

# *Celebrating God with Thanksgiving*

**Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

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*Gail Ovington plays organ today; Dean Ken sing and officiates; Melissa Green preaches.*

*We give thanks to God for the life of George Wilmot in whose memory the alter flowers are given by his wife Linda Jackson. May he Rest In Peace with all the saints in God's heavenly Kingdom.*

*Organ Prelude music:*

- § *Now Thank we all our God, Chorale Prelude by G.F. Kaufmann (1670-1735)*
- § *Allegro Maetoso from Christus Vincit by Denis Bedard (b. 1950)*
- § *Come Ye Thankful People Come - setting by M.C. di Jong (b. 1961)*

**WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Dean Ken**

Our service today originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emplúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together. *kukwstsétsemc (Kooksgem)*

**WITH HEARTS FULL OF THANKSGIVING**

Thanks be to you, God awesomely distant  
**thanks for the searing of shooting stars**  
**the colours of the planets in the night sky**  
**the space and power beyond our perceiving**  
**which sparkles the sky of our lives with your caring.**

Thanks be to you, God uncomfortably close  
**giving life to dead dry things**  
**the dance of pure stillness,**  
**the beat of our hearts,**  
**is your doing.**

Thanks be to you, God known in a body

**who blessed as he lived  
who raised up our life  
to be gathered as one, reaching out for the kingdom. Amen.**

HYMN      CP 399

1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. PD

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.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

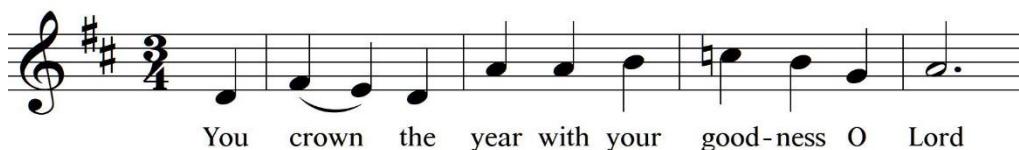
For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, 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, which 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 waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

He made water flow for you from flint rock, and 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 gained 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. Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 65



You crown the year with your good-ness O Lord

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamour of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
will tremble at your marvellous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless

#### A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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 reluctantly 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 for ever.’

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 sharing 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! 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

HYMN      MV 42

Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.

HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! GOD'S GOODNESS IS ETERNAL."

Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul and mind . . .

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own . . .

Praise God's Spirit who befriends, raises, humbles, breaks and mends . . .

Though praise ends, praise is begun where God's will is gladly done . . .

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Melissa Green

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers 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' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.' Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

Melissa Green

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dean Ken

Sower of the Field,  
continue to be gracious with us  
that we may ripen into the children of God's realm  
and live with you forever, shining like the sun  
in God's heavenly home. **Amen.**

Mothering-Father God,  
thank you for making us daughters and sons,  
coheirs with Christ, sisters and brothers of one another,  
bearing witness with the Spirit that we are the children of God. **Amen.**

We pray for the whole church,  
that in the field of this world,  
it may be the good seed that grows into your harvest.  
**God be with us and with those for whom we pray**

We pray for your whole creation  
that is waiting in eager longing  
to be set free from everything that holds it in bondage.  
**God be with us and with those for whom we pray**

We pray for earth's people,  
its nations and leaders,  
that all may come to know the ways that lead to peace.  
**God be with us and with those for whom we pray**

Acknowledging the Prayer Bowl upon the altar,  
And those with whom we pray online on Fridays,  
We pray for those who are ill and  
for those who are facing death,  
that they may find hope in the faith  
that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory  
to be revealed to them.

**God be with us and with those for whom we pray**

We pray for those we know and love,  
that they may see the bond between them and you  
and that, wherever they go, you are with them.  
Blessed are you, eternal Presence,  
who, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,

lead us to life everlasting.

**God be with us and with those for whom we pray. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.**

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## BLESSING OF LITURGICAL ART

*The videographer and artists proceed to the Chapter Room*

Kathie Gray; Sandra Sugden; Gine Rose; Jo Mary Hunter; Jennifer Ste Marie

From Psalm 104

How many are your works, Lord!	Melissa Green
In wisdom you made them all;	
the earth is full of your creatures.	
There is the sea, vast and spacious,	
teeming with creatures beyond number—	
living things both large and small.	
There the ships go to and fro,	
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.	
All creatures look to you	
to give them their food at the proper time.	

When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.  
When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.  
When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

The Story of this new Fibre-art Project

Kathie Gray

The blessing

Dean Ken

God of our beginning and our end,  
God of light and life and love,  
Bless this tapestry,  
Made by human hands,  
With the resources of creation,  
All inspired by your love.  
As we move upon this fragile earth,  
Our island home,  
All praise to you, Creator of all,  
Art, Artist, and Advocate, **Amen.**

#### CLOSING PRAYERS

God of life,  
by the power of your Spirit come to us now.  
Plow our hearts with your living Word,  
until we who are broken become fertile with your love,  
for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. **Amen.**

Sisters and brothers,  
sow the gospel wherever you go—  
not judging the soil on which you stand—  
for God brings forth fruit from unexpected places.  
And the blessing of God,

Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
Be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN      CP 403

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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Postlude: *Festal Finale* by Henry Coleman (188-1965)