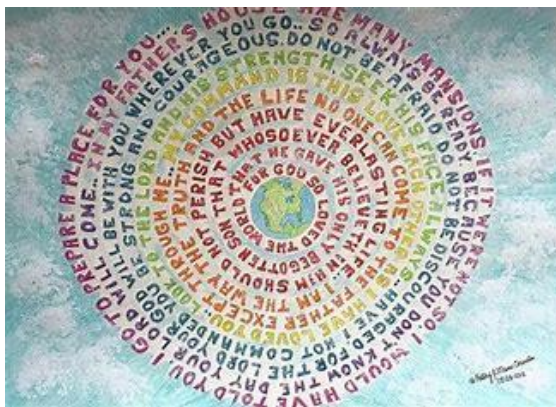


A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Easter II



“For God So Loved The World,” a painting by Kathy Marrs Chandler, 2018.

Welcome:

CP 353 My God, How Endless is Your Love

1 My God, how endless is your love!

Your gifts are every evening new,
and morning mercies from above
gently distil, like earthly dew.

3 I yield my powers to your command;
to you I consecrate my days:
perpetual blessings from your hand
demand perpetual songs of praise.

2 You spread the curtains of the night,
great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
your sovereign Word restores the light,
and quickens all my drowsy powers.

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 34:1-8 *Refrain:* The Lord is kind and merciful.

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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 3:16-21

- ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
- ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.
- ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.
- ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

CP 386 When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 3266032 Here I Am to Worship

1 Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

***So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

2 King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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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..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa.....
 Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle.....
 Rosemary..... Roald..... Sandy..... 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,
 Befriend all who are anxious, lonely, despondent, or afraid. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart.
 We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Give rest to the weary and hold the dying in your loving arms. 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 and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive 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 602 Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

1 Come, Christian people, sing your praises,
shout!

If we are silent, even stones cry out. *Refrain*

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life. *Refrain*

3 Peace was your plea, and peace your loving
theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.
Refrain

4 Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God. *Refrain*

5 Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity. *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.