

## A Service of Morning Prayer

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The Miracle of the Loaves

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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 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong;  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined;  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

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 53 *Refrain: God restores the fortunes of his people.*

- <sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good.
- <sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.
- <sup>3</sup> They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, those evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?
- <sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them.
- <sup>6</sup> O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

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 9:20-27

- <sup>10</sup> On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.
- <sup>11</sup> When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.
- <sup>12</sup> The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.'

<sup>13</sup> But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.'

<sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.'

<sup>15</sup> They did so and made them all sit down.

<sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

<sup>17</sup> And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

### CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,  
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;  
call us still as your disciples --  
loving, serving, while we search.  
Gathered: feed our deepest being  
prophet's truth and godly nerve;  
scattered: let our lives' fruition  
nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;  
penetrate our steel and stone  
with a love that melt our coldness,  
making mission here our own.  
We will seek you, love transfigured,  
in our neighbour's need  
until deep within our daily service  
love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,  
nurture us for your intent;  
let your will be our vocation  
lived as song and sacrament.  
May compassion lead to service  
till we join the saints above;  
grant us hope for each tomorrow;  
fill our faith with vibrant love!

### Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 22609 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know thus saith the Lord

#### ***Chorus***

***Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more***

2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

3 Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end.

### 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.....  
Jody and Michael..... David L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline  
and Richard.....Jorges and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena

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,  
Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

### **Hear and have mercy.**

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart. We pray to you, O God,

### **Hear and have mercy.**

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation of Easter joy. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness. 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.**

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease. 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 for Day

Gracious Father,  
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,  
evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him,  
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 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
 who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
 we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
 consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
 still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision till you love's revealing light  
 in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
 making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
 stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

### 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.**