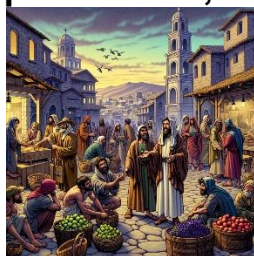


A Service of Morning Prayer September 20, 2026



The disgruntled labourers

...those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner...Matthew 20:1-16

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering --
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp or show:
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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, 37-45 Refrain: Remember me, O Lord, with the love you have for your people.

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.

105:37 Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

105:38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

105:39 He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.

105:40 They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

105:41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

105:42 For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.

105:43 So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

105:44 He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

105:45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

A Reading from Exodus 16:2-15

16:2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

16:3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

16:5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

16:7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

16:8 And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

16:9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"

16:10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites: they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

16:11 The LORD spoke to Moses,

16:12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

16:13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

16:14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 355 All Creatures of our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

4 Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

5 All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

6 And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

A Reading from Philippians 1:21-30

1:21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

1:22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; yet I cannot say which I will choose.

1:23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better,

1:24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

1:25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

1:26 so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

1:27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel

1:28 and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

1:29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well,

1:30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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.

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 20:1-16

20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

20:2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

20:4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

20:5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

20:6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

20:7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

20:8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

20:9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

20:10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

20:11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

20:12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

20:13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

20:14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

20:15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

20:16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 by Lesley Lambert

Let us now come together in prayer to offer up the desires of our hearts to our Heavenly Father, confident in His mercy and kindness, as we say together:

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your holy church throughout the world:

-In the Anglican communion, for the Church of Australia.

-In the Anglican Church of Canada, for the Diocese of Fredericton; the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical province of Canada).

In our own Diocese, for all our Lay Evangelists and the Lay Evangelists' Warden, Eric Kregel.

-In the Buye Diocese, Buringanire Parish; Gerard Mancini, Rector.

-The Montana First Nation.

-Our Bishop, Stephen, and our own parish home of St. Peter's, and all our congregants who attend in-person or on-line. We thank you for the great blessing of our ministry team who bring these services to our church and into our home: Arthur, our Rector; Alison and Sandra, our Deacons; Jorge and Emily, our Lay Readers; Nadine our musician. We ask you to bless us in all that we do together as a parish and thank you for the many friendships, old and new, that we have cherished over the years, and the many projects with which we have been involved.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for a world which is struggling just now with strife and conflict, with many of Your children suffering from the effects of war, hunger, displacement and disease. Grant to our leaders throughout the world wisdom, humility and a desire for justice, peace and mercy replacing the prosecution of war and aggression; comfort those who suffer, protect the displaced and hold close the broken-hearted and the afraid.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for this beautiful country in which we are blessed to live with all its abundant natural resources and opportunities. We give thanks for those who walked these places before us and cared so well for the land on which we live. Grant to us now the wisdom to continue their legacy and pass it on in good repair to those who follow us, so that many more generations can enjoy its beautiful bounty.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for this city and all who live within it, and we remember today all those who are facing adversity or trouble of any kind: the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the addicted, the isolated and those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. Let us remember too those who care for loved ones while often elderly or exhausted themselves, as we pray for all those for whom our prayers have been 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, Jorge's, Janine and little Emilio, Michael S, Larry, Christina, Elsie, Louise B., Irvin and Margaret, Ashley, Emily, Zaldy, Louise A., Sandra A., Justine, Deirdre, June, Fran, those we hold close in our hearts and those known to You alone, for all are precious in Thy sight.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of today. May we use it well, and also tomorrow and all the days to follow, as we seek to serve You in everything we do until at the last we may come to the place where there is everlasting joy and peace with You. All these things we ask in the name of Your dear son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth,
 and ourselves in your image.
 Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive 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 514 Jesu Joy of Our Desiring

1 Jesus, joy of our desiring,
 Holy wisdom, love most bright;
 Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
 Soar to uncreated light.
 Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
 With the fire of life impassioned,
 Striving still to truth unknown,
 Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

2 Through the way where hope is guiding,
 Hark, what peaceful music rings;
 Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
 Drink of joy from deathless springs.
 Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
 Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
 Thou dost ever lead Thine own
 In the love of joys unknown.

The Dismissal

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.