

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



St. Paul's Church Statement of Mission and Ministry

St. Paul's Church, Wickford, is a loving community of Christians seeking to be faithful to God and renewed through the Gospel. We of St. Paul's aim to love God through:

- The sharing of the sacraments, worship and prayer,
- Ministering to people and spreading God's word,
- Seeking to become better stewards of God's gifts,
- Working toward the Kingdom of God within us and in the world.

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?

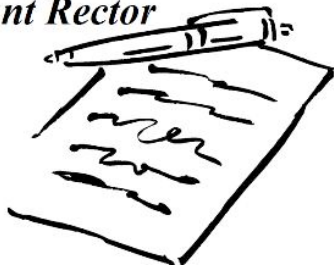
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.



Remember me O Lord when you show favor to your people,
help me when you deliver them;
that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.

Psalm 106: 1-5

*From the
Assistant Rector*



Friends,
It's been
a busy
October,
and as of
writing

this the month is only half over. Part of what's made this month so busy for me is a lot of traveling on my part. In the beginning of the month I flew down to Texas for my brother's wedding. It's now a week later and I'm flying down to Baltimore for a continuing education program my seminary offers for graduates that I will be taking part in for the next three years (I'm actually writing this in TF Green airport on my way down there, my plane's already delayed over an hour!). I'm very thankful to be able to have been at my brother's wedding, and to take part in the Second Three Years program, but they're definitely making everything else this month seem very squished, and I am definitely ready to get back to being with you all in a more regular way.

Aside from my touring of airports in the continental US this month has been focused on Halloween Happenings. I have heard many great things about this event, and am very excited for this night. Keep an eye out in next month's Communicant for a report on how this went.

A series of conflicts out of our control (Holy Week occurring during April Vacation, and other groups already having booked the site during other weeks we'd be able to go) we have eliminated the possibility to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this year. I have been in contact with a person at Trinity Church in downtown New Orleans who coordinates youth mission groups to come down and do work in New Orleans and we've been working out the details about taking a trip down there in February. Hopefully the details of this trip will work out and I will have more information to share with you in next month's Communicant.

I have some big plans for November. Starting this month, on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 I will be offering a meeting for both High School and Middle School youth (exception being the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, 11/24). These meetings will consist of a modified form of evening prayer including a discussion, and will end with dinner and some time to socialize. I am also scheduling a meeting with Middle School Youth for Sunday, November 7th from 12-1:30 and one with the Senior High on Sunday, November 21st also from 12-1:30. We will also be having a joint youth group bowling trip on the Sunday, November 28th, with details of where and what time to follow.

Dates to remember in November:

11/3, 11/10, 11/17- Wednesday Night service & dinner 5:30-7:00

11/7- Middle School Youth Group Meeting 12:00-1:30

11/21- High School Youth Group Meeting 12:00-1:30

11/28- Bowling Night- Middle and High School Youth. Location and time TBD (pay attention during the announcements and I'll let you know more about this)

Yours in Christ,
Patrick

Book Group

Friends,
Beginning in November I will be starting a book group on Monday nights from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. To begin we will be looking at *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass. Last I checked this could be found at most book stores or Amazon.com for about ten dollars. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,
Patrick



from the Dir. of Music and Liturgy:

From the Director of Music and Liturgy

A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols will take place on December 12 at 4pm at St. Paul's Church. St. Paul's Parish, Youth and Children's Choirs will be joined by guest instrumentalists for this service of reflection and meditation. Invite a friend! The hospitality committee is already planning the reception, which I know will be elegant.

We will have special music to celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 7 at the 9:30 Eucharist including contemporary British composer John Tavener's "Song for Athene," ("May flight of Angels sing thee to they rest. Alleluia").

A warm "thank you" to the hospitality committee for providing a delightful reception following the Evensong for St. Michael's and All Angels in October.

I think it is not too late to sign up for St. Paul's Children's Choir (grades 1-3), Rozanne Fuller, director or St. Paul's Youth Choir (grades 4 and above), Maria Hyde, Director. Thank you Rozanne and Maria for your great work with these talented young people!

