

A Service of Morning Prayer Wednesday, January 18, 2023



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Welcome:

Hymn: CP 447 Lord We Hear Your Word with Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken— we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the
wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

2 May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

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 49 *Refrain: I will remember the works of the Lord.*

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² both low and high, rich and poor together.
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.
⁸ For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,
⁹ that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.
¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling-places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.
¹³ Such is the fate of the foolhardy, the end of those who are pleased with their lot.
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; straight to the grave they descend, and their form shall waste away; Sheol shall be their home.
¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.
¹⁶ Do not be afraid when some become rich, when the wealth of their houses increases.
¹⁷ For when they die they will carry nothing away; their wealth will not go down after them.
¹⁸ Though in their lifetime they count themselves happy - for you are praised when you do well for yourself—
¹⁹ they will go to the company of their ancestors, who will never again see the light.
²⁰ Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

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 5:19-29

- ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.
²⁰ The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished.

²¹ Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes.

²² The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son,

²³ so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him.

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself;

²⁷ and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

²⁹ and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

Hymn: CCLI 7157113 Jesus Over Everything

1 He came from glory

Took on flesh to save the lost

Grace and mercy displayed upon the cross

Our redemption He's the hope for all
mankind

One name over everything

One name over everything

Chorus

Jesus over everything

He reigns forevermore

Our song for all eternity

Jesus Christ is Lord

2 Who can rival our resurrected King

In one moment He brought death to its
knees

All the power and all authority

To one name over everything

One name over everything

Bridge

Over fear over shame

Over all anxiety

Over troubles and all pain

Over sickness and disease

For He reigns on the throne

All praise to Him alone

One name over everything

Over death and all sin

Over hell over the grave

Darkness bows and demons flee

At the mention of His name

For He reigns on the throne

All praise to Him alone

One name over everything

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:

Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Tony and Mary
 Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda..... Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan.....
 Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the
 family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Wayne and Roald

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.

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,
 your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 is the light of the world.
 May your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
 to the ends of the earth;
 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.**

Hymn: CP 352 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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.