

A Service of Morning Prayer
April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Anointing the Feet of Jesus

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All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. *See Philippians 3.10*

CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again

1 When the King shall come again,
 all his power revealing;
 splendour shall announce his reign,
 life and joy and healing:
 earth no longer in decay,
 hope no more frustrated;
 this is God's redemption day
 longingly awaited.

2 In the desert, trees take root,
 fresh from God's creation;
 plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
 join the celebration;
 rivers spring up from the earth,
 barren lands adorning.
 Valleys, this is your new birth;
 mountains, greet the morning!

3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
 fainting hearts, be cheerful!
 God who comes for such as these,
 seeks and saves the fearful.
 Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
 sing away their weeping;
 blind eyes see the lifeless ones
 walking, running, leaping!

4 There God's highway shall be seen
 where no roaring lion,
 nothing evil or unclean
 walks the road to Zion:
 ransomed people, homeward bound
 all your praises voicing,
 see your Lord with glory crowned,
 share in his rejoicing!

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 126 *Refrain* The Lord has done great things for us.

126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

126:3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

126:4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

126:5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

126:6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Reading from Isaiah 43:16-21

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

43:17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

43:18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

43:19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

43:20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

43:21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

A Reading from Philippians 3:4b-14

3:4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

3:5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

3:7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

3:8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

3:11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

3:13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 463 A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

1 A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.

3 Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

2 A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw, she heard, she preached the word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw, she heard, she preached the word,
apostle to apostles.

4 The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

John 12:1-8

12:1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

12:2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

12:3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

12:4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

12:6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

12:7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

12:8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

(The Rev. Heather Liddell is preaching at our in-person service today.)

CCLI 7030068 Jesus We Love You

1 Old things have passed away
 Your love has stayed the same
 Your constant grace remains the cornerstone
 Things that we thought were dead
 Are breathing in life again
 You cause your Son to shine on darkest
 nights

Pre-Chorus

For all that You've done we will pour out our
 love
 This will be our anthem song

Chorus

(Jesus) we love You
Oh how we love You
You are the one our hearts adore

Interlude

Our hearts adore
 Our hearts adore
 Our hearts adore

2 The hopeless have found their hope
 The orphans now have a home
 All that was lost has found its place in You

You lift our weary head
 You make us strong instead
 You took these rags and made us beautiful

Bridge

Our affection our devotion
 Poured out on the feet of Jesus
 (REPEAT 3X)

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

TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY NO. 14 on Page 121 of the BAS.

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, " Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world.

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

- In Canada, we pray for The Diocese of Edmonton: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop.
- In our Diocese, we pray for the parish of St. Paul, Edmonton: Myron Penner, Rector; Michelle Schurek, Community Engagement Worker; Abigail Harding, Youth Worker.
- In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for Mwendo Parish: Gregoire Ntiringanya, Rector.
- We pray for our parish of St. Peters, especially for our clergy Heather and Alison and our music ministry, Nadine and Shannon, and all of our St. Peter's family.
- We pray for the people of the Alexander First Nation.

For all these and more, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness the Church may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in authority throughout the world that there may be peace in the world, and that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; and everyone in need; and for anyone who is affected in any way because of the Coronavirus and the turmoil in the world especially in the Ukraine. We pray especially for those for whom our prayers are requested: Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Lois Ward.....Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Lois Davis..... Miranda..... Iain.....Diane and Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died especially Kathleen Frances Crerar, Gillian U., Andrew, Ray Hayden, Rev. John Rushton and for comfort for those who mourn, we pray to you Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 he welcomes sinners
 and invites them to his table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**
 Almighty God have mercy upon us,
 pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
 confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
 and keep us in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Most merciful God,
 by the death and resurrection
 of your Son Jesus Christ,
 you created humanity anew.
 May the power of his victorious cross
 transform those who turn in faith
 to him 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 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
 O thou the Godhead's human son:
 thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
 thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the
 woodlands,
 robed in the blooming garb of spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the
 moonlight,
 and fair the twinkling, starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
 wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
 none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
 than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

The Dismissal

All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. *See Philippians 3.10*

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.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
 and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.