

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for June 6, 2021
Second Sunday after Pentecost**



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The ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself. *John 12.31, 32*

CCP 559 Blessed Jesus at Your Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us,
You must work all Good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
Open lips and ears and heart,
Help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

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 138 *Refrain: In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge.*

138:1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

138:2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

138:3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

138:4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

138:5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

138:6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

138:8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 8:4-11,(12-15), 16-20,(11:14-15)

8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

8:5 and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."

8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD,

8:7 and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them."

8:8 Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

8:9 Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

8:10 So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.

8:11 He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;

8:12 and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

8:13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

8:14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers.

8:15 He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.

8:16 He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.

8:17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

8:18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

8:19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us,

8:20 so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

11:14 Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship."

11:15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 613 We Lay Our Broken World

1 We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war, and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

2 Where human life seems less
than profit, might, and pride:
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

3 We bring our broken hopes
for lives of dignity;
workless and overworked you love,
and call us to be free.

4 We bring our broken loves,
friends parted families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

5 We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

6 Come fill us, Fire of God,
our life and strength renew;
find in us love and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

4:13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture--"I believed, and so I spoke" --we also believe, and so we speak,

4:14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

4:15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

4:16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

4:18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 585 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

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 3:20-35

3:20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

3:21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

3:23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

3:24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

3:25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

3:26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

3:27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

3:28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;

3:29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--

3:30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

3:31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

3:32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

3:33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

3:34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

3:35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

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1. God of creation
There at the start before the beginning of
time
With no point of reference
You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

2. God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain no syllable empty or
void
For once You have spoken

Chorus 1
And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapour of Your breath the planets
form
If the stars were made to worship so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've
made
Every burning star a signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I
All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

Chorus 2

**And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures catch Your
breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You say
Every painted sky a canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I**

Bridge

**If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I
For if everything exists to lift You high so will I
If the wind goes where You send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times**

3. God of salvation

**You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created the light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die**

Chorus 3

**And as You speak
A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it
here
If You left the grave behind You so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've
done
Every part designed in a work of art called
love
If You gladly chose surrender so will I
I can see Your heart eight billion different
ways
Every precious one a child You died to
save
If You gave Your life to love them so will I
Like You would again a hundred billion
times
But what measure could amount to Your
desire
You're the One who never leaves the one
behind**

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 The Rev. Alison Westervelt

Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit saying, Lord Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the church:

- for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- for the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada: the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Archbishop;
- the Examining chaplains, theological students, and postulants for ordination;
- the Buyé Diocese, Kirima Parish: Etienne Kajek-arem-erwa, Rector;
- for our brothers and sisters of the Cold Lake First Nations.
- We pray for the search committee, dedicated to the search for a new bishop and for a smooth transition.
- For our Diocese of Edmonton, our Dean, Alex Meek, and all who are doing the work of the Diocese as we search for a new Bishop;
- for our parish of St. Peter's, her clergy, musicians, wardens, and vestry and all who are answering the call to minister to the community;

That in our prayer we may stand ready, as the Lord wills, to carry out and accomplish the very prayer that we utter, Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the world and her leaders:

For those who bear the responsibility of government in every nation, that they may build on the rock of justice, equality, and truth. Move them to be quick to own when an injustice has been done and quick to do all in their power to correct those injustices and make amends, Lord hears us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those in need:

For all in our community, locally, provincially, and nationally, who cry out because of injustice, oppression, illness or isolation. We bring before you those who have asked for prayers:

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, Lois D., those known to you alone and those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.....

We pray for healing of our indigenous brothers and sisters who are grieving the loss of their precious children. We ask for your guidance and wisdom as we commit to working towards true and meaningful reconciliation. Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died:

For those who have completed their earthly work and have been called home; Rev. Lorna Howell, Barbara Gustafson, and Carey Sushynski, that they may be welcomed into the community of saints with joy and love, and we pray for their loved ones who are left behind to mourn them that they may find comfort in the knowledge that you are always with them. Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously 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 just the building where worship happens, but the church lives in us as you live in us. Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Collect

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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 31 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

<p>1 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise. We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, then lowly kneeling wait thy word of peace.</p>	<p>3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; turn thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to thee.</p>
<p>2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; with thee began, with thee shall end the day. Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.</p>	<p>4 Grant us thy peace, throughout our earthly life; our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife. Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.</p>

The Dismissal

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

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.