

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for August 29, 2021  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. *James 1:18*

**CP 391 Sing Ye Praises To The Father**

1. Sing ye praises to the Father,  
Sing ye praises to the Son,  
Sing ye praises to the Spirit,  
Living and eternal One.  
God has made us, and has blessed us,  
And has called us to be true;  
God is Lord of all creation,  
Daily making all things new.

2. Join the praise of every creature,  
Sing with singing birds at dawn;  
When the stars shine forth at night-fall,  
Hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise our God for light of summer,  
Autumn glories, winter snows,  
For the coming of the springtime  
And the life of all that grows,

3. Praising on our days of gladness  
For the summons to rejoice,  
Praising in our times of sadness  
For the comfort of God's voice.  
Hail, Creator, strong and loving,  
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
Living, God, sustaining Spirit  
Be thy holy name adored!

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 45:1-2, 6-9      *Refrain:* The Lord himself watches over you.

45:1 My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

45:2 You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

45:6 Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

45:7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

45:8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

45:9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

### A Reading from the Song of Solomon 2:8-13

2:8 The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

2:10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

2:11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

2:13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 466 How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord**

1. How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
when once we heed your call:  
to live according to your word,  
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all,  
and will not let us fall.

2. But if, forgetful, we should find  
your yoke is hard to bear;  
if worldly pressures fray the mind,  
and love itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care,  
our inward life repair.

3. We mark your saints, how they became  
in hindrances more sure,  
whose joyful virtues put to shame  
the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure  
your power to cleanse and cure.

4. In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new,  
may we not cease to look to you.  
The cross you hung upon,  
all you endeavored done.

**A Reading from James 1:17-27**

1:17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

1:18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

1:19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

1:20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

1:21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

1:23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

1:24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

1:25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

1:26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age**

1. The church of Christ in every age,  
Beset by change but Spirit-led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise,  
A caring church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
And clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
Can cure the fever in our blood,  
And teach us how to share our bread  
And feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no  
Mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord:  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And spread his liberating word.

**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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

7:1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

7:2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

7:3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;

7:4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

7:5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

7:6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

7:8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

7:14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

7:15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

7:21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

7:22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

7:23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by Autumn Reinhardt-Simpson**CCLI 7051332 What Is Good**

1. How shall I come to You  
 And offer You the praises due Your name  
 How shall I worship You O God  
 What can I bring to you  
 That gives to You the gratitude I owe  
 How can I offer You my love

***Chorus***

***You have shown us O God what is good  
 You have shown us what you require  
 To act justly to love mercy  
 And walk humbly with our God  
 To act justly to love mercy  
 And walk humbly with our God  
 For this is what it means to follow after  
 You  
 To act justly to love mercy  
 And walk humbly with You O God***

2. And so I pray to you  
 My life renew  
 My heart to follow You  
 A living sacrifice of praise  
 O make me more like You  
 In everything I say and do today  
 That I may glorify Your name

***Chorus...*****Bridge**

I will act with justice  
 For each one of us is worth divine dignity  
 And I'll love mercy and show kindness to all  
 I will seek to know You God  
 To follow You in true humility  
 This is my offering to You

***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 Beth-Anne Exham

For our intercessions today we will use litany # 2 on page 112

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “**Lord hear our Prayer.**”

We pray for the whole Church and at this time especially:

For the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In Canada for the Diocese of Huron: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townsend, Bishop

In our Diocese we pray for Stephen our Bishop-elect and for some of the retired clergy Terry Dunn, Arthur Dyck, Ted Eden, Rene Faille, Bishop Ken Genge, Neil Gordon, Donald Gray, Sheila Hagan-Bloxham, Sally Harrison, and Peter Heritage

and for our St. Peter’s family, especially our clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, for others who make this family worship possible, for those who join us for worship and for those who do the daily work to keep our family functioning.

In the Diocese of Buye for Gakana Parish: Oscar Murengerantwari, Rector

We pray for the people of the Metis Nation of Alberta.

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. 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; Nicole; Lois W.; Ray and Mary; Irene; Joyce; Jim and Par; Kathryn; Trevor; Helen; Jenifer; Judy; Tony; Luisa; Lois D.; Stacey; Marguerite; Evelyn and Willis; and Carla.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant the repose of the souls of those who have died, especially Jacquie Naggy and Sandy James; a peaceful end and eternal rest to those who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 396 O Praise The Gracious Power**

1. O praise the gracious power  
that tumbles walls of fear  
and gathers in one house of faith  
all strangers far and near.

***Refrain:***

***We praise you, Christ!***

***Your cross has made us one!***

2. O praise persistent truth  
that opens fisted minds  
and eases from their anxious clutch  
the prejudice that blinds:

***Refrain...***

3. O praise inclusive love,  
encircling every race,  
oblivious to gender, wealth,  
to social rank or place:

***Refrain...***

4. O praise the tide of grace  
that laps at every shore  
with visions of a world at peace,  
no longer bled by war:

***Refrain...***

5. O praise the word of faith  
that claims us as God's own,  
a living temple built on Christ,  
our rock and cornerstone:

***Refrain...***

6. O praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice:

***Refrain...***

**The Dismissal**

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should  
be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. *James 1:18*

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.**