Peace,
Mark



TURN CLOCKS BACK MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



A CELEBRATION TO HONOR MARK STEINBACH, DMA

There will be a reception to celebrate Mark's 20th anniversary of music ministry at St. Paul's on **Nov. 7 following the 9:30 service**. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Mark has made to our parish in his capacity as organist and choir master. Come and be part of our **heart-felt** thank you to Dr. Mark!

St. Paul's Nursery School

St. Paul's Nursery School will be having a fund raiser for the month of November. We will be raffling off themed baskets again this season and the proceeds will go towards the programs and materials for our children at the nursery school. If you would like to support this endeavor, please contact the school for tickets. The drawing will take place before Thanksgiving.

We have begun taking names for next year's enrollment. Nursery school families currently enrolled have priority followed by St. Paul's parishioners and St. Paul's alumni families. On November 30, the registrations will be open to the community at large. Call us @ 295-7320 to schedule a visit and to pick up an application.

God Bless,
Linda

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

The Diocese will offer a Safe Church Training at St. Paul's on **Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Cost: \$10.00 To register contact Gloria Williams at gloria@episcopalri.org or 274-4500. This is required for all parishioners working with children or elderly and recommended for any and all.

Sunday School News



Got Pennies? Do you have any extra pennies just waiting to be put to a good cause? If so, the Sunday school has just the place. Starting in November, we will be teaching the children about education in Central Asia. We will be collecting pennies for our “Pennies for Peace” program that will run through Christmas. This program was developed by children to help raise money to build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. By helping these young girls and women, our children help promote peace and develop a sense of caring for others through a simple action as collecting pennies.

In October, we focused on the local community with our projects about Habitat for Humanity. This month we will look more globally, at the area of Central Asia. Our first goal will be to educate our children about the world around us. The focus will be the lack of education for females in these poor countries. Did you know that the literacy rate in Afghanistan is only 28%? How can pennies help? A simple penny here is usually considered worthless, but in Afghanistan a penny can buy a pencil and lead to lifelong education. After teaching our children about the needs of the area, if the children are interested, we will show them how they can help. With a tough economy, we don’t want to put a financial strain on families. The children will be encouraged to keep an “eye” out for pennies on the ground or they can do extra chores to earn pennies. The emphasis is on helping others through simple deeds that the children have the power of doing themselves. If you have any pennies that are taking up space in your home or pocket, and would like to help us out, please bring them to the Parish Hall on Sundays and help to bring peace to the world through education. More information is available on the “Pennies for Peace” website or by reading “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortensen. This book will be available in the Sunday school.

These two programs are just the start of our exciting year. It’s not too late to register for the upcoming year. We have lots of community service projects planned, as well as programs that build character, and teach against bullying, while emphasizing forgiveness and caring for others. All our lessons take real world experiences and relate that to Jesus’ teachings to help the children face the world around them. Registrations are available on the children’s snack table during coffee hour. It’s never too late to register and friends are always welcome.

Important Sunday School Dates

November 7, 14, 21	Regular Sunday School
November 28	Community Worship (Thanksgiving Weekend)
December 5	Regular Sunday School

Lori

Ministry Teams at St. Paul's

Christian Fellowship –To help build a more loving Christian community by organizing social functions.

Ann Waring 295-8793

Maureen Minarik 294-8753

Coordinates social functions for Church and community.

- Coffee hours
- Receptions
- Funeral Receptions
- Newcomer Welcoming
- Art Festival food
- Home Visitors

Leader recruits volunteer leaders for each sub group and serves as a support for those volunteers. Meets with those volunteers on as needed basis. This team could always use more volunteers. This summer and fall there have been many special events and more help is needed in the coming months.

