

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for October 3, 2021  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**One of William Blake's Illustrations from the *Book of Job***

refers to a series of twenty-two engraved prints (pub.1826) by Blake (1757 –1827), illustrating the biblical *Book of Job*.

If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. *1 John 4.12*

**CP 6 This Day at Thy Creating Word**

1. This day at thy creating word  
first o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine  
and fill our souls with light divine.

2. This day the Lord for sinners slain  
in might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, may we lifted be  
from death of sin to life in thee!

3. This day the Holy Spirit came  
with fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
with grace to hear and grace to pray.

4. All praise to God the Father be,  
all praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whom, with the Spirit, we adore  
forever and forevermore.

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 26

*Refrain:* May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

26:1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

26:2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

26:3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

26:4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

26:5 I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

26:6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

26:7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

26:8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

26:9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

26:10 those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

26:12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

### A Reading from Job 1:1, 2:1-10

1:1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

2:1 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

2:2 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."

2:4 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.

2:5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

2:6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

2:8 Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."

2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 522 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleans me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar through tracks unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

**A Reading from Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things,  
through whom he also created the worlds.

1:3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he  
sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down  
at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more  
excellent than theirs.

2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

2:6 But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of  
them, or mortals, that you care for them?"

2:7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with  
glory and honor,

2:8 subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left  
nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

2:9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned  
with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might  
taste death for everyone.

2:10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many  
children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

2:11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this  
reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

2:12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the  
congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 423 How Great Thou Art**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,  
***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***
2. When through the woods and forest glades  
I wander  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,  
***Refrain...***
3. And when I think that God His Son not  
sparing  
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin  
***Refrain...***
4. When Christ shall come, with shouts of  
acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou  
art!"  
***Refrain...***

**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 10:2-16**

- 10:2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
- 10:3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
- 10:4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."
- 10:5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.
- 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
- 10:7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
- 10:8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
- 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 10:10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.
- 10:11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;
- 10:12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
- 10:13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.
- 10:14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
- 10:15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
- 10:16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell**CCLI 14459 The Bond of Love**

1. Love thru Christ has brought us together  
 Melting our hearts as one  
 By God's Spirit we are united  
 One thru His blessed Son

2. Now dear Lord we join in worship  
 Thank You for all You've done  
 Thank You for this love You gave us  
 Thank You for making us one

***Chorus 1***

***We are one in the bond of love  
 We are one in the bond of love  
 We have joined our spirit  
 With the Spirit of God  
 We are one in the bond of love***

***Chorus 2***

***Let us sing now ev'ryone  
 Let us feel His love begun  
 Let us join our hands  
 So the world will know  
 We are one in the bond of love***

**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

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for all the church, the people, the community, the nation and the world saying, Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church:

- for the Church in Wales
- for the Diocese of New Westminster: the Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop.
- for the staff of the Diocesan Synod Office: the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop; Jennifer Alexander, Bishop's Assistant; Lee Bezanson, Executive Archdeacon; John Gee, Deacon

and Synod Secretary-Treasurer; Margaret Glidden, Director of Communications; Shelly King, Deacon and Administrative Assistant, and their families.

- for the Buyé Diocese, Giheta Parish: Audace Gahungu, Rector.

- for the people of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

- for our own clergy, volunteers, and congregation

That the law of faith which guides us may be the guiding hand when we serve people of every land, church and culture, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, province, and nation:

- for our leaders that they may be motivated by a concern for the welfare of the people and not their own private agendas.

-that all citizens may be ruled by love and compassion for their neighbours and not by their personal prejudices and desires, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world:

- that all refugees, political prisoners, and those caught up in unjust and war-torn nations may find refuge, help and an end to suffering and captivity; we especially give praise and thanks for the release and return home of Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor,

- that all nations find in each other complementary and the shared visions of humanity, together overcoming any adversity or hatred, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for any who are in need:

- for those who suffer abuse, neglect or senseless pain, for those who are homeless and without food and other necessities, for those who are in pain, either mental, spiritual or physical, today we bring before you those who have requested our prayers: Sandra...

Merle..... Mona..... Lois W..... Ray and Mary..... Irene ..... Joyce..... Kathryn.....Helen.....

Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Lois D..... Stacey..... Marguerite.....

Evelyn and Willis.....Iain..... Diane and Bill.....Maxime, those we name aloud or in our hearts, and those known to you alone,

-for those who care for the sick and suffering

- for our health care workers that they may soon find that the heavy burdens they carry may be eased and that we all may be compassionate, respectful, and appreciative of their skills and commitment to healing, that all may know the healing power of God as they feel your loving hand upon them and your faithful presence beside them, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for children everywhere, that they may be fed and housed and loved and nurtured and grow with self confidence and joy, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and those whose earthly journey is nearing completion, and for those who mourn:

That they may find peace and comfort knowing that we will all live eternally in your loving presence, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all Indigenous people everywhere,

-that you will help us to recognize that we are all your precious children, no matter the colour of our skin, the language that we speak, the church we worship in, the clothes that we wear, the culture we practice, or who we love. The loss or mistreatment of any of our brothers or sisters because of hatred, misinformed and misdirected good intentions, or any other form of injustice should create in all of us a determination to fight for the freedom, justice, acceptance, understanding and reconciliation for us all. Help us to find the right words, the right path of bridging the gaps that separate us. You created us all in your image, all of us. Help us to remember that.

- that we be committed to truly working towards truth and reconciliation and that the wisdom of our indigenous brothers and sisters will help us to learn a better way to be a true family of God, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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 the building where worship happens but that the Church lives in us as you live in us, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of justice, Lord of love, send your Spirit to dwell within us, sustaining our efforts of service, we ask this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns forever,

**Amen.**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
 you have built your Church  
 on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
 Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.  
 Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,  
 that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 577 God of Grace, God of Glory**

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
 on thy people pour your power.  
 Now fulfill you church's story,  
 bring its bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
 scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us,  
 free our hearts to work and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days,  
 for the living of these days.

3. Cure your children's warring madness;  
 bend our pride to your control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
 rich in goods and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
 gird our lives that they may be  
 Armoured with all Christ-like graces  
 In the fight for liberty.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
 lest we fail ourselves and thee.

### **The Dismissal**

If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. *1 John 4.12*

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.**