

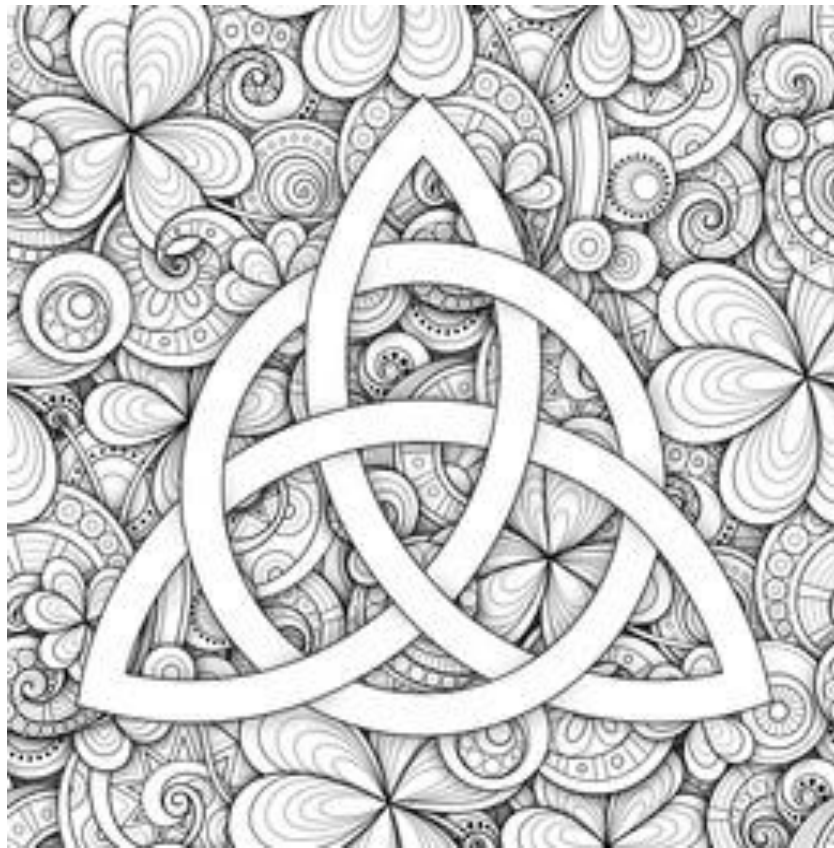
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

The Ninth Sunday *after Pentecost*

Morning Prayer

11:00 AM



July 30, 2023

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Reminder: The floors in the Sanctuary are being refinished in June. Please pardon our dust!

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 30	11:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – 9 th Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Fellowship/Coffee Hour	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Monday, August 1	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Tuesday, August 2	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, August 3	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	
Thursday, August 4	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Chapel
Friday, August 5	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	Church
Sunday, August 6	11:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – <i>The Transfiguration</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Fellowship/Coffee Hour	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.

Interested in knowing more or getting more involved?

Stop by the Welcome Table in the back of the church and let us know what you're interested in – we want to use **YOUR** gifts and the skills you want to share. For specifics see below!

if you have a flair for the dramatic, **read in church** – Jeannie jeanniewelsh7@gmail.com

if you love to iron or polish silver, **join the altar guild!** Don mckenzie2101@aol.com

if you love baking –**bring a treat** after church – Nancy nrasmussen2740@gmail.com

if you love being the center of attention, **acolyte** – Donald dmeineke@htrit.org

if you love talking to people, help **greet and usher** – Nancy nrasmussen2740@gmail.com

if you love **flowers** and want to **learn how to arrange them** – Sally sforemangriffith@gmail.com

if you love all things techy – **help with the livestream/sound** – communications@htrit.org

if you love throwing parties – join **Congregational Life** - Nancy nrasmussen2740@gmail.com

if you love to knit/hang out – join **the Knitting Circle** –Martha martha.lipscomb1723@gmail.com

if you love this church and want to help lead – join **vestry** – Greg greg.maughan@gmail.com

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Service: Everything you need to join in the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the “Pew Pen” in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door, and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Masks: Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

Offering: You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit www.htrit.org for more information and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

Morning Prayer

Today we worship with the Morning Prayer service; a kind of service that has been around for millennia. The Jewish pattern of praying at sunrise formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or “hours” at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer’s revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two - one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or Vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is a service of prayer and songs that can be led by those who are not ordained as priest.

