

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**May 1, 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



**“The Conversion of St. Paul”**

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Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

*See Luke 24:32*

**CP 432 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult**

1 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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 30      *Remember God's holiness and praise him.*

30:1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

30:2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

30:3 O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

30:4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

30:5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

30:6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

30:7 By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

30:8 To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

30:9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

30:10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

30:12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Reading from Acts 9:1-20

9:1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

9:3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

9:4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

9:5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

9:6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

9:7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

9:8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9:9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

9:10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

9:11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,

9:12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

9:13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

9:14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

9:16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

9:17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

9:18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored.

Then he got up and was baptized,

9:19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

9:20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 508 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

A Reading from Revelation 5:11-14

5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

5:12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

5:14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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 earth 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 Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 21:1-19

21:1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

21:2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

21:4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

21:5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

21:8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

21:9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

21:16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

21:18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

21:19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7032390 For I Was Far**Chorus**

***For I was far away and dead in sin  
I had no hope at all to live again  
And then You came and drew me close in  
love  
You washed away my guilt and filthy  
stains***

1 This is my story it's my testimony  
Filled with redemption alive with hope  
And I can't be silent when I think about it  
My undeserving heart it overflows

2 You took this broken and unworthy servant  
Made new in mercy You called me friend  
I just can't hide it I have to shout it  
I will be singing to the end

**Interlude**

Oh You washed my sin away  
By the power of Your blood

3 I am a pilgrim a stranger on earth  
Keeping my eyes fixed upon the prize  
And I sing this song to remind my heart of  
The grace forever found before Your eyes

4 And when the day breaks and heaven's  
light wakes  
My soul to look on the One I love  
My heart will burst forth in rapturous praises  
My thankful heart I give this worthy One

**Ending**

You washed away my guilt and filthy stains  
You washed away my guilt and filthy stains

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

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 3 on page 112 of the Book of Alternative Services.

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for Stephen our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, especially in our parish. We pray for our clergy team, Heather and Alison and all volunteers.

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
In Canada, we pray for the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: The Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission.

In our Diocese we pray for Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Edmonton: Thomas Yesudasan, Rector.

In the Buyé Diocese, we pray for Gashikanwa (St. Paul) Parish: Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority throughout the world; that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for this city of Edmonton and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women; that you will show your goodwill to all.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the victims of our society, of our weather disasters, of all the wrong doings, large or small, that are present in the world, and we pray for those who minister to them and for all who are in any need. We pray for the people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war there. We pray for peace. We especially remember 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..... Mark and Blake..... Danny and Jane..... Lisa, that you will be their help and defence.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died and for comfort for those who mourn, especially Earl, Harvey Vaags, and Ray Lewis

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for those recently baptised, that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We give thanks for St. Peter and all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide us with your wisdom that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your LOVE through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

O God,  
 your Son made himself known to his disciples  
 in the breaking of bread.  
 Open the eyes of our faith,  
 that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
 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 482 Come And Journey

1 Come and journey with a Saviour  
who has called us from our birth  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.

**Refrain**

***Come and journey, come and journey  
with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters;  
in the Spirit we are one.***

2 Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin.

**Refrain...**

3 Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the shame.

**Refrain...**

4 Come and journey, journey outward,  
where that cross calls us to care,  
where injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share.

**Refrain...**

5 Come and journey, journey upward,  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness  
find his presence everywhere.

**Refrain...**

6 Come and journey, journey onward;  
all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city  
that is holy, Christ its King.

**Refrain...**

The Dismissal

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.  
See *Luke 24:32*

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.**