

A Service of Morning Prayer August 10, 2025



Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

CP 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

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 50:1-8, 22-23

Refrain: The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all.

50:1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

50:3 Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

50:4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

50:5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

50:6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

50:7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

50:8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

50:22 Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

50:23 Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

A Reading from Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

1:1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

1:10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

1:11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

1:12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more!

1:13 Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

1:14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

1:15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

1:16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

1:17 learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

1:18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land,

1:20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CP 496 Teach Me, My God and King

1 Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see,
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.

3 A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine;
who sweeps a room as for thy laws
makes that and the action fine.

2 All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean,
which with this tincture, "For thy sake,"
will not grow bright and clean.

4 This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.

A Reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

11:2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

11:9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

11:10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11:11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.

11:12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

11:13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

11:14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

11:15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

11:16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CP 459 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

2 O then, with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring.
Our voices we will raise
the Three-in-One to sing,
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

3 Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower
on all who pray,
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

4 Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

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 12:32-40

12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

12:33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

12:35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

12:36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

12:37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

12:38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

12:39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7070345 Build My Life

1 Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You

2 Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
 Jesus the only one who could ever save
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You
 We live for You

Chorus

***Holy there is no one like You
 There is none beside You
 Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
 who You are
 And fill me with Your heart
 And lead me in Your love to those around
 me***

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
 It is a firm foundation
 I will put my trust in You alone
 And I will not be shaken

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

Like Martha, we have much to do; like Mary, we listen to the Lord's voice. From the complexity of our lives, let us raise our voices in prayer, saying: Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

In Canada, we pray for our primate Archbishop Shane Parker and the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop.

In our Diocese we pray for the families of clergy and church staff and all those who support clergy and staff in their ministries.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Mwendo Parish: Samson Misago, Rector.

We pray for the people and community of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

We pray for our own community of St. Peter's, our clergy Arthur and Alison, our music ministry Nadine, our lay readers Emily and Jorge, our wardens, Vestry and all those who work behind the scenes for our parish wellbeing.

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.

Over the thunder of war, we hear the Lord's call to peace, and we pray for the wise leadership. We especially pray for King Charles and all in authority. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Amid the quarrels which divide the church, we hear the Lord's call to unity, and we pray for reconciliation. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Above the barrage of commercials, we hear the Lord's call to generosity, and we pray for the poor. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Through the bustle of our daily lives, we hear the Lord's call to love, and we pray for patience with one another. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the cries of the suffering, we hear the Lord's call to compassion, and we pray for the sick and the suffering, 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.....Jorges 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 all who have died and comfort to those that mourn. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In the songs we raise together, we hear the Lord's call to each of us, and we pray for one another. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father of Jesus, hear our prayers. Hear in them the voice of your Son, your word of love to us. We listen for his voice as we pray in his name: Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth forever.

Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
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 601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

The Dismissal

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

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.