

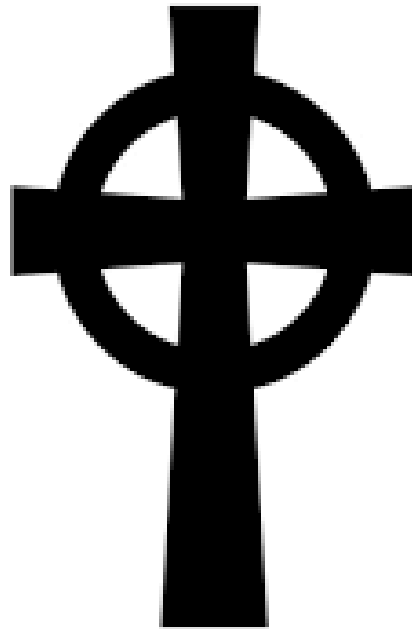
# The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

## The Seventh Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite II



July 27, 2025

# What's Happening This Week:

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, July 27	11:00 am	Morning Prayer – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, July 28	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Tuesday, July 29	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	3:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, July 30	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
Thursday, July 31	10:00-3:00	Church Open	
	12:15 pm	Healing Eucharist	Prayer Corner
Sunday, August 3	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist– 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:00 pm	Open Hearts Café Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

## TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

**Our clergy are away today**

**A very special THANK YOU to Robbin McCarthy for leading us in worship today!**

Robbin McCarthy, *Officiant and Preacher*  
Shreve Simpson & Thomas Lipscomb, *Lectors*  
Andy Gutknecht, *Intercessor*  
David Otwell, *Usher*  
Andy Gutknecht, *Welcome Table*

# Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

## Our Vivid Vision

*This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.*

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshipers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

## Core Values

### **Inclusion/Welcome**

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

### **Innovation**

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

### **Collaboration**

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

### **Community Mindedness**

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

## Culture

### **Joyful**

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

### **Fearless**

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

### **Embracing**

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

### **Engaged**

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

# Morning Prayer

Today we worship with the service of Morning Prayer, a type 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 major feasts, like Christmas and Easter throughout most of its history. Currently, 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**

*Serenade*

Ned Rorem

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Opening Hymn 388**

*Hanover*

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

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 our sins 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.

*Please kneel or sit.*

*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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## 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 *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.

## The Invitatory

## *Jubilate Deo*

Peter Hurford



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, | all you | lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his | presence | with a | song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him|self is | God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his | people • and the | sheep of • his | pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his | courts with | praise; \*  
give thanks to him and | call u|pon his | Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is | ever|lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness en|dures from | age to | age.



*Following the canticle, the People are seated to read the Psalm together.*

**Psalm 85**    *Benedixisti, Domine*

*The psalm is read responsively, pausing at the asterisk. Each side of the congregation takes a verse, starting with the pulpit/north side.*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
    you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
    and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
    and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
    let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
    will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
    that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
    and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
    for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
    and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
    that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
    righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
    and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
    and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
    and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*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 forever. Amen.**



## THE READINGS

### The First Reading: Hosea 1:2-10

Shreve Simpson

*Reader:* A reading from the Prophet Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.”

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.”

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

After each reading, we say (or sing) a Cantic (‘‘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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Canticle *Ecce Deus*

Ronald Arnatt

1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a-fraid. 2. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and he will  
be my Sa - vior. 3. There-fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the  
springs of sal - va - tion. 4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and  
call up-on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; see that they re-  
mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. 6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry a - loud, in - hab - i-tants of  
Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of  
Is-ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## The Second Reading: Colossians 2: 6-19

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

*Thomas Lipscomb*

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

1. O rul - er of the un - i - verse, Lord God, great deeds are  
they that you have done, sur-pass-ing hu-man un - der - stand-ing. 2. Your  
ways are ways of right-eous-ness and truth, O King of all the a-ges.  
3. Who can fail to do you hom-age, Lord, and sing the prais-es of your  
Name? for you on-ly are the Ho-ly One. 4. All na-tions will draw near and fall  
down be-fore you, be-cause your just and ho-ly works have been re - vealed.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## The Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

*Officiant*     A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Officiant*     The Gospel of the Lord

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

*Robbin McCarthy*

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 rise in body or in spirit for the Creed.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* 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.

*All may kneel or sit.*

## **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.

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

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.

## Welcome & Parish Notices

*Vestry Member*

## THE OFFERTORY

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### Offertory Prayer

*Officiant* Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. Amen.

