

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**



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 572 Let There Be Light

1 Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
Let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;

2 open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;

3 perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;

4 hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be thy name;

5 thy kingdom come,  
thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together,  
thy spirit never fade;

6 let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

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 76                      *Refrain: Love is the government of your holy city.*

- <sup>1</sup> In Judah God is known, his name is great in Israel.  
<sup>2</sup> His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling-place in Zion.  
<sup>3</sup> There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.  
<sup>4</sup> Glorious are you, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.  
<sup>5</sup> The stout-hearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; none of the troops was able to lift a hand.  
<sup>6</sup> At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.  
<sup>7</sup> But you indeed are awesome! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused?  
<sup>8</sup> From the heavens you uttered judgement; the earth feared and was still  
<sup>9</sup> when God rose up to establish judgement, to save all the oppressed of the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> Human wrath serves only to praise you, when you bind the last bit of your wrath around you.  
<sup>11</sup> Make vows to the Lord your God, and perform them; let all who are around him bring gifts to the one who is awesome,  
<sup>12</sup> who cuts off the spirit of princes, who inspires fear in the kings of the earth.

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 23:37-24:14

**The Lament over Jerusalem**

- <sup>37</sup> 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!  
<sup>38</sup> See, your house is left to you, desolate.  
<sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**The Destruction of the Temple Foretold**

- 24 As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.  
<sup>2</sup> Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

## **Signs of the End of the Age**

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray.

<sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, “I am the Messiah!” and they will lead many astray.

<sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places:

<sup>8</sup> all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

## **Persecutions Foretold**

<sup>9</sup> ‘Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

<sup>10</sup> Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

<sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

<sup>12</sup> And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

<sup>13</sup> But anyone who endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>14</sup> And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

## **CP 576 For the Healing of the Nations**

1 For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice,  
may we hallow life’s brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.

**Meditation:** – Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1. I am an instrument of exaltation  
 And I was born to lift Your name above all  
 names  
 You hear the melody of all creation  
 But there's a song of praise that only I can bring

2 You are the infinite God of the ages  
 Yet You chose to make my heart Your dwelling  
 place  
 You healed my brokenness showed me Your  
 glory  
 So I have songs of thanks not even angels sing

**Chorus**

***Who else is worthy who else is worthy  
 There is no one only You Jesus  
 Who else is worthy who else is worthy  
 There is no one only You Jesus***

**Bridge**

Lamb of God anointed one  
 Who was and is and is to come  
 Seated on the throne above  
 Holy holy  
 Righteous One who shed His blood  
 You proved to us the Father's love  
 Jesus Christ be lifted up  
 (Holy holy)

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..... Lynn.....

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

Almighty God,  
 you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
 After Pentecost 393  
 to be the light of the world.  
 Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
 and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
 through the power of him  
 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 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
 now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
 Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
 armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

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.**