

November 22, 2020 - Reign of Christ the King

The Penitential Rite

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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.

The Bishop says,

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.

People Amen.

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: New Every Morning Is the Love

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies each returning day, hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
new treasurers still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask;
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Your faithful servants bless you.

People: **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.**

**In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence
which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on.**

**May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.**

Leader: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and

in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

God our Father, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my

prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gradual Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.
who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship no of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion heals the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

The congregation may stand or sit for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev Walter Kagura, St. Mary Magdalene, Fort Nelson, BC

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Community

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer today we pray for the people and communities of Faro and Ross River. We give thanks for ministry in these areas.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle today we pray for the Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office, the General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation, and the members of the joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission.

In the world wide Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury). For the Rt Rev Nicholas Dill; Bishop of Bermuda.

Leader: Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying :God of Love: hear our prayer."

Leader: We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us. God of love:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your grace for Lesley our bishop, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news. God of love:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten. God of love:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us. God of love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially...], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to you all who have died [especially...], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care. God of love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always. God of love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign. God of love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

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 Collect

Destitute king, one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least;

Through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. Amen.

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, in the language that is closest to our hearts, 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.**

Blessing: *Bishop*

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life; who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia

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