Prayers of the People
Service of Holy Communion on August 9th, 2026
The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
"Walking on Water" by Reverend Kim Salo

Real God

Brothers and sisters, let us now quieten our hearts and offer our prayers, thanksgiving and supplications to God.

Almighty and everliving God, supreme Governor of all things, who did safely preserve Your disciples when they were tossed by waves in the midst of the sea: Grant, we beseech You, that amidst all the storms and tempests of this world, our faith may not fail. Keep our eyes fixed upon Your Son Jesus Christ, who walked on the waters, that we may be delivered from all our fears and brought safely to our desired haven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Real Church

Lord, we pray for the Church Universal. Grant Your Body unity, boldness to witness, and an abiding sense of shared purpose to bring the Gospel and Your love to the world.

Father, we pray for the Anglican Communion Worldwide and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Sarah Mullally.
In the Anglican Communion of Canada, we pray for our Primate, the Most Reverend Shane Parker,
and for our national Indigenous archbishop, the Most Reverend Chris Harper.
In the diocese of Rupertsland, we pray for our Bishop, the Right Reverend Naboth Manzongo.
May all those You have set over Your Church be faithful to the Word of Life and good stewards of the important duties entrusted to them.

In our home parish of St Aidan's, we give thanks for Revs Kim and Susan, for providing leadership as we search for a new Rector. We give You thanks for Revs Merv and Jamie, for our Wardens, our staff, and for Hub and Ministry Leaders for their service among us. Strengthen and bless them in their walk with You, their ministry and their families.

Protect and guide the Canonical Committee as they begin their work on the Parish Profile which will serve as our call for a new Shepherd.

In Missions, we continue to pray for the Vacation Bible School later this month, that You would appoint enough volunteers, give joy to the Child Evangelism Fellowship workers as they prepare and prompt parents to recognize that their children need to meet You. We ask You to bring children from the neighbourhood and the children of friends to learn about You. In the growing emptiness of spiritual life in our culture, Lord, we ask that this VBS would be a means of filling in these deep gaps and bring glory to You.

We give you thanks, heavenly Father, that You have opened up an opportunity for us to bring the Gospel to the young people incarcerated in the Manitoba Youth Centre. Stir the hearts of

those among us whom You would have minister to this vulnerable community, and may many of these young lives be changed by an encounter with living Christ.

Let us take a few minutes now to be still and listen for a Word from God for St Aidan's. If you have a word, image or Scripture that you believe is for the community, please rise and speak loudly and clearly so that all may hear what God has to say to the Church.

Lord in Your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Real Lives

We pray for the whole world. We believe Your Word that says "The world is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and all who live in it." (Ps 24:1) When storms of conflict, war, sickness, and all the darkness wrought by sin surround us, we declare that Christ has overcome the world. He has defeated sin and death. Christ, You alone are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in all our trouble (Ps 46:1); reach out Your hand to help us when we doubt so that we may rest in Your peace and fully trust that Your good plan is still unfolding.

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Grant to them wisdom and guidance to keep their citizens safe from extreme heat in South Korea, and the wildfires in Europe, the US and here in Canada. As leaders of countries in conflict and at war make difficult and costly decisions, grant to them wisdom and a true desire for peace and the well-being of all people. We pray for the government of Spain as they cope with the 60, 000 migrants who landed in Ceuta last week, and to all Western leaders who must wrestle with complex issues of migration and security.

Lord, we pray for the nearly 400 million Christians, who daily face fear, persecution, kidnapping, torture, or murder for their faith especially in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia. God, please grant Your people courage and grace for each trial, and may Your Kingdom purpose be achieved even through the evil actions of those who neither know nor follow You.

In the parish of St. Aidan's, we ask You to bless the homes where there is sickness or any other trouble. Bring healing to those who are ill or in pain. Give peace to all unquiet minds and troubled spirits. Guide and guard our families and all others with whom we share our lives.
Let us pray now for all from our church family who are sick, in personal care homes or homebound: Al, Barbara, Carol, Cathy, Charlotte, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joan, Joy, June, Kath, Ken, Len, Margaret, Merle, Pam, Pamela, Ruth, Sarah, Sue, and Tracy.

We pray for those recently departed in Christ, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

At this time, let us take a moment to lift up the Lord those needs and concerns of those known to us. Lord in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.