

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
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Depiction of the Good Shepherd by Jean-Baptiste de Champaigne 1631-1681  
showing the influence of the parable, Luke 15:4ff (Wikipedia)

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CP 319 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"to be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,  
"for he was slain for us."

3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, forever thine!

4 The whole creation joins in one,  
to bless the sacred name  
of God that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb!

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 14      *Refrain* I will remember the works of the Lord.

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Reading from Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

4:11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse--

4:12 a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

4:22 "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

4:23 I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

4:24 I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

4:25 I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

4:26 I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

4:27 For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

4:28 Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 594 Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendour

1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,  
 Lord of lords and King of kings,  
 with your living fire of judgement  
 purge this land of bitter things;  
 comfort all its wide dominion  
 with the healing of your wings.

3 Crown, O God, your own endeavour;  
 cleave our darkness with your sword;  
 cheer the faint and feed the hungry  
 with the richness of your word.  
 Cleanse the body of this nation  
 through the glory of the Lord.

2 Weary people still are longing  
 for the hour that brings release,  
 and the city's crowded clamour  
 cries aloud for sin to cease;  
 and the countryside and woodlands  
 plead in silence for their peace.

A Reading from Timothy 1:12-17

1:12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,

1:13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

1:14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1:15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost.

1:16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
 tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
 call for songs of loudest praise.  
 Teach me some melodious measure,  
 sung by flaming tongues above;  
 O the vast, the boundless treasure  
 of my God's unchanging love.

he, to rescue me from danger,  
 interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
 daily I'm constrained to be!  
 Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
 bind my wandering heart to thee.  
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
 prone to leave the God I love;  
 take my heart, O take and seal it,  
 seal it for thy courts above.

2 Here I make faith's affirmation:  
 thus far by thy help I've come,  
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
 safely to arrive at home.  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
 wandering from the fold of God;

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 15:1-10

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

15:3 So he told them this parable:

15:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

15:5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

15:8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

15:9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7047278 Carry Me

1 In the moments where I'm weakest  
I lift my eyes to see  
You are everything You said You'd be

And when I'm looking for the answers  
And questions stir up fear  
I lift my eyes to Heaven  
And Your voice is all I hear

**Chorus 1**

***You carry me through the valley  
Carry me through fire  
You carry me into freedom  
Carry me into life***

2 When I'm searching when I'm longing  
For more than what I've seen  
It's Your love that keeps me steady  
And my heart from wandering

**Chorus 2**

***You carry me up the mountain  
Carry me to the heights  
Where I understand Your story  
Where faith is not a fight***

**Bridge**

I'm leaning leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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

Confident that in the Son's teaching and through the Spirit's leading we shall be heard, let us lift our hearts and voices to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, ever promising deliverance to your people, hold out your hands to us, and hear our common supplications.

We pray for the church:

- In the world-wide communion, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh
- In Canada we pray for the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls.
- For the Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Secretariat.
- For the Buyé Diocese, and the Gatukuza Parish and her Rector, Pascal Kagenza.
- For the community and people of the Montana First Nation.

That we may understand your message to us, and that we remember to look to you for guidance and inspiration in all we do, Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the royal family and the people of United Kingdom and the Commonwealth:

God of love, we thank you for the life of Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, for her service to the Commonwealth, and for her faith in you. Be close to all of us who mourn, that we may find comfort and hope in your love. And we pray for our new King, Charles the 3rd. Bless his reign so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness may continue to flourish. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the James Smith Nation and the surrounding communities:

God of mercy, comfort and strengthen those who have lost loved ones, those who were injured, those who are shocked and confused by the tragedy in the James Smith Nation. We ask that you be with the Ven. Travis Enright and Rev. Quinn Strikwerda as they travel to attend a funeral there. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and our presence in it:

- For our parish of St. Peter's and her clergy, wardens, vestry, treasurer, ministry leaders and coordinators. For the different programs and events we have planned and continue to plan to help build your kingdom here in our community, for the weekly services, for the Mural Massive event, the bible study, coffee time, and all efforts to make St. Peter's a recognizable presence in our community.

- For all who volunteer their time, talents and treasures so vital to the work of the parish.

- For those who we often forget, overlook or disregard.

- For the homeless, the marginalized, the misunderstood, especially those who are on our doorstep.

- For those of us suffering from addictions, depression, loneliness, poverty, unemployment, confusion.

- For all those whose lives have been shaken by violence and their loved ones.

- For the sick and infirm, those in hospitals, care homes, or being cared for at home and those who have especially requested our prayers: Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Mary..... Irene ..... Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda..... Diane and Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Doug..... Diane..... Janelle..... Ruth

That because of your love in us, you may use our hands and our hearts and our voices to carry your love to all, Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have completed their earthly journey and have begun the journey home and those who must bid farewell and are left to mourn:

- For unfailing remembrance of the blessed dead.

- For the peaceful repose of the soul of Danny Lee, Iain Watson, Margaret Jorgensen, those violently and senselessly killed here in Edmonton, the victims of the tragic violence in the James Smith Nation and Queen Elizabeth the 2nd.

- For those whose names and faces fill our days and nights, that we may always give thanks for their lives, and that we live in fervent expectation of joy together with them in your house forever, Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear these words O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfilment through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,  
 you call your Church to witness  
 that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
 Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
 that all who hear it may turn to you;  
 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 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.

## The Dismissal

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15:10*

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.**