

A Service of Morning Prayer

October 4, 2026



The Wicked Husbandmen (The Parables of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ), 1864, Wood engraving; by Brothers Dalziel, after John Everett Millais, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. John 15:16

CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

3 Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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 19***Refrain: Sing with joy to God our strength.***

19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
 19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.
 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
 19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
 19:11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
 19:12 But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
 19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

A Reading from Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20:1 Then God spoke all these words,
 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
 20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.
 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.
 20:7 "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.
 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
 20:13 "You shall not murder.
 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.
 20:15 "You shall not steal.
 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

20:18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance

20:19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

20:20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 40 O Spirit of the Living God

1 O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of thy grace,
wherever human foot hath trod,
descend on our rebellious race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above,
whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Be darkness at thy coming light;
confusion, order in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might,
bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations; far and nigh
the triumph of the cross record;
the name of Jesus glorify,
till every kindred call him Lord.

A Reading from Philippians 3:4b-14

3:4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

3:5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

3:7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

3:8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

3:11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

3:13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

3:14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,
 my Savior's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown
 that they might lovely be.
 O who am I,
 that for my sake
 my Lord should take
 frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
 salvation to bestow,
 but all made strange, and none
 the longed-for Christ would know;
 but O my friend,
 my friend indeed,
 who at my need
 his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
 and his sweet praises sing,
 resounding all the day
 hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!"
 is all their breath,
 and for his death
 they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
 He made the lame to run,
 he gave the blind their sight.
 Sweet injuries!
 Yet they at these
 themselves displease,
 and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away;
 a murderer they save,
 the Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he
 to suffering goes,
 that he his foes
 from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine!
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend

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 21:33-46

21:33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

21:34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

21:35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

21:36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.

21:37 Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

21:39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

21:43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.

21:44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

21:46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

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1 All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus

***Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord***

2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

3 Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

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

Let us pray, for all people, in all places, and in every kind of need, as we bring our petitions to you Lord, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer

We pray for your church, across the world.

- In the Anglican World-wide Communion: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- In the Anglican Church of Canada: Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Morris Fiddler, Suffragan Bishop.
- The Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Secretariat: Corinna Kubos, Lay Director; Sandra Arbeau, Parish Liaison; Jenny Stuart, Registrar and Treasurer.
- Buyé Diocese, Kobero Parish (St. Stephen): Elie Ndacayisenga, Rector.
- people and community of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation.
- for the Diocese of Edmonton and Bishop Stephen.
- for St. Peter's and her faithful ministry team of Arthur, Sandra, Alison, Emily and Jorge; her wonderful musician, Nadine, her vestry, treasurer, readers and intercessors, and all who give of their time and talents and treasures to serve you. May our fellowship with one another as we gather in your name, on Sundays, be an occasion in which we are encouraged and equipped to make a difference in our world. Give us courage to be bold in our witness to the good news of the Gospel. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for your world. Enable us to go out this coming week, and help all we meet. So little can make such a difference, a word of understanding or sympathy, a kind gesture, or even a touch or a smile can sow love and hope in someone's heart. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all countries and their leaders around the world, for those who suffer through no fault of their own, from poverty, drought, warfare, and corruption. Bring them hope in their troubles, and sow a seed of compassion in our hearts for them. And we pray for our beautiful country of Canada. We pray that you will guide all our

leaders so that this country we call home will continue to be respected as a fair and just nation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are sick, desperate or bereaved and for those who care for them and seek to bring them relief from their suffering. Give them your strength and courage to carry on and hope for the future. We pray especially for all those known to us who are in special need of our prayers, and we remember them now as we speak their names... 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..... David Kathy..... Joy..... Pauline.....Jorges and family Michael 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. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We bring to you our sorrow over those who have died and in a moment of silence we remember them. We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Watson and for peace and the comfort of faith and family and friends for Jody. You turn our darkness into light: in your light shall we see light. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;
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 423 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
 how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I
 wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain

3 But when I think that God, his Son not
 sparing,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin; ***Refrain***

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of
 acclamation
 and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou
 art!" ***Refrain***

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.