

A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Lent 1



Jesus Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law
 painting by Evelyn Stuart Hardy 1866-1935

Welcome:

CP 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same:
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 53 *Refrain:* The Lord is close to all who call him.

¹ Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good.

² God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³ They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

⁵ There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, or God has rejected them.

⁶ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:29-45

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door.

³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.'

³⁸ He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.'

³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'

⁴¹ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'

⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,

⁴⁴ saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'

⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
call us still as your disciples --
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melt our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need
until deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7054539 God With Us

1 You are matchless in grace and mercy
There is nowhere we can hide from Your love
You are steadfast never-failing
You are faithful
All creation is in awe of who You are

2 You're the healer of the sick and the broken
You are comfort for ev'ry heart that mourns
Our King and our Savior forever
For eternity we will sing of all You've done
For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Chorus

*(We sing) God with us God for us
Nothing can come against
No one can stand between us
God with us God for us
Nothing can come against
No one can stand between us*

3 Your heart it moves with compassion
There is life there is healing in Your love
You're the Father the Son the Holy Spirit
For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Bridge

Where there was death
You brought life Lord
Where there was fear You brought courage
When I was afraid You were with me
And You're lifting me up
And You're lifting me up

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And You're lifting me up
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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, Chrissie, Cathy and family, Diane, Janelle, Rosemary, Roald, Sandy and Luci.

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 God,
 whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
 give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in submission to your Spirit,
 that as you know our weakness,
 so we may know your power to save;
 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 631 The Kingdom Of God Is Justice And Joy

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
 for Jesus restores what sin would destroy,
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
 and here and hereafter the kingdom shall
 grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
 the captives are freed, and sinners find place,
 The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to
 share,
 and hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and
 choice:
 believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 His love for us sinners brought Christ to his
 cross,
 our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the
 goal,
 in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole,
 The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his
 call,
 and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.

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.