

## A Service of Morning Prayer

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**The Good Samaritan**

Rembrandt van Rijn (Dutch, Leiden 1606–1669 Amsterdam), 1633  
Etching, engraving and drypoint. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;  
you have the words of eternal life. See *John* 6:63, 68

### CP 16 O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills

1 O Light, whose splendour thrills and  
gladdens  
with radiance brighter than the sun,  
pure gleam of God's unending glory,  
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;

2 as twilight hovers near at sunset,  
and lamps are lit, and children nod,  
in evening hymns we lift our voices  
to Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

3 In all life's brilliant, timeless moments,  
let faithful voices sing your praise.  
O Son of God, our life-bestower,  
whose glory lightens endless days.

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 82***Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

82:1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

82:3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

82:6 I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

82:7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

82:8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

**A Reading from Amos 7:7-17**

7:7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

7:8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer;

7:9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

7:10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

7:11 For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

7:12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there,

7:13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

7:14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees,

7:15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

7:16 "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

7:17 Therefore thus says the LORD: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King;

3 Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.

## A Reading from Acts 21:17-26

<sup>17</sup> When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly.

<sup>18</sup> The next day Paul went with us to visit James; and all the elders were present.

<sup>19</sup> After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

<sup>20</sup> When they heard it, they praised God. Then they said to him, 'You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law.

<sup>21</sup> They have been told about you that you teach all the Jews living among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and that you tell them not to circumcise their children or observe the customs.

<sup>22</sup> What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

<sup>23</sup> So do what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow.

<sup>24</sup> Join these men, go through the rite of purification with them, and pay for the shaving of their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself observe and guard the law.

<sup>25</sup> But as for the Gentiles who have become believers, we have sent a letter with our judgement that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled<sup>[a]</sup> and from fornication.'

<sup>26</sup> Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having purified himself, he entered the temple with them, making public the completion of the days of purification when the sacrifice would be made for each of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 171 What Does the Lord Require

1 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2 Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3 All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,  
Think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4 How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will wit grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

## 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 10:25-37

10:25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

10:27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

10:28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

10:29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

10:30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

10:31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

10:32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

10:33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.

10:34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

10:35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

10:36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

10:37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7141227 There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

1 Just one word

You calm the storm that surrounds me

Just one word

The darkness has to retreat

Just one touch

I feel the presence of heaven

Just one touch

My eyes were opened to see

My heart can't help but believe

**Chorus 1**

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

***There's not a mountain that He can't move***

***Oh praise the name that makes a way***

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

2 Just one word

You heal what's broken inside me

Just one word

And you revive ev'ry dream

Just one touch

I feel the power of heaven

Just one touch

My eyes were opened to see

My heart can't help but believe

**Chorus 2**

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

***There's not a mountain that He can't move***

***Oh praise the name that makes a way***

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

***There's not a prison wall He can't break through***

***Oh praise the name that makes a way***

***There's nothing that our God can't do***

**Bridge 1**

I will believe for greater things

There's no power like the power of Jesus

Let faith arise let all agree

There's no power like the power of Jesus

**Bridge 2**

I will believe for greater things

There's no power like the power of Jesus

Let faith arise let all agree

There's no power like His power

**Ending**

Oh sing oh oh oh

There's nothing there's nothing

There's nothing there's nothing Oh oh oh

(There's nothing that our God can't do)

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 Betty Johnson

Let us pray that God pour out on us a spirit of grace and petition, as on Jerusalem of old, and hear us as we pray, saying: Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of North India

In Canada, we pray for our primate Shane Parker and the Diocese of Montreal: The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop.

We pray for our Bishop Stephen and all ministries, initiatives and committees in the Diocese of Edmonton, and all coordinators, directors, committee chairs, and officers.

In the Diocese of Buye we pray for the Synod Office: Simion Kinono, Christian Education Coordinator and Bible College Director; Nehemie Mbonyimpano, Diocesan Typist; Amos Mutezimana, Evangelism Officer; Noel Ntamavukiro, Gender-Based Violence and Peace and Reconciliation Officer.

We pray for the people and community of the Kehewin Cree Nation.

We pray for our parish St. Peter's, our clergy Arthur and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, our lay readers Jorge and Emily, our Compline host Julia and all others in the background who work for our parish. We appreciate the fellowship and friends that we have been blessed to know over the years.

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

**Hear our prayer.**

That the law of faith which guides us be our standard in judging the laws of land and church and culture. We pray for our King Charles and all in authority that our lives be conformed to the faithful love of Christ, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

That those weakened through illness of mind or body feel your protective hand and our tangible care especially those for whom our prayers are requested:

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..... Jorge and Janine.....

Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone.

We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died and those who mourn. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that we who call Christ the Messiah be empowered to carry the cross of insult as we work for freedom in the world, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

That the paths we walk be wide enough for all peoples, for the homeless, for aliens in flight, for prisoners, for persons of all colours, for all who are ostracized, for those dying of incurable disease, for all who in Christ you call your own, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God, our mother and father, deepen our trust in you. Watch over us day and night and protect us from harm's way. Let us guard one another, that none may be excluded from our circle, embraced om Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
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 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

## The Dismissal

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;  
you have the words of eternal life. *See John 6:63, 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.**