

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. All are welcome, no exceptions!



**Feast of the Ascension
May 13, 2018 10:30 A.M.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 215 See the Conquer mounts in triumph

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call.
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty:
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace.
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Gloria in excelsis: Glory to God S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

The musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features various rhythmic values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

Lector Let us read Psalm 47 together.

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector A reading from the Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Anthem:

The Children's Choir

I'm goin' sing when the spirit says sing

Traditional

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Bird

Silence for meditation

We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 for the Feast of the Ascension

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole world and everything in it, for there is much need and want, and we, the church, have been called to be Christ's body in our world today.

Intercessor We pray for your church and its called and elected leaders. May we all grow in faith and love, and know with surety the inheritance and hope to which you have called us. Strengthen our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Ed and Heidi, our priests. Continue to support and inspire all the ministries of our laity, especially our Vestry and Search Committee.

*For the for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome, for our companion Dioceses of Renk in the South Sudan and Southeast Mexico; for Congregations in the Evanston Deanery: St. James the Less in Northfield; St. Augustine in Wilmette; and Christ Church in Winnetka.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Intercessor We pray for the nations of the world, especially their leaders, that they may see, understand, and honor the sovereignty of peace and compassion over their own self-interest. We pray

especially for our president, Donald, our governor, Bruce,
and our mayor, Jerry.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor We pray for the earth and its delicate yet life-giving
ecosystem. By the same power through which you
resurrected Christ, empower us to restore endangered
species, polluted waters, and unclean air.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor We pray for all the people of the world, especially those who
live in want and need.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine
gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all
the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those
living and those who have passed away; for the mothers
who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;
for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those who
hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers
who have lost children; for all women and men who have
mothered others in any way – those who have been our
substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in

need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor We pray for the ill and the abused, and for all those who need protection and care. We pray for the sick and the dying, for those who are friendless and lonely, for those living with grief or depression. Bring them your friendship and renew their joy. We pray especially for Kathy Lee, Craig, Jason Pyle, Quinn Doty, Alice Smith, Rodney Smith, Dave and Pam Rhine, Matthias, Gail, Puzz, H.E.J., Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Merrill, Michele and family, Rene, Allison, and Rosemarie.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays, especially for Nan Mason; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People *the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Intercessor We remember before you those who have died that your steadfast love may shelter them in the peace of your eternal light.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Intercessor You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and we pray now for those persons and concerns that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence.

The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.

Silence

May we be Christ's body,

People the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Intercessor Holy, holy, holy God, your power and majesty fill the universe, far above all we see and do, measure and name. You reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

**Every week we will pray for a different international church in the Anglican Communion as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We also will pray weekly for churches and ministries in the Diocese of Chicago and our Companion Dioceses as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.*

We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."

Announcements

Thanks & Recognitions

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God,
To present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, Which is your spiritual worship (Romans 12:1)

Offertory Anthem

The St. Paul's Choirs

Joyful!

Michael Eckblad

Doxology Hymn # 380 v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
 here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

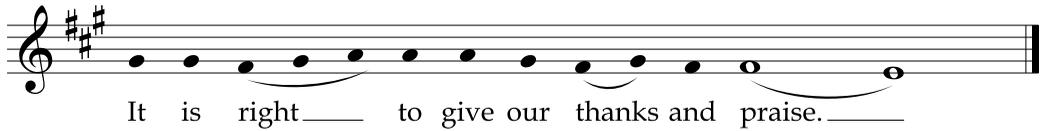
Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Priest	<i>People</i>
The Lord be__ with you.	And al - so__ with you.

Priest	<i>People</i>
Lift__ up your hearts.__	We lift__ them to the Lord.__

Priest
Let us give____ thanks to__ the Lord our__ God.

People



All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 5 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 9 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 13 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 17 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We remain standing or kneel

Priest

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Priest and People:

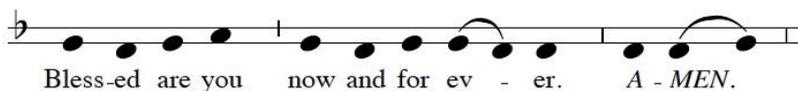
*Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Priest

