

Service of Thanksgiving



Sunday, October 26th, 2014
10:00am

Participating in today's celebration:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews:
Bishop of Algoma

Rector: The Ven. Anne Germond

Gospeller: Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacher: Honourary Associate

Honourary Assistant: The Rev. Rhonda Hirst

Bishop's Chaplain: Dave Fowler

Crucifer: Chris Cawte

Organist: Philip Balson

Cantors: Matt Walchuk and Jeremy Mannella

Server: Heather Ames

Sidespeople: Ken Winfield and Kay Winfield- Currie

Greeter: Ralph Mounter

Readers: Maggie Leigh and Erma Howe (Rector's warden)

Prayers of the People: Anne Trimmer (People's warden)

Eucharistic Assistants: Kath Greenidge and Brent Leigh

Deputy warden: Harley Moulton

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our parish and in loving memory all the members of the Church of the Ascension who have died in the peace of Christ, and are at rest.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil Bailey, by his dear wife Edna. May Cec's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory.

**Service of Thanksgiving
on the 60th Anniversary
of the Church of the Ascension
October 26th, 2014 at 10.00am**

The opening prayer takes place at the door of the church near the 1958 cornerstone.

Processional Hymn: #525 *The Church's One Foundation*

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community.

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

People And also with you.

The celebrant says, Let us pray. *The community may pray silently.*

The celebrant sings or says either the Collect of the Day or the following:

Almighty God,
watchful and caring,
our source and our end,
all that we are and all that we have are yours.

Accept us now,
as we give thanks to you for this place
where we have come to praise your name,
to ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power,
to hear your word,
and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son.

Be present always to guide and to judge,
to illumine and to bless your people.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The celebrant and attendants proceed to the font.

Glory to God on High (1st Verse) #365

Glory to God on high,
And peace to all the earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
Our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

At the Font: The children of the congregation gather at the font for this prayer.

When the procession has arrived at the font, the celebrant says,

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant says,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who here pass through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The celebrant and attendants proceed to the lectern. The chil-

dren proceed to Godly Play. Verse 2 of Glory to God on High is sung.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son,
The sacrificial Lamb ,
Who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord,
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
Now hear our prayer.

At the Lectern

The celebrant says,

Almighty God, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of holy scripture. Here we have read of your mighty acts and purposes in history, and here we have learned about those whom you have chosen to be agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God on High verse. 3

You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
With Father and with Spirit one,
In glorious light.

The Readings

A first reading as appointed.

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 34
verses 1-12.

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.

Psalm 90, verses 1-6 and 13-17

On Sundays and major festivals a second reading as appointed is read.

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians ,
Chapter 2, verses 1-8

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. A psalm, canticle, hymn, or anthem may follow.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gradual Hymn: #560

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 22, verses 34-46

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Pulpit

The following prayer is said at the pulpit before the sermon,
while the congregation remains standing.

Almighty God, we have heard your words to us in holy scripture, and know your call to each of us. In every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers. We give you thanks that over the years we have heard you

Speak to us through the preaching of your word in this place. Grant that those who preach in this place may proclaim the crucified and risen Christ and interpret your word with sensitivity and insight, that we may hear that word inwardly and respond to it in all our life. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

Amen.

The Sermon: Bishop Stephen Andrews

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Prayers of the People: Anne Trimmer (People's Warden)

A deacon or a lay person leads the following litany.

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,

We thank you, Lord.

Parish Thanksgiving

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,

We thank you, Lord.

For the Holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest (especially N),

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for N, our patron,

We thank you, Lord.

After a period of silence the litany is concluded with the following prayer.

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

Amen.

The service continues with the Peace and the Preparation of the Gifts (p. 192).

Offertory Hymn: #418 Draw The Circle Wide

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist may please you by the offering of

themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer 3:

Proper Preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; heaven itself cannot contain you and your glory fills all the world. You accept our setting apart of places for your worship and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people.

This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Grant that in these mysteries we may be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world. Therefore with angels and archangels and those who worship you in every age, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of Bread.

Communion

Hymns during communion: EK and #82

Prayer after Communion

Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour.

Amen.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing : Bishop Stephen Andrews.

Announcements:

1. Welcome! We extend a warm Ascension welcome to Bishop Stephen and Fawna Andrews, and everyone who has joined us for this service of celebration and thanksgiving. We pray that you will feel at home in our midst and if you are baptized that you will share in receiving the Eucharist.
2. Thank Offering: In gratitude for our 60th Anniversary we are inviting everyone to make a Thank offering to a new church in the Diocese of Tanzania take their first steps to their 60th Anniversary. Special envelopes for this purpose were handed out last weekend, and more are available today.
3. The 'open' cash offering today will be given to Bishop Stephen for his discretionary fund.
4. You are all invited to join us for a time for a time of fellowship and refreshment following today's liturgy as we continue to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Thank you to those who are preparing today's fellowship time.
5. Special thanks to everyone for your participation in our 60th Anniversary celebrations these past few months, and to members of the 60th Anniversary Committee for all the work they have done to make these celebrations so joy filled.
6. This evening is the final book study "Life Together" with Fr. Bob and Cindy Derrenbacker. We will gather at Jeff Hooper's home 1974 Armstrong Street, at 7pm.
7. The 60th Anniversary logo on the cover was designed by Kath Greenidge. Thanks to Glenn Lloyd and Erma Howe for their work on editing and preparing this bulletin and the 60th Anniversary insert.

Recessional Hymn: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

