

A Service of Morning Prayer October 11, 2026



“Parable of the Great Banquet”

by the Brunswick Monogrammist, an anonymous 16th-century Netherlandish painter.

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 262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.*

106:1 Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

106:2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD or declare all his praise?

106:3 Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

106:4 Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them;

106:5 that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

106:6 Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

106:19 They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

106:20 They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

106:21 They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

106:22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

106:23 Therefore he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

A Reading from Exodus 32:1-14

32:1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

32:2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me."

32:3 So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.

32:4 He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

32:5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD."

32:6 They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

32:7 The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;

32:8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

32:9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.

32:10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

32:11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

32:12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

32:13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

32:14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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 Philippians 4:1-9

4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

4:3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

4:9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 61 As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

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 22:1-14

22:1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

22:2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

22:3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

22:4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

22:5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,

22:6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

22:7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

22:8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

22:9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

22:10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,

22:12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.

22:13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6016351 Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before
me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy 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 Betty Johnson

For our intercessions today we will begin with all requested prayers and conclude with Litany 19, the Thanksgiving litany, which may be found on p. 128 of the BAS, the green book.

In the Anglican worldwide Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Canadian Cycle we pray for Diocese of Kootenay: the Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen and for the Hospital and Educational Ministry: all those who minister in hospitals and educational facilities.

We pray for our home parish of St. Peter's and our faithful ministry team of Arthur, Sandra, Alison, Emily and Jorge; our wonderful musician, Nadine, our 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.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Murehe Parish: Jean Boniface Minani, Rector

We pray for the people and community of the Samson Cree Nation.

Let us pray for those in any kind of need and especially those for whom our prayers are requested: 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..... Nicole W..... Wade....., those
 we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died and for comfort for those who
 mourn, especially Michael Watson. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for peace in the world and for the King and all in authority,

And now let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying,

We thank you Lord”

We pray for the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in
 adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

We thank you, Lord.

We pray for Peter and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

And I will conclude with this prayer of thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for
 all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for
 our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your
 immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of
 grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our
 lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and
 righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy
 Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
 in our baptism you adopted us for your own.
 Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us,
 that we, being renewed both in body and mind,
 may worship you in sincerity and truth;
 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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who from our mother's arms
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,
 and nourish us with grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
 eternal now be given,
 to Spirit and to Word,
 who reign in highest heaven:
 our ever faithful God,
 whom earth and heaven adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

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.**