

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, Easter 6**



Jesus Depicting Leadership

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 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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

¹ The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

² your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

⁵ Your decrees are very sure holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

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 16:16-24

¹⁶ 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.'

¹⁷ Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?''

¹⁸ They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.'

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"?''

²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.

²¹ When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world.

²² So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

²³ On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

CP 84 Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
alleluia,
Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 2693118 Christ Above Me

Chorus

**Christ above me Christ beside me
Christ within me ever guiding
Christ behind me Christ before
Christ my love my life my Lord**

1 Bread of life from heaven
Lover of my soul
Peace of God so ever present
I surrender my control to

2 Mercy everlasting
Tenderness divine
Word of God so ever healing
I surrender heart and mind to

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 and Emilio..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and
 Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy and family.....Sandra A.....Louise B...

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

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

Merciful God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 riches beyond imagination.
 Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
 that we, loving you above all things,
 may obtain your promises,
 which exceed all that we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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 56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

1 I am the bread, the bread of Life;
 who comes to me will never hunger.
 I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
 who feeds on me will never die.
 And as you eat, remember me,
 my body broken on the tree:
 my life was given to set you free,
 and I'm alive for evermore.

2 I am the vine, the living vine;
 apart from me you can do nothing.
 I am the vine, the real vine:
 abide in me and I in you.
 And as you drink, remember me,
 my blood was shed upon the tree:
 my life was given to set you free,
 and I'm alive for evermore.

3 So eat this bread and drink this wine,
 and as you do, receive this life of mine.
 All that I am, I give to you,
 that you may live for evermore.

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.