

# A Service of Morning Prayer

## Sunday, November 23, 2025

### The Reign of Christ



‘Christ on the Cross between the Two Thieves’  
by Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640), a Flemish Baroque painter

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! *Mark 11:9, 10*

#### CP 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain,  
alleluia,  
Cleansing us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

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.**

Canticle (Luke 1:68-79)     *Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.*

1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

1:69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,

1:70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

1:71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

1:72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,

1:73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

1:74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

1:75 in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

1:77 to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

1:78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

1:79 to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

A Reading from Jeremiah 23:1-6

23:1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

23:2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

23:3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

23:4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

23:5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

23:6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 375 At the Name of Jesus

1 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him  
Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he  
passed;

3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love  
strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated  
breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him  
subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's  
hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return  
again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of Glory  
now.

### A Reading from Colossians 1:11-20

1:11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that  
you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully

1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in  
the light.

1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his  
beloved Son,

1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

1:16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and  
for him.

1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so  
that he might come to have first place in everything.

1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

1:20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in  
heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know;  
but O my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend

## 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 23:33-43

23:33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

23:35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

23:37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

23:40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

23:41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 5183443 Jesus Messiah

1 He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### ***Chorus***

***Jesus Messiah Name above all names***

***Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel***

***The Rescue for sinners***

***The Ransom from heaven***

***Jesus Messiah Lord of all***

2 His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

#### ***Bridge***

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

#### ***Ending***

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

### 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 join together in prayer to our Heavenly Father whose love and compassion for us, his children, knows no earthly bounds, as we say:

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your most holy church throughout the world:

-The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

-The Diocese of Algoma, the Most Rev. Anne Germans, Archbishop, (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical province of Ontario).

St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake: Elizabeth Metcalfe, Interim Priest-in-Charge; Doug Giles, Honorary Assistant.

-Buye Diocese, Canika Parish, Evariste Nsabimama, rector.

-Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

-St. Peter's, our parish home, and all those who worship here, both in-person and on-line. We pray for our ministry team: Arthur, Alison, Jorge, Emily and Julia, and we give thanks for the gift of music shared with us every week by our musician, Nadine.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our beautiful country of Canada, and, as we do so, we remember the many countries where there is conflict, hunger, disease and neglect. To those who live in these shadows, especially the frightened little children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and their hope when all seems lost.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We ask that we may be faithful stewards of this earth, striving to care for this land so that we may pass on to future generations the beauty and bounty of Your creation.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for our city of Edmonton, remembering today those who are suffering through hunger, homelessness, poverty, addiction, loneliness, bereavement or the pain of physical or mental illness. Let us offer prayer now for those whose names have been shared with us today: Sandra, Merle, Mary, Irene, Tony and Mary Jean, Florence, Lisa and Joe, Marijke, Diane, Janelle, Sandy, Evelyn, Sarah, Terry, Ken, Monica, Julia, Lucas, Helen, Cody, Judy, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Melody and family, Pauline, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., Larry, Christina, Elsie, Lynn, those nearing the completion of their earthly journey, those we hold in our hearts and those known to You alone.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we may go forth from this place renewed and refreshed and worthy to be called Your children, in everything we say and do, now, tomorrow and forever,

Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 whose will it is to restore all things  
 in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,  
 grant that the peoples of the earth,  
 now divided and enslaved by sin,  
 may be freed and brought together  
 under his gentle and loving rule;  
 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 630 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.  
 You, Lord, are both prince and slave,  
 You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
 of the way you took and gave.  
 You, the everlasting instant;  
 you whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
 stripped of might upon the cross,  
 shining in eternal glory,  
 beggared by a soldier's toss,  
 you, the everlasting instant;  
 you, who are both gift and cost.

3 You, who walk each day beside us,  
 sit in power at God's side.  
 You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
 have a love that reaches wide.  
 You, the everlasting instant;  
 you, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
 Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
 Worthy your defeat and victory.  
 Worthy still your peace and strife.  
 You, the everlasting instant;  
 you, who are our death and life.

## The Dismissal

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the  
kingdom of our father David that is coming!   *Mark 11:9, 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.**