

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026**



**Jonah and the Sea Monster**  
(Manchester Ink Link)

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 353 My God, How Endless Is Your Love

1 My God, how endless is your love!  
Your gifts are every evening new,  
and morning mercies from above  
gently distil, like earthly dew.

3 I yield my powers to your command;  
to you I consecrate my days:  
perpetual blessings from your hand  
demand perpetual songs of praise.

2 You spread the curtains of the night,  
great Guardian of my sleeping hours;  
your sovereign Word restores the light,  
and quickens all my drowsy powers.

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 114 *Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song.*

<sup>1</sup> When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

<sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

<sup>5</sup> Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

<sup>6</sup> O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

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 12:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.'

<sup>39</sup> But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

<sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was for three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

<sup>41</sup> The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

<sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here!

CP 386 When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of glory died  
 My richest gain I count but loss  
 And pour contempt on all my pride

ee from His head His hands His feet  
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
 Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown

2 Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
 Save in the death of Christ my God  
 All the vain things that charm me most  
 I sacrifice them to His blood

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine  
 That were an offering far too small  
 Love so amazing so divine  
 Demands my soul my life my all.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 3266032 Here I Am to Worship

1 Light of the world  
 You stepped down into darkness  
 Opened my eyes let me see  
 Beauty that made  
 This heart adore You  
 Hope of a life spent with You

2 King of all days  
 Oh so highly exalted  
 Glorious in heaven above  
 Humbly You came  
 To the earth You created  
 All for love's sake became poor

***Chorus***

***So here I am to worship  
 Here I am to bow down  
 Here I am to say that You're my God  
 And You're altogether lovely  
 Altogether worthy  
 Altogether wonderful to me***

***Bridge***

And I'll never know how much it cost  
 To see my sin upon that cross  
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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... Louise A.

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 and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
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 602 Lift High the Cross**Refrain:**

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

1 Come, Christian people sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:  
teach us compassion for each human life.

3 Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:  
let peace be our passport. peace a living dream.

4 Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

5 Worlds to be born and children yet to be,  
come, take up this song into eternity.

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.**