

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer IV

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The following text has been taken from the Book of Common Prayer, page 75ff, with minor adaptations.

Processional Hymn

Hosanna to the living Lord (Hosanna) H 486

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips."

At any Time

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

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Je-
sus 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 us 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.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

On Sundays and weekdays the Officiant says

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

The Lessons

A Reading from **Haggai 1:15b-2:9**

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All stand for the Gospel Hymn. The first half of the Gospel Hymn is sung before the Gospel reading, and the second half is sung after the Gospel reading.

Gospel Hymn

Ye holy angels bright (Darwall's 148th) H 625

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Sermon by The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, presented by James Pence

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing 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.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn (Please remain seated)

Let saints on earth in concert sing (Dundee) H 526

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 temp-
tation, but deliver us
from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Then follows the Suffrage

V. Show us your mercy, O
Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the
world; R. For only in you can we live
in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and
truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-
ten; R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken
away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O
God; R. And sustain us by your
Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 during the 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 Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through 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 occupa-

tions 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.*

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, a prayer for mission is added

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.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

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 be-
fore 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.

Recessional Hymn

O bless the Lord, my soul! (St. Thomas) H 411

Then may be said
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes with the following

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 foregoing text of the service of worship contained in this program is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* 1979. The *Book of Common Prayer* alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.

This Sunday, November 9

Lector/ LEM:	Karen Smith
Acolyte:	David Kirklin
Vestry Person of the Day:	David Kirklin, Matt Wolff
Intercessory Prayer:	Elizabeth Porter
Tech Team:	Director-Dana Medford; Titles-Chris Wolff; Audio-Jacob Faunce; Cameras-Jennifer Faunce; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
 Altar Guild:	 Laura Funk, Georgianna Harrison, Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant

Morsels for Meditation

Christians hunger and thirst for righteousness and justice, but we are not utopians. Failing to achieve their ideals, utopians and idealists too easily become cynics who, in their frustration, are willing to kill in the name of a good cause. Christians are revolutionaries, but we believe the revolution has happened and we are it.

Stanley Hauerwas, *Jesus Changes Everything: A New World Made Possible* (Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2025), 132.

The near approach of death makes men sensible of the inestimable worth of time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 12, Wed.	8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II 6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
Nov. 13, Thurs	8:00pm Compline (Stpaulstx.org)
Nov. 16, Sunday	Consecration Sunday
Nov. 19, Wed.	8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer I 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer II 6:00 p.m.-Bible Study
Nov. 20, Thurs	8:00pm Compline (Stpaulstx.org)
Nov. 23, Sun.	Parish Thanksgiving Fellowship (sign-up sheet in Parish Hall)
Nov. 30, Sun.	James Pence Performance Chalk Art at Coffee Hour

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.

Please pray for: *Bob Lloyd, Edward Haines*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, Rector

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, Assisting Priest

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