

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, September 10, 2025**



**Christ and the Rich Young Ruler**

1889 painting by Heinrich Hofmann (1824–1911), exposed at Riverside Church, New York City

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 432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

1 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me!"

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more"

4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these"

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Saviour, may we heart thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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 2      *You sent your only Son to be our Redeemer.*

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> 'Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.'
- <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.
- <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- <sup>6</sup> 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'
- <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.'
- <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling
- <sup>12</sup> kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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 18:18-30

- <sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
- <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.'
- <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother."
- <sup>21</sup> He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.'
- <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'
- <sup>23</sup> When he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.
- <sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!
- <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'
- <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?'
- <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'
- <sup>28</sup> Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.'
- <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,
- <sup>30</sup> who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

CP 496 Teach Me, My God and King

1 Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see,  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

2 All may of thee partake;  
Nothing can be so mean,  
Which with this tincture, "For thy sake,"  
Will not grow bright and clean.

3 A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgery divine;  
Who sweeps a room as for thy laws  
Makes that and the action fine.

4 This is the famous stone  
That turneth all to gold;  
For that which God doth touch and own  
Cannot for less be told.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 5925649 Here for You

1 Let our praise be Your welcome  
 Let our songs be a sign  
 We are here for You  
 We are here for You  
 Let Your breath come from heaven  
 Fill our hearts with Your life  
 We are here for You  
 We are here for You

**Chorus**

***To You our hearts are open  
 Nothing here is hidden  
 You are our one desire  
 You alone are holy  
 Only You are worthy  
 God let Your fire fall down***

2 Let our shout be Your anthem  
 Your renown fill the sky  
 We are here for You  
 We are here for You  
 Let Your Word move in power  
 Let what's dead come to life  
 We are here for You  
 We are here for You

**Interlude**

Let it fall  
 Let it fall  
 Let it fall

**Bridge**

We welcome You with praise  
 We welcome You with praise  
 Almighty God of love  
 Be welcome in this place  
 (REPEAT)  
 Let ev'ry heart adore  
 Let ev'ry soul awake  
 Almighty God of love  
 Be welcome in this place  
 We welcome You with praise  
 We welcome You with praise  
 Almighty God of love  
 Be welcome in this place

**Ending**

Be welcome in Your house Lord  
 Be welcome in Your house

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, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Melody and her family, Pauline, 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**

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

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded;  
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 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
 first begotten from the dead,  
 thou alone, our strong defender,  
 liftest up thy people's head.  
 Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,  
 here in loving reverence bow;  
 here for faith's discernment pray we,  
 lest we fail to know thee now.  
 Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
 as of old in Bethlehem,  
 here as there thine angels hail thee,  
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
 Alleluia, we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
 once for all when thou wast slain,  
 in its fullness undiminished  
 shall forevermore remain,  
 alleluia, Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
 stricken Rock with streaming side,  
 heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
 worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
 alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

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.**