



A Service of Evening Prayer for
The week of the Second Sunday in Lent & in Thanksgiving
for the Ministry of the Rev. Thora Chadwick

Territorial Acknowledgment

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk First Peoples. We pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

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



Hymn 398: Let us with a gladsome mind

1. Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2. Who with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3. Who the golden-tressed sun
caused all day its course to run:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

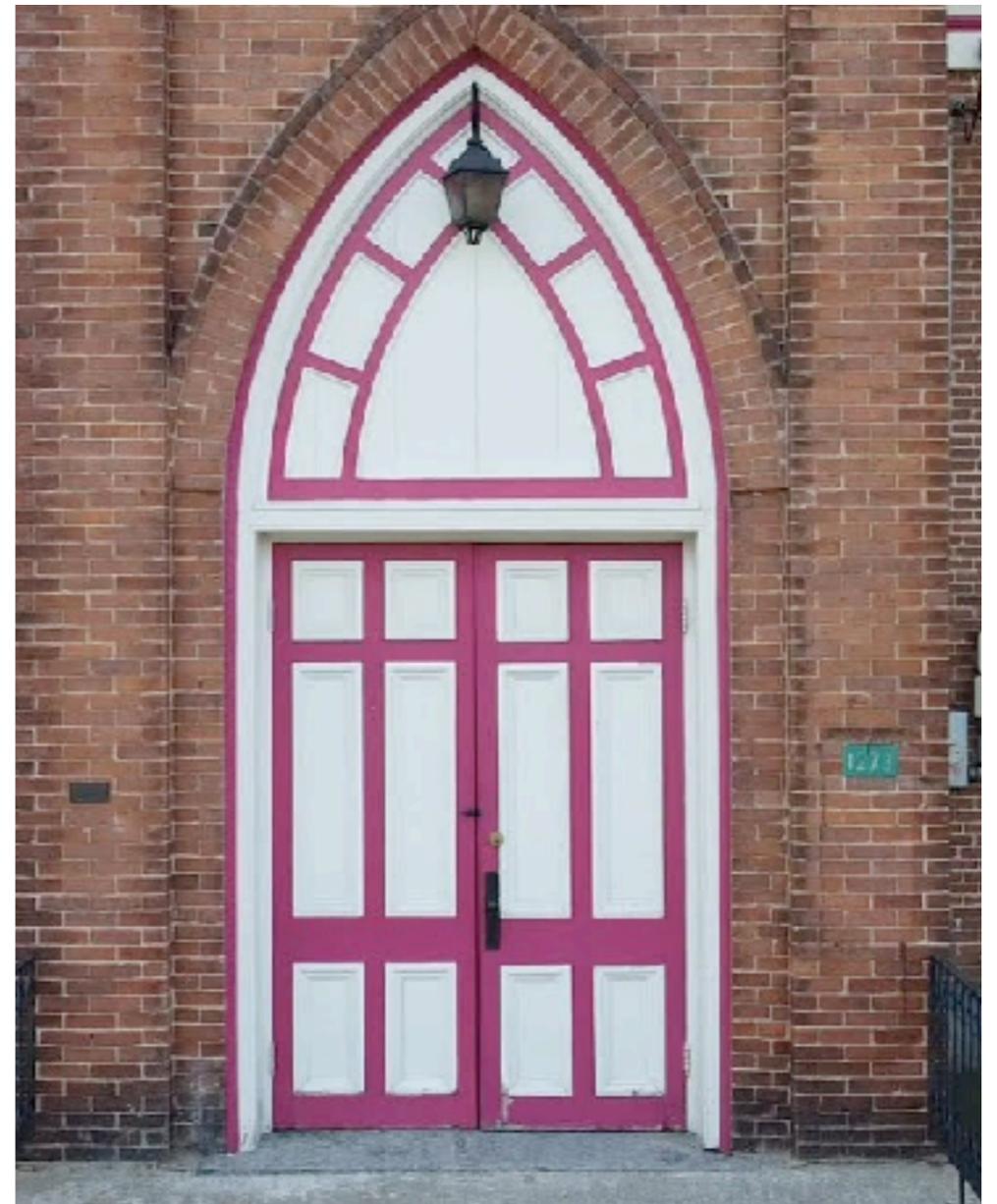
4. All things living God doth feed,
with full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

5. Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, forever kind:
for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Opening Sentences

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.



O Gracious Light (Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, *Phos Hilaron*)

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.



Psalm 119:73-81

Your hands have made me and fashioned me; * give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, * because I trust in your word.