### Offertory Anthem

*Pilgrims' Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

*Even before we call on Your name  
To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You,  
You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
Surpassing all we know.*



Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,  
We trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,  
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,  
And unto ages and ages,  
Amen

*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.

*Following the anthem, please kneel or remain seated for the Prayers.*

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* 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 and the Church of the Province of Myanmar. For the Episcopal Church. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop. For our Diocese. For Daniel, our Bishop. For our parish. For our clergy, John and Rachel, who are on sabbatical, and our congregation, who are finding renewal this summer together.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Montserrat, Miguel, Paige, Julie, Richard, James, Elsa, Bryer, Jasmine, Jason, Brian, Glenn, Barb, Halli, Jessica, Tracey, Stephen, Victor, Maurice, Reggie, Aaven, Denzel, Robert, Gwenette, David , and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in joy, peace, and health.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* 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**

*Officiant:* 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

*Officiant* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
*All* 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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

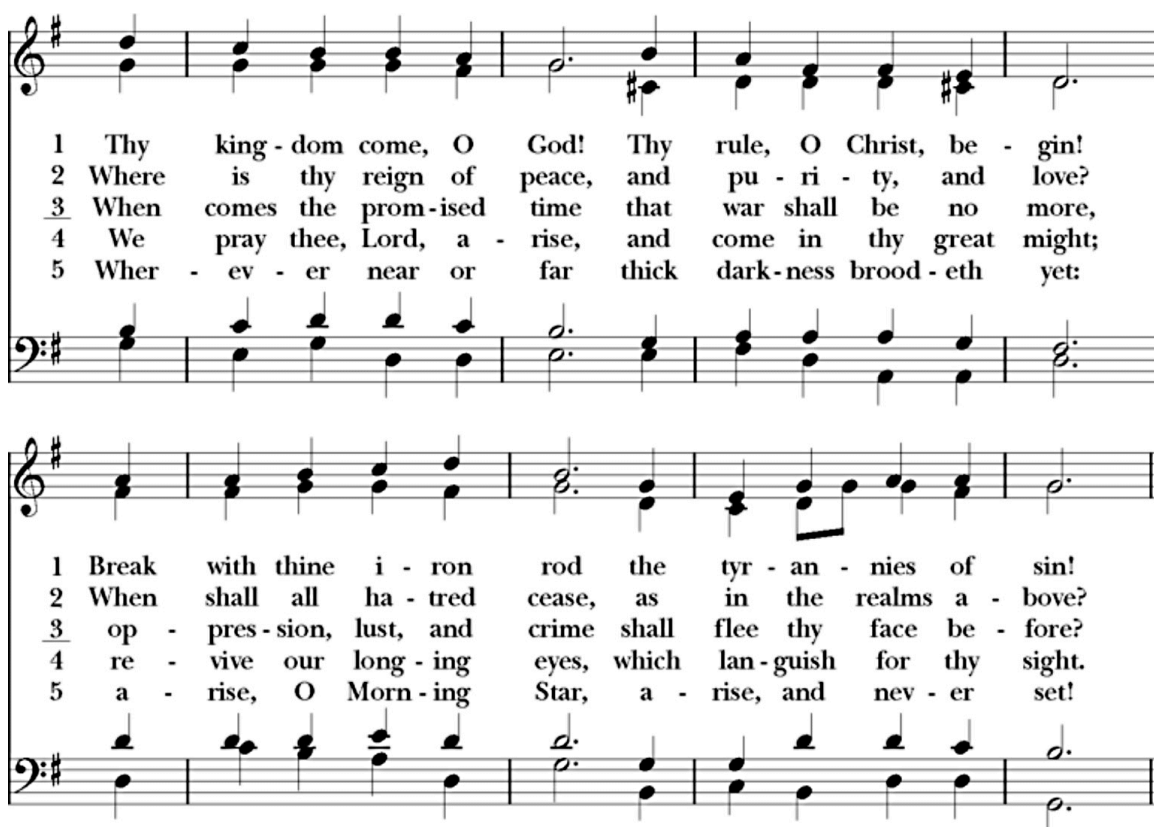
The service concludes with a dismissal and a closing sentence. The closing sentence draws us back to the Bible once last time with a passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. When we say Morning Prayer together, we are steeping ourselves in the words of scripture, making once ancient words alive in 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

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Closing Sentence

*Officiant* 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*



1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!  
 2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?  
 3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,  
 4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;  
 5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!  
 2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?  
 3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?  
 4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.  
 5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

**Postlude***Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**Service:** Everything you need for 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 for children 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.

**Offering:** Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **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](http://www.htrit.org/give))

