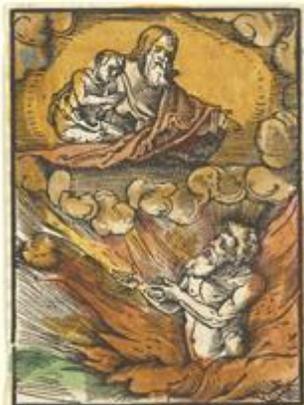


**A Service of Morning Prayer
September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Rich Man in Hell and the Poor Lazarus in Abraham's Lap c. 1517

Hans Schäufelein, c.1480-c.1539

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA

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 178 Restore in Us, O God

1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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 91:1-6, 14-16 *Refrain:* Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

91:2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

91:3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

91:4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

91:5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

91:6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

91:16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

A Reading from Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

32:2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,

32:3a where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

32:6 Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me:

32:7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours."

32:8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

32:9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

32:10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

32:11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;

32:12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

32:13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,

32:14 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.

32:15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

1 God, my hope on you is founded,
you my faith and trust renew;
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone
call my heart to be your own.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
but your power, hour by hour
is my temple and my tower.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand,,
joy awaits God's sure command.

A Reading from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

6:8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

6:9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

6:13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

6:14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

6:15 which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

6:16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

6:17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

6:19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 503 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

2 Run the straight race through God's good
grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek his face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way and Christ the prize.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Chris is all in all to thee.

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 16:19-31

16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

16:20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

16:21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

16:22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

16:23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

16:24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

16:25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

16:26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

16:27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--'

16:28 for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

16:29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

16:30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

16:31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 18259 Find Us Faithful

1 We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us
Line the way
Cheering on the faithful
Encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament
To God's sustaining grace

2 Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on through godly lives

Chorus

**Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey (to obey)
(Oh may all who come behind us)
(Find us faithful**

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3 After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone
And our children sift through all
We've left behind
May the clues that they discover
And the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them
To the road we each must find

Ending

Find us faithful
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful

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

We know our need of God's mercy. That the name of Jesus be glorified, let us commend our lives and all that we have to God's care, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

We pray for justice in the world:

- That the conflict in Ukraine, the war in Afghanistan, the political instability in Lebanon, the war in Yemen, the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar, the conflict in Ethiopia, and all other areas of conflict may find a just and lasting resolution and that all world leaders may come together as one in the name of peace and justice.
- that refugees and victims of these conflicts may find acceptance, help and support from those to whom they turn for help, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for the church and her leaders:

- For the Anglican Church of Burundi
- For the Diocese of the Arctic and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. David Parsons; and her Suffragan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, the Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, the Rt. Rev. Joey Royal.
- For the Educational Chaplaincy, the Rev. Heather Liddell.

- For the Buyé Diocese and the Kigina Parish and her Rector, Emmanuel Ntakirutimanar.
- For the people and community of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.
- For the Diocese of Edmonton and her Bishop, Stephen
- For the Parish of St. Peter's and her clergy and ministry leaders.

That the dominion of God might be proclaimed in action as well as word, especially in the ethical questions of our times, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for those in any need:

- For the lost, the lonely, the isolated, the homeless, the hungry, all those sitting at our gate seeking help and relief.
- For the sick, the aged, and those who are suffering and those who care for them. We offer up to you those who have particularly 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..... Rev. Rob Parker, those we name in our hearts and those known to you alone.

That they may know our kindness and feel your presence, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are nearing the end of their earthly journey and those who have completed it and begun the journey home, and those who wait with them or mourn their passing:

- For the peaceful repose of the soul of Danny Lee, Iain Watson, and Margaret Jorgensen
- That the dead may rest in God's bosom, with Sarah and Abraham, and that you will be present with them, speaking your name in comfort and power, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Giver of all life, we ask you to sustain our life and the life of the world. Hear our cries for help. Make us as generous as you are in answering those who turn to you. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Collect

Grant, O merciful God,
 that your Church,
 being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
 may show forth your power among all peoples,
 to the glory of your name;
 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 394 Eternal, Unchanging

1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise;
 your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
 your servants proclaim the renown of your name.
 You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.

2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
 your mighty creation in beauty arranged;
 we thank you for life and we praise you for joy,
 for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
 the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
 his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
 the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

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.