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Morning Prayer, Rite II

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn 518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Descent

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day, with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (top staff), Alto (middle staff), and Bass (bottom staff). It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas, with the first line of each stanza corresponding to the Soprano part and the subsequent lines corresponding to the Alto and Bass parts. The score includes a 'Descent' marking at the beginning of the first system.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Cont'd.

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way,
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Opening Sentence

Officiant: We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 75:1

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant stands 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, as able.

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: And your glory all the day long.

Officiant and People:

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People:

Morning Psalm *Psalm 63:1-8*

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.**

The people are seated.

Psalm 119:33-40



Make me go in the path of your com-mand-ments, for that is my de-sire.

Teach me, O Lord the way of your / statutes, *
and I shall / keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep / your law; *
I shall keep / it with all my heart. [ANTIPHON]

Make me go in the path of your com/mandments, *
for / that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your / decrees *
and / not to unjust gain. [ANTIPHON]

Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; *
give me / life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your / servant, *
which you make to / those who fear you. [ANTIPHON]

Turn away the reproach which / I dread, *
because your / judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your com/mandments; *
in your righteous/ness preserve my life. [ANTIPHON]

Tone I.9



Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The people remain seated.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle D A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly, *
and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Romans 13:8-14

The people are seated.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle J A Song of Judith

Judith 16:13-16

I will sing a new song to my God, *
 for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
 for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
 no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
 rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *
 you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
 but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Matthew 18:15-20

The people are seated.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle O A Song of the Heavenly City

Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4

I saw no temple in the city, *

for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, *

for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *

and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; *

into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.

I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *

flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, *

and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.

All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,

and all servants give worship there; *

there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

The people are seated.

The Sermon

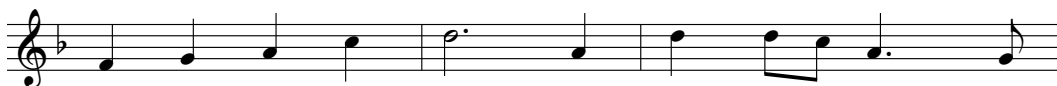
Rev. Dennis Taylor

Hymn 674

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
2. How can your par - don reach and bless The
3. In blaz - ing light your Cross re - veals The
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to you!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread your peace.

Apostles' Creed

All stand, as able.

**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.**

Prayers

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

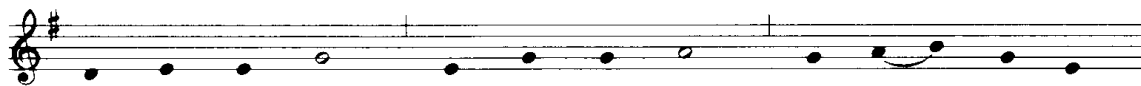
People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

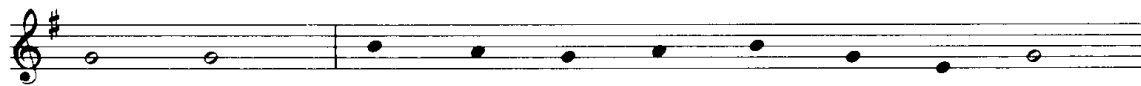
Officiant and People:



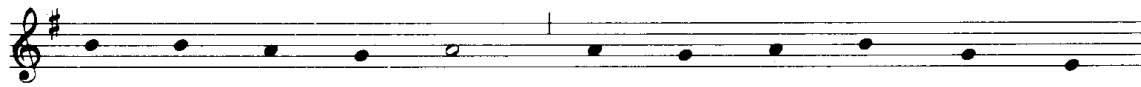
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in



hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Officiant and People say responsively:

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collects

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(source: A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569)

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.**

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. **Amen.**

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of humanity; that you would be pleased to make your ways known to them, your saving health to all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or spirit; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we ask for in Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 693

Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Officiant: Let us name before God that for which we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn 490

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

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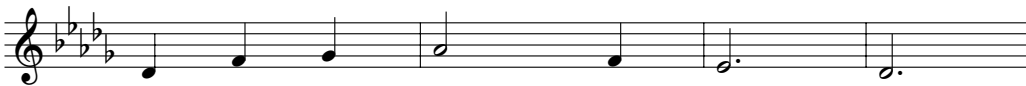
Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



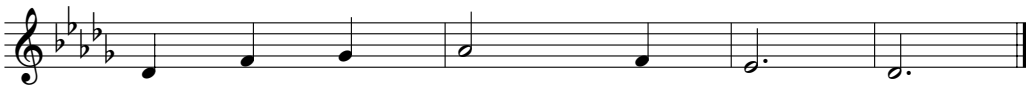
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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Morning Prayer:

Until we can meet together once again, our Sunday Morning worship will generally be Morning Prayer, as per the Bishop's instruction. For those who remember the days in the Episcopal Church when the Eucharist was only celebrated once a month, these days may have a familiar feel. For those of us who do not, it feels like a Eucharistic Fast. It has been so described by others who have written about our current situation. In the liturgical reforms of the 1970's the Eucharist has become the center of Sunday worship. Now, however, because of the worldwide pandemic, we are back to Morning Prayer as our regular fare.

What is Morning Prayer? It is a rite originally developed for the Benedictine monastic life in England in the Medieval period. Monks and nuns prayed seven times a day. Four of those prayer services became popular among the common people, Morning Prayer (or Matins,) Noonday Prayers (or Non,) Evening Prayer, (or Vespers,) and Compline. Matins and Vespers grew into full-blown services in themselves. Matins came to fill in on Sunday mornings when a priest was not available to preside at the Eucharist.

In the American church, the term Matins is rarely used, preferring the more descriptive, Morning Prayer. The rite became very popular in the western expansion precisely because it could be led by lay people. Our Prayer Books throughout the years have reflected this, always including a well-constructed rite. Our current one is no exception.

Adapted as it is for lay leadership, you will notice that the lay form for the absolution is provided for in the rubrics (instructions written in italics and smaller size.) There is no provision for a sermon. It has always been an Anglican thought that the Bible, read aloud to the people in their own language, was the foundation of spiritual formation in worship. When used as the primary service on Sunday, a sermon is usually inserted where we do it, or after the Creed, or even just before the dismissal. Rubrics for a blessing are also omitted.

The structure of the rite borrows from the synagogue worship of the early Jewish Christians, just like the first part of a Eucharistic service. It follows the same format of an introductory rite, readings from Scripture, prayers and a dismissal. Because Morning Prayer's focus is Scripture and Prayer, the introductory rites and the readings themselves are more elaborately done, and the prayers are more extensive. At St. Paul's, after the Collects, where the rubrics allow for "other authorized intercessions," we insert another set of prayers that focus our petitions on concerns of our time and place.

Because it is not a Eucharistic service, the services do not employ the liturgical colors. Instead of a white alb and stole, the presider often wears a black cassock, a white surplice over it, and a tippet. The tippet looks like a black stole, but it is really an academic vestment. It often has emblems of academic affiliations attached near the tips. Fr. Paul's has an Episcopal shield, and the shields of two seminaries from which he holds degrees. A simple alb with no stole may also be used.

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference.

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