

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

This is our worship service for summer.
The language is contemporary, the spiritual depth is
deep. Please feel comfortable with the differences.

We pray you feel welcome, and at ease
as we try something old and new.

Thank you for being with us today.
Please leave this booklet in the pew.

Hymns will be announced as we worship.

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamations

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise

Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.** (source: Alcuin of York, Mass of Wisdom)

Or

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.** (source: A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569)

Lessons and Psalm

After the Readings, the Reader says: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn before the Gospel

The Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to

The Nicene Creed (our commitment of faith)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: 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 you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Offering

(an offering will be collected during this hymn)

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

In the words of our Savior, we pray: **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.**

At the breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

To receive Communion, please come forward. Receive the bread with open hands, then move to one of the chalices to receive the Wine. If you need gluten-free wafers, please let the usher know; if you cannot receive the wine, please touch the chalice and return to your seat. Music is offered while people receive Communion.

Post-communion Prayer: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People: **Amen.** (source: Celtic)

Announcements/Birthdays

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn