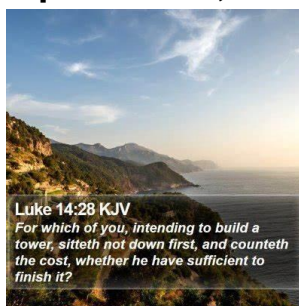


## A Service of Morning Prayer

### September 7, 2025



Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. Psalm 119:135

### CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

1 The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received;  
And for the generations who faithfully believed

2 The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be;  
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;  
Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

3 The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

4 The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days;  
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
That God with one another may so transform the earth,  
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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 139:1-6, 13-18** *Refrain: Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord.*

139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
 139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
 139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
 139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.  
 139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
 139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
 139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
 139:16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
 139:17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
 139:18 I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

**A Reading from Jeremiah 18:1-11**

18:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:  
 18:2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."  
 18:3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.  
 18:4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.  
 18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:  
 18:6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.  
 18:7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,  
 18:8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.  
 18:9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,  
 18:10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.  
 18:11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong;  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains;  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined;  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

## A Reading from Philemon 1:1-21

1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon,

1:2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers,

1:5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

1:6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ.

1:7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

1:8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing,

1:9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

1:10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

1:11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.

1:12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

1:13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel,

1:14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

1:15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term,

1:16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

1:17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

1:18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me.

1:19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

1:20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

1:21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 446 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
when once we heed your call:  
to live according to your word,  
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all,  
and will not let us fall.

3 We mark your saints, how they became  
in hindrances more sure,  
whose joyful virtues put to shame  
the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure  
your power to cleanse and cure.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find  
your yoke is hard to bear;  
if worldly pressures fray the mind,  
and love itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care,  
our inward life repair.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new,  
may we not cease to look to you.  
The cross you hung upon,  
all you endeavored done.

### 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 14:25-33

14:25 Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them,

14:26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

14:27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

14:30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

14:31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

14:32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

14:33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7054173 Have It All

**Chorus**

***You can have it all Lord  
Ev'ry part of my world  
Take this life and breathe on  
This heart that is now Yours***

1 Oh the joy I've found  
Surrendering my crowns  
At the feet of the King  
Who surrendered ev'rything

2 Oh the peace that comes  
When I'm broken and undone  
By Your unfailing grace  
I can lift my voice and say

**Bridge 1**

Oh oh oh oh (2X)

**Bridge 2**

There is no greater call  
Than giving You my all  
I lay it all down  
I lay it all down  
There is no greater love  
No higher name above  
I lay it all down  
I lay it all down (singin')

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 Betty Johnson

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 2 which may be found on page 112 of the BAS.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our Prayer."

### **We pray for the church**

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

In Canada we pray for the Diocese of Quebec: the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop.

In the Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for the Canonically Resident Clergy: Elisabeth Thompson, Carol Tyrrell, Jacques de Vaillancourt, Dan Van Alstine, Linda Whittle, Mary Charlotte Wilcox, Dan Wold, Adenike Yesufu, Arlene Young.

In the Diocese of Buyé, we pray for the Gashikanwa (St. Paul) Parish: Leonidas Nizigiymana, Rector; Pascal Ndayisenga, Vice-Rector.

We pray for the people and community of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

We pray for 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. 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.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our King and all in the world who are in authority. We ask that they will listen for Your Spirit to guide them in their decisions. Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice, racism, and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind, especially for 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, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Melody and her family, Pauline, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., Larry, Christena, Elsie, those we hold close in our hearts and those known you alone.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant the repose of the soul of those who have died, especially Richard Coleman, and a peaceful end and eternal rest to those who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded;  
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 445 God the Creator

1 God the Creator, you in love made me  
 who once was nothing but now have grown.  
 I bring the best of all my life offers;  
 for you I share whatever I own.

2 O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me  
 who once was no one lost and alone.  
 I pledge to go wherever you summon,  
 making your will and purpose my own.

3 O God the Spirit, you in love move me  
 who once was nowhere and felt unknown.  
 I know my need of you for companion:  
 all things can change when not on my own.

4 And with the people summoned together  
 to be the church in which faith is sown,  
 I make my promise to live for Jesus  
 and let the world know all are his own.

The Dismissal

Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. Psalm 119:135

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.**