



Evening Prayer
The Third Sunday after Easter
April 26, 2026

*You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.
Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.*
— Psalm 119:114,132,133

A warm welcome to Princeton Anglican Church! All you need is in this Order of Service. Your portions are in bold print. Anglican worship invites you to participate rather than spectate, please take part as far as is appropriate for you given your Christian growth and understanding. You are part of an act of worship that is ancient in origin and contemporary in relevance as we all need God's grace. Worship is a vital part of our lives as individuals and as we share fellowship together. Please stay for refreshments following the service.

Children are always welcome. We begin by worshipping together and, for those families who would wish to make use of it, the adjacent Sanford Davis Room is available. Supervision is available for those with young children during the sermon. We use a "rule of three", meaning no one is alone with a child (not in their family). Our practice is that children under age eleven be escorted to the bathrooms down the hallway off of the Sanford Davis Room.

Should you have a pastoral need, or would like to discuss the Christian faith, or wish to receive updates on the life of the church, please call/text 609-309-1050 or write to clifford@princetonanglican.org. We hope you are encouraged by the service today, and strengthened to serve Jesus Christ in greater measure.

REFLECTION

“Seek the things which are of God, and those which are of man will follow readily enough ... For indeed a house is a little Church.”

— John Chrysostom (c.347-407), Archbishop of Constantinople

“I was a [darn] good miner, though I say it myself. I was strong and I liked the life. That was the life I painted.”

— Oliver Kilborn, character in *The Pitmen Painters*



HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, hail
 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall, go,
 Let ev' ry kin - dred, ev' - ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of___ all; bring
 him who saves you by__ his__ grace, and crown him Lord of___ all; hail
 spread your tro - phies at__ his__ feet, and crown him Lord of___ all; go,
 him all ma - jes - ty— a - scribe, and crown him Lord of___ all; to



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Words: Edward Perronet; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden

We sit or kneel.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (*Psalms 51.17*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of heavenly grace, and pray together, saying:

A general Confession to be said by the Congregation with the Minister.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say,

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

We remain standing.

Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed. Then a Lesson, as is appointed.
 And after that Magnificat in English, as follows.

APPOINTED PSALM

Psalm 23



The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 My soul He doth re - store a - gain; and me to
 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I
 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence
 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; He lead - eth
 walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -
 fear no ill, for Thou art with me; and thy
 of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil a -
 fol - low me: and in God's house for - ev - ver -



me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 ness, e'en for His own name's sake.
 rod and staff me com - fort still.
 noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Words: Psalm 23; Music: CRIMOND, Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1871

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 9:1-3,6-15

¹ Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.

⁶ “You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. ⁷ You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.

⁹ “And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, ¹⁰ and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. ¹¹ And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. ¹² By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. ¹³ You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, ¹⁴ and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. ¹⁵ You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Psalm 95

**O COME, let us sing unto the LORD:
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the LORD is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down:
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For he is the LORD our God:
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:12-4:6

^{3:12} Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. ^{4:1} Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison — ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2.29

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

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

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and people together.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.**

HYMN

O Church Arise



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give — grace for ev - 'ry hur -



- tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
- tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
- en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
- dle; That we may run with faith to win the prize of a serv - ant good and faith -



- en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
- or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
- en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
- ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
- cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with



out to those in dark - ness.
- her - it - ance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

After that these Prayers, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,
The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

We kneel or sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Officiant standing up shall say,
O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Endue your ministers with righteousness;
And make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your people;
And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fights for us, but only you, O God.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER)

Almighty God, who shows to those who are in error the light of your truth, so that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all those admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER, FOR PEACE

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHYRSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 13

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.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth



For the_ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies, for the_
For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and_
For the_ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, pa - rent, child, friends on_
For your - self, best gift di - vine, to the world so free - ly given, a - gent_



love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies. Christ, our
vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Christ, our
earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild, Christ, our
of God's grand de - sign: peace on earth and joy in heaven. Christ, our



Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838

SERMON

A gracious, well-ordered life

The Revd. Clifford Swartz

HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness



Lord of all — hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
Lord of all — ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
Lord of all — kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your —
Lord of all — gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy: be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the — lathe: be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is — balm: be



there at — our — wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
there at — our — la - bours, and give us we pray, your
there at — our — rest - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at — our — hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day!

Words: Jan Struther (1931); Music: SLANE, Irish folk tune

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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