



**St. Matthew's
Anglican Church, Riverdale**

Thanksgiving

2026 October 11th

Holy Eucharist - 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: Rev. Karen Koiter

Preacher: Rev. Nola Crewe

Musician: Ian Koiter

Welcome to worship at St Matthew's. Our liturgy this morning is taken from The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. If you are new to the Anglican tradition, the word 'liturgy' simply means 'the work of the people'. Our service involves everyone offering worship together in prayer, song, and word. Please feel free to join in on the italicized parts whenever you feel comfortable.

If you have questions about anything you hear or see today, please feel free to ask them after the service.

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Processional Hymn

CP #258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

The 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.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: 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 Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65:1-2, 9-13

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,

2 O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.

9 You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;

*the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.*

10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;

13 *the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn *(Please stand)*

For the Beauty of the Earth (Melody: Dix) (verses 1-3)

*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.*

Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Luke 17:11-19**

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 4 and 5)

*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.*

Sermon

(Please be seated)

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: We believe in one God,

*the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel as you are able for the prayers of the people. The response after “Let us pray to the Lord” is “Lord, have mercy”.

Confession

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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.

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The offertory is a moment to be thankful for all that God has given us, and to offer our gifts, our praise and thanksgiving, and the gifts of bread and wine to God's glory.

Offertory Hymn

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

Verse 1

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

Chorus

Verse 2

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

Chorus

Verse 3

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

Chorus

Prayer over the gifts – Celebrant

Offertory Response

(Sung by all)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

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. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. 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.

Sanctus (CP #735)

(Sung)

*People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

(Please sit or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your Kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took a cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood for the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

*People: Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (CP #747)

(Sung)

*People: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.*

The Communion

*All baptized believers are welcome to receive the bread and wine.
If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion,
please cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.*

Communion Hymns

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

Verse 1

*We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up*

Chorus

Verse 2

*In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
O God of Jacob be my strength*

Chorus

Verse 3

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom*

Chorus

Bind us together bring shalom

CP #399 Now We Thank We All Our God

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Glory to God,

*People: 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.*

Celebrant: 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

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

CP #384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Cycle

We pray for: Nell Varjacic; Natasha Bradshaw; Jeff Buchyns;
Audrey, Wing, Vivien, Isabel, and Jennifer Chan; Cleveland
Chester; Robert Choi; Ebele Daniel

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