

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

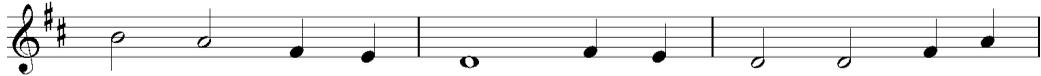
Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn 686

Come Thou Fount



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

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: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

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 70



O— Lord, make haste to help me.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;*

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;*

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

[ANTIPHON]

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,

because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;*

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

[ANTIPHON]

But as for me, I am poor and needy;*

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;*

O Lord, do not tarry. [ANTIPHON]



Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

Amos 5:18-24

The people remain seated.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

**The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.**

**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.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The people are seated.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Wisdom 6:12–16

**Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.**

**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.**

Matthew 25:1-13

The people are seated.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, *

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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.**

The people are seated.

The Sermon

Rev. Dennis Taylor

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

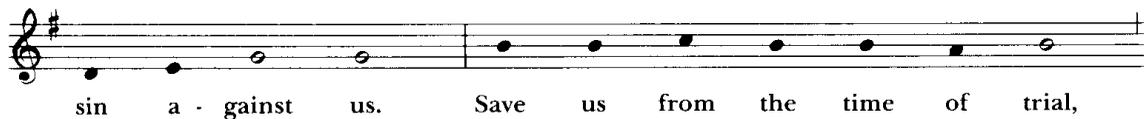
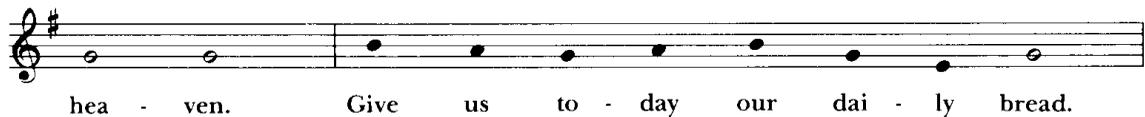
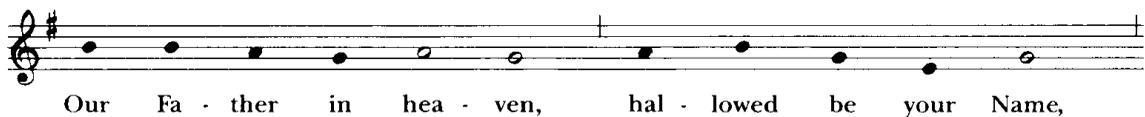
All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:



The Officiant and People say responsively:

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collects

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 424

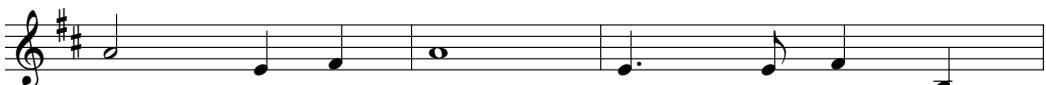
For the Fruits of All Creation



1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God; For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 done; In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God; For the good we all in - her - it,



Thanks be to God; For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done; In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God; For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People

By Rev. Shannon Kelly, Director Department of Faith Formation, The Episcopal Church

Intercessor: Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Intercessor: Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Source 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 428

O All Ye Works of God

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
 2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
 3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
 4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
 5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
 2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
 3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
 4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
 5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

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

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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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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