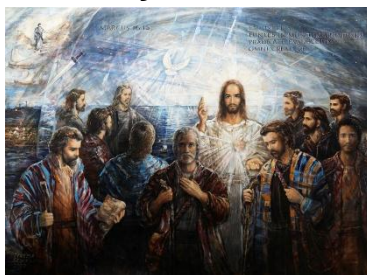


A Service of Morning Prayer

July 6, 2025



***Jesus Sends Out The Disciples* by Terezia Sedlakova**

The painting was painted for the Order of Verbists (SVD) in Nitra, Slovakia, in 2022.

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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3:15, 16

CP 8 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noonday clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

2 Redeem thy misspent time that's past,
and live this day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.

4 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
and with the angels bear thy part,
who all night long unwearied sing
glory to the eternal King.

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 30*Refrain: Evil cannot dwell with you, my God.*

30:1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

30:2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

30:3 O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

30:4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

30:5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

30:6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

30:7 By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

30:8 To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

30:9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

30:10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

30:12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

A Reading from 2 Kings 5:1-14

5:1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease.

5:2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

5:3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

5:4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

5:5 And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

5:6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease."

5:7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

5:8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

5:11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!

5:12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

5:13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

5:14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

5 for thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

A Reading from Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)

¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?

²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.'

²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor^[b] he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

²⁷ so that they would search for God^[c] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸ For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

³² When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’

³³ At that point Paul left them.

³⁴ But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 586 Rise Up, O Saints of God

1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace
the word of hope proclaim.

3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom’s task embrace;
redress sin’s cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit’s power,
rise up, O saints of 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 10:1-11, 16-20

10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

10:2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

10:3 Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

10:4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

10:5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'

10:6 And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.

10:7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

10:8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;

10:9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10:10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

10:11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

10:16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

10:18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

10:19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you.

10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7052253 Jesus Calls Us

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
 Of our live's wild restless sea
 Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
 Saying Christian follow me

Chorus

***His voice is calling words so very clear
 Speaking oh so gently that we might hear
 So we bow falling on our knees
 Jesus intercedes***

2 Jesus calls us from the worship
 Of the vain world's golden store
 From each idol that would keep us
 Saying Christian love me more

3 In our joys and in our sorrows
 Days of toil and hours of ease
 Still He calls in cares and pleasures
 Christian love me more than these

4 Jesus calls us by Your mercies
 Savior make us hear Your call
 Give our hearts to Your obedience
 Serve and love You best of all

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

Everlasting God, we make our prayers now for all people, everywhere, both close to us and far away saying, **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church throughout the world:

- For the Church of Nigeria
- for the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh including the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission; and the Rt. Rev. Morris Fiddler, Suffragan Bishop.
- for the Diocese of Edmonton Regional Deans: Cameron Burns, Jonathan Crane, Jordan Giggey, Danielle Key.
- for the Buyé Synod Office: the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop; Dominique Ciza, Diocesan Executive Secretary and Development Officer; Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Treasurer; Damascene Bagirubwira, Vice-Development Officer.
- for the people and community of the Frog Lake First Nation.
- We pray for all bishops and all the clergy; for our Bishop Steven and our diocesan staff.
- 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.

Holy God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but always keep before us the rule of love. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, we thank you for people who have risked and sacrificed much to provide us with all the benefits and comforts of our modern life. Help us to encourage our young people to follow their examples and to build on their legacies so that future generations may enjoy continued progress but with constant thought for our responsible stewardship your creation. 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 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.

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends and for the communities both church and secular that we belong to. We ask that you help us with our relationships, help our strong ones to be stronger, our broken ones to be healed and our new ones to continue growing.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We especially pray for: 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.

Mighty God, 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. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side, safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bound. Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but 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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
 Colossians 3:15, 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.