

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**October 16, 2022**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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**CP 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace**

1 God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your church with light divine;  
and your saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord;  
be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise you, Lord;  
earth shall then its fruits afford,  
God to us all blessings give,  
we to God devoted live;  
all below and all above  
one in joy and light and love.

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 119:97-104    *Refrain:* Grant me understanding, that I may live.

119:97 Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

119:98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

119:100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

119:101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

119:102 I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

119:104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

### A Reading from Jeremiah 31:27-34

31:27 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

31:28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.

31:29 In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

31:30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

31:31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

31:34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 613 We Lay Our Broken World

1 We lay our broken world  
in sorrow at your feet,  
haunted by hunger, war, and fear,  
oppressed by power and hate.

2 where human life seems less  
than profit, might and pride:  
though to unite us all in you,  
you lived and loved and died.

3 We bring our broken hopes  
for lives of dignity;  
workless and overworked you love,  
and call us to be free.

4 We bring our broken loves,  
friends parted, families torn;  
then in your life and death we see  
that love must be reborn.

5 We bring our broken selves,  
confused and closed and tired;  
then through your gift of healing grace  
new purpose is inspired.

6 Come fill us, Fire of God,  
our life and strength renew;  
find in us love and hope and trust,  
and lift us up to you.

## A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,

3:15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

3:17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:

4:2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

4:3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,

4:4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

4:5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 478 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

1 Almighty God, thy word is cast  
like seed into the ground:  
now let the dew of heaven descend  
and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of righteousness  
this holy seed remove:  
but give it root in every heart,  
to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy;  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,  
thy quickening grace bestow,  
that all whose souls the truth receive  
its saving power may know.

## 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 18:1-8

18:1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

18:2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

18:3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

18:4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

18:5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

18:6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

18:7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

18:8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ

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

## Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 5858163 God I Look To You

1 God I look to You

I won't be overwhelmed

Give me vision to see things like You do

God I look to You

You're where my help comes from

Give me wisdom You know just what to do

(REPEAT)

#### **Chorus 1**

***I will love You Lord my strength***

***I will love You Lord my shield***

***I will love You Lord my rock***

***Forever all my days I will love You God***

#### **Chorus 2**

***Hallelujah our God reigns***

***Hallelujah our God reigns***

***Hallelujah our God reigns***

***Forever all my days hallelujah***

#### **Interlude**

Oh oh oh

Forever all my days hallelujah

## 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 Lesley Lambert

Let us pray together today with the sure confidence that You will hear us and that You will fulfill our petitions in a way that is best for us and for those for whom we offer prayer. Allow us to be still and have You enter our hearts as we pray and as we go about our day.

We ask Your blessing today upon our new Premier in Alberta and those who will serve in her cabinet. Guide them and help them to come to fair, careful and compassionate choices for all whom they have been elected to serve.

We pray for those countries suffering from dictatorship and war, remembering the people of Ukraine whose homes and lives are being brutally attacked on a daily basis. Let us remember those who are protesting in Iran against a brutal regime that sanctions violence against women for any freedom of expression. Be with the many young people who are calling for change and taking to the streets to seek justice for the wrongs committed. May our world leaders unite in condemnation of all who prosecute suppression, war and hatred and give them courage to speak for those whose voices have been lost to violence.

We thank You for the freedoms we enjoy in Canada and we pray for those whom we have treated badly in this country, thinking especially of the many grievances committed against those who were the original custodians of the land, our First Nations people. We give thanks for those who work to keep us safe, remembering most especially all those who work in the emergency services and the health care system which has been strained so greatly in recent times. May we be mindful of those who seek care for mind, body or spirit and those who suffer through hunger, homelessness, addiction or loneliness. We pray for all these and for those for whom our prayers have been requested today: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Mary, Irene,

Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Miranda, Diane and Bill, Maxine, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Mark and Blake, Lisa, Marijke, Chrissie, Cathy and family, Diane, Janelle, Ruth, and Rev. Rob Parker. Be with them and also with those whose names are known to You alone.

Let us pray for the work of Your church throughout the world that we may hold steadfast to the love You have shown us through Your son, Jesus Christ. We remember in prayer today: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of British Columbia, the Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop; The Indigenous Ministry, Travis Enwright, Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministry, Fiona Brownlee, Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison, Lori Caulkins, Indigenous Birth Support Ministry, Fred Matthews, Lay Reader in Charge at Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake: the Buye Diocese, Rwiri Parish, Gabriel Manirakiza, catechist: All First Nations people of Treaty 6: for our parish home of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison and our musician Nadine who brings the joy of music to the church and into our homes.

We thank you for the opportunity to lift our voices in song and prayer to You this day. Watch over us and those we love today, tomorrow and in the days to come and make us worthy of the gift of Your love to us all. Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God,  
increase in us your gift of faith,  
that forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to what is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their right,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, llight our colours with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried;  
your truth – the heart of stranger; your life the Crucified.

## The Dismissal

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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.**