

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, April 30



### Opening Statement

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

#### Leader

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

### The Invitatory

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.*

### Antiphon

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### Christ our Passover *w nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.  
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:  
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Psalms 119:1-24**

**Aleph** *Beati immaculati*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!  
<sup>3</sup> Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.  
<sup>4</sup> You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.  
<sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup> Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.  
<sup>7</sup> I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
<sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

**Beth** *In quo corrigit?*

<sup>9</sup> How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.  
<sup>11</sup> I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup> With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.  
<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.  
<sup>16</sup> My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

### **Gimel** *Retribue servo tuo*

<sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
that I may live and keep your word.  
<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
the wonders of your law.  
<sup>19</sup> I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
do not hide your commandments from me.  
<sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed at all times \*  
with longing for your judgments.  
<sup>21</sup> You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!  
<sup>22</sup> Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
for I have kept your decrees.  
<sup>23</sup> Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
I will meditate on your statutes.  
<sup>24</sup> For your decrees are my delight, \*  
and they are my counselors.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*A reading from the Prophet Daniel 2:17-30*

<sup>17</sup>Then Daniel went to his home and informed his companions, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>18</sup>and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions with the rest of the wise men of Babylon might not perish. <sup>19</sup>Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup>Daniel said: "Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his. <sup>21</sup>He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. <sup>22</sup>He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. <sup>23</sup>To you, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and power, and have now revealed to me what we asked of you, for you have revealed to us what the king ordered." <sup>24</sup>Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will give the king the interpretation." <sup>25</sup>Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king and said to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who can tell the king the interpretation." <sup>26</sup>The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to tell me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" <sup>27</sup>Daniel answered the king, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or diviners can show to the king the mystery that the king is asking, <sup>28</sup>but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has disclosed to King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen at the end of days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed were these: <sup>29</sup>To you, O king, as you lay in bed, came thoughts of what would be hereafter, and the revealer of mysteries disclosed to you what is to be. <sup>30</sup>But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any

other living being, but in order that the interpretation may be known to the king and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 11** The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

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.  
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 New Testament Lesson**

*A reading from the First Letter of John 2:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. <sup>13</sup>I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. <sup>14</sup>I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; <sup>16</sup>for all that is in the world the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Canticle J A Song of Judith**

*Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.  
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 Gospel**

*A reading from the Gospel according to John 17:20-26*

<sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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**

God be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 for ever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*Let your people sing with joy.*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in you can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon Earth;  
*Your saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Gracious God, we bless your Name for the vision and witness of Sarah Hale, whose advocacy for the ministry of women helped to support the deaconess movement. Make us grateful for your many blessings, that we may come closer to Christ in our own families; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Bruno & Sandra Delzotti*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

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### **The Commemoration**

Sarah Josepha Buell Hale (October 24, 1788 - April 30, 1879) was an American writer and an influential editor. She is the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb". She famously campaigned for the creation of the American holiday known as Thanksgiving. Hale was born in Newport, New Hampshire to Captain Gordon Buell and Martha Whittlesay Buell. Her parents believed in equal education for both sexes. Early on in her life, she was educated by her mother and her brother Horatio who taught her what he had learned at Dartmouth; later on, Hale was an autodidact. She married David Hale in 1813, and had five children. Hale, a lawyer, died in 1822 and, in perpetual mourning, Sarah Josepha Hale wore black for the rest of her life.

In 1823, with the monetary support of her (then late) husband's Freemason lodge, she published a collection of her poems entitled [\*The Genius of Oblivion\*](#). Her novel, published in the U.S. under the title [\*Northwood: Life North and South\*](#) and in London under the title, *A New England Tale*, made her one of the first American women novelists and one of the first of either gender to write a book about slavery. The book, which espoused New England virtues as the model to follow for national prosperity, was immediately successful. The book garnered praise from Reverend John Blake, who asked Hale to move to Boston to serve as the editor of his journal, [\*Ladies' Magazine\*](#). She agreed and, from 1828 until 1836, she served as editor in Boston, though she preferred being called an "editress". Her collection [\*Poems for Our Children\*](#), which includes the now-famous "Mary Had a Little Lamb", was published in 1830.

Louis Antoine Godey of Philadelphia wanted to hire Hale as the editor of his journal *Godey's Lady's Book*. He bought the *Ladies' Magazine*, now renamed *American Ladies' Magazine*, and merged it with his journal. In 1837 Hale began working as editor of the expanded [\*Godey's Lady's Book\*](#), and remained editor at *Godey's* for forty years, retiring almost at the age of ninety in 1877. During her tenure at *Godey's*, many important women contributed poetry and prose to the magazine. During this time, she became one of the most important and influential arbiters of American taste. In its day, *Godey's*, with no significant competitors, had an influence unimaginable for any single publication today. The magazine is credited with an ability to influence fashions not only for women's clothes, but also in domestic architecture. During this time, Hale wrote many novels and poems, publishing nearly fifty volumes of work by the end of her life.

Hale was an early advocate of women's education, particularly higher education for women; she helped in the founding of Vassar College. She was also a strong advocate of the American nation and union. In the 1820s and 1830s, a time when other American magazines merely compiled and reprinted articles from British periodicals, Hale was among the leaders of a group of American editors who insisted on publishing American writers. She particularly liked to publish fiction with American themes, the frontier, and historical fiction set during the American Revolution. Hale adamantly opposed slavery, but she was equally devoted to the Union.

Hale is credited as the individual most responsible for making Thanksgiving a national holiday in the United States; it had previously been celebrated only in New England and was largely unknown in the American South. Her advocacy for the national holiday began in 1846 and lasted 17 years before it was successful. Her initial efforts failed to persuade, but finally convinced Abraham Lincoln to support legislation establishing a national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863. The new national holiday was considered a unifying day after the stress of the American Civil War.

Hale retired from editorial duties in 1877 at the age of 89. She died at her home, in Philadelphia, on April 30, 1879.