

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Season after Pentecost

June 3, 2026



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together;

People: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

People: the stones around us would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM 46 (*read in unison*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

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the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Leader: ...The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

[1 Timothy 4:1-16](#)

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[Matthew 12:43-50](#)

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

One: Let us pray...

From deep within our being we call upon you, God,
for through you all can be made whole.

(pause)

Hear us as we raise to heaven our concerns for the people of earth.
We pray for those who cry out in physical pain or who suffer silently
and who long for the healing that human hands alone cannot offer...

(pause)

We pray for those who suffer mental anguish, who worry, feel anxiety, fear the future,
who at night cry, 'I wish to God it were morning,'
and in the morning cry, 'I wish to God it were night'...

(pause)

We pray for those who mourn, who grieve the loss of love or of a loved one,
and for those who know within themselves,
or see in others a loss of ability...

a loss of choice or independence or a dimming of the light...

(pause)

We pray for communities in which people deal with disaster or terror,
hunger or poverty, not knowing how or when their misery will end....

(pause)

In silence we remember those who are victimized because of who they are...

We remember all who are abused, abandoned or degraded...

And remember others in our minds, whose deepest needs may be known to
God alone, we commend them to the affirming and restoring grace of God.

(pause)

Loving Jesus, your hands are strong to hold and heal,
to wipe away tears and protect in danger. So, hear our prayers.

All: Amen.

One: Now, grateful that we are free to unite in prayer, we pray in words Jesus taught his friends:

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;*

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil;

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSES AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: God to enfold us,

All: God to surround us.

One: God in our sleeping,

All: God in our waking.

One: God in our watching,

All: God in our hoping.

One: God on our lips,

All: God in our lives. Amen.

One: Now, may God the Creator who made heaven and earth -

All: bless us with creativity and wonder.

One: May Jesus who walked through fields and cities -

All: bless us with kind hands and listening ears.

One: May the Holy Spirit who is around us and within us -

All: bless us with courage to be caring and just.

One: May we work and walk in the strong love of the Trinity all our nights and days.

All: Amen.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)



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