

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*

CP 354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here I make faith's affirmation:
Thus far by thy help I've come,
And I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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 19 *Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.*

19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

A Reading from Proverbs 1:20-33

1:20 Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

1:21 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

1:22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

1:23 Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

1:24 Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

1:25 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

1:27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

1:28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

1:30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

1:31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

1:32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

1:33 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 392 Who Comes From God

1. Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?

Holy Wisdom.

Who holds the keys of life and death?

Mighty Wisdom:

Crafter and Creator too,
eldest, she makes all things new;
she completes what God would do,.

Wisest one, radiant one,
welcome, holy Wisdom!

3. Whom should we seek with all our heart?

Loving Wisdom.

Who, once revealed, will not depart?

Faithful Wisdom.

Partner, Counselor, Comforter,
love has found none lovelier,
life is gladness lived with her.

Wisest one, radiant one,
welcome, holy Wisdom!

2. Who lifts her voice for all to hear?

Joyful Wisdom.

Who shapes a thought and makes it clear?

Truthful Wisdom:

Teacher, drawing out our best,
magnifies what we invest,
names our truth, directs our quest.

Wisest one, radiant one,
welcome, holy Wisdom!

A Reading from James 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

3:2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

3:4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

3:6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

3:7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

3:8 but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 478 Almighty God Thy Word is Cast

1. Almighty God, thy word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heaven descend,
and righteous fruits abound.

2. Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in every heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

4. Oft as the precious seed is sown,
thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive,
its saving power may know.

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 8:27-38

8:27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

8:28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

8:29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

8:30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 5806878 I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

1. All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus... **Where You go I'll go**
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow

2. Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Chorus...

Bridge
In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

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 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

We hold in prayer Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: the Rt. Rev. Lydia, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah, Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission.

We pray and give thanks for the retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Michael Rolph; John Rushton; Doreen Scott; Nancy Selwood; Susan Storey; Allan Studd; Michael Sung; Jacques deG Vaillancourt; Dan Van Alstine; Robin Walker; Linda Whittle; Anne Wightman; Mary Charlotte Wilcox; Robert Wild; Michael Williamson.

We humbly ask that God bless Canika parish, in the diocese of Buyé, and their rector, Evariste

We pray and give thanks for the people of Treaty Six, especially the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

We give thanks for all ministries at St. Peter's, especially our vestry.

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, Kathryn, Trevor, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony, Luisa, Lois D, Stacey, Marguerite, Evelyn and Willis, Carla, Miranda, Iain, Bill and Diane.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Jacquie Nagy and Sandy James.

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 are sick during this fourth wave, may God comfort you and give you a speedy recovery, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

For our selfless healthcare workers who have never failed to come to our aid, wave after wave, often at great cost to themselves, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

For the people of Tanzania who are facing food insecurity while other nations carelessly dispose of their excess, and government interference in journalism where other nations question the value of independent journalism, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray and give thanks for the Prayer Circle ministry at St. Peter's who selflessly give their time and emotional energy to pray every day for those in need of God's comfort, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

For all those effected by the opioid crisis in our city. May God comfort those who are dying from trying to comfort themselves, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer

That all Christians seek to lose their life and find it again in Christ, being on earth his hands and his feet to all people we encounter, 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 call your Church to witness
 that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
 Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
 that all who hear it may turn to you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 598 Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!	Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; The nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!
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Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!	Go to the World! Go as the ones I send, For I am with you till the age shall end, When all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" Alleluia!
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The Dismissal

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world
 has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*

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.