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

**Anglican Church of Canada**

**Pentecost 22**

**October 24, 2021**

**Service of the Word**



**11:00 AM**

**The Book of Alternative Services**

***Helping each other explore God's Beauty, Truth and Goodness***

Officiant Dick Martin

Musician David Rushton and Co.

Counter Bob B.

Sidesperson/Greeter Lindsay O.

**The Gathering of the Community**

Announcements

**Greeting**

***Officiant:*** The heavens are telling the glory of God;

***People:* and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.**

***Officiant***: Day to day pours forth speech,

***People:* and night to night declares knowledge.**

***Officiant:*** Let us worship God.

***All:* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Opening Hymn…………O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing CP 306

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;

‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,

the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ

ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

to spread thro’ all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

**Collect for Purity**

***Leader:*** 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…………… From All that Dwell Below the Skies *.* CP344

 From all that dwells below the skies

Let the Creator’s praise rise:

alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung

Through every land, in every tongue:

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:

Eternal truth attends thy Word;

alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more:

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Collect**

Officiant: Sovereign God,

**All: O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,**

**you heard the cry of the blind beggar**

**when others would have silenced him.**

**Teach us to be attentive**

**to the voices others ignore,**

**and, by the power of the Spirit,**

**respond in your name to heal the afflicted**

**and welcome the abandoned;**

**for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

***Officiant:*** The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

 let us pray with one heart and mind.

*The Singing Bowl is chimed and Silence is kept.*

***Officiant:*** As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

***All:* Amen.**

First Reading…………………… Job 42:1-6, 10-17. Tyler E.

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

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

**Psalm 34:1-8**

I will bless the Lord at all times; \*

 **the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the Lord; \*

 **let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*

 **let us exalt the name of God together.**

I sought the Lord, who answered me \*

 **and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon God and be radiant, \*

 **and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*

 **and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God \*

 **and will deliver them.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*

 **happy are they who trust in God!**

**All: Glory 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…………………Hebrews 7:23-28…*.* Tyler E.

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

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

Gradual Hymn…………Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ………*.* CP 397

vs. 1&2 before the Gospel & vs. 3 after the Gospel

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

 Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

 Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,

 calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

 Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

 Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

 Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand.

 From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

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

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

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

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

Gospel………………………………….Mark 10:46-52 Dick M.

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

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

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.

 Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

 Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

 Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

**The Message** Dick M.

**Time of Reflection**

 “What stood out for you in the readings and message?” “What attracted?” “What raised questions?”

**Affirmation of Faith - Common Worship England**

**We believe and trust in God the Creator,**

**source of all being and life,**

**the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Word,**

**who took our human nature,**

**died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who gives life to the people of God**

**and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith we affirm.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**the holy and undivided Trinity.**

Prayers of the People Linda B.

**Confession and Absolution**

***Officiant:*** Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

welcoming sinners and inviting them into the Divine Life.

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

*Silence is kept.*

***All:* When we give in to resentment, bitterness and fear**

**O Lord, forgive us**

**When we lash out instead of waiting for your Peace**

**O Lord, forgive us.**

**When we selfishly hang on to what you have given us**

**O Lord, forgive us.**

***Officiant:*** The Lord forgive us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.

**All: Amen**

Offertory Hymn…………… You Call Us Lord to Be CP 450

 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 be good stewards of the earth;

to tend to it as a place of blessedness and worth.

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 Our Tithes and Offerings**

***Officiant:*** Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord

***All:*** **Amen.**

**A Prayer for Sundays**

***Officiant:*** Father of light,

***All:* yours is the morning and yours is the evening.**

**Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our**

**hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory.**

**We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

***Officiant:*** Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

***All:* 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 for ever. Amen.**

Recessional hymn…… **Eye has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard** CP 548

REFRAIN**:**
Eye has not seen,ear has not heard
what you have readyfor those who love you;
Spirit of love, come,give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Refrain

Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

Refrain

To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Refrain

We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Refrain

**Blessing**

***Officiant:*** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**The Sending**

Officiant: Called to live the Divine Image in the world.

**People:  We celebrate Christ, the very Image of God in whom we live and have our being. Allelluia!**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



It’s mid-October and Advent is just around the corner . . . Gail would like to complete the next quarterly Service Schedule by early November. If you plan to be away (and know the dates) please email the admin office with the information as soon as you can.



We will BUY THE FARM.  This PWRDF project makes life better for those in the world who need a helping hand.  We are challenged to raise funds to BUY THE FARM. The price of a farm is $530. Mark your donation “PWRDF FARM” and put it in the regular offering.

Cheques should be made out to “St. Matthew Parish”.  Thank you!

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