

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,  
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



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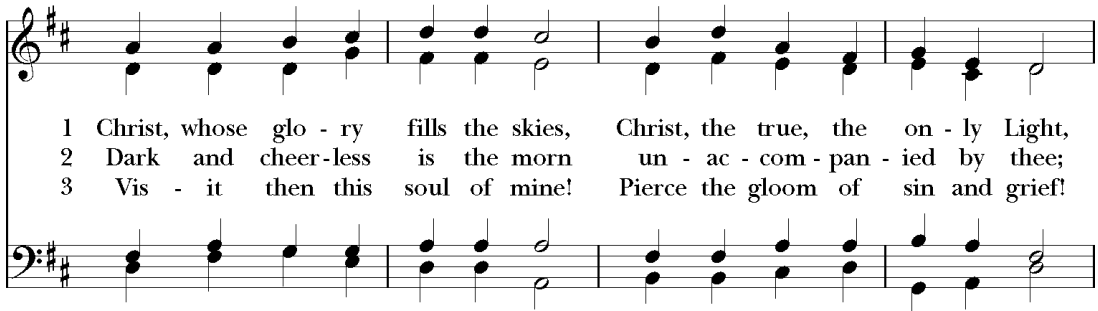
# Morning Prayer, Rite II

## Welcome and Announcements


*Please stand as you are able.*

## Opening Hymn 7

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## Opening Sentence

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

*Isaiah 57:15*

## 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 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 stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand, as able.*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier: \***  
**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:*

**Jubilate**      *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***  
**serve the Lord with gladness**  
**and come before his presence with a song.**

**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.**

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

**For the Lord is good;**  
**his mercy is everlasting; \***  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*The people are seated.*

**Psalm 80:8-14,17**



The vine-yard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Is-ra-el.

You have brought a /vine out of Egypt;\*  
you cast out the na/tions and planted it.  
You pre/pared the ground for it;\*  
it took /root and filled the land. [ANTIPHON]

The mountains were covered /by its shadow\*  
and the towering cedar /trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its /tendrils to the Sea\*  
and its branches /to the River. [ANTIPHON]

Why have you /broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass /by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the /fórest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have /grazed upon it. [ANTIPHON]

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; be/hold and tend this v  
preserve what your right /hand has planted.  
And so will we never /turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call /upon your Name. [ANTIPHON]

Tone VII.8



## Readings

*A period of silence will follow each reading.*

### Isaiah 5:1-7

*The people remain seated.*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
5 I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Silence.*

*All stand, as able.*

**Canticle 13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**  
**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## **Philippians 3:4b-14**

*The people are seated.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*



**Canticle 17    The Song of Simeon**    *Nunc Dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***  
**to go in peace as you have promised;**  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

*The people are seated.*

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Silence.*

*All stand, as able.*

**Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-79*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*The people are seated.*

**The Sermon**

*A taped sermon by the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel*

Hymn 651

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all  
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## **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.

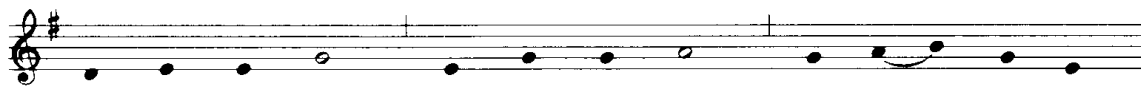
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

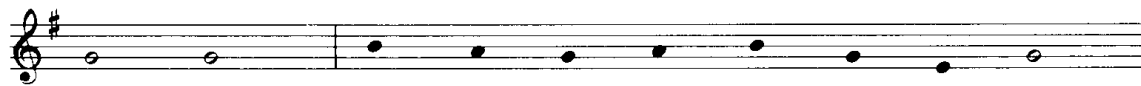
*Officiant and People:*



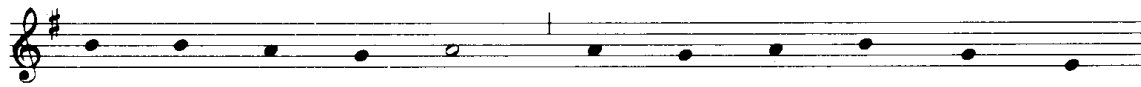
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



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. 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 forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who reigns in glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, 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.**

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.**

Heavenly One, 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.**

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.**

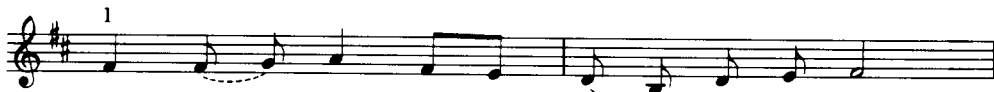
O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

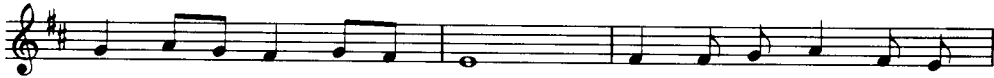


# Hymn 711

# Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

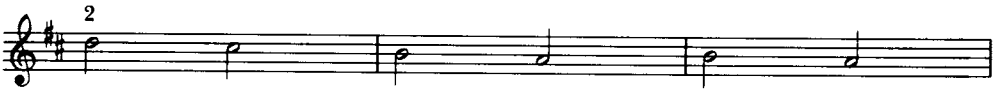


and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

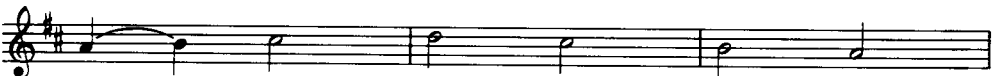


add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## The Prayers of the People

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Silence.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence.*

17 Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*


Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Hymn 405


## All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Descant*

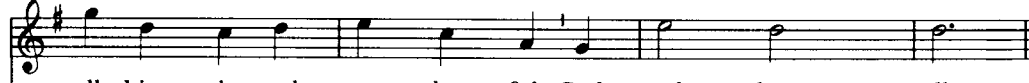


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,


*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## Blessing of the Animals

Presider: Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us....  
for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, the  
richness of the mountains and plains, rivers and deserts;

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: For all that is gracious in our lives; for all creatures that move, and have  
life, for the songs and the beauty of birds for the furry playfulness of  
puppies and kittens, for slimy affectionate licks and the persistent purrs,  
for tongues and claws and skin and scale and hair and feathers...  
for the animals in our lives,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: For the trust you have shown in giving us your creation, and especially  
our pets;

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: That each living being here may know ourselves treasured with care;

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

Presider: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your  
abundant creation; to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever,

**People: We thank you, Lord.**

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

*Officiant and People:*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are**

**pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **Individual Pet Blessings**

O God, who has made all things, bless, we pray \_\_\_\_\_ that it may be a source of love and joy to those with whom it dwells. **Amen.**

## 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.**

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.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Closing Hymn 488**

**Be Thou My Vision**

*Next page.*

21 Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at *penny.worrell@gmail.com*.

## *Welcome to Saint Paul's!*

**W**e 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.

**E**veryone 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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