among all nations.

O: Let not the needy,
O Lord, be forgotten;

P: Nor the hope of the poor
be taken away.

O: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

P: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The following Collects are read
by the Officiant.*

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The Officiant continues

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Robert and Fraser, our Bishops, Gary, our priest, and all who minister in your Church. May they faithfully proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Remember those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially _____ and all others we name before you now _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Remember the men and women serving in the armed forces, and all first responders. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Remember all those who have died in the peace of Christ especially _____ and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Officiant: I invite your further prayers and thanksgivings.

Here you are encouraged to offer, either aloud or in the silence of your heart, your personal intercessions and thanksgivings.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant alone:

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: Fulfill 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 age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Officiant then concludes the service with the following sentences of Scripture.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn/Song

Announced

Postlude

