

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

**CP 349 All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him, and rejoice.

3 O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

4 For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

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 24:1-6**     *Refrain: The Lord is close to all who call him.*

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**A Reading from Leviticus 19:9-18**

- <sup>9</sup> When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.  
<sup>10</sup> You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.  
<sup>11</sup> You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another.  
<sup>12</sup> And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.  
<sup>13</sup> You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning.  
<sup>14</sup> You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.  
<sup>15</sup> You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour.  
<sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.  
<sup>17</sup> You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself.  
<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

**CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

## A Reading from Revelation 21:1-6

21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;

21:4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

21:6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong;  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined;  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

## 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 13:31-35

13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7037787 O Praise the Name

1 I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

2 His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

3 Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

4 He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

***Chorus***

***O praise the Name of the Lord our God***

***O praise His Name forevermore***

***For endless days we will sing Your praise***

***Oh Lord oh Lord our God***

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

Loving Father, we give thanks this morning for this beautiful day You have granted us and for the opportunity to come together to worship. We pray that You may accept our prayers and grant our petitions as is best for us and for those for whom we pray, as we say:

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for our country, Canada, and the many freedoms living here affords us. Be present with all those who lead our nation, especially our Prime Minister, Mark Carney, and also all the leaders of the free world in this most difficult time of conflict and confrontation between nations. Encourage them to desist from words which threaten and intimidate. Empower them with discerning hearts and wise decisions as they make choices not for their own political gain but because they are the correct decisions to secure the safety, health and well-being of all Your children.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world:

- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
- The Diocese of Calgary; the Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights).
- Hospital and educational Ministry; all who minister in hospitals and educational facilities.
- Buye Diocese Youth Co-Ordinator: Deo Nkuzimana.
- All First Nations People of Treaty 6.
- St. Peter's, and the lasting friendships nurtured here over the years. Bless our ministry, our minister, Arthur, our Deacon, Alison, and our musician Nadine, who bring us the gifts of in-person and on-line services every week so faithfully, and those who bring Evening Compline to our homes on Sunday evenings.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Let us remember today all those who are suffering from the terrible effects of war and all its attendant horrors of death, injury, displacement, hunger and disease. We remember the people of Ukraine, Sudan, the Holy Land and India and Pakistan as we ask that conflict may end and those who prosecute the wars may gather together to seek common ground and lasting peace. Let us also remember all those countries for whom freedom of speech and human rights are not observed as they are in Canada, praying especially for the women of Afghanistan whose right to education has been revoked so harshly. We are grateful for the freedom we enjoy here in Canada, and that our sons and daughters may grow up to believe they have a future of their choosing.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our province of Alberta and our city of Edmonton and for all who are hurting from hunger, homelessness, loneliness, addiction, neglect or marginalization of any kind. May Your church be a place where there may be

comfort and kindness and may our hearts be truly open to all who enter. Be present for those who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit and those for whom our petitions are most particularly requested today: Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Tony and Mary Jean, Bill, Florence, Lisa and Joe, Marijke, Diane, Janelle, Sandy, Evelyn, Sarah, Terry, Ken, Monica, Julie, Lucas, Helen, Cody, Judy, Skariah, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Melody and family, Pauline and Richard, Jorges and Janine, Michael S, Larry, Christena, Elsie, Brent, those we hold close to our hearts and those known to You alone. Make Your presence known to them and those who care for them and also those for whom we pray in silence or who are known to You alone, for all are equal and most precious in Your sight.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

All these things we ask of You, O Lord, for You are great and good and know our desires even before we pray. Be with us all this day, tomorrow and for evermore and bring us at the end to be with Your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers today. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
Give us grace to love one another  
and walk in the way of his commandments,  
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 205 The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!  
 Earth, tell it out abroad;  
 the passover of gladness,  
 the passover of God!  
 From death to life eternal,  
 from earth unto the sky,  
 our Christ hath brought us over,  
 with hymns of victory.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,  
 let earth her song begin,  
 the round world keep high triumph,  
 and all that is therein.  
 Let all things seen and unseen  
 their notes in gladness blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is risen,  
 our joy that hath no end.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,  
 that we may see aright  
 the Lord in rays eternal  
 of resurrection light;  
 and, listening to his accents,  
 may hear so calm and plain  
 his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
 may raise the victor strain.

### The Dismissal

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

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.**