

A Service of Morning Prayer
September 4, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Philemon and Apphia

In this painting, Apphia is beheaded by Colossians angered by her participation in Christian worship.
 The work is possibly a 21st century copy of the 11th century original

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Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. *Psalm 119:135*

CP 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
 you have spoken— we rejoice:
 words of love and life and freedom—
 help us make their truth our choice!
 Now in holy celebration
 for your Word we worship you;
 spoken, written, known in Jesus,
 ours today to prove anew.

2 May we hear with understanding,
 by your Spirit taught and led;
 may the springs of all our being
 by your living Word be fed;
 may our hearts accept with meekness
 all the grace your light makes known;
 may obedience mark our footsteps
 till we make each word our own!

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours
 the wealth of this your Word:
 debtors, then as living letters,
 we must make your gospel heard!
 By your Spirit's power transform us;
 shed your saving light abroad
 till our lives by love in action
 show our world the truth of God!

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 139:1-6, 13-18 *Refrain: Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord.*

139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
 139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
 139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
 139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
 139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
 139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
 139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 139:16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
 139:17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
 139:18 I try to count them--they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

A Reading from Jeremiah 18:1-11

18:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
 18:2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."
 18:3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.
 18:4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
 18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
 18:6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
 18:7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
 18:8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.
 18:9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,
 18:10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about

the good that I had intended to do to it.

18:11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 454 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

1 Revive thy work, O Lord,
thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make thy people hear.

2 Revive thy work, O Lord,
disturb this sleep of death;
quicken the smouldering embers now
by thine almighty breath.

3 Revive thy work, O Lord,
create soul-thirst for thee;
and hungering for the bread of life
O may our spirits be.

4 Revive thy work, O Lord,
exalt thy precious Name;
and, by the Holy Ghost sent down,
our love for thee inflame.

5 Revive thy work, O Lord,
and give refreshing showers.
The glory shall be all thine own;
the blessing, Lord, be ours.

A Reading from Philemon 1:1-21

1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,

1:2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

1:5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

1:6 I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

1:7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

1:8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,

1:9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

1:10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

1:11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

1:12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

1:13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;

1:14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

1:15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever,

1:16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

1:17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

1:18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

1:19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

1:20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

1:21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

CP 445 God The Creator

1 God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

3 O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

2 O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

4 And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

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 14:25-33

14:25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,

14:26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

14:27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

14:30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

14:31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

14:32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

14:33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 1375252 I Offer My Life

1 All that I am all that I have
 I lay them down before You O Lord
 All my regrets all my acclaim
 The joy and the pain
 I'm making them Yours

Chorus

*Lord I offer my life to You
 Everything I've been through
 Use it for Your glory
 Lord I offer my days to You
 Lifting my praise to You
 As a pleasing sacrifice
 Lord I offer You my life*

2 Things in the past things yet unseen
 Wishes and dreams
 That are yet to come true
 All of my hopes all of my plans
 My heart and my hands
 Are lifted to You

Bridge

What can we give
 That You have not given
 And what do we have
 That is not already Yours
 All we possess are
 These lives we're living
 And that's what
 We give to You Lord

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 Johnston

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 5
which can be found on page 114 of the Book of Alternative Services (the green book)

(Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the peace of the world: We pray for people who live in areas of war and conflict, especially the Ukraine.

The Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, our Premier, our Mayor and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for children and young people especially those in our parish that the Lord guide their growth and development.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for the sick or those in any kind of need - especially for those 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 Lisa Marijke Chrissie, Cathy, and the family Doug Diane Janelle Ruth
May the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Danny Lee and comfort for all who mourn.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel.

In the Worldwide Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Canadian Cycle, we pray for the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, the Right Reverend Nigel Shaw.

In our Diocese we pray for Stephen, our bishop and for the people and clergy of St. Patrick's, Whitecourt, Rita Milne, Priest-in-Charge (on leave) and for our St. Peter's family, especially our clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, and all our volunteers. We would also like to give thanks that we can come together and worship in person once again.

In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for the Kigufi Parish, Hatungimana Ezechiel, Rector.

We pray for the people of the Louis Bull Tribe.

We pray that the Lord will direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
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 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where charity and love
There God is ever found
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love we are thus bound

4 Let strife among us be unknown
Let all contention cease
Be His the glory that we seek
Be ours His holy peace

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Him in return

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
We are in him made one.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess
Let us love each other well
In Christian holiness

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
If honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

The Dismissal

Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. *Psalm 119:135*

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.