

**A Service of Morning Prayer
March 4, 2026**



Central portion of the painting by Rembrandt of "The Woman Taken in Adultery," 1644
The National Gallery, London, England

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 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5 Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 128 *Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.*

¹ Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

² You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴ Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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 7:53-8:11

⁵³ Then each of them went home,

8 ¹ while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them,

⁴ they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?'

⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'

⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'

¹¹ She said, 'No one, sir. And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
call us still as your disciples --
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melt our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need
until deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7054539 God With Us

1 You are matchless in grace and mercy
 There is nowhere we can hide from Your love
 You are steadfast never-failing
 You are faithful
 All creation is in awe of who You are

2 You're the healer of the sick and the broken
 You are comfort for ev'ry heart that mourns
 Our King and our Savior forever
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Chorus

***(We sing) God with us God for us
 Nothing can come against
 No one can stand between us
 God with us God for us
 Nothing can come against
 No one can stand between us***

3 Your heart it moves with compassion
 There is life there is healing in Your love
 You're the Father the Son the Holy Spirit
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Bridge 1

Where there was death
 You brought life Lord
 Where there was fear You brought courage
 When I was afraid You were with me
 And You're lifting me up
 And You're lifting me up

Bridge 2

And You're lifting me up
 And You're lifting me up
 And You're lifting me up
 And You're lifting me up

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,
 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,
 whose Son was revealed in majesty
 before he suffered death upon the cross,
 give us faith to perceive his glory,
 that being strengthened by his grace
 we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
 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 631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to
share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his
cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in 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.