

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, July 30, 2025**



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 319 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, forever thine!

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"to be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,
"for he was slain for us."

4 The whole creation joins in one,
to bless the sacred name
of God that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb!

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 44 *Refrain: We will praise your name forever.*

- ¹ We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:
- ² you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;
- ³ for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, for you delighted in them.
- ⁴ You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.
- ⁵ Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down our assailants.
- ⁶ For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
- ⁷ But you have saved us from our foes, and have put to confusion those who hate us.
- ⁸ In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name for ever.
- ⁹ Yet you have rejected us and abased us, and have not gone out with our armies.
- ¹⁰ You made us turn back from the foe, and our enemies have taken spoil for themselves.
- ¹¹ You have made us like sheep for slaughter, and have scattered us among the nations.
- ¹² You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.
- ¹³ You have made us the taunt of our neighbours, the derision and scorn of those around us.
- ¹⁴ You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughing-stock among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face
- ¹⁶ at the words of the taunters and revilers, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- ¹⁷ All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten you, or been false to your covenant.
- ¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way,
- ¹⁹ yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with deep darkness.
- ²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread out our hands to a strange god,
- ²¹ would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- ²² Because of you we are being killed all day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- ²³ Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not cast us off for ever!
- ²⁴ Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?
- ²⁵ For we sink down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.
- ²⁶ Rise up, come to our help. Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy."

⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?

⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

CP 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love
There God is ever found
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love we are thus bound

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Him in return

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess
Let us love each other well
In Christian holiness

4 Let strife among us be unknown
Let all contention cease
Be His the glory that we seek
Be ours His holy peace

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
We are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
If honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCLI 7212933 All Sufficient Merit

1 All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

2 In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness
had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally
come

Chorus: *It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own*

3 I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful
host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is
mine

4 All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of
God

I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the
cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Tag: Oh Your merit now my own
 Oh Your merit now my own

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

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 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,

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

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

Almighty God,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that love fulfils the law.
 May we love you with all our heart,
 all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,
 and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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 371 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!
 God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 to every believer the promise of God:
 that when the offender, repenting, believes,
 through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.

Refrain...

3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
 and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 but purer and higher and greater will be
 our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

Refrain...

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.