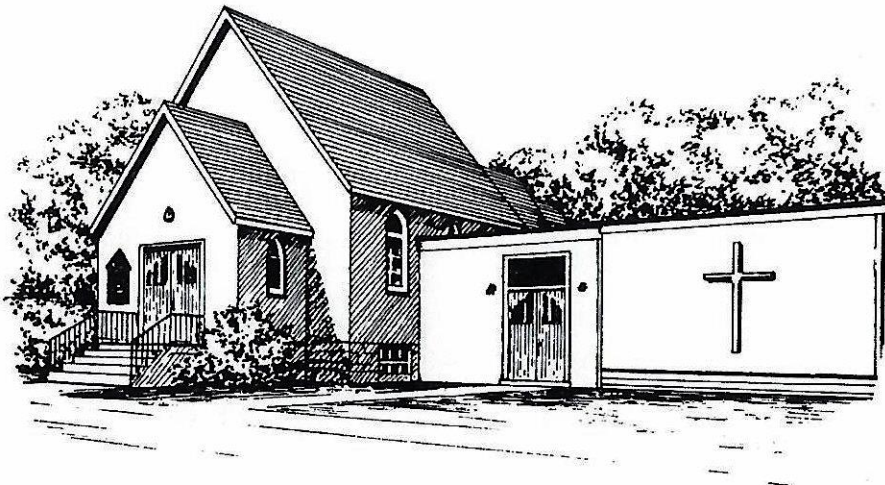


A Service of Celebration
St. Athanasius Anglican Church
Orillia, Ontario

95th Anniversary



St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Orillia

October 2, 2022

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to our God!

Leader: God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

Congregation: God has blessed us and brought us to this place

Leader: For 95 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.

Congregation: For 95 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

All: Let us join with all the saints who have gathered in this place before us. Let us praise the Lord!

Processional Hymn: # 525 COMMON PRAISE verses 1,2,5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Bishop Andrew: Words of welcome.

Bishop Andrew: In the faith of Jesus Christ, the founders of St Athanasius laid a foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Here let true faith, spiritual growth, and Christian love ever remain. **Amen.**

People: O God, you have promised to be present wherever two or three are gathered. Direct and bless our efforts to maintain this house for your worship and service.

Bishop Andrew: O God, grant to those gathered the continual increase of spiritual strength and daily make your people a living example of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect: (All) Almighty God, by grace you called those who gathered in this place before us. May we who gather now continue to hear your call to service. Strengthen us by your spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Children's Reflection

Children's Song INSERT

“All God's Creatures”

Bishop Andrew processes to the back of the church as we turn and sing,

Hymn # 444 vs 1 COMMON PRAISE

“Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

Bishop Andrew: Loving God on this day of celebration we remember with love all those who passed through these doors 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. Lord, we ask that you might continue to guide, to illuminate and to bless all your people as we gather in this place. **Amen**

Bishop Andrew processes to the font as we turn and sing,

Hymn # 444 vs 2 COMMON PRAISE

“Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

Water is poured into the font.

Bishop Andrew: Almighty God, we celebrate and remember those who first came to know and love you through the waters of baptism. This was a place of new birth, a doorway to everlasting life for all who were baptized here. We especially remember and celebrate those who have gone through the grave and gateway of death to find themselves welcomed into their eternal home with you and with those they love. May we with all of the Communion of Saints ever remain in the number of your faithful children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.



Bishop Andrew processes into the sanctuary as we sing,

Hymn # 444 vs 4 COMMON PRAISE

“Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

Bishop Andrew: Almighty God, we celebrate and remember all who made and renewed promises before your altar. We remember the many brides and grooms who stood in this place full of the excitement and anxiety of a new life and a new beginning. We remember and celebrate the children who were born from those vows and then brought to your church. May we too learn from the example of those who have gone before us and daily remember the vows we have made to you and to those we love as we continue to worship and praise you. Amen.

Those whom God has joined together,

People: Let no one put asunder.

