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A Service of Morning Prayer for  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (30 August)



# A Prayer for Community

Once again, we enter into a virtual gathering place. We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person. We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word despite all the fear and darkness that pervades our world. God is with us. The Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a wind of hope and renewal. Christ is present in our midst.



## #474: Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou  
art found,  
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

2. For thou, within no  
walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee where  
they come,  
and going, take you to their home.

3. Here may we prove the  
power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

4. Lord, we are few, but thou art  
near;  
nor short thine arm, nor  
deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come  
quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts  
thine own!

# Territorial Acknowledgment

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**





# Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





# Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips  
**And our mouth shall  
proclaim your praise.**

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness:  
**O, come let us worship.**





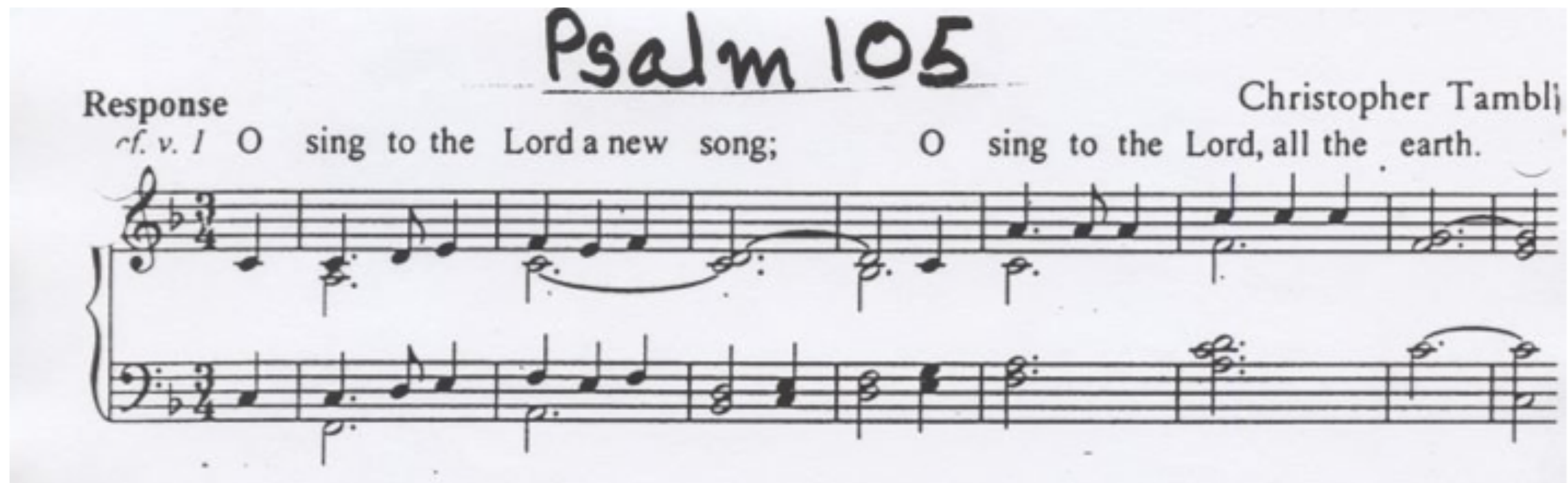
# The Venite (Tune: *Old 100th*)

Come, let us sing to God on high,  
The Rock of our salvation praise;  
Come with thanksgiving  
to God's courts  
And joyful psalms before Him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,  
The heights and depths are  
in His hand;  
God made the sea and it is His,  
God's hands have molded  
the dry land.

Let us bow down and worship God  
Who is our maker and our Lord;  
We are God's people and His sheep;  
Today, then, hearken to God's Word.





Sing to the Lord a new song;  
 Sing to the Lord all the earth.  
 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
 Tell out his salvation from day to day.

***Refrain.***

Declare his glory among the nations  
 And his wonders among all peoples.  
 For great is the Lord and greatly  
 to be praised.  
 He is more to be feared than all gods.

***Refrain.***

For the gods of the nations are but idols  
 It is the Lord who made the heavens.  
 Honour and majesty are before him;  
 Power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

***Refrain.***

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of  
 the peoples;  
 Ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due  
 to his name;  
 Bring offerings and come into his courts.  
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
 Let the whole earth tremble before him.

***Refrain.***



# Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

# A Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;  
call upon him when he draws near. Let the  
wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones  
their thoughts; And let them turn to the  
Lord, and he will have compassion, and to  
our God, for he will richly pardon. For my  
thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your  
ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the  
heavens are higher than the earth, so are  
my ways higher than your ways, and my  
thoughts than your thoughts. For as rain  
and snow fall from the heavens and return  
not again, but water the earth, Bringing  
forth life and giving growth, seed for  
sowing and bread for eating, So is my word  
that goes forth from my mouth; it will not  
return to me empty; But it will accomplish  
that which I have purposed, and prosper in  
that for which I sent it.





# Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# #431: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior  
said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up your cross; let not  
its weight  
fill your weak soul with  
vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your  
spirit up  
and brace your heart, and nerve your  
arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the  
shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

4. Take up your cross, then, in  
his strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
'twill guide you to a better home  
and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow  
Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

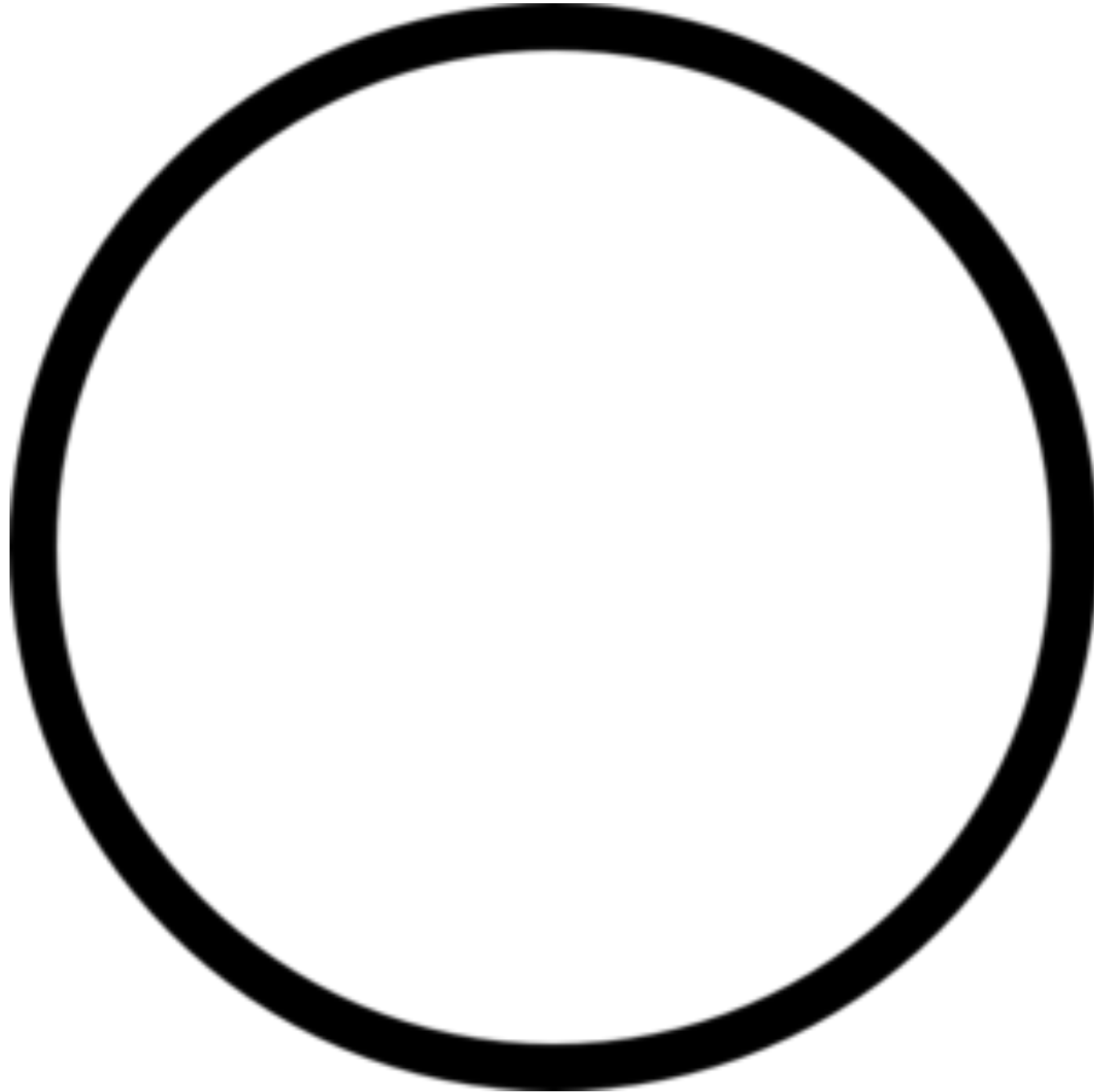


# Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

# The Sermon

Pamela Dillon, St. James the Apostle (Stanbridge East)



# Confession of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God, *singing*...

1. We believe in God the Father, God Almighty by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary, upon whom the Spirit came.
2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended 'till as judge he comes again.
3. We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.



# Prayers of the People

Led by the Rev. Deacon Judy Ball  
(Mansonville)



# The Collect of the Day

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us: grant us a bold and faithful spirit, so that, in your strength, we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**





# The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**



# #347: The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
I bow and bless the sacred Name  
forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace  
forevermore.

3. The goodly land I see  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

4. Triumphant hosts on high give  
thanks  
eternally  
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry,  
"great Trinity!"  
Hail Abraham's God and ours!  
One mighty hymn we raise:  
all power and majesty be yours  
and endless praise!

# Blessing and Dismissal

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this summer day, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

