

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, July 1, 2026**



**“The Judgement Day” by Aaron Douglas 1939**

Aaron Douglas was an African-American painter, illustrator and visual arts educator.

In 1944, he concluded his art career by founding the Art Department at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. He taught visual art classes at Fisk until his retirement in 1966.

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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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 47 *Refrain: For the Lord Most High is awesome.*

- <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- <sup>2</sup> For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- <sup>7</sup> For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
- <sup>8</sup> God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
 For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

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 11:20-24

- <sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent.
- <sup>21</sup> 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
- <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
- <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
- <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.'

CP505 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping they presence my light

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty  
praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is won;  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's  
Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 4779872 Holy Spirit

1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

2 Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

3 Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

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: Merle, Irene, Mary, Tony and MaryJean, 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, Arthur and Joy, Pauline, Jorge and Janine and Baby Emilio, Michael S, Larry, Christena, Elsie, Irvin and Margaret, Ashley, Emily, Zaldy and Family, Sandra A, Louise B, Melody Louise A. Justine, and Deardre.

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,  
 you have taught us through your Son  
 that love fulfils the law.  
 May we love you with all our heart,  
 all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,  
 and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 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 560 God Whose Almighty Word

1 God whose almighty Word  
 chaos and darkness heart,  
 and took their flight;  
 hear us, we humbly pray,  
 and where the gospel day  
 sheds not its glorious ray,  
 let there be light!

2 Saviour, who came to bring  
 on your redeeming wing  
 healing and sight,  
 health to the sick in mind,  
 sight to the inly blind:  
 now for all humankind  
 let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,  
 lifegiving holy Dove,  
 speed on your flight!  
 Move on the water's face  
 bearing the lamp of grace,  
 and in earth's darkest place  
 let there be light!

4 Gracious and holy Three,  
 glorious Trinity,  
 wisdom, love, might,  
 boundless as ocean's tide  
 rolling in fullest pride  
 through the world far and wide  
 let there be light!

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.**