

A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Epiphany 2



“...No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed...” Matthew 9:16,17

The imagery of new cloth and old garments communicates the principle of incompatibility.

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 454 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

1 Revive thy work, O Lord,
thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make thy people hear.

2 Revive thy work, O Lord,
disturb this sleep of death;
quicken the smouldering embers now
by thine almighty breath.

3 Revive thy work, O Lord,
create soul-thirst for thee;
and hungering for the bread of life
O may our spirits be.

4 Revive thy work, O Lord,
exalt thy precious Name;
and, by the Holy Ghost sent down,
our love for thee inflame.

5 Revive thy work, O Lord,
and give refreshing showers.
The glory shall be all thine own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.

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 40:6-17 *Refrain: O Lord, make haste to help me.*

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'
⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
¹¹ Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.
¹² For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.
¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
¹⁴ Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire my hurt.
¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'
¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'
¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

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 9:14-17

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?'

¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.'

¹⁶ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made.

¹⁷ Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.'

CP 270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise

1 Lamb of God, to thee we raise
hymns of holy love and praise
for the saint and prophet born
to be herald of the morn.

2 Like the morning star he rose,
thine appearing to disclose;
like an ensign lifted high,
he declared thy kingdom nigh.

3 Filled with grace and sanctity
from his blest nativity,
he, the new Elias, came
bearing zeal's most sacred flame.

4 Kinsman of the King divine,
greatest of the prophet's line,
blest forerunner of the Lord,
who his praises can record?

5 Mighty preacher, by whose word
souls to penitence were stirred
those who long in sin had strayed
then the call divine obeyed.

6 Make us, Lord, like him to be
fearless witnesses for thee;
faithful unto death be found,
and at last by thee be crowned.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7067249 Jesus

1 There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation
Jesus
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us
Jesus Jesus

Chorus 1

Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands
Jesus

2 There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages

He is Jesus Jesus

Bridge

Messiah
My Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name
In Your name

Chorus 2

You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion
You bled as the Lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands
God

Ending

Jesus
There is no one like You Jesus
There is no one like You

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..... and 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

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,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
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 505 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping they presence my light

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty
praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is won;
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.