

# A Service of Morning Prayer

## June 29, 2025

### Third Sunday of Pentecost



Following Christ

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Speak Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.

*See 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

### CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1 The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received;  
And for the generations who faithfully believed

2 The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be;  
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;  
Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

3 The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4 The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days;  
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
That God with one another may so transform the earth,  
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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 77:1-2, 11-20** *Refrain: You drove the nations out and made your people flourish.*

77:1 I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

77:2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

77:11 I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.

77:12 I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.

77:13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

77:14 You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

77:15 With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

77:16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.

77:17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

77:18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

77:19 Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.

77:20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**A Reading from 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2:13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

2:14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

**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.

### A Reading from Acts 17:1-12

<sup>1</sup> After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

<sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures,

<sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you."

<sup>4</sup> Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house.

<sup>6</sup> When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also,

<sup>7</sup> and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus."

<sup>8</sup> The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this,

<sup>9</sup> and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup> That very night the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas off to Berea, and when they arrived they went to the Jewish synagogue.

<sup>11</sup> These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so.

<sup>12</sup> Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing.

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

## 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 Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke

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

## Luke 9:51-62

9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

9:52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival,

9:53 but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

9:54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

9:55 But he turned and rebuked them.

9:56 Then they went on to another village.

9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

9:60 And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

9:61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

9:62 And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7063750 For the Cause

1 For the cause of Christ the King  
 We give our lives an offering  
 'Til all the earth resounds  
 With ceaseless praise  
 To the Son  
 For the cause of Christ we go  
 With joy to reap with faith to sow  
 As many see  
 And many put their trust in the Son

*Chorus*

*Christ we proclaim  
 The Name above every name  
 For all creation  
 Ev'ry nation  
 God's salvation  
 Through the Son*

2 For the King once lifted high  
 To cries of rage of crucify  
 Endured the cross  
 As every sin was laid  
 On the Son  
 To the King who conquered death  
 To free the poor and the oppressed  
 For lasting peace  
 For life and liberty  
 In the Son

3 Let it be my life's refrain  
 To live is Christ to die is gain  
 Deny myself take up my cross  
 And follow the Son

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 for the church, the world and all people, in all kinds of need saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church:

Lord, shine your light upon your church and upon all people of faith that your love may shine in the darkness and that we be united in our endeavours for the common good.

- In the Anglican World-wide communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

- In the Anglican church of Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Kootenay and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton.

- In our Diocese of Edmonton we pray for the Archdeacons: Chelsy Bouwman, Jonathan Crane, Travis Enright, and Jordan Haynie Ware.

- We pray for the Buyé Diocese clergy at school; for Amos Mutezimana and Audace Kwizera and the Bishop Barham University College, Kabale, Uganda.

- For the people and community of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

- For our Diocese of Edmonton, her Bishop, Stephen, her clergy and all the congregations.

- For our own parish of St. Peter's, our ministry team of Arthur, Alison and Nadine, our Lay Readers, Emily and Jorge, our Compline leader, Julia, our Wardens and Vestry, and all those who give so willingly and generously of their time, talents, and treasures. Continue to guide us on our journey of faith so that in all things, your will be done. Lord, in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, 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 Jorge, and all who support us and give us the gifts to accomplish your will. Lord, in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world:

Lord, shine your light upon those who live in danger of violence, persecution, oppression, displacement, loss and injustice because of race, belief, gender or who they are. We pray for *all* leaders of the world, that they may be awakened to the love and compassion you offer to all. Lord, in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Canada:

Creator God shine your light upon this nation we call home. You provide for your people with wisdom and love over all. Accept the prayers we offer for this land known as Canada and by many names. Forgive us for our ignorance, our malice, our self-righteousness. Forgive our history of misusing your name to persecute, diminish, and cause suffering. Guide our repentance towards truth, listening, reconciliation, and healing, that we may live with integrity and justice in obedience with your will. Bless all your servants, and especially the leadership in this land, with courage and wisdom, that your people may walk together with hope and peace. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for the vulnerable:

Lord, shine your light upon those who live in fear of war, famine, disease and destitution, and upon those who live without hope, faith or love, that they may know your true love and the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need:

Lord, shine your light upon those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We name those who have particularly 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.

We also pray for those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone.

Give them courage and hope in their suffering and troubles and bring them the joy of your redeeming love. We pray also for those who love and care for them, that they may feel your presence and receive comfort in the knowledge that you are always with them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died:

Lord, shine your light upon those who mourn. We remember before God those who have completed their earthly journey, especially Rita Goshko. Help us to find comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, as we leave this place we ask that you be with us in this coming week. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions that they may reflect the glory of your kingdom and that we may be a witness to the joy and peace that comes from faith in you and your Son, Jesus Christ. 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,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love fulfils the law.  
May we love you with all our heart,  
all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength,  
and may we love our neighbour as ourselves;  
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 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
 to serve thee to the end;  
 be thou forever near me,  
 my Master and my Friend.  
 I shall not fear the battle  
 if thou art by my side,  
 not wander from the pathway  
 if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:  
 the world is ever near;  
 I see the sights that dazzle,  
 the tempting sounds I hear;  
 my foes are ever near me,  
 around me and within;  
 but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
 and shield my soul from sin.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
 to all who follow thee,  
 that where thou art in glory  
 there shall thy servant be;  
 and, Jesus, I have promised  
 to serve thee to the end!  
 O give me grace to follow,  
 my Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks  
 and in them plant mine own:  
 my hope to follow duly  
 is in thy strength alone.  
 O guide me, call me, draw me,  
 uphold me to the end;  
 and then in heaven receive me,  
 my Saviour and my Friend.

### The Dismissal

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.

*See 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

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.**