

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer
October 2026

Opening Acclamation

We bless the maker of the morning;
We praise the Creator of all.
We give thanks for the rising of the sun;
Let this day be filled with the light of Love. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Our true home is the present moment.
To live in the present moment is a miracle.
The miracle is not to walk on water.
The miracle is to walk on the green Earth in the present moment,
To appreciate the peace and beauty that are available now.
Peace is all around us --
In the world and in nature --
And within us --
In our bodies and our spirits.
Once we learn to touch this peace,
We will be healed and transformed.
It is not a matter of faith;
It is a matter of practice. ---- *Thich Nhat Hanh*

Collect of the Day

Loving God, gather us this morning
Like a bright bouquet of changing leaves.
Bind us together so that, together,
We have the power to shine in the dark
And transform the weary world. Amen.

Reading

Meditation

Prayers

God of Love, we thank you for this day; for every opportunity to love, to serve, to learn, to grow, to offer peace.

God of grace, we thank you that every day we begin again; help us to undertake the work of healing and forgiveness. Help us to be the voice of mercy and the hands of justice.

God of wholeness, we pray for all who need your healing touch. We pray for those who are ill; for those who are sick at heart; for our fractured nation; for teachers and students; for ourselves. Help us to see how we can be part of your healing work.

God of justice, we pray for wisdom and understanding about unjust systems that separate us into haves and have nots, privileged and underprivileged, powerful and powerless. Help us to dismantle and banish the systems that divide and conquer us.

God of history, we pray for insight into the moment we are in. Amid the din of angry voices, help us to see one another in the light of your love and mercy. Help us to recover a spirit of shared purpose.

God of Creation, we pray for unwavering commitment to this fragile earth, our island home. Help us to make choices about our everyday lives that honor your gift of this magnificent, beautiful world.

We ask above all for hearts open to the movement of your life-giving, challenging Spirit. Grant us courage. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us your kingdom come. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

God bless your going and your returning;
God bless your home and your table;
God bless your waking and your sleeping;
God bless your work, your leisure,
Your friendships and your family;
God grant you peace today
And joy at the day's end. Amen.