

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 25, 2026, Lent 5**



Digital download of canvas depicting Jesus teaching.

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 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

4 Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

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 143 *Refrain: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.*

¹ Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

² Do not enter into judgement with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

³ For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

⁵ I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.

⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

⁷ Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸ Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹ Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

¹² In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

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 22:23-33

²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying,

²⁴ 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother."

²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother.

²⁶ The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh.

²⁷ Last of all, the woman herself died.

²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.'

²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.

³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God,

³² "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.'

³³ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

CP 384 Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

All ye who hear,

brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:

hast thou not see

how thy entreaties have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,

who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,

biddeth them cease,

turneth their fury to peace, whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,

who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,

sheddeth his light,

chaseth the horrors of night, saints with his mercy surrounding.

6 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

sound from his people again: gladly for aye we adore him.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 5925687 Lord, I Need You

1 Lord I come I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 And without You I fall apart
 You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

***Lord I need You oh I need You
 Ev'ry hour I need You
 My one defense my righteousness
 Oh God how I need You***

2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
 Where grace is found is where You are
 And where You are Lord I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me
 Where You are Lord I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
 Jesus You're my hope and stay
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

***Lord I need You oh I need You
 Ev'ry hour I need You
 My one defense my righteousness
 Oh God how I need You
 My one defense my righteousness
 Oh God how I need 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..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy.

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,
 your Son came into the world
 to free us all from sin and death.
 Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
 that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
 and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
 show the brightness of your face;
 shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
 fill your church with light divine;
 and your saving health extend
 unto earth's remotest end.

3 Let the people praise you, Lord;
 earth shall then its fruits afford,
 God to us all blessings give,
 we to God devoted live;
 all below and all above
 one in joy and light and love.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord;
 be by all that live adored;
 let the nations shout and sing
 glory to their Saviour King;
 at your feet their tribute pay,
 and your holy will obey.

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.