

A Service of Morning Prayer
October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Lamentations of Jeremiah 1.5, by Thomas Tallis (YouTube)

The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news
 which was preached to you. *1 Peter 1.25*

Orange Shirt Day – Oct. 2, 2022

Leader:

God's creation explodes with the colours of the rainbow and reveals the beauty of diversity.
 We remember today when the joy and dignity of a precious child was destroyed.
 We lament today for the childhoods lost through the residential school system.
 We mourn today for the spirits crushed and the futures compromised.

In the name of the one who was child among us:

We must celebrate the hope and joy of every child.
 We must tell the stories of resistance that make us stronger.
 We must build the bonds of solidarity to ensure "never again".

So...

Today we wear orange to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.
 Today we wear orange and we pray for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.
 Today we wear orange and we are thankful for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.
 Today we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.
 Help us, God, to remember and act on this this Every. Single. Day.

Prayer Leader:

Prayer:

Loving God, your holy word tells us that we are so precious in your sight that you know how many hairs are on our head. Each of us, from every culture is your beloved child. Thank you so much for loving us that much. As we celebrate Orange Shirt Day, help us to grow in love for your children in all cultures, so that our words and actions will tell everyone that they are precious in your sight. Amen.

CP 201 People Draw Near to God in Their Distress

1 People draw near to God in their distress,
pleading for help and begging peace and
bread,
rescue from guilt and sickness, nearly dead.
Christian or not, all come in helplessness

3 And God draws near to people in distress,
feeding their souls and bodies with his bread;
Christian or not, for both he's hanging dead,
forgiving, from the cross, their wickedness.

2 People draw near when they see God's
distress:
find God rejected, homeless, without bread,
burdened with sin and weakness, nearly
dead.
Christians reach out to meet God's
wretchedness.

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 137

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon-- there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

137:2 On the willows there we hung up our harps.

137:3 For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

137:4 How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

137:6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

137:7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"

137:8 O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us!

137:9 Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

A Reading from Lamentations 1:1-6

1:1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

1:3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

1:4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

1:5 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

1:6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the one who break the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1:3 I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

1:4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

1:6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;

1:7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

1:8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,

1:9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

1:10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

1:11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

1:12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

1:13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1:14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

CP 449 How Shall They Hear The Word Of God

1 How shall they hear the word of God

unless the truth is told?

How shall the sinful be set free,
the sorrowful consoled?

To all who speak the truth today,
impart your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

3 How shall the gospel be proclaimed
that sinners may repent?

How shall the world find peace at last
if heralds are not sent?

So send us, Lord, for we rejoice
to speak of Christ with life and voice.

2 How shall they call to God for help
unless they have believed?

How shall the poor be given hope,
the prisoner reprieved?

To those who help the blind to see,
give light and love and clarity.

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 17:5-10

17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

17:6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

17:7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

17:8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

17:9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7002026 Facing A Task Unfinished

1 Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

2 Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

3 We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

4 O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

Chorus

***We go to all the world
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The 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 Johnson

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY #7 which you can find on page 116 of the Book of Alternative Services (the green book).

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

In Canada, we pray for The Diocese of Athabasca: The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen, The Military chaplains: Jennifer Renouf, Christian Pichette, CFB Edmonton; Robert Parker, CFB Wainwright.

We pray for our own parish of St. Peter's, especially our clergy Heather and Alison, our music ministry Nadine and all the volunteers that make our parish such a great place to worship.

In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for the Kumana Parish: Athanase Minani, catechist.

We pray all Indigenous people on Truth and Reconciliation Day, and especially for the people of the Samson Cree Nation.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask for them the infinite wisdom of Christ.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For those who are sick or are in any need, especially for 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..... Ruth..... Rev. Rob Parker.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For Charles our King, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, especially in areas of war and conflict, let us ask the strength of God for peace.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, especially Iain Watson and Margaret Jorgenson, and for those who mourn, let us ask the peace of Christ.

LORD, HEAR AND HAVE MERCY.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 you have built your Church
 on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
 Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
 Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
 that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 352 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found:
 was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

The Dismissal

The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news
 which was preached to you. *1 Peter 1.25*

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.