

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
March 12, 2023  
The Third Sunday of Lent**



**Christ and the Samaritan Woman**

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Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

**CP 70 Jesus, The Joy of Loving Hearts**

1 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,  
true source of life, our lives sustain;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.

4 Our restless spirits long for you,  
however may our lot be cast,  
glad when your gracious smile we view,  
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;  
you rescue those who on you call:  
to those yet seeking, you are good;  
to those who find you, all in all.

5 Jesus, forever with us stay:  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
shed through the world your holy light.

3 We taste of you, the living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still.  
We drink from you, the fountain-head,  
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

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 95 *Refrain:* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice: harden not your hearts.

95:1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

95:2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

95:3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

95:4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

95:5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

95:7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

95:8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

95:9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

95:10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

95:11 Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

### A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7

17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

17:2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

17:3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

17:4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

## CP 394 Eternal, Unchanging

1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise;  
 your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;  
 your servants proclaim the renown of your name.  
 You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.

2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,  
 your mighty creation in beauty arranged;  
 we thank you for life and we praise you for joy,  
 for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,  
 the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,  
 his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,  
 the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

## A Reading from Romans 5:1-11

5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

5:2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

5:3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

5:4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5:5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

5:7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

5:8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

5:9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

5:10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

5:11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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 Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

John 4:5-42

4:5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

4:7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

4:8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

4:11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

4:12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

4:17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

4:19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

4:20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

4:25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

4:26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

4:27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

4:28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

4:29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

4:30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

4:31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."

4:32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

4:33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

4:36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

4:39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

4:41 And many more believed because of his word.

4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7001604 Ask

1 What do you need  
 What fears do you hide  
 When you're on your knees  
 What tears do you cry

***Pre-Chorus***

Our Father knows your deepest hurt  
 Before you've ever said a word  
 But still He wants to hear your voice

***Chorus 1***

***There is a purpose in our seeking  
 There is a light beyond this door  
 We have a promise in our knocking  
 He wants to give us so much more  
 If we just ask ask  
 If we just ask ask***

2 What's on your heart  
 What dreams do you hold  
 When do you start  
 How do you let go

***Bridge***

We'll find what we're looking for  
 We'll walk through the open door  
 His promise His presence  
 Of this we can be sure

***Chorus 2***

***We will find purpose in our seeking  
 There is a light beyond this door  
 We have a promise in our knocking  
 We will find all we need and more  
 If we just ask ask  
 If we just ask ask  
 If we just ask ask  
 If we just ask ask***

***Ending***

When you're on your knees  
 What tears do you cry

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

Let us pray, thanking God for his loving faithfulness and bringing to him our own concerns and the needs of the world around us, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

### **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world during this season of Lent.

- for the Church of South India
- for the Diocese of Saskatoon: in the process of electing a new bishop.
- for St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake and her Rector, Donna Gauthier, her honorary assistants, William Patterson, and Doug Giles.
- for the Buyé Diocese, Ngozi (St. John) Parish and her Rector Damascene Bagirubwira, Deo Nkunuzimana, her Deputy Rector.
- for the people and community of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.
- for our own Diocese of Edmonton, our Bishop, Steve, all the clergy and diocesan workers.
- for our community and family of St. Peter's; for our ministry team including those who bring prayers and provide the music, those who prepare the altar and those who provide the reading materials and the many other tasks so willingly and lovingly performed behind the scenes.

We pray that all of us who call ourselves yours will be strengthened to remain faithful to our calling; to work for understanding and unity where we have created divisions and to show your love and compassion to each other and to all your children. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for the countless numbers of your children who suffer in this world because of wars, violence, oppression and injustice. We pray for all who suffer because of flood, earthquake, or drought, lack of food, clean water or medical help and supplies. We pray for those who suffer from addictions, from unemployment, from poverty, from discrimination and unjust treatment. We pray for ourselves that we may learn to see more clearly the needs of your children and to respond to those needs for they are our brothers and sisters. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for our own communities. We thank you for our families and friends and pray especially for those in particular need today:

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..... Sandy..... Luci.

We pray that your peace and love will surround them bringing them comfort and strength. Lord in your mercy,

We pray for those who are the caregivers that you will provide them with the strength and courage needed to do their loving work. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live in the assurance of your promise to us that this road of faith will lead into your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

Lord we thank you that you receive our prayers with grace, mercy and love. Trusting in your compassion and faithfulness we commend to you all those for whom we have prayed and commit ourselves to seeking to do your will and to bringing in your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,  
 may we always thirst for you,  
 the spring of life and source of goodness;  
 through him 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 508 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."  
 I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
 I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
 the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
 I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
 I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

## The Dismissal

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

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.**