

A Service of Morning Prayer
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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



“A Parable - Where to Sit” by Cara B. Hochhalter 2019
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Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am
gentle and lowly in heart. *Matthew 11:29*

CP 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

1 To the Name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.

2 Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.

3 'Tis the name that whoso preaches
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds its comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches,
heavenly joy possesses here.

4 Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind and feet to lame.

5 Therefore we in love adoring,
this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here
that, hereafter heavenward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.

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 81:1,10-16 *Refrain:* Those who lead a blameless life will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

81:10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

81:11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

81:12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

81:13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

81:14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

81:15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

81:16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

A Reading from Jeremiah 2:4-13

2:4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

2:5 Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

2:6 They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

2:7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

2:8 The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

2:9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

2:10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

2:11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

2:12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

2:13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 414 God of the Sparrow

1 God of the sparrow
 God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise

4 God of the hungry
 God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

2 God of the earthquake
 God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save

5 God of the neighbour
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

3 God of the rainbow
 God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

A Reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13:1 Let mutual love continue.

13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

13:4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

13:6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

13:15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 43 From All The Wind's Wide Quarters

1 From all the wind's wide quarters
 come, see the feast is spread,
 of soul-sustaining waters,
 of true and living bread;
 of sorrows long-departed,
 and joys beyond compare --
 come, poor and humble-hearted,
 the feast of life to share!

3 Come, claim the promise spoken!
 God's purpose stands secure.
 The fruitful word unbroken
 shall evermore endure.
 All ancient bondage ended
 to sin's corrupting powers --
 forgiven, freed, befriended,
 the feast of life is ours!

2 With mercy all-prevailing
 God bids the wanderer come;
 in grace and peace unfailing
 invites the children home.
 With loving-kindness tender,
 God frees us from our sins --
 in glory and in splendour
 the feast of life begins!

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 14:1, 7-14

14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

14:7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

14:9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

14:11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14:14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by theological student Steven SmithCCLI 7168697 Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

1 It all comes down to this
 What you require of me
 Love my neighbor as myself
 And You above all things

Chorus

**Act justly love mercy walk humbly
 With You God
 In all things in all ways walk humbly
 With You**

2 It all comes down to this
 To be Your hands and feet
 Good news to all the world
 The truth will set us free

Bridge

*It's beauty for ashes
 It's mourning to dancing
 It's closer and closer
 The Kingdom of heaven*

3 Years from now we'll see
 The fruit our hands have sown
 Faith just like a seed
 The only way it grows

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

Creator, Spirit, Comforter, Advocate, we greet you this day with thanks for the blessings of our lives and for the blessing of the people of our community. Today we lift up our prayers to you, confident that you will answer them as is best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:

- For the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- For the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop: the Rt. Rev. Sidney Black, Interim Bishop.
- For the Parish of Immanuel, Wetaskiwin and her Rector, Hugh Matheson.
- For the Buyé Diocese, and the Parish of Kabataha and her Rector, Fabien Miburo.
- For the people and the community of the Kehewin Cree Nation.
- For the Anglican Church in Canada and her Primate, Linda
- For our Diocese of Edmonton and her Bishop, Stephen and all Diocesan staff.
- For our own Parish of St. Peter's and her ministry team of Heather and Alison and Nadine, and all who offer their talents and time to bring your word and love to our community.

That we may live together in community, for the common good and the common wealth, in communion in this time and place and with all the saints who have gone before us, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in any need:

For those who have requested our prayers:

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..... Ruth: for those who care for the sick and infirm and often feel overwhelmed by
 the needs of those they care for. That they may find comfort in your loving and constant
 presence, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who suffer injustice, loneliness, homelessness, mental and emotional distress, fear, anxiety, unemployment and those whose needs are known to you alone.....

That we learn to be gentle with one and other in times of trouble; that we learn to always and unceasingly put our trust in you; that we learn to not be afraid; that we learn to walk out from behind our closed doors to serve others as disciples of Christ; that we have confidence and hearts so full of love for justice that we will not cease to work for the good of others, and for healing and for reconciliation between all peoples, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership positions and those who work in our communities:

- for all those who seek to build up strong and mutually supportive bonds of community.
- for our political leaders, for our police, for those who serve in the medical profession, for teachers, social workers, and volunteers who give their time in agencies and in the streets to work for the safety and well-being of others, especially looking out for the most vulnerable among us, the children, the young, those who are persecuted or misunderstood because they are different, immigrants, and First Peoples of this land.
- We pray for those who have to deal with the consequences of violence, for forensic scientists and coroners, for funeral directors and their staffs, for psychologists and other support workers, for spiritual leaders and ministers.

That we can learn to respect their efforts, to encourage them, to criticize constructively when needed but in ways that build them up, not tear them down, and to advocate for the support they need to carry out their work effectively, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our world:

- For peace and hope to abound. Many have been troubled by natural disasters, conflict, and the results of a global pandemic. In challenging times, help us turn to you as our source of strength and hope.

That your peace to be with all those who have suffered and continue to do so, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have fled persecution and conflict searching for safety in different countries.

That they find loving communities, be able to settle well and find healing for their experiences.

That they find your peace; that those they meet be kind and compassionate to them; that they be welcoming and understanding; that they may feel your protection over them, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift all of these prayers, spoken and unspoken, all of the longing of our hearts for healing and for reconciliation up to you, O God, our strength, our rock, and our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things,
 graft in our hearts the love of your name,
 increase in us true religion,
 nourish us in all goodness,
 and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
 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 517 O God, Your Constant Care and Love

1 O God, your constant care and love
 are shed upon us from above
 throughout our lives, in every stage,
 from infancy to later age.

3 All time is yours, O Lord, to give;
 may we, in all the years we live,
 find every day of life is new,
 a celebration, Lord, with you.

2 We thank you, Lord, for dreams of youth,
 for wisdom leading on to truth,
 for memories gathered through the years,
 and faith that grows from joys and tears.

4 Let not the passing of the years
 rob us of joy, nor cause us fears;
 and give us faith, O Lord, that we
 may live with you eternally.

The Dismissal

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am
 gentle and lowly in heart. *Matthew 11:29*

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.