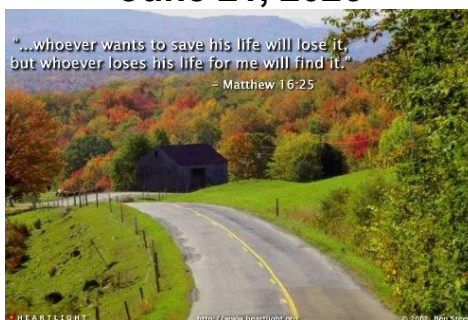


A Service of Morning Prayer June 21, 2026



*The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord;
and you also are witnesses. John 15:26, 27*

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.

On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering --
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp or show:
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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 86:1-10, 16-17 *Refrain: My God in whom I put my trust.*

86:1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

86:2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

86:3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

86:4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

86:6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

86:7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

86:8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

86:9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

86:10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

86:16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

86:17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

A Reading from Genesis 21:8-21

21:8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

21:9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

21:10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

21:11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

21:13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

21:15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

21:17 And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

21:18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

21:19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

21:20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

A Reading from Romans 6:1b-11

6:1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase?

6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

6:3 Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

6:4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

6:7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.

6:8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

6:10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 393 Immortal, Invisible

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth
thee.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.

4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:24-39

10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;

10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

10:26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.

10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

10:32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,

10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

10:37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,

10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7016161 He Will Hold Me Fast

1 When I fear my faith will fail
 Christ will hold me fast
 When the tempter would prevail
 He will hold me fast
 I could never keep my hold
 Through life's fearful path
 For my love is often cold
 He must hold me fast

Chorus
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

2 Those He saves are His delight
 Christ will hold me fast
 Precious in His holy sight
 He will hold me fast
 He'll not let my soul be lost
 His Promises shall last
 Bought by Him at such a cost
 He will hold me fast

3 For my life He bled and died
 Christ will hold me fast
 Justice has been satisfied
 He will hold me fast
 Raised with Him to endless life
 He will hold me fast
 Till our faith is turned to sight
 When He comes at last

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 God in Heaven, always remembering that He does hear our requests and will grant them in the way that is best for us and those for whom we pray, as we say,

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Your church throughout the world:

- The Church of South India.
- The National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, the Most Rev. Chris Harper.
- St. John the Divine, Onoway, Interim Ministry.
Buye Diocese, Kirima Parish; Oliver Congera, Rector.
- Saddle Lake Cree Nation.
- Our Bishop, Stephen, and the Diocese of Edmonton.
- St. Peter's, our parish home, and our ministry team of Arthur, Alison, Sandra, Emily and Jorges. We pray for all those who worship in the church and those who attend from home. We are grateful to Nadine for her music, and thankful to those who, after church every week, clean the altar vessels and count the offering as many of us enjoy coffee. At this time we are blessed to have an opportunity to have lunch and fellowship after the service in honour of Baby Emilio.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for this world You created and this country in which we are blessed to reside, and we pray that we may be faithful and careful stewards of it so that it may be passed on in goodly repair to future generations. Let us be ever grateful for access to clean water, education for all, health care for all and freedom of speech for all our citizens. We pray for all those for whom whose countries are beset by violence, repression, war and exile from their homeland, remembering especially all Your most precious little children who are hurt, orphaned and afraid. To world leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond boundaries of race, religion and nation to that common humanity that binds us all together as brothers and sisters and lead those who prosecute war to the path of peaceful dialogue.

Loving father, hear our prayer.

Let us remember today this city of Edmonton and all who dwell here. We ask Your blessing upon those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, those who are hungry, homeless or forgotten, those who are addicted, those who feel abandoned by a society they feel has forgotten them. We pray too for those who walk among them and care for them without judgment, and those whose lives are dedicated to the comfort and care of a loved one who is declining in mind or body. We pray now for those for whom are prayers have been requested: Merle, Mary, Irene, Tony and Mary jean, Florence, Lisa and Joe, Marijke, Diane, Janelle, Sandy, Evelyn, Sarah, terry, Ken, Cody, Judy, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Pauline, Jorges, Janine and Emilio, Michael S.' Larry, Christina, Elsie, Irvin and Margaret, Ashley, Emily, Zaldy and family, Sandra A.'

Louise B.' Melody, Louise A.' Justine, Deirdre , those we hold close in our hearts and those and those known to You alone.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray today for all those who are celebrating Father's Day today while also remembering those for whom this day is difficult or a time of bad memories. We also give thanks for all those who have been support systems in our lives.

Loving father, hear our prayer.

We are grateful for this opportunity to spend time today in Your church, and we ask that we may leave here filled with Your spirit to go forth to live a life that is godly in Your sight. All these prayers we offer to You in the name of Your dear son, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

Collect

O God our defender,
 storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
 Rescue your people from despair,
 deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
 and preserve us all from unbelief;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and 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 450 You Call Us Lord to Be

1 You call us, Lord, to be
 a people set apart,
 to feel with thoughtful mind
 and think with tender heart.
 Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

2 You call us, Lord, to care
 for self and neighbour too,
 to take the risk, and dare
 to show what love can do.
 Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

3 You call us, Lord, to be
 good stewards of the earth;
 to tend to it as a place
 of blessedness and worth.
 Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

4 You call us, Lord, to serve:
 to die that we may live,
 to know we best receive
 when joyfully we give.
 Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
 for faith in your unfailing grace
 to make us equal to the task.

The Dismissal

*The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord;
 and you also are witnesses. John 15:26, 27*

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.