

Sunday, July 25, 2021



Morning Prayer

Listen, God Is Calling MV 97

*Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

Announcements

Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness CP 397

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**
Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.
For you, O Lord, are a great God, **and a great sovereign above all gods.**
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, **and the heights of the hills are yours also.**
The sea is yours, for you made it, **and your hands have moulded the dry land.**
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Psalm 14

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 14. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: D, A, Bm, G, A7, Bm, G, A7, D. A dynamic marking 'f' (forte) is placed above the first measure. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Ho - ly God, we pray for wis - dom and your love." The music ends with a double bar line.

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is anyone who seeks after God.
Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? R

See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of this people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. RR

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

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You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Like a Healing Stream MV 144

***Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.***

***Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...like a gentle rain.***

***Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hat and war...like a river strong.***

***Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea,
like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.***

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

Sermon

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; **for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.**

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; **you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.**

Riches and honour come from you **and you rule over all.**

In your hand are power and might; **yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

And now we give you thanks, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**

For all things come from you, **and of your own have we given you.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

God Says MV 172

***God says, "Be still so you may hear the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know I'm with you always where you go."***

***God says, "Look up and see the prize I've placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth, a cause for wonder and rebirth."***

***God says, "Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do, your life will show my love for you."***

***God says, "Reach out! The world's in need and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing, to act for Christ in everything."***

Stewardship moment

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*

In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us with words of life and bread of blessing. Grant that Jesus may calm our fears, and move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing our bread with others. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Should I Rehearse with Human Voice CP 495

***Should I rehearse with human voice the words which angels make their choice,
devoid of love, my song resounds magnificent but empty.
And should I preach with earnest tone and know whatever can be known
and move the hills by faith alone if I lack love, I'm nothing.***

***In love is patience always found, for love kind hearts make common ground;
from love, conceit and pride take flight and jealousy is banished.
Love keeps no score of what's gone wrong nor sings a pessimistic song
nor lets regret or quilt prolong, for love expects tomorrow.***

***Let strange and startling language cease, let tongues their ecstasy release,
let knowledge come and go in peace these things are not eternal;
for all the thought and skill we show are but a stage through which we grow
till, face to face with God, we'll know that love which last forever.***

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35