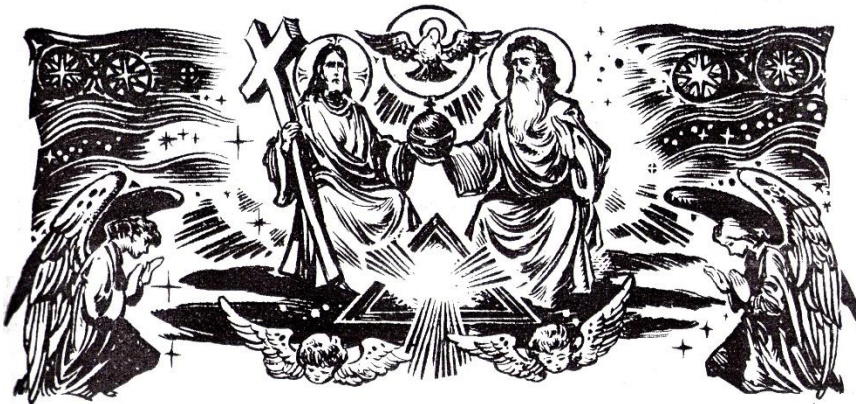




ST. THOMAS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MORNING PRAYER

Rite I of the *Book of Common Prayer*
Trinitytide

THE OPENING

Please take a moment to pray silently and collect your thoughts before the service begins. All stand with the Officiant, who reads a sentence of Scripture and continues saying,

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

THE INVITATORY

Venite exultemus (Psalm 95, 96)

All O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
 and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
 and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
 and we are the people of his pasture
 and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

THE PSALMS

All sit. The recitation of the Psalms forms the core aspect of worship in the Daily Office. The Psalms are said at a normal level of voice, and regular speed, pausing at the asterisk. Our worship is in offering the Psalms to God with one voice, reciting in unison. The Officiant will announce the appointed Psalms for the day, which are in the weekly bulletin. After the final Psalm, all conclude saying,

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reader reads the lesson concluding,

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

After a brief silence for reflection, all stand with the Officiant to recite,

THE FIRST CANTICLE

We praise thee, O God;
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

Te Deum Laudamus

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
 doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty,
 thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
 in glory everlasting.

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reader reads the lesson concluding,

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

After a brief silence for reflection, all stand with the Officiant to recite,

THE SECOND CANTICLE

Benedictus dominus deus

✠ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware
to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called
the prophet of the Highest, *

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

THE CREED

The culmination of worship in the Office comes with the Creed wherein the Christian truths are affirmed as a summary of the worship we have offered to God. All remain standing and join the Officiant in saying,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

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.

The Prayers continue with these suffrages, short intercessory prayers. The Officiant prays the Versicle and the People pray the Response.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS

The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day, followed by the other Collects appointed. To each Collect, the People respond

People **Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Several minutes will be held for silent prayer. During this time, you are encouraged to bring before the Lord your own needs as well as those of others. You are also encouraged to share particular needs out loud at the beginning of this time so that all may pray for that particular need.

After a suitable time of prayer has been observed, the Officiant will continue with,

THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant ✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

The service ended, the People may depart.

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is a service of the Word that uses the Psalms, and the reading of Scripture as a form of worship. The Creed is offered to God as a central summation of our beliefs expressed in the readings, and the service then transitions into offering our prayers, both of thanksgiving and intercession, to almighty God as a fragrant offering, pleasing to him.

The Office developed out of Scripture by monastic Christians, and was made mandatory for all clergy in the early 9th century. By the time of the English Reformation, however, the *Book of Common Prayer* simplified the Offices down to two major and two minor Offices in an attempt to allow the laity to more easily participate in these services. Morning Prayer or Mattins is traditionally prayed around 9:00 AM whereas Evening Prayer or Vespers is traditionally prayed either at 3:00 PM or at sunset. It is also known as Evensong, particularly when it is sung, and is considered a beautiful treasure of the Anglican tradition.

The *Book of Common Prayer* notes that they ought to regularly be publicly celebrated, along with the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days. The practice at St. Thomas is to take seriously that instruction and leave the church open as a place of prayer each morning when there is someone to lead the service. On Holy Days, Morning Prayer is followed at 10:00 AM by the Mass, which is also open to any who desire to be present.

PRAYER

Prayer is the privilege of every Christian, to communicate directly with Almighty God, and in particular to bring requests and needs before God on our hearts. The Prayer List and Prayer Chain are two of the main

PRAYER LIST

St. Thomas is pleased to regularly intercede for the needs of the world. If you need to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office and provide the person's name, confirm that you have their permission to have them prayed for publicly, and how long they need to remain on the list, as well as contact information so that we can check in at the end of that time.

PRAYER CHAIN

For anyone who needs timely and confidential prayer, the Parish also maintains a confidential prayer-chain. Members of the prayer chain confidentially receive the names and needs of those who are submitted, and pray a novena (nine days of prayer) for that need. Contact the Prayer Chain Co-ordinator to have a name added to the Prayer Chain.

Parish Office 352-357-4358 ✠ PrayerList@stthomaseustis.org
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator ✠ PrayerChain@stthomaseustis.org

Anyone experiencing a particular need is also encouraged to attend the Mass with Intercessions for Healing on Thursdays at 10:00 AM to receive anointing, and to have hands laid on them. You may also request a visit from the Rector.

TRINITYTIDE AT ST. THOMAS

The Time after Pentecost, formerly and formally known as Trinitytide, covers the year from Trinity Sunday through to Christ the King Sunday before Advent. This is not a 'season' in the same sense as Advent, Lent, or Easter, and instead is a general time for growth in the Christian life, rooted in the Holy Trinity.

SUNDAY MASS IN TRINITYTIDE

9:00 AM

A family mass in traditional language, with hymns, is held on Sundays throughout the summer months.

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays-Thursdays 9:15 AM

Morning Prayer is offered most weekdays in the Chapel.

WEEKDAY MASSES

10:00 AM

Mass is offered on Thursdays and Holy Days, as appointed, in the Chapel.

