

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025**



"The Parable of the Great Banquet" Luke 14:15-24  
1900 painting by Swiss artist Eugène Burnand (1850-1921)

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 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision till you love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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 58      *Refrain: May righteousness and equity prevail among your people.*

- <sup>1</sup> Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge people fairly?
- <sup>2</sup> No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.
- <sup>3</sup> The wicked go astray from the womb; they err from their birth, speaking lies.
- <sup>4</sup> They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear,
- <sup>5</sup> so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter.
- <sup>6</sup> O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!
- <sup>7</sup> Let them vanish like water that runs away; like grass let them be trodden down and wither.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime; like the untimely birth that never sees the sun.
- <sup>9</sup> Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!
- <sup>10</sup> The righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance done; they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> People will say, 'Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth.'

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 14:15-24

- <sup>15</sup> One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!'
- <sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many.
- <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now."
- <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies."
- <sup>19</sup> Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies."
- <sup>20</sup> Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come."

<sup>21</sup> So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

<sup>22</sup> And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room."

<sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled."

<sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."

### CP 431 Take Up Your Cross

1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide you to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave

5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

### Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 6016351 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

#### **Chorus**

***Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul***

***Worship His holy name***

***Sing like never before O my soul***

***I'll worship Your holy name***

3 And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before  
me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

#### **Tag**

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

#### **Ending**

Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

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..... 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 559 Blessed Jesus At Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word  
 we are gathered all to hear you.  
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 now to seek and love and fear you.  
 By your gospel pure and holy,  
 teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
 till your Spirit breaks our night  
 with your beams of truth unclouded.  
 You alone to God can win us,  
 You must work all Good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart!  
 Light of light, from God proceeding,  
 Open lips and ears and heart,  
 Help us by your Spirit's leading.  
 Hear the cry your church now raises;  
 Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

### 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.**