

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for August 8, 2021  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**



I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. *John 6.51*

**CP 349 All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

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| <p>1. All people that on earth do dwell,<br/>sing to the Lord with cheerful voice<br/>Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;<br/>come ye before him and rejoice</p> | <p>3. O enter then his gates with praise;<br/>approach with joy his courts unto;<br/>Praise, laud, and bless his name always,<br/>for it is seemly so to do.</p> |
| <p>2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;<br/>without our aid he did us make<br/>We are his folk, he doth us feed,<br/>and for his sheep he doth us take.</p>               | <p>4. For why, the Lord our God is good;<br/>his mercy is for evermore sure<br/>His truth at all times firmly stood,<br/>and shall from age to age endure.</p>   |

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 130**

*Refrain: Do not hide your face from me.*

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

**A Reading from 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

18:5 The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

18:6 So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.

18:7 The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.

18:8 The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

18:9 Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

18:15 And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

18:31 Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you."

18:32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

18:33 The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**I Feel the Winds of God Today**

1. I feel the winds of God today  
 Today my sail I lift  
 Though heavy oft with drenching spray  
 And torn with many a rift  
 If hope would light the water's crest  
 And Christ my bark will use  
 I'll seek the seas at His behest  
 And brave another cruise

3. If ever I forget Thy love  
 Or how that love was shown  
 Lift high the blood-red flag above  
 It bears Thy name alone  
 Great Pilot of my onward way  
 Thou will not let me drift  
 I feel the winds of God today  
 Today my sail I lift

2. It is the wind of God that dries  
 My vain regretful tears  
 Until with braver thoughts shall rise  
 The purer brighter years  
 If cast on shores of selfish ease  
 Or pleasure I should be  
 Lord let me feel Your freshening breeze  
 And I'll set back to sea

**A Reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

4:25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

4:26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

4:27 and do not make room for the devil.

4:28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

4:29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

4:31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,

4:32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,

5:2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 6:35, 41-51**

6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

6:41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

6:42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

6:43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves.

6:44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

6:45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

6:46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

6:47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

6:48 I am the bread of life.

6:49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

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."

The Gospel of Christ, **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell**CCLI 5060793 Desert Song**

1. This is my prayer in the desert  
 When all that's within me feels dry  
 This is my prayer in the hunger and need  
 My God is a God who provides

2. And this is my prayer in the fire  
 In weakness or trial or pain  
 There is a faith proved  
 Of more worth than gold  
 So refine me Lord through the flames

***Chorus***

***And I will bring praise  
 I will bring praise  
 No weapon forged against me shall  
 remain  
 I will rejoice, I will declare  
 God is my victory and He is here***

3. And this is my prayer in the battle  
 And triumph is still on it's way  
 I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
 So firm on His promise I'll stand

***Chorus...***

4. All of my life  
 In every season  
 You are still God  
 I have a reason to sing  
 I have a reason to worship

***Chorus....***

And this is my prayer in the harvest  
 When favor and providence flow  
 I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
 The seed I've received I will sow.

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 Autumn Reinhardt-Simpson

Let us pray together for our parish, the wider church, and the world:

We pray for all of those in authority, that they might understand the privilege of their position and seek good counsel.

We pray for the worldwide church, especially the Church of South India

We ask God to bless our primate Linda and Steven, our bishop-elect.

We hold in prayer The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and their bishop, the Right Rev. Sam

We pray and give thanks for the Lay Readers and Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton

We humbly ask that God bless Kayanza (St. Martin) parish, in the diocese of Buyé, their rector, Amos

We pray and give thanks for the people of Treaty Six, especially the Samson Cree Nation.

We give thanks for all ministries at St. Peter's, especially the Covid Committee who is hard at work determining the safest time and means for us to worship together in person.

We hold in prayer our friends and members of our community, including 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, Evelyn and Willis, Carla, and the Nagy Family.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Diane Van Leeuwen, the Rev. Richard Conrad, and Jackie Nagy.

We are taught that God is among us whenever two or three are gathered in Her name. Even though we are not physically together at this time, we trust that we still have God's presence among us and therefore we have the confidence to ask:

### **Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who cannot receive a vaccine for health reasons, that they be surrounded and protected by vaccinated friends and family, let us pray to the Lord:

### **Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who have tested positive with the Delta variant and for those struggling with anxiety as the variant surges, we pray to the Lord:

### **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the people of India who are enduring ongoing unrest due to government-sponsored xenophobia, nationalism, and religious extremism, we pray to the Lord:

### **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the reconciliation of the Church of South India which is experiencing violence in the Coimbatore Diocese, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Belarusian athlete Krystina Timanovskaya, who is seeking asylum in Poland, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer**

That in these divided times, we remember to be as Christ, not despising the weak or the powerless, but instead lifting them up, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer**

That we may find in these times small mercies, hidden beauty, revitalized communities, and rediscovered selves. We pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Compassionate God, 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.

Collect

Almighty God,  
 you sent your Holy Spirit  
 to be the life and light of your Church.  
 Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
 in love, joy, and peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who is alive 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 400 What Wondrous Love is This**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
 when I was sinking down, sinking down.  
 When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

### **The Dismissal**

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats  
 this bread will live for ever.

*John 6.51*

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.**