**The Parish of St. Matthew, Abbotsford**

**Anglican Church of Canada**

**Lent 2**

**February 28th, 2021**

**Service of Holy Eucharist**



**11:00 AM**

**The Book of Alternative Services*Helping each other explore God's Beauty, Truth and Goodness***

Greeter .N/A

Sides-person . N/A

Server N/A

Musician David R. & Co.

Counters Fran B.

**The Gathering of the Community**

Announcements

**Greeting**

***Officiant:*** Blessed are you Lord God our maker and redeemer,

***All:*** **this is your world and we are your people;**

**come among us and save us.  Amen**

Processional Hymn…… *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* CP 350 vss. 1,3,4

Stand up and bless the Lord,

you people of God’s choice;

stand up and bless the Lord of hosts

with heart and soul and voice.

O for the living flame

from God’s own altar brought,

to touch our lips, our minds inspire,

and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,

who makes salvation ours;

then be God’s love in Christ proclaimed

with all our ransomed powers.

**Collect for Purity**

***Celebrant:*** Almighty God,

***All:* to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise……………….*Praise, I Will Praise You Lord* CP 340

Praise, I Will Praise You Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Praise, I Will Praise You Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I Will Love You Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Love, I Will Love You Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I Will Serve You Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

Serve, I Will Serve You Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

**Collect of the Day**

***Celebrant:*** O God,

***All:* by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.**

**Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ**

**that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading…………………….. *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16* Ralph H.

***Reader:*** *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*

***All: With your help, O Lord, we will listen and live.***

**Psalm 22.22-30** *Deus, Deus meus*

I will declare your name to my kindred; \*

**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear God; \*

**stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;**

**all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.**

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither turns away from them; \*

**when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \*

**“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \*

**who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

**all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; \*

**they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.**

**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.**

Second Reading………………*Romans 4:13-25* Ralph H.

***Reader:*** *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*

***All: With your help, O Lord, we will listen and live.***

Gradual Hymn………………. *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* CP 179

*vss. 1&4 before the Gospel; v. 5 & 6c after the Gospel*

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,

in your death we are reborn;

though you die in all of history,

still you rise with every morn,

still you rise with every morn.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,

come inflame our hearts anew.

We may all your joy inherit

if we bear the cross with you,

if we bear the cross with you.

***Reader:***The Lord be with you.

***People*: And also with you.**

***Reader:***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

***People:***  **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel……………………………*Mark 8.27-38 Fr. Allen*

***Reader:***The Gospel of Christ

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,

stumbling though our steps may be;

one with you in joy and sorrow,

we the river, you the sea,

we the river, you the sea.

In our call to be a blessing,

may we be a blessing true;

may we live and die confessing

Christ as Lord of all we do,

Christ as Lord of all we do.

Sermon Fr. Allen

*A time of reflection*

**Affirming the Christian Story  
Philippians 2:6-11**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God  
**Though he was divine  
 he did not cling to equality with God,  
 but made himself nothing.  
 Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.  
 He humbled himself and was obedient to death.  
 even death on the cross.  
 Therefore God has raised him on high,  
 and given him the name above every name:  
 that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,  
 and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** Virginia H.

**Confession and Absolution**

***Celebrant:*** Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,

welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

***Celebrant:*** Most merciful God,

***People:* we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

***Celebrant:*** Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People:* Amen.**

**The Peace**

***Celebrant:*** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn……………. *You Call Us Lord to Be* CP 450 vss. 1, 2 & 4

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,

to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord,

we ask for faith in your unfailing grace

to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbor too,

to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord,

we ask for faith in your unfailing grace

to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to know we best receive when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord,

we ask for faith in your unfailing grace

to make us equal to the task.

**Prayer over the Gifts**

***Celebrant:*** God our provider,

you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3**

***Celebrant:*** The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

***Celebrant:*** Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

***Celebrant:*** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface Lent**

***Celebrant:*** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,

and to live no longer for ourselves alone,

but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels

and all who have served you in every age,

we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

***All:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

***Celebrant:*** We give thanks to you, Lord our God,….

….Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

***People:* we remember his death,**

**we proclaim his resurrection,**

**we await his coming in glory;**

***Celebrant:*** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;….

….by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

***People:* Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

***Celebrant***: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All***: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

***Celebrant*:** We break this bread,

***All:*** **Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**

***Celebrant*:** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

***All:*** **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;**

**if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

**The Communion**

***Celebrant:*** The Gifts of God for the People of God

***All:* Thanks be to God**

Communion Hymn……………. *We Who Live by Sound and Symbol* CP 69

We who live by sound and symbol,

we who learn from sight and word,

find these married in the person of the one we call our Lord.

Taking bread to be his body,

taking wine to be his blood,

he let thought take flesh in action;

he let faith take root in food.

Not just once with special people,

not just hidden deep in time,

but wherever Christ is followed,

earthly fare becomes sublime.

Though to sound this seems a mystery,

though to sense it seems absurd,

yet in faith, which seems like folly,

we meet Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, our Maker, send your Spirit

to pervade the bread we break.

Let it bring the life we long for

and the love which we forsake.

Bind us closer to each other,

both forgiving and forgiven;

give us grace in this and all things

to discern the hand of heaven.

**Prayer after Communion**

***Celebrant:*** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  **Amen.**

Recessional hymn…………*God, My Hope On You Is Founded*  CP 529 vss. 1, 3, 5

God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew;

through all change and chance you guide me only good and only true.

God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.

Daily does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;

God’s desire for us delights us, pleasure leads us where we go.

Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God’s sure command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.

Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

**Dismissal**

***Celebrant:*** Go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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