

## A Service of Morning Prayer

### July 19, 2026



***Parable of the Wheat and the Tares***

Painting (1624) by Abraham Bloemaert, held by Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD, USA  
Note the Devil, with his horns, sowing the weeds while the lazy peasants are sleeping.

***My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and  
prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11***

### CP 400 What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of  
bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking  
down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous  
frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing  
on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 86:11-17*****Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.***

86:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

86:12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

86:13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

86:14 O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

86:15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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 28:10-19a**

28:10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

28:12 And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

28:13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring,

28:14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

28:15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

28:16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!"

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

28:18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

28:19a He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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.

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.

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.

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

A Reading from Romans 8:12-25

8:12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-

8:13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the  
deeds of the body, you will live.

8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of  
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with  
him so that we may also be glorified with him.

8:18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory  
about to be revealed to us.

8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God,

8:20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who  
subjected it, in hope

8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the  
freedom of the glory of the children of God.

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the  
pains of labor,

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan  
inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one  
already sees?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou the Godhead's human son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the  
woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me

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 13:24-30, 36-43

13:24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,

13:25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.

13:26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

13:27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

13:28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

13:29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

13:30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

13:36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

13:37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

13:38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

13:40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

13:41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

13:42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 7106807 Living Hope

1 How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

2 Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### **Chorus**

***Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope***

3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

#### **Ending**

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

### 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

As we gather in Your holy presence [today](#), may the prayers of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, and may You grant our desires in a way that is pleasing to You and to those for whom we pray [this morning](#), as we say together:

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for Your most holy church throughout the world:

### **Anglican Communion**

- Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**Anglican Church of Canada**- Diocese of the Arctic: the Rt. Rev. Alexander Pryor; the Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, the Rt. Rev. Ann Martha Keenainak, the Rt. Rev. Jared Osborn, Suffragan Bishops.

- St. John, Sedgewick: Colleen Sanderson, Serving Priest.

- Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Serges Rwaswa, Rector.

- Métis Nation of Alberta.

- Diocese of Edmonton and Bishop Stephen.

-Our home parish of St. Peter's, and all who worship within our communities on-line and in-person. We are so thankful for our ministry team of Arthur, Alison, Sandra, Emily and Jorge, our musician, Nadine, and all those who read our lessons and prepare and deliver our intercessions every week. Let us give thanks for all the friendships nurtured here and pray that they may continue to flourish within this place, so that we may offer a welcoming sanctuary to anyone who enters our doors or joins us on-line.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for our city, our country and our world, remembering all those affected by extremities of weather here in Canada and overseas, all those whose lives have been lost or whose livelihoods and homes have been destroyed by Fire, flood and wind. Let us remember, too, all those who are engaged in the firefighting and rescue services or and we thank them for their bravery in such conditions. Encourage world leaders to acknowledge and curtail such burning of fossil fuels that is harming your creation, Earth, so that we may yet repair damage that has been done.

We pray for those living with the harsh reality of conflict, war, forced displacement, famine, lack of clean water and disease. Let us give thanks for our lives in Canada with its beauty and natural resources and where we enjoy freedom of expression and movement.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Let us offer prayer for all those in this city who are suffering in any way, through hunger, homelessness, lack of employment, loneliness, addiction or affliction of mind, body or spirit. We remember most particularly those for whom our prayers have been requested this week:

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 Emilio.....  
 Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley.....  
 Emily..... Zaldy and family.....Sandra A..... Louise B..... Louise A..... Justine.....  
 Deardre..... June..... those we hold close in our hearts, those known to you alone, and  
 those who care for their loved ones at home.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We are grateful to have this time with You today, and we ask that we may go forth from this place renewed and refreshed and ready to do Your work as we go about our daily lives. Give us the desire to do what is good in Your sight, and may we be inspired to do so today, tomorrow and always. All this we ask through Your dear son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
 your Son has opened for us  
 a new and living way into your presence.  
 Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
 to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
 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 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity

The Dismissal

*My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and  
prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11*

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.**