

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020↑

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the herubim; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 45

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
*my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; *grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *

in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, *and the king's enemies are losing heart.7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *he is your master; therefore do him honor.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *and enter into the palace of the king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Sirach 24:1-12

Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway.* Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide? 'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance."

Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus, in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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 Prayers

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

**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.**

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts that we may feel their
anguish
and their joy.
Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the
anger and
might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us
to
bring them to those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may
in these coming days be
able to do some work of justice and peace for you. *Amen.*

O God: You bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear, new life out of grief and
loss.
As Mary returned to mourn yet found unspeakable joy, so comfort all who have lost
their homes

through persecution, war, exile, or deliberate destruction.

Give them security, a place to live, and neighbors they trust to be, with them, a new sign of peace to the world. *Amen*

Hear our prayer for all those who will die today because of war and economic oppression, especially the children. Prepare them for the agony, despair, and terror of the violence that is upon them. Comfort them and hold them close to the bosom of your heart as they drink deeply of the bitter cup which is forced upon them. Wipe their tears, calm their fears, welcome them to peace and safety. Eternal rest grant to them, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May all rise in judgment against the wickedness that brings this violence upon the world. Overturn the thrones of tyranny, scatter the unjust, cast down the bloody rulers who make the cry of the widow and orphan rise to heaven. Give us your grace and strength to stand against the demonic powers which prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Grant that peace with justice will come to all the world. *Amen*.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Lead us from death to life, *from falsehood to truth*.

Lead us from despair to hope, *from fear to trust*.

Lead us from hate to love, *from war to peace*.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Thanks be to God.