I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right * and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, * as you have promised to your servant.

Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, * for your law is my delight.

Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; * but I will meditate on your commandments.

Let those who fear you turn to me, * and also those who know your decrees.

Let my heart be sound in your statutes, * that I may not be put to shame.

My soul has longed for your salvation; * **I have put my hope in your word.**

Mark 4:1-9

Again, Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."



Sermon - The Rev. Thora Chadwick



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



Confession of Faith

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

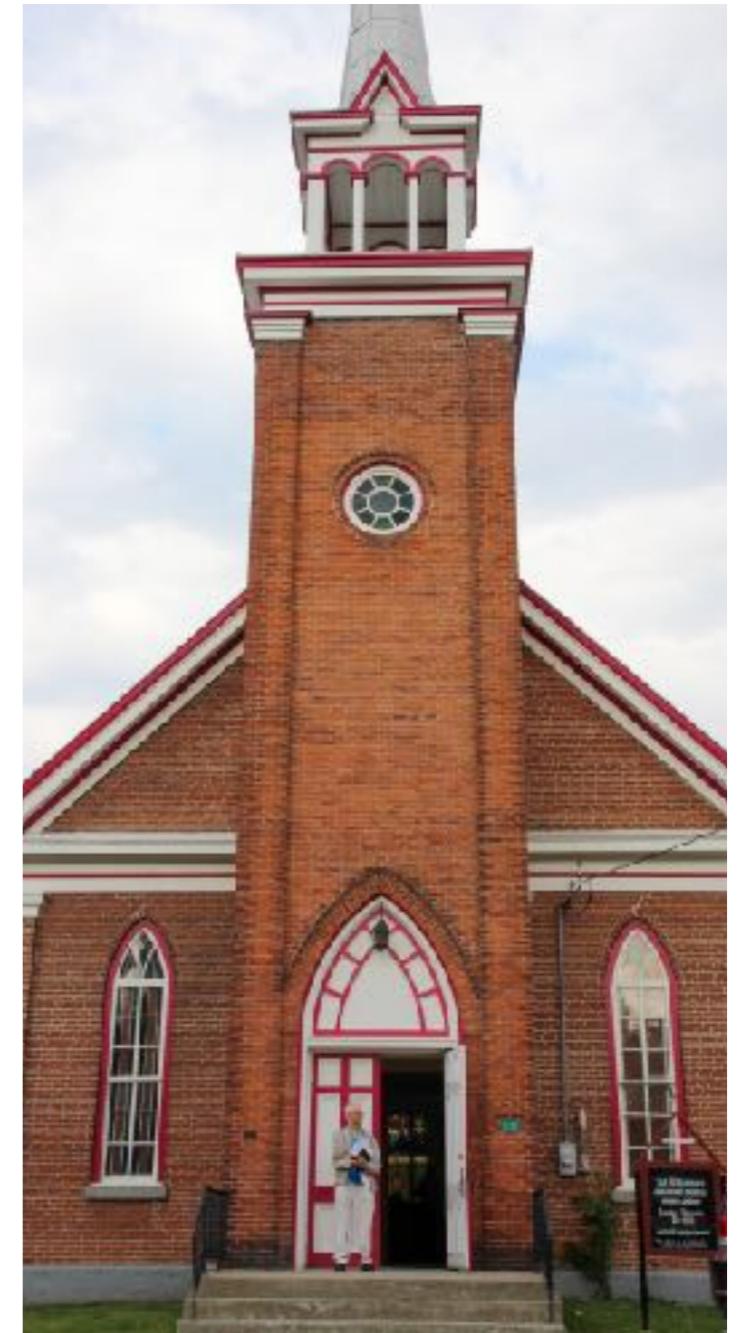


Thanksgiving for Ministry

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Thora, who has enriched the life and faith of those at St. Thomas (Noyan) and St. George's (Clarenceville). She has brought gladness to friends and family through her ministry.

Now bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Guide her in the continued use of your gifts. Give her sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of the new ministry to which you are now calling her.

By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Thanksgiving for Ministry

Gracious God, we pray also for the parishes of St. Georges (Clarenceville) and St. Thomas (Noyan) in this time of transition and change.

Be with them as they remember and celebrate former times, while also embracing the new work you have set before them — and us.

We pray for those now called to lead services, and to pray with the faithful of Noyan and Clarenceville, that you would also guide them in their new ministry.

All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

The Blessing (Bishop Mary)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us
with all joy and peace in
believing through the power of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

