

A Service of Morning Prayer
January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany



The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew by Carravagio, abt. 1604
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Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *See Matthew 4:23*

CP 116 Your Kingdom Come – On Bended Knee

1 "Your kingdom come" -- on bended knee
 the passing ages pray;
 and faithful souls have yearned to see
 on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night
 not less to God belong,
 and for the everlasting right
 the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills
 the flags of dawn appear.
 Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
 proclaim the day is near:

4 the day in whose clear-shining light
 all wrong shall stand revealed,
 when justice shall be throned with might,
 and every heart be healed:

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
 shall walk the earth abroad --
 the day of perfect righteousness,
 the promised day 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 27:1, 4-9 *Refrain* The Lord is my light and salvation.

27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

27:4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

27:5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

27:6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

27:7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

27:8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

27:9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4

9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

9:3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

9:4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat

1 The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

2 To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

3 For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.

4 For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

5 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

1:10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

1:11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

1:12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

1:13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

1:15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

1:16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 466 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

3 We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavoured done.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4:12-23

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7090596 All or Nothing

1 I hear You calling my name
Pursuing me endlessly
Long before time began
You wrote my name in Your hand

2 I leave the past behind
Live for this love divine
Jesus You paid the cost
My life is found in the cross

Chorus

**Lord I give it all for Your kingdom
On the earth as it is in heaven
Your will be done
Everything in me I give it all for You
It's all or nothing
It's all or nothing**

Bridge

Awaken my heart to
Your Spirit that's moving
Oh Lord I will follow You
For Yours is the kingdom
And glory forever
Oh Lord I will follow You

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

We bring to you, our loving God and Father, all that we are today. We come with memories of the last week and our hopes and fears for the week to come, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

In the stillness, quieten our hearts and minds and take from us the strain and stress that weigh us down. Give us instead we pray, a sense of your compassionate presence and the beauty of your peace. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, Lord, for your Church throughout the world:

- For the Church of North India
- For the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe.
- For the clergy on a leave of absence in the Diocese of Edmonton and the Interim Ministry Team.
- For the Buyé Diocese and the Kibonde Parish and her rector Alexis Nzoyisaba.
- For the people and community of the Whitefish Lake First Nation
- For our Bishop Steve, and all who work for the Diocese of Edmonton
- For our own clergy and wardens and vestry as we continue to work towards finding a new shepherd

That your church may bear faithful witness to your generous love and your saving power, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray especially for the prayer ministry within your church and for those who exercise that ministry. May your compassionate love surround us and lead us in our journey of faith into wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant us, Lord, to look with your eyes of compassion at the long struggle of mankind, the wars, the hungry millions, the countless refugees, the victims of natural disasters, the cruel and needless deaths, the heartbreak, and hopelessness of so many lives.

By our prayers and through our lives may we hasten the coming of the age when all nations shall be at peace and all people shall live free from fear and free from want, when there shall be no more pain or tears and when all your children will live in the security of your will and the assurance of your love. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our families, our friends and for the community in which we live. As we share in each other's joys and sorrows may we be united in your love and strengthened by the knowledge that we do not travel through life alone. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those among us who feel alone, unloved and unlovable. Lord, give us the insight and sensitivity we need to offer the same love and acceptance that Jesus showed to those suffering the pain of loneliness. And as we seek to serve Christ in one another may our communities and relationships be transformed by hope and love so that, in our lives, your will may be done. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we bring into your compassionate presence all who suffer physical pain of the body, emotional distress of the mind, and a sense of loss of the spirit. You know the deepest needs of each one of us and we ask that in your love and mercy you will minister to those needs. We pray today especially for Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald And in a time of quiet we name in our hearts those we love who have need of your healing touch and those known to you alone..... Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, Lord, we commend the souls of those who have died recently For the repose of the soul of Wayne Benner..... and we remember, too, those who died at this time in years gone past..... Help us to trust in your mercy and love that we may live our lives in the assurance of your promise to grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, may the healing of your compassion, mercy, and love remain among us in our worship this morning. In the days ahead may your transforming spirit bring your joy and love into our everyday lives and may we gladly share that joy, love and faith with those around us. 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,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

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 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same:
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Dismissal

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *See Matthew 4.23*

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.