

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
**The Feast of Brigid of Kildare**  
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*Officiant 1* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

*Officiant 2* Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (adapted)*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*Officiant 1* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant 2* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant 1* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100    Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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## Psalm 138

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*

**before the gods I will sing your praise.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*

**because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name \*

**and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; \*

**you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*

**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*

**that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*

**he perceives the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*

**you stretch forth your hand**

**against the fury of my enemies;**

**your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*

**O Lord, your love endures for ever;**

**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

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 Lessons

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians**

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of the Wilderness**

*Isaiah 35:1-7,10*

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

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."**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \*

**and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \*

**and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \*

**and streams in the desert;**

The burning sand shall become a pool \*

**and the thirsty ground, springs of water.**

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*

**with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*

**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

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.**

*Officiant 2* **A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew**

*Matthew 6:19-24*

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Officiant 2* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 1* Thanks be to God

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant 1*

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

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* 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.

## Suffrages (from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,

**R. your saving power among all peoples.**

V. Renew your Church in holiness,

**R. and help us to serve you with joy.**

V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

**R. that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

**R. nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Make us instruments of your peace,

**R. and let your glory be over all the earth.**

*Officiant 1* O God, whose servant Brigid, kindled with the flame of your love, became a shining light in your church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* Heavenly Father, 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.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

*Officiant 1* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Mission*

## **The Peace and Greetings**

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Officiant 1* **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

*One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.*

## **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant 2* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* 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.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*