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## Reign of Christ

**November 20, 2022**

10:15 am  
Morning Prayer

*The Book of Alternative Services*

**Hymn #345** King of Glory, King of Peace

*(standing as you are able)*

### THE GATHERING OF 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.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God,  
**All** 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.

### GLORY TO GOD

**All** *(Refrain)* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

*Hymn #702, singing*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. *(Refrain)*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. *(Refrain)*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *(Refrain)*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant** Let us pray,  
**All** Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose will it is to restore all things  
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,  
grant that the peoples of the earth,  
now divided and enslaved by sin,  
may be freed and brought together  
under his gentle and loving rule;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*(please be seated)*

**Reader** A reading from Jeremiah (23:1-6)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Reader** Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

**Reader** A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:11-20)

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

*(standing as you are able)*

**HYMN #586** *Rise Up, O Saints of God (v1 - 3)*

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23:33–43)

**People** **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If

you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’<sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’<sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’<sup>42</sup> Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’<sup>43</sup> He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

The Gospel of Christ.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**HYMN #586** *Rise Up, O Saints of God (v4, 5)*

## SERMON

### THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**Celebrant** 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(sitting or standing)*

Loving God, you have assured us that the days are surely coming when your people will know peace, your people will know justice, your people will know righteousness. Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith: The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us that a leader will come to rule with wisdom. We pray this day for those in particular need of justice, righteousness, and mercy. We pray for those who are in need, in body, mind or spirit, *[especially ...]* and for those who are known to you alone. We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside. We pray for the home-less, the love-less, and the health-less. We pray for leaders in

governments, homes, communities, and schools, that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power; and declare with faith:

**The Lord is our righteousness.**

We pray for Todd, our Bishop; Martinez, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Amazonia; Michael and Susan, Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Sidney, interim National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; Megan, our Archdeacon, Margaret, our priest; and for all clergy and lay leaders. Strengthen them to lead by your word. We proclaim with faith:

**The Lord is our righteousness.**

We pray for Charles, our King; Mary, our Governor General; Justin, our Prime Minister; Doug, our Premier; Karen, our Regional Chair, Dorothy and Natasha, our Mayors; may they be guided by wisdom for the good of all people. We proclaim with faith:

**The Lord is our righteousness.**

You have assured us of the salvation and safety of your people. We pray this day for those who only know violence: those whose countries have been torn apart by invasion, civil war, and private armies, those whose communities have been forgotten by all but the warlords and gangs, those whose homes are places of danger and fear rather than sanctuary and love. May they declare with certitude:

**The Lord is our righteousness.**

**God of all creation we pray this day for the reign of Jesus the Christ. We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us; that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence, and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim: The Lord is our righteousness. Amen.**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Celebrant** 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.)*

**Celebrant** 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.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** (*nod or bow to those around you, please do not leave your seat*)

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

**HYMN #375** At the Name of Jesus

*(standing as you are able)*

**All** **Eternal God,**  
**by your grace you have raised us up**  
**and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.**  
**Receive all we offer you this day,**  
**and lead us in those good works**  
**for which you have created us.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*(please be seated)*

**Celebrant** Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all you have done for us.  
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.  
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care  
which surrounds us on every side.  
We thank you for setting us tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.  
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience,  
by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.  
Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Celebrant** As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
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 DOXOLOGY**

***Celebrant*** 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.

**Hymn #378** Crown Him with Many Crowns

*(standing as you are able)*

#### **DISMISSAL**

***Leader*** Looking for that final day when God will be all in all, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***All*** Thanks be to God.

#### ***Questions for Reflection***

The prophet Jeremiah warns of shepherds who will destroy and scatter God's people (Jer. 23:1–2). How do we discern the difference between shepherds who have come to scatter and shepherds who have been raised up by God? How do the stories of Zechariah's prophecy and Jesus' crucifixion affirm the ways we declare the kingship of Jesus? Paul declares that peace was made through the blood of the cross (Col. 1:20). How do we think about the inherent violence in the crucifixion? Is there a way to reconcile the call to be peacemakers with this statement that peace comes through the blood of the cross?

#### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day you spoke creation into being and declared it good. You crafted each flower and vegetable and bird of the air and beast of the land, and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ. We give thanks for the dawning of this day and pray we might know your holy triune presence in all we see and do. Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

#### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Ever-present God, even on that dark day, in that dark place called the Skull, you were present to the suffering and those in pain. Be present to the suffering on this night, too, and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation. Be with us and those we love this night, and bring us through to the dawning of a new day filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.