

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**



“Love Your Enemies”

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A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

CP 9 Today I Awake

1 Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, He summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

2 Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

3 Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

4 Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.

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 37:1-11, 39-40 *Refrain:* Put your trust in the Lord and do good.

37:1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

37:2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

37:6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

37:7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

37:9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

37:10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

37:11 But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

37:39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

37:40 The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

A Reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 15

45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

45:6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

45:8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

45:10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

45:11 I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****CP 486 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.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art.
 Visit us with thy salvation;
 enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive.
 Suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
 true and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee.
 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 15:35-38, 42-50

15:35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

15:36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

15:37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

15:38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

15:42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

15:43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

15:44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

15:45 Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

15:48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

15:50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

1 Forgive our sins as we forgive,
 You taught us, Lord, to pray;
 But you alone can grant us grace
 To live the words we say.

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
 The truth we dimly knew:
 What trivial debts are owed to us,
 How great our debt to you!

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
 The unforgiving heart
 That broods on wrongs, and will not let
 Old bitterness depart?

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
 And bid resentment cease;
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
 Our lives will spread your peace.

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 6:27-38

6:27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

6:29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

6:30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

6:33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

6:34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

6:38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7077180 For the One

1 Let me be filled
 With kindness and compassion for the one
 The one for whom You loved and gave Your
 Son
 For humanity increase my love

Chorus

***Help me to love with open arms like You
 do
 A love that erases all the lines and sees
 the truth
 Oh that when they look in my eyes
 They would see You
 Even in just a smile
 They would feel the Father's love***

2 Oh how You love us
 From the homeless to the famous and in-
 between
 You formed us You made us carefully
 'Cause in the end we're all Your children

Chorus...***Bridge***

So let all my life tell of who You are
 And the wonder of Your never-ending love
 Oh let all my life tell of who you are
 That You're wonderful and such a good
 Father

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

We pray today for peace in our world. Grant its leaders the desire and ability to act as instruments of your peace, seeking peaceful discourse over physical confrontation and conflict. We remember today the people of Ukraine over whom the shadow of war looms large and pray for those who seek dialogue. Also very much in our intercessions are the

people of Canada for whom the past few weeks have been so difficult with so much anger and protest. Protect all those who attempt to restore order from chaos and help all of us to

see your face in the faces of those around us even if divisions seem May the still small voice of calm be truly present and bring us back to peaceful ways.. Walk with our First Nations as they again grieve over burial sites newly discovered and allow them to believe that we walk with them in solidarity.

We pray for your church throughout the world, and remember today the Head of the Anglican Church, our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, who has devoted her entire life to service of her church and her people. May You bless her richly in this her 95th year.

Today, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East; the Diocese of Brandon, the art. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop; St. Margaret's, Edmonton, Tim Chesterton, rector, Susan Ormsbee, Honorary Assistant and Lori Hitola-Chenkolav, administrative assistant; Paul First Nation.

In the Buye Diocese, we offer prayers for the retired pastors, Joel Minani and Osee Niyibizi. We pray for our own beloved parish home, St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison and Nadine, our musician. Next week, at our AGM, grant us fruitful deliberations and bless all those who have prepared reports for our consideration. We thank you for the faithful service of those who have resigned positions and commend to You those who will bring new ideas and visions.

We pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit or in any kind of need, and we remember especially those for whom our prayers have been requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois Ward, Ray and Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Lois Davis, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill, Maxine, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Kathleen, Shirley and Cyril and we commend to You the many caregivers in the home and the hospitals.

For all who have ended their earthly journey we ask Your gift of eternal rest, and we pray most especially today for the soul of Bill Turnbull. May he Rest In Peace and rise in glory. Grant to Lorna and all his family Your comfort as they mourn. We give thanks for the many years we were blessed with his most wonderful voice and their musical leadership in our worship. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 your Son revealed in signs and miracles
 the wonder of your saving love.
 Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness
 sustain us by your mighty power;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John*
13.34

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.