

**A Service of Morning Prayer
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Call of the Sons of Zebedee

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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 384 Praise to the Lord

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 seen
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.

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

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 20:17-28

A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

¹⁷ While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way,

¹⁸ 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death;

¹⁹ then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'

The Request of the Mother of James and John

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him.

²¹ And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.'

²² But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.'

²³ He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,

²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;

²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

CP 487 Where Love and Charity Prevail

1 Where charity and love
There God is ever found
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love we are thus bound

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Him in return

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess
Let us love each other well
In Christian holiness

4 Let strife among us be unknown
Let all contention cease
Be His the glory that we seek
Be ours His holy peace

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
We are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
If honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6399212 O How Good It Is

1 Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

2 Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Interlude

Da da da

3 Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

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..... Sandra 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

O God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 by the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
 and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
 through 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 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in every age,
 beset by change but Spirit led,
 must claim and test its heritage
 and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
 the victims of injustice cry
 for shelter and for bread to eat,
 and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
 a caring church that longs to be
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
 and clothed in Christ's humanity,

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
 can cure the fever in our blood,
 and teach us how to share our bread
 and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
 in full obedience to our Lord:
 to care for all, without reserve,
 and spread his liberating word.

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.