Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
Noonday Prayer

SERVICE NOTES: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.

OPENING SENTENCE page 103

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
All 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. Alleluia.

PSALM 94: 16–23 pages 723–724

All Who rose up for me against the wicked? * 
who took my part against the evildoers?
If the Lord had not come to my help, * 
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
As often as I said, “My foot has slipped,” * 
your love, O Lord, upheld me.
When many cares fill my mind, * 
your consolations cheer my soul.
Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, * 
one which frames evil into law?
They conspire against the life of the just * 
and condemn the innocent to death.
But the Lord has become my stronghold, * 
and my God the rock of my trust.
He will turn their wickedness back upon them 
and destroy them in their own malice; * 
the Lord our God will destroy them.
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.

MATTHEW 23:1–12

Officiant Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, 
do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they 
teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they 
themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; 
for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at 
banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and 
to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are 
all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor 
are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will 
be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be 
exalted.

All Thanks be to God.
Reflection

The Prayers

Officiant  Lord have mercy.
People   Christ have mercy.
Officiant  Lord have mercy.
All  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.
Officiant  Lord, hear our prayer;
People   And let our cry come to you.
Officiant  Let us pray.
Gracious God, we thank you for the witness of Harriett Beecher Stowe, whose fiction inspired thousands with compassion for the shame and sufferings of enslaved peoples, and who enriched her writings with the cadences of The Book of Common Prayer. Help us, like her, to strive for your justice, that our eyes may see the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, when he comes to reign with you and the Holy Spirit in reconciliation and peace, one God, now and always. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dismissal

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.
People   Thanks be to God.
Officiant  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.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant

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