

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
Week of the Ascension**



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 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

1 Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

2 Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign --  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine --  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

3 Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding-guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

4 Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

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 29      *Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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 9:18-27

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?'

<sup>19</sup> They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.'

<sup>20</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

<sup>21</sup> He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone,

<sup>22</sup> saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

<sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

<sup>25</sup> What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?

<sup>26</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

<sup>27</sup> But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

### CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide you to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave

5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

### Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

#### CCLI 5183443 Jesus Messiah

1 He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Chorus**  
**Jesus Messiah Name above all names**  
**Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel**  
**The Rescue for sinners**  
**The Ransom from heaven**  
**Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

2 His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

**Bridge**  
All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

**Ending**  
Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all, The Lord of all.

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, Christina 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**

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,  
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,  
and bring the whole of creation  
to worship at his feet,  
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 466 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
 when once we heed your call:  
 to live according to your word,  
 and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
 that you are Lord of all,  
 and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find  
 your yoke is hard to bear;  
 if worldly pressures fray the mind,  
 and love itself cannot unwind  
 its tangled skein of care,  
 our inward life repair.

3 We mark your saints, how they became  
 in hindrances more sure,  
 whose joyful virtues put to shame  
 the casual way we wear your name,  
 and by our faults obscure  
 your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
 together or alone,  
 in old routines or ventures new,  
 may we not cease to look to you.  
 The cross you hung upon,  
 all you endeavored done.

#### 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.**