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

**Anglican Church of Canada**



September 25, 2022

Service of Holy Eucharist



**11:00 AM**

**The Book of Alternative Services**

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

Greeter/Sidesperson Margaret S.

Server Virginia H.

Eucharistic Assistant Tyler E.

Musicians David R. and co.

Counters Dick L and Ike E.

Audio-visual operator Jedidiah B.

**The Gathering of the Community**

Announcements

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by the Diocesan ACW in gratitude for the work and ministry of the ACW throughout the diocese.

**Greeting**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Opening Hymn*………………* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*..........................*...*CP 425

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,   
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,   
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;   
drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,   
fill us with the light of day!  
  
All thy works with joy surround thee,   
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,   
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,   
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain   
call us to rejoice in thee.  
  
Thou art giving and forgiving,   
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
wellspring of the joy of living,   
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,   
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,   
lift us to the joy divine.  
  
Mortals, join the mighty chorus,   
which the morning stars began;  
Father-love is reigning o'er us,   
brother love binds man to man.  
ever singing, march we onward,   
victors in the midst of strife,  
joyful music leads us sunward   
in the triumph song of life.

**The Collect**

Celebrant: God of Abraham, Moses and the Prophets,

**People: your covenant binds us as sisters and brothers:**

**help us to overcome the scandal of poverty**

**and the chasm of indifference,**

**so that we may recognize you in the wounded poor;**

**through Jesus Christ, the Builder of Bridges. Amen**.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

**Song of Praise**.......................*Let’s Sing Unto the**Lord.........................................*CP 417

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.

let's sing a hymn of love, joining hearts and happy voices.

God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;

their goodness does proclaim the glory of God’s name.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord.

Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,

express unto the Lord our songs of faith and hope.

Creation’s broad display proclaims the work of grandeur,

the boundless love of one who blesses us with beauty.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord.

Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord.

Alleluia

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading……………............. Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Ralph H.

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

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

**Psalm 91 Qui habitat**

1. Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, \*

**abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

2. They shall say to the Lord, “You are our refuge and our stronghold, \*

**our God in whom we put our trust.”**

3. The Lord shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*

**and from the deadly pestilence.**

4. The wings of the Lord shall cover you,

and you shall find refuge under them; \*

**the faithfulness of God shall be a shield and buckler.**

5. You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*

**nor of the arrow that flies by day;**

6. of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*

**nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

11. For the angels of God shall have charge over you, \*

**to keep you in all your ways.**

12. They shall bear you in their hands, \*

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13. You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*

**you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**

**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*…………..……* 1 Timothy 6:6-19 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*…………* *God, You Have Caused to Be Written…………………….* CP 476

(vss 1 & 2 before the gospel, vs 3 after)

*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*……………………………..…*Luke 16:19-31 Paul T.

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

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

Sermon Fr. Allen

**Affirmation of Faith - Common Worship England**

Celebrant***:*** Let us declare our faith in God.

**People*:* We believe in God the Creator,**

**from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth has its being.**

**We believe in God the Word Incarnate,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Spirit of counsel and wisdom,**

**who strengthens us**

**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

**now and until the ages of ages. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Paul T.

**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…………… …..*We Praise You, O God…………….…….………...*CP 342

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,

through trial and tempest companion and guide.

When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,

but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united, our praises we offer

and gladly our sons of thanksgiving we raise.

Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing.

To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

**Prayer Over The Gifts**

Celebrant: Eternal God,

in Jesus Crist we behold your glory.

Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,

and open our heart and mouths to praise your great salvation,

the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Eucharistic Prayer #1**

***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.**

***Celebrant:*** It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,

for you created all things....

….Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

***Celebrant:*** Holy God, source of life and goodness,all creation rightly gives you praise….

….Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

***All:* Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life,**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

***Celebrant:*** Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,….

….Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, almighty Father,

now and for ever.

**People:****♫ Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant****:*** **♫** As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread**

Celebrant:The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Communion**

Hymns during Communion*.......Author of Life Divine.............................................CP 64*

*One Bread, One Body , One Lord of All...............CP 73*

**Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant: Father in heaven,

Strengthen the unity of your Church,

so that we who have been fed with holy things

may fulfil your will in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Doxology**

*Celebrant:*Glory to God,

***All:* whose power, working in us,**

**can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Song………*...*……………Fairest Lord Jesus …………………………….CP 619

Fairest Lord Jesus,

ruler of all nature,

O thou the Godhead’s human son:

thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,

thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,

fairer still the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,

fairer still the moonlight,

and fair the twinkling, starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,

than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty

heavenly and earthly,

wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;

none can be nearer, fairer or dearer,

than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Wednesday Evening Study**: It’s not too late to join a book study on N.T. Wright's *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World*  as a Zoom study.  Here's a link to where you can find the book on Amazon <https://amzn.to/3QycJHL>  but you can find the book in many places.  The zoom link can be found in the midweek updates.

**St. Matthew News** If you are not receiving ‘Midweek Updates’

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**St. Francis Day, Blessing of the Animals**

at St. Matthew.Sunday, October 21:00

All pets and owners welcome. Tea and coffee will be served following the short service.

Thank-you to all who have signed up for the pre-authorized donation plan in support of St Matthew’s ministries. For changes to your banking information or your monthly amount, please email kerri@abbotsfordanglican.ca with the information. The Synod office has asked for all changes to be sent to them by the 5th of the month, to take effect for the 15th withdrawal. For changes to banking information, they need Transit #, Institution #, and Account #, the numbers on the bottom of your cheque. For those who would like to join, there is an information brochure available located on the tables just outside the sanctuary doors.

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