

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**



1850 Painting by C.A. Jensen - Madonna - Statens Museum for Kunst

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 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou the Godhead's human son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the  
woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the  
moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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 124      *Refrain: You set us free to love and serve each other.*

<sup>1</sup> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup> if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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 1:46b-55

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
 to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

## CP 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

4 Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

## CCLI 7068424 What a Beautiful Name

1 You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

### **Chorus 1**

***What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus***

2 You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

### **Chorus 2**

***What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus***

### **Bridge 1**

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

### **Bridge 2**

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

### **Chorus 3**

***What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus***

### **Ending**

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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, 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,

**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**

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

Almighty God,  
without you we are not able to please you.  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 631 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.**