

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.

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: God the Creator CP 445

God the Creator, you in love made me
Who once was nothing, but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
For you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
Making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me
Who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
All things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
 To be the church in which faith is sown,
 I make my promise to live for Jesus
 And let the world know all are his own.

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, **WHOSE SON CAME EATING AND DRINKING, EXPOSING THE RIVALRY THAT TEARS THE WORLD APART: MAY WE SHARE HIS FEAST AND FRIENDSHIP AND LAY OUR BURDENS IN HIS LIBERATING ARMS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WISDOM'S CHILD. AMEN.**

Song of Praise: To God Be the Glory CP 371

To God be the glory, who great things has done!
 God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the earth hear God's voice;
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 And give God the glory; who great things has done!***

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 To every believer the promise of God;
 That when the offender, repenting, believes,
 Through Jesus atonement, God's pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 But purer, and higher, and greater will be
 Our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see! **Refrain**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jennifer Gagne

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes,

Again I saw all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed—with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power—with no one to comfort them. And I thought the dead, who have already died, more fortunate than the living, who are still alive; but better than both is the one who has not yet been, and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from one person's envy of another. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind. Fools fold their hands and consume their own flesh. Better is a handful with quiet than two handfuls with toil, and a chasing after wind.

Again, I saw vanity under the sun: the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. 'For whom am I toiling', they ask, 'and depriving myself of pleasure?' This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Better is a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king, who will no longer take advice. One can indeed come out of prison to reign, even though born poor in the kingdom. I saw all the living who, moving about under the sun, follow that youth who replaced the king; there was no end to all those people whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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

Psalm 145:8-14 Jennifer Gagne

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL, AND HIS COMPASSION IS OVER ALL THAT HE HAS MADE.

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

11 THEY SHALL SPEAK OF THE GLORY OF YOUR KINGDOM, AND TELL OF YOUR POWER,

12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND YOUR DOMINION ENDURES THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS. THE LORD IS FAITHFUL IN ALL HIS WORDS, AND GRACIOUS IN ALL HIS DEEDS.

14 The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

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: For All Your Blessings CP 440

For all your blessings, Jesus, we praise you,
Gracious in mercy, strong to console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
Love and forgiveness, making us whole.

Daily around us, pain and confusion
Crumble our feeble faith into dust.
Yet Still we find your love in the darkness,
Changing our anxious thoughts into trust.

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Gradual: For All Your Blessings CP 440

We carry with us into your presence
Prisoners of sickness, sadness, and fear;
Grant them to know your peace in their suffering
And new life flowing, for you are near.

Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
That in your loving task we may share
Mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
Hearts of compassion, joined in love's care.

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 for the Church entrusted to the Disciples and the world into which they were sent saying,
GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

As Jesus called the twelve to be disciples, make all members of the church faithful followers in the way that he taught. Strengthen the hope and love that belong to all people. We pray for our parishes of St. Thomas and St. Matthew and all the people who are present. Let us work together for the good and benefit of all. **GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

By the Holy Spirit, bring peace and love to nations where there is war and uprising. Bring stability to nations who are seeing a resurgence of the Covid-19 virus. Give to the leaders of the nations and all in authority, the spirit of justice and mercy. **GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Open our eyes to recognize the needs of others. Fill us with the desire to speak the good news of the Kingdom. Be with all who remain on the front lines during these times of uncertainty. We pray for those who are in research, desperately, yet safely, trying to find a vaccine against this virus. **GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Relieve and comfort those who suffer from any kind of sickness, remembering Stella, Lily, Monica, Laura, Henry, JD, Denise and any others who are on your mind. Empower those who care for them at home or in hospital. Give new hope to those who have lost it through distress of body or mind. **GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

As the living receive your divine compassion, grant mercy to those who have died and gather them into your eternal Kingdom. **GOD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Called to be faithful disciples of Jesus our risen Lord, we pray that all we do and say may be truly in his name. **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: Glorious in Majesty CP 618

Glorious in majesty, holy in His praises,
Jesus our Saviour and our King,
Born a man, yet God of old, let us all adore Him.
Filled with His Spirit, let us sing.

Living is to love Him, serving Him to know His freedom.

Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.

Come to Jesus now; go to live His word rejoicing.

Victory He won for us, freeing us from darkness,
Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, yet He is among us.
We are the body, He the head. ***Refrain***

One in love, as family, living with each other,
Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet He will not leave us so, soon He is returning,
Taking us back with Him to reign. ***Refrain***

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?
- 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 Weeks Readings - July 12th:

Pentecost 6A (Proper 15): Eccl 5:1-7; Psalm 65:9-13 ; Matthew 13:1-9

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>

ST. MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, ABBOTSFORD
ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHILLIWACK

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION

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



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

VIRTUAL COFFEE & COMPLINE

Wednesdays via Zoom
8:30 Visit & Fellowship
9:00 Compline Service

*St. Thomas Anglican Church - Chilliwack
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2. When asked for the Meeting ID, enter 970 2480 4141
3. When asked for the password, enter 672334

Starting on Thursday Evenings, July 16: Transforming Questions

The pandemic has stirred up basic questions about life, faith, purpose, and God. In 11 sessions, we will seek to move deeper by engaging in some of faith's most basic questions. Let's gather for prayer, hear a presentation, and then join in small-group discussion. Through listening and sharing, we will wrestle with these foundational questions in each other's company. As we do so, we will learn more about ourselves, one another, and the Jesus we are seeking.

Dates: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. from July 16 - September 24.

Session length: 60-75 minutes

Place: Zoom

Who is it for: Adults (16+) preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Anglican Church, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows; those exploring faith for the 1st or the 50th time.

Attendance: Sessions are related to and build upon one another, so this is not a drop-in course. Please register in advance as you are encouraged to attend all of the sessions. You can request to be in a small group with someone you know.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/transformingquestions>

For more information, see <https://tinyurl.com/transformingQs>

Thursdays at 7pm
July 16 to Sept 24 via Zoom
Presenters include: Archbishop Melissa Skelton & clergy and lay leaders from around the diocese.



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