

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, August 26, 2026**



The Magdalen Anointing Christ's Feet c.1720-30

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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 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard, and too 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.

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 8 *Refrain: We thank you, Lord, for your works are wonderful.*

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 26:6-13

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,

⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, 'Why this waste?

⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.'

¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, 'Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me.

¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹

¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial.

¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

CP 629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Lord I believe Thy precious blood
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead
For me e'en for my soul was shed

2 Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

4 Lord I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore
Thou hast for all a ransom paid
For all a full atonement made Amen

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7067212 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

1 O soul my soul are you weary and troubled
No night so dark that our eyes cannot see
There's light so bright as we look to our
Saviour
Life more abundant and free
Life more abundant and free

2 God our God You are with us in darkness
Your Word Your light is leading us on
Our hearts can hear You Heavenly Father
Calling us all to Your Son
Calling us all to Your Son

Chorus
(For we) Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Bridge
We turn our eyes to You
Beholding all
Your beauty
You are holy

Ending
We turn our eyes to You
We turn our eyes to You

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

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,
 we are taught by your word
 that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
 Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
 that most excellent gift of love,
 the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
 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 514 Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

1 Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy Wisdom, love most bright;
 drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
 Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,
 striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

2 Though the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings,
 where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
 Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure,
 Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

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.