

St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

Home Prayers A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families



Be Ready

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: When Morning Gilds the Skies **CP 2**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

In Heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of angels cry:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Be this eternal song through all the ages on:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

The Collect

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, **YOU GATHER IN WHAT HAS BEEN REJECTED, RESTORING WHAT IS LOST AND HEALING WHAT IS WOUNDED. GIVE US FAITH TO SPEAK OUT BOLDLY, SO THAT THE OUTCAST MAY BE WELCOMED AND ALL MAY BE BLESSED. AMEN.**

Song of Praise: Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ralph Hooper

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. Even those who live for many

years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

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

Psalm 133 Ralph Hooper

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

2 IT IS LIKE FINE OIL UPON THE HEAD THAT RUNS DOWN UPON THE BEARD, UPON THE BEARD OF AARON, AND RUNS DOWN UPON THE COLLAR OF HIS ROBE.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

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: You Servants of the Lord CP 93

You servants of the Lord,
Each in your calling wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame:
Attentive stand, as in his sight,
For awesome is his Name.

Watch; 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne

Matthew 25:1-13

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, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord,

open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Gradual: You Servants of the Lord CP 93

How happy shall we be,
If in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned!

Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amid the angelic band.

Devotional

(pause for reflections)

Fr. Allen Doerksen

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

Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne

Let us pray to God, the bountiful Giver, for the needs of the Church and of all people by saying, "God of power and might, Hear our prayer."

Let the whole world hear your call. Come to those who turn away and gather them into the great feast of your love. Let those in authority have the insight to make good decisions for their people and for the protection of your creation. **"GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER."**

We give thanks for the grace that always exceeds what we can hope or ask. As we are fed by the word, make us strong in your service. We pray for the parishes of St. Thomas and St. Matthew, their clergy and people. Help us to be ready to serve you when our Master comes. **"GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER."**

Feed the spiritual hunger of the world where many are lost, far from their true home. We pray for all refugees and people displaced by tornados, fire, and war. Come to those who know you and bring

them into the perfect light. **“GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER.”**

Show us the way to relieve the needs that lie close to us. Surround us with your care and love as we all deal with the difficult decisions in our lives. Take our offerings and make them great in your service. **“GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER.”**

May the compassion of Christ still prevail to heal the sick and feed the hungry, through the divine love that never fails. We pray for Rev. John and Allyson, Laura, Denise, Shelly, Newland, and J.D. , and any others who are on our hearts at this time, that they and their loved ones may feel the support of love that surrounds them and know that they are not alone in this journey of life. **“GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER.”**

Grant refreshment, light and peace to those who no longer need the bread of this world. Receive them into their eternal home. **“GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAR OUR PRAYER.”**

Strengthened by your word and example, we pray with confidence in the generous love of Christ. **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: Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night CP 599

Awake! awake! Fling off the night!
 For God has sent his glorious light;
 And we who live in Christ's new day
 Must works of darkness put away.

Awake and sing, with praises strong,
 In psalm and hymn and spirit song.
 Let love our words and works renew
 With all that's good and right and true.

Let in the light; all sin expose
 To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
 Before the cross expectant kneel;
 That Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

Then rise as children for the light.
 Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
 Be careful how you live, and wise
 To sift the truth from cunning lies.

Through Christ give thanks to God, and say
 To other sleepers on the way:
 "Awake, and rise up from the dead
 That Christ may shine on you instead!"

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."

Tuesday Evenings: Virtual Bible Study/Discussion

Join us for a weekly communal bible study/discussion group, together with St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Abbotsford. Paul Thiessen will help us to reflect on the next Sunday's lectionary texts.

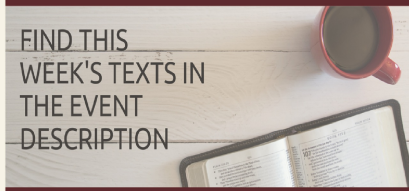
The recommendation is that all participants read the assigned texts before the group meets, and ask yourself three questions:

1.) Is there something in any or all of these texts that troubles me?

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VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION

Join us on a weekly basis to reflect on next Sunday's lectionary texts.



**FIND THIS
WEEK'S TEXTS IN
THE EVENT
DESCRIPTION**

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM
Register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMSTBibleStudy>

- 2.) Is there something in these texts that encourages me?
 3.) Is there something in these texts that confuses me or that I don't understand?
 Then reflect on how the texts may or may not apply to our lives today.

We will begin each session with a short prayer. Then we will actually read the assigned texts, and after Paul gives a brief introduction to the texts, he will invite people to begin to reflect on the texts, beginning with the proposed three questions.

Next Week's Readings - August 23, 2020 :

Pentecost 12A (Proper 21): Eccl 12:9-14; Psalm 124; Matthew 21:28-32

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

(NOTE: You only need to register once to attend all of the services.)

You can also participate in the discussion by phone:

1. Call +1-778-907-2071
2. When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 970 3194 5289
3. When asked for the password, enter 240191

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>

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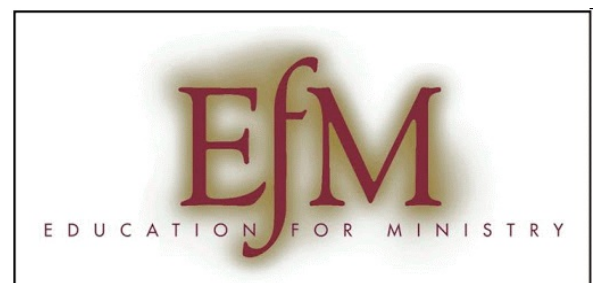
You can also listen to the Compline service by phone:

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

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



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