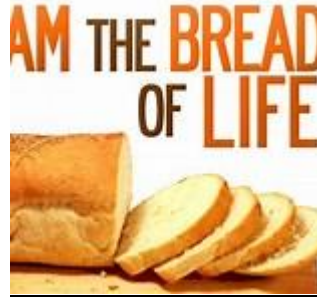


**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Easter III**



Welcome:

CP 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

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 66:1-6 *Refrain* I will call upon the name of the Lord.

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

³ Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.'

⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced 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 6:35-40

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

CP 84 Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
 first begotten from the dead,
 thou alone, our strong defender,
 liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia,
 Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
 here in loving reverence bow;
 here for faith's discernment pray we,
 lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia,
 thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
 as of old in Bethlehem,
 here as there thine angels hail thee,
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia,
 we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
 once for all when thou wast slain,
 in its fullness undiminished
 shall forevermore remain, alleluia,
 Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
 stricken Rock with streaming side,
 heaven and earth with loud hosanna
 worship thee, the Lamb who died, alleluia,
 risen, ascended, glorified!

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 2693118 Christ Above Me**Chorus**

***Christ above me Christ beside me
 Christ within me ever guiding
 Christ behind me Christ before
 Christ my love my life my Lord***

2 Mercy everlasting
 Tenderness divine
 Word of God so ever healing
 I surrender heart and mind to

1 Bread of life from heaven
 Lover of my soul
 Peace of God so ever present
 I surrender my control to

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
Family...Diane...Janelle...Roald...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

O God,
 your Son made himself known to his disciples
 in the breaking of bread.
 Open the eyes of our faith,
 that we may see him in his redeeming work,
 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 56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

1 I am the bread, the bread of Life;
 who comes to me will never hunger.
 I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
 who feeds on me will never die.
 And as you eat, remember me,
 my body broken on the tree:
 my life was given to set you free,
 and I'm alive for evermore.

2 I am the vine, the living vine;
 apart from me you can do nothing.
 I am the vine, the real vine:
 abide in me and I in you.
 And as you drink, remember me,
 my blood was shed upon the tree:
 my life was given to set you free,
 and I'm alive for evermore.

3 So eat this bread and drink this wine,
 and as you do, receive this life of mine.
 All that I am, I give to you,
 that you may live for evermore.

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.