

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025**



*"The Denial of St. Peter"*

Oil painting on canvas by Caravaggio 1610  
Held in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, USA

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 189 Alone, Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

1 Alone thou goest forth, O Lord,  
in sacrifice to die:  
is this thy sorrow naught to us  
who pass unheeding by?

3. This is earth's darkest hour, but thou  
dost light and life restore;  
then let all praise be given thee  
who livest evermore.

2 Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord;  
make us thy sorrow feel,  
till through our pity and our shame,  
love answers love's appeal.

4 Give us compassion with thee, Lord,  
that, as we share this hour,  
thy cross may bring us to thy joy  
and resurrection power.

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 94      *Refrain: May we maintain the knowledge of your love and mercy.*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you God of vengeance, you God of vengeance, shine forth!  
<sup>2</sup> Rise up, O judge of the earth; give to the proud what they deserve!  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?  
<sup>4</sup> They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast.  
<sup>5</sup> They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.  
<sup>6</sup> They kill the widow and the stranger, they murder the orphan,  
<sup>7</sup> and they say, 'The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.'  
<sup>8</sup> Understand, O dullest of the people; fools, when will you be wise?  
<sup>9</sup> He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?  
<sup>10</sup> He who disciplines the nations, he who teaches knowledge to humankind, does he not chastise?  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord knows our thoughts, that they are but an empty breath.  
<sup>12</sup> Happy are those whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,  
<sup>13</sup> giving them respite from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.  
<sup>14</sup> For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;  
<sup>15</sup> for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.  
<sup>16</sup> Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?  
<sup>17</sup> If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.  
<sup>18</sup> When I thought, 'My foot is slipping', your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.  
<sup>19</sup> When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.  
<sup>20</sup> Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who contrive mischief by statute?  
<sup>21</sup> They band together against the life of the righteous, and condemn the innocent to death.  
<sup>22</sup> But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.  
<sup>23</sup> He will repay them for their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the Lord our God will wipe them out.

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 22:31-33, 54-62**Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial**

<sup>31</sup> 'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,

<sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.'

<sup>33</sup> And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!'

**Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

<sup>55</sup> When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

<sup>56</sup> Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.'

<sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.'

<sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!'

<sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.'

<sup>60</sup> But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

<sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.'

<sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

CP 527 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
in laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7030068 Jesus, We Love You

1 Old things have passed away  
 Your love has stayed the same  
 Your constant grace remains the cornerstone  
 Things that we thought were dead  
 Are breathing in life again  
 You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

***Pre-Chorus***

For all that You've done we will pour out our  
 love  
 This will be our anthem song

***Chorus***

(Jesus) we love You  
 Oh how we love You  
 You are the one our hearts adore

***Interlude***

Our hearts adore  
 Our hearts adore  
 Our hearts adore

2 The hopeless have found their hope  
 The orphans now have a home  
 All that was lost has found its place in You  
 You lift our weary head  
 You make us strong instead  
 You took these rags and made us beautiful

***Bridge***

Our affection our devotion  
 Poured out on the feet of Jesus  
 (REPEAT 3X)

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.....Jorges 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**

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 call your Church to witness  
 that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
 Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
 that all who hear it may turn to you;  
 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 603 Holy Spirit, Storm of Love

1 Holy Spirit, storm of love,  
break our self-protective walls  
Bring us out and show us why,  
nakedly upon the cross,  
open to the wind and sky  
Jesus waits and Jesus calls.

2 Show us, in his tortured flesh,  
earth's Creator on display,  
broken by affairs of state,  
drinking horror, pain and grief,  
arching in the winds of hate,  
giving love and life away.

3 Show us how this dying love  
entered, bore, and understood  
all our deep, unconscious drives,  
each exploiting, evil thread  
woven though our nations' lives,  
all our life apart from God.

4 Thus convicted, claimed, and called,  
freed, as Christ we freely choose,  
washed in love, reborn, renamed,  
doing justice, knowing God,  
may we witness unashamed,  
confident to give good news:

5 news that Jesus is alive,  
as his people of the Dove,  
going out in praise and prayer,  
meet the evils of our time  
and the demons of despair  
with forgiving, living love

## 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.**