

A Service of Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 7, 2025



Jesus Calling Peter and Andrew to be his disciples

Painting by Matteo di Giovanni (Italian c. 1430–1495)

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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 503 Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good
grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek his face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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 121 *Refrain: My help comes from the Lord.*

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

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 5:1-11

- ⁵ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,
- ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.
- ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
- ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'
- ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'
- ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.
- ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.
- ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'
- ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;
- ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'
- ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

CP 527 How Firm A Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
in laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath
said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call thee to
go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to
shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7081388 Glorious Day

1 I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

2 I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

***('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day***

3 Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

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 and Joe..... 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..... Elsie

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

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

O God,
 your Son made himself known to his disciples
 in the breaking of bread.
 Open the eyes of our faith,
 that we may see him in his redeeming work,
 who is alive 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 529 God, My Hope In You Is Founded

1 God, my hope on you is founded,
you my faith and trust renew;
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
but your power, hour by hour
is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,,
joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

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
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.