Morning Prayer

October 28, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

Introductory Responses

O Lord , open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise .

Send your Holy Spirit upon us ,

and clothe us with power from on high . Alleluia .

Blessed are you , creator God , to you be praise and glory for ever . As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation , pour out your Spirit on us today so that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence .

Blessed be God , Father , Son , and Holy Spirit .

Blessed be God for ever . Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Psalm

REFRAIN O Lord, your word is everlasting.

O Lord, your word is everlasting; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; you established the earth, and it abides. R

By your decree these continue to this day, for all things are your servants.

If my delight had not been in your law, I should have perished in my affliction. R

I will never forget your commandments, because by them you give me life.

I am yours; oh, that you would save me! for I study your commandments. R

Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, I will apply my mind to your decrees.

I see that all things come to an end, but your commandment has no bounds. R

PSALM 119:89-96

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 .

The Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

EPHESIANS 2:13-22

The word of the Lord .

Thanks be to God .

The Second Reading

The Responsory

Come , Holy Spirit , fill the hearts of your people

and kindle in us the fire of your love .

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ .

Come , Holy Spirit , fill the hearts of your people .

Renew the face of your creation , Creator of all , and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit ,

and kindle in us the fire of your love .

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God .

Come , Holy Spirit , fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love .

The Second Reading

Jesus said, "I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world - therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning."

JOHN 15:17-

The Canticle

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1 : 68–79)

Blessed are you , Lord , the God of Israel , *

you have come to your people and set them free .

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour , *

born of the house of your servant David .

Through your holy prophets , *

you promised of old to save us from our enemies ,

from the hands of all who hate us , *

to show mercy to our forebears ,

and to remember your holy covenant .

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham : *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies ,

free to worship you without fear , *

holy and righteous before you , all the days of our life .

And you , child , shall be called the prophet of the Most High , *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way ,

to give God's 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 God , Source of all being , eternal Word , and Holy Spirit : as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

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 .

The Litany

Let us offer our intercessions , petitions , and thanksgivings , saying **, "God of the prophets , hear our prayer . "**

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood .

God of the prophets , hear our prayer .

Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace and grant on earth the blessing of peace .

God of the prophets , hear our prayer .

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high .

God of the prophets , hear our prayer .

May peace abound and righteousness flourish , so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong .

God of the prophets , hear our prayer .

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation , and grant us the needful gifts of your grace .

God of the prophets , hear our prayer .

Additional intercessions , petitions , and thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud . Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- God's royal priesthood , for empowerment by the Spirit
- those who wait on God , that they may find renewal
- all people , that they may acknowledge the reign of the ascended Christ
- the earth , for productivity and for fruitful harvests
- all who are struggling with broken relationships .

Collect

Almighty God,
we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles,
and especially on this day for Simon and Jude.
As they were faithful and zealous in their mission,
so may we with ardent devotion

make known the love and mercy

of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit and gathering our prayers and praises into one , let us pray as our Saviour taught us ,

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 sinsas 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 .

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord . Alleluia . Alleluia .

Thanks be to God . Alleluia . Alleluia .

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love .

Amen .