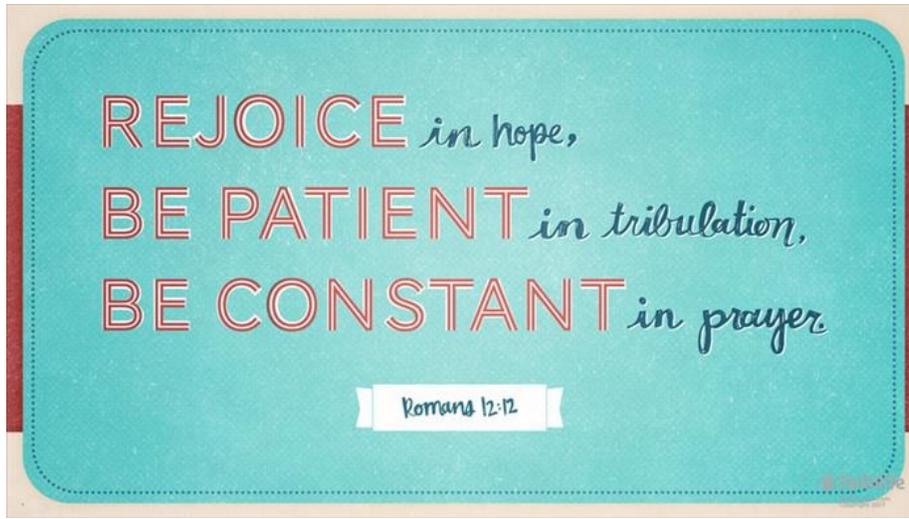


St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

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.

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: The God of Abraham Praise CP 347

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heaven confessed,
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall on eagle wings up borne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
And sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

The triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally
 And "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"
 Hail Abraham's God, and ours! One mighty hymn we raise:
 All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

The Collect

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us: **GRANT US A BOLD AND FAITHFUL SPIRIT, SO THAT, IN YOUR STRENGTH, WE MAY BE UNAFRAID TO SPEAK YOUR WORD AND FOLLOW WHERE YOU LEAD; THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

Song of Praise - Surely It Is God Who Saves Me CP 361

Surely it is God who saves me;
 I shall trust and have no fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me
 And his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water
 From salvation's healing spring;
 In the day of your deliverance
 Thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
 Tell out his exalted Name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
 All his works God's might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing;
 For with you has come to dwell,
 In your very midst the great and
 Holy One of Israel.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ben and Elisa

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans,

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something

to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Psalm 26:1-8 Ben and Elisa

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in you and have not faltered.

2 TEST ME, O LORD, AND TRY ME; EXAMINE MY HEART AND MY MIND.

3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I HAVE NOT SAT WITH THE WORTHLESS, NOR DO I CONSORT WITH THE DECEITFUL.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I WILL WASH MY HANDS IN INNOCENCE, O LORD, THAT I MAY GO IN PROCESSION ROUND YOUR ALTAR,

7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I LOVE THE HOUSE IN WHICH YOU DWELL AND THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY ABIDES.

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: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said CP 431

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
And let your foolish pride be still:
Your Lord for you endured to die,
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne

Matthew 16:21-28

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.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This

must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Gradual: Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said CP 431

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
Twill guide you to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down,
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Devotional

(pause for reflections)

Fr. Allen Doerksen

A New Creed

WE ARE NOT ALONE, WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD: WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING, WHO HAS COME IN JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH,

TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW, WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS BY THE SPIRIT.

WE TRUST IN GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH: TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE, TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION, TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL, TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.

IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH, GOD IS WITH US.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Nancy denBoesterd

Please join me in the Prayers of the People. With these prayers, we as a community ask for God's redemptive presence in the church, world, community, and individual lives.

And we offer our own lives to God's mission of healing and reconciliation in the world. When I say, "Holy One, in your mercy", you are invited to respond with "Hear our prayer".

Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your

service. We pray for the Church, for our diocese of New Westminster, our Archbishop Melissa, and our parishes of St Thomas and St Matthew, our clergy, and people. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for our Queen, Elizabeth, our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, our Premier, John Horgan, and our mayors, Ken Popove and Henry Braun. We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for all in need near or far, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those in authority around the world whose countries are struggling to contain the COVID-19 virus. Give them the insight to work together with the scientists and professionals to combat this disease that is affecting so many lives. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to You alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray especially for Rev. John and Allyson, Laura, Denise, Barbara, and JD. Holy One, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of compassion, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, now, and forever. **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: The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy CP 631

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry 'Glory!' to God All in All.

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



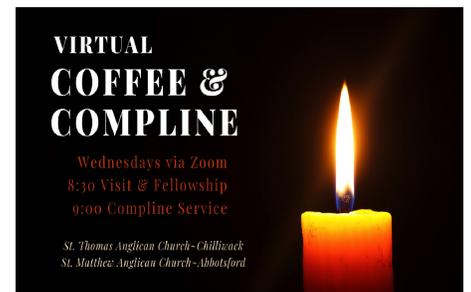
Christian service.

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. We are excited to be working together with St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Abbotsford to host this service.



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!

St. Thomas Rector's Warden

Fr. Allen is pleased to announce that Wayne Adams has agreed to be the Rector's Warden until the Annual Vestry Meeting that will be held in February 2021. Thanks Wayne!!



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