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Morning Prayer

Officiant

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

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.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for
you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.**

A Reading from Genesis (9:8-17)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,* and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing* from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;* see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,* for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.**

A Reading from 1 Peter (3:18-22)

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 14 – A Song of Penitence

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,*

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth,* with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence;*
they tremble because of your power.

**But your merciful promise is beyond all
measure;* it surpasses all that our minds can
fathom.**

O Lord, you are full of compassion,*
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

**You hold back your hand;*
you do not punish as we deserve.**

In your great goodness, Lord, you have
promised forgiveness to sinners,* that they
may repent of their sin and be saved.

**And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,*
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious
goodness.**

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,*
and I know my wickedness only too well.

**Therefore I make this prayer to you:*
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.**

Do not let me perish in my sin,*
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

**For you, O Lord, are the God of those who
repent,* and in me you will show forth your
goodness.**

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in
accordance with your great mercy,* and I will
praise you without ceasing all the days of my
life.

**For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,*
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Mark (1:9-15)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as
he was coming up out of the water, he saw the
heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a
dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You
are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out
into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty
days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild
beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after
John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,
"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has
come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
Silence for reflection

Elizabeth Holland

The Apostles' Creed (Standing, as able)
Officiant and People together

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.

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**
Give us this day our daily bread.
**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for Joseph our President, Kamala our Vice President, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth.
 Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church; the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of South Ankole - (Uganda), West Ankole - (Uganda), Antananarivo -

(Indian Ocean), Antsiranana - (Indian Ocean), Araucanía - (Chile), Artic - (Canada), and The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially St. Stephen's, Longview; St. Peter's, Seaview; All Saints', Vancouver; and our parish.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called each of us to take up the cross; deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve to follow in your steps as we pray this week for our Blackberry Pie Buddy Group: Randy White & Robert Goforth; Jill Little; Sandy Goretti and Sueann Goretti; Tom & Margy McDonald; Megan Ekiss, Cary Johnson and Sophia; Heidi Maloney; Gail Richards; Scott & Cindy Hance; Daisy Lane.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You forgave the thief on the cross; bring us all to penitence and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were rich yet for our sake you became poor; move us to share generously.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You lived as an exile in Egypt; protect and comfort all who are alone, isolated, fearful, or victimized.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come in our midst as the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace and an end of violence, hatred, and terrorism in every heart and every land. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You healed by your touch and word; bless all through whom your healing gifts are given and bless all of those on our prayer list, and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Rico, Steven, David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Saray, Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike, Elizabeth, Milana, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy, Gordon, Debbie, Arne, Kay, Ben & Hank, Kathleen, Hope, Jackie, Elianny, Adina, Jay, Trevor, Glen, and for all who suffer from COVID 19, their families, and friends, and for those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially Tracy Reed, and for those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom in our Lenten fast. Mercifully grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his rising from the tomb; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

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Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.