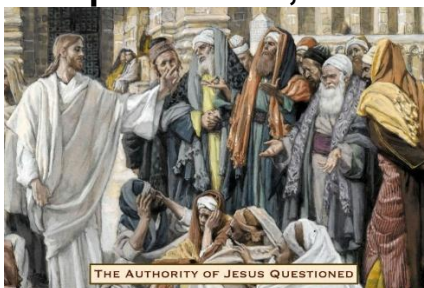


A Service of Morning Prayer September 27, 2026



Matthew 21:23-32 (online)

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. John 10:27

CP 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my God's unchanging love.

2 Here I make faith's affirmation:
Thus far by thy help I've come,
And I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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 78:1-4, 12-16 *Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy One.*

78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

78:3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

78:4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.

78:12 In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

78:13 He divided the sea and let them pass through it and made the waters stand like a heap.

78:14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light.

78:15 He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

78:16 He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7

17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

17:2 The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

17:3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

17:4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.

17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

A Reading from Philippians 2:1-13

2:1 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy,
2:2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
2:4 Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.
2:5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
2:6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
2:7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human,
2:8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.
2:9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,
2:10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
2:11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
2:12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling,
2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CP 400 What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
 I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 21:23-32

21:23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

21:24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

21:25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'

21:26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet."

21:27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

21:28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

21:29 He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went.

21:30 The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

21:31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 4615235 Speak O Lord

1 Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

2 Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3 Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Diocese of Huron: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop; Lay Readers in parishes throughout the diocese and Lay Readers Chaplain, Nick Trussell; Buyé Diocese, Canika Parish:

Evariste Nsabimana, Rector; Paul First Nation.

Today Prayers was in a Creation reading done by Rev. Robyn King and sent to the parishes of Diocese Of Edmonton by Rev. Nicholas Trusell who both are Priests in our Diocese.

September we celebrate Creation so here in Edmonton we at St . Peters split the service did each Sunday a portion of this service written by Rev. King.

Let us pray for the Anglican Community throughout the world:

The Church of Bangladesh.

In Canada - Diocese of Huron: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop.

Lay Readers in parishes throughout the diocese and Lay Readers Chaplain, Nick Trussell.

Buyé Diocese, Canika Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector.

Paul First Nation. and all first nation Brothers and Sisters as we walked together in unity

Saying: We Thank You , Lord.

Here In Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen and all Priests and Deacons for the faithful work they are doing spreading Your Word.

Here at St, Peters for the Ministry Team of Rev. Arthur < Alison, and Sandra, Lay Readers Emily and Jorge, Musician Nadine and for Wardens Mike and Emily and all do the Readings, Maintenance work, Treasurer Julia and for all who take care of our Parish for it to run smoothly and a welcoming place filled with love and acceptance.

Saying: thank you Lord.

Litany

Let us give thanks to God our Creator and steadfast hope, always and for everything,
saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

Saying :We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering, and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

For God's love of those we love and worry about (remembering today.....those who are sick at home, in Hospitals in Nursing homes and for all who have requested prayers: Merle, Irene, Mary, 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, Janine and Emillo, Michael S, Larry, Christena, Elsie, Irvin and Margaret, Ashley, Emily. Zaldy and Family, Sandra A, Louise B, Louise A, Justine. For those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

For all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ we pray for you who have lost a love one May God be your comforter at this time and wrap His loving around you and give you peace.

Saying: We thank you, Lord.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honour you with our substance, and be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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.