

St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

Home Prayers A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families



Stay Ready, Stay Open

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.

God's love has been poured into our hearts. **WE DWELL IN HIM AND HE IN US.**
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; **MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES.**
Sing to him, sing praises to him, **AND SPEAK OF ALL HIS MARVELLOUS WORKS.**
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty; **WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME!**

Opening: We'll Sing in the Morning CP 37

We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
Of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
And here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
Coheirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime a song of redemption;
How Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;
How when we were sick, in our sin you released us
To laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
Of rivers that gladden the city of God;
And when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,

You'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

The Collect

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, **WE PRAISE YOU, THE ROCK OF OUR LIFE. BE OUR STRONG FOUNDATION AND FORM US INTO THE BODY OF YOUR SON, SO THAT WE MAY GLADLY MINISTER TO ALL THE WORLD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. AMEN.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Dick Martin

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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

Psalm 124 Dick and Trish Martin

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

2 IF THE LORD HAD NOT BEEN ON OUR SIDE, WHEN ENEMIES ROSE UP AGAINST US;

3 then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

4 THEN WOULD THE WATERS HAVE OVERWHELMED US AND THE TORRENT GONE OVER US;

5 then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

6 BLESSED BE THE LORD WHO HAS NOT GIVEN US OVER TO BE A PREY FOR THEIR TEETH.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

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: Alleluia CP 712

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening,
 You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 "I am the light of the world," says the Lord,
 "All who follow me shall have the light of life."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne**Matthew 21:28-32**

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.**

Jesus said, 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.'

Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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

Gradual: Alleluia CP 712

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, O Lord of creation,
 Revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 The word of God came and lived here among us,
 So all who believe might be the children of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Reflections and Devotional**Fr. Allen Doerksen***(pause for reflections)***Affirmation of Faith - New Zealand Prayer Book**

YOU, O GOD, ARE INFINITELY GENEROUS, GOOD BEYOND ALL MEASURE.

YOU CAME TO US BEFORE WE CAME TO YOU.

**YOU HAVE REVEALED AND PROVED YOUR LOVE FOR US IN JESUS CHRIST,
 WHO LIVED AND DIED AND ROSE AGAIN.**

YOU ARE WITH US NOW. YOU ARE GOD.

**YOU, O GOD, ARE HOLY SPIRIT
YOU EMPOWER US TO BE YOUR GOSPEL IN THE WORLD.
YOU RECONCILE AND HEAL; YOU OVERCOME DEATH.
YOU ARE OUR GOD. WE WORSHIP YOU. AMEN.**

Prayers of the People

Trish Martin

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: Lord of All Hopefulness CP 506

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

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."

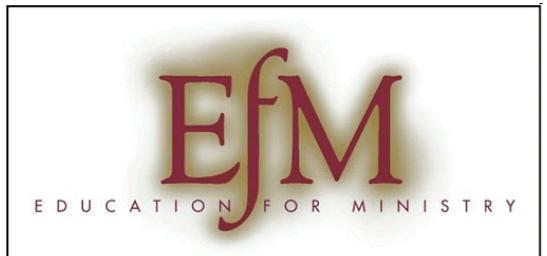
Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry will be starting again in September.

It is a distance learning programme of theological education for lay people. There are four years, but participants commit for one year at a time, meeting in small groups for study and practice to aid them in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service.

EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Participants take what they learn about scripture, church history, theology, inter-faith studies and ethics into their own lives and hearts, in order to support them in living out a vibrant baptismal ministry in the church and in the world.

If you are at all interested in this course, please call Rev. Jennifer or email: deaconjen@gmail.com



Wednesday Evenings: Virtual Coffee & Compline

Join us at 8:30pm with a cup of tea or coffee to visit, and end the evening with the ancient office of Compline. Compline is a quiet, meditative service of prayers and music, meant as preparation for sleep and a peaceful night. We are exploring Compline services from various times and places around the world: This week, our service comes from the Church of Ireland, and features contemporary Christian music from the New Irish Hymnwriters. We are excited to be working together with St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Abbotsford to host this service.

Click here to register: <https://tinyurl.com/wedcompline>

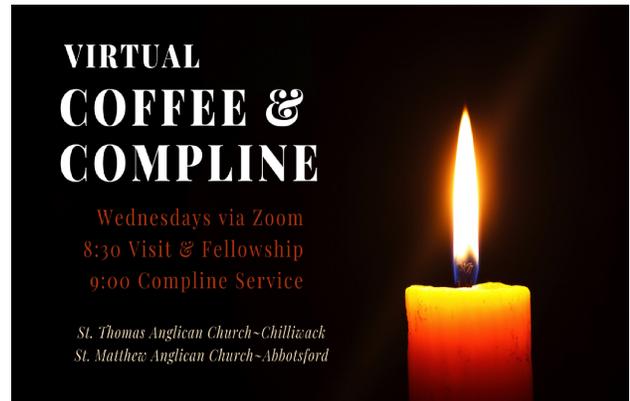
You can also listen to the Compline service by phone:

1. Call +1-778-907-2071
2. When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 970 2480 4141
3. When asked for the password, enter 672334

St. Thomas Website

We would love to add some personal touches to our website to help newcomers to get to know us a little better. We'd like to add a series of changing quotes to our homepage: Short, little snippets that explain why we love St. Thomas so much. We'd also like to add a page of longer stories to share with newcomers how our church has made a difference in our lives. Are you willing to help with one or both of these? If yes, please go to the following link for more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/quotestory> If you don't have access to a computer, please contact the church office, and we'll be happy to send you the information in the post!



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