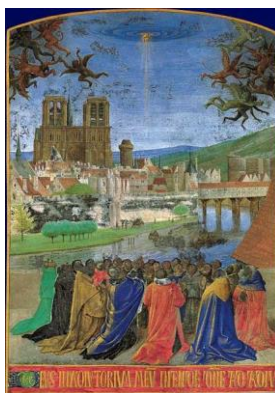


**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Seventh Week of Easter p.344**



Right Hand of God Protecting the Faithful against the Demons
Jean Fouquet ~1440--1480
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Welcome:

CP 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

1 Lord, your word shall guide us
and with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it.

3 When the storms distress us
and the dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us.

5 Word of mercy giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

2 When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us-
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simplehearted?

6 O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you-
evermore be near you!

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 119:121-144 *Refrain:* Behold I come to do your will, O God.

- 121 I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
 122 Guarantee your servant's well-being; do not let the godless oppress me.
 123 My eyes fail from watching for your salvation, and for the fulfilment of your righteous promise.
 124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.
 125 I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your decrees.
 126 It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken.
 127 Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.
 128 Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.
 129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
 130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
 131 With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom towards those who love your name.
 133 Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
 134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
 135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
 136 My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.
 137 You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgements are right.
 138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
 139 My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
 140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
 141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.
 143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
 144 Your decrees are righteous for ever; give me understanding that I may live.

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 10:17-24

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!'

¹⁸ He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

²¹ At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²² All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

²³ Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!

²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

CP 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong;
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined;
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 5272914 You Have Shown Us

1 You have shown us O God what is good
 You have shown us O Lord what You require
 You have heard all our songs
 How we long to worship You
 Yet You've told us the off'ring You desire

Chorus 1

***To do justly and to love mercy
 And to walk humbly with You God
 You said to do justly and to love mercy
 And to walk humbly with You God***

2 You have shown us the riches of Your love
 You have shown us Your heart for those in
 need
 Lord You're opening our ears
 To the cries of the poor
 You have called us to be Your hands and feet

Bridge

To the oppressed and the broken
 To the widow and the orphan
 Let the river of Your justice flow through us
 (REPEAT)

Chorus 2

***To do justly and to love mercy
 And to walk humbly with You God
 You said to do justly and to love mercy
 And to walk humbly with You God
 To do justly and to love mercy
 And to walk humbly with You God***

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: Reg, Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Helen, Tony and Mary Jean, Bill, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Lisa, Marijke, Chrissie, Diane, Janelle, Roald, Luci, Barry W. and Sandy.

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, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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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 586 Rise Up, O Saints of God

1 Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 with nobler zeal might burn.

2 Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 as heirs of God's baptismal grace
 the word of hope proclaim.

3 Rise up, O saints of God!
 The kingdom's task embrace;
 redress sin's cruel consequence;
 give justice larger place.

4 Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek
 the paths which Christ has trod,
 and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
 rise up, O saints of God.

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.