**Faith
Community
Fund**



**The Rector's
Discretionary
Account.**

W. David Dobbins, Interim
Rector

Being new to the area, I was unsure how I might best apply the accumulated funds in the Rector's Discretionary Account to meeting the needs of adults, children and families within North Kingstown. I was pleased to have Marci O'Connor introduce me to Kathleen Carland, who is the Director of Human Services serving our community. Through Kathy I was made aware both of the good work being done to relieve those in need, and of the opportunity I had to help those who otherwise would fall "between the cracks" of the existing social services network. Because existing municipal and donor-designated funds come with restrictions, there are those who present themselves in need for whom relief cannot be found. One example: a family moves to North Kingstown and, because of an unresolved utility bill in Cranston, cannot contract for electricity in North Kingstown. Funds currently available to social services cannot be used because the debt is related to living in another community, not North Kingstown.

With Kathy's help, and with the permission of the town manager, the Rector's Discretionary account has provided seed money--\$2,500—to establish the Faith Community Fund available to support the people of North Kingstown who are qualified to receive aid, but for whom other financial help is currently unavailable. Quarterly reports from the Social Services department will keep me aware of how the money has been used, and serve as an invitation to replenish the fund. I will introduce this fund to the leaders of other area churches and faith communities so that they might participate in it. Even with this new commitment the Discretionary Account will continue to be available, and funded, to meet the needs of St. Paul's parishioners in need. This is all possible because of the generosity of the pledging members of St. Paul's, as this money has been made available to me as a proportional sharing

of pledge receipts. An amount equal to 3% of the pledge income each year is set aside for clergy discretionary use, and since Patrick's arrival 2/3rds of this amount is being placed in the Rector's Discretionary Account, and 1/3rd into the Discretionary Account of the Assistant to the Rector. I commend you for making this commitment to the welfare of St. Paul's, and to the welfare of those in need.

Peace.

David+

Christian Action Notes, Fall 2010

When the Christian Action committee gathered in June, we focused on hunger needs by gifting \$250 each to **the North Kingstown Food Pantry** and the **RI Community Food Bank**. In addition, **City Camp** and **Louie's Place**, an after school and summer program will receive \$250 each. Specifically, Louie's place has a Youth Leadership Development mentoring program that has suffered federal and state funding cutbacks.

At our Fall meetings, we directed \$500 to **Episcopal Relief and Development** to employ in their response to the recent flooding in Pakistan.

As colder weather approaches, we decided to support **Westerly Area Rest and Meals** a.k.a. W.A.R.M. the **Johnny Cake Center** with \$250 each for the homeless shelter and meal center.

This month, we also renewed our support of the **Carter Center** (\$250) which recently announced great progress towards the eradication of Guinea worm. Go to www.cartercenter.org for more information. Finally we renewed our support for the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem** which does educational programs to promote understanding among Jewish and Palestinian youths.

The above represents the work of several meetings. We seek to distribute our donations to local, national and international concerns.

I will coordinating **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** for Saturday, December 4 at Dave's in Wickford. Mark your calendars and contact me at 294-1206 or kcg88@verizon.net if you are interested in this holiday tradition of giving.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Godley



**Hurray
for
Habitat
Fundraiser**

Another delicious and fun Sloppy Joe/Make-Your-Own-Sundaes event for Habitat for Humanity has come and gone. Many thanks to all

who attended, worked, supported and a big hurrah to the talented Sunday School kids who painted 110 pumpkins! Of course thanks also to our generous community supporters who helped make it all possible: Brickley's Ice Cream, Schartner Farms, Dave's Market, Rite-Aid, Stop & Shop and Taylor Rental.

And Speaking of Habitat

St. Paul's Church has received a request from Rev. Casey Shobe, Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Narragansett and a board member of South County Habitat for Humanity. Habitat began work on its 44th house in Charlestown, RI the beginning of September.

The need is for volunteers to supply lunches to the Saturday work crews through the end of December. St. Paul's has had a long relationship with Habitat and a history of volunteer work. If you can help with this effort, please contact Casey at 783-4623 or www.stpetersbythesea.com.



