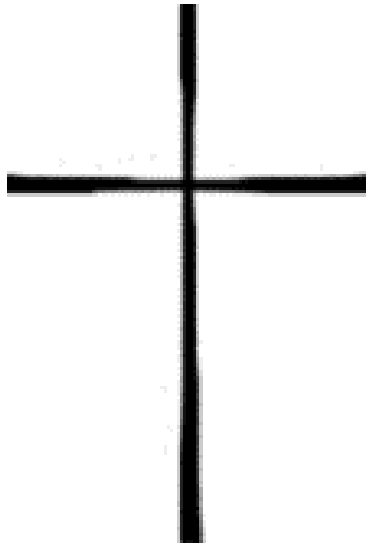


*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

**St. Paul's Episcopal  
Church**



*Morning Prayer  
October 25, 2020  
10:30 am*

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**



*Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship Christ with us today.*

***(HYMNS ARE PRINTED AT THE END OF THE BULLETIN.)***

**PRELUDE**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

*Franklin D. Ashdown. (1942-)*

**OPENING HYMN**

**1982 Hymnal #8**

*Morning Has Broken*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*(All stand)*

*Officiant:*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must  
worship in spirit and in truth.

*-John 4:24*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*(Silence may be kept.)*

*Minister and People,*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned  
against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have  
done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore,  
and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your  
will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

## OPENING VERSICLE

*Officiant*        O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
*People*            **And your glory all the day long.**

## DOXOLOGY *together,*

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## ANTIPHON *together,*

**O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.**

## PSALM 63:1-8 *together,*

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.

**ANTIPHON** *together,*

**O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS**

**19:1-2,15-18**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God</b>

## **PSALM 1**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not  
wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

**1982 Hymnal #444**

*Blessed Be The God of Israel*

<i>Homilist</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to <b>MATTHEW 22:34-46</b>
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<i>People</i>	<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ</b>
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When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a

question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Homilist*            The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*              **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**SERMON**       Curate Melissa Congleton

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**  
*(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*      God be with you.  
*People*        And also with you.  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*All*      **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 FOR USE IN MORNING PRAYER

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation especially...  
**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

1982 Hymnal #379

*God is Love*

## POSTLUDE

**“Ein feste Burg ist Unser Gott”**

*Johann Gottfried Walther. (1684-1748)*

WORSHIP MINISTERS: 10:30 am - Curate Melissa Congleton; Julie Baglien, Organist; Barb Duke, 1st Reader; Tom Holsinger-Friesen, 2nd Reader; Barney Rudolph, Intercessor.

ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my mother Lucille Kerbawy born October 25, 1920 by Marcia Hudson; and IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Richard and our parents Earl & Muriel Farr and Homer & Ruth Hale by Elaine Hale.

## **Announcements**

- ◆ Don't forget to turn your clocks back next weekend, you get an extra hour of sleep before church next Sunday, November 1st!
- ◆ All Saint's Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1st. Please call or email the office with names of your deceased loved ones who have died in the past year, so their names can be read at the Eucharist.
- ◆ Bob Howe, husband of St. Paul's parishioner Suzi Howe, passed away recently in the care of Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice. Our love and prayers go out to Suzi during this difficult time.
- ◆ It's time to think prayerfully about our pledges and what God is calling us to contribute from our personal budget to the good work being done here at St. Paul's. Pledge cards will be mailed to you soon. We are prayerfully sowing into a season of growth and change for us all. Please join us!
- ◆ Please remember to call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it. Diana Sinclair is also gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her also.
- ◆ Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!



1. Morning has broken,  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird;  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing  
Fresh from the Word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall,  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass;  
Praise for the sweetness,  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where His feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

Words: *Eleanor Farjeon (1181-1965);*

Music: *Gaelic Melody, harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)*

1. Blessed be the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free;  
he visits and redeems us,  
he grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise and bring  
his people peace.
2. He from the house of David a child of  
grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up  
to heaven.  
Before him goes his herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the harbinger of Day.
3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins  
to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness upon the  
sinners eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the  
path of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs  
that never cease.

Words: *Michael A. Perry (b.1942), alt para of The Song of Zechariah*  
Music: *Thornbury, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

## CLOSING HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #379

1. God is love, let heav'n adore him  
God is love let earth rejoice  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice  
God who laid the earth's foundation  
God who spread the heavens above  
God who breathes through all creation  
God is love, eternal love
2. God is love and love enfolds us  
All the world in one embrace  
With unfailing grasp God holds us  
Every child of every race  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod  
Then we find that self same aching  
Deep within the heart of God
3. God is love and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life  
God's eternal loving kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain  
God is love so love forever  
O'er the universe shall reign

Words: *Timothy Rees, 1874-1939 ( alt.);*

Music: *Abbot's Leigh Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)*

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*The LORD watches  
over the way of  
the righteous.*

Psalm 1:6, NRSV

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