

A Service of Evening Prayer
April 12, 2022
Tuesday of Holy Week



Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and
 where I am, there shall my servant be also. *John 12.26*

CP 201 People Draw Near To God in Their Distress

1 People draw near to God in their distress,
 pleading for help and begging peace and bread,
 rescue from guilt and sickness, nearly dead.
 Christian or not, all come in helplessness.

2 People draw near when they see God's distress:
 find God rejected, homeless, without bread,
 burdened with sin and weakness, nearly dead.
 Christians reach out to meet God's wretchedness.

3 And God draws near to people in distress,
 feeding their souls and bodies with his bread;
 Christian or not, for both he's hanging dead,
 forgiving, from the cross, their wickedness.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**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.**

Psalm 71:1-14

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.
- ⁷ I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.
- ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.
- ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.
- ¹⁰ For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.
- ¹¹ They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver."
- ¹² O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!
- ¹³ Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.
- ¹⁴ But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

A Reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.
- ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."
- ⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—
- ⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 12:20-36

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

³⁴ The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.

³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7121147 Arms Of Grace

1 Come for He is waiting
His hands of kindness welcome us home
Come to the arms of grace
He has never left you and He never will

2 Run as He runs to you
In this holy moment when love overcomes
Now all sin forgiven
We will join with heaven salvation's song

Chorus

Come as you are

He is calling

Bring your battle scars

He'll embrace them

Come as you are

To the arms of grace

To the arms of grace

Bridge

Through Him all sin forgiven

Through Him all burdens lifted

The name we'll sing forever Jesus

We're no longer orphaned

The doors of heaven opened

The name we'll sing forever Jesus

Tag

Come as you are

To the arms of grace

To the arms of grace

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.**

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

O God,
 by the passion of your blessed Son,
 you made an instrument of shameful death
 to be for us the means of life.
 May our lives be so transformed by his passion
 that we may witness to his grace;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 196 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon
thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is
offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath
suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay
thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

The Dismissal

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Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.