Vestry Retreat

Vestry Retreat

St. Paul's Vestry and clergy will

meet on Saturday, November 13 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm in the Chapter room. They will be exploring the following topics in depth: Safe Church Policy and required training; personnel policies and hiring procedures; the continued implementation of mutual ministry reviews for clergy, vestry and staff; preparation for the second half of the Retreat the following day.

On Sunday, November 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm the Vestry and clergy will host a gathering in the Parish Hall for any parishioners who feel they have been injured or harmed by the parish leadership during the tenure of the last rector. This meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Frederic Reamer, a professional ethics consultant, and by Betsy Fornal, Canon for Congregations and Clergy of the Diocese of Rhode Island. The hoped-for outcome of the meeting is a summary statement to be shared with the entire parish that will outline the relevant issues, the corrective measures that will be taken, and identify a commitment to reestablishing parish unity and mutual trust.



A Reminder:

Visit St. Paul's Website:

<http://www.stpaulswickford.org>

for variety of church news, information, calendars, financial statements, etc.

Why Pledge?

Dear St. Paul's Parishioners,

The pledge season is now underway and we are in the midst of our canvas calls to check in with you. In conversations with parishioners now and over the years, a question worth exploring keeps coming to mind. Why pledge? Several simple yet powerful answers have guided me in deciding to pledge and I would like to share my thoughts with you here.

Pledging is an act of faith. With our pledge, my family and I make a commitment to God and we must have faith that we will be able to fulfill it. There is something profound in making this commitment before we really know where life will bring us in the coming year. We must place our trust fully in God and our pledge reminds us of this.

Pledging is a statement of faith. When we allocate our resources to those things we believe in deeply, we affirm our core values. With our pledge, we are clearly stating that our relationship with God and His work through St. Paul's is a priority in our lives.

Pledging is a spiritual discipline. The act of fulfilling a pledge is repetitive and constant. We are reminded by our pledge that our relationship with God is ongoing, that we need to be attentive to it, and that our participation is continually required.

When Ray and I joined a church for the first time as a young married couple, we were approached by a member of their pledge team. All these years later, I still recall the simple message he offered in one of our first communications - "It does not matter how much you pledge, it is the act of pledging that matters." The act of pledging can be powerfully transformative. If you have already made your pledge, thank you for your commitment and generosity. If not, please consider the many ways your pledge will positively impact St. Paul's Church, and how it may transform your relationship with God as well.

Blessings,

Tabitha Jorgensen Annual Pledge Campaign Chair

Self-Study Committee Update

The St. Paul's Self-Study Committee is one of several components in our time of transition. It consists of 12 parish members who have been meeting regularly with our consultant Rev. Jan Grinnell and whose task is to build a written profile of St. Paul's Church. When completed, the profile is placed on the national Episcopal register to introduce prospective clergy to the St. Paul's community.

The Committee is presently in the stage of gathering information from all elements of the Parish. This is being accomplished in the following ways: asking parishioners to share their "Best Memories" of St. Paul's, either written on sheets provided after the services or on the website; talking with our clergy at one of the post-service meetings; using the link on the St. Paul's website- www.stpaulswickford.org- for self-study questions/comments; taking the self-study survey (and using core values assessment sheet) found in this issue of the Communicant (additional copies in the Narthex); attending one of the self-study meetings scheduled in November to discuss the survey and key areas of parish life on:

Sunday, Nov.7 8:15 - 9:45 am Library

Tuesday, Nov. 9 9:30 - 11:00 am Chapter Room

Saturday, Nov. 13 3:30 - 5:00 pm Parish Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 16 7:00 - 8:30 pm Parish Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 17 7:00 - 8:30 pm Parish Hall

or speak to any of the members of the Committee:

Ken LeBlanc, Jeff Manickas, Walt Burrows, Pat Carlson, Alicia Cranston, Don Hagist, Tabitha Jorgensen, Dick Lewis, Peggy Todd, Russell Shippee, Colleen Tolhurst, Jane Tiernan-Reilly

The Committee's goal is to engage as many parishioners as possible in this process to achieve an honest, indepth picture of St. Paul's -- past, present and future. Please take advantage of the opportunities to offer your input to this important work.

