

## A Service of Morning Prayer October 26, 2025



Parable of the pharisee and the tax collector by Lannie Griffis

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with the message of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

### CP 37 We'll Sing in the Morning

1 We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,  
of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;  
and here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,  
co-heirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.

2. We'll sing in the noon-time a song of redemption,  
how Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;  
how, when we were sick, in our sin you released us  
to laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

3 We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,  
of rivers that gladden the city of God;  
and when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,  
you'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

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 65***Refrain: Deliverance belongs to the Lord.*

65:1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,  
 65:2 O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.  
 65:3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.  
 65:4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.  
 65:5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.  
 65:6 By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
 65:7 You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
 65:8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
 65:9 You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.  
 65:10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.  
 65:11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
 65:12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;  
 65:13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

**A Reading from Joel 2:23-32**

2:23 O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.  
 2:24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
 2:25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you.  
 2:26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
 2:27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
 2:28 Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.  
 2:29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.  
 2:30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.  
 2:31 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.  
 2:32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

**The Word of the Lord.****Thanks be to God.**

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.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

4:6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

4:7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

4:8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

4:16 At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

4:17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.

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.

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.

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 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 18:9-14

18:9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

18:10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

18:11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

18:12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

18:13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7158417 Gratitude

1 All my words fall short  
I got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude

3 I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

2 I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But every song must end  
And You never do

**Bridge**

Come on my soul  
Oh don't you get shy on me  
Lift up your song  
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs  
Get up and praise the Lord

**Chorus**

***So I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah  
hallelujah  
And I know it's not much  
But I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah***

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 Lesley Lambert

Let us now lay before our Father in heaven all the cares and concerns of our hearts,  
 secure in the knowledge that He hears every word and answers our requests in the way  
 that is best for us and for those for whom we pray, as we say,

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world:

- The Church in Wales.
- Diocese of Yukon; the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop.
- Officers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Robert Reynolds, Chancellor; Mark Alexander,  
Registrar and Solicitor; John Gee, Secretary to Synod.
- Buye Diocese, Kabanga Parish; Lazar Rudende, Rector.
- Kehewin Cree Nation
- Our own parish family here at St. Peter's and on-line in their homes, and our ministry  
team of Arthur, Alison, Emily, Jorge, Julia and our musician, Nadine. We thank You for  
this place we call our spiritual home and for all the worship and fellowship we have  
enjoyed here over many years, and the friendships nurtured within our church.  
We also thank You for the possibility of starting a new community of faith within these  
walls and ask You to bless the work of those who are involved in this important work.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Let us offer prayers today for our city of Edmonton, and especially for those who have been elected this week to sit on our city council. Grant to our new Mayor, Andrew, and all those called to office the desire to work together diligently and faithfully as they try to make decisions which are best for our city in its entirety.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for our beautiful country of Canada, giving thanks for the many freedoms it affords us: the right to vote, expressed this week, access to excellent health care, free education for all, and peace in our lifetime. We remember today all those who are not as fortunate, and especially those whose lives have been shattered by war and all its attendant horrors. Let us pray for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land and may the guns fall silent and the work of rebuilding shattered countries and lives begin.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who are in any kind of difficulty here in our city. We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the poor, the addicted, the lonely and all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. We also pray for all those who care for them, at home or in the hospital. We remember today most especially those who have 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 family, Pauline, Jorge and Janine, Michael S, Larry, Christena, Elsie, Dawne and Herb, those we hold close in our hearts and those known to You alone.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those departed this earthly life, and for those who mourn the presence of those loved ones in their lives. May they find comfort in the sure knowledge that they will meet again in a place where there will be no more good-byes.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we give thanks for the gift of today, tomorrow, and all the tomorrows to come. May we use each one to do Your will to the best of our ability, guided always by the example of Your dear son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray today. Amen.

### Collect

Lord God our redeemer,  
 who heard the cry of your people  
 and sent your servant Moses  
 to lead them out of slavery,  
 free us from the tyranny of sin and death,  
 and by the leading of your Spirit  
 bring us to our promised land;  
 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 431 Take Up Your Cross the Saviour Said

1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
 if you would my disciple be;  
 deny yourself, the world forsake,  
 and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
 his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 and let your foolish pride be still:  
 your Lord for you endured to die  
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
 and calmly every danger brave;  
 'twill guide you to a better home,  
 and lead to victory o'er the grave

5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
 nor think till death to lay it down;  
 for only those who bear the cross  
 may hope to wear the glorious crown.

### The Dismissal

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us  
 with the message of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

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.**