



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

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Opening Hymn 592

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Penitential Rite

Wise and merciful God, grant us a heart thirsting for your truth, longing for your presence, and ready to hear you in the word of your Son. As that word resounds again today here in the church you have gathered, help us to welcome Jesus, your living Word, and to serve him in our brothers and sisters. Prepare our hearts for this word of truth as we confess our sins against you and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.

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.

Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

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.

Psalm 52

Quid gloriaris?

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness."
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the

worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The first reading is from **Amos 8:1-12**

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, * ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.

The second reading is from **Colossians 1:15-28**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Canticle C: The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2:1-8

My heart exults in you, O God; * my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, * for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, * nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; * Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.
 The bows of the mighty are broken, * but the weak are clothed in strength.
 Those once full now labor for bread, * those who hungered now are well fed.
 The childless woman has borne sevenfold, * while the mother of many is forlorn.
 God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; * gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.
 God raises the poor from the dust; * and lifts the needy from the ash heap
 To make them sit with the rulers * and inherit a place of honor.
 For the pillars of the earth are God's * on which the whole earth is founded.

The **Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 10:38-42**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Music

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Like Martha, we have much to do; like Mary, we listen to the Lord's voice. From the complexity of

our lives, let us raise our voices in prayer, saying:
 Lord, hear our prayer.

Over the thunder of war, we hear the Lord's call to peace, and we pray for wise leadership. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Amid the quarrels which divide the church, we hear the Lord's call to unity, and we pray for reconciliation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Above the barrage of commercials, we hear the Lord's call to generosity, and we pray for the poor. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Through the bustle of our daily lives, we hear the Lord's call to love, and we pray for patience with one another. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the cries of the suffering, we hear the Lord's call to compassion, and we pray for the sick and the suffering. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the songs we raise together, we hear the Lord's call to each of us, and we pray for one another. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Father of Jesus, hear our prayers. Hear in them the voice of your Son, your word of love to us. We listen for his voice as we pray in his name: Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth forever. **Amen.**

Offertory sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn 635

Prayer over the gifts:

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite wisdom,
....

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,
O Father, . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By
him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty
Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As disciples who seek to follow Jesus on the way
to the kingdom, with persevering faith let us 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread-

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever
comes to me will never be hungry; whoever
believes in me will never thirst.”

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are
they who trust in him!**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy
mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight. Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have
graciously accepted us as living members of your
Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us
with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body
and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and
serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share
the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true
mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a
bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to the reality that
Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Father from whom every family in earth
and heaven receives its name strengthen you with
his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may
dwell in your hearts by faith and that, knowing his
love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all
knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness
of God; and the blessing of God almighty, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with
you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you._
And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings:
for our days of celebration, for the love that
surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives.
Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as
truly thankful people. **Amen.**

Closing hymn 525

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.