

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
Epiphany 4**



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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 5 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

**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 37:1-17 Refrain: May we come to share in the inheritance of your saints;**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
- <sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
- <sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.
- <sup>12</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous, and gnash their teeth at them;
- <sup>13</sup> but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that their day is coming.
- <sup>14</sup> The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to kill those who walk uprightly;
- <sup>15</sup> their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked.
- <sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

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 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

<sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.'

<sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.'

<sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.'

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.'

<sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.'

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heaven descending:  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
Crucified for our salvation;  
Saving word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness.  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken;  
Heal the world by our sin broken.

4 Word that speaks God's tender love,  
One with God beyond all telling;  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling;  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 3912788 Word of God Speak

1 I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
 And the funny thing is it's okay  
 The last thing I need is to be heard  
 But to hear what You would say

***Chorus***

***Word of God speak***  
***Would You pour down like rain***  
***Washing my eyes to see Your majesty***  
***To be still and know***  
***That You're in this place***  
***Please let me stay and rest***  
***In Your holiness***  
***(Word of God speak)***

2 I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
 Beyond the music beyond the noise  
 All that I need is to be with You  
 And in the quiet hear Your voice

***Ending***

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
 And the funny thing is it's okay

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**

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**

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
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 619 Fairest Lord Jesus**

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou the Godhead's human son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the  
woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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.**