

A Service of Morning Prayer September 14, 2025



A portion of the painting of "*The Parable of the Lost Coin*"
by Italian Baroque artist Domenico Fetti (1589–1624)

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15:10*

CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

3 Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

2 For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.

4 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

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 14*Refrain: I will remember the works of the Lord.*

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

A Reading from Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

4:11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse,

4:12 a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

4:22 "For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

4:23 I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light.

4:24 I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

4:25 I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

4:26 I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

4:27 For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

4:28 Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 615 Just As I Am

1 Just as I am without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am- thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

A Reading from 1 Timothy 1:12-17

1:12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service,

1:13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

1:14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1:15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance; that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost.

1:16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth,
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever!

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 15:1-10

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

15:3 So he told them this parable:

15:4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

15:5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.'

15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

15:8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

15:9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7241154 Love Of God

1 It's so good I almost can't believe it
 Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
 The God who set the galaxies in motion
 Would descend to give His life for me

Pre-Chorus 1

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
 What leads a King to pay so great a cost
 All my life my heart will sing the answer
 Only the love of God

Chorus 1

***Singing oh how great is the love of God
 He paid our debt on that rugged cross
 For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
 How great is the love of God***

2 It's so kind it leads us to repentance
 It's so bright the darkness has to flee
 Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence
 For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

Pre-Chorus 2

For what could break the chains of any prison
 What force could rob the power from the grave
 What would trade my rags for heaven's riches
 Only the love of God

3 Though I try my mind can't comprehend it
 It's so high too marvelous for words
 I could sing a million songs about it
 And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

Pre-Chorus 3

This all my life the banner I'll be waving
 My anthem cry no matter what may come
 And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
 I'll still be singing this song (oh my song)
 For everything that You've done
 How great the love of God hey

Chorus 2

Singing oh how great is the love of God
 He paid our debt on that rugged cross
 For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
 How great is the love of God
 How great is the love of God
 Thank You Jesus

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

We offer our prayers to the Father through his Son Jesus Christ, for the needs of the Church and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

For the work of the Church:

- For the Anglican Church of South America
- for the Diocese of Rupert's Land: the Rev. Naboth Manzongo, Bishop-elect.
- for the clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Barbara Ash, Pat Bergstrom, Marg Bonertz, Carol Canton, Beth-Anne Exham, Kathleen Gale, Ruth Guse, Shirley Hanes, Florence Hattersley, Lois Heritage.
- for the Buyé Diocese, and the Nyamabuye Parish and Serges Rwaswa, her Rector.
- for the people and communities of the Alexander First Nation.
- We pray for our Diocese and our Bishop, Stephen; our parish of St. Peter's and the community of Inglewood and Westmount: for our ministry team, Arthur and Alison, our musician, Nadine, our Compline leader, Julia, our lay readers, Emily and Jorge, our wardens, our vestry, our readers, our intercessors, and all who do so much to make our church community a vibrant and involved part of the wider community.

That we may experience the loving kindness of our Father in heaven as we journey through this life towards the Kingdom of God, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

For the peace of the world:

-for places where there is still conflict and war, refugees, and injustice, where people are being hurt, marginalized, and even killed because of their skin colour, religion, gender identity, political views or because of the greed of the leaders.

That those in charge of political affairs may always be conscious that true peace is based upon the dignity of humanity, whatever their race, colour or creed, political affiliation, economic status, or gender identity, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

For the sick, homeless, hungry, unemployed, addicted, and lost, and those who care for them; today we bring before you those who have particularly requested our prayers:

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 the Lord Jesus may heal the sick, rid the world of hunger and keep his loving and watchful eye upon all in need, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

For those who have departed this life, and those who are left to mourn: we remember Richard Coleman, may he rest in peace and rise in glory; may they find comfort in your promise of the new life to come. That when Jesus comes again, they may be reunited with him in his everlasting Kingdom, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

Father, you gave us your only Son to prepare us for your kingdom. May our lives be a daily preparation for the day when we see you as you are. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

4 Foolish hearts, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

The Dismissal

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15:10*

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.