

Pentecost 24 – November 14th, 2021

The Regional Ministries of Brome-Missisquoi

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.”

Who Are These Like Stars (CP #281)

1 Who are these like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
"Alleluia!" hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

2 Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own righteousness?
These whose robes of purest whiteness
shall their lustre still possess,
still untouched by time's rude hand --
whence comes all this glorious band?

3 These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4 These, the Almighty contemplating,
did as priest before him stand,
soul and body always waiting
day and night at his command:
now, in God's most holy place,
blest they stand before his face.

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, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with
all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

1 Samuel 1:4-20 (read by Beverly Ireman)

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD.

Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time."

Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The Song of Hannah - 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (notice how similar this is to the Song of Mary)

My heart rejoices in the Lord,
my strength is raised up in the name of my God.
I cry out in triumph over my enemies
as I rejoice in your deliverance.
No one is like the Lord, for he is holy;
no one is like our God, for he is strong.

Do not pile boasting upon boasting:
keep proud words far from your mouth,
for the Lord is the God of all knowledge and the judge of all actions.
The bow of the mighty is broken, and the weak are clothed in strength.



Those who fed well must hire themselves out, for bread;
 but the hungry are hungry no longer.
 The barren woman has given birth to many; but she who had many sons is left desolate.

The Lord brings death and brings life;
 he leads down to the underworld and rescues from it.
 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he lays low and raises up.

He lifts the needy from the dust and the poor from the dunghill
 to sit among princes, to sit on the throne of glory.
 To the Lord belong the poles of the earth; from them he has suspended the world.

He will keep safe the feet of his chosen,
 but the impious will be silent in the darkness
 – for it is not by his own strength that a man becomes strong.

The Lord grinds down his enemies: he will thunder on them from the heavens.
 The Lord will judge the ends of the earth, give dominion to his king,
 and raise up the standard of his anointed one.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (read by Francois Morin in French)

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

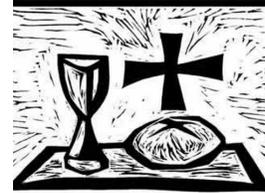


Come My Way CP #569

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.



Mark 13:1-8 (read by Tony Smith)

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

The Sermon: Randy K. Gates, Lay Reader

United Church Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People – led by Barbara Sherrer

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



Be Thou My Vision CP# 505

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 *page 198 in BAS (Sanctus # 719)*

The Lord's Prayer and 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.

Glorious Things of Thee CP# 388

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2 See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering --
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp or show:
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

The Dismissal

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

Announcements:

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.