

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, October 7, 2026**



With Passover Approaching, Jesus Goes Up to Jerusalem, 1886-1894

Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove by James Tissot (French, 1836-1902)

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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 37 We'll Sing in the Morning

1 We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
and here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
co-heirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.

2. We'll sing in the noon-time a song of redemption,
how Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;
how, when we were sick, in our sin you released us
to laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

3 We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
of rivers that gladden the city of God;
and when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,
you'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

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 119:49-56 *Refrain: Sing with joy to God our strength.*

- ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.
⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.
⁵¹ The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.
⁵² When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O Lord.
⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.
⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.
⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.
⁵⁶ This blessing has fallen to me, for I have kept your precepts.

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 11:45-57

- ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.
⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done.
⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, 'What are we to do? This man is performing many signs.
⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.'

- ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, 'You know nothing at all!
- ⁵⁰ You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.'
- ⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation,
- ⁵² and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God.
- ⁵³ So from that day on they planned to put him to death.
- ⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.
- ⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.
- ⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, 'What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?'
- ⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

CP 527 How Firm A Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
in laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through the deep waters I call thee to
go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to
shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7025522 Trust in You

1 Letting go of every single dream
 I lay each one down at Your feet
 Every moment of my wondering
 Never changes what You see

2 I've tried to win this war I confess
 My hands are weary I need Your rest
 Mighty warrior King of the fight
 No matter what I face You're by my side

Chorus

***When You don't move the mountains
 I'm needing You to move
 When You don't part the waters
 I wish I could walk through
 When You don't give the answers
 As I cry out to You
 I will trust I will trust
 I will trust in You***

3 Truth is You know what tomorrow brings
 There's not a day ahead You have not seen
 So in all things be my life and breath
 I want what You want Lord and nothing less

Bridge

You are my strength and comfort
 You are my steady hand
 You are my firm foundation
 The Rock on which I stand
 Your ways are always higher
 Your plans are always good
 There's not a place where I'll go
 You've not already stood

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..... David
 Kathy..... Joy..... Pauline.....Jorges and family Michael Larry.....
 Christena..... Elsie..... Louise B.....Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily.....
 Zaldy and family..... Louise A..... Sandra A..... Justine..... Deardre..... Fran.....
 June.....

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,
 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 built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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.