

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
Fifth Week of Easter**



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee is a 1633 oil-on-canvas painting by the Dutch Golden Age painter Rembrandt van Rijn. It was previously in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston but was stolen in 1990

Welcome:

CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

3 Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

2 For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.

4 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

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 119:73-96

- ⁷³ Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
- ⁷⁴ Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.
- ⁷⁵ I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right, and that in faithfulness you have humbled me.
- ⁷⁶ Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.
- ⁷⁷ Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸ Let the arrogant be put to shame, because they have subverted me with guile; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
- ⁷⁹ Let those who fear you turn to me, so that they may know your decrees.
- ⁸⁰ May my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.
- ⁸¹ My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word.
- ⁸² My eyes fail with watching for your promise; I ask, 'When will you comfort me?'
- ⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
- ⁸⁴ How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?
- ⁸⁵ The arrogant have dug pitfalls for me; they flout your law.
- ⁸⁶ All your commandments are enduring; I am persecuted without cause; help me!
- ⁸⁷ They have almost made an end of me on earth; but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- ⁸⁸ In your steadfast love spare my life, so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.
- ⁸⁹ The Lord exists for ever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.
- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- ⁹¹ By your appointment they stand today, for all things are your servants.
- ⁹² If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my misery.
- ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.
- ⁹⁵ The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your decrees.
- ⁹⁶ I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 8:16-25

¹⁶ 'No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.

¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light.

¹⁸ Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.'

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd.

²⁰ And he was told, 'Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.'

²¹ But he said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.'

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out,

²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

CP 414 God of the Sparrows

1 God of the sparrow
 God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake
 God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save

3 God of the rainbow
 God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks

4 God of the hungry
 God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbour
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

Meditation: – The Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 6428767 Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

1 You call me out upon the waters
 The great unknown where feet may fail
 And there I find You in the mystery
 In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

***And I will call upon Your name
 And keep my eyes above the waves
 When oceans rise
 My soul will rest in Your embrace
 For I am Yours and You are mine***

2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters
 Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
 Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
 You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude

Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without
 borders
 Let me walk upon the waters
 Wherever You would call me
 Take me deeper than my feet could ever
 wander
 And my faith will be made stronger
 In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
 Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2

***I will call upon Your name
 Keep my eyes above the waves
 My soul will rest in Your embrace
 I am Yours and You are mine***

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..... Roald.....
 Luci.....Barry W.

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,

Hear and have mercy

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 Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
 Give us grace to love one another
 and walk in the way of his commandments,
 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 533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
 while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
 Hide me O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
 Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
 false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
 let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pur within.
 Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
 spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

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.