

A Service of Morning Prayer August 16, 2026



Jesus and the woman of Canaan; Exorcism of the Syrophenician woman's daughter
 painted between 1645 and 1650 by Willem van Oordt (c.1635-1655)
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Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. See Matthew 4.23

CP 362 Tell Out, My Soul

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
 proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has
 done,
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 his holy name—the Lord, the mighty one.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore.

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 133***Refrain: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.***

133:1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

A Reading from Genesis 45:1-15

45:1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

45:2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

45:6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.

45:8 So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

45:10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

45:11 I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.

45:12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

45:13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

45:14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

***Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.***

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all the are neighbours to us and you.

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you

A Reading from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

11:2a God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

11:30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

11:31 so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.

11:32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 455 Dear God Compassionate and Kind

1 Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

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 15:(10-20), 21-28

15:10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:

15:11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

15:12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

15:13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

15:14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15:15 But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

15:16 Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?

15:17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?

15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

15:19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

15:20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

15:21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

15:23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

15:26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 443594 How Beautiful

1 How beautiful the hands that served
 The wine and the bread and the sons of the
 earth
 How beautiful the feet that walked
 The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

Chorus

***How beautiful how beautiful
 How beautiful is the body of Christ***

2 How beautiful the heart that bled
 That took all my sin and bore it instead
 How beautiful the tender eyes
 That chose to forgive and never despise

Bridge

And as He laid down His life
 We offer this sacrifice
 That we will live just as He died
 Willing to pay the price
 Willing to pay the price

3 How beautiful the radiant Bride
 Who waits for her Groom with His light in her
 eyes
 How beautiful when humble hearts give
 The fruit of pure lives so that others may live

4 How beautiful the feet that bring
 The sound of good news and the love of the
 King
 How beautiful the hands that serve
 The wine and the bread and the sons of the
 earth

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 by Lesley Lambert

Loving Father, we give thanks this morning for this day You have granted us and for the
 opportunity to come together to worship. We pray that You may accept our prayers and grant our
 petitions as is best for us and for those for whom we pray, as we say:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for our country, Canada, and the many freedoms living here affords us. Be present with all those who lead our nation, especially our Prime Minister, Mark Carney, and also all the leaders of the free world in this most difficult time of conflict and confrontation between nations. Encourage them to desist from words which threaten and inflame, and let them instead speak words of reconciliation. Protect all those who are facing war with all its horrors and all those who have been displaced and have nowhere to go for safety.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world:

- In the Anglican Communion: The Church in Wales.

-In Canada, The Diocese of Caledonia: Rt. Rev. David Lehman, Bishop.

-St. Saviour, Vermilion: Interim Ministry, Gordon Hills, Deacon..

-Buye Diocese, Mubanga Parish: Jean Bosco Nyankimbona, Rector..

-Enoch Cree Nation.

--Our Bishop, Stephen, and our home parish of St. Peter's, and the lasting friendships nurtured here over the years. Bless our ministry: our minister, Arthur, our Deacons, Alison and Sandra, our Lay Readers, Jorge and Emily, and our musician Nadine, all of whom work so faithfully to bring us the gifts of in-person and on-line services every week and also Evening Prayer. We are grateful beyond words for their care to us and we thank You for the blessing of their presence to lead us.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us remember all our brothers and sisters in BC, who are seeing lives and livelihoods changed forever by the ferocity of forest fires. We pray for them and for all those mobilizing to provide shelter and sustenance for them and we ask You to protect the many courageous firefighters who are seeking to stop the flames. Grant them the gift of rain and protect them all from the ravages of fire, remembering also all those in Europe who are facing fires and drought.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our province of Alberta and our city of Edmonton and for all who are hurting from hunger, homelessness, loneliness, addiction, neglect or marginalization of any kind. May Your church be a place where there may be comfort and kindness and may our hearts be truly open to all who enter. Be present for those who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit and those for whom our prayers are most particularly requested today: 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..... Louise B.....Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy..... Louise A..... Sandra A..... Justine..... Deardre..... June..... Fran.....

..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone, for all are precious in Thy sight.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these things we ask of You, O Lord, for You are great and good and know our desires even before we pray. Be with us all this day, tomorrow and for evermore and bring us at the end to be with Your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers today. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity,

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

The Dismissal

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. See Matthew 4.23

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.