

A Service of Morning Prayer August 23, 2026



The Finding of Moses

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Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16

CP 484 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
what e'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.

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 124***Refrain: Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

124:1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel now say --
 124:2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
 124:3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
 124:4 then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;
 124:5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.
 124:6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
 124:7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

A Reading from Exodus 1:8-2:10

1:8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.
 1:9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we.
 1:10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."
 1:11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.
 1:12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.
 1:13 The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude,
 1:14 and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.
 1:15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
 1:16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live."
 1:17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.
 1:18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?"
 1:19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."
 1:20 So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.
 1:21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.
 1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."
 2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

2:2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.

2:3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

2:4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

2:5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.

2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

2:8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

2:10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

A Reading from Romans 12:1-8

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

12:2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,

12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

12:7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

12:8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 606 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

4 Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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 16:13-20

16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

16:20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 4513045 Lord, I Need You

1 Lord I come I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

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 the Rev. Sandra Arbeau

In peace Let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the Anglican Communion around the world.

- The Church of the Province of West Africa

Anglican Church of Canada

- Diocese of Calgary: the Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights).

- St. Thomas, Wainwright: Interim Ministry.

- Buyé Diocese, Kayanza (St. Martin) Parish: Bosco Gahungu, Rector.

- Ermineskin Cree Nation.

- Diocese of Caledonia: the Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop

Saying Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Diocese of Edmonton and Bishop Stephen and all Bishops and other Ministers that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the Word of Truth> Saying Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for St. Peter's Anglican Church and its Ministry Team Rev. Arthur, Rev. Alison and Rev. Sandra be their strength and them in the work they do in your name. Our Lay

Readers Emily and Jorge for all the work they do in our Church life, for our Wardens Emily Rector Warden and Mike as Peoples Warden for what they do and accomplish on our behalf. Pray for Music Director Nadine and all the hard work she does unknown to us. For our Readers and Prayers reader and all the jobs that are done in our [Church. By](#) members of St. Peters who volunteer in many ways. Saying , Lord, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for King Charles 111 and the Royal Family and for all in authority as the have talks about ending wars and fighting and to provide justice for all and peace to live by not war and talks of war. We pray for Peace in this world. Saying: Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for our city Edmonton and everyone who lives here the rich, the poor, the elderly and the young, men and women that you Heavenly Father will show Your goodwill to all. Saying: Lord. Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the victims of our society and for those who minister to them, That You , Heavenly Father, will be their help and defence Saying : Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for the sick at home and in hospitals and nursing care places and those who have Requested 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 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..... And to those whom are known to you alone and upon your heart. Saying: Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

Let Us pray for all who have died especially my Cousin Francis Ireland , 106 years who faithfully served His Master to his end in Halton England Saying :Lord, Hear our Prayer

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times , prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone; *and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses. AMEN*

Collect

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
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 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
 you people of God's choice;
 stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
 with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
 above all blessing high,
 who would not fear God's holy name,
 and laud and magnify!

3 O for the living flame
 from God's own altar brought,
 to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
 and wing to heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
 who makes salvation ours;
 then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
 with all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
 the Lord your God adore;
 stand up and bless the glorious name
 henceforth for evermore.

The Dismissal

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16

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.