

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, October 1, 2025**



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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 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the  
day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and  
the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the  
day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is  
balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the  
day.

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 119:49-56      *Refrain: Your statutes have been like songs to me.*

- <sup>49</sup> Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.  
<sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.  
<sup>51</sup> The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.  
<sup>52</sup> When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O Lord.  
<sup>53</sup> Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.  
<sup>54</sup> Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.  
<sup>55</sup> I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.  
<sup>56</sup> This blessing has fallen to me, for I have kept your precepts.

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 19:16-22

- <sup>16</sup> Then someone came to him and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?'  
<sup>17</sup> And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.'  
<sup>18</sup> He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; <sup>19</sup> Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'  
<sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?'  
<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'  
<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

CP 496 Teach Me, My God and King

1 Teach me, my God and King,  
in all thing 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: - the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7168995 House of the Lord

1 We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

***Chorus***

***There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise***

***Interlude 1***

Oh oh oh  
We shout out Your praise

2 We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

***Bridge***

('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

***Interlude 2***

There is joy in this house oh yeah  
There is joy there is joy  
And we won't be quiet  
We're gonna shout out Your praise

***Ending***

We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

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 family, Pauline, Jorge and Janine, Michael S, Larry, Christina, 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,  
without you we are not able to please you.  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."  
 I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
 I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
 the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
 I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
 I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

### 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.**