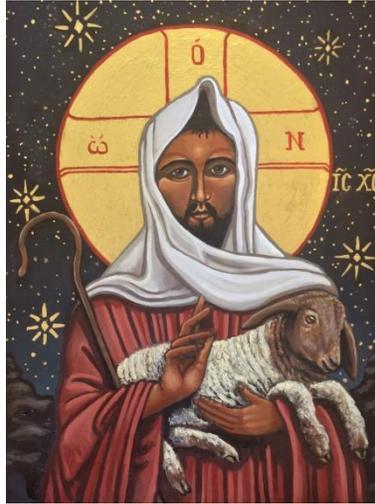


**A Service of Morning Prayer
for July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



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My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *John 10:27*

CP 523 We Sing To You, O God

1. We sing to You O God
The Rock who gave us birth
Let our rejoicing sing Your name
In all the earth
To You O God let songs be raised
In joyful hymns our feast of praise

2. We wandered far from home
Out in a desert land
You shielded with Your love
Our fearful pilgrim band
You kept us safe within
Your arms and sheltered us
Against the storm

3. You bear us through the world
An eagle to her young
Who rises on her wings and
Bears us toward the sun
We ride the vaults of light
And air and trust in Your unfailing care

4. O God eternal God
We hide within Your wings
The everlasting arms to whom
Our praises ring
Your Word is true
Your way is just
You are the God in whom we trust

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 89:20-37 *Refrain: God looks down from heaven upon us all.*

89:20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;
 89:21 my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
 89:22 The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
 89:23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
 89:24 My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
 89:25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
 89:26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'
 89:27 I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
 89:28 Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.
 89:29 I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.
 89:30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,
 89:31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
 89:32 then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;
 89:33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.
 89:34 I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
 89:35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.
 89:36 His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.
 89:37 It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."

A Reading from 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

7:1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,
 7:2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
 7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."
 7:4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:
 7:5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

7:6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

7:7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

7:8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel;

7:9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

7:10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,

7:11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

7:14a I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.

A Reading from Ephesians 2:11-22

2:11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--

2:12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

2:15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

2:17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

2:18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

2:20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

2:21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

2:22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 469 Sing Praises Old and New

1 Sing praises old and new,
past and present join in one.
Old covenants renew:
new commitments have begun.
God's soaring purpose spans
all ages, lives and lands.
Christ's open, wounded hands
past and present join in one.

2 Word, from the heart of God,
costly, unexpected grace;
Love, making all things good,
Light of all the human race;
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast,
shining in Israel's past,
raising the least and last:
costly, unexpected grace!

3 Great Spirit, make us wise,
doors of promise open wide.
Through evil's deadly lies
truth and goodness set aside,
faith never stands alone,
hope rolls away the stone,
love makes your presence known,
doors of promise open wide.

4 People of hope, be strong!
Love is making all things new.
Lift our united song,
show what faith can dream and do!
Come, Presence ever near,
revive us, year by year.
Sing through our joy and fear,
"Love is making all things new!"

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 6:30-34, 53-56

6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

6:31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

6:32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

6:33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

6:34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

6:54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

6:55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

6:56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt**CCLI 4675732 Orphans of God**

1. Who here among us has not been broken

Who here among us is without guilt or pain
So oft abandoned by our transgressions
If such a thing as grace exists
Then grace was made for lives like this

Chorus

***There are no strangers
There are no outcasts
There are no orphans of God
So many fallen but hallelujah
There are no orphans of God***

2. Come ye unwanted and find affection
Come all ye weary come and lay down
your head

Come ye unworthy You are my brother
If such a thing as grace exists
Then grace was made for lives like this

Chorus...

Bridge

Oh blessed Father look down upon us
We are Your children we need Your love
We run before Your throne of mercy
And seek Your face to rise above

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 pray today for a world that faces so many challenges as countries try to emerge safely from the clutches of coronavirus, and for all those lives have been lost or irreparably damaged by its ravages. We offer prayers for those countries that are still waiting for vaccines to arrive and be distributed. Watch over them and all the aid workers who go to the poorest and most troubled countries in order to offer help and support.

We pray today for the country and people of Afghanistan who are so afraid now that friends are leaving their country. Grant them safety and peace in these very difficult times in the life of their country.

Also in our prayers are the people of Germany who are enduring the worst flooding in living memory and the rescue services who are placing themselves in such danger to try to evacuate the populace.

Here in Canada we offer prayers for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by the wildfires, remembering most particularly the people of Lytton, B.C. who saw their town engulfed within minutes. We ask you to watch over all those who have lost loved ones, homes and businesses and also be with those who work so hard to preserve lives and homes against the flames. Be with them every hour in these challenging days.

We pray for your holy church throughout the world: The Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; the Diocese of Caledonia, and the Rt. Rev. David Lehman, Bishop: The Regional Deans of the Diocese of Edmonton: Jonathon Crane, Colleen Sanderson, Heather Liddell, Tim

Chesterton and Christopher Cook.: Murama Parish in the Buye Diocese and its rector, Evariste Nsabimana and the Montana First Nation. We ask your blessing on our parish home of St. Peter's and our ministers, Heather and Alison, and our musician Nadine.

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 offer to your protection and care all those for whom the finding of unmarked graves at the sites of residential schools have been deeply distressing and bring back such very traumatic memories Our words can never amply express our horror and our deep shame that this happened in this country and to its First Peoples. We ask you to keep the souls of the little ones recently discovered close to you who knows them all by name and cherishes them. May we actively seek to right past wrongs and strive towards a just and fair country.

We offer prayer today for those for whom our prayers have been requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois W., Nicole, Ray and Mary, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jim and Par, Kathryn, Trevor, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony, Luisa, Joseph, Jen and Hunter, Lois D., Stacey, Marguerite and Evelyn and Willis. We commend to you the soul Of Rev. Richard Conrad, and ask your comfort to those who mourn his earthly loss.

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

Almighty God,
 your Son has opened for us
 a new and living way into your presence.
 Give us pure hearts and constant wills
 to worship you in spirit and in truth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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 482 Come and Journey With a Saviour

1. Come and journey with a Saviour
 who has called us from our birth,
 who has washed us in the waters,
 and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

***Come and journey, come and journey
 with a Saviour who has come.
 We are all God's sons and daughters;
 in the Spirit we are one.***

2. Come and journey, journey inward,
 come and seek him deep within,
 where he meets us in our living,
 in our striving and our sin. ***Refrain...***

3. Come and journey, journey outward,
 telling others of his name,
 telling others of his glory,
 of his cross and of the shame. ***Refrain...***

4. Come and journey, journey outward,
 where that cross calls us to care,
 where injustice and where hunger
 and the poor call us to share. ***Refrain...***

5. Come and journey, journey upward.
 Sing his praises, offer prayer.
 In the storm and in the stillness
 find his presence everywhere. ***Refrain...***

6. Come and journey, journey onward;
 all our gifts we now shall bring
 to the building of a city
 that is holy, Christ its King. ***Refrain...***

The Dismissal

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *John 10:27*

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.