



*The People's responses are in bold.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, in Jesus, your promised Messiah, you crushed the power of Satan. Sustain your Church in the struggle against evil, that, hearing your word and doing your will, we may be fashioned into a household of true disciples who share in the victory of the cross. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*Genesis 3:8-15*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
 their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*  
 music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of creation, you promise to hear and answer when we pray to you in faith.  
With confidence and trust we pray now for the world:

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for the world, silently or aloud.*

We pray for the communities in which we live:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for our communities, silently or aloud.*

We pray for the Church:

Spirit of truth, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for the Church, silently or aloud.*

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for those in need, silently or aloud.*

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Give comfort, O God, to those who grieve.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We give thanks for the faithful in every generation.

**May their example inspire our witness in our own day.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for those we remember in love, silently or aloud.*

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

*Please offer other specific thanksgivings and concerns of this congregation, silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Now more than ever, the work and mission of St. Paul's depend on the generous support of its friends and members.

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**Thank you** for your generous support!



## THE OFFERTORY

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.  
 music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)





*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*  
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
**in the breaking of the bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near in faith.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

words: John 6, adapt. Robert J. Batastini (b. 1942) and the Taizé community  
 music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)  
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## THE COMMUNION

*Follow the directions of the ushers to receive Communion. For those who live locally and worship weekly online and wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, please contact the parish administrator for more information.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*sung by the choir*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, God and Mary, the Son;  
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fairer still God's children, in all the freshness of youth arrayed:  
 Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; my Jesus, thine will never fade.

words: German, 17<sup>th</sup> century, translated Lilian Stevenson (1870-1960)  
 music: Silesian folk song (1842), arr. Martin How

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*—St. Claire of Assisi*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet  
south or north, but one great fel - low -  
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a procession.

words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

music: McKee, African-American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Prelude in F Major* by Fanny Hensel (1805-1847)

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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