

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 18
September 8, 2019, 10:30 AM, Rite II

*"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."
The Rule of St. Benedict
Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.*

Prelude *Fanfare in B-Flat* Douglas E. Wagner Kathleen Johnson, Organist

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn # 47 On this day, the first of days

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.*

Song of Praise: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Fine

Verses



1. Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am
2. Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's
bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
will, all who do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers."

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.

The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 139 together responsively.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the
sand; * **to count them all, my life span would need to be like
yours.**

The Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon
our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our
fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of

your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(repeat as desired)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff is also in treble clef, key signature of two sharps, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a

delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Creed: I believe in God almighty



I be-lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
 I be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 I be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-
 be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for -
 of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's son,
 there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the
 give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's res - ur -
 Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
 third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as -
 rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the
 Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Christ, who is the healing salve for the world: You welcomed children and blessed them. We pray for children in our world who experience no such welcome: refugees

from violence-riven countries; victims of adult exploitation; pressed into the violence of adult wars.

People **May we give comfort and support to those who have been robbed of their childhood by the relentless drive of human hatred and greed.**

Intercessor You were moved to tears by the needs of others: so we pray for victims of injustice and prejudice, those taunted, despised or slandered simply because of the color of their skin, their sexuality, their social standing or simply their outward appearance.

People **May we be willing to celebrate differences and support those who have been robbed of dignity.**

Intercessor You restored to health, those who were sick: so we pray for loved ones who are ill at this time; all those in pain; those without hope of recovery; those distressed in mind; those held prisoner by unseen chains of hopelessness; those who grieve and cannot let go. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, George, Mike, and Rosemarie.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

People **May we, acting in your name, offer comfort to those who have been deprived of peace and who are longing for your presence.**

Intercessor You call us to abandon violence even in the midst of violence, and to follow the way of peace. Help us put an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods. May we refrain from the use of hostile words or tone of voice in what we say to one another in haste and anger; in the demeaning of

friends behind their backs; in naming others by our stereotypes and prejudice.

People **Christ, you stood silent before unjust accusations, forgive our quick tongues and ugly words. Teach us your grace in speaking with others and about others. Help us to put away our weapons.**

Intercessor You challenged the structural inequalities of your time. In our time, unjust economic order still exists – maintained to benefit only a few.

People **May we move from lethargy to action as we seek change by rejecting injustice as though it were a normal part of life and with determination, work for the common good.**

Intercessor You called disciples to follow and learn from your words and example, which strives now to be your Church in the world working through the power of your Holy Spirit to bring about your healing, peace and justice in this world.

People **Bless our Presiding Bishop Michael, our own Bishop, Jeff and all other ministers of your Word and sacraments. Bless and unify your broken Church in the world and in our nation.**

Priest God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act, there is justice and love. Accept these, the prayers of your faithful people, and open our eyes and hearts to see your loving response in our own lives and in the lives of your holy people everywhere. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

In Unison

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.

Priest 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.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table Holy Communion, Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C

The Offertory Sentence

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

During the Offertory Anthem or hymn, the elements of bread and wine are taken to the altar. At the same time, the ushers will collect the monetary offering and take that to the altar before the Offertory Anthem or hymn is completed

Offertory Anthem

The St. Paul's Choirs

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness Antonin Dvorak

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

Fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

**By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy is the Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the
Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is, and is to
come; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Priest

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Priest

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, Ishmael and Hagar; Ruth and Naomi, Jonathan and David; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

In Unison

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 have sinned 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

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.

Communion Hymn Yahweh, I know you are near

Refrain

Yah-weh, I know You are near, _____ stand-ing al - ways

at my side. _____ You guard me from the foe. And You

lead me _____ in ways e - ver - last-ing. _____ Fine

1. Lord, _____ You have searched my _____ heart, and You
2. Where _____ can I run from Your love? If I
3. You _____ know my heart and its ways, You who
4. Mar - vel - ous to me are Your works; how pro -

know when I sit and when I stand. Your _____
 climb to the heav - ens You are there; If I
 formed me be - fore _____ I was born, In the
 found are Your thoughts, my _____ Lord. E - ven

hand is u - pon me pro - tect - ing me from death,
 fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,
 se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun
 if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars, D.C.

keep - ing me from harm. _____
 still I'd find You there. _____
 in my moth - er's womb. _____
 You would still be there. _____

Prayer after Communion

Priest Together, let us pray.

