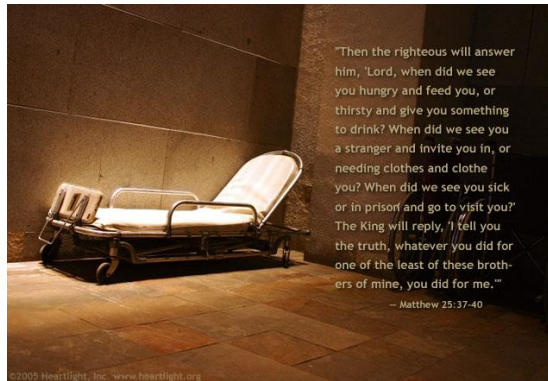


A Service of Morning Prayer Wednesday, July 16, 2025



Inspirational illustration of Matthew 25:37-40 by Paul Lee

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?..."

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 391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father

1 Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,
sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.

God has made us, and has blessed us. and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

2 Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

3 praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,
praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, sustaining Spirit be thy holy name adored!

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 7 *Refrain: God is the saviour of the true in heart.*

- ¹ LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me,
- ² or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.
- ³ LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands—
- ⁴ if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe—
- ⁵ then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust.
- ⁶ Arise, LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice.
- ⁷ Let the assembled peoples gather around you, while you sit enthroned over them on high.
- ⁸ Let the LORD judge the peoples. Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High.
- ⁹ Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.
- ¹⁰ My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.
- ¹¹ God is a righteous judge, a God who displays his wrath every day.
- ¹² If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow.
- ¹³ He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows.
- ¹⁴ Whoever is pregnant with evil conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.
- ¹⁵ Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit they have made.
- ¹⁶ The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.
- ¹⁷ I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.

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 25:31-46

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
call us still as your disciples --
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melt our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need
until deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7189257 What He's Done

1 See on the hill of Calvary
 My Savior bled for me
 My Jesus set me free
 Look at the wounds that give me life
 Grace flowing from His side
 No greater sacrifice

Chorus***What He's done******What He's done******All the glory and the honor to the Son******My sins are forgiven******My future is Heaven******I praise God for what He's done***

2 Sing for the freedom He has won
 Even death is dead and done
 His life has overcome
 Speak say the Name above all names
 Over every broken place
 He is risen from the grave

3 Now on a throne of majesty
 The Father's will complete
 He reigns in victory
 Sing hallelujah to the King
 He is worthy to receive
 All the worship we can bring

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

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 504 Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

***Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.***

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all the are neighbours to us and you.

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you

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.