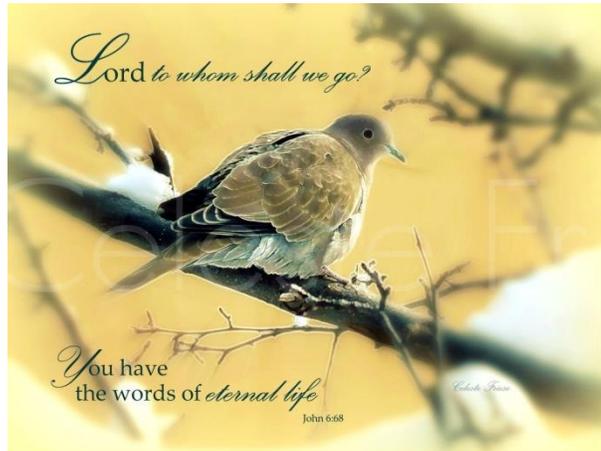


**A Service of Morning Prayer
for August 22, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *John 6:68*

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 84 *Refrain* Let the peoples praise you, O God.

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

84:2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

84:3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

84:4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

84:5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

84:6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

84:9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

A Reading from I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

8:6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

8:10 And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD,

8:11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.

8:23 He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

8:24 the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

8:25 Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

8:26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!

8:28 Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today;

8:29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place.

8:30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

8:41 "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name

8:42 --for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm-- when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house,

8:43 then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 301 How Blessed is this Place

1. How blessed is this place, O Lord,
Where you are worshiped and adored;
In faith we here an altar raise
to your great glory, God of praise.

2. Here let your sacred fire of old
Descend to kindle spirits cold;
And may our prayers, when here we bend,
Like incense sweet to you ascend.

3. Here let the weary one find rest,
The troubled heart your comfort blest,
The guilty one, a sure retreat;
The sinner pardon at your feet.

4. Here your angelic spirits send
Their solemn praise with ours to blend,
And grand the vision, inly given,
Of this your house, the gate of heaven.

A Reading from Ephesians 6:10-20

6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

6:14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

6:15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

6:16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

6:17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

6:19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

CP 461 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
you soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory on to victory
his army he shall lead
till evil is defeated,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
then join the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Be strong in faith and serve him,
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his power alone,
for human might will fail you --
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
keep watch with constant prayer;
when duty calls or danger,
be never failing there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The fight will not be long:
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To everyone who conquers,
a crown of life shall be;
we, with the king of glory,
shall reign eternally.

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: 56-69

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."

6:59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

6:60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

6:61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?

6:62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

6:63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

6:64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

6:65 And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

6:66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

6:67 So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

6:69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7060709 This We Know

1. You are who You say You are
You'll do what You say You'll do
You'll be who You've always been to us
Jesus

2. Our hope is in You alone
Our strength in Your mighty name
Our peace in the darkest day remains
Jesus

Chorus

***This we know
We will see the enemy run
This we know
We will see the victory come
We hold on to every promise You
ever made
Jesus You are unfailing***

3. Our guide through the wilderness
Our joy in the heaviness
Our way when it seems there is no way
Jesus

Chorus...

Bridge

We trust You
We trust You
Your ways are higher than our own
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 compiled and led by Betty Johnson

For our intercessions today we will use Litany # 3 on page 112 of the Book of Alternative Services.

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America;
 In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Fredericton: the Most Rev. David Edwards,
 Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada);

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for Stephen our bishop-elect for the retired clergy of
 the Diocese: Dan Ash, Aubrey Bell, Allan Bonertz, Kathy Bowman, Gwen Bright, Penny
 Bruce, Carol and Ray Canton, Joanne Chambers, Rick Chapman, Eileen Conway, Bruce
 Cowley, Maureen Crerar, Tom Dean.

In the Diocese of Buyé we pray for the Rusengo Parish: Sylvere Ndururutse, Rector.
 We pray for our Parish of St. Peter's, our clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry
 Nadine, and all volunteers and members of the parish.

We pray for all First Nations people of Treaty 6.

We pray that they may all remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of
 truth.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority throughout the world; that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for this city of Edmonton and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women; that you will show your goodwill to all.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the victims of our society, of our weather disasters, of all the wrong doings, large or small, that are present in the world, and we pray for those who minister to them and for all who are in any need. At this time, we especially remember the people of Haiti and Afghanistan as they deal with their current situations.

We especially remember 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; Lois D; Marguerite; Evelyn and Willis; Carla, and Stacey, that you will be their help and defence.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died especially Jacquie Naggy and comfort for those who mourn.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for those recently baptized, that they may be strengthened in the faith.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We give thanks for St. Peter and all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

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 building is not the only place where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 we are taught by your word
 that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
 Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
 that most excellent gift of love,
 the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
 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 586 Rise Up, O Saints of God

1. Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
 with nobler zeal might burn.

2. Speak out, O saints of God!
 Despair engulfs earth's frame;
 as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
 the word of hope proclaim.

3. Rise up, O saints of God!
 The kingdom's task embrace;
 redress sin's cruel consequence;
 give justice larger place.

4. Give heed, O saints of God!
 Creation cries in pain;
 stretch forth your hand of healing now,
 with love the weak sustain.

5. Commit your hearts to seek
 the paths which Christ has trod,
 and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
 rise up, O saints of God!

The Dismissal

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *John 6:68*

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.**