

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**



1757 Painting by Giovanni Paolo Pannini (1691-1765),

illustrating Matthew 10:5-15 "Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey,..."

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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 440 For All Your Blessings

1 For all your blessings,  
Jesus, we praise you,  
gracious in mercy,  
strong to console.  
You to our need bring  
comfort and healing,  
love and forgiveness,  
making us whole.

2 Daily around us,  
pain and confusion  
crumble our feeble  
faith into dust.  
Yet still we find your  
love in the darkness,  
changing our anxious  
thoughts into trust.

3 We carry with us  
into your presence  
prisoners of sickness,  
sadness and fear;  
grant them to know your  
peace in their sufferings  
and new life flowing,  
for you are near.

4 Grant us, your servants,  
grace to work with you,  
that in your loving  
task we may share  
mind's understanding,  
hands skilled for healing,  
hearts of compassion,  
join in love's care.

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 102:1-17      *Refrain: You are our God of unchanging mercy.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.
- <sup>2</sup> Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily on the day when I call.
- <sup>3</sup> For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread.
- <sup>5</sup> Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin.
- <sup>6</sup> I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places.
- <sup>7</sup> I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.
- <sup>8</sup> All day long my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse.
- <sup>9</sup> For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink,
- <sup>10</sup> because of your indignation and anger; for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.
- <sup>11</sup> My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.
- <sup>12</sup> But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever; your name endures to all generations.
- <sup>13</sup> You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favour it; the appointed time has come.
- <sup>14</sup> For your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust.
- <sup>15</sup> The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- <sup>16</sup> For the Lord will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory.
- <sup>17</sup> He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.

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 10:5-15

- <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans,
- <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."
- <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.
- <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts,
- <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.
- <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.
- <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it.
- <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.
- <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

CP 433 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
 Lest the church neglect its mission  
 and the gospel go unheard,  
 help us witness to your purpose  
 with renewed integrity;  
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."  
 That the world may trust your promise,  
 life abundant meant for each,  
 give us all new fervour, draw us  
 closer in community;  
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:

"This my body, this my blood."  
 Let your priests, for earth's true glory,  
 daily lift life heavenward,  
 asking that the world around us  
 share your children's liberty;  
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:

"Father, what they do, forgive."  
 Yet we hoard as private treasure  
 all that you so freely give.  
 May your care and mercy lead us  
 to a just society;  
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."  
 Faith and hope and love restoring,  
 may we serve as you intend,  
 and, amid the cares that claim us,  
 hold in mind eternity;  
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
 for the work of ministry.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 3798438 Blessed Be Your Name

1 Blessed be Your name  
 In the land that is plentiful  
 Where Your streams of abundance flow  
 Blessed be Your name

2 Blessed be Your name  
 When I'm found in the desert place  
 Though I walk through the wilderness  
 Blessed be Your name

***Pre-Chorus***

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
 Turn back to praise  
 When the darkness closes in Lord  
 Still I will say

***Chorus***

***Blessed be the name of the Lord***  
***Blessed be Your name***  
***Blessed be the name of the Lord***  
***Blessed be Your glorious name***

3 Blessed be Your name  
 When the sun's shining down on me  
 When the world's all as it should be  
 Blessed be Your name

4 Blessed be Your name  
 On the road marked with suffering  
 Though there's pain in the offering  
 Blessed be Your name

***Bridge***

You give and take away  
 You give and take away  
 My heart will choose to say  
 Lord blessed be Your 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,  
in our baptism you adopted us for your own.  
Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,  
that we, being renewed both in body and mind,  
may worship you in sincerity and truth;  
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 481 May the Grace of Christ, Our Saviour

1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,  
and possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford.

3 To the God whose wisdom made us, to the Son who set us free,  
to the sanctifying Spirit, glory, endless glory, be!

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.**