

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
Lent 5**



**Painting of Jesus with children by  
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Welcome:

CP 542 Out of the Depths

1 Out of the depths I turn to you on high; Lord, hear my call.  
Bend down your ear and listen to my cry, forgiving all.  
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?  
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.

2 I wait for you, I trust your holy word; you hear my sighs.  
My soul still waits and looks unto you, Lord; my prayers arise.  
I look for you to drive away my night  
yes, more than those who watch for morning light.

3 Hope in the Lord: unfailing is God's love; trust and confide.  
Mercy and full redemption from above does grace provide.  
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,  
God's saving arm will all the saints redeem.

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 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### 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 10:1-16

<sup>1</sup> He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?'

<sup>3</sup> He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?'

<sup>4</sup> They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.'

<sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.

<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female."

- <sup>7</sup> “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,  
<sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’  
<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.  
<sup>11</sup> He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;  
<sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’  
<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.  
<sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.  
<sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’  
<sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

### CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

<p>1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.          Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.          Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.</p>	<p>3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.          Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.          Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.          Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.</p>
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2 Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
 Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.  
 Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
 From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 26368 Lord, Be Glorified

<p>1 In my life Lord          Be glorified be glorified          In my life Lord          Be glorified today</p>	<p>3 In Your church Lord          Be glorified be glorified          In Your church Lord          Be glorified today</p>	<p>5 In my home Lord          Be glorified be glorified          In my home Lord          Be glorified today</p>
<p>2 In my song Lord          Be glorified be glorified          In my song Lord          Be glorified today</p>	<p>4 In my heart Lord          Be glorified be glorified          In my heart Lord          Be glorified today</p>	

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, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Lisa, Marijke, Christie, 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,  
 your Son came into the world  
 to free us all from sin and death.  
 Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
 and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,  
 with heart and hands and voices,  
 who wondrous things hath done,  
 in whom this world rejoices;  
 who from our mother's arms  
 hath blessed us on our way  
 with countless gifts of love,  
 and still is ours today.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
 eternal now be given,  
 to Spirit and to Word,  
 who reign in highest heaven:  
 our ever faithful God,  
 whom earth and heaven adore;  
 for thus it was, is now,  
 and shall be evermore.

2 O may this bounteous God  
 through all our life be near us,  
 with ever joyful hearts  
 and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 and nourish us with grace,  
 and guide us when perplexed,  
 and free us from all ills  
 in this world and the next.

### 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.**