

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



Healing of the Lame Man

commissioned from Raphael (1483-1520) by Pope Leo X in 1515, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK.
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

Luke 4.18

CP 534 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

1 Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross,
joined in love we stand.
As we seek the realm of God,
we unite to pray:
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps
for you are the way.

2 Many are the tongues we speak,
scattered are the lands;
yet our hearts are one in God,
one in love's demands.
Even in darkness hope appears,
calling age and youth;
Jesus, Teacher, dwell with us,
for you are the truth.

3 Nature's secrets open wide,
changes never cease;
where, O where, can weary souls
find the source of peace?
Unto all those sore distressed,
torn by endless strife,
Jesus, Healer, bring your balm,
for you are the life.

4 Grant, O God, an age renewed,
filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray.
Send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power
needed in our strife:
Jesus, Master, be our way,
be our truth our life.

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 123

123:1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

123:2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

123:3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

123:4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

A Reading from Ezekiel 2:1-5

2:1 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.

2:2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

2:3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.

2:4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."

2:5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering --
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp or show:
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

12:2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--
whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.

12:3 And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know;
God knows--

12:4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is
permitted to repeat.

12:5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my
weaknesses.

12:6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from
it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,

12:7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me
from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment
me, to keep me from being too elated.

12:8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,

12:9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in
weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ
may dwell in me.

12:10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 361 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

1. Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his savings help is near.

2. So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

3. Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
Tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
All his works God's might proclaim.

4. Zion, lift your voice in singing;
For with you has come to dwell,
In your very midst,
The Great and Holy One of Israel

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 6:1-13

6:1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

6:2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

6:4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

6:5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

6:6 And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

6:7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

6:8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

6:9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

6:10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

6:11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

6:12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

6:13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 3350395 In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

Dear friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for the church throughout the world and here at home:

- In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
- In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Brandon and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. William Cliff and the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Assisting Bishop.
- In the Diocese of Edmonton we pray for Stephen, our bishop elect; the Social Support Ministries: Inner City Pastoral Ministry: Quinn Strikwerda, Chaplain; Michelle Nieviadomy, Oskâpêwis; the Canterbury Court Foundation: Joanne Webster, Spiritual Care Chaplain; the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative: Mike Van Boom, Interfaith Network Animator;

E4C: Barb Spencer, Chief Executive Officer; the Greater Edmonton Alliance: Gary Savard, Organizer; Our House Addiction Recovery Centre: Mark MacKenzie, Executive Director; Aaron Parsall-Myler, Chaplain.

- In the Buyé Diocese, we pray for the Nyamabuye Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector.

- We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Kehewin Cree Nation.

- We pray for this parish: For our clergy, Heather and Alison; our music ministry, Nadine; and all those that use the gifts that you have given them to help us be the church of St. Peter's. We thank you for those who continue to support the parish financially. We pray that you will draw us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another, help us trust in challenging times, free us from fear, and give us courage to continue to build your kingdom. That we may always be open to the immense generosity of God's love and pass it on to others who are searching for healing and peace, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the gift of peace:

We pray that in all places of conflict, that you will help us open new pathways to ending violence among nations, within our nation, in our communities and in our homes, so that there will be safety, freedom and justice for everyone. We pray for wisdom and compassion for all the political leaders. We ask, Lord, that you will help us to recognize that we are all your precious children, no matter the colour of our skin, the language that we speak, the church we worship in, the clothes that we wear, the culture we practice, or who we love. The loss or mistreatment of any of our brothers or sisters because of hatred, misinformed and misdirected good intentions, or any other form of injustice should create in all of us a determination to fight for the freedom, justice, acceptance, understanding and reconciliation for us all. Help us to find the right words, the right path of bridging the gaps that separate us. You created us all in your image, all of us. Help us to remember that, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For places of inclusion and wholeness: we pray for all people who are incapacitated by age, disability, mental illness, poverty, or illiteracy, that they may be respected as persons and receive the care they need, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For health and wellbeing: we pray for the healing of minds and hearts, that the healing touch of Jesus will restore us and give us new hope. We are thankful for research workers who developed vaccines, for our tax dollars that fund the research, and for everyone involved in the distribution and administering of vaccines. We are thankful for all medical personnel and support staff who have worked so hard to keep us safe and healthy, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the people of Lytton, who have been displaced after a [fire](#) destroyed much of the community. O God, you are our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble. Have mercy on all the lands and communities devastated by fires, and especially the people of the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations in the Territory of the People, BC. Have mercy on those who have lost homes and livelihoods. Protect those who have had to evacuate. Bless and keep safe all firefighters. And strengthen those who seek to rebuild hope that all may face the future without fear, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are in need of prayers: we pray for those we know who are in the hospital or ill at home, remembering especially, Sandra; Merle; Mona; Nicole; Lois W; 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, and for others we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts, those known to you alone, and all who are dedicated to giving the loving care required, that they may know your compassion and love, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially, Diane Van Leeuwen, and the Rev. Richard Conrad that they may sing your praises without ceasing for all eternity. We pray for the beautiful souls of those young children whose bodies have been recently discovered. We pray for the families who have felt the loss for so long. We pray that they are all embraced in their Creator's loving arms and no longer feel the pain of separation. We pray that a concerted effort will be made to discover all the lost children and that the wisdom of our indigenous brothers and sisters will help us to learn a better way to be a true family of God and lead us into reconciliation with the Indigenous people of this land.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Mother, 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, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Generous and life-giving God, whose Son became poor for our sake, hear our prayers, and let all who draw near to you be healed and strengthened to serve you in the power of the Spirit that dwells among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but 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,
or ever and ever. Amen.

CP 618 Glorious in Majesty

1. Glorious in majesty, holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Saviour and our King,
born a man, yet God of Old, let us all adore him.
Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.

Refrain:

***Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus,
Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.***

2. Victory he won for us, freeing us from
darkness,
dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, yet he is
among us.
We are the body, he the head.

Refrain...

3. One in love, as family, living with each
other,
gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so,
soon he is returning, taking us back with
him to reign.

Refrain...

The Dismissal

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.
Luke 4.18

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.