

# St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

## Home Prayers A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families



*For Everything there is a Season*

*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: Today I Awake CP 9**

Today I awake and God is before me.  
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;  
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning  
With slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
To hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
At worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
From fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
Above and beneath, before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together  
They called me to life and call me their friend.

### The Collect

Ruler of the universe, you call us to a loyalty beyond all earthly claims;  
**GRANT US STRENGTH TO OFFER OURSELVES TO YOU AS A PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM DEATH TO LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

### Song of Praise: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet CP 309

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
Praise the Lord in the city square,  
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
Praise the Lord in the every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
Praise the Lord in your work or play,  
Praise the Lord every where in every way!

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading: Lily and Tamara Evans**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-22**

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work. I said in my heart with regard to human beings that God is testing them to show that they are but animals. For the fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and humans have no advantage over the animals; for all is vanity. All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knows whether the human spirit goes upwards and the spirit of animals goes downwards to the earth? So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot; who can bring them to see what will be after them?

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

### **Psalm 13 Lily and Tamara Evans**

1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me?

**2 HOW LONG SHALL I HAVE PERPLEXITY IN MY MIND, AND GRIEF IN MY HEART, DAY AFTER DAY? HOW LONG SHALL MY ENEMY TRIUMPH OVER ME?**

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**4 LEST MY ENEMY SAY, "I HAVE PREVAILED OVER THIS ONE," AND MY FOES REJOICE THAT I HAVE FALLEN.**

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

**6 I WILL SING TO THE LORD WHO HAS DEALT WITH ME RICHLY; I WILL PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD MOST HIGH.**

**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: God, You Have Caused to Be Written CP 476**

God, you have caused to be written your word for our learning;  
Grant us that, hearing, our hearts may be inwardly burning.

Give to us grace, that in your Son we embrace  
Life, all its glory discerning.

Now may our God give us joy, and all peace in believing  
All things were written in truth for our thankful receiving.  
As Christ did preach, through all the world love must reach:  
Grant us each day loves achieving.

**Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne**

**Matthew 13:24-30**

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 put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

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

**Gradual: God, You Have Caused to Be Written CP 476**

Lord, should the powers of the earth and the heavens be shaken,  
Grant us to see you in all things, our vision awaken.  
Help us to see, though all the earth cease to be,  
Your truth shall never be shaken.

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Dick and Trish Martin**

God our Father, grant us the help of your Spirit in our prayers for the salvation of all people.

We pray for the Church throughout the world for this church and all its members as we worship at a distance, for our Clergy and Archbishop;  
That in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service.

Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the peoples of the world for the leaders of the nations at a time of heart searching regarding human rights. That leaders may seek justice, freedom and peace for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for our country, for those who have authority and influence that all may serve one another in wisdom, honesty and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those among whom we live and work for all our neighbours around us in Abbotsford and Chilliwack and the surrounding communities.  
Enable us to use your gifts, that together we may find joy in your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for all in sorrow need, anxiety or sickness, that in their weakness they may know your strength, and in despair find hope.  
Remembering Stella, Lily, Monica, Gordon, Henry, JD, Denise.

Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

In You, Father, we are one family on earth and in heaven.  
We remember in your presence those who have died, especially for those who have revealed to us your grace in Christ.

Help us to follow the example of your saints in light and bring us with them to the fullness of your eternal Joy; through 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: God, My Hope on You Is Founded CP 529

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.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

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.

God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ, you call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.

### The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!!**



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**Next Weeks Readings - July 5th:**

Pentecost 5A (Proper 14): Eccl 4:1-6; Psalm 45:10-17; Matthew 9:35-10:8



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