

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for October 17, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**



Painting "Rain, Étretat" 1886 by Claude Monet 1840-1926, National Gallery, Oslo, Norway

Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Proper 24; from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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Mark 10:45

CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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| <p>1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.</p> | <p>3. To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth
thee.</p> |
| <p>2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.</p> | <p>4. Great Source of all glory and wisdom and
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.</p> |

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 104:1-9, 24, 35c *Response:* O Lord, be not far from me.

104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

104:2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

104:3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

104:4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

104:5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

104:6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

104:7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

104:8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

104:9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

104:35c Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Job 38:1-7, 34-41

38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

38:2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

38:3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

38:5 Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

38:6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

38:34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?

38:35 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?

38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?

38:37 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

38:38 when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

38:39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

38:40 when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

38:41 Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 409 Before the Earth Had Yet Begun

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| <p>1. Before the earth had yet begun
Her journey round the burning sun,
Before a seed of life had stirred,
There sounded God's creating Word.</p> <p>2. In that bright dawning of the world,
Ere ocean surged or win unfurled.
The vaults of heaven with praises rang;
The morning stars together sang.</p> | <p>3. Thus when creation's Lord did take
The clay of earth our form to make,
God willed that to our race belong
The gifts of music, word, and song.</p> <p>4. For us who would this God attend,
No earthly mind can comprehend
Eternal glory; praise alone
Is our companion by that throne.</p> |
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A Reading from Hebrews 5:1-10

- 5:1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 5:2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;
- 5:3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.
- 5:4 And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5:5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
- 5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."
- 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- 5:8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
- 5:9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
- 5:10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, The Saviour Said

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| <p>1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.</p> <p>2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.</p> <p>3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:</p> | <p>your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.</p> <p>4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.</p> <p>5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.</p> |
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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 10:35-45

10:35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

10:36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

10:37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

10:38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

10:39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

10:40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

10:41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

10:42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

10:43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

10:44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather LiddellCCLI 6139173 Jesus You Have Called Us

1. Jesus You have called us
 Come follow me
 Take up your cross
 Deny yourself and live
 Jesus I am willing
 Though I am weak
 I'll trust You
 And I'll go where You lead

2. Jesus You have shown us
 How we should live
 In sacrifice
 Humility and love
 Jesus I am willing
 Though I am weak
 I'll follow You
 With Your Spirit in me

Chorus

***I will follow, I will follow
 I will follow, Where You lead***

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 Lesley Lambert

Merciful Father,

Thank you for the beauty of this glorious fall weather today and the opportunity to come together, as a parish, in worship. We thank you for the loving warmth of our St. Peter's family and we ask your blessing on the many church families who come together to glorify your name and give thanks for your countless gifts to us.

We remember in our prayers today most especially The Church in the province of West Indies; Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the Right Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop; St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead; St. Peter, Lav Lanonne; St. Mary the Virgin, Sangudo, Barry Rose, Rector, and Charles Mortimer, Honorary Assistant.

We pray for our ministry team here at St. Peter's, Heather and Alison, and our parish musician, Nadine, who has brought her beautiful music into our homes every week.

Bless all those who give their time and gifts to our parish. Hold close to you our Prayer Circle whose members so faithfully offer supplications to You on behalf of those who request their intercessions.

In the Buye Diocese, we pray for Gisitwe Parish and its rector, Isaie Pascal Sindayigaya, and we pray for the Kehewin Cree Nation.

Guide, O Lord, all world leaders, including our own Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. Help them to make good decisions and use their power wisely, so that all in present and future generations may receive a fair and equal share in the wealth that God has given

us. Grant fruitful discussions at The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow next week and an urgent response by all nations to the challenge of climate change and its consequences for all.

We pray for all those who have stood for election in our city next week and we thank You for the privilege of living in a country where we are able to safely express our choices by voting.

We give thanks for our family and our friends and all those who support us through visits, phone calls, emails and thoughtful prayer during this difficult time in Alberta. Amongst all that we have, however, there are so many hurting and needy people and resources that have felt stretched to their limits. We ask that you would bless all the caregivers and those who receive their care in the home, the hospital, the shelters and all the places where people feel safe, nourished and accepted.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested today: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois W, Ray and Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary-Jean, Luisa, Lois D, Stacey, Marguerite, Evelyn and Willis, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill and Maxime. Bless them, hold them close and grant them the comfort You alone can give. We commend to your keeping those who have passed from this life, especially Joyce Strepaniuk, and ask your comfort to those who mourn.

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 only the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us.

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Almighty and everliving God,
 increase in us your gift of faith,
 that forsaking what lies behind
 and reaching out to what is before,
 we may run the way of your commandments
 and win the crown of everlasting joy;
 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 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

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

The Dismissal

The Son of man came also not to be served but to serve,
 and to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45*

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.