

A Service of Morning Prayer Wednesday, August 19, 2026



Christ and the Centurion

Painting by Paolo Veronese (1528-1588) in the Toledo Museum of Art

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 449 For All Your Blessings

1 For all your blessings,
Jesus, we praise you,
gracious in mercy,
strong to console.
You to our need bring
comfort and healing,
love and forgiveness,
making us whole.

2 Daily around us,
pain and confusion
crumble our feeble
faith into dust.
Yet still we find your
love in the darkness,
changing our anxious
thoughts into trust.

3 We carry with us
into your presence
prisoners of sickness,
sadness and fear;
grant them to know your
peace in their sufferings
and new life flowing,
for you are near.

4 Grant us, your servants,
grace to work with you,
that in your loving
task we may share
mind's understanding,
hands skilled for healing,
hearts of compassion,
join in love's care.

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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
 more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord
 there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
 from all its iniquities.

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 8:1-13

⁸ When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him;
² and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.'
³ He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
⁴ Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

⁵ When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him

⁶ and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.'

⁷ And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.'

⁸ The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.'

⁹ For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.'

¹⁰ When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.'

¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

¹² while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

CP 454 Revive Thy Work O Lord

1 Revive thy work, O Lord,
thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make thy people hear.

2 Revive thy work, O Lord,
disturb this sleep of death;
quicken the smouldering embers now
by thine almighty breath.

3 Revive thy work, O Lord,
create soul-thirst for thee;
and hungering for the bread of life
O may our spirits be.

4 Revive thy work, O Lord,
exalt thy precious Name;
and, by the Holy Ghost sent down,
our love for thee inflame.

5 Revive thy work, O Lord,
and give refreshing showers.
The glory shall be all thine own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7168994 Hymn of Heaven

1 How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

***There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord***

2 And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

3 And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

***So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord***

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.....
 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..... Pauline.....Jorges and
 Janine and little Emilio Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Louise
 B.....Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy..... Louise A..... Sandra
 A..... Justine..... Deardre..... June..... Fran.....

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

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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 523 We Sing to You, Oh God

1 We sing to You O God
 The Rock who gave us birth
 Let our rejoicing sing Your name
 In all the earth
 To You O God let songs be raised
 In joyful hymns our feast of praise

2 We wandered far from home
 Out in a desert land
 You shielded with Your love
 Our fearful pilgrim band
 You kept us safe within
 Your arms and sheltered us
 Against the storm

3 You bear us through the world
 An eagle to her young
 Who rises on her wings and
 Bears us toward the sun
 We ride the vaults of light
 And air and trust in Your unfailing care

4 O God eternal God
 We hide within Your wings
 The everlasting arms to whom
 Our praises ring
 Your Word is true
 Your way is just
 You are the God in whom we trust

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.