**Monday Morning Prayer Alternative**

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

Morning and Evening Prayer for the Seasons of the Church Year for the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada

**Introductory Responses**

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts.

**We abide in you and you in us.**

We will give thanks to you and call upon your name;

**we will make known your deeds among the peoples.**

We raise our songs of praise to you

**and speak of all your marvellous works.**

You alone are the Holy One,

**who was and is and is to come!**

**Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Psalm**

**1**
1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of
the wicked, \*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, \*
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**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.**

**The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of God according to John

**Thanks be to God.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
   humble, and mounted on a donkey,
     and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
   Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Responsory**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God

are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

Renew the face of your creation, Creator of all,

and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit,

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing

for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and 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.**

**Or Hear, O Israel**

**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.**

**The Litany**

 Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,

**‘God of the prophets, hear our prayer.’**

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places

and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

 Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace

and grant on earth the blessing of peace.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit

and renew your church with power from on high.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

We also think of those people in our lives who need a special prayer this day and we name them either aloud or in the silence of our hearts… let us pray to the Lord.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

We also have our individual concerns that weigh on our hearts, minds and souls and we lift those concerns to you now… let us pray to the Lord.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died and are now with you in heaven we remember them and name them either aloud or in the silence of our hearts… let us pray to the Lord.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,

so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,

and grant us the needful gifts of your grace.

**God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

**The Collect**

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit

and 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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God’s love.

**Amen.**