

**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 23, 2025**



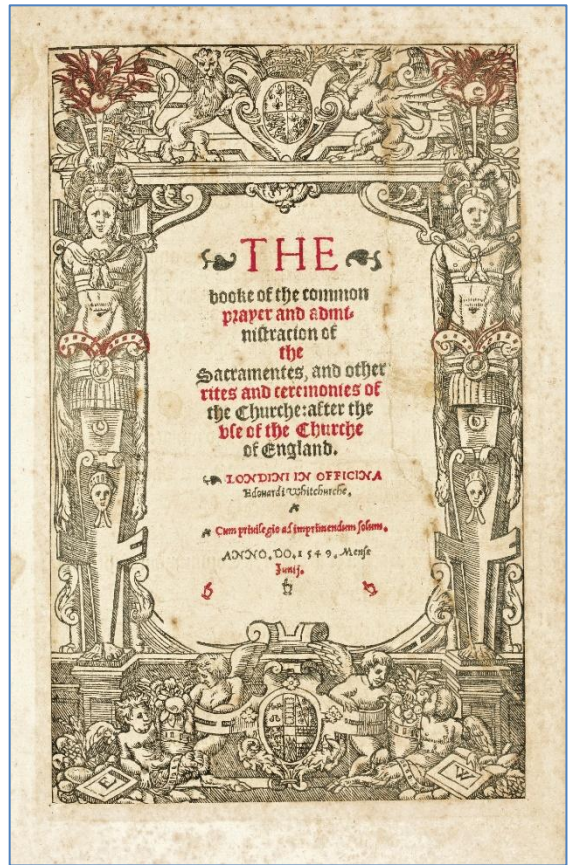
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## *An Introduction to Morning Prayer*

Most of the time in the Episcopal Church, the regular Sunday service, if there is only one, is the Holy Eucharist. Churches with more than one Sunday morning service may have multiple services of the Eucharist, but some will also offer also the service of Morning Prayer. This service, first authored by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the *First Book of Common Prayer* in 1549 in England, was intended to be prayed every day in every church in England, and in English. Up to that time, Christian services in Roman Catholic Europe were in Latin, which very few could understand. Cranmer desired two main things when he wrote his English-language services: that they be understood by ordinary people, so they could learn and grow in Christ; and that the Church should regularly read and hear in public the entire Bible (or the great majority of it) through every year.

The service of Morning Prayer and its twin, Evening Prayer, did just that. They were in English, there was a yearly schedule of two Bible readings in the morning and two in the evening, and the services hardly ever varied, so that lay people, most of whom couldn't read, could eventually learn most of it by memory. The other main services were the Litany, a long call-and-response prayer that was typically prayed on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, and the Holy Communion, which was intended originally to be offered on all Sundays and holy days. Morning Prayer, the Litany, and then the Holy Communion could make for a long Sunday morning indeed!

Our service of Morning Prayer is a direct descendant of Cranmer's service, and we use it when we do not have a priest to preside at the holy Eucharist, as anyone can lead it. The format is almost the same, except the English has been updated, and we add in some music and also a third reading, so we can keep up with the regular Sunday reading schedule. In our *Book of Common Prayer*, it's called "Daily Morning Prayer," and you can find it beginning on [page 75](#). Check it out, and if you'd like to learn to pray it for yourself (I do so every day) or to lead it for the parish, do let me know – Fr. Bob



## ***Welcome to St. Paul's!***

***Worshipping With Us:*** *Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (BCP) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in bold. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. Music noted "S-" are printed in this bulletin, "H-" in the Hymnal, and "L-" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Links to the online Book of Common Prayer are in blue. Hymns are listed on the hymnboard at the front of the church as well as in this bulletin.*

*Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.*

*Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.*

*There are no preludes or postludes during Lent.*

### ***Morning Prayer***

Opening Hymn

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

H-149

*1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and  
toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here the goal of all desire.*

*2 So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

*3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,  
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;  
and as though stony ground  
the green shoots break,  
glorious in spring time dress  
of leaf and flower,  
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.*

The Opening Sentences

The Confession *prayed by all, kneeling as able.*

[BCP p. 79](#)

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Morning Prayer begins with the Confession, then verses from Psalm 51 and the ancient praise to the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Psalm 95 – Venite – has been sung at the beginning of Morning Prayer from ancient times.*

*Presider:* 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.**

The Invitatory Psalm

*Venite*

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1. Come, let us sing to the  
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the  
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all  
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,

\_\_\_ and the heights of the hills are his al - so. \_\_\_ 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, \_\_\_ and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. \_\_\_ 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, \_\_\_ and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. \_\_\_ 7. For

he is our God, \_\_\_ and we are the peo - ple of his

pas - ture \_\_\_ and the sheep of his hand. \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! \_\_\_

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The Psalms *Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio* BCP. p. 617

¶(Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,**  
**as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
**that I might behold your power and your  
glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
**my lips shall give you praise.**

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
**and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper, \*  
**and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

My soul clings to you; \*  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

**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.**

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*The psalms are prayers from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer as well.*

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## The Lessons

The First Reading

*Exodus 3:1-15*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

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*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) of the Bible, which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

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There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of



Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

Here ends the reading.

