

# Welcome to Morning Prayer and Reserved Sacrament

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul, Cambria

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Prelude

**Opening Hymn 405** *All Things Bright & Beautiful*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Lord, open our lips

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

**Psalm 67:1-5** *Deus misereatur*

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

**The Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The Lessons

The First Lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43).

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing

tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Canticle E:** *A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother* (Isaiah 66:10-14)

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her \* all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, \* all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight \* from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, \* "I will extend peace to her like a river, the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, \* and you shall nestle in her lap.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; \* you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, \* you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

The Second Lesson is from the Revelation to John (7:9-17).

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching

heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**Canticle M:** *A Song of Faith* (1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \* by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \* we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \* so that we might have faith and hope in God.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to St. John (10:22-30).

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Here ends the Gospel reading.

Sermon/Reflections

Sermon Music *Grace Alone* St. Paul's Choir

Here follows *the Nicene Creed*

**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 he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

#### *Collect of the Day*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### *Additional Collect*

God of peace, by the blood of the eternal covenant you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work, and work in us that which is pleasing and good; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Prayers of the People

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. That the world may be commended to the care of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For preachers of the Word, that they may follow in the tradition of Paul and Barnabas, speaking out boldly to the edification of all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christian churches throughout the world, that they may experience unity and may follow Christ their Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, that they may turn from oppression, imperialism, and warfare, and seek only the welfare of their peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick, especially Stevely Anderson, Ann Glaser, Evan

Anderson, Kaitlyn Franklin, Jennifer Davy, Erick Harvey, Michele Hernandez, (others?), that they may find comfort in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all mothers and all those who give nurturing, loving care, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd who leads his children to good pasture, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the holy apostles Barnabas and Paul, all the saints and martyrs, let us give praise to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Offertory**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

### **Offertory Hymn 711 Seek Ye First**

*Prayer over the gifts:*

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and our shepherd. **Amen.**

### **Litany of the Consecrated Gifts**

We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.  
**We thank you, O God.**

For the body and blood of Christ, set here before us,  
**We thank you, O God.**

That you have brought us today to this altar,  
**We thank you, O God.**

That your eternal Word, Jesus, was made flesh for us,  
**We thank you, O God.**

For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection,  
**We thank you, O God.**

That you fill our lives with grace and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
**We thank you, O God.**

That through this sacrament you give us a pledge of your presence with us and of our eternal inheritance,

### **We thank you, O God.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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.**

*The Deacon presents the consecrated elements.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*-Communion of the People-*

*The Deacon leads the Post-Communion Prayer:*

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.** *Greet one another in the Lord's name.*

### **Announcements**

*Thanksgiving/ Anniversary Prayer:* We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us this holy day and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 657** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

*Dismissal:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



*Today's flowers are offered*

**In honor of all women  
-whether mothers, grandmothers,  
aunts, sisters, daughters, teachers,  
mentors or neighbors-  
who have given their time to  
nurturing and caring for others  
in the spirit of love.**

*Many thanks to Eunice Wilson for  
the lovely flower offering.*



**Sunday May 8      We Gather for Worship**

10:00 am      St. Paul's MP + Res. Sac't.  
2:00 pm      Safe Harbor Pres worship  
**Both services held in the sanctuary and via Zoom**

**Monday      Office CLOSED**  
2:55-4:15 pm      ACA Recovery Group

**Tuesday      Office OPEN**

**Wednesday      Office OPEN**  
11:00am      Special Music Rehearsal  
11:45 am-1:15 pm      Women's AA

**Thursday      Office OPEN BY APPT.**

**Friday      Office CLOSED**  
3:30 pm      Campus Cleaning

**Saturday      Office CLOSED**  
9:15 am-10:45 am      Women's AA-Parish Hall  
9:45-11:15 am      Al-Anon- Library

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**Many Thanks to Br. Dennis Gibbs  
(Community of Divine Love)  
for leading us in worship today.**