

A Service of Morning Prayer
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All are Welcome

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

Alleluia!

○ Come, let us worship.

Psalm 66:8-20

Response: The Lord is risen Indeed, alleluia!

66:8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

66:9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

66:10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

66:11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

66:12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

66:13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

66:14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

66:15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

66:16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

66:17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

66:18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

66:19 But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

66:20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

A reading from Acts 17:22-31

17:22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

17:23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

17:26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

17:27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

17:28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

17:29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

17:30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

To God be the Glory

To God be the glory who great things has done!
God so love the world, freely sending the Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear
God's voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son.
And give God the glory, who great things has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
That when the offender, repenting, believes
Through Jesus' a atonement, God's pardon receives

Refrain

Great things God has taught us, great things God has
done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

Refrain

A reading from 1 Peter 3:13-22

3:13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

3:14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

3:15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

3:16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

3:17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

3:19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

3:20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

3:21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood!'

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay:
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
you, the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou, within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim,
in the eucharistic feast.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John 14:15-21

14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

14:17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

14:18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

14:19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

14:20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

14:21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

A Living Prayer- Alison Krauss

In this world I walk alone with no place to call my home

But there's one who holds my hand the rugged road
through barren lands

The way is dark the road is steep but he's become my eyes
to see

The strength to climb my griefs to bear the Saviour lives
inside me there

In your love I find release, a haven from my unbelief

Take my life and let me be a living prayer my God to Thee.

In these trials of life I find another voice inside my mind

He comforts me and bids me live inside the love the Father
gives

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's 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 - compiled by Beth-Anne Exham

For our intercessions today we will use Litany #15.

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory.

We pray that our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the
Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

We pray that isolated and persecuted churches may find strength in the Easter Gospel; And for the Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Revd. Moses Nagjun Yoo – Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon; For the Diocese of Fredericton, the Rt. Rev. David Edwards, Bishop; For Jane, our Bishop and for the clergy on a leave of absence in the

Diocese of Edmonton and the Ministry Team for our St. Peter's family, especially for our clergy Heather and Alison

In the Diocese of Buye we pray for the Bible School: Daniel Bizimana, Director; and Alfred Uwimanihayе, Teacher. And for the people of the Louis Bull First Nation. let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, and for those affected by the Corona virus and any others in need especially for those for whom our prayers are requested; Debra Andrews, Merle Olson, Stephen and Nancy Hallford, Mona, Diane T., Nicole B., Kathleen K., Lois W., Roddy, Tim and family, David, Kevin Andrews, Jared, Heinz Auschrat, Ray Hayden, Iain and Evelyn Mondea that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus his name ! Let Angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the Royal diadem and Crown him.

Crown him, Crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God Incarnate life divine and Crown him

Crown him, Crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget the Wormwood and
the gull, go spread your trophies at his feet and Crown him

Crown him, Crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe delivered from the fall, to
Christ the Majesty ascribe and Crown him

Crown him, Crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

Oh that with heaven's sacred throng we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song and Crown him

Crown him, Crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

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.

Alleluia!