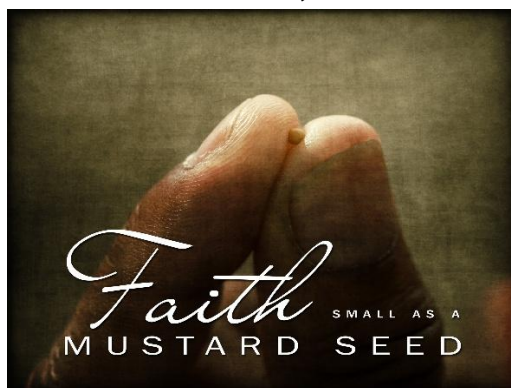


A Service of Morning Prayer October 5, 2025



The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news which was preached to you. *1 Peter 1:25*

CP 342 We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your
blessing,
to you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

2 We worship you, God of our mothers and
fathers,
through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our
side.

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 137 *Refrain: I will sing of mercy and justice.*

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon-- there we sat down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

137:2 On the willows there we hung up our harps.

137:3 For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

137:4 How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

137:6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

137:7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem's fall, how they said, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"

137:8 O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us!

137:9 Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

A Reading from Lamentations 1:1-6

1:1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor.

1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

1:3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

1:4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

1:5 Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

1:6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 449 How Shall They Hear the Word of God

1 How shall they hear the word of God
unless the truth is told?

How shall the sinful be set free,
the sorrowful consoled?

To all who speak the truth today,
impart your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

3 How shall the gospel be proclaimed
that sinners may repent?

How shall the world find peace at last
if heralds are not sent?

So send us, Lord, for we rejoice
to speak of Christ with life and voice.

2 How shall they call to God for help
unless they have believed?

How shall the poor be given hope,
the prisoner reprieved?

To those who help the blind to see,
give light and love and clarity.

A Reading from 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1:3 I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

1:4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

1:6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands,

1:7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

1:8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God,

1:9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the ages began,

1:10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

1:11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

1:12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him.

1:13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1:14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 201 People Draw Near to God in Their Distress

<p>1 People draw near to God in their distress, pleading for help and begging peace and bread, rescue from guilt and sickness, nearly dead. Christian or not, all come in helplessness .</p>	<p>3 And God draws near to people in distress, feeding their souls and bodies with his bread; Christian or not, for both he's hanging dead, forgiving, from the cross, their wickedness.</p>
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2 People draw near when they see God's
distress:
find God rejected, homeless, without bread,
burdened with sin and weakness, nearly dead.
Christians reach out to meet God's
wretchedness.

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 17:5-10

17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

17:6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

17:7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

17:8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

17:9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 6016351 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**Chorus**

***Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before
me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

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Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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 now offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God and ask the Spirit to bring to our consciousness those things and people for which we pray, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church and the people of God throughout the world and for all ministers and people.

- In the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Church of Tanzania
- In the Anglican Church of Canada, for the Territory of the People: the Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop.
- for the Rt. Rev. Patricia Schmermund, ELCiC Bishop, and the staff, pastors, and people of Alberta and the Territories Synod.
- for the Buyé Diocese, Gitobe Parish: Joseph Hakizimana, Rector.
- for the people and communities of the Enoch Cree Nation.
- For our parish of St. Peter's as we continue to seek your guidance as we serve you in this community. For our ministry team of Arthur, Alison, Nadine, Emily, Jorge, and Julia. Give patience, courage and a joy for serving you and all others to our clergy, our various leaders in ministry, and all who have come to trust in your saving grace.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the freedom and well-being of all people; for the needs of this city, province, and country, for her leaders, and for the well-being those who live here.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation; for 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 her family..... Pauline..... Jorge and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie.....

For any who are sick, those in prison, the travelers, the unemployed, and the downhearted; for those who give their time for the work of your kingdom here on earth, and in a moment of silence, those others we know or those known to you alone.....

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have completed their earthly journey, those who are nearing its completion and those who mourn and stand vigil.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray, too, for the many blessings of this life, for all the boundless graces God so generously bestows upon us and our world,

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God whose almighty Word
 chaos and darkness heard,
 and took their flight;
 hear us, we humbly pray,
 and where the gospel day
 sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light!

2 Saviour, who came to bring
 on your redeeming wing
 healing and sight,
 health to the sick in mind,
 sight to the inly blind:
 now for all humankind
 let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
 lifegiving holy Dove,
 speed on your flight!
 Move on the water's face
 bearing the lamp of grace,
 and in earth's darkest place
 let there be light!

4 Gracious and holy Three,
 glorious Trinity,
 wisdom, love might,
 boundless as ocean's tide
 rolling in fullest pride
 through the world far and wide
 let there be light!

The Dismissal

**The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good
 news which was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:25**

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.