CHRIST’S COLLEGE
CHAPEL

A SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER
9:30am
Gathering & Welcome

Minister:  O Lord open thou our lips.
All:  And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister:  O God, make speed to save us.
All:  O Lord, make haste to help us.

Opening Canticle

We say the opening canticle (Psalm 113.1-3, 5) together

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants: O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord’s Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

Confession

We enter a time of confession.

Minister:  If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us:

But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1.8-9)

Let us confess our sins together to our Heavenly Father.
All: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us:

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

Restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Minister: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First reading: Acts 5.17-24

17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 20 ‘Go, stand in the temple courts,’ he said, ‘and tell the people all about this new life.’ 21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin – the full assembly of the elders of Israel – and sent to the jail for the apostles.
But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ‘We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.’ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

After the Old Testament reading, we say the Te Deum together.

The Te Deum

We praise thee, O God:
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee:
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud:
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: Continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world:
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: 
in the glory of the Father. 

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge. 
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: 
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. 
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: 
in glory everlasting. 
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. 
Govern them: and lift them up for ever. 
Day by day: we magnify thee; 
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end. 

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. 
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. 
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: 
as our trust is in thee. 
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: 
let me never be confounded.

Second reading: Acts 5.25-32

25 Then someone came and said, ‘Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.’ 26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,’ he said. ‘Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.’

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.
31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

After the second reading, we hear a homily.

The Jubilate

After the homily, we say the Jubilate (Psalm 100) together.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.
The Apostles’ Creed

We turn east to affirm our faith in the words of the Creed:

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

We turn to pray.

Minister: The Lord be with you. All: And with thy spirit. Minister: Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. All: Christ, have mercy upon us. Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. All: Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen.
All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.
All: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The First Collect, for the Day:

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Second Collect, for Peace:

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect, for grace:

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister then leads the congregation in prayers for the chapel, the college, the world, and those in need, followed by the Collect of St Chrysostom:

Leader: Almighty God…
All: who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests:

Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; Granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Final Blessing

We conclude with a final prayer:

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.