

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee, painted 1695
Ludolf Backhuysen, ca.1630-1708
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN, USA

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people!
Luke 7.16

CP 380 O Worship the King

1 O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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 107:1-3, 23-32 *Refrain:: God shall be our guide for evermore.*

107:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

107:3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

107:23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

107:24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

107:25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

107:26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

107:27 they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

107:28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

107:29 he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

107:30 Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

107:31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

107:32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

7:1a Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

17:4 And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

17:5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

17:6 He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.

17:7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

17:8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

17:10 And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together."

17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

17:19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

17:20 David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

17:21 Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army.

17:22 David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers.

17:23 As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

17:32 David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

17:33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

17:34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock,

17:35 I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.

17:36 Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God."

17:37 David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

17:38 Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.

17:39 David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.

17:40 Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

17:41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

17:42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.

17:43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

17:44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field."

17:45 But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

17:46 This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

17:47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

17:48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

17:49 David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 352 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

6:1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

6:2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

6:3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

6:4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

6:5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

6:6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,

6:7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

6:8 in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

6:9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;

6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

6:11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

6:12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

6:13 In return--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 567 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm restrains the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed bounds to keep;
We cry, O God of majesty,
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at your word,
Who walked across the surging deep,
And in the storm lay calm in sleep;
We cry, O Lord of Galilee,
For those in peril on the sea.

3 Creator Spirit, by whose breath
Were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
who made the stormy chaos cease
and gave us life and light and peace:
We cry, O spirit strong and free,
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
Preserve their lives in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, flood and flame,
Protect them by your holy name,
And to your glory let them be
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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 4:35-41

4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

4:36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

4:37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

4:38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

4:39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

4:40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

4:41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1. There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation, Jesus
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us
Jesus, Jesus

Chorus

***Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands,
Jesus***

Bridge

Messiah, my Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name
In Your name

Final Chorus

***You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion
You bled as the Lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands
Jesus, There is no one like You
Jesus, There is no one like You***

2. There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that ages
He is Jesus, Jesus ***Chorus...***

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 led and compiled by Lesley Lambert

We thank you today for the opportunity to come together to worship you and we ask you to be with us while we pray. Help us to be still for a little while and allow you to enter our hearts as we offer our humble supplications to you in the sure knowledge that you will hear us with loving care and true compassion.

We pray today for all those who are suffering or troubled in mind, body or spirit and for those who care for them in the home, the hospital or the community. We are so grateful for caregivers and the many groups who care for the lonely, the homeless, those who have lost jobs, the hungry and those whose lives are dominated by addictions. During this year of the pandemic, resources of groups and individuals have been stretched so vastly. Let all who are afflicted in any way feel the warmth of your love which is present as we rise, as we go about our day, and as we sleep at night.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested: Deb, Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois W, Ray and Mary, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce; Jim and Par; Kathryn; Trevor; Helen; Jenifer; Judy; Tony; Luisa; Joseph, Jen and Hunter, Stacey and Evelyn and Willis, and Lois D.

We also pray for those who have departed this earthly life, especially Carey Sushynski and Diane Van Leeuwen and we ask your comfort to those who mourn their loss. We pray today for the 215 souls of the little children whose earthly remains have just been discovered in Kamloops that they can now be recognized by us all as they have always been recognized individually by

you. We lift up in prayer these sacred lives and the lives of all those who have suffered in residential schools or waited for a child who did not return, asking that you cherish them and give them peace. Let us never turn away from painful truths but ever actively seek for justice, recognition and equality.

Guide all leaders of the world to pursue a fair and just society and grant your loving protection to Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig imprisoned in China.

We pray for our families and for our parish family of St. Peter's and our ministry team, Heather and Alison. We thank you for the gifts of their presence and the gift of our musician Nadine, who brings the joy of music into our homes every week.

We pray for your church throughout the world:

- The Church of North India;
- The Diocese of the Arctic: the Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, the Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, the Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, Suffragan Bishops.
- Indigenous Ministry: Travis Enright, Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministry; Fiona Brownlee, Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison; Lori Calkins, Indigenous Birth Support Ministry;
- Fred Matthews, Lay reader-in-charge, Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake.
- Buyé Diocese, All Saints' Cathedral: Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Dean; and Alfred Uwimanihayé, Rector.
- Ermineskin Cree Nation.

We pray for the search committee, dedicated to the search for a new bishop and hope for a smooth transition in the Episcopal election for the Diocese of Edmonton; and all Synod delegates as they prayerfully consider the candidates called to let their names stand for Bishop. Guide all delegates and candidates with your wisdom and grace and be with us as we meet to choose our new shepherd.

Today we also give thanks for the work of the seven parishes of the Westmount Christian Council, including St. Peter's, and the outreach they provide to the local community

Compassionate Father, it has been a 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 together at our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and 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, for ever and ever, Amen

Collect

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever.

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 552 My Heart Looks in Faith

1 My heart looks in faith to the Lamb divine;
His precious blood flows down for these sins
of mine.

3 My heart looks in love to Jesus my friend;
He does my soul strengthen and my life
defend.

2 My heart looks in hope to the Son of God;
He saves me, he leads me on the road he
trod.

4 Faith and hope and love, all to Christ I give;
His servant I will be so long as I live.

The Dismissal

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7:16*

**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.