

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
Epiphany 3**



***“Zechariah, the Prophet”***

Painting by James Tissot, circa 1896-1902

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 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

3 Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

4 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand for ever:  
that name to us is Love.

**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 27:7-14 ***Refrain: Our god is the shelter of all who hope in him.***

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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 1:67-79

<sup>67</sup> Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup> 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,  
 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to  
 prepare his ways,  
 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.  
 78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the  
 way of peace.'

### CP 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:  
 you have spoken— we rejoice:  
 words of love and life and freedom—  
 help us make their truth our choice!  
 Now in holy celebration  
 for your Word we worship you;  
 spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
 ours today to prove anew.

2 May we hear with understanding,  
 by your Spirit taught and led;  
 may the springs of all our being  
 by your living Word be fed;  
 may our hearts accept with meekness  
 all the grace your light makes known;  
 may obedience mark our footsteps  
 till we make each word our own!

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness,  
 ours the wealth of this your Word:  
 debtors, then as living letters,  
 we must make your gospel heard!  
 By your Spirit's power transform us;  
 shed your saving light abroad  
 till our lives by love in action  
 show our world the truth of God!

### Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

#### CCLI 7205247 Jesus Does

1 Who tells the sun to rise every morning  
 Colors the sky with the shades of His glory  
 Wakes us with mercy and love  
 Jesus does

2 Who holds the orphan comforts the widow  
 Cries for injustice feels every sorrow  
 Carries the pain of His children  
 Jesus does

#### *Chorus*

#### *So we sing*

**Praise to the Father who gave us the Son**  
**Praise to the Spirit who's living in us**  
**When I was a sinner He saved me from who**  
**I was**  
**('Cause) that's what Jesus does**

3 Who understands the heart of the sinner  
 Showers His grace over all our mistakes  
 Washes us clean with His blood  
 Jesus does

4 Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness  
 Who stole the keys to hell and the grave  
 Who has the power to save  
 Jesus does

#### *Bridge*

Oh what a Friend  
 Oh what a Savior  
 He's always been good  
 He's always been faithful  
 He came to my rescue  
 When I needed Him most  
 And saved my soul

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..... Ashley..... Emily.....

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,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
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 31 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

1 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,  
then lowly kneeling wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.

3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

4 Grant us thy peace, throughout our earthly life;  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

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.**