

A Service of Morning Prayer
September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode.
 On the rock of ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint, when such a river
 ever flows their thirst to assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
 see the cloud and fire appear
 for a glory and a covering --
 showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus they march, the pillar leading,
 light by night, and shade by day;
 daily on the manna feeding
 which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
 I through grace a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name.
 Fading is the world's best pleasure,
 all its boasted pomp or show:
 solid joys and lasting treasures
 none but Zion's children know.

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 79:1-9

79:1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

79:2 They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

79:3 They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

79:4 We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

79:5 How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

79:6 Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

79:7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

79:8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Reading from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

8:18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

8:19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

8:20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

8:21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

9:1 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

1 Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

A Reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7

2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

2:2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

2:3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

2:4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2:5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

2:6 who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time.

2:7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP For The Healing Of The Nations

1 For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

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 16:1-13

16:1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

16:2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

16:3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

16:4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

16:5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

16:6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

16:7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

16:8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

16:9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

16:10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

16:11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

16:12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

16:13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 16299 Think About His Love

<i>Chorus</i>	1 How could I forget His love
<i>Think about His love</i>	How could I forget His mercy
<i>Think about His goodness</i>	He satisfies He satisfies
<i>Think about His grace</i>	He satisfies my desires
<i>That's brought us through</i>	
<i>For as high as the heavens above</i>	2 Even when I strayed away
<i>So great is the measure</i>	His love has sought me out
<i>Of our Father's love</i>	And found me
<i>Great is the measure</i>	He satisfies He satisfies
<i>Of our Father's love</i>	He satisfies my desires

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 Beth-Anne Exham

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY #1 ON PAGE 110 of the BAS
(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.") **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world: Lord you know where there is war and conflict between nations, provinces, states, cities, and individuals help us to learn of your love for all so that we may come to the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the welfare of the holy Church of God,

In the Anglican World Cycle for the Anglican Church of Brazil

In the Canadian Cycle we pray for the Diocese of Algoma: the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario)

We pray for all Bishops and clergy but especially In our Diocese, For our Bishop Stephen, and for the Hospital Chaplaincy: Regula Brandle; Chaplain and Coordinator of Hospital Visitors; Lee Bezanson and Kevin Kragland, chaplains and for all Hospital Visitors throughout the diocese.

In the Diocese of Buyé for Ruyenzi (St. Emmanuel) Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector

We pray for the people of the Paul First Nation.

We pray for our own parish of St. Peter and for our clergy Heather and Alison and all who give of their time, talents and support that we may be a meaningful outreach in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Edmonton, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering and any who are in need especially those for whom our prayers are requested, 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 and Ruth: for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially for the repose of the souls of Danny Lee, Iain Watson, Margaret Jorgensen and Queen Elizabeth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering Peter and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth,
 and ourselves in your image.
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
 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 508 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

The Dismissal

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

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.