Morning Prayer was once the principal service for Episcopal Churches, and this church would have had communion only once per quarter or on high holy days, like Christmas and Easter throughout most of its history. Presently, our parishioners lead this service for our congregation when our clergy are away. This offers up a time for the whole congregation to do the liturgy - which means “the work of the people” - and support the clergy in their Sabbath and vacation time. To better understand the service, we have created pop-ups throughout the bulletin with fun facts and helpful information. We hope you enjoy this service and learn something new today! Thank you for joining us!

Prelude

Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2
Jason Sagle, piano

Frédéric Chopin

Welcome & Parish Notices

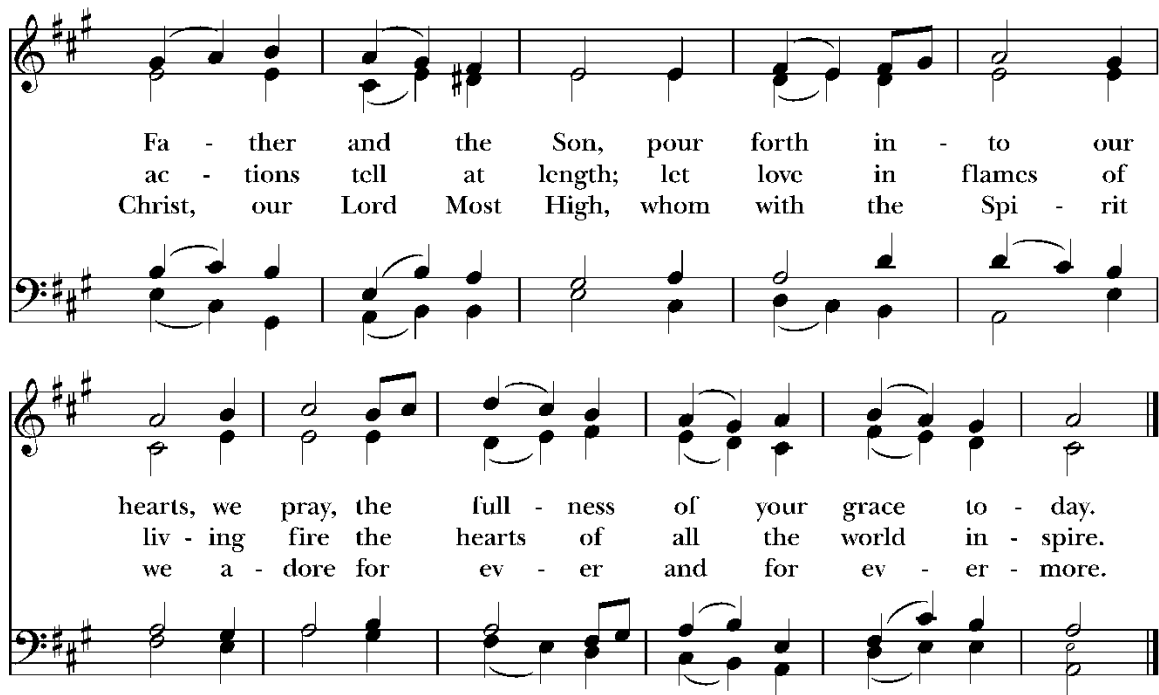
Greg Maughan, Accounting Warden

Opening Hymn 20

Wareham



1 Now Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One with God the
2 Let mouth and tongue, mind, sense, and strength God's might - y
*3 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus



Fa - ther and the Son, pour forth in - to our
ac - tions tell at length; let love in flames of
Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit

hearts, we pray, the full - ness of your grace to - day.
liv - ing fire the hearts of all the world in - spire.
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Our services begin with an opening sentence of greeting. Today's choice comes from the Psalm 19. A significant portion of Morning Prayer comes directly from scripture – quotations from the Bible. We begin Morning Prayer grounding ourselves in a passage that sets the tone for the day.

