

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



John August Swanson, 2003, ***Loaves and Fishes***

“For many years I sketched, and tried to work out in my imagination, how the scene of the LOAVES AND FISHES, with its multitude of people, could be painted. I wanted this image to honor native peoples in many parts of the world; those who work the land for their livelihood, and have lived for generations in small communities or villages....”
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A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7:16*

CP 10 We, The Lord's People

1. We, the Lord's people,
heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us
out of sin and darkness
into his own light,
that he might anoint us
a royal priesthood.

2. This is the Lord's house,
home of all his people,
school for the faithful,
refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim,
haven for the weary;
all find a welcome.

3. This is the Lord's day,
day of God's own making,
day of creation,
day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit,
sign of heaven's banquet,
day for rejoicing.

4. In the Lord's service
bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them,
bless them, break and give them
to all his people,
his own life imparting,
food everlasting.

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 14 *Refrain: O Lord, you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

A Reading from 2 Samuel 11:1-15

11:1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

11:2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.

11:3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite."

11:4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.

11:5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

11:6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

11:7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going.

11:8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.

11:9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

11:10 When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah,

"You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?"

11:11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing."

11:12 Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,

11:13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

11:14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

11:15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 605 Have Mercy, Lord, On Us

1 Have mercy, Lord, on us,
for you are ever kind;
though we have sinned before you, Lord,
your mercy let us find.

3 The joy your grace can give,
let us again obtain;
and may your Spirit's firm support
our spirits then sustain.

2 Lord, wash away our guilt,
and cleanse us from my sin;
for we confess our wrongs, and see
how great our guilt has been.

A Reading from Ephesians 3:14-21

3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

3:16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

3:17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

3:18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

3:19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

3:20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 86 More Than We can Ask or Imagine

1. More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we can ever dare to dream,
We are the children of heaven's creation,
God's own beloved, each called by name,

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory we sing!

2. More than we will ever imagine,
More than we will ever understand.
We are sent to walk with compassion,
To live out God's love by heart and by
hand.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory our song!

3. More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we could ever desire;
Out of the dust God's building a kingdom,
Like wine from the press,
Like break from the fire.

And we cry, Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory to God who calls us by name!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!

Glory! (Glory) Glory (Glory)
Glory to God! Glory we cry!
Glory! (Glory) Glory! (Glory)
Glory on earth! Glory on high!
Glory on earth! Glory on high!

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 6:1-21

6:1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

6:2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

6:3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

6:4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

6:5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

6:6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

6:7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

6:9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

6:10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

6:12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

6:13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

6:14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

6:15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

6:16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,

6:17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

6:18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

6:19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

6:20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

6:21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7111932 Won't Stop Now

1. I give You glory
For all You've brought me through
And now I'm ready
For whatever You want to do

2. I'm moving forward
To follow after You
And now I'm ready
For whatever You want to do

Chorus
Your presence is an open door
We want You Lord like never before
Your presence is an open door
So come now Lord like never before

3. In every season
Your grace has been enough
And I'm believing
The best is yet to come

4. The cross before me
My hope on things above
And in You Jesus
The best is yet to come

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 Betty Johnson

For our intercessions today we will use litany # 2 on page 112 of the BAS
Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our Prayer."

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.
In Canada we pray for the Diocese of Calgary: the Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson,
Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land); the Rt. Rev.
Sidney Black, Indigenous Bishop for Treaty 7 Territory.
We pray for the people dealing with wildfires and smoke, especially the people of Lytton
BC.
We pray for all ministries, initiatives, and committees in the Diocese of Edmonton, and
all their coordinators, directors, committee chairs and officers.
In the Buyé Diocese, we pray for the Gitobe Parish: Joseph Hakizimana, Rector.
We pray for the people of the Paul First Nation.
In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop-elect, Stephen London and our
Administrator, the Rev Alex Meek.
We pray for our Parish of St. Peter's; especially our clergy Heather and Alison, our
music ministry Nadine, and all the volunteers and members of our St. Peter's parish.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Queen and all in the world who are in authority. We ask that they will

listen for Your Spirit to guide them in their decisions. We pray for those struggling with the pandemic and other global struggles. Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice, racism, and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind, especially for those for whom our prayers are requested: 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.

Set free, particularly during this Pandemic, all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant the repose of the soul of those who have died, a peaceful end and eternal rest to those who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us.

Collect

O God,
 the protector of all who trust in you,
 without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
 increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
 that with you as our ruler and guide,
 we may so pass through things temporal,
 that we lose not the things eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and 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.**

P 607 Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God

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| <p>1. Come let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return. Our God is gracious, nor will leave The desolate to mourn.</p> | <p>4. Our hearts if God we seek to know, Shall know him, and rejoice; His coming like the morn shall be, Like morning songs his voice.</p> |
| <p>2. His voice commands the tempest forth And stills the stormy wave; And though his arm be strong to smite, 'tis also strong to save.</p> | <p>5. As dew upon the tender herb Diffusing fragrance round, As showers that usher in the spring And cheer the thirsty ground.</p> |
| <p>3. Long hath the night of sorrow reigned; The dawn shall bring us light. God shall appear, and we shall rise With gladness in his sight.</p> | <p>6. So shall his presence bless our souls And shed a joyful light. That hallowed morn shall chase away The sorrows of the night.</p> |

The Dismissal

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! *Luke 7:16*

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.