

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for November 14, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**



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Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of man. *Luke 21.36*

CP 318 Rejoice Today With One Accord

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| <p>1. Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name;
for he is God alone,
who hath his mercy shown:
let all his saints adore him!</p> | <p>2. When in distress to him we cried
he heard our sad complaining;
O trust in him. what'er betide,
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise:
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God alway";
let all his saints adore him!</p> |
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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 16 *Refrain:* Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

16:1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

16:2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

16:3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

16:4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

16:5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

16:7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

16:8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

16:10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

16:11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 2:1-10

2:1 Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

2:2 "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

2:3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

2:4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

2:5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

2:6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

2:7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

2:8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

2:9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

2:10 The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory Lord

1. My soul proclaims your glory, Lord,
My spirit sings with thankful voice,
For you my lowly prayer have heard:
In you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

2. Nations unborn will bless your name,
Giver of boundless grace to me,
In every age you are the same:
You make the humble whole and free.

3. You have made bare your mighty arm
To break the yoke of selfish power,
And lift your broken ones from harm,
Bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.

4. You fill the hungry mouths with food,
And show the poverty of wealth.
Your ancient vow you have made good,
And raised your children to new health.

5. Glory to God, all being's Spring,
To God the Word, salvation's voice,
To God the Spirit, praise we sing:
With all the ages we rejoice.

A Reading from Hebrews 10:11-25

10:11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God,"

10:13 and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."

10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

10:15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

10:17 he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

10:18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

10:19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

10:20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

10:22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

10:23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

10:24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,

10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 35 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters

Where your cleansing waters flow.
 Number them among your people,
 Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Weave them garments bright and
 sparkling;
 Compass them with love and light.
 Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
 Holy dove and heart's delight.

3. O how deep your holy wisdom!
 Unimagined, all your ways!
 To your name be glory, honour!
 With our lives, we worship, praise!
 We your people stand before you,
 water washed and Spirit born.
 By your grace, our lives we offer.
 Recreate us: God transform!

2. We who bring them long for nurture;
 By your milk may we be fed.
 Let us join your feast, partaking
 Cup of blessing, living bread.
 God, renew us; guide our footsteps;
 Free from sin and all its snares,
 One with Christ in living, dying,
 By your Spirit, children, heirs.

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 13:1-8

13:1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

13:2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

13:4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

13:5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.

13:6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.

13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and
freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless
peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is
mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall
overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am
free
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips
shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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 led and by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Through baptism, God has made us people of hope. Our hope is in God and our help comes from God. Since God promises to make all things new, let us offer our cares and concerns to God, saying, O God who is our hope, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

Gracious Creator, ruler of the universe, we know neither the day nor the hour when our Lord Christ shall return. Through your saving and sustaining grace, enable us to remain in readiness and to welcome his appearing. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

Eternal Creator, author of unity, bind your people together into one holy church. Today we offer up prayers for:

- The Anglican Church of Australia
- the Diocese of Quebec: the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop.
- for St. George, Devon: Christian Gordon, Rector, and his family.
- for the Buyé Diocese, Ruyenzi (St. Emmanuel) Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector.
- for the people of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.
- for our Bishop Stephen
- for our own ministry team of Heather and Alison, and Nadine who provides our music, those who offer up prayers, those who are called to read the lessons, those who serve this beautiful parish of St. Peter's in so many unseen ways and those who sustain this community in daily prayer and by their generous gifts of time, talent or treasure; remove the barriers that separate your children and enable us all to offer common praise to you and common witness to the world. O God, who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

Merciful Creator, source of all compassion, look with grace upon our world. Help us overcome the ravages of war, disease, hunger, and injustice; give dignity and well being to all the human family. Visit us with your love; grant us peace; point us to the way that leads to the fulfillment of your will and sufficiency for all. O God who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

Almighty Creator, protector of all life, we ask you to grant healing and wholeness to the sick and the suffering especially: 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.....Barry W.....Geraldine.....Florence, those we name now in our hearts or aloud, and those known to you alone. Loving Creator be also with all of us who care for the sick and the needy. Lay upon all of us your hand of mercy; renew and restore us, giving us cause to proclaim and praise your name. O God who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

Divine Creator, perfecter of all life, behold the dead and the dying, who no longer await the return of the bridegroom, but rush to meet him through their journey's end. We pray for the repose of the soul of Sandy MacDonald and Matthew Bezanson; grant them peace at the last and welcome them into your heavenly dominion. When our last hour shall come, look not on our sins but accept us on the merits of our gracious Redeemer, Jesus Christ. O God who is our hope,

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 are hopeful that the time that we can gather again in our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship will soon be here. As we approach the season of Advent, we put our trust in you that we will be ready once again to open our doors and come together again in love and fellowship.

We thank you for the many opportunities you have granted us to worship in different ways and we ask that you continue to bless our on-line worship services as they continue and that this loving community of St. Peter's will prove to be a blessing both to those who attend in person and those who worship from home. 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 God who is our hope,

Hear our prayer

We place these petitions before you, merciful God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who assures us that we can come to you in confidence and the hope of your saving grace. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 you sent your Son Jesus Christ
 to be the light of the world.
 Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
 and bring us to eternal light and joy;
 through the power of him
 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 27 Most Holy God, the Lord of Heaven

1. Most holy God, the Lord of Heaven,
 Who in the high arched sky has placed
 The sun that flames up from the east
 And brings the splendours of the dawn:

2. for you the dazzling star shines forth
 Which in its gleaming path declares
 the wonders of your glorious power,
 and beckons us to worship you.

3. The day departs, the evening stars
 Serenely light the darkening sky;
 The moon with cool reflected glow
 Will bring the silences of night.

4. You, Holy One, Creator, Lord,
 You in the primal world once set
 The boundaries of the day and night
 And ordered seasons in their round.

5. Like sun and day, shine in our hearts;
 Like moon and night, give loving peace.
 Free us from bonds of blinding sin
 And guide us on our path to you.

The Dismissal

Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of man. *Luke 21.36*

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.