St. Matthew Anglican Church
St. Thomas Anglican Church

Home Prayers
A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families

A candle or candles placed on the table or in the worship area may be lit. A cross and flowers by the candle on the table is appropriate.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Opening: All Things Bright and Beautiful CP 415

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,
Each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings: ***Refrain***

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one: ***Refrain***

The rocky mountain splendour,
The loons wild haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
The forest in the fall: ***Refrain***

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Creator,
Who has made all things well: ***Refrain***

The Collect

God of love, **IN YOUR COMPASSION YOU REACH OUT TO THE LOST AND HELPLESS. CONTINUE THIS WORK THROUGH US, SO THAT YOUR REIGN OF JUSTICE AND PEACE MAY INCREASE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THE LORD OF THE HARVEST. AMEN.**

Song of Praise: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life CP 569

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath,
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, My Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Trevor and Melody Smale Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever. The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south, and goes round to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow. All things are wearisome; more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'? It has already been, in the ages before us. The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to us today: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Trevor and Melody Smale

1 I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,

2 WHO HAS LISTENED TO ME WHENEVER I CALLED.

12 How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

13 I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL UPON YOUR NAME.

14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

15 PRECIOUS IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD IS THE DEATH OF YOUR SERVANTS.

16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

17 I WILL OFFER YOU THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God.

19 IN THE COURTS OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, IN THE MIDST OF YOU, O JERUSALEM. HALLELUJAH!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

Children's Talk **Fr. Allen Doerksen**

Gradual: Seek Ye First CP 458

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And God's righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, Alleluia.

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne **Matthew 6:25-34**

The Lord be with you: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The Gospel of Christ. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Gradual: Seek Ye First CP 458

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, Alleluia.

Devotional **Fr. Allen Doerksen**

(pause for reflections)

Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD. HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.
HE 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, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
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.

Prayers of the People **Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne**

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, **GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Loving God, we pray in thanksgiving for the earth in whom all life is rooted, the sun whose energy

radiates life, the water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden. **GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live together, harming no one.
GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for equality, justice, love and peace. Fill us with your grace as we listen to each other and to respect the dignity of every human being. **GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God our Father, today we pray to you for the Church all over the world. We pray for our Diocese of New Westminister and our parishes of St. Matthew and St. Thomas. We pray for our archbishop Melissa, our primate Linda, and for all clergy and ministers of the gospel, that you would bless and guide them in their ministries. **GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for all who need the healing touch of Jesus, especially Stella, Lily, Allyson, Henry, J.D. and Denise, and any others who we may wish to name.
We also pray for those who have died, Bev Shellard and Ken Johnsgaard, and any others who may be on our hearts today. **GOD OUR CREATOR, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God our Creator, we thank you that you know our needs before we ask, and you also know all the circumstances that are hidden from us. Grant our prayers as may be best for us according to your will. All these things we ask through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession

Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown. *Silence for reflection is kept.*

**MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, FORGIVE US OUR SINS AGAINST YOU AND AGAINST EACH OTHER.
STRENGTHEN US TO OVERCOME OUR WEAKNESSES, THAT WE MAY LIVE IN LOVE
AS YOU WOULD HAVE US LIVE, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR. AMEN.**

Fill our hearts, O God, with your Holy Spirit that we may go forth this day in peace and joy, serving you eagerly in all we do, for Jesus' sake. **AMEN.**

Offering Our Gifts to God

GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE OF GIVING WITH A SPIRIT LARGE AND FREE. THAT OUR SELVES AND ALL OUR LIVING, WE MAY OFFER FAITHFULLY.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Sending: Sing Praise to God CP 424

Sing praise to God on mountain tops
And in the earth's lowest places,
From blue lagoon to polar waste,
From ocean to oasis,
No random rock produced this world,
But God's own will and wonder.
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing
And clouds concur with thunder.

Sing praise to God where grasses grow
And flowers display their beauty,
Where nature weaves her myriad web
Through love as much as duty.
The seasons in their cycle speak
Of earth's complete provision.
Let nothing mock inherent good,
Nor treat it with derision.

Sing praise to God where fishes swim,
And birds fly in formation,
Where animals of every kind
Diversify creation.
All life that find its home on earth,
Is meant to be respected.
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
What God through grace perfected.

Sing praise to God where human-kind
Its majesty embraces,
Where different races, creed and tongues,
Distinguish different faces.
God's image in each child of earth
Shall never pale or perish.

So treat with love each human soul,
And thus God's goodness cherish.

The Dismissal
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!!

"Please don't forget to check your email and/or the website for the Midweek Update put out by Fr. Allen and others on Wednesday of each week.
Please feel free to connect with him at any time during the week."

Next Weeks Readings - June 21st :
Pentecost 3A (Proper 12): Eccl 1:13a, 2:1-13; 24-26; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30