**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**

**111**    
1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
  
2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.  
  
3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
  
4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
  
5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
  
6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
  
7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**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 word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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.**