Bishop Andrew processes to the lectern as we sing,

Hymn # 444 vs 3 COMMON PRAISE

“Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

Bishop Andrew: Almighty God, your eternal word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Here faithful men and women proclaimed your mighty acts and purposes for our world. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes for this community. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Word is a lantern to my feet,

People: And a light for my path.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-17

Psalm: # 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * **by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * **they will always be praising you.**
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * **for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
6 They will climb from height to height, * **and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * **hearken, O God of Jacob.**
8 Behold our defender, O God; * **and look upon the face of your anointed.**
9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * **and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * **he will give grace and glory;**
11 No good thing will the Lord withhold * **from those who walk with integrity.**
12 O Lord of hosts, * **happy are they who put their trust in you!**

God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your dwelling-place in the love, generosity, and support of those with whom we share our journey, and help us to worship you in our response to those who need our care; for all the world is your temple and every human heart is a sign of your presence, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:3b-17

Gradual Hymn: VS 1 and 2 OLD BLUE
"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Please stand for the gospel.

Gospel: John 17:1-19

Gradual Hymn con't VS 3 and 4 OLD BLUE
"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Bishop Andrew: 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 the members of St Athanasius heard you speak to them through

the preaching of your word. Grant that those who still 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.

Sermon: The Right Rev. Bishop Andrew Asbil

Choir Anthem "O How Good It Is"

The Apostles' Creed

Bishop Andrew: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

Prayers of the People INSERT

Leader: For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol,

People: We thank you Lord.

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

People: We thank you Lord.

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

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you seem best for us,

People: We thank you Lord.

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

People: We thank you Lord.

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

People: We thank you Lord.

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

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the fellowship of all your saints

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For those who contribute financially to the care and upkeep of this church and for those who make it possible for worship and ministry to continue.

People: We thank you Lord

Silence – you are welcome to add your prayers silently.

All: 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 forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Bishop Andrew: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to walk with him in love. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.



Silence is kept.

Bishop Andrew: Most merciful God,

All: 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 on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Bishop Andrew: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver you from all your sins confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Bishop Andrew: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The sides people come forward with the collection plates.

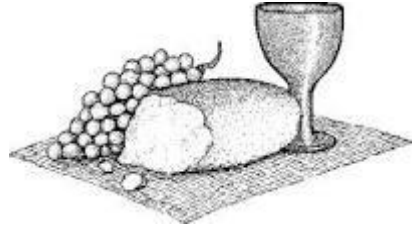
Bishop Andrew: Almighty God, we thank you for our many great blessings, and for those who worshipped in this place giving cheerfully for the work of your Church, and the work of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: # 434 COMMON PRAISE

“The Love of Jesus Calls Us”

Prayer Over the Gifts: **We join with the saints of this church who have offered the best of themselves to you, Living God, praying that all we offer**

you this day may be used to support and uphold this church. Strengthen us in our calling to service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



Eucharistic Prayer #3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you

have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: We join with all of our brothers and sisters who have gone before as we break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Communion Hymn: # 482 COMMON PRAISE

“Come and Journey with a Saviour”

Prayer after Communion:

Bishop Andrew: Loving God for 95 years this parish and this building have been a place of community, fellowship, worship and preaching. Many people have come and gone over the years , and we are thankful for what each one has contributed to this church. We are thankful for the support we have received from our Diocese and for all of the clergy who have provided leadership within this parish family. We continue to pray that Your gracious Spirit might continue to work through us as we support ministries in our local area as well as those beyond our boundaries May we be faithful in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through our words and actions of love. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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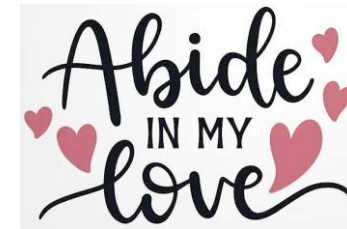
Bishop Andrew: Glory to God,

All: 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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: # 371 COMMON PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”



Officiant: The Right Rev. Andrew Asbil

Bishop's Chaplain: Gord Launchbury

Lay Reader: Lesley Rice

Pianist: Gloria Johnson

Warden: David Cleaveley

Readers: Lillian Mungham and Cindy Dixon

Prayers of the People: Janet McDONALS

Sides people: Val Hains and Judy Smith

Zoom Host: Suzanne Oakley