

Holy Cross

Morning Prayer

Gathering Hymn

This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. For we are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

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

Doxology

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

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship. Our God is glorious in all the saints: O come let us worship. *Alleluia.*

Morning Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-18

Said antiphonally by half verse

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; *you discern my thoughts from far away.*

³ You search out my path and my lying down, *and are acquainted with all my ways.*

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, *O Lord, you know it completely.*

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, *and lay your hand upon me.*

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *it is so high that I cannot attain it.*

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? *Or where can I flee from your presence?*

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; *if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning *and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,*

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, *and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, *and the light around me become night,"*

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; *the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; *you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. *Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, *intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. *In your book were written all the days that*

were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! *How vast is the sum of them!*

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; *I come to the end^{al}—I am still with you.*

Sequence Hymn

The Lesson, Gospel and Sermon

Canticle 12

A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini Song of the Three*

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

You that are holy and humble of heart glorify the Lord, * *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Doxology

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.*

Stewardship Prayers

Heavenly Trinity, Creator of all we enjoy, we give you thanks for the countless people who have gone before us in the leadership of this church.

We know that the Holy Spirit inspired some as they longed for this church, others as they built this church and still others as they lovingly and boldly led this church through times of abundance and times of scarcity.

Help us to be bold as we model giving of time and money to this parish. Make our bold and generous pledge a symbol of both our integrity and gratitude. Then help us to encourage giving with all that we are and all that we have, just as you did while teaching among your disciples. *Amen.*

Prayer for Use by Children Regarding Stewardship

Jesus, we love you and we know you love us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Thank you for playtime and for our growing bodies. Thank you for our laughter and our joy. Help us to give some of our time and some of our money back to you. When we think of giving something away to someone who needs it, help us to give two and not just one. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Vision

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to shore.

Disturb us, Lord when with the abundance of the things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life.

Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push us into the future in strength, courage and love. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer - Thomas Merton

“Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in you is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us”. *Amen.*

Tom Cordle, Chair of the Finance Team & Lee Stroud, Chair of Formation
will present their pledges at this time

Closing Hymn