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Priest and People



Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

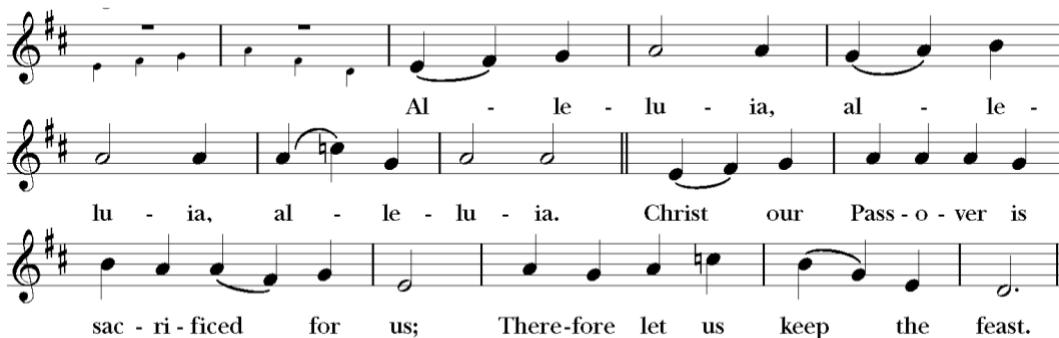
In Unison

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 Breaking of the Bread

Silence is observed after the bread is broken

Fraction Anthem: S 155 Alleluia. Christ our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail. It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.

Communion Hymn #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Communion Anthem

Children's Bell Choir

Jubilate Deo! Taizé Jacque Berthier

Ava Stubblefield, Liam Stubblefield, Luke Stubblefield

Please stand.

Prayer after Communion

When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer:

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us

forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Priest

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Recessional Hymn # 214 Hail the day that sees him rise

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)
Every Sunday 10:30 A.M. (sung service)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 9:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May
Adults meet in the Conference Room at 9:15 A.M. year round

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Our Wardens and Vestry

Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Senior Warden, Marv Kombrink, Junior Warden

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Gretchen Schlabach, Clerk
 Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Maureen Gerrity

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Peg Newby	Eucharistic Minister
Gretchen Schlabach	
Luke Stubblefield	
Ava Stubblefield	Acolytes
Jacob Maas	Lector
Mechelle Goodenough	Intercessor
Jamie Stubblefield	Usher
Peg Newby	Coffee Hour
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Altar Guild
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Julie Stubblefield	Pray Ground

Today, Sunday May 13th, 2018 Feast of the Ascension		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - May 13th, 2018 through May 20th, 2018				
Tue	May 15	Garden Meeting	4:30 P.M.	Garden
Wed	May 16	OakCrest Service	2:00. P.M.	OakCrest
		Children's Waiting Room	3:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanct
Sat	May 19	Lobster Boil		Lawn
Sun	May 20	Nursery and Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room

	Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
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	Service, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
	Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

The Lobsters are Coming!

The Lobster Boil is here, Saturday May 19th. We need everyone to help out on that day. If anyone would like to help coordinate some of the Lobster Boil activities, please let me know. Thanks! Rick Johns, rjohns@niu.edu or 815-748-5896.

Recognition Sunday

Next Sunday, May 20th, will be Recognition Sunday where we will celebrate the service and contributions of our members. This will be the last Sunday with the Choir until Fall, and the last Children's Sunday School meeting for the year. We also will end the service with the Blessing of the Garden.

St. Paul's Thrive Garden

Thanks to the help of NIU Cares Day students, the garden is looking great and closer to being ready for planting. Anyone interested in participating by donating seeds for planting, can do so by signing up in the parish hall and depositing seed packets in the designated basket. We will be collecting specific organic seeds

through today, May 13th. We have a weekly garden work time for anyone interested in weeding, planting, watering, harvesting and fellowship. This will be on **Tuesdays at 4:30pm** for about an hour.

Food Pantry Collection is Today

Parishioners are reminded that today is Food Pantry Sunday.

Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just today. We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven is holding the 12th annual “Night By Night” campaign to help provide shelter for the homeless men, women and children living in our community. For \$25.00 you can provide 3 meals, a safe place to sleep and helpful services for one homeless person.

Donations can be mailed to Hope Haven, 1145 Rushmoore Derive, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Or you can donate at their website at <https://www.hopehavendekalb.com/night-by-night>.

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church

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Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, # 380, Vs. 3
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Fraction Anthem: S155 Alleluia. Christ our Passover sacrificed

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Prelude: <i>Easter Prelude</i>	R.S. Morrison	Kathleen Johnson, Organist
Prelude: <i>TBD</i>		Hannah Buckle, Pianist
Postlude: <i>TBD</i>		Hannah Buckle, Pianist

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, embrace me now at the end of this day. As in every day, there have been ups and downs, joys and disappointments. I thank you for my faith that, above it all, you rule. I put my trust in you as I give this day, now spent, to you. Do with it what you will, and send your Holy Spirit to pull forward threads from today that you will spin into good things

*tomorrow. I pray through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you,
now and forever. Amen.*