¶*In Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, a set text called a Canticle (“Song in Latin”) is (ideally) sung or said after each reading.*

The Second Song of Isaiah *Canticle 10, prayed by all*

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The Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the

rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

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Here ends the reading.

A Song of Penitence

*Canticle 14 prayed by all*

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The Gospel Reading

*Luke 13:1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

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*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down!



Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" Here ends the reading.

The Song of Zechariah      *Canticle 16, prayed by all*      BCP p. 92

The Apostles' Creed      BCP. p. 96

Homily      The Officiant

### The Prayers

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*Once we have heard the Word of God, we respond in prayer. The Collect of the Day varies for each Sunday and Holy Day of the Christian year.*

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The Lord's Prayer (*trad.*)      BCP p. 97

The Responses (*Form A*)      BCP. p. 97

The Collects

Of the Day:      BCP. p. 235

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both

outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Of Sunday      BCP. p. 99

Of Mission      BCP. p. 100

The Intercessions: (all say the names in **bold**):

*Intercessor:* We pray today for those who have asked for our prayers:

**We pray for Sue** Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Stan** Mizerny, **Jan** Bright, **Zach** Mitchell, **Mary** Solon, **Missi** Kowalski, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Anne** Parker, **Mike** Goebel, and those others, whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, and those we call out now in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for a just ending to war throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we call out, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we call out now, in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish, for Bob our priest, and for our sister churches of Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay, Zion Methodist Kelleys Island, St. Michael's Kelleys Island, St Paul's Duluth, St. Paul's Elkins Park, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island.**

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and in North Central Mission Area, for St. Paul's Church, Bellevue; St. Andrew's Church, Elyria; St. Paul's Church, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron, and Church of the Redeemer, Lorain.**

In our own Church, we pray **for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and the churchwide staff.** And in the Anglican Communion, we pray **for the election of the next Archbishop of Canterbury,** and the people and clergy of: **The Anglican Church of Central America; the Diocese of Maper (S. Sudan); the Diocese of Mara (Tanzania); the Diocese of Maralal (Kenya); the Diocese of Marathwada (N. India); the Diocese of Maridi (S. Sudan); and the Diocese of Marsabit (Kenya).**

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

At the Offering *Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive* H-674

1 *"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.*

3 *In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
How trifling others' debts to us;  
How great our debt to You!*

2 *How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?*

4 *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, by Your mercy reconciled,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.*

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At the Presentation *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* H-380, vs 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

¶*This prayer, first written for the First Book of Common Prayer, gathers up all others and then sets us up to live out those prayers in the community.*

The General Thanksgiving (*said by all*)

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Closing Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

H-344

*1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.*

*2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;*

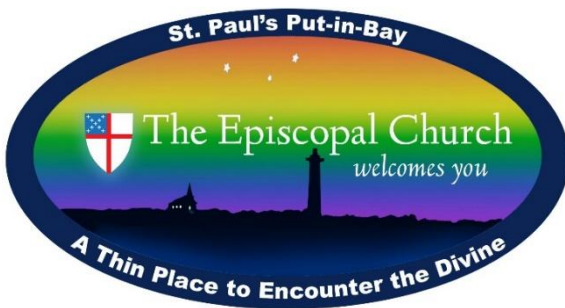
*3 So that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.*

The Dismissal:

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

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### This Week at St. Paul's

*The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.*

*Worship:*

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

*Winter Office Hours:* By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

*12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall:* Monday 8 AM – AA, Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon

Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA

### **News and Announcements**

- Fr. Bob is on vacation from March 7 through March 23. Please call 419-285-6809 for pastoral emergencies. For regular parish business, call Sr. Warden Kira Hubner at 702-787-7568 or Jr. Warden Cathy Domer at 419-357-0679.
- Copies of the Practical Suggestions for Lent and the 40 Days of Lenter poster are available at the back of the church. Call the Church Office to have a copy mailed to you.
- Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13. Extra readers will be needed that day and for Good Friday. Please contact Val Chornyak if you will be available.
- Holy Week in 2025:
  - The full schedule is online [here](#).
  - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday on Sunday April 13 at 1030 AM.
  - Maundy Thursday: April 17 at 6 PM
  - Good Friday: April 18 at 12 noon.
  - Easter Day:
    - Sunrise service at Oak Point State Park, time TBD
    - Festive Holy Eucharist at 1030 AM in the Church.