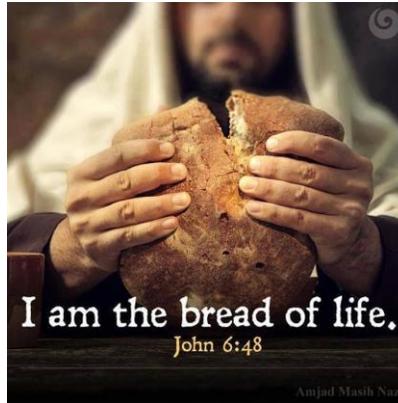


**A Service of Morning Prayer
for August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord. *John 6:56*

CP 310 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory.

2 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.

3 Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud my praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body take your part:
to God all praise and glory.

4 Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God the praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.

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 111 *Response:* Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

111:1 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

111:2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

111:3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

111:4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

111:5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

111:6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

111:7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

111:8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

111:9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

A Reading from 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

2:10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.

2:11 The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

2:12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3:3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.

3:4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

3:5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

3:6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

3:7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

3:8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

3:9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

3:10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

3:11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

3:12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

3:13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you.

3:14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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!"

A Reading from Ephesians 5:15-20

5:15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

5:16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

5:17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

5:18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,

5:19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

5:20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 548 Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard

**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
What you have ready for those who love
you.
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of
Jesus,
teach us your wisdom, O Lord.**

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Refrain...

2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

Refrain...

3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
You, Lord, are ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor
and lowly of the world.

Refrain...

4. We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Refrain...

The Gospel

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 6:51-58

6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

6:52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

6:53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

6:54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;

6:55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

6:56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

6:57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 5003372 Behold The Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings
us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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 is experiencing multiple challenges and we ask that You will guide our leaders as they consider our collective future. May they choose wisely how we try to emerge as safely as possible from the clutches of a pandemic. Help them also to be mindful of our beautiful planet Earth that has sustained us all so richly through the generations, and give them the desire to act swiftly to help nature recover from our lack of careful attention. May we seek to preserve its beauty for those to come and be good stewards of your bounty. We remember today all those in Canada and throughout the world who are experiencing fires, floods and all extreme weather events and we commend them to your care and protection.

We thank you for the many blessings we have in this country of Canada and ask your forgiveness for the times we have not treated all who live here with equality and kindness, remembering our own First Nations people who have endured so much hardship at the hands of those who followed them in their land. Help our leaders strive to right past wrongs with actions that come from a real desire to do what is only just and right. Grant to other leaders of the world this same desire for justice and protect with your steadfast love Michael Spavor, our fellow Canadian who has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term in China. Protect the people of Afghanistan whose lives are being torn apart by violence, and let our leaders seek to do their part to assist some of those who flee conflict and seek sanctuary in our country.

We ask your loving care towards all those afflicted in mind, body or spirit, for the addicted, the homeless and the hungry of our city. We remember those for whom our prayers have been requested today: 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, Stacy, Marguerite, Evelyn and Willis and Carla. Be with them as they rise in the morning and as they rest at night and grant them the peace of your presence.

We pray today for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; the Diocese Of Edmonton and all its lay people and their various ministries; the Buye Diocese, Kabanga Parish and Lazar Rudende, rector; Whitefish Lake First Nation; our parish family of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison and our musician, Nadine; our wardens, vestry, treasurer and envelope secretary and all those who ensure the work of your church continues, even during the pandemic, through your love and grace. We give thanks for

friendships old and new, for all those whom we love and for the opportunity to serve you in this life and try to follow the example of your most precious son, our dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

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,
 you have broken the tyranny of sin
 and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
 Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
 that all people may know the glorious liberty
 of the children of God;
 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 517 O God, Your Constant Care and Love

1. O God, your constant care and love
are shed upon us from above,
throughout our lives in every stage,
from infancy to later age.

2. We thank you, Lord, for dreams of
youth,
for wisdom leading on to truth,
for memories gathered through the years,
and faith that grows from joy to tears.

3. All time is yours, O Lord, to give;
may we, in all the years we live,
find every day of life is new,
a celebration, Lord, with you.

4. Let not the passing of the years
rob us of joy, nor cause us fears,
and give us faith, O Lord, that we
may live with you, eternally.

The Dismissal

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord. *John 6:56*

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.