

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, May 14, 2025**



“The Stoning of Jesus”

Etching on paper 1635, by Jacques Callot (1592-1635), in the Art Institute of Chicago

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 559 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us,

You must work all Good within us.
3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart,
Help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

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 100 *Refrain: You alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour.*

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:31-42

³¹ The Jews took up stones again to stone him.

³² Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?'

³³ The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.'

³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"?'

³⁵ If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods"—and the scripture cannot be annulled—

³⁶ can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"?

³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me.

³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand¹ that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

³⁹ Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

⁴¹ Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.'

⁴² And many believed in him there.

CP 626 The Lord Almighty Spoke the Word

1 The Lord almighty spoke the Word;
The morning stars together sang;
The Word God spoke through chaos broke,
And worlds in order sprang.

3 O Lord almighty, living Word,
And Spirit blest, we worship thee;
Thy Word proclaim, and in thy name
The kingdom that shall be.

2 The Lord almighty gave the Word
That came to us in flesh to dwell;
The Word God gave broke through the grave,
And vanquished sin and hell.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervel

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1 There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation
Jesus
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us
Jesus, Jesus

Chorus 1

***Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands
Jesus***

2 There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that
rages
He is Jesus Jesus

Bridge

Messiah
My Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name
In Your name

Chorus 2

***You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion
You bled as the Lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands
God***

Ending

Jesus
There is no one like You
Jesus
There is no one like You

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: A or B

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 family, Pauline and Richard, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., Larry, Christena and 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 BAS

O God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 by the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
 and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 601 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
 For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
 And here and hereafter the kingdom shall
 grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
 The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to
 share;
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
 Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 His love for us sinners brought Christ to his
 cross:
 Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
 In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
 The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
 And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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.