

A Service of Morning Prayer June 7, 2026



Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead
by Dutch painter Jan van 't Hoff (1959...)

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

Luke 4:18

CP 468 To Abraham and Sarah

1 To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair
You need not fear that journey, for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

2 From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace,
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

3 We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

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 33:1-12 *Refrain: I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.*

33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

33:2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

33:3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

33:4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

33:6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

33:7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,

33:9 for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

33:10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

33:11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

33:12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

A Reading from Genesis 12:1-9

12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

12:2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

12:4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

12:5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

12:6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

12:7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

12:8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

12:9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness

1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
 you have spoken— we rejoice:
 words of love and life and freedom—
 help us make their truth our choice!
 Now in holy celebration
 for your Word we worship you;
 spoken, written, known in Jesus,
 ours today to prove anew.

3 You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours
 the wealth of this your Word:
 debtors, then as living letters,
 we must make your gospel heard!
 By your Spirit's power transform us;
 shed your saving light abroad
 till our lives by love in action
 show our world the truth of God

2 May we hear with understanding,
 by your Spirit taught and led;
 may the springs of all our being
 by your living Word be fed;
 may our hearts accept with meekness
 all the grace your light makes known;
 may obedience mark our footsteps
 till we make each word our own!

A Reading from Romans 4:13-25

4:13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

4:14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

4:16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us,

4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be."

4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore it "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

4:25 who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 612 Healer of Our Every Ill**Refrain:**

**Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

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 9:9-13, 18-26

9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

9:10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

9:11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

9:12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

9:13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

9:18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

9:19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

9:20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,

9:21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

9:22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and the woman was made well from that moment.

9:23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

9:24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

9:25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

9:26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7123692 Mercy

1 Who is like You God
 Rich in endless love
 Forgiveness bled from Your side
 When we knew not what we had done
 What kind of love is this
 That would rather show mercy than judge
 What kind of love is this
 That a Father sends His only Son

Chorus 1

***Mercy You've shown us mercy
 Your mercy is the action
 Of a heart full of compassion
 Mercy You've shown us mercy
 Mercy is the action
 Of a heart full of compassion***

2 Mercy changes the heart
 When words only go so far
 Make us Your hands and Your feet
 To give what we freely receive
 Teach us to love like You love

To rather show mercy than judge
 Teach us to give like You give
 When it hurts we will choose to forgive

Chorus 2

***Mercy You've shown us mercy
 Your mercy is the action
 Of a heart full of compassion
 Mercy we will show mercy
 Mercy is the action
 Of a heart full of compassion***

Bridge

You delight in mercy
 Your mercy leads us to repent
 Because of Your forgiveness
 We can live with no offense
 We're brought into salvation
 By Your truth that's come and set us free
 Your love withheld nothing
 It took a debt I could not pay

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 pray, for all people, in all places, and in every kind of need, as we bring our petitions to you Lord, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

We pray for your church, across the world.

- for the Scottish Episcopal Church
- for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland: Leadership in Transition.
- for St. Mary and St. George, Jasper: Interim Ministry; David Prowse, Honorary Assistant.
- for the Buyé Diocese, Kibonde Parish: Alexis Nzoyisaba, Rector.
- for the people and the community of the Montana First Nation.
- for the Diocese of Edmonton and Bishop Stephen.
- for St. Peter's and her ministry team of Arthur, Sandra, Alison, Emily and Jorge; her wonderful musician, Nadine, her vestry, treasurer, readers and intercessors, and all who give of their time and talents and treasures to serve you. May our fellowship with one another as we gather in your name, on Sundays, be an occasion in which we are encouraged and equipped to make a difference in our world. Give us courage to be bold in our witness to the good news of the Gospel. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for your world. Enable us to go out this coming week, and help all we meet. So little can make such a difference, a word of understanding or sympathy, a kind gesture, or even a touch or a smile can sow love and hope in someone's heart. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all countries and their leaders around the world, for those who suffer through no fault of their own, from poverty, drought, warfare, and corruption. Bring them hope in their troubles, and sow a seed of compassion in our hearts for them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are sick, desperate or bereaved and for those who care for them and seek to bring them relief from their suffering. Give them your strength and courage to carry on and hope for the future. We pray especially for all those

known to us who are in special need of our prayers, and we remember them now as we speak their names...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..... Pauline.....Jorges and Janine and little Emilio Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy..... Louise A..... Sandra A..... Melody..... Justine..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died. We remember ... Captain, the Reverend Ralph Warnock. You turn our darkness into light: in your light shall we see light. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

O God,
 you have assured the human family of eternal life
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
 Deliver us from the death of sin
 and raise us to new life in him,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now a

**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 354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my God's unchanging love.

2 Here I make faith's affirmation:
Thus far by thy help I've come,
And I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

The Dismissal

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

Luke 4:18

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.