

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MAINE
198TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
JESUS IS HERE, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW



OPENING WORSHIP ~ DISCERNMENT

*As we begin our day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully, for who knows what today holds?
We stop now to accept God's grace.*

Opening Worship begins with a silent procession and asperges

Celebrant Holy God, you are always with us.

People **Open our eyes to your presence.**

Celebrant God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption.

People **Amen.**

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation (pg 2)*

Reader A reading from Romans 13:9-12a (CEB)

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Bishop Call to Order

Bishop Bishop's Address

Hymn Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (pg 3)

Celebrant As we turn to the tasks before us this day,
People Fill us, gracious Lord.

Celebrant In making faithful choices, great and small,
People Guide us, gracious Lord.

Celebrant As we seek to notice and serve those in need,
People Teach us, gracious Lord.

Here, the people may add their own intercessions or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant As we offer our lives to you,
People Hear us, gracious Lord.

Celebrant With our hearts ready to serve,
People Accompany us, gracious Lord.

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Together 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.**

Celebrant Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the

fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your
commonwealth of blessing.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God of unchanging power and eternal light, loving God, who is Mother
and Father of us all; Grant to your people in the Episcopal Diocese of
Maine grace and courage to be a new church for a new day. Give us
vision and wisdom to discern your will in a changing world and
persistence to go out to our neighbors and live your Good News in new
and creative ways. Help us to trust the companionship of your Spirit on
this journey even as we experience confusion and difficulty. Lead us, we
pray, to that future, still unseen by us, where you are already waiting for
our arrival and where, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and
reign, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**