

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Epiphany 5**



“The Light of the World” (1851-53), by William Holman Hunt (1827-1910)

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 559 Blessed Jesus at Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart,
Help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us,
You must work all Good within us.

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 119:105-112 *Refrain: I will follow your righteous laws.*

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.
¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.
¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.
¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 8:12-30

Jesus the Light of the World

- ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'
¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, 'You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.'
¹⁴ Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.
¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one.
¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.'

¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid.

¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.'

¹⁹ Then they said to him, 'Where is your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.'

²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

Jesus Foretells His Death

²¹ Again he said to them, 'I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.'

²² Then the Jews said, 'Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?''

²³ He said to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.'

²⁵ They said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'Why do I speak to you at all?

²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.'

²⁷ They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

²⁸ So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me.

²⁹ And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.'

³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering --
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp or show:
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7163734 Light of the World

1 Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
 Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
 Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
 Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

2 Light of the World from the beginning
 The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
 From great heights of glory You saw my story
 God You entered in and became one of us

3 Light of the world crown in a manger
 Born for the cross to suffer to save
 High King of Heaven death is the poorer
 We are the richer by the price that He paid

4 Light of the World soon will be coming
 With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
 Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
 And there He shall reign forevermore
 forevermore

Chorus***Sing hallelujah******Sing hallelujah******Sing hallelujah for the things He has done******Come and adore Him******Bow down before Him******Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World***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

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

**Shine, Jesus, shine;
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze:
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow:
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.**

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus...

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus...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.