The Survey sheet and the Core Value Assessment Worksheet are on pages 8 and 9 for you convenience.

Survey for St. Paul's Input for the Self Study Committee

Heavenly Father, we know that it is by the guidance of your Holy Spirit that we are able to do that which is best. We pray that your Spirit will guide us as we complete this parish survey in order to assist the Self Study Team in its work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

1. **Best Experience:** Reflect on your entire experience of St. Paul's parish. Describe a time when you felt most alive, most involved, spiritually connected or most excited about your involvement.
2. **Worship:** Describe the best worship experience you have had at St. Paul's. What made it memorable? Who was involved?
3. **Service to others:** Describe a story of a time at St. Paul's when you have served others that has left you feeling inspired, enthusiastic, and enlivened?
4. **Being Welcomed:** Describe a time when you felt welcomed and included at St. Paul's. Who was involved? What did they do to make you feel welcomed?
5. **Awareness of God's presence:** Describe a time at St. Paul's when you were aware of God's presence.
6. **Christian Education:** Describe a time at St. Paul's when you learned something of considerable value. Who was involved? How did it feel? What impact did it have on your life?
7. **Core values:** What do you think are the core values of St. Paul's? What values give life to your congregation? What is it, if it did not exist, would make St. Paul's totally different than it currently is? (See the separate worksheet to help you answer this question.)
8. **Your denomination:** What is it about belonging to the Episcopal Church that you value? What is the single most important thing that your denomination has contributed to your life?
9. **Three wishes:** If you had three wishes for St. Paul's, what would they be?

Clarifying What You Value About St. Paul's - Core Value Assessment Worksheet

Below is a list of values; some things on the list may be closer to virtues, while others represent abilities, and some may overlap. When you think of St. Paul's at its best, which of these values that you observe are most important? Place check marks beside the words in the following list that best describes these values. Feel free to add items if you have values that aren't listed here. Then evaluate your choices until you have identified the six values that have the most significance to you and are the most important to you. Place these six values at the bottom of the page and then take time to define what each value means to you personally - don't try to use a dictionary definition - rather use your own words.

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List St. Paul's six most important values to you:

Value	Your Definition
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

Vestry Notes

At the October meeting the Vestry appointed the Nominating Committee to prepare the slate for election of officers and Vestry members at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Committee members are Casey Gartland, Don Hagist, Jayne McBride, John Leite, and Elizabeth Grout and Martha Parks. Parishioners who feel called to serve in Parish leadership may self-nominate or be nominated by other parishioners using a nomination packet available in the Church office or in the Narthex. The packet contains an information sheet detailing the qualifications for elected leadership positions as mandated by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of RI. Those making nominations of others must also meet those requirements. **The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2010.** Positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting are Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and five Vestry members.

Vestry Roles, Responsibilities and Visibility

What is the Role of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church?

As in all Episcopal parishes, the Vestry is the elected governing body of the parish. In addition to the Rector, the Vestry is composed of the Officers (the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Clerk and the Treasurer) and twelve others, each of whom has been qualified as a member of the parish corporation of St. Paul's and elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. The goal of the Vestry is the following:

- To discern, embrace and communicate the vision toward which God is drawing St. Paul's Church;
- Encourage the structures, organizations and activities within the parish that support and uphold the realization of this vision.

To that end, and so that the mission and ministry of St. Paul's may proceed in peace and with vigor, the Vestry has canonically specified responsibilities for

the stewardship of church money and property and for working with the rector on personnel management and program development and oversight. The Vestry is a team ministry within St. Paul's, and members of the Vestry each accept particular duties and responsibilities that provide active guidance and support of the overall life of the Parish.

Upon the departure of a rector, the Vestry is also responsible for calling an interim, and for the election of a new rector, each with the assent of the bishop.

Members of the Vestry are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Vestry Responsibilities and Visibility

Be open and willing to share your faith journey with others and to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in your life.

