

**A Service of Morning Prayer
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Ten Commandments

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Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has
revealed these things to the simple.

CP 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken— we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.

2 May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth 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 119:1–8 *Refrain:* Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

119:1 Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

119:2 Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,

119:3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

119:4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

119:5 O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

119:6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

119:7 I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

119:8 I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

A Reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

30:15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

30:16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

30:17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them,

30:18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,

30:20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 601 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

3:1 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

:2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready,

3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

3:4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

3:5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.

3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

3:7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

3:8 The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

3:9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (1,2; 3,4)

1 Forgive our sins as we forgive,
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs, and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

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 5:21-37

5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'

5:22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

5:23 So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

5:24 leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

5:25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

5:26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

5:31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

5:32 But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

5:33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'

5:34 But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

5:35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

5:36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

5:37 Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7111902 Spirit Lead Me

1 This is my worship this is my offering
 In every moment I withhold nothing
 I'm learning to trust You even when I can't
 see it
 And even in suffering I have to believe it

Chorus 1

*If You say it's wrong then I'll say no
 If You say release I'm letting go
 If You're in it with me I'll begin
 And when You say to jump I'm diving in
 If You say be still then I will wait
 If You say to trust I will obey
 I don't wanna follow my own way
 I'm done chasing feelings
 Spirit lead me*

2 It felt like a burden but once I could grasp it
 You took me further further than I was asking
 And simply to see You it's worth it all
 My life is an altar let Your fire fall

Chorus 2

*If You say it's wrong then I'll say no
 If You say release I'm letting go
 If You're in it with me I'll begin
 And when You say to jump I'm diving in
 If You say be still then I will wait
 If You say to trust I will obey
 Teach me how to follow in Your way
 I'm done chasing feelings
 Spirit lead me*

Bridge

When all hope is gone and Your Word is all
 I've got
 I have to believe
 You still bring water from the rocks
 To satisfy my thirst to love me at my worst
 And even when I don't remember
 You remind me of my worth
 I don't trust my ways I'm trading in my
 thoughts
 Have laid down everything
 'Cause You're all that I want
 I've landed on my knees
 This is the cup You have for me
 And even when it don't make sense
 I'm gonna let Your Spirit lead
 I'm gonna let Spirit lead
 I'm gonna let Spirit lead
 I wanna let Spirit lead yeah

Bridge

Spirit lead me Spirit lead me
 Spirit lead me Spirit lead me

Chorus 3

*If You say it's wrong then I'll say no
 If You say release I'm letting go
 If You're in it with me I'll begin
 And when You say to jump I'm diving in
 If You say be still then I will wait
 If You say to trust I will obey
 You're the only Truth the Life the Way
 I'm done chasing feelings
 Spirit lead me*

Ending

Spirit lead me Spirit lead me (repeat)

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

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for your Church throughout the world with its variety, diversity, and richness and for all who are eager to learn more of your message and to follow in your ways.

- For the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- For the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy.
- For the Diocese of Edmonton outreach ministries: the Bleeding-Heart Art Space; the Prayer Works Common; the intentional Christian community of Ascension House.
- For the Buyé Diocese and the Bigombo Parish and her Rector, Simeon Ntirandekura.
- For the people and the community of the Alexander First Nation.
- For our community of St. Peter's, our ministry team, our vestry, our volunteers, and all who call this place their spiritual home, that as we travel the road to our future we may all put our trust in you to guide us into the path that best serves you and your kingdom. Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

We pray for your ever-changing world, a world often depleted in energy and short of vision: a world in which the resources are often misused. We thank you for all people who are working to improve your world by being true stewards of your creation. We pray for areas of the world hit by natural disasters and wars and for those who are working to make your world a more peaceful place. May your love flood their lives to comfort them and bring them hope. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for and ask for your blessing on everyone here this morning and also for our families and our friends near and far. May we all be transformed through the richness of your presence. Come with your generous care into our homes and to all homes within our community. Grant to each one of us deeper insight, more awareness, and a greater love for one another. Help us to put the needs of others before our own and so truly follow in your foot steps. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for your blessing on the poor, the hungry, the abused, those struggling financially, for the unemployed and for those in danger of losing their homes or are facing redundancy because of the economic climate.

Look with mercy on homes where love is threatened by poverty and we ask that you will strengthen and support parents who struggle to provide adequately for their children. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

This morning we pray for all who are ill at this time whether at home or in hospital and for those awaiting diagnosis or treatment: 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 Sandy, and we remember, in a moment of quiet, those known only to you or ourselves.....

May your healing love encircle each one of them and bring them your peace. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you, Lord for your constant loving provision for us throughout our lives and we commend to your safe keeping all those who have died, and for those mourning the loss of loved ones. May they have peace in the joy of your presence for ever. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

**Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
and restored them to wholeness of life,
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your power make whole all peoples and nations;
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.

CP481 May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love,
 with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,
 and possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford.

3 To the God whose wisdom made us, to the Son who set us free,
 to the sanctifying Spirit, glory, endless glory, be!

The Dismissal

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has
 revealed these things to the simple.

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.