

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany**



“Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue,”\_James Tissot, 1836-1902  
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The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. *Luke 4:18*

**CP 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him,  
As through word and song and prayer  
We affirm God’s promised presence  
Where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
Praise the Son who calls us friends;  
Praise the spirit who, among us,  
To our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
Sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
Saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
Tell his tales that all may hear;  
Tell the world that Christ in glory  
Came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other:  
Found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
Such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
Join the hands of age and youth;  
Join the faithful and the doubter  
In their common search for truth.

4 Jesus calls us to his table  
Rooted firm in time and space,  
Where the church in each and heaven  
Finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
Share the love of which we sing;  
Share the feast for saints and sinners  
Hosted by our Lord and King.

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 19**     *Refrain* The words of the Lord are spirit and life.

19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.  
 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
 19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.  
 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
 19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.  
 19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
 19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.  
 19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.  
 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**A Reading from Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.  
 8:2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.  
 8:3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until

midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

8:6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8:8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CP 485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2 Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

4 Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

5 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.

6 Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

### **A Reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

12:13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

12:14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

12:15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

12:16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

12:18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

12:19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

12:20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

12:22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

12:23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

12:24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,

12:25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

12:26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

12:30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

12:31 But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CP 413 The Stars Declare His Glory**

1 The stars declare his glory;  
The vault of heaven springs  
Mute witness of the Master's hand  
In all created things,  
And through the silences of space  
Their soundless music sings.

2 The dawn returns in splendor,  
The heavens burn and blaze,  
The rising sun renews the race  
That measures all our days,  
And writes in fire across the skies  
God's majesty and praise.

3 So shine the Lord's commandments  
To make the simple wise;  
More sweet than honey to the taste,  
More rich than any prize,  
A law of love within our hearts,  
A light before our eyes.

4 So order too this life of mine,  
Direct it all my days;  
The meditations of my heart  
Be innocence and praise,  
My Rock and my redeeming Lord,  
In all my words and ways.

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 4:14-21

4:14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell**CCLI 4513605 Live for the Kingdom**

1 Hear the good news repent and believe  
Follow the Saviour and everything leave  
Taking the yoke that's easy and light  
Dressed for the battle equipped for the fight  
Learn from the master to sacrifice all  
Gladly obeying His call

***Chorus***

***Now is the moment the day of salvation  
This is the hour to be serving the King  
Bearing the gospel go to the nations  
Now is the time for our tribute to bring  
And live for the kingdom  
And give God the glory and honour and  
praise  
Live for the kingdom all of our days***

2 Love one another care for the lost  
Learn to live simply and carry your cross  
Jesus is near so stand and be strong  
Lift up your hearts in the victory song  
When you're mistreated be certain to bless  
Seeking His righteousness

***Chorus...***

3 Learn to pray daily Your kingdom come  
And may Your will on this earth soon be  
done  
Forgive our sins as we forgive  
Strengthen us while in these bodies we live  
So we might work for that glorious day  
When sin and death pass away

***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 Lesley Lambert

For our prayers today, I will be using Litany #9, on page 117 of Book of Alternative Services.

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray this morning for all those who are hurting in any way: the unemployed, the hungry, the homeless, the addicted, the lonely, the victims of violence, neglect, prejudice and ignorance and those who feel marginalised or isolated in any way. May Your presence fill our hearts with the desire to see all people valued equally as created in Your image and likeness.

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as He has loved us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend to You our country of Canada; our Prime Minister, Justin; our Premier, Jason; our Mayor Amarjeet; may they speak and act with honesty and integrity and let them hear Your voice in their many deliberations. We pray for the leaders of all the nations, that they may govern wisely and fairly, and we ask You to deliver us all from war and threats of violence, remembering most particularly today the people of Ukraine.

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Today we pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit and those who care for them. We pray for those whose names are known to You alone, and those for whom our prayers have been most especially requested: Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Lois Ward..... Ray and Mary..... Irene ..... Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Lois Davis..... Evelyn..... Miranda..... Iain.....Diane and Bill..... Maxime.....Barry Westervelt..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Kathleen..... Shirley and Cyril. We commend to Your eternal care the souls of Jerry Dyck and Nicole Barrow and we ask Your great compassion to those who mourn them.  
Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for Your church family throughout the world:

- Hong Kong, Sheng Kung Hui; Primate of Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Archbishop. - St. Faith's, Edmonton: Travis Enright, Rector; Adenike Yesufu, Sandra Arbeau, Vocational Deacons; Linda Whittle, Honorary Assistant; Arthur Dyck, Honorary Vocational Deacon. - The Diocese of Buyé Mothers' Union: Clotilde Muhimpundu, MU President; Bibiane Nsengiyumva, Chaplain; Josephine Kezakimana and Clementine Ujeneza, Trainers. - Frog Lake First Nation.

We pray for our parish home of St. Peter's, our ministry team, Heather and Alison, and our musician Nadine, and we thank You for the many faithful friendships we have enjoyed here over the years. Today we remember the members of our vestry who guide the care and keeping of St. Peter's and who meet online every month to discuss church business and concerns. Protect our whole parish family during these challenging times and keep us constant in the knowledge that we will meet again. Remind us always that You are present in all our hearts as we worship and pray, wherever we may be.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
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 354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
 tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
 call for songs of loudest praise.  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
 sung by flaming tongues above.  
 O the vast, the boundless treasure  
 Of my God's unchanging love.

2 Here I make faith's affirmation:  
 Thus far by thy help I've come,  
 And I hope, by thy compassion,  
 safely to arrive at home.  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
 Wandering from the fold of God;  
 He, to rescue me from danger,  
 Interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
 daily I'm constrained to be!  
 Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
 bind my wandering heart to thee:  
 prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
 prone to leave the God I love;  
 take my heart, O take and seal it;  
 seal it for thy courts above.

### **The Dismissal**

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. *Luke 4:18*

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.**