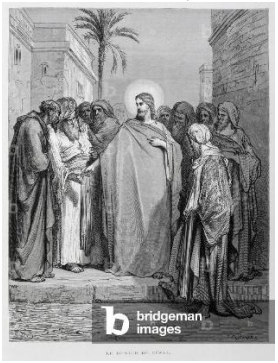
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A Service of Morning Prayer
October 18, 2026



Jesus Disputes with Pharisees about Tribute Money (Matthew 22:15-22)
Illustration from the Dore Bible, 1866

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. See Philippians 2:15,16

CP 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

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 99

Refrain: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help.

99:1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
99:2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
99:3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
99:4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
99:5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
99:7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.
99:8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
99:9 Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

A Reading from Exodus 33:12-23

33:12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'
33:13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."
33:14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
33:15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here.
33:16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."
33:17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."
33:18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory"
33:19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
33:20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live."
33:21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,
33:22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
33:23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

A Reading from I Thessalonians 1:1-10

1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
1:2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
1:3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1:4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
1:5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.
1:6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired from the Holy Spirit,
1:7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
1:8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
1:9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,
1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22

22:15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
22:16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.
22:17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Caesar, or not?"
22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
22:19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
22:20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?"
22:21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are the Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."
22:22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 78897 The Servant King

1 From heav'n You came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus
This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

2 There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

3 Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered

4 So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

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

Loving Father, we ask that You would hear the prayers we now offer to You, and grant them as is best for us and for those for whom we pray, as we say:

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for Your most holy church throughout the world:
-the Anglican Church of Canada.
-the Diocese of Montreal; the Rt. Rev. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu, Bishop.
-Military chaplains: Helen Chan (Bennett), Eric Davis, Rebecca Foley, Matthew Squires, Jennifer Renouf, CFB Edmonton.
-Buye Diocese, Giheta Parish: Pierre Murengerantwari, Rector.
-Whitefish Lake First Nation.
-Our Bishop, Stephen.
-St. Peter's, our parish home, and our ministry team of Arthur, Alison, Sandra, Emily and Jorges and our musician Nadine. We ask Your blessing on all the faithful members of this parish community and all the friendships we have made and continue to make in this place. We also pray especially for those in our parish who will be attending our Synod next week…Arthur, Sandra, Emily and Mike. We are grateful for their commitment and we would ask that they, and all members of this gathering, will make decisions on our behalf that are thoughtful, faithful and mindful of Your vision for Your church here on earth.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for this conflicted world, where so many are living with the realities of war, hunger, displacement, disease and the devastating repercussions of climate change. We ask that Your voice of calm and reconciliation may yet be heard by the leaders of the nations who prosecute war and suffering, and that they might listen to Your voice of peace. So many lives have been lost or forever altered by the devastation of recent events in the world and this is so far from Your plan for Your children, each of whom is precious in Your sight.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for this city of Edmonton and all who live here, as we prepare to make big decisions for the future of our province, and help us to be respectful of the opinions of others, even if they are different form our own. Let us remember those for whom life is difficult at present through hunger, homelessness, unemployment, addiction, loneliness and anxiety and those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. We also remember those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested:
Florence, Mary, Irenen, 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, Christina, Elsie, Louise B., Irvin and Margaret, Ashley, Emily, Zaldy and family, Louise A., Sandra A., Justine, Deirdre, Fran, June, Nicole W., Wade, Julie, Alison…..those we hold close in our hearts and those known to You alone, remembering also all those who care for their loved ones often amidst their own ill-health or sadness at the decline of a loved one.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for the souls of those who have left this earthly life and now are at rest with You, remembering especially today Michael Watson and Julia Morrow. May they rest in peace and rise in glory to everlasting life with You amd may those they leave behind feel the peace and comfort of Your compassion.

Loving Father, hear our prayer.

As we leave this place today, may we be strengthened in our commitment to our faith in You, our Heavenly Father, and to Your son. May everything we do be only what is pleasing to You this day, tomorrow and evermore. Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

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.