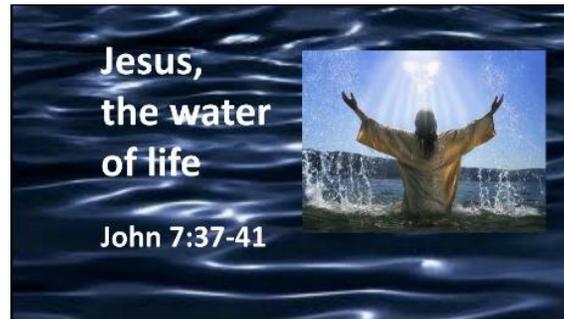


**A Service of Morning Prayer  
March 11, 2026  
Lent 3**



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 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:

you have spoken— we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom—  
help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration  
for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
ours today to prove anew.

2 May we hear with understanding,  
by your Spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being  
by your living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known;  
may obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own!

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the  
wealth of this your Word:  
debtors, then as living letters,  
we must make your gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us;  
shed your saving light abroad  
till our lives by love in action  
show our world the truth of God!

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 81      *Refrain: Incline your ear, O Lord, and save us.*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.  
<sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.  
<sup>4</sup> For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup> He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:  
<sup>6</sup> 'I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.  
<sup>7</sup> In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
<sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!  
<sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
<sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.  
<sup>11</sup> 'But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.  
<sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.  
<sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!  
<sup>14</sup> Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.  
<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last for ever.  
<sup>16</sup> I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

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 7:14-31, 37-39

<sup>14</sup> About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.

<sup>15</sup> The Jews were astonished at it, saying, 'How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?'

<sup>16</sup> Then Jesus answered them, 'My teaching is not mine but his who sent me.

<sup>17</sup> Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own.

<sup>18</sup> Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

<sup>19</sup> 'Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?'

<sup>20</sup> The crowd answered, 'You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?'

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered them, 'I performed one work, and all of you are astonished.

<sup>22</sup> Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath.

<sup>23</sup> If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath?

<sup>24</sup> Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.'

### **Is This the Christ?**

<sup>25</sup> Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill?'

<sup>26</sup> And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah?

<sup>27</sup> Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.'

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him.

<sup>29</sup> I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.'

<sup>30</sup> Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>31</sup> Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, 'When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?'

### **Rivers of Living Water**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

<sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."'

<sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

CP 478 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

1 Almighty God, thy word is cast  
like seed into the ground:  
now let the dew of heaven descend  
and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of righteousness  
this holy seed remove:  
but give it root in every heart,  
to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy;  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,  
thy quickening grace bestow,  
that all whose souls the truth receive  
its saving power may know.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7067249 Jesus

1 There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is One born for our salvation  
Jesus  
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us  
Jesus Jesus

**Chorus 1**

**Who walks on the waters**  
**Who speaks to the sea**  
**Who stands in the fire beside me**  
**He roars like a lion**  
**He bled as the Lamb**  
**He carries my healing in His hands**  
**Jesus**

2 There is a name I call in times of trouble  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that  
rages  
He is Jesus, Jesus

**Bridge**

Messiah  
My Savior  
There is power in Your name  
You're my rock and my Redeemer  
There is power in Your name  
In Your name

**Chorus 2**

**You walk on the waters**  
**You speak to the sea**  
**You stand in the fire beside me**  
**You roar like a lion**  
**You bled as the Lamb**  
**You carry my healing in Your hands**  
**God**

**Ending**

Jesus  
There is no one like You  
Jesus  
There is no one like 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..... and 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,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,  
may we always thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness;

through him 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 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

1 Lord, your word shall guide us  
 and with truth provide us;  
 teach us to receive it  
 and with joy believe it.

2 When our foes are near us,  
 then your word shall cheer us-  
 word of consolation,  
 message of salvation.

3 When the storms distress us  
 and dark clouds oppress us,  
 then your word protects us  
 and its light directs us.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,  
 who recount the treasure  
 by your word imparted  
 to the simple hearted!

5 Word of mercy, giving  
 courage to the living;  
 word of life, supplying  
 comfort to the dying.

6 O that we, discerning  
 its most holy learning,  
 Lord, may love and fear you-  
 evermore be near you!

### 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.**