

**A Service of Morning Prayer
November 20, 2022
The Reign of Christ**



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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! *Mark 11:9, 10*

CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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.**

Luke 1:68-79

1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

1:69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

1:70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

1:71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

1:72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

1:73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

1:74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

1:75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

1:77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

1:78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

A Reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6

23:1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

23:2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

23:3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

23:4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

23:5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Vs. 1-4)

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

A Reading from Colossians 1:11-20

1:11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 326 Bright the Vision That Delighted (vss. 1, 2, 3)

1 Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer,
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

3 "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord."

2 Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled the temple and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

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 23:33-43

23:33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

23:35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,

23:37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

23:40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

23:41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7026028 Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

4 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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

Lord God, we thank You for this opportunity to come together in prayer this morning. Be present as we offer our humble supplications to You, and grant the desires of our hearts as You deem best for us and for those for whom we pray today.

Let us pray for the work of your holy church throughout the world: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Edmonton, the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop and all ministries, initiatives and committees in the Diocese of Edmonton and their co-ordinations, directors, committee chairs and officers; The Archdeacons of the Diocese of Buye: Amos Mutezimana, Evariste Nsabimana, Simeon Ntirandekura, Papias Masengesho and Leonidas Nizigiyimana; The Enoch Cree Nation.

We pray for our parish family of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison and our musician Nadine and for those who faithfully prepare the physical space of our church for Sunday worship, those who lead our in-person services and those who come into our homes for on-line worship.

We pray for all those throughout the world who are affected by war and conflict. Today we remember most especially the people of Ukraine who are fighting to protect their homeland and the people of Iran who are rising up against years of repression despite the fear of brutal retaliation. In our country of Canada, and our city of Edmonton, we ask Your care and blessings upon the many who are hungry, homeless, hurting or in any kind of need and on those who seek to offer support to them. We remember today those whose names are known to You alone, and those for whom we pray in silence, as well as those for whom our prayers have been requested today: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Tony

and Mary Jean, Luis, Miranda, Bill, Maxime, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Mark and Blake, Lisa, Marijke, Christie, Cathy and family, Diane, Janelle and Ruth.

Today we pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Diane Thompson remembering the blessing of her beautiful voice present amongst us for so many years. May she Rest In Peace after a life well lived and may Bill and all her family feel the strength of Your loving compassion as they mourn her.

We give thanks that you sent Your faithful shepherd, Heather, to St. Peter's over 2 years ago. Now You have called her to shepherd a new flock. We pray that You will watch over her as she prepares to leave us and travel to her new church. Bless her ministry there and may she find in her ministry with her new flock Your peace, love joy and humour. We also ask you to watch over our community of St. Peter's as we now must search for a new shepherd to guide us on our next steps in building a your kingdom. Be with those who must make the decisions and help us to continue to grow in faith and the love You constantly show us. We pray in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Redeemer and Protector.
Amen.

Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
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 326 Bright the Vision That Delighted (vss. 4, 5, 6)

4 Heaven is still with glory ringing;
 earth takes up the angels' cry,
 "Holy, holy, holy," singing,
 "Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."

6 "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
 earth is with its fullness stored;
 unto thee be glory given,
 holy, holy, holy Lord."

5 With his seraph train before him,
 with his holy church below,
 thus conspire we to adore him,
 bid we thus our anthem flow:

The Dismissal

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! *Mark 11.9, 10*

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.