

10:00 am

November 24, 2024 – Reign of Christ

Introit: "God, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" (CP #383)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

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.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung Gloria: "Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo" (CP #376)

<u>Kyrie</u>: Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.

Children's Focus

Children's Song: "I've Got Peace Like a River" (see video screens)

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (Penny Batchelor)

Psalm 132 (VU #854-855) part 1

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8 (Linda Mcrae)

Gradual Hymn: "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" (CP #84) verses 1-4

The Gospel: John 18:33-37 (Sharmila Lakhani)

The Sermon: Daniel Melvill Jones, VST Intern

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

Affirmation of Faith (New Zealand Prayerbook)

You, O God are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything that we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God are infinitely generous and good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u> (David Batchelor)

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.

~ Silence is kept ~

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 on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

The Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection" (VU #586)

— The Celebration of the Eucharist —

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

May God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name: (CP #732)

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

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, according to this command,

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

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. **Amen**.

Sung Lord's Prayer by Gordon Light

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours; now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

Communion Anthem

Refrain: Come and eat this Bread, come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast that God has spread,
You have promised us, you are here with us, in the breaking of the bread.

1. Now from this table to the ends of earth, Gather all of your people in this feast of all creation.

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Thanks be to God.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass. We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: "From the Falter of Breath" (CP #489)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (CP #114)

The Dismissal: Go in peace, share the good news. Thanks be to God.



Announcements

We extend a big warm thank you to Miri Lee for stepping in while Jonathan is away on family leave.

The Flowers in Worship this morning, were given:

By Ivy & Gilbert Choung in celebration of their granddaughter Elle's 12th birthday.

Christmas Wreath Workshop: Tuesday, Nov 26 @ 10:30 am

In the Side Chapel. Bring: small pruning shears, cut cedar if you have, small Christmas embellishments. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

St. Anne's Annual Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 30

We will be accepting donations of crafted gifts, baked goods and home-jarred goods on November 27. We could also use help with set-up on Friday, November 29 from 1-3 pm and on the day of from 8:30-9:30 am (we will still be accepting goods and pricing).

On November 30th, come buy all your Christmas gifts and needs for holiday entertaining! We'll have live music performances by the "Luv Bugs" (our own administrator Noella and her husband) and also our member Lesley Scott on flute. It is going to be a great time.

Quiet Morning: Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 12 noon

Join us for a Quiet morning at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

We will begin at 9am and finish by noon.

Bring a journal or a book.

There will be quiet stations available and of course the Labyrinth.

Songs for the Season - Annual Community Advent Service: December 13 at 7 pm

Advent Lessons & Carols sung by a community choir from local churches including St. Anne's. Hosted by St. Alban's Church (7260 St. Albans Rd). Their famous reception follows. All are invited and welcome.

Blue Christmas Service: December 19 at 7 pm

There are some of us who find this time of the year especially difficult. We offer this service for anyone who might benefit from a contemplative evening that offers an alternative focus during this complicated season. All are warmly welcome.



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We gather and worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.