

## All Saints Sunday – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 The Regional Ministries of Brome-Missisquoi

We are grateful to Nancy Gunson for playing the organ this morning. And we pray for continued healing for Sarah Hoblyn, who is recovering at home.

### Our Announcements

**A Prayer for Regional Ministry** “O God, you have called us together in this Regional Ministry to bear witness to your loving presence here in the Eastern Townships. Scripture teaches us that while we are many, we all make up one body – the body of Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may fulfill the work you have given us to do in this place; for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. Amen.”



### Ye Watchers (tune CP #320)

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain,  
alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises,  
alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

3 O friends, in gladness let us sing  
supernal anthems echoing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!



### The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Wôbanakiak (Abenaki) First Peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen.**

**Our Collect** Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Song of Creation**  
*(Song of the Three)*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of  
the Lord,  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the  
Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and  
fall of dew,  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts,  
glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit;  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**Isaiah 25:6-9** (read by Wendy Gardner)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Lord Almighty  
will prepare a  
feast of rich food  
for all peoples, a  
banquet of aged  
wine—the best of  
meats and the  
finest of wines.

— ISAIAH 25:6 —

**Psalm 34:1-9**

I will bless the Lord at all times; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
 I will glory in the Lord; \* let the humble hear and rejoice.  
 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \* let us exalt his name together.  
 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \* and delivered me out of all my terror.  
 Look upon him and be radiant, \* and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \* and saved me from all my troubles.  
 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \* and he will deliver them.  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \* happy are they who trust in him!  
 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \* for those who fear him lack nothing.

**Revelation 21:1-7** (read by John Dinsmore)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

**Jerusalem the Golden** CP #278

1 Jerusalem the golden,  
 with milk and honey blessed,  
 beneath thy contemplation  
 sink heart and voice oppressed.  
 I know not, oh, I know not,  
 what joys await us there;  
 what radiancy of glory,  
 what bliss beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Zion,  
 all jubilant with song,  
 and bright with many an angel,  
 and all the martyr throng.  
 The Prince is ever in them,  
 the daylight is serene;  
 the pastures of the blessed  
 are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David,  
 and there, from care released,  
 the shout of them that triumph,  
 the song of them that feast;  
 and they who with their Leader  
 have conquered in the fight,  
 forever and forever  
 are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,  
 the home of God's elect;  
 O dear and future vision,  
 that eager hearts expect:  
 even now by faith we see thee,  
 even here thy walls discern;  
 to thee our thoughts are kindled;  
 for thee our spirits yearn.

**Matthew 5:1-12** (read by Joan Matthews)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Tyson Rosberg

**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.

**The Prayers of the People** – led by Kate Murray

**Confession and Absolution**

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:

**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 upon us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.



May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sin,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

### Let Saints on Earth CP# 282

1 Let saints on earth in concert sing  
with those whose work is done;  
for all the servants of our King  
in earth and heaven, are one.

2 One family, we live in him,  
one church above, beneath,  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.

3 One army of the living God,  
to his command we bow;  
part of his host have crossed the flood  
and part are crossing now.

4 But all unite in Christ their head,  
and love to sing his praise:  
Lord of the living and the dead,  
direct our earthly ways!

5 So we shall join our friends above  
who have obtained the prize;  
and on the eagle wings of love  
to joys celestial rise.



**Eucharistic Prayer # 6** *page 207 in BAS* (Sanctus # 719)

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Communion

### Prayer after Communion:

**All your works praise you O, Lord/** And your faithful servants bless you.  
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring life to others.  
We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before  
us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

“May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his  
grace that you may be instruments of transformation in this world. And may the blessing of God  
Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you today, and always. Amen.

## For All the Saints CP# 276

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
 thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day --  
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 the King of glory passes on his way.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

### The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
 go forth in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Announcements:

**The Rev. Linda Spear** welcomes you to in-person Mass on Wednesdays, at 5 pm at Grace Church.

**Evening Prayer** online every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm. The Rev. Tyson will send out a weekly reminder with link to this brief service. A chance to pray together and visit with one another.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Grace Church in Sutton to be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. And Dedication of our new organ, Ecclesia T-170 on the same day!

