

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026**



Mother and Child

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**f you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love
you, and we will come to you. See *John 14:23***

CP 252 Spirit Come, Dispel Our Sadness

1 Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;
pierce the clouds of nature's night.
Come, O source of joy and gladness,
breathe your life, and spread your light.
From the height which knows no measure,
as a gracious shower descend,
bringing down the richest treasure
we can wish, or God can send.

2 Author of the new creation,
come, anoint us with your power.
Make our hearts your habitation;
with your grace our spirits shower.
Hear, O hear our supplication,
blessed Spirit, God of peace!
Rest upon this congregation
with the fullness of your grace

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 66:8-20 *Refrain: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands.*

66:8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

66:9 who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

66:10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

66:11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

66:12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

66:13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

66:14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

66:15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

66:16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

66:17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

66:18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

66:19 But truly God has listened; he has heard to the words of my prayer.

66:20 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

A Reading from Acts 17:22-31

17:22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way.

17:23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

17:26 From one ancestor he made all people to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

17:27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

17:28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

17:29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

17:30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 655 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
 In the holiest realms of light;
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding
 O'er a world of gloom and night;
 Holy Spirit, ever raising
 those of earth to thrones on high;
 Living, life-imparting Spirit,
 You we praise and magnify.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working
 Through the Church's ministry;
 Quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
 Setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding
 Age to age, and soul to soul,
 In communion never unending
 You we worship and extol.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living
 As the Church's very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving
 Through us in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit ever forming
 In the Church the mind of Christ;
 You we praise with endless worship
 For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

A Reading from 1 Peter 3:13-22

3:13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

3:14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

3:15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,

3:16 yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

3:17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

3:19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

3:20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

3:21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:15-21

14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

14:17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

14:18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

14:19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

14:20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

14:21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6367165 We Believe

1 In this time of desperation
 When all we know is doubt and fear
 There is only one foundation
 We believe we believe
 In this broken generation
 When all is dark You help us see
 There is only one salvation
 We believe we believe

Chorus

***We believe in God the Father
 We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion
 We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection
 And He's coming back again
 (We believe)***

2 So let our faith be more than anthems
 Greater than the songs we sing
 In our weakness and temptations
 We believe we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be
 raised
 In the here and now let love invade
 Let the church live loud our God will save
 We believe we believe
 And the gates of hell will not prevail
 For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
 Now we know Your love will never fail
 We believe we believe

Ending

He's coming back again
 He's coming back again
 We believe we believe

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 Betty Johnson

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY NO. ONE WHICH MAY BE FOUND ON PAGE 110 OF THE BAS, the green book.

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, We pray In the Anglican World Cycle for The Church of Pakistan (United)

In the Canadian Cycle we pray for the Diocese of Saskatchewan: the Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Synod Office: the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop; Dominique Ciza, Diocesan Executive Secretary and Development Officer; Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Treasurer; Damascene Bagirubwira, Vice-Development Officer.

We pray for the people of the Ermineskin Cree Nation.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen, and for all clergy and people in this Diocese but especially for Holy Trinity, Edson: Johnny Pooten, Rector.

We pray for our own parish of St. Peter and for our clergy Arthur, Alison, Sandra; for our musician Nadine, for our lay readers Jorge and Emily, our wardens, our Vestry and all others who work behind the scenes to make St. Peter's a welcoming parish for all let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Edmonton, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering and any who are in need especially 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.....Jorges and Janine and Emilio..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy and family.....Sandra A.....Louise A.....Louise B and those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone. We pray for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died and those who mourn, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect

Merciful God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 riches beyond imagination.
 Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
 that we, loving you above all things,
 may obtain your promises,
 which exceed all that we can desire;
 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 222 All Shall Be Well

1 All shall be well!

For on our Easter skies
see Christ the sun
of righteousness arise.

3 All shall be well!

The cross and passion past,
dark night is done,
bright morning come at last.

5 Jesus alive!

Rejoice and sing again;
all shall be well
for evermore, Amen!

2 All shall be well!

The sacrifice is made,
the sinner freed,
the price of pardon paid.

4 All shall be well!

Lift every voice on high;
"Death has no more
dominion but shall die."

The Dismissal

**If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love
you, and we will come to you. See *John 14:23***

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.