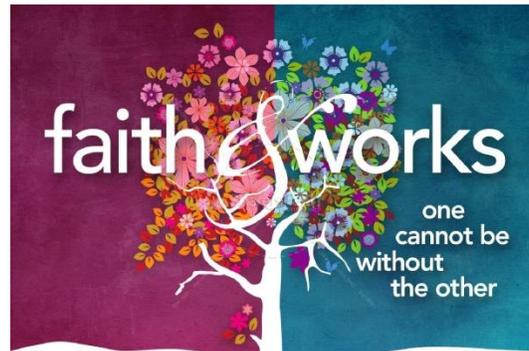


**A Service of Morning Prayer
for September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



James 2:15-18

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

CP 81 Father We Thank Thee Who Has Planted

1. Father, we thank thee who hast planted
thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.

2. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy
pleasure,
didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
thine is the power, be thine the praise.

3. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

4. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered
into thy Kingdom by thy Son.

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 125 *Refrain:* Teach me your statutes, O Lord.

125:1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

125:3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

125:4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

125:5 But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

A Reading from Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

22:8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

22:9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

22:22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

22:23 for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 115 Awake O Sinner Rise From Death

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light,
so learn his love— its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

2. To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

3. There is one Body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,
one Father of us all.

4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

5. For us Christ lived, for us he died
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

A Reading from James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

2:1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

2:2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

2:3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

2:6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?

2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

2:8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

2:11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

2:13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1. The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received;
And for the generations who faithfully believed

2. The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be;
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

3. The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4. The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days;
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with one another may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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 7:24-37

7:24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,

7:25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

7:26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

7:27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

7:28 But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

7:29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter."

7:30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

7:31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

7:32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

7:33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

7:34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

7:35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

7:36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

7:37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7122624 We Come

1. We are Your temple we are Your church
Here at the table we are found and we are heard

We are Your children Your daughters and sons

We find belonging in the family of God

We find belonging in the family of God

Chorus

Hallelujah the cross has made us one

Hallelujah the doors have opened up

The least of these can come

There's room for everyone

(We come)

2. You are the bread You are the vine
Here in Your presence there is healing there is life

You withhold nothing we open our hands

And we receive the kingdom purchased by the Lamb

Yes we receive the kingdom purchased by the Lamb

Chorus...**Bridge**

We come to the table of the Lord

Where we're filled to overflowing overflowing

We come where there is always more

And the joy is never-ending never-ending

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 the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Let us pray for the church, the world and ourselves, confident that God hears us, as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

For the whole church of God, for this and all assemblies gathered in your presence:

- for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan;
- for the Diocese of Kootenay: the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon);
- the retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Karen Hunt; Ed Kostyk; Michael Lawson; Joyce Mellor; Charles Mortimer; Joanne Neal; Ann Marie Nicklin; Helen Northcott; Susan Ormsbee; William Patterson; Bob Peel; Fred Peirce; Jim Plambeck; David Prowse; Paul Robinson;
- for the Buyé Diocese, Buringanire Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector;
- for all people of the Alexander First Nation;
- for our Bishop-elect Stephen, and all those working in our Diocesan office during this busy time;
- for our parish of St. Peter's and all who serve her in faith and love especially those whose service often goes un-noticed and unmentioned;

that you will be present to us all, speaking your name in comfort and in power, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For a world that is embroiled in wars, natural disasters and sickness; a world that is so in need of your strength, wisdom and loving intervention:

- for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, and our southern neighbours;
- for victims of injustice and corrupt regimes;
- for governments and nations preparing for elections;
- for those in authority among us;
- for all stewards of your many gifts;

that the world may be ruled with justice and peace through your transforming love, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For the sick and suffering, whether it is the mind, the body or the spirit that is afflicted. For those among us who have requested our prayers:

- for Sandra.....Merle.....Mona.....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.....Carla.....Miranda.....Iain.....and Diane and Bill; for those we now name, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... and for those who are known to you alone;
- for all who care for the sick and suffering, the health care workers, the homeless shelter workers, the families, and friends of the suffering;

that all may trust that you hold all of us in your hands and that we can trust you to care for us and that we may feel the comfort and peace of knowing that we are never alone, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all students, staff and all who are returning to schools and colleges, that they may experience a successful year and that the worries and stresses of the last year may be lessened, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For those who have completed this earthly journey and are looking forward to arriving home to be with you;

-for the repose of the soul of Jacquie Naggy and Sandy James;

-for all those who mourn the loss of the companionship of those close to them;

that we may all take comfort in knowing that you walk every step with us on this journey and will continue to stay with us even at journey's end, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all of us, loving God, that you will calm our troubled minds, ease the ache in our hearts, grant us the courage we need to live each day for you and each other, knowing we can trust you in all things, Lord in your mercy,

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, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Blessed God, comforting Father, nurturing Mother, we give to you all honour and glory now and forever, AMEN

Collect

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 450 You Call Us Lord To Be

1. You call us, Lord, to be
 a people set apart,
 to feel with thoughtful mind
 and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

2. You call us, Lord, to care
 for self and neighbour too,
 to take the risk, and dare
 to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

3. You call us, Lord, to be
 good stewards of the earth;
 to tend to it as a place
 of blessedness and worth.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

4. You call us, Lord, to serve:
 to die that we may live,
 to know we best receive
 when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

The Dismissal

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity
 among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

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.