

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**



"Sermon on the Mount" 1896

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Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6:23*

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.**

Psalm 1

Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

A Reading from Jeremiah 17:5-10

17:5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

17:6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

17:7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

17:8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

17:9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it?

17:10 I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 628 Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (Vs. 1, 3, 4, 7)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

3 For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

7 To God whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through the Son,
To God the Father, glory be
Both now and through eternity

A Reading from Corinthians 15:12-20

15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

15:13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;

15:14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

15:16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

15:17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

15:18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

15:19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

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 6:17-26

6:17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

6:18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

6:19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

6:20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

6:21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

6:22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

6:23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

6:25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

6:26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell**CCLI 5919435 They Will See God**

1 Blessed are you who've chosen to choose
 The right way no matter the cost
 You do what you say when you say what
 you'll do
 Not counting the gain or the loss

Chorus

***Blessed are they who hold on to faith
 When ev'rything's coming undone
 And day after day they stand in the face
 Of the wind and the rain and the storm
 They will see God they will see God***

Bridge

There will be hope for the hopeless
 And rest for the weary
 A day when all wrong is made right
 There will be light in the darkness
 'Cause love is returning
 And finally faith will be sight
 They will see God
 They will see God
 They will see God
 They will see God

Chorus...

2 Blessed are you the cheated and used
 Your heart is so broken and spent
 And though you could run grace overcomes
 And you choose to forgive once again

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 the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places and have many different cultures. On this Sunday of Racial Justice, we bring our needs and the needs of the world to you saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for your church:

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Diocese of Athabasca: The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop.
- St. Luke, Edmonton: Nick Trussell, Rector; Joyce Mellor, Honorary Assistant.
- lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Buyé.
- Our brothers and sisters of the Montana First Nation.
- For our clergy, Heather and Alison, our music ministry, Nadine, and all ministers, lay and ordained, and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and courage to speak for those whose voices have been marginalised and to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world:

for peace and unity across barriers of language, colour, and creed, and for elected and appointed leaders, that they would work to free the oppressed and serve the common good. Inspire our Prime Minister, Justin, our Premier, Jason, our Mayor, Amarjeet and all people to speak out against hatred and actively to resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, we pray for this community:

for our schools and markets, and our neighbours and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us a spirit of hospitality, especially towards those different from ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we pray for those in any kind of need or trouble:

For those of us who suffer in mind, body and spirit; those who are anxious, tired, frustrated, angry, lonely; those who suffer from addictions, homelessness, hunger, unemployment; those who are becoming discouraged by the pandemic; we bring before you the names of those we love and who have requested our prayers

- 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..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Kathleen..... Shirley and Cyril

We ask you to make your loving and comforting presence be with all who keep watch over those who are suffering.

For those who suffer from racial violence and prejudice; for those who are disadvantaged because of historic and ongoing structural injustice; for those who are lonely, and those who have been marginalised because of the colour of their skin. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit as we seek and serve Christ in all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of grace, we give thanks for those who have gone before us:

- for the peaceful repose of the soul of Nicole Barrow, Bill Turnbull
- for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who have called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, hear our prayers and breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth. May barriers amongst us crumble and divisions cease. By your grace, may we share in your healing of our world that all may be united in bonds of love and trust, and live to the glory of your Name, for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
 and restored them to wholeness of life,
 look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
 and by your power make whole all peoples and nations;
 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 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love
 There God is ever found
 Brought here together by Christ's love
 By love we are thus bound

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn
 Let us with heart and mind and strength
 Now love Him in return

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
 As we our faults confess
 Let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness

4 Let strife among us be unknown
 Let all contention cease
 Be His the glory that we seek
 Be ours His holy peace

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells God's begotten Son;
 As members of his body joined,
 We are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 If honoured be God's name;
 Our common life embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

7 Lord, we thy presence seek;
 may ours this blessing be;
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for thee.

The Dismissal

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6:23*

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.