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

**Anglican Church of Canada**

**January 30, 2022**

**Epiphany 4**

**Service of the Word**



**11:00 AM**

**The Book of Alternative Services**

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

Officiant …………………………………………………………………Rev. Stephen Laskey

Greeter/ Sidesperson Margaret S.

Eucharist Assistant N/A

Musician David Rushton and co.

Counters Linda B.

Announcements

Today we are again pleased to welcome the Rev. Stephen Laskey who is filling in during Fr. Allen’s absence.

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Officiant:** The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ,

**People: Gracious God and Gracious Saviour, shine your light upon us.**

Opening Hymn……….….Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty CP 1

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee,*

*holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,*

*Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;*

*Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,*

*Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,*

*though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,*

*only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,*

*perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!*

*all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;*

*holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

**Collect for Purity**

**Officiant*:*** 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……….Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness **......................** CP 397

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.

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.

**Collect of the Day**

Officiant: Provoking God,

**All: calling us through the face of the Other:**

**free our fickle hearts**

**from our need to divide and exclude**

**both the foreign and the misfit;**

**lead us through the storms of rage**

**to a clear and new beginning;**

**through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. 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.

***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……………………...  Jeremiah 1:4-10 ....................................Lindsay O.

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

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

**Psalm 71**

1.In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*

let me never be ashamed.

2.In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*

**you are my crag and my stronghold.**

4. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*

**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

5.For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*

**my confidence since I was young.**

6.I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; \*

**my praise shall be always of you.**

**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…………………1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ...................................Lindsay O.

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

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

Gradual Hymn …………Lord, We hear Your Word With Gladness CP 447

*(vss. 1,2 before the gospel; vs. 3 after)*

1.Lord, we hear your word with gladness:

you have spoken - we rejoice:

words of love and life and freedom –

help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration

for your Word we worship you;

spoken, written, known in Jesus,

ours today to prove anew.

2.May we hear with understanding

by your Spirit taught and led;

may the springs of all our being

by your living Word be fed;

may our hearts accept with meekness

all the grace your light makes known;

may obedience mark our footsteps

till we make each word our own!

***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 4:21-30 *Dick M.*

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

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

3.You have spoken; yours the fullness,

ours the wealth of this your Word:

debtors, then as living letters,

we must make our gospel heard!

By your Spirit’s power transform us;

shed your saving light abroad

till our lives by love in action

show our world the truth of God!

**Sermon** Rev. Stephen

*A time of reflection*

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

*“What raised questions?”*

**Affirmation of Faith**

Officiant:Let us affirm our faith in God.

**All: We long for you, O God,**

**we confess our deep desire;**

**for the heavens are arrayed**

**with your unhidden beauty.**

**You are the source of our yearning, O Christ:**

**you are the way of glory.**

**Bearing our sweet and humble flesh,**

**fruit of a woman’s womb,**

**you were made and moulded as we are.**

**Spirit of discernment, integrity and fire:**

**breathe on our fearfulness,**

**refine our truthfulness,**

**and sing through our speechlessness;**

**so that we may daily refuse what is evil,**

**and be taken up with praise.**

**Merciful Creator, of an infinite tenderness;**

**wounded Redeemer, by whom all flesh is moved;**

**Comforter of fire, who leads us into truth;**

**We offer you our praise. Amen**

*adapted from the Te Deum by Richard Leggett*

**Prayers of the People** Linda B.

**Confession and Absolution**

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we lie to ourselves and others  
**Shine your truth O Lord**

When we abuse our freedoms and hurt others

**Illumine the path of righteousness O Lord**

When we hoard the gifts you have given us

**Call us again to the Joy of thankful and generous living**

When we fail to quest for your Love with every ounce of our being and strength

**Give us the passion to follow Christ every day**

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**.**

**Amen.**

Offertory Hymn………….**.…**For the Fruit of All Creation CP 259

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;

gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God’s will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour, God’s will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that will confound us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**Prayer over our Tithes and Offerings**

Officiant: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt*.

***All: Amen.***

**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.**

**Blessing**

Officiant: May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All: Amen**

Recessional Hymn **……………** More than We Can Ask or Imagine **...................** CP 86

More than we can ask or imagine,

more than we can ever dare to dream,

we are the children of heaven’s creation,

God’s own beloved, each called by name.

And we cry, Glory! Glory!

Glory to God who calls us by name!

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory we sing!

More than we will ever imagine,

more than we will ever understand;

we are sent to walk with compassion,

to live out God’s love by heart and by hand.

And we cry, Glory! Glory!

Glory to God who presses us on!

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory our song!

More than we can ask or imagine,

more than we could ever desire;

out of the dust God’s building a kingdom,

like wine from the press, like bread from the fire.

And we cry, Glory! Glory!

Glory to God! Glory we cry!

Glory! Glory!

Glory on earth, Glory on high!

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory we cry!

Glory! Glory! Glory on earth!

Glory on high!

Glory on earth! Glory on high!

**The Sending**

Officiant: You have opened up our eyes

**People:  We will walk in all your works.**



**Announcements**

**Mark your calendars:**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 12:30 pm.



**Annual Reports** are due by*Tuesday February 1*. Please email your reports to Gail at: [cosibeata@gmail.com](mailto:cosibeata@gmail.com) or [church@abbotsfordanglican.ca](mailto:church@abbotsfordanglican.ca)



Anyone interested in helping the children with cutting, gluing and coloring in the Sunday school is encouraged to speak with Bonnie.



We will be having another challenge with Peace Lutheran Church. We will collect Food Bank Donations during Lent.



The **Simply Christian** group is meeting on a Wednesday evening at 7pm using Zoom, details can be found by emailing Richard Martin on [frogeyescarlet1275@gmail.com](mailto:frogeyescarlet1275@gmail.com)**.**

Reminder of the **"15 Minutes for Peace**” meeting every Tuesday at the International Friendship Garden on George Ferguson Way, behind the Clearbrook Library12:15-12:30pm

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