- Attend church services regularly.
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in monthly Vestry meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and attend occasional special Vestry meetings and retreats as scheduled. Speak up on issues of importance.
- Support stewardship to the fullest extent possible, working toward the tithe, pledging to the church, and participating as fully as possible in all other fundraising projects.
- Serve as a canvasser in the Every Member Canvass.
- Serve in leadership positions and undertake special assignments willingly and enthusiastically when asked.
- Serve as the Vestry liaison as an active member of a team ministry at St. Paul's.
- Be available to help greet and welcome newcomers to the church community, and support coffee hour and special parish life activities as fully as possible and wear specially marked Vestry nametags at these events to increase Vestry visibility.



Advent Study Group

Meeting the Messiah

“Scriptures for the advent season”

This year celebrate Advent and Christmas with a renewed feeling of anticipation and hope. This study of short daily readings and guided reflection on Scripture will allow us to experience Advent through Epiphany with the Holy Spirit, John the Baptist, Mary, the shepherds, the Magi, and Jesus himself. Consider slowing down and

preparing for the coming of Christ.

Join one of these Advent Meditation Groups which

will meet in the **Chapter Room**

Sunday 6:00 – 7:30 pm

November 28, December 5, 12, 19

or

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 -

November 30, December 7, 14, 21

To ensure a sufficient number of study guides are available, please enroll by **November 14th** by

Calling the church office at 294-4357

Or

Returning form below to the church office.

Cost of \$14.00 for the ***Meeting the Messiah*** study guide will be collected on or before the first group meeting.

Scholarships Available

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

I am interested in the

Sunday Evening Group _____

Tuesday Morning Group _____

Adventure in Awareness

Do you ever leave a worship service or a meeting really excited and then discover that others are not reacting the same way?

Do you sometimes find a co-worker constantly “rubs you the wrong way”?

Have you ever wondered why you and a fellow church volunteer look at the same situation from entirely different perspectives?

God created each of us as a unique individual with preferences in the ways we gain energy, process information, relate to one another, make decisions and engage in life. Sometimes these preferences connect us to others in fairly effortless ways; at other times, they may lead us to collide with one another and create confusion and conflict.

St. Paul’s is proposing to bring **“ADVENTURES IN AWARENESS”**, a workshop based on the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, to St. Paul’s in the form of a single day retreat in early 2011.

This one-day “adventure” will provide a basis for understanding and valuing our individual preferences, including how personality type and temperament influence our relationships at home, at work, at school and in church life.

STAY TUNED!!! DETAILS TO FOLLOW

If curious or interested please contact Jeff Manickas or Tina Butler

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Manickasja@cox.net

Tina 294-2711

Tina_Butler@cox.net

GROWING IN INTIMACY WITH GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

From time to time *The Communicant* will include a short timely scripture to read and reflect and respond in writing if so desired.

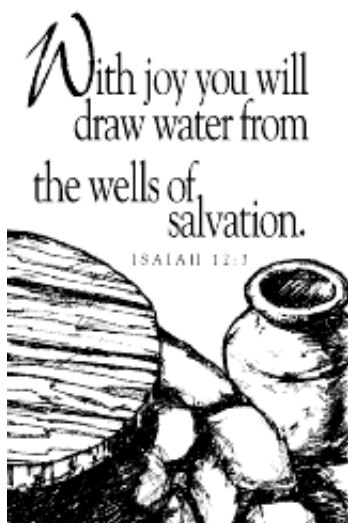
From Isaiah 12: 2-6
(A reading for November 14th)

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done
gloriously,
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.



These verses are often referred to as Song of Salvation. This passage is traditionally used in Jewish prayers as part of the *havdalah*, a ceremony that marks the end of the sabbath, because it looks ahead to the final redemption God promises to Israel and the nations. Recite this song of praise or chant it in a monotone or to a simple melody. Let your heart be open to one phrase that particularly draws your attention. Let that phrase become a breath prayer - a short phrase repeated for a period of time aloud, then continued silently. If you find your mind wandering, simply return to the inner repetition of the phrase, letting it turn your heart and mind toward a sense of God's goodness.

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