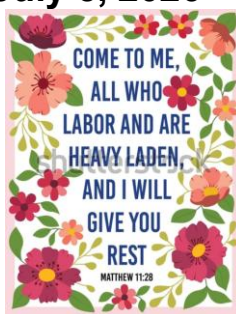


A Service of Morning Prayer

July 5, 2026



Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

CP 322 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

2 Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every tongue and every tribe,
delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

6 O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

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 145:8-14 *Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

145:8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

145:9 The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

145:10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

145:11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

145:12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

145:14 The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

A Reading from Zechariah 9:9-12

9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

9:10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

9:11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

9:12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

A Reading from Romans 7:15-25a

7:15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

7:16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

7:17 But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

7:18 For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability.

7:19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

7:21 So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

7:22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

7:23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

7:24 Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

7:25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 615 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 11:16-19, 25-30

11:16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

11:17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

11:18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

11:19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

11:26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

11:27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7117726 Goodness of God

1 I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

***All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God***

2 I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire

In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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

Loving God, you are the Father of all people, and we come before you today with our prayers, knowing that you will hear us, help us, and guide us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

Lord we thank you for your love which freely forgives and welcomes us into the family of your church, for your love which abounds in the joy of creation so evident all around us. We give you thanks for the seasons and during summer, for the refreshment and rest that our holidays will bring. For the excitement of anticipation and planning, for the freedom from routine and for new experiences and opportunities.

Accept our thanks for the rich variety of life which is your gift and when our holidays are over, help us to return to our homes safely, refreshed with new purpose and new vision of your will for us. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God we pray for your church here and around the world.

- for the Anglican Church of South America
- for the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada: the Most Rev. Shane Parker.
- for St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro: Interim Ministry; Brad Lindseth, James Evans, Lay Ministers.

- for the Buyé Diocese, All Saints' Cathedral: Alfred Uwimanihayе, Rector; Daniel Twagirayesu, Associate Priest.

- for the people and the community of the Whitefish Lake First Nation.

- for our own home parish of St. Peter's, for our ministry team of Arthur, Sandra, Alison, Jorge, Emily, our readers and intercessors, our musician, Nadine, and all who work behind the scenes for all, and we ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create a church community that welcomes the stranger, provides a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone, and a place of belonging for all.

Lord in a world where the peace which is your will seems so far from our grasp we ask you to help us to seek out opportunities to work for understanding and tolerance between people of different religious backgrounds, different cultures and race.

Almighty, all merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbours as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled with each other. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord today we pray for victims of war, flood, earthquake, fire, famine or disease. For those left homeless, those injured, those physically or mentally incapacitated, those without hope. Give all who suffer the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. Be the support of all world leaders, and all agencies, who give their strength, their skill and their stamina in a ministry of providing relief. Awaken in us your living charity that we may all have a desire to ensure that right will prevail, and may we not rest while people cry for bread or the basic necessities of life or go un comforted for lack of love or someone to care. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are frightened because they are ill. Reassure them that because of the knowledge and skills that you give to us, many illnesses and diseases can now be cured. Help them to have confidence in those with medical knowledge to diagnose illness and care for the sick. We bring before you those who have requested our prayers: 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 Kathy..... Joy..... Pauline.....Jorges and Janine and little Emilio Michael Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy..... Louise A..... Sandra Melody..... Justine..... Deardre..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone.

Give them courage, hope and peace, and the knowledge that you are present in their weakness, pain and suffering. We pray especially for those who have no one to help them, that in their loneliness they may know that you are with them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom. Jesus Christ is the light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and that you turn our darkness into light and in your light shall we see light, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord be with us in the week ahead; help us to be strong and not afraid, to be good tempered and considerate, to work hard and not be lazy, to watch our tongues and not speak hastily, to be cheerful even when things go wrong and to act kindly to those we find it difficult to like, help us to receive your spirit through prayer and worship, fellowship and service so that the fruit of the spirit will grow in us, to your glory. Merciful Father accept these prayers in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but 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 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.

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!

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!

The Dismissal

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

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.