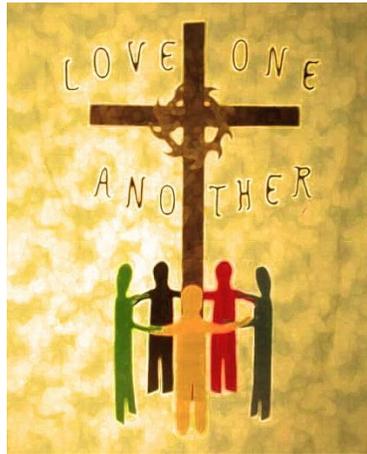


**A Service of Morning Prayer  
 May 15, 2022  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter**



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

CP 10 We The Lord's People

1 We, the Lord's people, heart and voice  
 uniting,  
 praise him who called us out of sin and  
 darkness  
 into his own light, that he might anoint us  
 a royal priesthood.

2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his  
 people,  
 school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,  
 rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;  
 all find a welcome.

3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own  
 making,  
 day of creation, day of resurrection,  
 day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,  
 day for rejoicing.

4. In the Lord's service bread and wine are  
 offered,  
 that Christ may take them, bless them, break,  
 and give them  
 to all his people, his own life imparting,  
 food everlasting.

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 148      *Refrain: The Lord is close to all who call him.*

148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

148:2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

148:3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

148:4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

148:6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

148:8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

148:10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

148:12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

148:14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

### Reading from Acts 11:1-18

11:1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,

11:3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

11:4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

11:6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

11:7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

11:8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

11:9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

11:10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

11:11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

11:12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

11:13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

11:14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

11:17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

11:18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 36 Now There Is No Male Or Female

1 Now there is no male or female, now there is no free or slave,  
now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.  
Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed;  
old submissions cannot claim us, Christ has set us free indeed.

2 Crucified with Christ the Saviour, baptized in his holy death,  
and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.  
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,  
joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

3 Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;  
life's own waters now have marked us born to God this very hour.  
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive to Christ,  
born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

### A Reading from Revelation 21:1-6

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

21:4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

21:6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 410 Creating God Your Fingers Trace

1 Creating God, your fingers trace  
the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.

3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.

2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;  
let water's fragile blend with air,  
enabling life, proclaim your care.

4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.

### 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 13:31-35

13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Heather LiddellCCLI 6399212 Oh How Good It Is

1 Oh how good it is  
 When the family of God  
 Dwells together in spirit  
 In faith and unity  
 Where the bonds of peace  
 Of acceptance and love  
 Are the fruit of His presence  
 Here among us

2 Oh how good it is  
 On this journey we share  
 To rejoice with the happy  
 And weep with those who mourn  
 For the weak find strength  
 The afflicted find grace  
 When we offer the blessing  
 Of belonging

***Chorus***

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
 And with one heart we'll live out His  
 word  
 Till the whole earth sees  
 The Redeemer has come  
 For He dwells in the presence of His  
 people***

***Interlude***

Da da da

3 Oh how good it is  
 To embrace His command  
 To prefer one another  
 Forgive as He forgives  
 When we live as one  
 We all share in the love  
 Of the Son with the Father  
 And the Spirit

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 Beth-Anne Exham

**For our intercessions today, we will use Litany 4 on p.113**

( In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy." )

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: especially today

For the Scottish Episcopal Church

For the Anglican Church in Canada most especially for the Diocese of Moosonee: the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario); the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop.

For Stephen, our Bishop, and for St. George, Fort Saskatchewan: Aaron Parsall-Myler, Rector.

In the Diocese of Buye, for Ngosi (St. John) Parish: Damascene Bagirubwira, Rector and Deo Nkunzimana, Deputy Rector.

For the people of the Kehewin Cree Nation.

And we also pray for Elizabeth our Queen and for all who are in authority.

Fill all of us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression, and for so many more Lord, for the homeless, for those affected by the corona virus, for those dealing with violence, for any coping with natural and surprise disasters and for all Christians throughout the world; grant them your salvation.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying and all others in need especially 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, Marijka, Chrissie and Joyce. Show them your kindness and mercy.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

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

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for one another – for our St. Peter’s Family at this time, especially our clergy Heather and Alison, for Nadine and her music ministry and we give thanks and pray for all those who are giving their time, talents and money to keep us able to continue with our ministry. May we always be united in service and love.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, especially war, and injustice.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy and peace together.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ’s saints.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people especially for peace in the world, and strengthen us in to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
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 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong;  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined;  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,

but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

## 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.

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.**