

A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Epiphany 6



The Good Shepherd
 by American artist Greg Olsen (1958 -)

Welcome:

CP 519 The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green; He leadeth me
 The quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
 And me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 Even for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark
 vale,
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 And staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished
 In presence of my foes;
 My head thou dost with oil anoint,
 And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
 Shall surely follow me;
 And in God's house forevermore,
 My dwelling place shall be.

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 119:121-144 *Refrain:* Sing to the Lord a new song.

- 121 I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
122 Guarantee your servant's well-being; do not let the godless oppress me.
123 My eyes fail from watching for your salvation, and for the fulfilment of your righteous promise.
124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.
125 I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your decrees.
126 It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken.
127 Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.
128 Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.
129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
131 With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom towards those who love your name.
133 Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.
137 You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgements are right.
138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
139 My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
144 Your decrees are righteous for ever; give me understanding that I may live.

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 10:1-18

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

CP 86 More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

1 More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we can ever dare to dream,
We are the children of heaven's creation,
God's own beloved, each called by name,

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory we sing!

2 More than we will ever imagine,
More than we will ever understand.
We are sent to walk with compassion,
To live out God's love by heart and by hand.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory our song!

3 More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we could ever desire;
Out of the dust God's building a kingdom,
Like wine from the press, like bread from the
fire.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!

Glory! (Glory) Glory (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!
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Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7003305 Shepherd

1 In the process in the waiting
You're making melodies over me
And Your presence is the promise
For I am a pilgrim on a journey

Chorus

***You will lift my head above the mighty
waves
You are able to keep me from stumb'ling
And in my weakness
You are the strength that comes from
within
Good Shepherd of my soul
Take my hand and lead me on***

2 You make my footsteps and my path secure
So walking on water is just the beginning
Cause my faith to arise stand at attention
For You are calling me to greater things

Bridge

Oh how I love You
How I love You
You have not forsaken me
Oh how I love You
How I love You
With You is where I want to be

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 Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill.....
 Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke.....
 Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary.....
 Roald..... and Sandy

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

Up hold those who keep watch over the sick. 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 and everliving God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
 and restored them to wholeness of life,
 look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
 and by your power make whole all peoples and nations;
 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 531 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 who abide in his shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom
 I trust!'

Refrain

***And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of His hand.'***

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
 and famine will bring you no fear:
 under His wings your refuge,
 His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain...

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
 nor the arrow that flies by day;
 though thousands fall about you,
 near you it shall not come.

Refrain...

4 For to His angels, He's given a command
 to guard you in all of your ways,
 upon their hands they will bear you up,
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain...

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.