

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
February 25, 2026  
Lent 1**



***The Lost Sheep***

by British painter Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)  
St. Barnabas Church, Homerton, East London, England, 1898 or 1900

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 619 The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want: he makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be

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 32      *Refrain: You are my hiding place.*

32:1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

32:2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

32:3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

32:6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

32:7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

32:8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

32:9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

32:10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

32:11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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 18:10-14**The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

<sup>10</sup> 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

<sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

<sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

CP 86 More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

More than we can ask or imagine,  
 More than we can ever dare to dream,  
 We are the children of heaven's creation,  
 God's own beloved, each called by name,

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory to God who calls us by name!  
 Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory to God! Glory we sing!

2 More than we will ever imagine,  
 More than we will ever understand.  
 We are sent to walk with compassion,  
 To live out God's love by heart and by hand.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory to God who calls us by name!  
 Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory to God! Glory our song!

3 More than we can ask or imagine,  
 More than we could ever desire;  
 Out of the dust God's building a kingdom,  
 Like wine from the press, like bread from the  
 fire.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory to God who calls us by name!  
 Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory on earth! Glory on high!

Glory! (Glory) Glory (Glory)  
 Glory to God! Glory we cry!  
 Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)  
 Glory on earth! Glory on high!  
 Glory on earth! Glory on high!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1 In the process in the waiting  
 You're making melodies over me  
 And Your presence is the promise  
 For I am a pilgrim on a journey

2 You make my footsteps and my path secure  
 So walking on water is just the beginning  
 Cause my faith to arise stand at attention  
 For You are calling me to greater things

**Chorus**

***You will lift my head above the mighty waves  
 You are able to keep me from stumb'ling  
 And in my weakness  
 You are the strength that comes from within  
 Good Shepherd of my soul  
 Take my hand and lead me on***

**Bridge**

Oh how I love You  
 How I love You  
 You have not forsaken me  
 Oh how I love You  
 How I love You  
 With You is where I want to be

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**

Up hold those who keep watch over the sick. 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,  
 whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are but did not sin,  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves  
 in submission to your Spirit,  
 that as you know our weakness,  
 so we may know your power to save;  
 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 531 You, Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
 who abide in his shadow for life,  
 say to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
 my Rock in whom I trust!'

***Refrain:***

***And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun,  
 and hold you in the palm of His hand.'***

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
 nor the arrow that flies by day;  
 though thousands fall about you,  
 near you it shall not come. ***Refrain:***

4. For to His angels, He's given a command  
 to guard you in all of your ways,  
 upon their hands they will bear you up,  
 lest you dash your foot against a stone. ***Refrain***

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
 and famine will bring you no fear:  
 under His wings your refuge,  
 His faithfulness your shield. ***Refrain:***

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.**