

A Service of Morning Prayer Wednesday, March 12, 2025



“Conscience” (Judas)
1891 Painting by Ukrainian, Nicolai Ge (1831-1894)
 Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

CP 178 Restore In Us, O God (To the tune of 439 SM Franconia)

1 Restore in us, O God,
 the splendor of your love;
 renew your image in our hearts,
 and all our sins remove.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
 the fullness of your joy;
 baptize us in the risen life
 that death cannot destroy.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
 the wonder of your power;
 from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
 like springtime bud and flower.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill
 the promise of your grace,
 that we, when all our searching ends,
 may see you face to face.

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 And the love of God,
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,

To you all hearts are open,

All desires known,

And from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

That we may perfectly love you,

And worthily magnify your holy name.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion: Holy God,
 Holy and mighty,
 Holy and immortal one,
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 17 *Refrain: Watch over your people, O Lord.*

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
² From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.
¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
¹¹ They track me down; now they surround me; they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.
¹² They are like a lion eager to tear, like a young lion lurking in ambush.
¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them! By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
¹⁴ from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—from mortals whose portion in life is in this world. May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them; may their children have more than enough; may they leave something over to their little ones.
¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:34-22:6

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,
³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.
³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.

³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

22 Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near.

² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve;

⁴ he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them.

⁵ They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money.

⁶ So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

CP 173 Creator of the Earth and Skies

1 Creator of the earth and skies,
To whom the words of life belong,
Grant us your truth to make us wise;
Grant us your power to make us strong.

2 We have not known you:
To the skies our monuments of folly soar,
And all our self-wrought miseries
Have made us trust ourselves the more.

3 We have not loved you: far and wide
The wreckage of our hatred spreads,
And evils wrought by human pride
Recoil on unrepentant heads.

4 For this, our foolish confidence,
Our pride of knowledge, and our sin,
We come to you in penitence;
In us the work of grace begin.

5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
And humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening Word,
And turn our darkness into day.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7082548 Lord, Have Mercy

1 From our shame from our guilt
O Lord cleanse us from our sin
Make us holy
In Your name in Your blood
O Lord blot out our offense
Make us worthy

2 From our weakness from our betrayal
Cleanse us from our sin
Make us holy
In Your kindness in Your compassion
Blot out our offense
Make us worthy oh

Chorus

Lord have mercy
We're begging for mercy
Jesus only You make us worthy

Bridge

Remember me when You come into Your kingdom
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Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**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.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Tony and Mary Jean, Bill, Florence, Lisa, Marijke,
 Diane, Janelle, Sandy, Evelyn, Sarah, Terry, Ken, Monica, Julie, Lucas, Helen,
 Cody, Judy, Skariah, Ruth, Mike and family, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy,
 Melody and family, Pauline and Richard, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., and Larry.

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

Hear and have mercy

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

Hear and have mercy

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage to all who await surgery. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Strengthen those who endure continual pain and give them hope. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Hear and have mercy

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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,
 the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 171 What Does the Lord Require

1 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
 What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2 Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
 Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3 All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
 Think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4 How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
 Let Christ endue our will wit grace to fortify.
 Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.