The Opening Sentence

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Unlike Eucharist, where we confess in the middle of the service, Morning Prayer begins with confession. We say these words to remind us how we have missed the mark individually and corporately – the ways we are complicit in the sins of the world and how we distort our relationship with one another, with God, and with all creation. This is why the confession is plural (“We confess”). We ask for mercy and forgiveness in order that we might walk in God’s ways. God’s mercy allows us to ask this again and again, and God’s forgiveness allows us to continually strive for justice and peace no matter how often we fail.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Officiant 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.

After the confession, we have our first instance of “call and response” in the service of Morning Prayer – a back and forth between the leader and the congregation. While it is possible to pray Morning Prayer alone, the service is designed for two or more people to share in it together. This call and response is our next hidden bit of scripture – a portion from Psalm 51, which we read in full on Ash Wednesday. At the end we say together the *Gloria Patri* (Latin for “Glory to the Father”), a short acclamation of praise to the Holy Trinity. We will say this again at the end of the Psalm.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Before we get to the Psalm for the day, we say or sing an invitatory prayer – preparing ourselves for prayer and inviting the Holy Spirit to come into our midst. These prayers are prescribed for this service and – you guessed it – come from scripture. There are three invitatory prayers – The *Venite* (“come” in Latin) – from Psalm 95; The *Jubilate* (“rejoice” in Latin) – from Psalm 100; and *The Christ our Passover* – from 3 different passages in 1 Corinthians and Romans. After the invitatory, we hear a portion of the book of Psalms. On Sundays, we read the psalm appointed for the day, but if you join us for Morning Prayer every week day, you would read almost the entire book of Psalms over the course of seven weeks, and then repeat.

Antiphon

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

People Come let us adore him.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto
him and speak good of his Name.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation. Glory be to the Father...

Following the canticle, the People are seated as the choir sings the appointed Psalm for the day.

Psalm 119:129-136 *Mirabilia*

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
¹³² Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The People stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE READINGS

The First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

James Otwell

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

After each reading, we say (or sing) a Canticle ("song" in Latin). Like so much else of the service, these are special prayers come from scripture. Many of these come from the Gospel of Luke, including the Song of Mary (commonly called the *Magnificat* "magnify" in latin) and the Song of Simeon (the *Nunc Dimittis* - "you let depart" in latin). Others come from the prophet Isaiah and other parts of the Old Testament, and still others from Paul's letters and the book of Revelation.

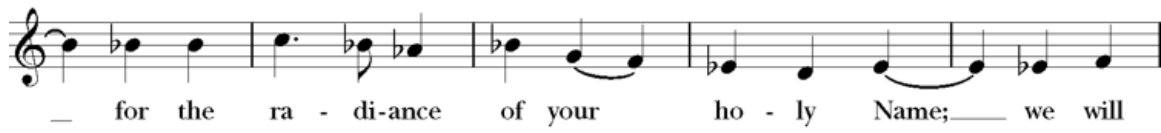
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In a setting by John Rutter

