

The Anglican Parish of St. Mary of the Incarnation

Serving the Community of Metchosin BC since 1862

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A Simple Liturgy: November 15, 2020

Opening Hymn Shirley

CP442 Great God your Love has Called us Here

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need.

All: **Peace on each one who comes in joy.**

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers.

All: **Peace on each one who offers song.**

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

All: **Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes
to the wonder the beauty of creation.

All: **We give you thanks.**

Leader: O God, for your love for us, wild and freeing,
which has awakened us to the energy of creation:
to the sap that flows,
the blood that pulses,
the heart that sings.

All: **We give you thanks.**

Leader: For your love for us, compassionate and patient,
which has carried us through our pain,
wept beside us in our sin,
and waited with us in our confusion.

All: **We give you thanks.**

Leader: For your love for us, strong and challenging,
which has called us to risk for you,
asked for the bet in us,
and shown us how to serve.

All: **We give you thanks.**

Leader: O God, we come to celebrate
that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,
and at the heart of all life.
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love
made known to us in Jesus,
and draw us into your presence.

The Word of God

A reading from Judges:

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan,

who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 123 *Rachel*

Our eyes look to the Lord our God,
 until he shows us his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes,
 to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
 and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep

we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And, also with you.**

Leader: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

All: **Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.'

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Leader: The gospel of Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Day Wally

Hymn *Rachel*
CP399 Now Thank we all our God

Prayer

Speaker: We bring to God
 someone whom we have met or remembered today
 and for whom we want to pray.
*The speaker will name people and institutions. Please add
others
known to you.*

All: **Lord, we give you thanks.**

Speaker: We bring to God
 someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer.
*The speaker will name people and institutions. Please add
others
known to you.*

All: **Lord, we give you thanks.**

Speaker: We bring to God, silently
 someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.
Period of silence

All: **Lord, we give you thanks.**

Leader: We bring ourselves to God
 that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
 clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

All: **Lord, we give you thanks.**

Closing Hymn Shirley

CP601 God Who's Giving Knows no Ending

Closing responses

Leader: O Trinity of Love,
you have been with us since the beginning

All: **Be with us till the world's end.**

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping,

All: **Be with us at our life's end.**

Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising,

All: **Be with us till the day's end. Amen**

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.