

**A Service of Morning Prayer
July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



“Parable of the Rich Man” 1627

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5.3

CP 465 – Here In This Place New Light Is Streaming

1 Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken;
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now; and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

2 We are the young – our lives are a mystery;
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Bather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 107:1-9, 43

107:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

107:3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

107:4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

107:5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

107:6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

107:7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

107:8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

107:9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

107:43 Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

A Reading from Hosea 11:1-11

11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

11:2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

11:3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

11:5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

11:6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

11:7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

11:8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

11:9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no

mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

11:10 They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

11:11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 511 – Lord Jesus, Think On Me

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin:
from earth-born passions set me free
and make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus think on m e,
with man-ya care oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be
and taste thy promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may ~~the-e~~-ternal brightness see
and share thy joy at last.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that I may sing above
to Father, Holy Ghost, and thee
the songs of praise and love.

A Reading from Colossians 3:1-11

3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

3:3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

3:4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

3:6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

3:7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

3:8 But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices

3:10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

3:11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and 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 12:13-21

12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

12:14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

12:15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

12:16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

12:17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

12:18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

12:19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

12:20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

12:21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7060036 – Control (Somehow You Want Me)

1 Here I am all my intentions
 All my obsessions I wanna lay them all down
 In Your hands only Your love is vital
 Though I'm not entitled
 Still You call me Your child

Chorus

God You don't need me but somehow You want me

Oh how You love me somehow that frees me

To take my hands off of my life

And the way it should go

Oh God You don't need me but somehow You want me

Oh how You love me somehow that frees me

To open my hands up and give You control

(I give You control)

2 I've had plans shattered and broken
 Things I have hoped in fall through my hands
 You have plans to redeem and restore me
 You're behind and before me
 Oh help me believe

Bridge

You want me

Somehow You want me

The King of Heaven wants me

So this world has lost its grip on me

InterludeAffirmation 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 Lesley Lambert

Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of this summer's day and for the opportunity to come together to offer prayer and praise. Hear us as we bring our humble supplications before You, trusting that You will hear us and grant the desires of our hearts as is best for us and for those for whom we pray.

In our prayers for Your holy church today we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Territory of the People, The Rev. Canon Len Fraser, Territory Administrator and the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Assisting Bishop to the Metropolitan; St. Augustine Parkland, Spruce Grove, Neil Gordon, Interim Priest-in-Charge and Lesley Hand, Honorary Assistant; The Buye Diocese, Murehe Parish, Alexis Nzoyisaba, Rector.

As we pray this day for The Cold Lake First Nations, and following the visit here of Pope Francis, let us remember all those most deeply affected by the stain of the residential school system. We lift up in prayer the sacred lives of the children who died and those whose lives were forever changed, many of whom struggle to this day and whose families have been torn apart by what happened. We ask You to envelop them with Your infinite compassion and to grant them the peace of Your reconciling and boundless love.

Let us pray for our beloved parish home of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison, and for the gifted musicians who bring us so much joy. We thank You for all those who volunteer their time to allow our doors to open every month, and also those who work to bring online services to us every week. We are so grateful for their continued energy and commitment. Bless them all as they continue to give their time to further Your kingdom on Earth.

We pray for the people of Ukraine. We know You are hurting too as You watch conflict and destruction and we pray Your voice may somehow be heard above the dreadful noises of war. Hear us as we pray for strength in our leaders to strive for a better tomorrow and stand up to abuses of power. Let us remember the people of Myanmar as voices of democracy are silenced and all places where there are few human rights observed, as we know how everyone is equal in Your eyes and how worthy of Your love.

We pray for all those who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit, for the hungry, the homeless, the addicted, and for those who feel lonely or marginalized in any way. We remember today most especially those for whom our prayers have been requested today: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Miranda, Iain, Bill and Diane, Maxime, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Mark and Blake, Danny and Jane, Lisa, Marijka, Chrissie, Cathy and the family, Brad, Doug, Diane, Janelle and the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn. We pray for them as we pray also for all caregivers in the home, the hospital and the extended care residences.

We pray for those whom we love who have gone before us to join You in Your heavenly kingdom. Today we remember especially Lois Ward, and Gerald Holitzki, and we ask Your comfort to those who mourn them.

Loving Father, we lift our prayers to You this morning in the sure knowledge that You will hear us. Forgive us our failures of the past and encourage us to strive for what is right today, tomorrow and every day of our lives. This we ask through Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
 with the bread of his life
 and the word of his kingdom.
 Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness
 sustain us by your true and living bread,
 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 532 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials or temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do our friends despise, forsake us?
 Are we tempted to despair?
 Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
 and we'll find new courage there.

The Dismissal

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5.3

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.