

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**June 15, 2025**  
**Trinity Sunday, First Sunday after Pentecost**



*Landscape With The Conversion Of Saul On The Road To Damascus, C.1545, painting by Herri Met De Bles*  
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In this is love, that God loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

**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, Radiancy 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.**

**Psalm 8**     *Refrain: When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

8:1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

8:4 what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

8:5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

8:6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

8:7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8:8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

8:9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**A Reading from Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

8:1 Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

8:2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

8:3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

8:4 "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

8:22 "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

8:23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

8:24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

8:25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

8:26 when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil.

8:27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

8:28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

8:29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

8:30 then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always,

8:31 playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

3 Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

2 For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring you where they come,  
and going, take thee to their home.

4 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

## A Reading from Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-6(7-20)

1 And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria.

2 Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him.

3 But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

9:1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9 For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,

12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem,

14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul,

the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,

19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

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!

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!

### 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 16:12-15

16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7106807 Living Hope

1 How great the chasm that lay between us  
 How high the mountain I could not climb  
 In desperation I turned to heaven  
 And spoke Your name into the night  
 Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
 Tore through the shadows of my soul  
 The work is finished the end is written  
 Jesus Christ my living hope

2 Who could imagine so great a mercy  
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
 The God of ages stepped down from glory  
 To wear my sin and bear my shame  
 The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
 The King of kings calls me His own  
 Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
 Jesus Christ my living hope

**Chorus**  
***Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
 You have broken every chain  
 There's salvation in Your name  
 Jesus Christ my living hope***

3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
 Your buried body began to breathe  
 Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
 Declared the grave has no claim on me  
 (REPEAT)  
 Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

**Ending**  
 Jesus Christ my living hope  
 Oh God You are my living hope

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

Let us pray to our God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Father God, whose Spirit helps us in our weakness and guides us to your Son in our prayers, we pray for the Church and for the world, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

### **Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, grant that we may know even in this unsettled time the things that make for peace. We pray for unity in your church throughout the world:

- In the Anglican world-wide communion, for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- In the Anglican Church of Canada for the Diocese of Fredericton and her Archbishop, the Most Rev. David Edwards, (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada).
- In our Diocese of Edmonton, for the Diocesan Rural Ministry: Chelsy Bouwman, Archdeacon for Rural Ministry.
- For all lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Buyé.
- for the people and communities of the Cold Lake First Nation.
- for our parish of St. Peter's: both within the church walls and those who worship online, for our ministry team of Arthur and Alison, our musician, Nadine; for our Lay Readers, Emily and Jorge; for all who serve and do the various tasks necessary for church to happen but often go unnoticed. Inspire us to live as your children; equip us to proclaim the gospel of new life, that the imprisoned may be set free, the sick be made whole, and the dead be raised to abundant new life. And may we strive for the reconciliation of all people in his kingdom of justice and love. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus to proclaim to all the good news of your Kingdom, and through him inspired individuals to sow the seeds of your Church. Help us as we begin this work of starting a new community of faith within our walls. Empower your servants, especially Jorges, and all who support us and give us the gifts to accomplish your will. Lord, in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, be near to the people of the world. We remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers; let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation for you Lord can find a way when men and women are lost. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, help us to be gentle, with others and with ourselves. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us when we fail, forgive us and when they fail, heal us. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, comfort through your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or any kind of need, sickness or adversity. We bring before you those who have requested our prayers:

Sandra..... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Tony and Mary Jean..... 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 her family..... Pauline and Richard.....Jorges and Janine.....  
 Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known  
 to you alone.

Be close to those who draw near to death; bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning, and grant to us all a real sense of your love as you draw all who suffer into your tender care. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died, especially the Rev. Joyce Mellor, and those bereaved by their passing. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Holy Trinity, we ask you to lead us into the coming week, help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. Lord, in your mercy:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, Holy Trinity, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
 without you we are not able to please you.  
 Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
 may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who is alive 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 649 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine  
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

The Dismissal

In this is love, that God loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

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.**