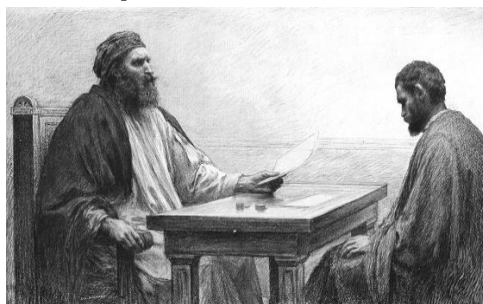


## A Service of Morning Prayer September 21, 2025



**“The Dishonest Steward”  
by well respected Swiss artist Eugène Burnand (1850-1921)**

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

### CP 5 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

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 79:1-9      *Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.*

79:1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

79:2 They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

79:3 They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

79:4 We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

79:5 How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

79:6 Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

79:7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

79:8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

A Reading from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

8:18 My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick.

8:19 Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

8:20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

8:21 For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me.

8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

9:1 O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 529 God, My Hope On You Is Founded

1 God, my hope on you is founded,  
 you my faith and trust renew;  
 through all change and chance you guide me,  
 only good and only true.  
 God unknown, you alone  
 call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
 sword and crown, betray our trust;  
 though with care and toil we build them,  
 tower and temple fall to dust.  
 but your power, hour by hour  
 is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver  
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
 God's desire for us delights us  
 pleasure leads us where we go.  
 Here at hand, love takes stand,,  
 joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,  
 deepest wisdom, passing thought;  
 splendour, light, and life attending,  
 beauty springing out of naught.  
 Evermore from God's store  
 newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal  
 sacrifice of praise be done,  
 high above all praises praising  
 for the gift of Christ the Son.  
 Christ, you call one and all;  
 those who follow shall not fall.

A Reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7

2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

2:2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

2:3 This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,

2:4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2:5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

2:6 who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time.

2:7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 503 Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
 Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
 lay hold on life and it shall be  
 thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good  
 grace;  
 lift up thine eyes and seek his face.  
 Life with its path before us lies;  
 Christ is the way and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
 his boundless mercy will provide;  
 trust, and the trusting soul shall prove  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;  
 he changeth not and thou art dear.  
 Only believe, and thou shalt see  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

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 16:1-13

16:1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

16:2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

16:3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

16:4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

16:5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

16:6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

16:7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

16:8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

16:9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

16:10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

16:11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

16:12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

16:13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1 You give life You are love  
 You bring light to the darkness  
 You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is  
 broken  
 And great are You Lord

**Chorus**

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise  
 We pour out our praise  
 It's Your breath in our lungs  
 So we pour out our praise to You only*

**Bridge**

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
 Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
 Great are You Lord  
 (REPEAT)

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

Let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all  
 those in need, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for your church throughout the world with its variety,  
 diversity, and richness and for all who are eager to learn more of your message  
 and to follow in your ways.

- for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- for the Diocese of Saskatchewan and the Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, her Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Adam Halkett, Bishop of Missinipi.
- for the clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Ron Hörst, Diane Howes, Alisa Ketchum-Walker, Ted McClung, Gillian Melbourne, Cynthia Morris, Janice Roderick, Elizabeth Rushton, Roberta Shell, Dorothy Wilson.
- for the Buyé Diocese, and the Ngozi (St. John) Parish and Damascene Bagirubwira, her Rector; Deo Nkuzimana, Deputy Rector.
- for the people and community of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.
- For the Diocese of Edmonton and her Bishop, Stephen, and all Diocesan office staff
- For our community of St. Peter's, our ministry team, our musician, our Wardens, our Lay readers, our vestry, our treasurer, our volunteers, and all who call this place their spiritual home, that as we travel the road doing your kingdom work, we may all put our trust in you to guide us along the path that best serves you and your kingdom. Lord in your mercy

### **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for your ever-changing world, a world often depleted in energy and short of vision: a world in which the resources are often misused. We thank you for all people who are working to improve your world by being true stewards of your creation. We pray for areas of the world hit by natural disasters and wars and for those who are working to make your world a more sustainable and peaceful place. May your love flood their lives to comfort them and bring them hope. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for and ask for your blessing on everyone here this morning and also for our families and our friends near and far. May we all be transformed through the richness of your presence. Come with your generous care into our homes and to all homes within our community. Grant to each one of us deeper insight, more awareness, and a greater love for one another. Help us to put the needs of others before our own and so truly follow in your foot steps. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for your blessing on the poor, the hungry, the abused, those struggling financially, for the unemployed and those battling addictions, for those in danger of losing their homes or are facing redundancy because of the economic climate. Look with mercy on homes where love is threatened by poverty, and we ask that you will strengthen and support parents who struggle to provide adequately for their children. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all who are ill at this time whether at home or in hospital and for those awaiting diagnosis or treatment:

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..... and we remember, in a moment of quiet, those known only to you and  
 those we keep in our hearts.....

May your healing love encircle each one of them and those who faithfully care for  
 them and bring them your peace. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

We thank you, Lord for your constant loving provision for us throughout our lives  
 and we commend to your safe keeping all those who have died, and for those  
 mourning the loss of loved ones. May they have peace in the joy of your  
 presence for ever. Lord in your mercy,

### **Hear our prayer**

God of every land and nation, you have created all people, and you dwell among  
 us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as  
 we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at  
 work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
 you have created the heavens and the earth,  
 and ourselves in your image.  
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
 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

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

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.**