

**A Service of Morning Prayer
November 13, 2022
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**



“Prophecy of the Destruction of the Temple” 1886-1894

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Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*

CP 1 Holy Holy Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before
Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may
not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside
Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

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.**

Isaiah 12 (as canticle) *Refrain:* Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

12:1 You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

12:2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

12:4 And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

12:5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

12:6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Reading from Isaiah 65: 17-25

65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

65:23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well.

65:24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

1 Surely it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's healing spring;
 in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make God's deeds known to the peoples: tell out his exalted name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works God's might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
 in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

A Reading from 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

3:6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,

3:8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

3:9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

3:11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

3:12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

3:13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,
 sovereign Saviour, bless your church ;
 call us still as your disciples --
 loving, serving, while we search.

Gathered: feed our deepest being
 prophet's truth and godly nerve;
 scattered: let our lives' fruition
 nourish others while we serve.

2 Visit towns and inner cities;
 penetrate our steel and stone
 with a love that melt our coldness,
 making mission here our own.

We will seek you, love transfigured,
 in our neighbour's need
 until deep within our daily service
 love draws forth our utmost skill.

3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
 nurture us for your intent;
 let your will be our vocation
 lived as song and sacrament.
 May compassion lead to service
 till we join the saints above;
 grant us hope for each tomorrow;
 fill our faith with vibrant love!

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 21: 5-19

21:5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

21:6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

21:7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

21:8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

21:9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

21:10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

21:11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

21:12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

21:13 This will give you an opportunity to testify.

21:14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;

21:15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

21:16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

21:17 You will be hated by all because of my name.

21:18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

21:19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1 They say this mountain can't be moved
 They say these chains will never break
 But they don't know You like we do
 There is power in Your name

2 We've heard that there is no way through
 We've heard the tide will never change
 They haven't seen what You can do
 There is power in Your name
 So much power in Your name

Chorus

***Move the immovable
 Break the unbreakable
 God we believe
 God we believe for it***

***From the impossible
 We'll see a miracle
 God we believe
 God we believe for it***

3 We know that hope is never lost
 Oh for there is still an empty grave
 God we believe no matter what
 There is power in Your name
 So much power in Your name

Bridge

You are the way when there seems to be no
 way
 We trust in You God You have the final say

Vamp

You said it
 I believe it
 You said it
 It is done

Ending

God we believe for it

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, on this Remembrance Sunday, let us bring before the God of peace our prayers for the world, the church and all His people, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world, the peace which is your will, a peace that is reflected in your church.

In the world wide Anglican Communion we pray for the church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador: and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sam Rose.

- for the Diocese of Edmonton Regional Deans: Jonathan Crane, Colleen Sanderson, Heather Liddell, Tim Chesterton, and Christopher Cook.

- for the Buyé Diocese Youth Coordinator, Audace Kwizera.

- for the community and people of the Cold Lake First Nations.

- for our Parish of St. Peter's, our ministry team of Heather, Alison and Nadine, our vestry and wardens and all who serve you in so many loving and faithful ways

That we may all be called to be messengers of your healing love, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership. Pour upon them your gifts of wisdom and resolve in all situations of conflict so that those who would wage war shall instead beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, as they search without ceasing for reconciliation and peace, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for all who still suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may bring peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all who face difficulties in their personal lives – those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, those who have challenges with their families, in their friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace, those who struggle with addictions or homelessness, Help them to be calm in times of uncertainty and patient with those around them.

Today we bring before you those who have requested our prayers, trusting in your mercy and grace; Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... 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..... Diane..... Janelle..... Ruth

Show us when we can help and give support to others around us, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

On this day of remembrance our hearts and prayers go out to all who mourn the loss of those we have loved. When we lose someone close we feel that part of us dies as well but part of them lives on in us, Give us strength and understanding to honour and cherish that gift. Help all those who are bereaved to find the same consolation that in knowledge of your love they may honour the past by looking to the future. Help us to remember that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Finally, a prayer for ourselves that we may all put our confidence in you. O Lord you know we are often filled with fear, doubt, and foreboding. Give us courage and deepen our trust. You are a rock which nothing can shatter. On you we can place the whole weight of our lives. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Collect

**Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
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 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

The Dismissal

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*

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.