

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for October 31, 2021
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**



Ruth and Naomi, Painting by Pieter Lastman, 1624

Lastman was a Dutch painter, a teacher of Rembrandt

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

John 14:23

CP 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could
destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of
the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane
and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon
of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the
day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence
is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of
the day.

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 146 *Refrain* Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

146:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

146:2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

146:3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

146:4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

146:5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

146:6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

146:8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

146:9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

146:10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Ruth 1:1-18

1:1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

1:3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

1:4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years,

1:5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

1:6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food.

1:7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

1:8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

1:9 The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

1:10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

1:13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."

1:14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

1:15 So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

1:16 But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

1:17 Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

1:18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 507 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds
is like to that above.

2. Before God's gracious throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When for awhile we part,
this thought will soothe our pain;
that we shall still be joined in heart,
and one day meet again.

5. Our glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and longs to see the day.

6. When from all toil and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

A Reading from Hebrews 9:11-14

9:11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

9:12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,

9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 375 At The Name of Jesus

1. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him
Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he
passed.

3. Name him, Christians, name him, with love
as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated
breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him
subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your saviour in temptation's
hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return
again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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 12:28-34

12:28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

12:29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

12:30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

12:31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

12:32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';

12:33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 6399212 O How Good It Is

1. Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His
word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people***

2. Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Chorus...

3. Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

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 Beth-Anne Exham

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 3 on page 112
(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for Stephen our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers
In the world - for the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
In Canada - for the Diocese of Ottawa: the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop
In the Diocese of Edmonton - for St. Andrew, Camrose: Trina Holmberg, Rector; Daryle Kerr, Honorary Assistant; and Bev. Shafer, Secretary.
For our St. Peter's Family especially our clergy Heather, and Alison, along with the others who bring us our Service on Zoom each week, especially for Nadine and her music ministry, for those who spend their time making sure the parish and buildings continue to function and for those who do not hear their name here but are precious because they are members of the family.

In the Diocese of Buye – for Kigufi Parish: Audace Gahungu, Rector.
and for the people of the Montana First Nation
that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority throughout the world as they strive to deal with so much unrest as well as floods, hurricanes, fires and the pandemic. May they work together in good will that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for this city of Edmonton and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women ; that you will show your goodwill to all.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the VICTIMS of our society and of all the wrong doings, large or small, that are present in the world, and we pray for those who minister to all who are in any need. We especially remember 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, and Barry that you will be their help and defence.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died especially Len Amey and Sandy MacDonald and for comfort for those who mourn.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their teachers and mentors, that they may be strengthened in the faith.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We give thanks for St. Peter and all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

LORD, 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 building is not the only place where worship happens but that the Church lives in us as you live in us. **Amen.**

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart, the true love of peace, and guide us with your wisdom that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your LOVE through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
 whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call,
 rejoicing in your promise
 that in him the family of the earth is blessed,
 give us faith like his,
 that in us your promises may be fulfilled;
 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 654 Holy Spirit, Gracious Guest

1. Holy Spirit, gracious guest,
 Hear and grant our heart's request
 For that gift supreme and best:
 Holy heavenly love.

2. Faith that mountains could remove,
 Tongues of earth or heaven above,
 Knowledge, all things, empty prove
 If I have no love.

3. Though I as a martyr bleed,
 Give my goods the poor to feed,
 All is vain if love I need:
 Therefore give me love.

4. Love is kind and suffers long,
 Love is pure and thinks no wrong,
 Love than death itself more strong:
 Therefore give us love.

5. Prophecy will fade away,
 Melting in the light of day;
 Love will ever with us stay:
 Therefore give us love.

6. Faith and hope and love we see
 Joining hand in hand agree-
 But the greatest of the three,
 And the best, is love.

The Dismissal

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

John 14:23

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.