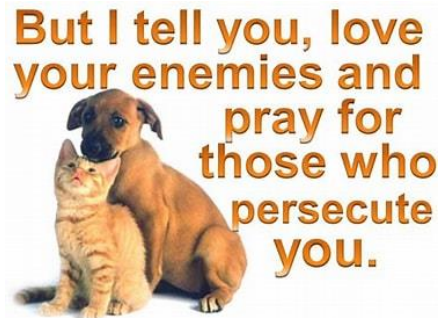


**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
Fourth Week of Easter**



Welcome:

CP 384 Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

6 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

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 119:49-72

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.
⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.
⁵¹ The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.
⁵² When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O Lord.
⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.
⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.
⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law.
⁵⁶ This blessing has fallen to me, for I have kept your precepts.
⁵⁷ The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.
⁵⁸ I implore your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.
⁵⁹ When I think of your ways, I turn my feet to your decrees;
⁶⁰ I hurry and do not delay to keep your commandments.
⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.
⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous ordinances.
⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.
⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes.
⁶⁵ You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word.
⁶⁶ Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.
⁶⁷ Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word.
⁶⁸ You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.
⁶⁹ The arrogant smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
⁷⁰ Their hearts are fat and gross, but I delight in your law.
⁷¹ It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes.
⁷² The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

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 6:27-38

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

CP 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love
There God is ever found
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love we are thus bound

4 Let strife among us be unknown
Let all contention cease
Be His the glory that we seek
Be ours His holy peace

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Him in return

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
We are in him made one.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess
Let us love each other well
In Christian holiness

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
If honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Meditation: – The Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 6399212 Oh How Good It Is

1 Oh how good it is
 When the family of God
 Dwells together in spirit
 In faith and unity
 Where the bonds of peace
 Of acceptance and love
 Are the fruit of His presence
 Here among us

Chorus

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
 And with one heart we'll live out His word
 Till the whole earth sees
 The Redeemer has come
 For He dwells in the presence of His people***

2 Oh how good it is
 On this journey we share
 To rejoice with the happy
 And weep with those who mourn
 For the weak find strength
 The afflicted find grace
 When we offer the blessing
 Of belonging

Interlude

Da da da

3 Oh how good it is
 To embrace His command
 To prefer one another
 Forgive as He forgives
 When we live as one
 We all share in the love
 Of the Son with the Father
 And the Spirit

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

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

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

O God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 by the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
 and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
 through 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 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity,

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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.