

Pentecost 23 – November 7th, 2021
The Regional Ministries of Brome-Missisquoi

Our Announcements

“**One Thousand Men are Marching**” poem by Joshua Dyer
read by Tom Edmonds

Silence

A Prayer for Peace “O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth together in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Saints on Earth (Common Praise #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.



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 Providing God, you journeyed with Ruth and comforted Naomi when their lives were
burdened by grief. Grant us faith to believe that you will provide a future where we see none,
that sadness may turn to joy and barrenness may bear life. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Canticle 2 - Song of Peace (BAS p 75)

In the days to come
The mountain of the house of the Lord
shall tower as the highest of mountains
and be raised above the hills.

There shall all the nations flow;
many peoples shall come and say,
"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
that we may walk in his paths."

For the law shall go out from Zion,
from Jerusalem the word of the Lord.
He shall judge between the nations
and decide for many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into pruning hooks,
nation shall not lift sword against nation;
neither shall they train for war again.

O people of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2:2-5

The Proclamation of the Word

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (read by Sue Perkins)

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.



Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house* those who build it labor in vain.
 Unless the LORD guards the city* the guard keeps watch in vain.
 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest eating the bread of anxious toil*
 for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD* the fruit of the womb a reward.
 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior* are the sons of one's youth.
 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them*
 He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Hebrews 9:24-28 (read by Beverly Sutton-Brown)

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Blest are the Pure in Heart CP #439

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see our God;
 the secret of the Lord is theirs,
 their soul is Christ's abode.

3 Still to the lowly soul
 his presence doth impart
 and for a dwelling and a throne
 chooseth the pure in heart.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
 our life and peace to bring,
 to dwell in lowliness with us,
 our pattern and our King,

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
 may ours this blessing be:
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for thee.

Mark 12:38-44 (read by Judy Ball)

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Sermon: The Rev. Tim Smart

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 Tom Edmonds

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



Amazing Grace CP# 352

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.



Eucharistic Prayer # 5 page 204 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.

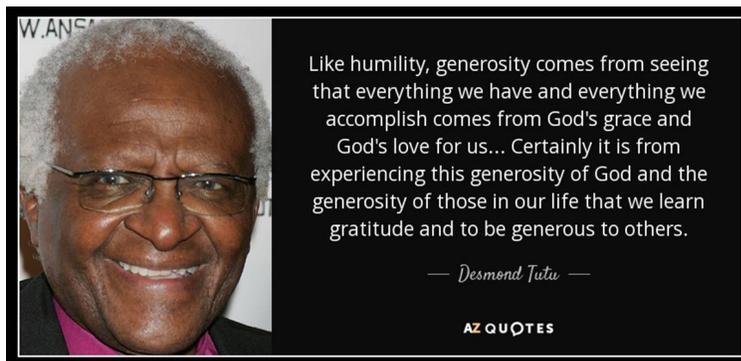
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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

“Be thou our vision O Lord of our hearts. May we see you in others and in ourselves. May we find you on our journeys and in our resting places. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you today, and always. Amen.



O God our Help in Ages Past CP# 528

1 O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an ev'ning gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
and our eternal Home!

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the peace of Christ/ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Announcements:

Remembrance Day Ceremony in Sutton, Thursday, November 11th, at 10:45 am, at the Cenotaph on Maple Street.

Brome Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, November 18th, 10:00 am in Iron Hill.

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.

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



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