

Morning Prayer

*As we begin the day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully,  
for who knows what today holds?*

Opening            Show our hearts your way,  
                         **and we shall follow.**

Confession        Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

**Lord Jesus, you come into our lives  
when we are least prepared for you.  
As you enfolded your betrayers,  
so embrace us who struggle to love.  
Reconcile us with our sisters and brothers,  
and, for the sake of your love,  
forgive us all our sins. Amen**

Assurance of  
Pardon - *Psalm*  
*103:11-13*            As far as the heavens are high above the earth,  
                         so great is your loving response to those who are  
                         humble;  
                         so far does your enduring strength  
                         uphold those who face the darkness within.  
                         As parents are concerned for their children,  
                         so you come to those who reach out in faith.

Praise A Song of  
*the Wilderness*  
(Isaiah 35:1-4)        The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \*  
                         the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
                         It shall blossom abundantly, \*  
                         and rejoice with joy and singing.  
                         They shall see the glory of the Lord, \*  
                         the majesty of our God.  
                         Strengthen the weary hands, \*  
                         and make firm the feeble knees.  
                         Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \*  
                         Here is your God, coming with judgment  
                         to save you."

Scripture        Gospel from the daily lectionary

Meditation        Selections from Henri Nouwen's book "Show Me the Way"

*How will we practice Christ Jesus' way of love,  
justice, and truth this day?*

Affirmation

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Prayers

Loving God, in our faith, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,

**That we may rest in your peace.**

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,

**That we may share the abundance of your creation.**

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,

**That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.**

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,

**That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.**

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,

**That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.**

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,

**That we may live with gladness and trust.**

*Here, the people may add intercessions or thanksgivings.*

Lord's Prayer

Traditional Prayer

ECMN Prayer

God, we know that your Spirit is moving in the changing winds around us. As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, stir up your power in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, guide us in all things with your Holy Spirit, give us bold and open hearts, that we might be wholly committed to showing forth your love, your justice, and your healing power in the

world. Amen.

Prayer

Heavenly God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Out

Show our hearts your way,  
**and we shall follow.**