

**A Service of Morning Prayer
August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

CP 276 For All the Saints vss.1-4

1 For all the saints, who from their labours
rest,
who thee by faith before the world
confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and
their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true
light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 33:12-22 *Refrain:* The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all.

33:12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

33:13 The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

33:14 From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--

33:15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

33:16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

33:17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

33:18 Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

33:19 to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

33:21 Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

33:22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

A Reading from Genesis 15:1-6

15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

15:2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

15:4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

15:6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 466 How Clear is Our Vocation Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind,
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care,
our inward life repair.

3 We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you.
The cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done.

A Reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

11:2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

11:9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

11:10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11:11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised.

11:12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

11:13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

11:14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

11:15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity,

4 For he alone, who blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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 12:32-40

12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

12:33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

12:35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

12:36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

12:37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

12:38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

12:39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7052888 The Body

1 It's Your breath that's filling our lungs
 And through our veins it's Your blood that
 runs
 It's Your life that makes us alive
 We are the body of Christ

2 It's Your love that's making us one
 One that moves as Your kingdom comes
 Jesus let Your light make us shine
 Shine like the body of Christ

Pre-Chorus

So let our hearts beat with Your heartbeat

Bridge

Let Your kingdom come
 Father let Your will be done (through us)

Chorus

***Great things You have done
 Greater things are yet to come
 Fill us with Your glory we are Your body
 Take our hands take our hearts
 We surrender all we are
 Fill us with Your glory we are Your body***

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 Betty Johnson

For our intercessions today we will be using Litany # 6 on page 115 of the Book of Alternative Services, the green book. Page 115.

(As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For the whole People of God throughout the world,
 In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
 In Canada, we pray for The Diocese of Toronto: the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishops.
 In our Diocese, we pray for our Bishop Stephen London and for the Ven. Travis Enright, Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministries and rector of St. Faith and St. Mary, as his commissary.
 We pray for the parish of St. Mary, Vegreville, Laureta Blondin, Rector.
 In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for the Giheta Parish: Audace Gahungu, Rector.
 We pray for the people of The Enoch Cree Nation
 that all may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For our families and friends, and especially our St. Peter's family –our clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, and all the Volunteers that help our parish; that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For the repose of the souls of those who have died especially Gerald Holitzki, and Lois Ward and for those who mourn and for those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored and we pray especially for those for whom our prayers are requested, 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..... BradDoug..... Diane..... Janelle, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

We pray for her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, for our Prime Minister, our Premier, and our Mayor, and for our whole country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace. We pray for areas of war and strife in the world, especially the Ukraine. let us pray to the Lord.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
 you sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your Church.
 Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
 in love, joy, and peace;
 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 601 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store
 nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door
 gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
 Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred,
 ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

The Dismissal

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.

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.