Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, “Lord, open our lips”), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles’ Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

- Using a sacred space or home altar can add a positive and spiritually centered connection to the service. For more information on creating altars and sacred spaces, please visit our “Worship at Home” webpage and scroll to the resources at the bottom.
- As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence
- We will be uploading this service to our “Worship at Home” page at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 12th. It will also be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.
OPENING HYMN

"We Have Been Told"

Gather #699

We have been told, we’ve seen his face, and
heard his voice alive in our hearts;

“Live in my love with all your heart,
as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.”

1. “I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and all who
live in me will bear great fruit.”

2. “You are my friends, if you keep my com-mands,
3. “No great-er love is there than this: to

no long-er slaves, I call you friends,”
lay down one’s life, for a friend.”
OPENING SENTENCE
Alleluia! Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is 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.
Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

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.

ANTIPHON

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum (1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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.
THE PSALM: Psalm 16: “Keep Me Safe, O God

Refrain:

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope;

you are my hope, O God.

Verses:

1. I say to God, “you are my always my
2. I find in God God who has always be
3. I bless my God: God always is
ev - er a -

4. I keep my God you have re -
5. And so my heart
6. For you will not
7. The path of life

on - ly God, I have no
cup of joy; and God will
con - seled me. At night my
fore - my eyes; with God be -
glad in God; my bod - y
ban - don me, or let your
vealed to me, and in your
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, 
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; 
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, 
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; 
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, 
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God
I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
   the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
   the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
   the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
   Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
   the finest of those who bear armor have been 
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
   they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
   your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
   who is like you, glorious in holiness,
   awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
   the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
   with your might you brought them in safety to
   your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
   on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
   the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
   for ever and for ever.

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.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 12  A Song of Creation: Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
The Cosmic Order
Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
   O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
   all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
   drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
   O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Refrain

"Without Seeing You"
Gather #844

Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace; without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

Verses

1. We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust; turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.
2. The sparrow will find a home, near to you, O God; how happy, we who dwell with you, for ever in your house.
3. For ever we sing to you of your goodness, O God; proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.
4. For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need; in green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace.
THE APOSTLES’S CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.
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.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Sundays**

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.**

**A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE SUPPLICATION

For use during times of national anxiety.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our ancestors have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.
From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
   Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
   Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
   O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
   Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Officiant:
Let us pray.
We humbly beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for
the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved;
and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your
mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and
glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Officiant concludes with the following:
Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
“Sing a New Song” Gather #537

Refrain
Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Verses
1. Yahweh’s people dance for joy. O come before the Lord.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. And play for him on the trumpet sounds; the glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.
doctor shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.