

**A Service of Morning Prayer
May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



St. Lydia of Philippi by Paul Drozdowski

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you. See *John 14.23*

CP 521 Dear Shepherd Of Your People Hear

1 Dear Shepherd of your people, hear;
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

3 May we in faith receive your word
in faith present our prayers,
and in the presence of our Lord
disburden all our cares.

2 Within these walls let holy peace
and love and concord dwell;
her give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the humbled mind bestow;
and shine upon us from on high
to make our graces grow.

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 67 *Refrain:* Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

67:2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

67:3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

67:5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

67:7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

A Reading from Acts 16:9-15

16:9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

16:10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

16:11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,

16:12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

16:13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

16:14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

16:15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 631 The Kingdom Of God Is Justice And Joy

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy,
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall
grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, and sinners find place,
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to
share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and
choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his
cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the
goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole,
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his
call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.

A Reading from Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

21:10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

21:22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

21:24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

21:25 Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there.

21:26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

21:27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

22:2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

22:3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;

22:4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

22:5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 649 Breathe On Me Breath Of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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 5:1-9

5:1 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

5:2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes.

5:3 In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed.

5:5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

5:6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

5:7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

5:8 Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."

5:9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 38631 My Peace***Intro***

Peace peace
 Peace to know peace to live
 My peace I give unto you

1 My peace I give unto you
 It's a peace that the world cannot give
 It's a peace that the world cannot understand
 Peace to know peace to live
 My peace I give unto you

Interlude

Oo oo
 My peace I give unto you

2 My love I give unto you
 It's a love that the world cannot give
 It's a love that the world cannot understand
 Love to know love to live
 My love I give unto you

Ending

Love that the world cannot understand
 My love My love
 My peace I give unto you
 My peace to you

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

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

We pray for your church throughout the world and here at home:

- for the Church of the Province of South East Asia
- for the Anglican Church of Canada and her Primate, Linda Nicholls
- for the Diocese of New Westminster and her Bishop the Rt. Rev. John Stephens.
- for the Church of the Nativity in Frog Lake and the Lay Reader-in-Charge, Fred Matthews,
- for the Buyé Diocese and the Murama Parish and her Rector, Evariste Nsabimana.
- for the people of the Louis Bull Tribe
- for our Diocese of Edmonton and our Bishop, Stephen, and all clergy and parishes.
- for our own Parish of St. Peter's and our community of Westmount and Inglewood; for our clergy and all the ministries to which we are called, that all ministries will be blessed by God and hallmarked with courage, compassion, and truth, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For our world, that God will inspire world leaders with new ways to right injustice and establish peace.

- We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,
- for people who are suffering and living in war torn countries;
- for people who are dealing with injustice and prejudice;
- for people who are hungry and homeless
- for people and communities who are struggling with violence and loss due to violence

For all the peoples of the world, that they may rejoice in the gift of love, and that hatred and bloodshed may come to an end, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all students and teachers and all educational staff, that the Holy Spirit will guide them to use their gifts wisely and well, Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved, especially 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..... Joyce; for all those in hospital or care homes and for

all those who use their love and skills to care for them, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's unconditional love for them, Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those who have completed this earthly journey and those who mourn their passing, those who are nearing the end and those who sit with them and wait,

- we remember in love Ray Lewis.

That their sorrow may be turned into the joy of anticipated reunion through your beloved Son and that they may find rest and comfort in your embracing presence, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Collect

Merciful God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 riches beyond imagination.
 Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
 that we, loving you above all things,
 may obtain your promises,
 which exceed all that we can desire;
 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 31 Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

1 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
then lowly kneeling wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

4 Grant us thy peace, throughout our earthly life;
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

The Dismissal

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you. *See John 14.23*

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.

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.