

A Service of Morning Prayer August 30, 2026



Moses and the Burning Bush

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*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. See Ephesians 1:17, 18*

CP 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b ***Refrain: Alleluia!***

105:1 O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

105:6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

105:23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

105:24 And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes,

105:25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

105:26 He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

105:45b Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Exodus 3:1-5

3:1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to mount Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up."

3:4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

3:6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

3:7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

3:8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

3:9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

3:10 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

3:12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

3:13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3:15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 601 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

A Reading from Romans 12:9-21

12:9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

12:10 Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

12:11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

12:12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer.

12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

12:16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

12:18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

12:20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 347 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed:
I bow and bless the sacred Name
forever blest.

2 The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.

3 The goodly land I see
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4 Triumphant hosts on high give thanks
eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry,
"great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!

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 16:21-28

16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

16:25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

16:26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

16:27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 5469291 By Faith

1 By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

***We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward***

***Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight***

3 By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and
death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4 By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

5 By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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. Alison Westervelt

Friends in our Lord Jesus, God calls us to consider the needs of our sisters and brothers, to love our neighbours as ourselves and to love even those who hate us. So we offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

We offer our prayers for your church:

- In the Anglican World-wide Communion, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.
- In the Anglican Church of Canada, for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop.
- for St. Philip, Westlock: Peter Yeung, Interim Pastor.
- the Buyé Diocese, Kabanga Parish: Lazar Rudende, Rector.
- for the people and community of the Frog Lake First Nation

May we desire to be filled with your love which reaches out to make known your ways. As you cared for the lost and the lonely may we never be so preoccupied with ourselves that we forget the many who are so much less fortunate than we are. As you reached out to touch those who were frail or sick may we never be so concerned with our own ailments that we pay less regard to those who carry burdens so much greater than our own. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give to us your compassionate heart of love which is shown in obedience to your gentle way of living. May we who have known the abundance of your goodness give ourselves to the service of our neighbours and all people as your children. By your Holy Spirit empower us to stand for the dignity and equality of all your people, speaking your words of love and forgiveness, that others may be drawn into your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Life giving God, who loves all that you have made and in whom nothing is lost. We remember before you those who have died and commend them to you merciful keeping. We pray that your everlasting arms would be a comfort to all of those who in sorrow mourn the loss of a loved one. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Lord in your Mercy

Hear our prayer.

- for our Diocese of Edmonton and our Bishop, Stephen and all who work for your blessed kingdom.
- 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 your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are sick, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear. We remember before you those who are lonely and depressed and pray that we may be good listeners when friends and neighbours need us. We name those who have particularly 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 L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Pauline.....Jorges and Janine and little Emilio Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Louise B.....Irvin and Margaret..... Ashley..... Emily..... Zaldy and family..... Louise A..... Sandra A..... Justine..... Deardre..... Fran..... June..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone. Give us the right words and help us to know what simple acts of kindness may help someone else. Comfort with your presence those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and give them courage and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who struggle against injustice, the men and women who have to live in violent and oppressive societies; for those for whom hunger is a daily reality and for those who feel powerless to change the ways of nature or the ways of nations. Teach us to be ever mindful of their relentless struggle to survive. We pray for peace in so many parts of our troubled world. We pray for the victims of terrorist attacks, those who are injured and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray that those with influence and authority will heed and promote the calls for tolerance, generosity, peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the city of Edmonton, and the province of Alberta, and the wonderful country of Canada, in which we live, with all the benefits and facilities it offers. We thank you for the many people, who by their jobs or voluntary work help to make our town, our country, a good place to live. Help us to continue to strive to build a better community where people feel safe and can enjoy the natural and built environment. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord be with us in the week ahead; help us to be strong and not afraid, to allow ourselves to rest when needed, 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

Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 24 Abide With Me

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
 the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 change and decay in all around I see:
 O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with
 me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy
 victory?
 I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the
 skies;
 heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
 shadows flee;
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Dismissal

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
 that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. See Ephesians 1:17, 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.