

# 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.

*Said by 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*

*Psalm 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*

*Psalm 100*

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

*L:* Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
Serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence  
with a song.

*P:* Know this: The LORD himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the  
sheep of his pasture.

*L:* Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and  
call upon his Name.

*P:* For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures  
from age to age.

*Said by 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*  
*Exodus 19:2-8a*

*Reader:* A reading from  
the Book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these

words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

*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.

*Said by 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 5:1-12, 15-21*

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>1</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation. Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.<sup>5</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ

abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. Law came into increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 9:35-10:8*

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and

every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*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*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*

