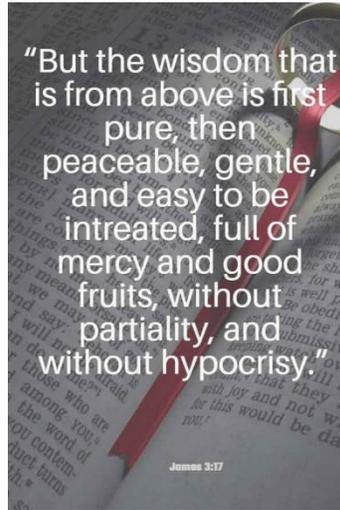


**A Service of Morning Prayer
for September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

CP 435 Take My Life and Let it Be

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise
2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee
3. Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose
4. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal thrown
5. Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee

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 1 *Refrain:* The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

A Reading from Proverbs 31:10-31

31:10 A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

31:12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

31:13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

31:14 She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

31:15 She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.

31:16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

31:17 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

31:19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

31:20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

31:21 She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

31:22 She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

31:23 Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

31:28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:

31:29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

31:31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

A Reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

3:14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

3:16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

3:18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

4:2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 576 For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the healing of the nations,
 God we pray with one accord;
 For a just and equal sharing
 Of the things that earth affords.
 To a life of love in action
 Help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us, Father into freedom;
 From despair your world release,
 That, redeemed from war and hatred,
 All may come and go in peace.
 Show us how through care and goodness
 Fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
 Let it from the earth be banned:
 Pride of status, race, or schooling,
 Dogmas that obscure your plan.
 In our common quest for justice,
 May we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
 your great name on humankind;
 For our growing in your likeness,
 Bring the life of Christ to mind;
 That by our response and service
 earth Its destiny may find.

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 9:30-37

9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;

9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

9:33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

9:36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7105732 More Like Jesus

1. You came to the world You created
Trading Your crown for a cross
You willingly died
Your innocent life paid the cost

2. Counting Your status as nothing
The King of all kings came to serve
Washing my feet
Covering me with Your love

Chorus
If more of You means less of me
Take everything
Yes all of You is all I need
Take everything

3. You are my life and my treasure
The One that I can't live without
Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down
Here at Your feet
My desires and dreams I lay down

Chorus...

Bridge
Oh Lord change me like only You can
Here with my heart in Your hands
Father I pray make me more like Jesus
This world is dying to know who You are
You've shown us the way to Your heart
So Father I pray make me more like Jesus
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 #1 on page 110 of the Book of Alternative Services

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God

In the Anglican Worldwide Cycle we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda

In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Montreal: The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop. In our Diocese we pray for our Bishop Stephen London, and for the Clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Dona Armstrong; Audrey Aylard; Norma Beaver; Pat Bergstrom; Carol Canton; Mary Dyck; Beth-Anne Exham; Kathleen Gale; Peggy Gibbons; Shirley Hanes; Ron Hörst; Diane Howes; Audrey Irving; Alisa Ketchum-Walker; Ted McClung; Gillian Melbourne; Cynthia Morris; Betty Myles; Janice Roderick; Roberta Shell; Dorothy Wilson.

In the Diocese of Buye we pray for the Kobero Parish (St. Stephen): Elie Ndacayisenga, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Cold Lake First Nations and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our Bishop Stephen, and for all clergy and people in this Diocese. We pray for our own parish of St. Peter and for our clergy Heather and Alison let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this city of Edmonton, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering and any who are in need especially those for whom our prayers are requested: Sandra; Merle; Mona; Lois W; Ray and Mary; Irene; Joyce; Kathryn; Helen; Jenifer; Judy; Tony; Luisa; Lois D; Stacey; Marguerite; Evelyn and Willis; Carla; Iain; Bill and Diane; and for prisoners and captives,

and for their safety, health, and salvation, especially Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor who have been detained in China, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

We pray for the repose of the souls of Jacquie Naggy and Sandy James and for those who mourn, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Compassionate Creator, 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 just the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth,
 and ourselves in your image.
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive 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 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

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| 1. Lord, your word shall guide us
And with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it. | 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted? |
| 2. When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us
word of consolation,
message of salvation. | 5. Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying. |
| 3. When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us. | 6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you
evermore be near you! |

The Dismissal

God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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.