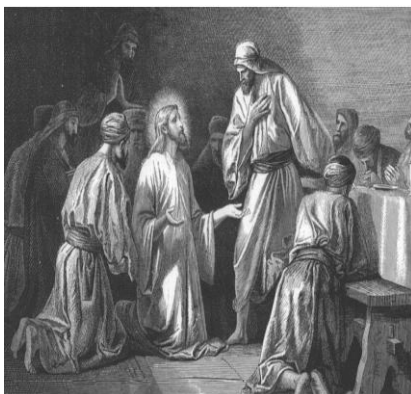


A Service of Morning Prayer July 27, 2025



"He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...'" Luke 11:1

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When we cry, "Abba, Father!" it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. *Romans 8.15, 16*

CP 311 Awake, Arise, O Sing A New Song

Awake, arise: O sing a new song of joy and celebration.
A new day has come; bring praise to the Son of God, of God.
(May be sung as a three part round, or canon)

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 85 *Refrain: He asked you for life, and you gave it to him.*

85:1 LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

85:2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

85:3 You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

85:4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

85:5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

85:6 Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

85:7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

85:8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

85:9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

85:10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

85:11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

85:12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

85:13 Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

A Reading from Hosea 1:2-10

1:2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD."

1:3 So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

1:4 And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

1:5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

1:6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.

1:7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

1:8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

1:9 Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

1:10 Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify!

3 O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

A Reading from Acts 28:14-30

¹⁴ There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome.

¹⁵ The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.

¹⁶ When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

¹⁷ Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans.

¹⁸ When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case.

¹⁹ But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor – even though I had no charge to bring against my nation.

²⁰ For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

²¹ They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you.

²² But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

²³ After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

²⁴ Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe.

²⁵ So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

²⁶ 'Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn – and I would heal them.'

²⁸ Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him.

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

CP 458 Seek Ye First

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto to you. Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain:...*

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 11:1-13

11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

11:2 so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

11:3 Give us each day our daily bread.

11:4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

11:5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

11:6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

11:7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

11:8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

11:9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11:11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

11:12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion?

11:13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7147502 Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

1 What is our hope in life and death
 Christ alone Christ alone
 What is our only confidence
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand
 What comes apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end
 The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus***O sing hallelujah******Our hope springs eternal******O sing hallelujah******Now and ever we confess******Christ our hope in life and death***

2 What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ

3 Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore

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

Let us now join together in prayer as we offer up our desires and petitions before Almighty God, confident in the knowledge that He will hear us and answer our prayers as He sees best, as we say,

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world:

- The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.
- Diocese of New Westminster: the Most Rev. John Stephens, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon.
- Bishop Stephen and all the Lay Readers and Lay Evangelists in parishes throughout the Diocese of Edmonton.
- Buye Diocese; Giteranyi Parish, Jean Pierre Nsabimama, Rector.
- Montana First Nation.
- Our beloved parish home of St. Peter's and our ministry team: our Rector Arthur; our Deacon, Alison; our Lay Readers, Emily and Jorge; our musician, Nadine, and all those who come together for worship in person or on-line at the church we call our spiritual home.
- Those who are working towards the creation of a new community of faith here at St. Peter's, that they may feel supported in their endeavours to create a welcoming space in the future.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our beautiful country of Canada and all those within it. We remember those who do not enjoy the many freedoms we often take for granted and are suffering from the effects of war, famine, disease, and repression of free speech and basic human rights. Watch over them and bring them hope even when all seems lost for them and all they hold dear.

Let us also remember all those throughout the world who are suffering from the effects of climate change including floods, fires and soaring temperatures. We pray especially for those who lost their lives or those they love in the severe flooding in Texas, and for those who are involved in the difficult recovery operation.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember today all those in our city who are experiencing hardship: hunger, addiction, homelessness, unemployment, discrimination of race, religion or gender, and those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. Let us offer prayers for those whose names have been shared with us today: 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 family, Pauline and Richard, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., Larry, Christina, Elsie, those we hold close in our hearts and those known to You alone. We ask Your comfort to those who care for loved ones at home, often watching a decline which is difficult to bear.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and ask Your loving care to those who mourn.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank You for the gift of this day and all the opportunities it brings. Let us live this day, tomorrow, and all the tomorrows to come seeking to serve You in all we think, do and say. All this we ask in the name of Your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect

O God,

**the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford,
God to us all blessings give,
we to God devoted live;
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.

The Dismissal

When we cry, "Abba, Father!" it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. *Romans 8.15, 16*

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.