

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday October 10, 2021 Online service of Morning Prayer
The Ven. Sarah Usher and The Rev. Elsa Cheeseman
Music: Anne Coates

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126.6*

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
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.**

The Priest says,

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.

Opening Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 262

**Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple, come Raise the song of harvest home**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield
Wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear. Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be**

**For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, Raise the glorious harvest home.**

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant; O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia!**

The Invitatory

The Lord is our light and our life; **O come, let us worship**

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Lord is our light and our life; **O come, let us worship**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st reading Joel 2:21-27

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals,
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a]—

my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm: 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
”The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Praise to you, God of our salvation. Your generous gifts surpass all that we can ask or imagine. You have delivered us from the exile of sin and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever.
Amen**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth 429

**For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and Moon and stars of light
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

Gospel Reading:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Mr. John Vaissi Nagy

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle we pray for the Rt.Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia. The dean, council and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod

In the Yukon Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Mayo**: St. Mary with St. Mark, The Rev. Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted; **Pelly Crossing**: St. James the Lord's Brother.

We pray for our Bishop, the Right Reverend Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame and family. We give thanks for our Bishop's ministry and ask that you to bless and strengthen her and give her wisdom in all that she does.

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,
We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
We thank you, Lord.

For all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

The Collect

Let us pray, **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

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 our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God 399

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reigns in highest Heaven—
Our every faithful God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**