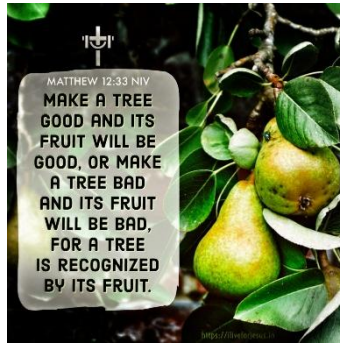


**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Advent 2 – Year A**



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 93 You Servants of the Lord

1 You servants of the Lord,
each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight,
for awesome is his name.

3 Watch: 'tis your Lord's
command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

4 How happy shall we be
if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture
see
and be with honour crowned!

5 Christ shall the banquet
spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's
head
amid the angelic band.

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 21 *Refrain: You are the giver of life and source of all blessings.*

- ¹ In your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and in your help how greatly he exults!
- ² You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.
- ³ For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold on his head.
- ⁴ He asked you for life; you gave it to him—length of days for ever and ever.
- ⁵ His glory is great through your help; splendour and majesty you bestow on him.
- ⁶ You bestow on him blessings for ever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- ⁷ For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- ⁸ Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- ⁹ You will make them like a fiery furnace when you appear. The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them.
- ¹⁰ You will destroy their offspring from the earth, and their children from among humankind.
- ¹¹ If they plan evil against you, if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
- ¹² For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- ¹³ Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

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 12:33-37

A Tree and Its Fruit

- ³³ 'Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.
- ³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- ³⁵ The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure.
- ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgement you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter;
- ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.'

CP 111 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement

1 Herald! Sound the note of judgement, warning note of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness, till once more we sing the song.

Refrain: Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

2 Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near. ***Refrain:...***

3 Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children, and to all new life is given. ***Refrain:...***

4 Herald! Sound the note of triumph! Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife. ***Refrain:...***

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7179675 Crown Him

1 Crown Him with many crowns
The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe
Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath
The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us
O crown Him all the earth

2 Crowned by the angel choir
They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height
And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night
Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here
O crown Him all the world

3 Crowned by their royal gifts
Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne
With honors from afar
Behold the Son of God
And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us
O crown Him with your praise

4 Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Ending

Crown Him crown Him crown Him with many
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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..... Irvin and Margaret

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,
 who sent your servant John the Baptist
 to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
 inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
 to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
 that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
 we may stand with confidence before his glory;
 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 100 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,
 speak ye peace: thus saith our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness
 bowed beneath oppression's load;
 speak ye to Jerusalem
 of the peace that waits for them:
 tell her that her sins I cover,
 and her warfare now is over.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
 make the rougher places plain.
 Let your hearts be true and humble
 as befits Messiah's reign.
 For the glory of the Lord
 now o'er earth is shed abroad,
 and all flesh shall see the token
 that God's Word is never broken.

2 Hark! The herald's voice is calling
 in the desert far and near,
 calling us to new repentance
 since the reign of God is here.
 Oh, that warning cry obey!
 Now prepare for Christ a way;
 let the valleys rise to meet him,
 and the hills bow down to greet him.

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.