

Morning Prayer

Online or at home

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Before beginning the service, take a moment to quiet your heart and body, as you would when entering and sitting in the church.

The service of Morning Prayer immerses us in scripture, and the **Opening Sentences** provide a scriptural call to worship which varies with the season or occasion.

The **Confession** which we say together as part of our preparatory acts of worship allows us to bring our failures and weakness, individually and as a community, to God, to ask God's help in facing the evil in the world around us, and to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness and strength, which the priest reminds us of in the **Absolution**.

Prelude

Prelude in E-flat
William H. Harris

The Officiant begins with one or more of sentences of Scripture.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
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.**

Jubilate (*Psalm 100*)

Book of Common Prayer, p 98-101

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Book of Common Prayer, page 759

1 I love the LORD,
because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
10 **How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
12 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**
13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
14 **O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

We greet God and one another in a responsive phrase from Psalm 51, and with praise of God who is known to us in relationship as the Father, Son, and Spirit.

We begin the immersion in scripture which is a primary feature of Morning prayer by saying an **Invitatory Psalm**, a short excerpt from the Book of Psalms which *invites* us into the presence of God.

- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE LESSONS AND RESPONSE

A reading from the Book of Genesis

18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?”

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.” The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.

Our readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings shared by many Christian denominations. You can find the calendar of readings on pages 888-932 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

This year, we’ll be reading many of the stories that describe how the people of Israel came to be and the beginning of human relationship with God.

This story tells of how God begins to fulfill a promise made repeatedly to Abraham: that God would create a great nation from his children, a family in whom “all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The emphasis in this story is on the miracle – the birth of a child to Abraham and Sarah is impossible, so God’s promise cannot be fulfilled. But God makes it happen anyway.

Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Book of Common Prayer, page 90

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The **canticles** which respond to the readings are chosen from a selection designed for use in this way found in pages 85-96 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

This particular song of praise reminds us of God's relationship with our ancestors in faith (like Abraham), and focuses our attention on God's majesty and glory.

Paul focuses his letter to the Romans on how God gives the whole world access to salvation through Jesus. Here, he speaks about how salvation hope comes in the midst of suffering, even while the world might see suffering as proof of God's punishment.

“At the right time” is not meant to suggest calendars and days, but that Christ’s death is positioned as fulfillment of God’s ongoing plan of salvation.

Canticles are excerpts from scripture that can be sung as an expression of praise or prayer to God.

In this story, we see Jesus share his own power to heal and cure with the disciples. The harvest metaphor is used to show that this is part of God’s ultimate work in saving the world, and that the disciples go out as God’s agents, not on their own.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia

BCP, page 94

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and

Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn 707

Hollingside

The Sermon

The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, page 96

**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 instructions not to go only to Israel are unusual in Matthew’s gospel, which prepares us for a mission to the whole world. Here, though, it is probably meant to show that the disciples shared in Jesus mission to Israel during his lifetime, as much as the mission to the world after his resurrection.

We now turn our attention to responding to the Word we have been immersed in, with affirmation that these stories are part of our Christian story, and with prayer.

As part of our response to the Word of God in our lives, we proclaim **The Apostles Creed**, the earliest known formal statement of Christian faith, found in ancient liturgies of baptism. The term “creed” comes from the Latin *credo*, “I believe”.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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

Book of Common Prayer, page 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

We pray together, first in the traditional form of **the Lord's Prayer**, based on the way that Jesus taught his first disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4).

The **suffrages** are a responsive form of prayer for the needs of the world and of the gathered community composed almost entirely of scriptural excerpts, especially from the Psalms. Suffrages consist of a *versicle* (V), or "little verse" and *response* (R), usually the second half of the original scripture verse.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Collect for Guidance

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 Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer offers an opportunity for free-ranging prayer, inviting each of us to offer to God the needs, hopes, thanksgivings, and concerns we carry in our hearts.

Please take time at this point in the service to offer your personal prayers to God, naming aloud the people you are concerned for, the needs of the world that weigh on your own heart, and the people and blessings for which you give thanks to God..

The **Collect of the Day** helps to focus our attention on a theme of the day or season.

You can find the Collect assigned to each Sunday and special celebrations in the church year between pages 211-236 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

The **Collects** are prayers following a pattern of acknowledgement of God's work and petition for a gift such as protection, guidance, or renewal.

The Officiant may choose any one or more of those found on pages 98-100 of the Book of Common Prayer. For today, we have made the choices for you.

A **Collect for Mission** always concludes these prayers so that our attention and prayer are drawn toward the ongoing work of God in redeeming the whole world.

Morning Prayer offers the opportunity for free-ranging prayer, as each person offers to God the needs, hopes, thanksgivings, and concerns we carry in our hearts.

The exchange of Peace is not a standard part of Morning Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, but we offer it to one another when we gather for Sunday worship. Our “virtual” peace can stretch much further than the walls of our church building.

Exchange of Peace

Then the Officiant says to the people:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Today, in the spirit of Christ’s peace, please reach out to greet someone you might normally see in worship by telephone, internet, or text message.

When gathered in person, we would receive a collection of money for the support of the church at this point in a Sunday service.

If you are able to fulfill your annual pledge, please mail your regular pledge check to the office, use your bank’s online payment system, or visit www.trinitymoorestown.org/donate to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering while we are unable to gather in person.

Offertory Hymn 653, verses 1, 2, and 5

Repton

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, page 101

**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.**

We affirm our offering and finish our shared work of prayer in **The General Thanksgiving**, an expression of gratitude and commitment to God

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.**

Benediction

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

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses us to go forth into the world.

People **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia!]**

Postlude

Postlude in D
Eric Thiman

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The optional “Prayer of St. Chrysostom” frames all our prayer in God’s commitment in Jesus to be present in every gathering of Christians.

We pray it today to affirm our confidence that Jesus is as present when we gather electronically in his name as when we gather physically.

We conclude as we began, with a sentence of scripture. In this case, Morning Prayer offers a choice of several short passages that contain a benediction.

The dismissal sends us to take our worship into the world of our our daily lives, and we affirm that commitment with our thanks to God. [The celebratory “Alleluias” are optional in this season, but often used to express our joy in God as we complete our worship.]