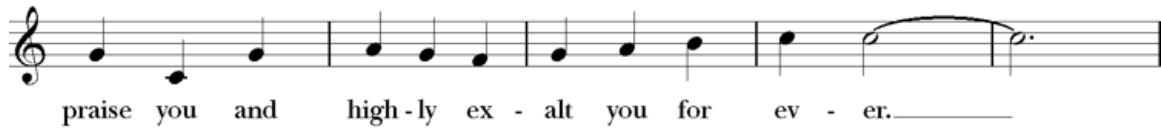
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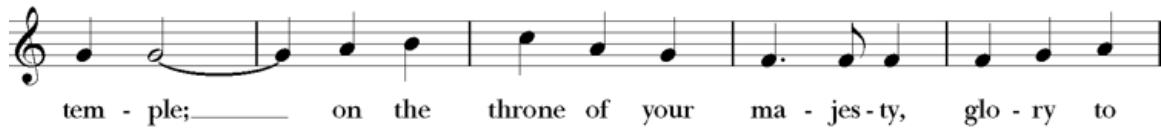
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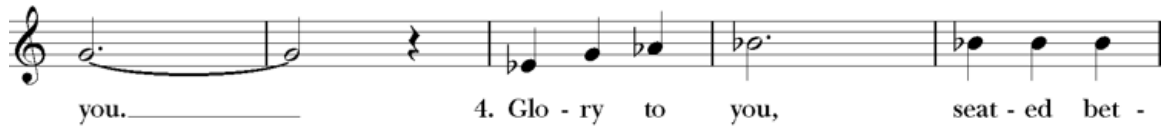
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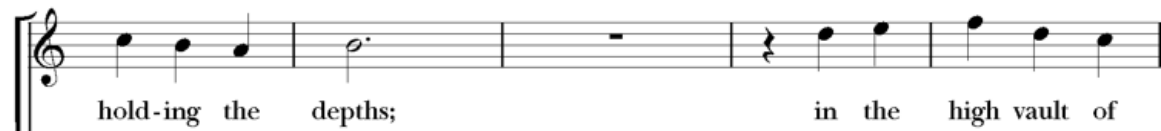
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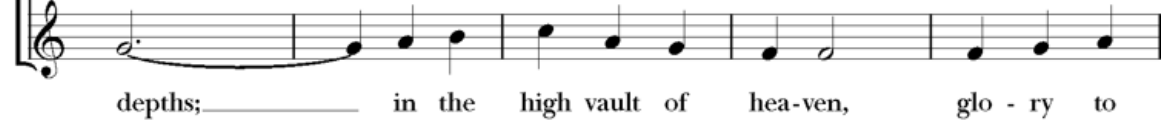
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The Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Jeannie Welsh

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Te Deum.

Canticle 7 *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud,
 the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
 The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Deacon: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Beth Hollingshead, Deacon

What follows next is the Apostles Creed, the older of the two creeds we say in worship services. The major difference between this and the Nicene Creed (which we say during the Eucharist) is that the Apostles Creed lacks the long section about how Jesus is the second person of the Trinity. The Nicene Creed includes the section because the nature of the Holy Trinity was in dispute at the council that created the Nicene Creed. The earlier Apostles Creed was not concerned with trying to explain the nature of the Trinity. The earlier creed was written for the individual confession of faith (“I believe”) and shifted to a communal confession of faith (“we believe”) in the later Nicene Creed.

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

All 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.

We return to the call and response nature of Morning Prayer, saying the Lord's Prayer, which is followed by a set of versicles and responses, many of which come directly from scripture. The last one quotes Psalm 51 again, just as the beginning of the service does. This is a lovely bookend of verses from an essential piece of scripture. After the responses, we pray several collects. A collect collects aspects of a theme into a single prayer. One is written for each Sunday. We conclude these prayers with a collect for mission, calling us to do the work of discipleship and spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**

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

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, 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.**

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As a sign of our gratitude for all that we have been given, we offer back to God our own gifts, called offerings. It is tradition to pass a plate amongst the pews to collect offerings, but you can also give electronically by sending a text "CHT DONATE" to 73256 or scanning the QR Code at the front of this bulletin. These gifts are brought forward and offered at the altar, an expression of faith and generosity, ultimately identified with Christ's self-offering for our salvation.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

Officiant The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. *Romans 8:26-27*

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

If you wish to offer a financial gift to the church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code on page 3.

Our prayers continue with those from community and people present. In Morning Prayer, we offer specific prayers for the whole of the church – including the Anglican Communion, our Diocese, and our specific church. Each week, in the Anglican and Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for specific churches, people, and institutions. We also pray for the specific needs of our church community and we offer time for those present to share their own prayers, too. In doing this, we bring the present reality of our lives and offer them before God.

