

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for October 24, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**



Christ Healing the Blind, El Greco, circa 1570 – Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. *2 Timothy 1:10*

CP 412 O God Beyond All Face and Form

1. O God, beyond all face and form,
you willed it that creation's night should
blaze,
and chaos still its storm,
and birth a universe of light.
All things below, all things above
are formed of your eternal love.

2. The glory of the galaxies,
the beauty of a baby's hand,
the thundering of the restless seas,
the glory of the forest's stand—
all things below, all things above
are formed of your eternal love.

3. You gave to us both form and name,
and love for us was your intent;
then to a woman's womb love came,
and on a cross was wholly spent.
All things below, all things above
are formed of this incarnate love.

4. Of this great love all loves are born,
of self, of neighbour, and of earth.
By love shall night be turned to morn,
and death shall never conquer birth.
All things below, all things above
are formed of God's eternal love.

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 34:1-8, 19-22 *Refrain:* Happy are they who fear the Lord.

34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

34:2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

34:4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

34:5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

34:6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

34:20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

34:21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

34:22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

A Reading from Job 42:1-6, 10-17

42:1 Then Job answered the LORD:

42:2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

42:3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

42:4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

42:5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

42:6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

42:10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

42:11 Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them

gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

42:12 The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.

42:13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

42:14 He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

42:15 In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

42:16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations.

42:17 And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

2. For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.

3. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

4. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

A Reading from Hebrews 7:23-28

7:23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;

7:24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

7:25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

7:26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

7:27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.

7:28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 633 Lord Christ, We Praise Your Sacrifice

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| <p>1. Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice,
Your life in love so freely given.
For those who took your life away
You prayed, that they might be forgiven;
And there, in helplessness arrayed,
God's power was perfectly displayed.</p> | <p>3. Though helpless and rejected then,
You're now as risen Lord acclaimed;
Forever by your sacrifice
Is God's eternal love proclaimed;
The love which, dying, brings to birth
New life and hope for all on earth.</p> |
| <p>2. Once helpless in your mother's arms,
Dependent on her mercy then,
At last, by choice, in other hands,
You were as helpless once again;
And, at their mercy, crucified,
You claimed your victory and died.</p> | <p>4. So, living Lord, prepare us now
Your willing helplessness to share,
To give ourselves in sacrifice,
To overcome the world's despair;
In love to give our lives away
And claim your victory today.</p> |

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 10:46-52

10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

10:47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

10:50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

10:51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7054539 God With Us

1. You are matchless in grace and mercy
 There is nowhere we can hide from Your love
 You are steadfast never-failing
 You are faithful
 All creation is in awe of who You are

3. Your heart it moves with compassion
 There is life there is healing in Your love
 You're the Father the Son the Holy Spirit
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done

2. You're the healer of the sick and the broken
 You are comfort for every heart that mourns
 Our King and our Savior forever
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done
 For eternity we will sing of all You've done

Chorus...***Bridge***

Where there was death
 You brought life Lord
 Where there was fear You brought courage
 When I was afraid You were with me
 And You're lifting me up
 And You're lifting me up

Chorus

***God with us God for us
 Nothing can come against
 No one can stand between us
 God with us God for us
 Nothing can come against
 No one can stand between us***

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 #7 found on page 116 of the Book of Alternative Services

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY

For all who proclaim the word of truth.

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Extra-Provincial Churches.

In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Ontario: The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop.

In our Diocese, we pray for our Bishop Stephen London and for the St. Columba parish, Beaumont: Stephanie London, Rector; Maralyn Benay, Vocational Deacon.

We pray for our St. Peter's family especially our clergy Heather and Alison, for our music ministry, Nadine, and all members of our parish.

We pray for the Buyé Diocese, Kabataha Parish: Fabien Miburo, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Louis Bull Tribe

Let us ask for them the infinite wisdom of Christ.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For those who are sick or are in any need, especially for those for whom our prayers are requested: 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.....Maxime

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, especially for those working on the Covid 19 virus, let us ask the light of the Lord.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, especially Joyce Strepaniuk and Len Amey and for those who mourn, including Sandy, Jim and Susan let us ask the peace of Christ.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

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.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

Lord God our redeemer,
 who heard the cry of your people
 and sent your servant Moses
 to lead them out of slavery,
 free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
 and by the leading of your Spirit
 bring us to our promised land;
 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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Dismissal

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. *2 Timothy 1:10*

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.