

A Service of Morning Prayer
August 21, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Christ healing an infirm woman on Sabbath
 by James Tissot ~1886-1896

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I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

CP 318 Rejoice Again With One Accord

1 Rejoice today with one accord,
 sing out with exultation;
 rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
 whose arm hath brought salvation.
 His works of love proclaim
 the greatness of his name;
 for he is God alone,
 who hath his mercy shown:
 let all his saints adore him!

2 When in distress to him we cried
 he heard our sad complaining;
 O trust in him. what'er betide,
 his love is all-sustaining.
 Triumphant songs of praise
 to him our hearts shall raise:
 now every voice shall say,
 "O praise our God always";
 let all his saints adore him.

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 71:1-6 *Refrain:* Happy are the people whose strength is in you!

71:1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

71:2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

71:3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

71:4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

71:5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

71:6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

A Reading from Jeremiah 1:4-10

1:4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

1:6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

1:7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

1:9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

1:10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 339 From Glory to Glory

1 From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;
thy Name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.
From strength unto strength we go forward on Zion's highway,
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.

2 Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.

A Reading from Hebrews 12:18-29

12:18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,

12:19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

12:20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")

12:21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")

12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

12:25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;

12:29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 476 God You Have Called To Be Written

1 God you have caused to be written your word for our learning;
grant us that, hearing, our hearts may be inwardly burning,
Give to us grace, that in your Son we embrace life, all its glory discerning.

2 Now may our God give us joy, and all peace in believing
all things were written in truth for our thankful receiving,
As Christ did preach, through all the world love must reach; grant us each day love's
achieving.

3 Lord, should the powers of the earth and the heavens be shaken,
grant us to see you in all things, our vision awaken.
Help us to see, though all the earth cease to be, your truth shall never be shaken.

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 13:10-17

13:10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

13:11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

13:13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

13:14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

13:15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?

13:16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 5468807 The Compassion Hymn

1 There is an everlasting kindness
You lavished on us
When the radiance of heaven
Came to rescue the lost
You called the sheep without
A shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness
And the shade of Your rest

2 And with compassion for the hurting
You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You
And the dead breathed again
You saw behind the eyes of
Sorrow and shared in our tears
Heard the sigh of the weary
Let the children draw near

3 We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry
And gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression
And the wounds of disgrace
For surely You have borne our suff'ring
And carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer
And showed grace to the thief

4 How beautiful the feet
That carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice
And the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing
To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless
With the mercy of Christ

Chorus

***What boundless love what fathomless
grace***

You have shown us O God of compassion

Each day we live an off'ring of praise

As we show to the world Your compassion

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 Lesley Lambert

We give thanks this morning for this beautiful summer's day and for the opportunity to come together to worship. Accept the prayers we offer this morning and grant the desires of our hearts as is most fitting for all those for whom we pray.

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Yukon: the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler Dame, Bishop.
- St. Philip, Westlock: Peter Yeung, Rector.
- The Buyé Diocese, Gisitwe Parish: Isaie Pascal Sindayigaya, Rector.
- The Frog Lake First Nation

As ever, we ask Your blessing on our parish home of St. Peter's and the ministry of Heather and Alison, whose presence is a gift to us all, and for the many friends we have come to regard as our family. Today we ask Your blessing on the members of the St. Peter's Prayer Circle who pray so faithfully for those for whom their intercessions are a comfort and support. We pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit and for those who care for them and we pray for those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested this morning: Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda..... Iain..... Diane and Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Danny and Jane..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Doug..... Diane..... Janelle and Ruth. We also offer prayer for the many whose names are known to You alone and those for whom we pray in private moments.

Let us remember today all those who are suffering from the terrible effects of war. We pray for the people of Ukraine and also for the millions of people who may suffer famine as a result of the conflict. We offer prayers for the people of Afghanistan, where fear, repression, poverty and hunger are constant companions, remembering the many who have been promised sanctuary in our country and are still waiting, often in hiding. Remind our leaders of promises made so that these become promises fulfilled.

We offer prayers today for all who are hurting in our city of Edmonton from hunger, homelessness, loneliness or marginalization. May our church be a place where there may be comfort and kindness and may our hearts be open to all.

We remember all those whose earthly journey is now complete and most especially Lois Ward. May she rest in peace after a long life lived well and rise again in Your glory.

All these things we ask through Your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 440 For All Your Blessings

1 For all your blessings,
Jesus, we praise you,
gracious in mercy,
strong to console.
You to our need bring
comfort and healing,
love and forgiveness,
making us whole.

2 Daily around us,
pain and confusion
crumble our feeble
faith into dust.
Yet still we find your
love in the darkness,
changing our anxious
thoughts into trust.

3 We carry with us
into your presence
prisoners of sickness,
sadness and fear;
grant them to know your
peace in their sufferings
and new life flowing,
for you are near.

4 Grant us, your servants,
grace to work with you,
that in your loving
task we may share
mind's understanding,
hands skilled for healing,
hearts of compassion,
join in love's care.

The Dismissal

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one
comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

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.