The Prayers

Deacon In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. For the worldwide Anglican Communion, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo. For the Episcopal Church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop. For our Diocese. For Daniel, our Bishop, his canons, the members of Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Diocesan Board of Trustees. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church Women. For our companion diocese of Guatemala, especially for San Marcos, and Reverendo Presbitero Roberto Armas, their clergy. For our parish, for John and Rachel, the staff, the vestry, for all who minister and worship here.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Barbara, Bob, Ellie, Pat, Gabe, Yueh-Ha, Sylvia, Carrie, Claire, Edward, John, Joe, Robin, Veronica & John, Barry & Ruth, Baahir, the Landis Family, Erin, Alison & Elaine, Robert, Carole, and Tracey; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in joy, peace, and health.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Deacon: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The last prayer we say together is a prayer of thanksgiving. While we do not celebrate the “Great Thanksgiving” of the Eucharist in this service, we nevertheless give thanks to God because of God’s constant presence in our lives, spurring us to show forth our praise to God not only with our lips but in our lives. There are two options for this prayer – the General Thanksgiving, which we say today, and the prayer from the fourth century saint John Chrysostom, which quotes Jesus’ words about being present when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20).

The General Thanksgiving

All **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.**

The service concludes with a dismissal and a closing sentence. The closing sentence draws us back to the Bible once last time with a passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. When we say Morning Prayer together, we are steeping ourselves in the words of scripture, making once ancient words alive in our prayers today. We pray together, back and forth in call and response, to remind us of our relationship with God, who is always and forever calling out to us.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Sentence

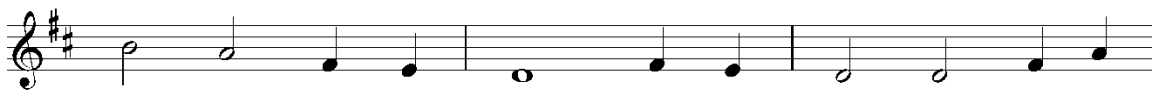
Deacon Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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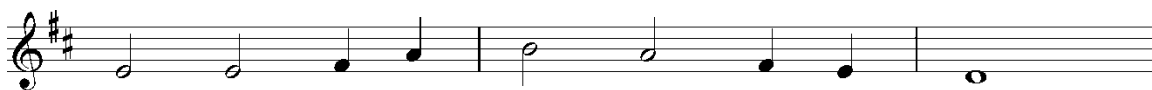
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1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



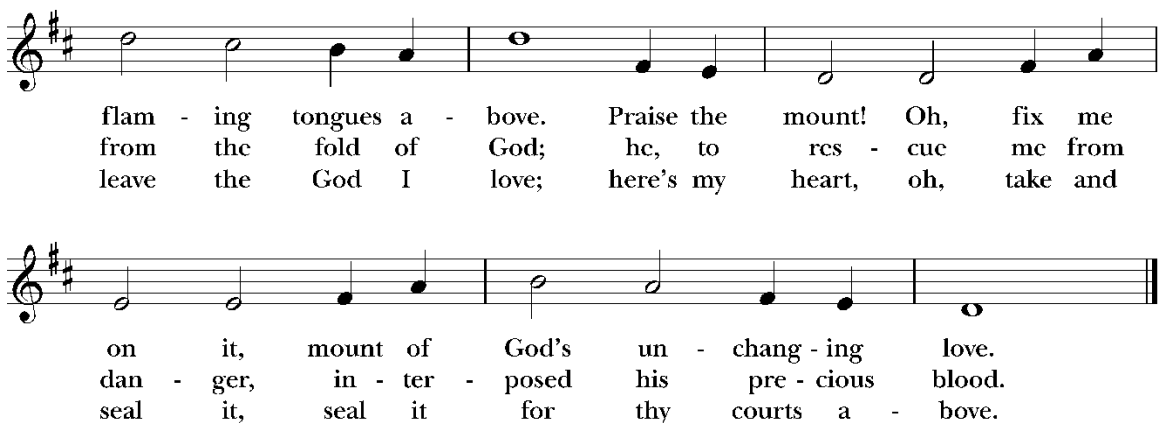
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ccas - 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 - cuc 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.

Postlude

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Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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