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 Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your minds and hearts on the love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of our amazing, loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings (*see page 23*)

Recessional Hymn # 347 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Sending Forth

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Triumphal March* *William Stickles* *Kathleen Johnson, Organist*

Join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes

Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Our Wardens and Vestry,

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,

Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Gretchen Schlabach	Eucharistic Minister/ Acolyte
Jacob Maas	Lector
Sandra Lee	Intercessor
George and Jane Nenonen	Ushers
Betsy Pool	Flower Guild
Jane Nenonen	Altar Guild
Bill and Jennie Cummings	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Karyn Perkins	Nursery

Today, Sunday, September 8, 2019, Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Conf. Room
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Anthem 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 - September 8 through September 15, 2019				
Thu	Sept 12	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Fri	Sept 13	Book Club (Cleland's Home)	5:30 P.M.	Cleland's
Sun	Sept 15	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
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		Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Vestry Meeting	12:00 P.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.

From Mother Barbara

I have a huge request to make of everyone at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, at least for the next year or so, while I am acclimating myself to St. Paul's culture and how you do things, as I hope to learn how best to support you all in your various endeavors as God's people. Please run all announcements, ideas for projects to enhance the life of the congregation, past me before sharing them generally with the congregation. This will help me to understand how things generically flow from your ministries and the overall ministry of St. Paul's into the community. I welcome everyone's observations regarding this and your feedback! Thank you. In Christ, Barbara+

Adult Formation

Beginning on **Sunday, September 8th**, Adult Formation will again focus upon the Bible, with a five part series on a book by Pete Enns, "The Bible Tells Me So . . . Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it." The format will be comprised of a video presentation by Pete Enns combined with group discussion. It will be necessary for participants to read the book as we go along.

Choir News

The St. Paul's Choirs are back in rehearsals and singing for Sunday morning worship at the 10:30 AM services. Thursday Choir Rehearsals: Children's Choir 6:00pm, and the Adult/Youth Choir 7:00 pm.

St. Paul's Book Club

Book. Our book club begins its fall season with a new book, *The Changing Face of God* edited by Frederick Schmidt. It's a short book, but don't let that frighten you. It's also a challenging book, perhaps even provocative. Find it on Amazon. Find intelligent and, sometimes, provocative conversation among readers. All are invited to participate as the group begins a new reading selection accentuating a pattern of new thinking about God. **Date and Time.** We're meeting on Friday, September 13th (we know, we know) at 5:00 pm. There will be some snacks, but if you want to brown bag it for yourself, that will be fine. **Place.** We're gathering at the home of Marilyn Cleland, 518 S. 2nd St., DeKalb. Please let us know if you're coming via email, ritamackall@comcast.net. See you then.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday September 15, 12 PM

As you may know, the Vestry meetings are always open to the congregation. So in hope of improving communication, achieving greater transparency and parish engagement, we are holding the meeting in the parish hall right after the 10:30 AM service. While only vestry members may speak and vote at the meeting, anyone may observe and later share any questions and comments with Mthr. Barbara, the wardens and vestry members. If you want an item to be discussed, please share your request to Mthr. Barbara a few days in advance of the meeting so that we can get it on the agenda.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, and read the Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook!

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!

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Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia. Words: Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker
(b. 1947) Music: Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker (b. 1947), #20 *My Heart Sings
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The Creed: I believe in God almighty. Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
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Communion: Yahweh, I know you are near. Words: Psalm 139, Dan Schutte, SJ,
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Voice And Sing.*

Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Household Prayer: Morning

I greet this new day with joy, O Lord, for you are my light and my hope. Do not let me fall prey to the anxieties of this world, or be tempted by false charms, but keep me ever faithful to you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy Comforter, Protector, and Deliverer, at the close of this day I entrust to you all my life and all those I hold dear, knowing that your tender mercies cover all my failings and all my fears. Thank you for your unending love. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.