

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**



Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn 1606-1669
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He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.

CP 381 Praise, My Soul

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

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.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

147:1 Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

147:2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

147:3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

147:4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

147:6 The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

147:8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

147:9 He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

147:10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

147:11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

147:20c Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Isaiah 40:21-31

40:21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

40:22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

40:23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

40:24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

40:25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

40:27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

40:29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

40:30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

40:31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 531 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!'

Refrain:
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.'

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain:
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.'

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold
you in the palm of His hand.'

4. For to His angels, He's given a
command
to guard you in all of your ways,
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold
you in the palm of His hand.'

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

9:16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

9:17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

9:18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

9:19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

9:21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

9:22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

9:23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 290 O Thou Whose Power

1 O Thou whose power o'er moving worlds presides,
whose voice created, and whose wisdom guides,
on darkened souls in pure effulgence shine,
and cheer the clouded mind with light divine.

2 'Tis thine alone to calm the pious breast
with silent confidence and holy rest.
From thee, great God, we spring, to thee we tend --
path, motive, guide, original, and end.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:29-39

1:29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

1:31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

1:32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

1:33 And the whole city was gathered around the door.

1:34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

1:35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

1:36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

1:37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

1:38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

1:39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

Special Music

CP 5376377 YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE

1. Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still
(REPEAT)

Chorus
And You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of
death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

2. You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

Chorus
And You alone can rescue
You alone can save

You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of
death
To You alone belongs the highest praise
To You alone belongs the highest praise

Bridge
We lift up our eyes
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life

Chorus
And You alone can rescue
You alone can save
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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.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Jesus travelled through Galilee preaching and healing and showing compassion to those in need. As God comes today to those for whom we pray, let us offer our prayers to God, saying, in your mercy, Lord hear us.

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for the church:

- For the Anglican Church of Burundi
- For the Diocese of Moosonee: the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario);
- For the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop.
- For St. Mary, Ponoka: René Faille, Interim Priest; Treena Hanger, Secretary.
- For the Buyé Hospital Chaplaincy: Daniel Bizimana, Chaplain.
- For our brothers and sisters of the Alexander First Nation.
- For our Diocese of Edmonton and our Bishop, Jane.
- For our own Parish of St. Peter's and the community we serve beyond our walls, our clergy, vestry, wardens and all who faithfully serve you.

That we may bring God's word of life to all, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for our congregation:

Especially those who miss the gift of gathering together, that we may grow into the mystery of God's life among us and in us, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for the world:

For all leaders of every political party, that they will embrace a willingness and desire to co-operate for the well being and health of all, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for our community:

- that hospitals and nursing homes may be equipped to deal with our sick and dying;
- that resources be found to provide for the hungry, the homeless, the addicted, the oppressed, and the lost;
- that the young people may be encouraged to do better for this world than we have and that they may be blessed with joy and compassion for each other;
- that grocery store workers, transit workers, delivery people, restaurant workers, and all business owners and workers may be appreciated and realize how valuable they are to their communities; in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for all those in the healing professions:

that those who search for cures and those who attend the sick may be strengthened for their tasks, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for the sick and the dying:

-for Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim and Par, Kathryn, Joan, and Trevor, and all others needing our prayers may know the healing power of God;

- for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Ellis, whose earthly journey is now complete and who has gone home, and that those whose journey is nearing completion may not die alone, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray for those who mourn:

that all who grieve the coming of death may come to know life in the mercy and compassion of God, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Compassionate Father, it has been a long while since we have been able to gather as one body in your presence to worship you in fellowship and community. We long for the time that we can gather again in our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and for patience, not only for ourselves, but for all worshipping communities, so that when the time is right, we can open our doors and once again, carefully and with the safety of all in our minds and hearts, come together again in love and fellowship.

Until that time, we thank you for the many opportunities you have granted us to worship in different ways and we ask that you make us always mindful that the church is not the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us, in your mercy,

Lord, hear us.

Into your mercy, O God, we commend all the world, trusting in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Collect

**Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

1662745 WINGS OF AN EAGLE

1. As we hope in the Lord we will gain our strength
 We will run for miles we will stand up straight
 We will not grow weary we will not grow faint
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise.
 (Repeat)

Chorus
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise
 For our hope is found in the power of God
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise.
 (interlude sung on "Na na na")

2. For the Lord who is God calls His people home
 Not to be afraid as we journey the road
 Hand in hand we'll be walking with the Lord our God
 On the wings of an eagle we will rise.

3. As we hope in the Lord we will gain our strength
 We will run for miles we will stand up straight
 We will not grow weary we will not grow faint
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The Dismissal

He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.
 Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
 May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness
 working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the
 glory for ever and ever, Amen.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**