



# Church of the Holy Apostles

## Sunday Morning Prayer

*This service can also be found on pp 79-102 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome from Officiant**

### **Opening Hymn**

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*ALL*            **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.**  
*ALL* **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.**

*Then follows the Venite or Jubilate.*

**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!

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

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.

## **The Appointed Psalm – sung by Choir Member(s)**

### **The Lessons**

#### **First Lesson**

*Reader*      A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the Lesson*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Canticle**

*One of the Canticles on pp 8-16 of this bulletin is said after the Reading.*

#### **Second Lesson**

*Reader*      A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the Lesson*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Canticle or Musical Offering - sung by Choir Member(s)**

#### **The Gospel**

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel*

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **The Sermon**

## The Apostles' Creed

*ALL* 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 he 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.  
*ALL* 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 for ever. Amen.

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

### **A**

- 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.

### **B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
 R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
 V. Day by day we bless you;  
 R. We praise your Name for ever.  
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
 R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
 R. For we put our trust in you.  
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
 R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

## **The Collect of the Day**

### **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 Prayer for Mission**

*Then one of these prayers is added*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*or this*

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.

*or the following*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings from Congregation**

*The people may unmute themselves and pray aloud if they wish.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**ALL**            **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.**

### **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.

### **Closing Hymn**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticles for Morning Prayer

### 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

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.

### 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

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.

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.

## **10 The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*

and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

**11 The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare*  
*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
 and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
 For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
 deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
 But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
 and his glory will appear upon you.  
 Nations will stream to your light, \*  
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
 Your gates will always be open; \*  
 by day or night they will never be shut.  
 They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
 ruin or destruction within your borders.  
 You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
 and all your portals, Praise.  
 The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
 The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
 and your God will be your glory.

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.

**12 A Song of Creation** *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

*One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.*

*Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
 O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
 Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## *II The Earth and its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## *III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
 In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*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.

**14 A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator*  
*Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

*Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions*

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.

**15 The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*  
*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
 the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.  
 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

**16 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*  
*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

**17 The Song of Simeon** *Nunc dimittis*  
*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

**18 A Song to the Lamb** *Dignus es*  
*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

**19 The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*  
*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.

**20 Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world;  
     have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
     receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
     Jesus Christ,  
     with the Holy Spirit,  
     in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **21 You are God**    *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;  
 You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
 You are the eternal Father:  
 All creation worships you.  
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
     Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
     heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
     Father, of majesty unbounded,  
     your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
     and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
 the eternal Son of the Father.  
 When you became man to set us free  
 you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
 You overcame the sting of death  
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
 We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
     Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
     bought with the price of your own blood,  
     and bring us with your saints  
     to glory everlasting.