

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas**



Jesus in the Temple - Heinrich Hofmann 1881

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Colossians 3:15, 16*

CP 117 Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

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.**

Psalm 148

Refrain: God sent redemption to his people.

148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

148:2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

148:3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

148:4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

148:6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

148:8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

148:10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

148:12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

148:14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

2:18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

2:19 His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

2:20 Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

2:26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 123 Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.

A Reading from Colossians 3:12-17

3:12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

3:13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

3:14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 131 Love Came Down at Christmas

1. Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas --
star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus --
what shall be our sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbour,
love for prayer and gift and sign.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:41-52

2:41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

2:43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

2:44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

2:45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

2:46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

2:47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

2:48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

2:49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

2:50 But they did not understand what he said to them.

2:51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7071972 Glory (Let There Be Peace)

1. One star

Burns in the darkness

Shines with the promise Emmanuel

One child

Born in the stillness

Living within us Emmanuel

2. One voice

Speaks for the voiceless

Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel

One love Brings us together

Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus...

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory

Let there be peace let there be peace

Singing Glory Glory

Let there be peace let it start in me

Bridge

Do not be afraid

His love is strong enough to save us

Nothing stands in the way

His love is strong enough to lead 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

Our intercessions today are based on information from a book titled: "Intercessions for the Christian People" edited by Gail Ramshaw, Page 149 First Sunday After Christmas C.

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the churches,

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, The Rt Rev John Organ, Bishop.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for Holy Trinity, Edmonton: Danielle Kay, Rector, Allan Bonertz, Penny Bruce and Robin Walker, Honorary Assistants, RJ Chambers, Arts Administrator, Janelle Chambers, Office Administrator.

We pray for our parish of St. Peters, especially our Clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, and all parish members.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Chaplain at Buye High School, Audace Kwizera.

We pray for the people of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

That united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us.

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare and Covid 19; that their mourning may be turned into joy.

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger,

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For the leaders of nations, especially our Queen Elizabeth, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace.

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For our Bishop Stephen, and for all bishops, that they may rejoice in your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For this assembly, for our sick, especially Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois Ward, Ray and Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Lois Davis, Stacey, Marguerite, Evelyn, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill, Maxime, Barry Westervelt, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Kathleen, baby Emelia, Jerry.

And for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word.

Merciful God, hear our prayer

For those who have died, especially for the repose of the soul of Willis Scott and those who mourn.

Merciful God, hear our prayer

Compassionate God, we thank you for answering our prayers and allowing us to once again, open the doors of St. Peter's to worship in person. The gift of being able to gather together is truly a blessing to us all and the ability to sing the songs of praise to glorify you is a gift we have missed. We praise and thank you, that as we now gather in person and online, we continue to be bound together in love and fellowship by your divine grace and compassion, we pray to the Lord,

Merciful God, hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of 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 118 O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful
 Joyful and triumphant
 O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him
 Born the King of angels

Refrain
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God
 Light of light
 Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
 Very God
 Begotten not created ***[Refrain]***

3. Sing choirs of angels
 Sing in exultation
 Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
 Glory to God
 In the highest ***[Refrain]***

4. See how the shepherds,
 Summoned to his cradle,
 Leaving their flocks,
 Draw nigh with lowly fear
 We too will thither
 Bend our joyful footsteps ***[Refrain]***

5. Yea Lord we greet Thee
 Born this happy morning
 Jesus to Thee be glory given
 Word of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing ***[Refrain]***

The Dismissal

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Colossians 3:15, 16*

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.**