

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, July 9, 2025**



Christ Rejected

1814 oil painting by Benjamin West (1738-1820)

In Joseph Harrison, Jr. Collection, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

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 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

1 Come, my Way, my Truth my Life:

such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come, my joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

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)

Psalms 6 *Refrain: The Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.*

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.

² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

³ My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O LORD—how long?

⁴ Turn, O LORD, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise?

⁶ I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

⁷ My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes.

⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror; they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

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 10:13-16

¹³ 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

¹⁴ But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

CP 586 Rise Up, O Saints of God

1 Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 with nobler zeal might burn.

2 Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 as heirs of God's baptismal grace
 the word of hope proclaim.

3 Rise up, O saints of God!
 The kingdom's task embrace;
 redress sin's cruel consequence;
 give justice larger place.

4 Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek
 the paths which Christ has trod,
 and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
 rise up, O saints of God.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 5937510 Behold Our God

1 Who has held the oceans in His hands
 Who has numbered every grain of sand
 Kings and nations tremble at His voice
 All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

***Behold our God seated on His throne
 Come let us adore Him
 Behold our King nothing can compare
 Come let us adore Him***

2 Who has given counsel to the Lord
 Who can question any of His words
 Who can teach the One who knows all things
 Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

3 Who has felt the nails upon His hands
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
 God eternal humbled to the grave
 Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever
 (Let Your glory fill the earth)
 (REPEAT)
 You will reign forever
 (Let Your glory fill)

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 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

Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation of Easter joy. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness. 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 576 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the healing of the nations,
 God, we pray with one accord;
 for a just and equal sharing
 of the things that earth affords.
 To a life of love in action
 help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom;
 from despair your world release,
 that, redeemed from war and hatred,
 all may come and go in peace.
 Show us how through care and goodness
 fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
 let it from the earth be banned:
 pride of status, race, or schooling,
 dogmas that obscure your plan.
 In our common quest for justice,
 may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
 your great name on humankind;
 for our growing in your likeness,
 bring the life of Christ to mind;
 that by our response and service,
 earth its destiny may find.

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.