

A Service of Morning Prayer August 31, 2025



“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed ...”

Luke 1:13,14...:

John Pomeroy (1951 -)

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Matthew 11:29*

CP 655 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age, and soul to soul,
In communion never unending
You we worship and extol.

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 81:1,10-16 *Refrain: Those who lead a blameless life will dwell in the presence of the Lord.*

81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

81:10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

81:11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

81:12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

81:13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

81:14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

81:15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

81:16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

A Reading from Jeremiah 2:4-13

2:4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

2:5 Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

2:6 They did not say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

2:7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

2:8 The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

2:9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

2:10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

2:11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

2:12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

2:13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
 give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
 The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their right,
 the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
 Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;
 abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
 for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
 Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
 on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
 O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
 dye our texture with your radiance, llight our colours with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
 your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
 Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,
 our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.
 Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried;
 your truth – the heart of stranger; your life the Crucified.

A Reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13:1 Let mutual affection continue.

13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

13:4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

13:6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

13:15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 400 What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
 I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 14:1, 7-14

14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

14:7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,

14:9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

14:11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14:14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7038281 The Lion and the Lamb

1 He's coming on the clouds
 Kings and kingdoms will bow down
 And every chain will break
 As broken hearts declare His praise
 For who can stop the Lord Almighty

2 So open up the gates
 Make way before the King of kings
 The God who comes to save
 Is here to set the captives free
 For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

***Our God is the Lion
 The Lion of Judah
 He's roaring with power
 And fighting our battles
 And every knee will bow before Him
 Our God is the Lamb
 The Lamb that was slain
 For the sins of the world
 His blood breaks the chains
 And every knee will bow before the Lion
 and the Lamb
 Every knee will bow before Him***

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
 Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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 by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our provident God, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church.

- In the World-wide Anglican Communion, for the Church of South India
- In the Anglican Church of Canada, for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy.
- In our Diocese of Edmonton for the Canonically Resident Clergy: Ann Marie Nicklin, William Patterson, Alan Perry, David Pickett, Jim Plambeck, Jeffrey Reed, Paul Robinson, Barry Rose, Doreen Scott, Clare Stewart, Allan Studd. For our Bishop Steven and all our diocesan staff.
- For the Buyé Diocese and All Saints' Cathedral along with her Rector, Alfred Uwimanihayé.
- For the people and communities of all First Nations people of Treaty 6.
- our own parish of Saint Peter's, our clergy Arthur and Alison, our musician, Nadine, our lay readers, Jorge and Emily, our readers and intercessors, and all who give of their time, talents, and treasures to help us remain a beacon of light, love, and life in our community. That we may be transformed into the body of Christ and may open our lives to receive the gifts that are offered. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters of faith throughout the world. May they be nourished as they journey in faith through life; may we accompany them in a spirit of repentance and compassion. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray today for new communities of faith, and ask you to help those who are trying to start a new community of faith within these walls. Empower your servants and all who support us and give us gifts to accomplish your will. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all government leaders and elected officials throughout the world. May they work for peace and social justice rather than personal power and wealth. May we support them in their efforts to make this world a better place for all people. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our world who are hungry, homeless, without jobs, without proper medical care, without family, without any sense of acceptance, those who suffer from addictions, from ongoing war, from persecution. May they have all their needs satisfied and their voices heard and may we actively advocate for them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the suffering and all in any kind of need, especially,
 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..... Ruth..... Jody and
 Michael..... David L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline.....Jorges
 and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... those we hold close in
 our hearts and those known to you alone. That they may experience the gentle touch of
 another's caring hand, that their sickness may be turned into health or that they be
 given patience and courage to deal with all that they must endure. And we pray for
 those who keep watch over them and those who uphold them in prayer, that they may
 feel your loving presence surrounding them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have recently died and all who have gone before. We pray for
 the peaceful repose of the soul of Richard Coleman. May we follow the example of their
 lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things we have spoken, and those which we name in the silence of our hearts,
 we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit are one
 God, forever and ever. Amen

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things,
 graft in our hearts the love of your name,
 increase in us true religion,
 nourish us in all goodness,
 and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
 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 43 From All the Winds Wide Quarters

1 From all the wind's wide quarters
 come, see the feast is spread,
 of soul-sustaining waters,
 of true and living bread;
 of sorrows long-departed,
 and joys beyond compare --
 come, poor and humble-hearted,
 the feast of life to share!

3 Come, claim the promise spoken!
 God's purpose stands secure.
 The fruitful word unbroken
 shall evermore endure.
 All ancient bondage ended
 to sin's corrupting powers --
 forgiven, freed, befriended,
 the feast of life is ours!

2 With mercy all-prevailing
 God bids the wanderer come;
 in grace and peace unfailing
 invites the children home.
 With loving-kindness tender,
 God frees us from our sins --
 in glory and in splendour
 the feast of life begins!

The Dismissal

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Matthew 11:29*

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.