



St. Thomas Anglican Church



Loving God, loving each other, loving our neighbours

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November 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Reign of Christ



Baptism & Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

Celebrant: Father Allen Doerksen

Musicians: Jennifer MacGregor and Co.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Stó:lō peoples. May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Preparing for Worship - Stillness

Greeting

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

And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit,

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all.

Opening Hymn: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* CP 35

The Collect

God of unbroken weakness,

you scorn our lust for power.

**Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ, crucified and victorious,
in whose authority we dare to speak your truth, even in the
face of injustice and death. Amen.**

Proprs Working Group (2016)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6

Deb Edwards

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, * **a very present help in trouble.**
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of this city; it shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 The nations make much ado, and the dominions are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things God has done on earth.
- 9 It is God who makes war to cease in all the world; *
**who breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
**I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."**
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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.

Gradual: *Rejoice the Lord is King (vs. 1,2)*

CP 379

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33 – 43

Nancy den Boesterd

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Gradual: *Rejoice the Lord is King (vs. 3,5)*

CP 379

Sermon: Father Allen

Time of Reflection

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors,

I present ***Lily Eckstein*** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

The candidate turns west

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

The candidate turns east

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

I do.

After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Lily in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Prayers of the People – Jan Guretzki

Prayers for the Candidate – Jan Guretzki

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Lily who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Lily, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised her to the new life of grace.
Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give her an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

When the newly baptized has received a candle, the people say,

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *King of Kings*

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

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Prayer Over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 3

♪The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,....

....Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all;....

...by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion: *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour* CP 84

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, **you have made us a royal priesthood in the
kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his
victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

Doxology

Glory to God, **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: *Lift High the Cross* CP 602

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

****NEXT SERVICE****

November 27, Advent – Holy Eucharist

The First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5 Jan Guretzki

Psalm: 122

The Second Reading: Romans 13; 11 – 14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36 – 44 Rev. Lorie

Prayers of the People: David Westcott

Upcoming Events



December 3rd & 4th The Bishop will be here!

We are excited to welcome Bishop John Stephens to St Thomas parish.

There will be a get together on Saturday evening, December 3, 7 pm, to give everyone an opportunity to meet our Bishop.

On December 4 he will preside at our 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service for Advent 2, departing to St Matthew immediately afterwards.

(ODNW recipients are reminded to wear their medals for this occasion.)



Join us for Coffee Hour

every Sunday, following the 9 am service.

Featuring: Activity Table for kids!

Healing Eucharist & ‘Circle of Grace’

A time to connect, reflect, & explore Christian Practices

Gathering in-person on Fridays

Eucharist @ 10 am

Circle of Grace @ 10:30 – 11:30 am

Coffee/tea to follow

Drop in for one part or come for all.

For more info contact Rev. Lorie Martin at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Chilliwack or lorie@loriemartin.com





Saturday, November 26 8:00-9:30 am at Jimmy Jay's

We can accommodate 10 or more people. **We are hoping some of our new parishioners will be able to attend.** In the interest of adding to the pleasant comradery, we will pick a topic to discuss for 10-15 minutes. You'll get to know more about your fellow parishioners during this time. If you have a topic to suggest, let me know. We will also discuss whether we want to have a Men's Breakfast in December. It is a busy month but a great time to get together. Father Allen will be in attendance to enrich the discussion. Call me if you would like to attend. 604-845-7234. Wayne



New! Family Fun Eucharist Service & Supper on Saturday, Dec 10th 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

Bring your kids/youth or grandkids as we gather for **Advent/Christmas**.

This gathering is to encourage kids to participate in the liturgy of the church, build into the community of faith, and establish a place of belonging in God's family and at St.

Thomas. We will have get-to-know-you games, process over to the church for some repeat-after-me liturgy and a picnic style Eucharist, then return to the hall for activity stations and supper!

Please register to ensure we have enough supper and cookies to decorate, etc.

Lorie [604-217-6966](tel:604-217-6966) lorie@loriemartin.com
or call the Church office [604-792-8521](tel:604-792-8521)

Opportunities

It's getting busy again!

How might you like to join in on Sunday mornings?

- Children's Sunday morning ministry assistance – See Fr. Allen or Rev. Denise
- Read a scripture, set the Eucharist table or read the prayer – See Fr. Allen or Rev. Lorie
- Help with coffee or baking – See Irene



Pastoral Care:



- ♥ A prayer request book is in the narthex – please write down what you would like to be remembered in prayer.
- ♥ If you or someone you know needs care, please contact clergy or Wardens Jan or Wayne.
- ♥ Would you like to help someone in need with a call, meal, or ride? Let us know.

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The choir will next rehearse for Advent
on **Thursday Nov 24 at 7:30pm.**

We will sing on Dec. 11.

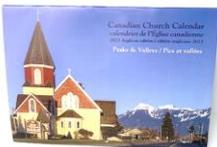
Altar Flowers on Sunday



There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for altar flowers.

If anyone would like to put flowers on the Altar for a special time or in memory of someone, please let Jan or Nancy know, and sign your name beside the appropriate date on the new sheet in the Narthex. The flowers can be purchased or brought in from your garden, whichever you would like to do. ***Please email your preferred***

dedication, for the bulletin, to Gail (cosibeata@gmail.com).



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now available. \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15***

YES! That is St Thomas on the cover!

Four Fridays in Advent



We Wait Together ...
December 2, 9, 16, 23

10:00 am Healing Eucharist
10:30 Advent Study/Prayer Time
Coffee/Tea

All Are Welcome!

Contact person:
Rev. Lorie Martin lorie@loriemartin.com
604 217-6966

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Please make yourself known to our Clergy and the greeters and *join us for coffee following the service.*

Don't forget to fill out a Visitor /New Member Card

Thank you for joining us today!



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with your friends and family.*

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